

4-H NEWS

THE WYOMING COUNTY

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ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

**IT'S TIME TO TURN IN YOUR
4-H ENROLLMENT**

\$15

ENROLLMENT FEE
OCTOBER 1ST - NOVEMBER 30TH

\$20

*Wyoming County
Residents*

*Out-of-County
Residents*

November 30th – Re enrollment forms due

March 31st – New Members must be enrolled to participate in Meat Animal Auction Program

April (at first dog meeting) – New Members must be enrolled to participate in Dog Obedience Project

June 1st – New Members must be enrolled to enter items at Fair

*** Member enrollment is due before participation in a 4-H event, meeting, or project***

****New this year!****

We will be implementing a late fee structure as posted below:

***Re-enrolling Members** - if youth enroll after November 30th of the program year, an additional \$5/youth late fee will be added to their re - enrollment cost.

***New Members** - if youth enroll after April 15th of the program year, an additional \$5/youth late fee will be added to their enrollment cost. (New members are defined as not being enrolled in the previous program year.)

**2024 ENROLLMENT PACKET
LOCATED ON PAGES 28-31.**

**Please be aware that this will be the last 4-H
News you receive if you have not enrolled in
the 2023-2024 4-H program**



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

**We hope this beautiful time
of year finds you happy and
healthy as you look forward
to all the wonderful things to
come in 2024!**

Holly

Sarah

Stephanie

Alesia



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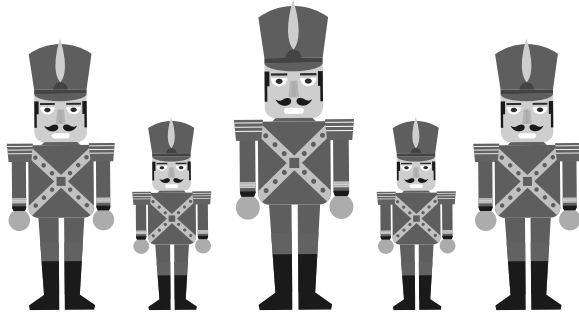
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Lisa Roberts	



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DECEMBER

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

** Indicates that
meeting is held at the Agriculture and Business Center
36 Center Street, Warsaw, NY

Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by calling the 585-786-2251 no later than 10 days prior to the event to ensure sufficient time to make arrangements. Requests received after this date will be met when possible.

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Holiday Workshops
**9AM - 12PM

Meat Animal Beef & Dairy Beef Weigh-In
Empire Livestock Market, Pavilion
8:30 - 11:30AM

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Rabbit Ears Club Meeting
** 6:00pm

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Wyoming County Eggers Club Meeting
** 6:30pm

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Win A Calf & Living Learning Dairy Project Orientation
** 6:30pm

Caprine Kids Goat Club Meeting
** 6:00pm

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14
Dairy Bowl Practice
** 6:00pm

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Maste Builders Club Meeting
** 6:30pm

Horseless Horse Club Meeting
** 6:30pm

19
Dairy Bowl Practice
** 6:00pm

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Secretary Reports Due

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25
CCE Office Closed

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Dairy Bowl Practice
** 6:00pm

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JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 CCE Office Closed	2	3	4	5 PINY Registration Due	6
7	8 Rabbit Ears Club Meeting ** 6:00pm FCS Committee Meeting ** 7:00pm	9 Caprine Kids Goat Club Meeting ** 6:00pm Horse Committee Meeting ** 7:00pm	10 Dairy Bowl Practice ** 6:00pm	11	12	13 PINY Contest ** 8:30am
14	15 CCE Office Closed	16	17 Secretaries Report Due Hiking Club ** 6:30pm	18	19 Dairy & Horse Bowl Registration Due	20
21	22 Tractor Certification ** 7:00pm Maste Builders Club Meeting ** 6:30pm Horseless Horse Club Meeting ** 6:30pm	23 Dog Committee Meeting ** 6:00pm Intro to Livestock Projects ** 7:00pm	24	25	26 Gladiola Orders Due Horse Bowl ** 6:30pm	27 Dairy Bowl ** 9:30am
28	29 Tractor Certification ** 7:00pm Public Presentation Workshop ** 6:30pm	30	31 Yarn Workshop Series, Session One ** 6:00pm	<p>** Indicates that meeting is held at the Agriculture and Business Center 36 Center Street, Warsaw, NY</p> <hr/> <p>Accomodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by calling the 585-786-2251 no later than 10 days prior to the event to ensure sufficient time to make arrangements. Requests received after this date will be met when possible.</p>		

FEBRUARY

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Pollinator
Workshop
Registration Due

Public
Presentation
Registrations
Due

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Tractor Program
7:00pm;
Larry Romance & Son,
Arcade

Rabbit Ears
Club Meeting
** 6:00pm

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Pollinator
Workshop
** 6:30pm

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Yarn Workshop
Series, Session
Two
** 6:00pm

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Tractor Program
7:00pm;
Kelly's Garage, Perry

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Public
Presentations
** 5 - 8:00pm

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Dairy Jeopardy
** 6:30pm

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Public
Presentations
** 9 - 11:30am

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CCE Office
Closed

Horseless Horse
Club Meeting
** 6:30pm

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Secretaries
Report Due

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Public
Presentations
** 5 - 8:00pm

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4-H FUNDRAISING SALE FEBRUARY 19TH - MARCH 3RD

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Tractor Program
7:00pm;
Java Farm Supply,
Java

Maste Builders
Club Meeting
** 6:30pm

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4-H FUNDRAISING SALE FEBRUARY 19TH - MARCH 3RD

SECRETARIES HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to the following club secretaries for turning in their reports in on time to the 4-H office:

October in by November 15th

3 + 2 ❁ Natalie Bartholomew
Tiger Cubs ❁ Beatrix Backes

Remember

Secretary reports are due to the 4-H office by the third Wednesday of the following month. Reports for November are due December 20th and January reports are due by February 21st. Please make sure all clubs are turning in a Secretary report; it is a nice way for the 4-H office to see what clubs are doing! You can drop them off at the 4-H office, mail them, or email them to aea92@cornell.edu

FYI: The Secretaries Monthly Report is available online:
<https://s3.amazonaws.com/assets.cce.cornell.edu/attachments/52/SecretariesMonthlyreportcombinedfillable.pdf?1395071894>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Public Presentations

February 13, 17 and 22, 2024

Clothing Revue Evaluation Days will be:

Saturday, April 20, 2024 & Tuesday, April 23, 2024

Clothing Revue is

Friday, May 3, 2024

2024 Wyoming County Fair Dates

August 10th - 17th

2024 NYS Fair Dates

August 21st - September 2nd

View more upcoming events at:

<https://wyoming.cce.cornell.edu/events>

Dear Editor,

It is National 4-H week from October 1-7th this year. The theme is I ♥ 4-H. I participate in the Wyoming County Chapter. 4-H is important to me because of the skills it teaches me like responsibility, teamwork and how to be a hard worker. Being in 4-H is being in a community of people who support each other. In 4-H we all treat each other the same. Even though I have autism no one treats me like I do or that I am any different. In 4-H I'm in a community of people who have the same interests and ideas. I like chickens and I get to learn about them in 4-H. I like it when the 4-H kids all come together during fair to show how much we learned and showing off our animals. I think every kid should join 4-H to find their people or their community. Joining 4-H is fun because you get to meet new people and make new friends while doing fun activities and learning. I hope you'll give 4-H a chance, especially in Wyoming county where I am. We have so much fun. Thanks for listening and I hope this excites someone to join 4H. It will be worth it.

Thank you,
Carter Blaisdell

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

CONGRATULATIONS

National 4-H Week Contest Winners

Display Contest

1st place - Castile Country Kids



Secretary Book Contest Winners

1st - Tiger Cubs

2nd - 3+2 4-H Club

3rd - Tiger Cubs

Letter to the Editor Contest Winners

1st - Carter Blaisdell of 4-P's 4-H Club (see letter to the left)

Please remember to send your secretary's reports to the 4-H office by the 3rd Wednesday of the next month.

A total amount of \$85.50 was awarded from the Wyoming County 4-H Leaders' Association to 4-H'ers and clubs for the contest.

UPCOMING COUNTY WIDE CLUB MEETINGS

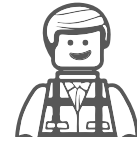


HORSELESS HORSE CLUB

Monday, December 18, 2023
6:30pm at the Ag & Business Center

Monday, January 22, 2024
6:30pm at the Ag & Business Center

Monday, February 19, 2024
6:30pm at the Ag & Business Center



MASTER BUILDERS

- Lego Club -

Monday, December 18, 2023
6:30pm at the Ag & Business Center

Monday, January 22, 2024
6:30pm at the Ag & Business Center

Monday, February 26, 2024
6:30pm at the Ag & Business Center



WYOMING COUNTY EGGERS

- Poultry Club -

Continue to watch emails, our website and the February/March 4-H News for more information and meeting dates.



