

# 4-H NEWS

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## 2025 WYOMING COUNTY 4-H FUNDRAISER

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17 - SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025

**PRE-ORDER SALE ONLY - MORE INFO ON PAGE 9**

**MERLE MAPLE PRODUCTS!**

**4-H COOKIE FAVORITES!**

**WILSON BEEF FARMS MEAT SNACK STICKS!**

**Merle Maple Products:**  
 - Merle Maple Maple BBQ Sauce (16.4 oz)  
 - Merle Maple Maple Garlic Seasoning (9 oz)

**Back to Nature Plant Based Snacks:**  
 - Fudge Mint Cookies (8.4 oz)  
 - Whippet natural Raspberry (8.8 oz)

**Wilson Beef Farms Meat Snack Sticks:**  
 - Regular Style Snack Sticks (8.8 oz)

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# FEBRUARY

**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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**Rabbit Ears Club Meeting**  
\*\* 6:30pm

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

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**Hiking Club**  
7:00pm; Basom, NY

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**Public Presentation Registrations Due**

**Goat Club Meeting**  
\*\* 6:00pm

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

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**Dairy Jeopardy**  
\*\* 6:30pm

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**4-H FUNdraiser Sale - Monday, February 17th - Sunday, March 2nd**

**Open Craft Day!**  
\*\* 9:30am - 12:00pm

**STEM Day**  
\*\* 10 - 11:30am

**Microwave Magic**  
6:30pm

**CCE Office Closed**

**Secretaries Report Due**

**Public Presentations**  
\*\* 5 - 8:00pm

**Public Presentations**  
\*\* 9:00 - 11:30am

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**4-H FUNdraiser Sale - Monday, February 17th - Sunday, March 2nd**

**Master Builders Club Meeting;**  
\*6:30pm

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

**Public Presentations**  
\*\* 5 - 8:00pm

# MARCH

**SUNDAY**

**MONDAY**

**TUESDAY**

**WEDNESDAY**

**THURSDAY**

**FRIDAY**

**SATURDAY**

\*\* Indicates that meeting is held at the  
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36 Center Street, Warsaw, NY

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**1**  
4-H FUNdraiser Sale

Livestock Skill-A-Thon  
\*\* 9:30am

**2**  
4-H FUNdraiser Sale

**3**  
Fundraiser Sale  
Orders and Money Due  
  
Rabbit Ears Club Meeting  
\*\* 6:30pm  
  
Tractor Program  
7:00pm; Monroe Tractor, North Java

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**6**  
Goat Jeopardy  
\*\* 6:30pm

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Hiking Club  
9am - Farmersville

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**10**  
  
Goat Club Meeting  
\*\* 6:00pm

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**14**  
  
Giant Vegetable Orders Due

**15**  
  
WNY Equifest  
Hamburg Fairgrounds

**16**  
  
WNY Equifest  
Hamburg Fairgrounds

**17** **18** **19** **20** **21**  
**AG LITERACY WEEK - MARCH 17TH - MARCH 21ST**

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**18**  
  
Dairy Judging  
101  
\*\* 6:30pm

**19**  
  
Secretaries Report Due

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**21**

**22**  
  
Dairy Judging  
12:00pm,  
Flint's Dairy Farm - Warsaw

**23**  
Hippology  
\*\* 1:00PM

**24** Wyo Co Eggers Club Meeting  
\*\* 6:30pm  
  
Master Builders Club Meeting  
\*\* 6:30pm

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**28**  
  
Beef Nutrition  
\*\* 7:00pm

**29**  
  
Dairy Discovery  
Cornell, Ithaca

**30**

**31**

**31**  
  
Leaders' Assoc. Meeting  
\*\* 7:00pm

**31**  
  
Market Broiler Chick Orders Due

**31**  
  
District Presentations  
Erie County

# UPCOMING COUNTY WIDE CLUB MEETINGS



## WYOMING COUNTY EGGERS - Poultry Club -

**Monday, March 24, 2025**  
6:30pm at the Ag & Business Center



## CAPRINE KIDS COUNTY WIDE GOAT CLUB

**Monday, February 10, 2025**  
6:00pm at the Ag & Business Center

**Monday, March 10, 2025**  
6:00pm at the Ag & Business Center

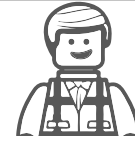


## HIKING CLUB

**Friday, February 7, 2025**  
7:00pm at Iroquois Wildlife Refuge

**Saturday, March 8, 2025**  
Bush Hills, Farmersville - 9:00am

*Registrations are required-*  
contact Stephanie with any questions at  
585-786-2251 x 115 or  
sal294@cornell.edu



## MASTER BUILDERS - Lego Club -

**Monday, February 24, 2025**  
6:30pm at the Ag & Business Center

**Monday, March 24, 2025**  
6:30pm at the Ag & Business Center

**Monday, April 28, 2025**  
6:30pm at the Ag & Business Center

**May 2025 - NO MEETING**



## RABBIT EARS CLUB

**Monday, February 3, 2025**  
6:30pm at the Ag & Business Center

**Monday, March 3, 2025**  
6:30pm at the Ag & Business Center

**Monday, April 7, 2025**  
6:30pm at the Ag & Business Center

**Monday, May 5, 2025**  
6:30pm at the Ag & Business Center

## 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.

# 4-H OFFICE FOCUS!

This year in each edition of the 4-H News, we will highlight an interview with a staff member from our team.