RABBIT EARS CLUB

Monday, December 4, 2023
6:00pm at the Ag & Business Center

Monday, January 8, 2024
6:00pm at the Ag & Business Center

Monday, February 5, 2024
6:00pm at the Ag & Business Center

Monday, March 4, 2024
6:00pm at the Ag & Business Center



CAPRINE KIDS

COUNTY WIDE GOAT CLUB

Monday, December 11, 2023
6:00pm at the Ag & Business Center

Tuesday, January 9, 2024
6:00pm at Windy Oaks Farm
(Learning about goat herd health)

WINTER CANCELLATION POLICY

Here are some guidelines about weather closings and cancellations for Wyoming County 4-H

If a meeting or event is going to be cancelled, we will notify WCJW - 1140AM, 100.9FM, 103.7FM, 104.9FM, and 105.5FM. They list cancellations on air and via their Facebook page.

Cancellations will also be listed on the Wyoming County 4-H Facebook page by 4:30pm on the day of the event. Sometimes the weather is bad in one part of the county and not in others; please use your judgement when deciding to travel. Rescheduling meetings is very difficult so if at all possible, meetings and events will be held.

WYOMING COUNTY 4-H RECOGNITION NIGHT

WILLIAM & ALTHEA GOEWY COMMUNITY SERVICE ACHIEVEMENT MEMORIAL AWARD

Many of you remember Bill Goewey as a long time 4-H educator here in Wyoming County. He and his wife Althea, were both actively involved in community service through local organizations. Since Bill's passing earlier this year, his family has recreated a community service award to honor the legacy of their parents through the William and Althea Goewey Memorial Community Service Award. Funds for this award came from donations to our 4-H program in memory of Bill and will extend his legacy within our program.

This year's recipient is Erika Conrad of Attica. Erika has been a 4-H member for nine years and has exhibited a commitment to our community through 4-H, FFA and other community programs. Erika is a freshman at SUNY Brockport. We wisher her the best as she works towards a degree in adolescent English education.

WYOMING COUNTY 4-H DOG AND HANDLER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

New this year, the 4-H Dog and Handler Achievement Award is sponsored by 4-H volunteer Pennie Smith to highlight youth who have excelled in the dog project. The award is received by the dog participant with the highest combined scores of all dog competitions from the year, including participation in obedience, rally obedience and agility. This year's award is presented to Keeley Holland of Freedom. Keeley has participated in the dog project for 7 of years, learning and growing with multiple dogs and in skill level. She has illustrated continued determination in the dog project, and we congratulate her on her development, and success!



PATRICIA J. SWARTZ MEMORIAL AWARD

The Patricia J. Swartz Memorial Award is presented to a deserving sheep project member each year. Patricia was involved for many years with the Wyoming County Sheep program as the leader of the Young Shepherds 4-H Club and as the sheep superintendent at the Wyoming County Fair.

This year's recipient is Marygrace Schenk from Warsaw. Marygrace has participated in the meat animal lamb and sheep projects for the past eight years. She has taken the time and opportunities available to learn as much as she can about sheep from both the program and her family, raise successful project animals for the auction program, and most importantly develop self-confidence to become a youth leader and mentor within the program.



WYOMING COUNTY 4-H HIGH POINT RIDER AWARDS

Maggie Noel received the high point rider award for the 2023 fair season with a combined score of 140 points. She is a nine-year member of the Midnight Meadow Riders 4-H club. A belt buckle was given to Maggie in honor of Jack Bridgman by her daughter Farley Bridgman.

The reserve high point rider at the 2023 Wyoming County Fair was Olivia Wiseman of Warsaw with an overall score of 138 points. She is a three-year member of Wolcott's Horse Haven 4-H club. Congratulations to both ladies on their hard working achievements this year!



ERIKA TODD EQUINE ACHIEVEMENT MEMORIAL AWARD

The Erika Todd Equine Achievement Memorial Award is an award in memory of Erika Todd, who was a Wyoming County 4-H horse and dairy program member. Her family created this award in 2012 to recognize a 4-H member for their accomplishments in the 4-H horse program.

The award considers participation in local, regional, and state level activities such as educational contests and riding events throughout the 4-H horse program. This year's recipient is Sarah Cox of Warsaw. Sarah has participated in the horse program for the past 10 years.

During her time in the horse project, Sarah has held the office of president when she was a part of the Wyoming County Wranglers Club. An active participant in the educational program - she has competed in Horse Bowl and Hippology on both the county and regional levels. Sarah began her riding career in the walk-jog division moving through her 4-H career as a senior rider. She has competed at the New York State Fair in both the Western and Ranch Riding Divisions, consistently placing in the top of her classes. Sarah has now aged out of our 4-H program and is now a competing member on the University of Nebraska - Lincoln Equestrian Team. Sarah is a strong capable young woman deserving of this award.



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JONATHAN LUDERS MEMORIAL AWARD

The Jonathan Luders Memorial Award is presented to a deserving dairy project members each year. For many years Jonathan was involved in the Wyoming County Dairy Program. Past recipients are Nicholas Downs, Danielle Herrick, Tyler Day, and Kyle Carpenter.

This year's memorial award recipient is Sarah Cox. Sarah is a 12-year 4-H member of both the Silver Spring Salts and Red Bandana's 4-H clubs. Sarah has been active in the dairy program for only a few years, but during her time in the program area I have seen tremendous growth. She is pushing herself to new limits and works hard to improve her skills. She is always willing to lend a helping hand to young 4-H members who need assistance and guidance. Sarah truly uses her head, heart, hands, and health to better herself, her club, and her community.



4-H AGRICULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



The Wyoming County 4-H Agriculture Achievement Award was made possible by friends and family of both Harold Upton and Dave Tracy, who were long-time supporters of the Wyoming County 4-H Program. This cash award is given each year, to a member who has been active in and provided strong youth leadership for agricultural 4-H projects.

This year's recipients are Kyle Carpenter and Tyler Day. Kyle has been in 4-H for 11 years with the Deja-Moo Club, while Tyler (pictured to the left) is an 11-year member of the Barnstormers Club. Both gentlemen have been extremely active in a variety of dairy, livestock, tractor, and natural resource projects throughout their 4-H careers. They have also both volunteered countless hours for the dairy program at educational events, as members of the dairy committee, and fair parlor crew. They have both served on the dairy committee and Tyler also served on the Livestock committee. Kyle and Tyler are truly outstanding 4-H members that truly use the ideals of the 4-H's to better themselves, their clubs, and their communities.

2023 OUTSTANDING JUNIOR 4-H MEMBERS

Each year we recognize several outstanding 4-H members for their overall participation, dedication to varied project areas and personal growth. This year, our outstanding junior members are Natalie Bartholomew and Jackson Harris.

Natalie is a third year member of the 3+2 4-H Club. Natalie has taken on leadership roles in her club as she is currently the secretary. She is active in many project areas including FCS, swine, dairy, market animal, poultry, rabbits and cavy. She has completed community service and fundraising activities for the Wyoming County Animal Shelter, Little People of America Association, and the Veterans Home in Genesee County. We are excited to see Natalie grow within the 4-H program and what paths she takes.

Jackson is a third year member of 4-P's 4-H Club. He is active in many project areas including FCS, STEM, Lego's and robotics, public presentations, and dairy. Jack has taken full advantage of workshops, programs, and educational events. We have seen tremendous growth over the years. Jack has just begun his career in 4-H, he is a valuable member in his club, and is learning how to become a strong leader for the future!

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2023 OUTSTANDING INTERMEDIATE 4-H MEMBERS

Peyton Mest is a 9-year member of the Barnyard Crew 4-H Club. She has participated in a wide variety of 4-H projects including dairy, rabbits, meat animal poultry project, dog, public presentations, community service, arts and crafts, gardening, foods, woodworking, and floriculture. Peyton has shown excellence in all these project areas – winning rosettes for her gladiola projects at the fair, competing at varying levels of dairy bowl, was awarded the Samantha Lemke Dairy Sportsmanship award at fair, has participating in community



service through the cake and pie auction... and countless other moments of engagement in our program. She also has served as a club officer of her club, and is currently a teen representative on the 4-H program committee. Through all her participation and achievement, Peyton's positivity, and willingness to help her club and community shine through.

Jared Day, is an 11-year member of the Barnstormers 4-H club. He has participated in projects such as foods, crafts and home improvement, gardening, meat animal project, swine, dairy, photography, woodworking, public presentations, community service, tractor, and robotics. Jared has had numerous county fair projects selected to be displayed at the NYS Fair, with many receiving the honorable purple rosette of excellence. He has consistently participated in many facets of our 4-H program, exemplifying quality sportsmanship as he

has grown in his 4-H career. Through his 4-H club, Jared has demonstrated leadership and service. He has been an active participant in his club and is always willing to lend a hand at club meetings.

2023 OUTSTANDING SENIOR 4-H MEMBERS

Grace Zywiczyński is a 10-year member of first, the 5H 4-H Club and most recently On the Fence and Barnyard Crew 4-H Clubs. She has participated in a wide variety of 4-H projects including Dog, Crafts, Home Improvement, Foods, Community Service, Vegetable and Flower Gardening, Natural Resources, Woodworking, Public Presentations, Photography, Meat Animal, and Swine. Grace has excelled in the both the meat animal and traditional 4-H Swine programs for the past nine years. Where her showmanship and animals have garnered many awards, including most recently the reserve champion meat animal project this past summer. Grace participates fully in Family & Consumer Science programs, exhibiting arts, crafts, home improvement projects, and gardening. Many of her items exhibited in the youth building at the fair over the years have gone onto the NYS fair and received purple rosette recognition. One of those items, a barn quilt is now on display in the Livestock barn at the fairgrounds, as she donated it to the 4-H program. Grace always keeps community service at the forefront of her 4-H experience. She has sold large amounts of 4-H cookies each year, has baked pies for the FCS pie auction fundraiser, and volunteers in the youth building daily, during fair. Grace is a great example of a well-rounded 4-H member.



Caleb Spicer is a 12 year 4-H member in both the goat club and the Shooting Sports Club. He has also participated in a wide range of projects including Public Presentations, Community Service, Shooting Sports, Goats, Natural Resources, Woodworking, Beef, Photography, Clothing and Textiles, Plant Science, Foods, Meat Animal, and Robotics. Caleb has excelled in the goat project, raising and exhibiting both dairy and meat goats throughout his 4-H career. He has earned many championship trophies for both his animals and his showmanship skills. Caleb has also excelled in shooting sports, especially in the area of archery. Caleb has progressed through the levels of 4-H competition, reaching 4-H Nationals this June where he placed as the tenth overall individual in the compound archery division. Not only does he excel in competition, but he volunteers his time to the club to facilitate the archery program as a junior leader and mentor younger members of the club. Caleb has also honed in on this public presentation skills, participating yearly, giving presentations to the County Board of Supervisors, and being considered for district contests.

PAUL KEEM SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Paul Keem was a longtime member of our 4-H Meat Animal Livestock Committee. Paul was always the first volunteer to show up at events and one of the last to leave. as he was always found chatting with families or manning the scales for weigh in events. The Paul Keem Memorial Sportsmanship Award is given each year in memory of him, as a tribute from his family to honor values that are important to them all.

Recipients are chosen based on their good character, integrity both in and out of the showing, volunteerism, and overall sportsmanship.

Photo to the right (left to right): Sue Gerken, Maddilyn Olin, Emily Harwood, Marina Cox, and Sandra Noel.



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COUNTY MEDALS

Achievement

Hayden Ayers
Nathan Foss
Katelyn Green
Katelyn Hardie
Abigail Paddock
Blake Siewert
Caleb Spicer

Agriculture

Kaitlyn Broughton
Sarah Cox

Beef

Marina Cox
Courtney Keem
Evan Kingdon
Rachel Hatch

Clothing & Textiles

Vera Cooper

Dairy

Sarah Cox
Travis Lester
Madelynn Olin
Trinity Scott
Tyler True

Dog

Morgan Capen
Abilene Foss
Miranda Hoyt
Ivy Smith

Gardening & Horticulture

Dylan Mirrione

Goat

Ava Sylvester
Abigail Paddock

Home

Environment
Abigail Schreiber

Horse

Madelyn Burger
Ella Christ
Brooke Jurek
Maggie Noel
Emilee Sexton

Poultry

Maria Prattico

Public Speaking

Peyton Mest
Jacquelyn Szucs

Sheep

McKenna Almeter
Ava Conklin
Madelynn Olin

Swine

Curtis Daniel
Larissa Hyman
Chloe Phetteplace
Blake Siewert
Grace Zywiczyński

Wood Science

Jared Day

10 YEAR MEMBERS

McKenna Almeter	Trey Driver	Garrett Lester	Marygrace Schenk
Delaney Almeter	Taylor Fontaine	Brenda Martin	Mathew Schreiber
Colton Auger	Reagan Fontaine	Noelle Milhollen	Tyler True
Lillian Auger	Ashlyn Hackett	Dylan Mirrione	Emily Warriner
Kalen Beardsley	Coldyn Hackett	Charlotte Nickerson	Eliana Wolcott
Hunter Brace	Kyle Heineman	Cyrus Olin	Stephanie Youngers
Kendra Brace	Jack Heppner	Chloe Phetteplace	Grace Zywiczyński
Spencer Broughton	James Hudson	Lexie Phetteplace	

11 YEAR MEMBERS

Sarah Andrews	Jared Day	Travis Lester	Conner Schreiber
Kaitlyn Broughton	Tyler Day	Anna Logsdon	Rebecca Stroud
Nathan Burger	Alexis Domes	Dealya Mest	Isabel Swyers
Kyle Carpenter	Jessica Hart	Phyllissa Mitzel	Olivia Swyers
Joshua Colopy	Calvin Holland	Gunner Nickerson	Anna Torrey
Ava Conklin	Courtney Keem	Andrew Newell	Jacklyn Torrey
Phoebe Conklin	Garrett Keem	Adam Romance	Carolyn Waligora
Marina Cox	Gavin Kimpel	Payton Romance	Harley Wolfanger

12 YEAR MEMBERS

Justin Baker	Sarah Cox	Maria Prattico	Naomi Shepard
Riley Bliss	Madelynn Olin	James Prattico	Caleb Spicer
Erika Conrad	Abigail Paddock	Abigail Schreiber	Meghan Youngers

13 YEAR MEMBERS

Rachael Paddock
Alexa Wolcott

JUNIOR LEADERS

Five Years

Abigail Paddock
Caleb Spicer

Four Years

Emily Warriner
Brenda Martin

Three Years

Katelyn Green
Katelyn Hardie

One Year

Myra Beardsley
Emily Harwood
Tavin Mancuso

Award Pins are available for recipients in the 4-H office!

2023 LEADER OF THE YEAR

Craig Hardie is a leader with the Wyoming County 4-H Shooting Sports club. He gives countless hours of his time and talents to both the club and the youth participants.

Craig is extremely knowledgeable and a kind and gentle leader who has a knack for teaching youth.

Congratulations, Craig!



Wyoming County Friend of 4-H Awards

The Wyoming County Friend of 4-H Award has been presented annually since 2002 and is given in memory of Harold Upton and Dave & Laura Tracy. The award was created to honor members of the community who support the Wyoming County 4-H Program. Over the years the program has honored businesses and individuals who share a common thread with Harold, Dave & Laura. They all want to see the Wyoming County 4-H Program and most importantly the youth served thrive.

We are excited to award both Perry Vet Clinic and Kay Swyers as our 2023 friends of 4-H recipients.

Over the years the Perry Vet Clinic has supported the Wyoming County 4-H program in many ways. They assist us with educational events, offering their knowledge and skills to better our 4-H members. Giving our youth opportunities to grow, and learn more about the veterinary field, animal husbandry, animal anatomy, and management skills. We work closely with them to offer opportunities for our families to conduct animal inspections and health paperwork that is required for fair. Not only do they contribute to our educational opportunities, but they also sponsor our Overall Master Showman at the County Fair. For many years, the veterinarians at Perry have volunteered to sit on programmatic committees, such as dairy and livestock, and our Associations board. We appreciate their continued support and look forward to working together in the future to make the Best Better in our community.

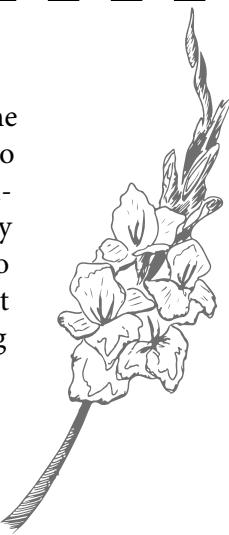
Kay Swyers has been an enrolled volunteer for twenty-seven years. During this time, she has led a traditional 4-H club “Just for Fun” as well as been an essential volunteer for our family and consumer science program. She has led countless workshops and events from heritage crafts to our holiday workshops, judging and volunteering at county fair and state fair, and providing guidance and support as a part of our family and consumer science committee. Kay’s never-ending support and involvement is inspiring as her life and goals have changed, she has found ways to continue to grow and support our program. Although she does not run a traditional club any longer now that her grandchildren have gotten older, Kay has taken on a new beginner sewing group in the last few years. It has been miraculous to see her bring together three generations of families to teach the youngest 4-H’ers sewing skills.



Think Spring!

Get your Gladiola orders in!

If you have never participated in the Gladiola program this is the year to start. Gladiolas are beautiful perennial (meaning they come back every year) bulb (like a tulip) that need to be planted in May and bloom just in time to show at the Wyoming County Fair.



Here are the facts:

- The Western NY Gladiola Society sponsors this project every year.
- Each 4-Her who signs up receives approximately 24 bulbs.
- 1st year members cost will be \$4.00.
- Anyone who has participated in the past the cost is \$8.00.
- To complete the project youth will need to have one entry in the open class gladiola show in the Youth Building on Sunday at the Wyoming County Fair.
- A meeting to pick up bulbs will be held in May, exact date TBD. 1st year members are required to attend!

If you are interested in participating fill out the tear slip below and drop it in the mail, bring it to the 4-H Office or email it to sac347@cornell.edu.

All orders and money need to be at the 4-H Office by January 26th.

To any graduating seniors there is a scholarship available through the Western NY Gladiola Society for more information contact the 4-H Office

Gladiola Order Form

Name: _____

Birth date: _____

Address: _____

I am new to the Gladiola Project (\$4.00)

I am participating again (\$8.00)

Please include payment with your order and return to 36 Center St, Suite B, Warsaw, NY 14569 by January 26th.

WYOMING COUNTY 4-H PIE CONTEST



Apple, berry, and peach pies were prepared by 4-Hers at this year's Wyoming County 4-H Fall Pie Contest held on Saturday, October 21st, 2023, at the Wyoming County Agriculture & Business Center in Warsaw.

In an effort to learn about baking and practice food presentation skills, 4-H members presented silent food demonstrations, focusing on fruit pies. All parts of the pies including crust and fillings had to be made from scratch. Pies varied between lattice, double crust, and crumb toppings.

During the silent demonstrations, in which contestants were allowed 50 minutes, 4-Hers were judged on organization, neatness, proper use of equipment and manner of preparing the food. The finished product was also judged on technique, appearance, and taste!

Three junior members (8-12 years) and three senior members (13-19 years) participated in this year's contest. Junior members Tenley Harris of Linwood, Khloe Urey of Darien Center, and Alyssa Thater of Pavilion and Senior members Turner Bartholomew of Wyoming, Jack Tassone of Scottsville, and Emmett Blaisdell of Pavilion.

Congratulations to all participants for their excellent demonstrations and tasty recipes. Our judges for the day were Kathy Parker and Laurie Bark.

Our fall pie contest was held to encourage participation in the Produced in York Food Contest, held this year on Saturday January 13th. We encourage all youth interested in participating in this year's contest to contact the 4-H office to sign up by Friday January 5th!



WYOMING COUNTY 4-H FUNdraiser Sale



MONDAY FEBRUARY 19TH - SUNDAY MARCH 3RD

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE WYOMING COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM.

ALL ENROLLED 4-H MEMBERS (EXCLUDING CLOVERBUDS) ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS FUNDRAISER - TO ALLOW OUR PROGRAM TO CONTINUE OFFERING DIVERSE AND QUALITY PROGRAMMING TO OUR YOUTH!

SALE DETAILS, ORDER FORMS, INCENTIVE SHEETS, ETC. WILL BE MAILED TO ALL ENROLLED FAMILIES IN JANUARY.



**MERLE MAPLE
PRODUCTS!**



**4-H COOKIE
FAVORITES!**



**WILSON BEEF
FARMS MEAT
SNACK STICKS!**



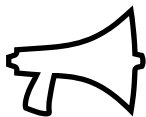
PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

★ 2024 ★

The Public Presentation Program is frequently referred to as “the most beneficial and rewarding experience of all 4-H experiences”. Public presentations give 4-H members an excellent opportunity to research a subject, organize ideas in logical order, develop visual aids, and learn to speak effectively before groups. With each public presentation, there is an increase in self-confidence, poise, self-esteem, stage presence and knowledge. Public presentations can teach a 4-H'er lifetime skills that will be useful in his or her future social, educational and career pursuits.

It is important for 4-H'ers to begin doing Public Presentations at an early age and continue throughout their 4-H career. Public speaking skills develop over time, with experience and repetition.

Senior, Junior, & Cloverbud HORSE, HOME, and AG public presentations will take place on:



Tuesday, February 13, 2024 & Thursday, February 22, 2024

5:00 - 8:00PM

Held at: The Ag & Business Center



Saturday, February 17, 2024

9:00 - 11:30AM

Held at: The Ag & Business Center

Please complete the registration form enclosed in this newsletter and return it to the 4-H office by Thursday, February 1st.

Supported by the
4-H COOKIE SALE

INCENTIVES

AGE AS OF DEC. 31, 2023

JUNIOR ONE INCENTIVE

4-H GIFT
(Cinch bags, waterbottles, etc.)

AGE	# of Presentations
Cloverbud	First, Second, and Third
8 & 9	First and Second
10	First and Second
11	First

JUNIOR TWO INCENTIVE

Free ticket to the Genesee Country Museum, Charcoal Corral or a 4-H Gift

AGE	# of Presentations
10	Third
11	Second, Third, and Fourth
12	First and Second
13	First

FOR HORSE PROJECT PRESENTATIONS

Seniors are 14 to 18 years old, and Juniors are 8 to 13 years old; however, 13-year-olds will be eligible for senior awards. If you would like to be considered for Regional Communications, you must be evaluated using the communications judging sheets!

SENIOR INCENTIVE

BLUE RIBBON WINNERS

A 4-H crewneck sweatshirt

RED RIBBON WINNERS

Genesee Country Museum, Charcoal Corral or 4-H gift.

AGE	# of Presentations
13	Third or more
14-19	One or more

PUBLIC PRESENTATION SELECTION PROCEDURE FOR DISTRICT PRESENTATIONS

Any member who is interested in being considered for District Public Presentations will need to indicate that on the registration form. Judges in other rooms may also encourage a 4-H member who gives an excellent presentation to present again for the District Judges. At the conclusion of presentations, the district judge will select the presenters that will represent Wyoming County at the Western District Public Presentations.

**Note: Western District Public Presentations will be held in Erie County March 23rd!*

PRESENTATION OPTIONS

All 4-H'ers have the opportunity to select one of six types of presentations. The choices are Demonstration, Formal Speech, Illustrated Talk, Recitation, Interview or Dramatic Interpretation. What is the difference?



FORMAL SPEECH

The presenter aims to persuade, motivate, or inform the audience without the use of visuals. Proper use of note cards is acceptable. In this category, the presenter chooses and researches a topic of choice. Depending on the topic chosen, the presenter selects a format (persuasive, motivational, or informative) that best suits what is being conveyed to the audience. A Speech is written in the presenter's own words; however poetry, quotations, humor, or imagery may be incorporated to command attention or emphasize a point. (Recommended for ages 15-19, grades 10-12).



RECITATION

The presenter, with the use of vocal inflection and body language as communication tools, delivers his rendition of a piece of pre-written material. Props should not be used, but appropriate dress to subtly represent the character or mood of the written piece is acceptable. Dress should not overwhelm the oral presentation. Memorization is expected, but proper use of notes is permitted either in the form of note cards or a book. This area is not intended for presentation of original piece of material written by the presenter.



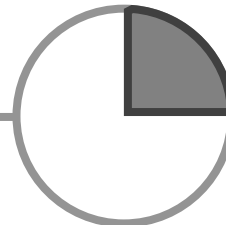
DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION

The presenter or team of two delivers a re-enactment of a piece of scripted material. The content can be taken from plays, movies, sketches, or monologues -- dramatic or comedic. This form of presentation, by definition, should include props and costumes. Props need to be simple and minimal, not detracting from the strength of the presenter(s). Original pieces written by the presenter(s) are accepted in this category, but 4-H educators should monitor appropriateness of presentation.



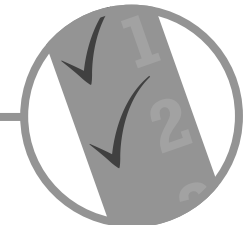
INTERVIEW

The presenter will bring a resume and perform a mock interview, for a job of their choice. Youth will need to prepare their resume prior to presentations. This type of presentation is not eligible to move on to district level presentations. (Recommended for ages 14-19).



ILLUSTRATED TALK

The presenter uses visual aids to tell about the topic. The effective use of charts, pictures, posters, slides, PowerPoint Slides, overheads, graphs, examples, models, etc., plays a major role in communicating the presenter's message. (Recommended for ages 9 and up).



DEMONSTRATION

The presenter shows and explains how to do or make something (how to juggle, make a kite, make cookies, care for a 4-H project animal, etc.). Models or illustrations are used as needed to explain information, show the steps in the process being demonstrated, reveal finished products, etc. (Recommended for all ages).

HORSE PROJECT MEMBERS

The options are individual presentations, team presentations, public speaking (no visuals), videotaped presentations and impromptu speaking (draw two topics out of a hat and talk about one of them). For more details, please call Sarah Clark at 585-786-2251.

TIPS FOR GOOD PRESENTING

P **PICK A TOPIC**
That you like,
That you know something about,
That you want to share with others.

P **PREPARE AN OUTLINE**
Introduction - Greet your audience and get their attention and interest. Tell what you will be demonstrating and explain why you are interested in the topic.

Body - Present the facts and information in an orderly and logical sequence. Explain what you are doing and why.

Summary - Briefly restate main points of presentation. Give sources of information. Ask the audience if they have any questions.

P **PRACTICE-PRACTICE-PRACTICE**
So your show and tell will be smooth and natural.

P **PRESENT**
Dress neatly. Food demonstrations should wear short sleeves, gloves and have hair pulled back in hair net, scarf or chef's hat.

Be sure everything is in place before you begin.

Work quickly and neatly.

Look at the audience, not down at the demonstration table or your notes too often! Smile, relax, and enjoy what you are doing!

Speak naturally in a clear, loud voice so the audience can hear you.

GUIDELINES FOR PRESENTATION LENGTH

1st year presenter - 3-5 minutes

2nd year presenter - 5-7 minutes

3rd year and older - 7-15 minutes

These are not strict rules, just guidelines!!

Note: No presentation should take longer than 15 minutes!!

FOOD PRESENTERS

Please contact the 4-H office at 585-786-2251 if you are interested in doing a food demonstration as a public presentation this year. Stop by the office to pick up your copy of "How To Do A Food Demonstration" which contains information about choosing a recipe, preparing for the demonstration and much more.

NOTE: All participants doing a food demonstration will be required to wear gloves and hair should be either pulled back in a hair net, scarf or chef's hat.

HORSE PRESENTERS

Horse presenters trying to go to regionals: 9-12 minutes

Horse team demonstrations: 10-15 minutes

Horse public speaking competitors: 7-10 minutes

Videotaped presentation: 20 to 30 minutes

Impromptu speaking: 5 to 8 minutes

Public Presentation Workshop

Monday, January 29, 2024

Ag & Business Center, Warsaw

6:30 - 7:30PM

This will be a "works happy" class - poster board will be provided to get started on your presentations! Come ready with questions and to discuss your topics. We will discuss choosing a topic, getting ready to do the presentation, how an effective poster should look, the three parts to do a public presentation (introduction, body, and summary), what types of things the judges look for, plus other helpful hints on how to do a good job.

RSVP's required or workshop will be cancelled

PUBLIC PRESENTATION REGISTRATION

DUE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024

CLUB NAME: _____

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM IN FULL!! List all cloverbuds first, juniors second, leave space and then list seniors. If any special equipment is needed, for example: stove, extension cord, hot plate, etc., list name and equipment needed at the bottom. Space is limited in each session date. Registrations will be honored in a first come, first serve basis. We will contact families if we require them to select another date.

NOTE: *All participants doing a food demonstration will be required to wear gloves and hair should be pulled back or in a hair net, scarf or chef's hat!*

NAME	PHONE #	AGE AS OF DEC. 31, 2023	TOTAL YRS IN P.P.	DEMONSTRATION, ILLUSTRATED TALK, FORMAL SPEECH, RECITATION, INTERVIEW OR DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION	TYPE: AG, HOME, HORSE, MISC.	TITLE/TOPIC OF PRESENTATION	DEMO DAY: 2/13, 2/17, 2/22	DISTRICT CONSIDERATION? YES OR NO

EQUIPMENT NEEDED: _____

PLEASE CALL THE 4-H OFFICE PRIOR TO YOUR PRESENTATION DAY IF AFTER REGISTERING YOU PLAN NOT TO ATTEND PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS.

THE WYOMING COUNTY 4-H: **WIN A CALF** PROJECT

PROJECT GUIDELINES:

1. Enroll by calling the 4-H office
2. Age: 4-H'ers 8-13 years old, or first year dairy members 14-15 years old are eligible (ages as of January 1, 2024).
3. For a first year project member - the animal you will keep records on must be born between September 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023. Must be a female but does not need to be registered. If you completed the program this past year, you may choose to continue to keep records on your project animal.
4. Each participant must turn in monthly records. This includes feeding and financial records and a monthly story.
5. Each participant will complete the dairy project book.
6. Each participant will show their project animal in a showmanship class at the 2024 Wyoming County Fair.
7. Each participant will host the dairy committee in a brief farm visit.
8. Each member will participate in county wide public presentations.
9. Each participant will complete a short interview with the dairy committee.

1st Prize: \$750 towards a registered calf of your choice

2nd Prize: Cash Prize

3rd Prize: Cash Prize

2023 Win A Calf Winners

1st place: Abigail Faskel- Red Bandanas

2nd place: Titus Skillman- Wyoming County Eggers

3rd place: Dalton Burnham- Red Bandanas

4th place: Bethany Skillman- Wyoming County Eggers

5th place: Sienna Keough- Red Bandanas

6th place: Braelyn Fitzpatrick- Red Bandanas

THE WYOMING COUNTY 4-H: **LIVING LEARNING** PROJECT

PROJECT GUIDELINES:

1. Enroll by calling the 4-H office
2. Age: 4-H'ers 14-18 years old, or past Win A Calf winners who have not turned 14 yet (ages as of January 1, 2024).
3. Each participant must turn in monthly records. This includes feeding and financial records and a monthly story.
4. Each participant will complete the dairy project book.
5. Each participant will show their project animal in a showmanship class at the 2024 Wyoming County Fair.
6. Each participant will host the dairy committee in a brief farm visit.
7. Each member will participate in county wide public presentations.
8. Each participant will complete an in-person interview with the dairy committee and bank representative.

1st Prize: \$750 towards a registered calf or scholarship money

2nd Prize: Cash Prize

3rd Prize: Cash Prize

2023 Living Learning Project Winners

1st place: Addison Zielenieski- Barnyard Crew

2nd place: Marina Cox- Red Bandanas

Win a Calf & Living Learning Dairy Project Orientation

Monday, December 11, 2024
6:30pm at the Ag & Business Center, Warsaw

If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie at
585-786-2251 or sal294@cornell.edu

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4-H NEWS

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Wyoming County Dairy Bowl Practices

Thursday, December 14, 2023
 Tuesday, December 19, 2023
 Thursday, December 28, 2023
 Wednesday, January 10, 2024
 from 6:00 - 7:00PM each night
 Ag & Business Center, Warsaw

If you are new to dairy, an independent member, or your club doesn't have a full team, then come on down and practice at the 4-H office!

Stephanie will be offering dairy bowl practices at the 4-H office to youth interested in participating in the dairy bowl contest. Dairy bowl is a quiz bowl contest that covers all aspects of the dairy industry from cows, to milk products, to feeds.

Call the 4-H office at 585-786-2251 or email Stephanie at sal294@cornell.edu to register for one or all of the practice sessions.

RSVP's are REQUIRED or certain dates will be cancelled.

DAIRY JEOPARDY

Thursday, February 15, 2024
 from 6:30 - 7:30PM
 Ag & Business Center, Warsaw

Dairy Jeopardy is a dairy knowledge competition that allows youth to compete as individuals. Styled after the popular television game show, questions are similar to those as in Dairy Bowl. The contestants demonstrate their ability to think on their feet and wager points based on their knowledge of topics ranging from "Bovine Health" to "Breed All About It" (questions about the different breeds of dairy cattle) to "Milk, Nature's Perfect Food" and "TMR the mixer".

Call the 4-H office at 585-786-2251 or email Stephanie at sal294@cornell.edu to register by February 9th.

2024

Dairy Educational Activities

These are approved activities for the 2024 4-H Dairy Project. More information about these events will be available in subsequent editions of the 4-H News. Remember that you **MUST** participate in at least one of these activities in order to participate in dairy shows at the fair. We encourage you to participate in more than just one activity to enhance your 4-H experience!

*Please remember that public presentations only count for ONE species; for example you may **not** count a public presentation as your approved educational event to show dairy and sheep; you must pick one!*

DECEMBER 11

WIN A CALF &
 LIVING LEARNING
 DAIRY PROJECT
 ORIENTATION

JANUARY 27

DAIRY BOWL

FEBRUARY
 13, 17 & 22

PUBLIC
 PRESENTATIONS

FEBRUARY 15

DAIRY
 JEOPARDY

APRIL/MAY

DAIRY JUDGING

JUNE

DAIRY
 CHALLENGE

JUNE

SHOWING &
 FITTING CLINIC



**JANUARY
27TH**

Pre-registration is required for the contest. Please be considerate of the deadlines listed below - canceling a team at the last minute makes things very difficult.

SENIOR LEVEL DAIRY BOWL (Members 14 and over as of January 1, 2024)
JUNIOR LEVEL DAIRY BOWL (Members 8-13 as of January 1, 2024)

**STUDY MATERIALS
AVAILABLE!**

Last years' district questions and supplemental information are available at the 4-H office or online.

Saturday, January 27, 2024 at 9:30am

Ag & Business Center, 36 Center St, Warsaw

****SNOW DATE: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD; SAME TIME AND LOCATION****

All participating clubs, please submit 10 questions per division with your registration.

If your club is looking for a fun way to practice, there is a Dairy Learning Lab available at the 4-H office! Please contact Stephanie to reserve.

Quiz bowl units, practice questions, and the current rules can be borrowed from the 4-H office. A club may enter more than one team. A team has four members. If you don't have enough for a full team, Stephanie will combine you with lone members or other clubs to form a team.

We will need leaders and parents to serve as scorekeepers the day of the contests. Please let us know when teams are registering if you are able to volunteer your time to help for this day.

DAIRY BOWL 2024 REGISTRATION FORM

REGISTRATION DUE DATE: JANUARY 19, 2024

Club Name: _____

Our club is submitting

- Senior Questions
- Junior Questions

Number of Senior Teams: _____

Number of Junior Teams: _____

Senior Team Members

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Junior Team Members

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Leader's Signature _____



Local 4-H Youth Experience Japanese Culture

The NYS 4-H Japanese Exchange program is an initiative of the New York State 4-H Office at Cornell University, in cooperation with County Cornell Cooperative Extension offices around the State. 25 Japanese youth, ages 13-17, and their 2 Adult Chaperones arrived at the Syracuse International Airport on July 23rd and connected with host families from all corners of New York State. The Japanese youth stayed with host families who have a child similar age and then headed home to Japan on August 18th.

The Fisher-Tatarka Family of Warsaw hosted Rinto Samanishi (age 14) through the program this summer. Rinto was able to join members Alexzander and Zackery Fisher on local adventures which included the Wyoming County Fair. Rinto even exhibited items in the youth building that he created!

The New York State program is supported by a National nonprofit organization affiliated with 4-H called States' 4-H International, based in Seattle Washington. States' 4-H International works with 4-H programs in nearly 20 States to coordinate inbound and outbound cultural exchanges ranging from one month to 10 months between 4-H youth and youth from Japan, South Korea, Norway, Costa Rica and many more countries. The goal of the 4-H International Exchange program is to encourage participating youth to gain a greater understanding and appreciation for cultural diversity, global connection, and civic engagement.

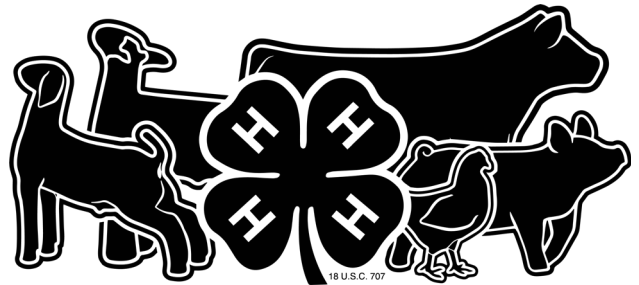
If you are interested in learning more about the 4-H International Exchange Program, please contact the Wyoming County 4-H Office.



(L-R) Rob Tatarka, Zackery Fisher, Rinto Samanishi, Alexzander Fisher, and Crystal Tatarka

2024 4-H LIVESTOCK (BEEF, SHEEP, SWINE, MARKET GOATS, AND MARKET POULTRY) PROGRAM EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY LIST

Here are some educational events that you can place on your calendar to count on and watch for the February 4-H news where we will have a finalized list of livestock activities. REMEMBER that you must participate in at least one of these activities in order to participate in livestock shows (meat animal or general 4-H) at the 2024 Wyoming County Fair. We always encourage youth to participate in more than just one activity to enhance their 4-H experience!



JANUARY 23	<i>Introduction to Livestock Project</i>	<i>Swine Showmanship Clinic</i>	JUNE/JULY
FEBRUARY 13, 17 & 22	<i>Public Presentations</i>	<i>Beef Showmanship Clinic</i>	JUNE/JULY
MARCH 2	<i>Livestock Skill-A-Thon</i>	<i>Sheep Showmanship Clinic</i>	JUNE/JULY
APRIL TBD	<i>Farm Tour</i>	<i>Last Chance Livestock Event</i>	JULY 15

4-H LIVESTOCK SKILL-A-THON

Saturday, March 2, 2024 at 9:30AM

AG & BUSINESS CENTER, WARSAW

This event will satisfy the 4-H educational requirement to show beef, sheep, swine, market goats or market broilers at the 2024 Wyoming County Fair.

Species we will focus on: beef, sheep, swine, market goats and market poultry!

DIVISIONS

Novice - youth 8-10 as of 1/1/24

Junior - youth 11-13 as of 1/1/24

Senior - youth 14 years and older as of 1/1/24

Study packets will be available in the 4-H office after January 1st.

Pre-registration is REQUIRED in order to plan for the event. Return the slip below or call the 4-H office by March 1st to register.

LIVESTOCK SKILL-A-THON SIGN-UP FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

AGE AS OF 1/1/24 _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

NOVICE

JUNIOR

SENIOR

Introduction to Livestock Projects

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

7:00pm

Ag & Business Center, Warsaw

Participants must register before the meeting

We invite anyone looking to join in 4-H livestock projects to learn about the in's and out's of our program!

This event will satisfy the educational requirement for exhibiting 4-H beef, sheep, swine, market goats and market poultry at the 2024 Wyoming County Fair.

** 4-H PUBLIC PRESENTATION NOTE **

Don't forget that doing a public presentation counts towards an education event for the 4-H livestock program!

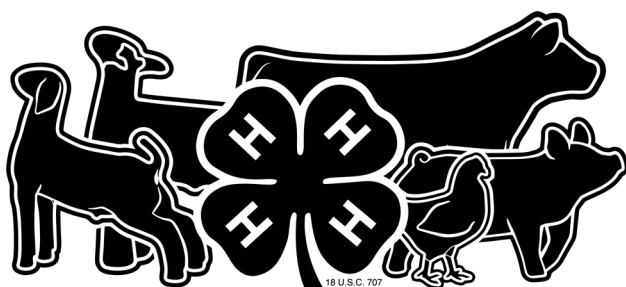
There are three dates to choose from: February 13, 17 & 22, 2024. You can find information on pages 15 - 17 of this newsletter. Topics don't necessarily need to be livestock related (but are nice). The goal is to get you talking about something that you are interested in; which can increase your self-confidence, knowledge of your chosen topic, poise and much more.....building essential lifelong skills!

Are you looking to start a livestock project for the 2024 show season?

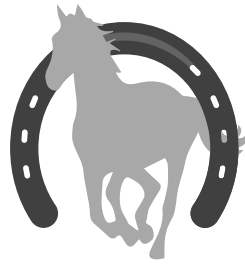
The 4-H office is compiling a list of local and regional livestock producers to share with 4-H families.

This list will be available by request after January 1st.

If you know anyone that would be interested in being listed, please contact Holly with the contact information.



HORSING AROUND



WYOMING COUNTY 4-H 2024 HORSE EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

CALENDAR

JANUARY

- ***Wyoming County Horse Bowl:** January 26th; 6:30pm, Ag & Business Center
- **Horseless Horse:** January 22nd; 6:30pm, Ag & Business Center

FEBRUARY

- **Horseless Horse:** February 19th; 6:30pm, Ag & Business Center
- *** Public Presentations & Horse Communications:** Ag & Business Center (see pages 18-21)

MARCH

- *** Hippology:** March 9th; 9:30am, Ag & Business Center

Exact dates & times TBD for the following events:

- April - Leadline Clinic
- May - Show Etiquette
- June - Tack 101

HORSE COMMUNICATIONS

See Public Presentation dates listed on page 15. Horse Communications may be scheduled on any of those dates.

Ag & Business Center, 36 Center Street, Warsaw

Choose a favorite horse related topic, research it, and tell us all about it! (If you are interested in moving on to the regional horse level, you must participate.)

EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENT POINT SYSTEM

** Indicates educational events that count towards your 1 REQUIRED educational event for fair (no points received for this as it is REQUIRED!). For every extra educational event individual youth attend, beyond the one requirement, youth will receive 2 bonus points per event that will go towards educational awards in the fall. Youth must sign the sign in sheets at each event to receive this credit. Please call the 4-H office at 585-786-2251 to pre-register for ALL of these events. If adequate registration is not obtained for individual events, they will be CANCELLED*

WYOMING COUNTY HORSE BOWL

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2024 at 6:30pm

AG & BUSINESS CENTER, WARSAW

Come participate in the annual Wyoming County Horse Bowl and test your knowledge! You may call the 4-H office and register for this event as an individual or as a team of 4 (4 novice OR juniors OR seniors per team). You are competing as an individual for overall score. There are opportunities to advance to regional, state and national levels in this event. Study packets are available at the 4-H office.

FILL OUT THE REGISTRATION FORM BELOW AND RETURN TO THE 4-H OFFICE BY 1/19/2024

HORSE BOWL REGISTRATION FORM

Club Name: _____

Number of Senior Teams: _____ Number of Novice Teams: _____

Number of Junior Teams: _____



Senior Team Members

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Junior Team Members

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Novice Team Members

- _____
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Yarn Work Series

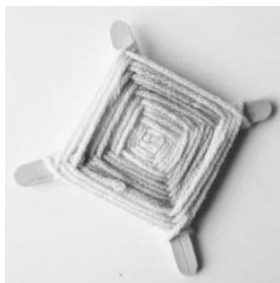
Wednesday, January 31st 6:00pm

Wednesday, February 7th 6:00pm

All 4-H members 5+ may participate (cloverbuds require adult assistance)

No cost but must register by January 19th.

Get ready to have fun with yarn!
Multiple yarn projects will be made at this two-part series event. Attendance at both isn't mandatory but strongly encouraged to get the most out of the project.



Produced in New York State Foods Contest

Saturday January 13, 2024

Ag & Business Center, Warsaw

**snow date - Saturday, January 20th*

Come participate in this year's Produced in New York Foods Contest at the Ag & Business Center in Warsaw.

Registration will start at 8:30AM

The contest will begin at 9AM

In order to learn about nutrition and practice food presentation skills, 4-H members will present a silent food demonstration, promoting items from the Empire State. All contestants will prepare recipes at the same time, without talking. Participants will be allowed 50 minutes to demonstrate.

The major ingredient of the recipe must feature a product grown or produced in NY State - such as fruits, vegetables, dairy or meat. This is your chance to be creative and have fun at the same time!

Age categories as of 1/1/24:

- *Cloverbuds: 5-7 years old
- Juniors: 8 - 12 years old
- Seniors: 13 - 19 years old

Call the 4-H Office for more details and to sign up today! *Please note Cloverbud recipes must be approved for appropriate skill level upon registration. *

Registration deadline is Friday, January 5th

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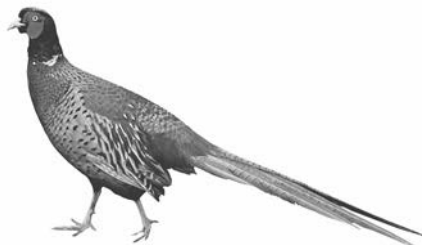


Joe Zielinski of Arcade & Mya Hardie of Wyoming along with 4-H leaders Craig and Amy Hardie attended the 'ABC' Conference this October. It was a great opportunity to visit surrounding Ag Businesses and tour SUNY Cobleskill. This award trip was made possible by the Wyoming County 4-H Leaders' Association.

PHEASANTS 2024

The DEC is planning to have day-old pheasant chicks available in 2024. The application will be available after the new year.

The application can/will be found at <https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/7271.html> or by typing NYSDEC Day Old Pheasant Chick Program into your browsers search bar.



For enrolled 4-H members, the pheasants are free of charge under the condition that they will be raised and released on

lands accessible to pheasant hunting.

If applicants need any assistance with a release site, they can reach out to the DEC for assistance in finding a local site. Rearing guides are available on the same page that the application can be found on.

If applicants have any questions, they can call the Game Farm at (607)273-2768 or by e-mailing Wildlife@dec.ny.gov subject line Pheasant.

CANINE CORNER

DOG OBEDIENCE CLASSES WILL BEGIN THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF APRIL! THIS IS A 9-WEEK PROGRAM THAT RUNS IN MULTIPLE LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT WYOMING COUNTY.

WATCH THE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Tract, Nature, Adventure- Hiking Club!



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January 17th, at 6:30PM at the Ag & Business Center, Warsaw

This new club will be a county-wide club and any enrolled 4-H members can participate and join in club activities! Our first meeting will be to go over club goals, determine hiking locations, and learn about some hiking hacks.

Any questions or to register, call the 4-H office at (585) 786-2251.

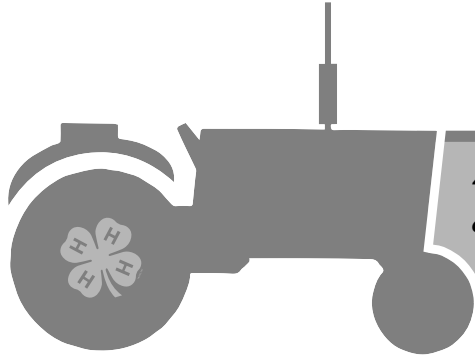
WHAT'S THE BUZZ- POLLINATOR CLASS

Tuesday, February 6th at 6:30pm
Ag & Business Center, Warsaw

What's the buzz about pollinators? Join Emily Hill, a technician with the US Fish and Wildlife Services team, who will talk about different types of pollinators. With Spring around the corner, youth will learn how to attract pollinators to your backyard. We will create seed paper that can be stored until spring and planted to grow into a pollinator attractant.

Registration is required by February 1st so materials can be obtained. To register, call the 4-H office at (585) 786-2251.

Come learn about tractor and machinery safety, equipment maintenance and how engines run! The following opportunities will be offered by the Wyoming County 4-H Program during 2024:



4-H SMALL ENGINES, TRACTOR & CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Year 1: For youth 10 years or older that would like to learn about small engines, lawn mowers, etc.

Year 2: For youth 11 years old who have completed Year 1 program.

Year 3: For youth 12 years old who have completed Year 2 program.

Pre-Certification: For youth 13 years old who have completed Years 1, 2 or 3 and are interested in the certification program the following year. We will focus on non-core curriculum from the NSTMOP program.

National Safe Tractor and Machinery Operation Program: For youth 14-15 years old that would like to work on a farm for hire and operate a tractor over 20 horsepower. (Participates must be 14 years old by 4/1/2024).

Years 1, 2 & 3 and Pre-Certification Schedule	NSTMOP Certification Schedule
	1/22/24 - 7pm @ CCE Office, Warsaw
	1/29/24 - 7pm @ CCE Office, Warsaw
2/5/24 - 7pm @ Larry Romance and Son, Arcade	2/5/24 - 7pm @ Larry Romance and Son, Arcade
2/12/24 - 7pm @ Kelly's Garage, Perry	2/12/24 - 7pm @ Kelly's Garage, Perry
2/26/24 - 7pm @ Java Farm Supply, North Java	2/26/24 - 7pm @ Java Farm Supply, North Java
3/4/24 - 7pm @ Monroe Tractor, North Java	3/4/24 - 7pm @ Monroe Tractor, North Java
	3/11/24 - 7pm Written Test @ CCE Office, Warsaw
	4/6/2024 - Driving Test @ TBD

** Snow dates are reserved for Wednesday evenings each week if needed. **

Certification Course: \$20 registration fee. Once you are registered, pick up an instruction manual from the 4-H office (manuals may be mailed for an additional fee). Requirements for certification: 12-15 hours of reading and self-study, attend all meetings, and pass both a written test and driving test. **Register ASAP to allow yourself time to pick up an instruction manual and complete homework before first class!

Years 1, 2, 3 and Pre-Certification: \$5.00 registration fee. Please fill out registration form below and return to the 4-H office as soon as possible along with the registration fee. Requirements for completion: attend at least three out of five events.

All participants must be enrolled as a Wyoming County 4-H member or a 4-H member in any neighboring county.

TRACTOR, CERTIFICATION & SMALL ENGINES SCHOOLS

Name: _____ Birth Date: _____ Age (as of 1-1-24): _____

Full Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Check Appropriate Box: Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Pre-Certification Certification

Parents Signature: _____ Enclose **\$20.00** for certification OR **\$5.00** for Years 1, 2, 3 or pre-certification

Please Note: If you are not a 4-H member, you will need to enroll. Please call 585-786-2251. 4-H Enrollment fee is \$15 for Wyoming County residents and \$20 for out-of-county residents.



Wyoming County 4-H Member Enrollment Form Year 2023-2024

Thank you for your interest in the Wyoming County 4-H Program!
Please fill out the following form and return to the 4-H Office along with the enrollment fee.

Personal Information:

Family Email: _____

Member Email (if applicable): _____

Member First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Preferred Name: _____

Mailing Address Line 1: _____

Mailing Address Line 2: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Gender: _____

Primary Phone Number: _____

Correspondence Preference: MAIL MAIL AND E-MAIL

Do you wish to receive text messages? YES NO If yes please provide your provider: _____

Parent/Guardian Information:

Primary Parent/Guardian:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Cell Number: _____

Parent/Guardian Two:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Cell Number: _____

(If different than above):

Secondary Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Send Correspondence to second address:

Salutation: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Demographic Information:

Ethnicity:

Are you of Hispanic or Latino ethnicity? YES NO

Race: White Black or African American American Indian or Alaskan Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander
 Asian Prefer Not to State

Residence: Farm Town < 10k and rural non-farm Town 10k-50k and suburbs Suburbs of City > 50k
 Central City > 50k

Military Service of Family:

Family Member Military Service: No one in my family is serving I have a parent serving I have a sibling serving

Branch: _____ Active Reserve National Guard

School Information:

School County : _____

School District: _____

School Name: _____

2023-2024 Grade: _____

Office Use:

Entered into the Computer; _____



4-H Information:

Have You Filled Out The Following Forms This Year? Photo/Media Release Liability Waiver Code of Conduct

Years in 4-H (completed as of 2023): _____

Enrollment Fee (\$15 Wyoming Co. resident / \$20 Out-Of-County)

Cash amount paid: _____

Check #/amount paid: _____

2023-2024 Club Information:

Primary Club Name or Independent Member: _____
Club Officer: Yes No Officer Position: _____

Club Name #2: _____
Club Officer: Yes No Officer Position: _____

Club Name #2: _____
Club Officer: Yes No Officer Position: _____

Club Name #2: _____
Club Officer: Yes No Officer Position: _____

2023-2024 4-H Project Interest:

Please select all 4-H projects you might be interested in.

** This does NOT automatically enroll you in a project, but provides 4-H program staff with interest levels **

Animal Science

- Beef
- Dairy
- Dog Obedience
- Goat
- Horse
- Poultry
- Rabbits/Cavies
- Sheep
- Swine

- Choose Health / Fitness
- Clothing and Textile
 - Needle Art
- Cloverbud (5 to 7 year olds)
- Community Service
- Fine Arts and Crafts
- Foods and Nutrition
 - Cooking & Baking
 - Food Science
 - Home Food Presentation
- Legos/Robotics
- Plant Science
 - Flowers
 - Vegetable
 - Gladiola
 - Giant Vegetable
- Home Improvement/Fabric Furnishing

- Leadership Skills Development/
Junior Leadership (must be 13 years or older)
- Meat Animal Project (Select one)
 - Beef or Dairy
 - Swine
 - Lamb
 - Poultry
 - Goat
- Natural Resources
 - Hiking
 - Fishing
 - Pheasants
 - Other: _____
- Performing Arts/Expressive Arts
- Photography/Visual Arts
- Public Presentations
- Shooting Sports
- Small Engines/Tractor
 - Tractor Certification
(must be 14 years or older)
- STEM activities
- Teen Leaders
- Woodworking/Handyman/Electrical
- Vet Science
- Other: _____

Photo, Video, and Audio Consent and Release Form

From time to time, photographs, videos, direct quotes, and/or audio clips may be taken of youth and adults attending Cornell Cooperative Extension events or participating in Cornell Cooperative Extension-sponsored programs and activities. Cornell Cooperative Extension requests the right to use all such photos, videos, print material and/or audio clips taken of youth and adults involved in these programs and activities. They may be used for a variety of purposes, including, but not limited to, publications, promotional brochures, promotions or showcase of programs on our Web sites, showcase of activities in local and/or national newspapers or programming, and other similar lawful purposes. By signing this form, I consent and give permission to allow Cornell Cooperative Extension the unlimited right to use photos, videos, direct quotes, and/or audio clips that they have of me participating in Cornell Cooperative Extension programs or events. I agree to give up my rights with regards to Cornell Cooperative Extension photos, videos, direct quotes, and/or audio clips of me. Further, by signing this consent and release form, I acknowledge that I understand and agree to the above request and conditions. I sign this form freely and without inducement.

I do **not** release media consent of my child

Wyoming County 4-H Youth Development Member Code of Conduct Commitment

These expectations are to be shared with all Wyoming County 4-H Members participating in events prior to the event. This will establish a clear understanding of expectations among the individuals involved. Chaperones on any 4-H trip will be enforcing this code.

Expected Behavior:

1. All participants are expected to be responsive to the reasonable requests of the adult in charge at the time given. This includes the following rules and regulations of the given event.
2. All participants are expected to participate in all of the planned programs, to be on time and follow through on assigned tasks/responsibilities in a manner that insures the safety, well-being, and quality of the educational experience for self and others.
3. All participants will act in a mature, responsible manner, recognizing that they are role models for others and are representing themselves and Wyoming County 4-H.
4. All participants will be dressed appropriately for the event. If you are unsure of what is appropriate for the event, contact the 4-H staff person in advance.
5. All participants will be considerate and courteous of all youth and adults and their property at all times.
6. All participants will respect the rights and opinions of others, realizing that customs may be different.
7. All participants are to refrain from the possession and/or use of illegal drugs, tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, firearms and other weapons at all times.
8. All participants are to refrain from romantic displays, sexual activities, and harassment either in public or private situations. These actions will not be tolerated.

Consequences (Any of the following may apply, depending on severity of the situation.)

1. In mild cases, a warning may be given.
2. Youth may be sent home at family's expense.
3. Youth may be barred from a future event.

With my signature, which I voluntarily affix to this document, I acknowledge that the information is accurate to the best of my knowledge, and I have read and understand the terms of all releases, acknowledge and agreements including the following parts: Member Code of Conduct and Photo Release Form.

Youth Name: _____ Date: _____

(Please Print)

Parent/ Guardian: _____ Date: _____

(Please Print)

Parent/ Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Acknowledgement of Risk Form – 4-H Member

This form must be completed to participate in 4-H clubs/4-H Equine clubs and related activities.

This form may be completed during 4-H enrollment for the full program year for 4-H activities/4-H equine activities and events designated below at the club, county, multiple county, regional, state and national level.

I hereby apply for my child to participate in the 4-H club and/or activity indicated below to be conducted by the designated Cornell Cooperative Extension Association and acknowledge as follows:

I fully understand and acknowledge that there are inherent risks and dangers in my child's participation in the 4-H club and activities and my child's participation in said 4-H club and all its activities and use of any equipment related to such activities may result in injury, illness or death and damage to personal property. I understand other participants, accidents, forces of nature or other causes may cause these risk and dangers and I hereby accept these risk and dangers. My child is in good health and is at or above the minimum age of **5 for Cloverbud members and 8 for regular 4-H members/8 for regular 4-H Equine club members** required to participate in this activity and is able to participate in any strenuous physical activity associated therewith

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Wyoming County 4-H Program Year: October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024

Select anticipated program participation:

All 4-H Activities and Events for the 2023-2024 Program Year

4-H Club Activities:

- Working with dogs
- Physical Fitness programs
- Shooting Sports

4-H Club Equine Activities:

- Participating in an equine club
- Working with equines beyond club level including clinics, camps, shows
- Working with equines in mounted "over fences" activities. I (the parent or legal guardian) am aware that my child will be participating in 4-H Horse Program mounted "over fences" activities at Cornell University Cooperative Extension county, multiple county, regional, or state sponsored events. I give my child permission to participate. Mounted "over fences" classes in the NYS 4-H Horse Program could include ground rail, cross rail, and/or other over fences classes and obstacles (this does include trail class). The obstacles will be no higher than 3 foot in any of the 4-H activities.

For Cloverbuds (youth 5-8 years old only):

- Cloverbud activities
- Cloverbud working with equine or other animal programs

I have read the above and by signing it I agree it is my intention to have my child participate in the indicated activity and I understand and accept the risks involved.

This shall be binding on my heirs, successors, assigns, administrators and executors. Any claims or disputes arising out of my child's participation in the activity shall be venued in the Supreme Court of the State of New York of the County where the County Extension office is located.

I am at least twenty-one (21) years of age and I am the legal parent/guardian authorized to sign this document on behalf of the child named herein.

PARTICIPANT'S NAME (print): _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PARENT GUARDIAN NAME (print): _____

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

This form must be kept on file until participant reaches age 21.
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