First up is Caron Gala. Caron is the Executive Director for CCE Wyoming and has been with the association since May 2024. You can reach out to Caron by stopping in at the office, calling her at 585-786-2251, or emailing her at [ceg256@cornell.edu](mailto:ceg256@cornell.edu).

**Holly Harwood:** Can you tell us a little bit about yourself?

**Caron Gala:** Sure! I'm from Lockport, NY, a rural area surrounded by farmland. I have a graduate degree in soil chemistry and fertility from Virginia Tech. After living in Maryland for 20 years, I'm excited to be here and part of the team. I'm also a big Buffalo Bills fan, love sports like volleyball, and enjoy staying active. I also grow black raspberries as a hobby.

**Holly Harwood:** How do you see your role as the Executive Director for CCE in Wyoming County?

**Caron Gala:** My goal is to connect the team with resources and support. You, Holly, lead an excellent livestock program, and with experts like Stephanie Czerniak and Sarah Clark, we're positioned to build on strengths in dairy and hospitality. We're launching initiatives like the Champions program to teach youth about local governance and agriculture and introducing tech-based learning in 4-H to tackle farm challenges. I've worked on these areas with land-grant universities for years and am eager to see them take off here.

**Holly Harwood:** What is your vision for the current strategic planning process taking place for CCE Wyoming County?

**Caron Gala:** It's all about aligning county needs with our programs. We've gathered community feedback through meetings, focus groups, and surveys to identify what's working and what needs improvement. Areas like agriculture, hospitality, STEM, and fundraising are key focus points.

**Holly Harwood:** How can 4-H families participate in the strategic planning process?

**Caron Gala:** Families can join focus groups or complete our online survey. Paper copies are also available, but online submissions streamline data collection.

**Holly Harwood:** Is there anything else you would like to share with 4-H families as we move into the new year?

**Caron Gala:** 4-H is for everyone! Families can sign up individually to find projects that match their interests. We're recruiting volunteers and working to make the process easier. I am also excited to learn more about livestock production from families here in Wyoming County. On a personal note, I'd love suggestions for local spots—ice cream shops, restaurants, or activities. I want to learn more about what makes this community special!



## UPCOMING SCHOLARSHIPS

**NEW YORK FARM BUREAU 2025 AGRICULTURAL YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM** - Deadline 4/1/2025  
[https://my.reviewr.com/site/2025\\_New\\_York\\_Farm\\_Bureau\\_Agricultural\\_Youth\\_Scholarship](https://my.reviewr.com/site/2025_New_York_Farm_Bureau_Agricultural_Youth_Scholarship)

**FARM CREDIT EAST SCHOLARSHIP** - Deadline 3/14/2025  
<https://www.farmcrediteast.com/Scholarship/>

**NYS GRANGE - THE DENISE SCHOLARSHIP FUND** - Deadline 4/15/2025  
<https://nysgrange.org/education-opportunities/>

Scholarship details can be found on our website at: [wyoming.cce.cornell.edu/4-H.youth-development/projects-activities/awards-scholarships](http://wyoming.cce.cornell.edu/4-H.youth-development/projects-activities/awards-scholarships)

# LEADERS CORNER

## SAVE THE DATES!

4-H Spring Leaders' Association Meeting  
**Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 7:00pm**  
Ag & Business Center

4-H Fall Leaders' Association Meeting  
**Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at 7:00pm**  
Ag & Business Center

## LEADER REMINDERS

If you have not done so already, please make sure your volunteer leader re-enrollment is turned in to the 4-H office. If you need a new copy, email Alesia at [aea92@cornell.edu](mailto:aea92@cornell.edu) or call the 4-H office.

Any volunteer who has yet to complete the required annual Sexual Harassment Prevention Training for CCE Volunteers will be receiving an email from the 4-H office. This online training video training is mandatory for ALL current CCE volunteers and is to help ensure a safe, productive CCE environment for all.

## ENROLLMENT REMINDERS

NEW member enrollments are due to the 4-H office by March 31st to participate in the market/meat animal swine, lamb, goat, and poultry auction projects.

April (at first dog meeting) - New members must be enrolled to participate in Dog Obedience Project.

NEW members may enroll until June 1st to participate in most other 4-H project areas and exhibit at fair.

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

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

### 4-H Fundraiser

Monday, February 17th - Sunday, March 2nd

### 2025 Wyoming County Fair Dates

August 9th - 16th

### 2025 NYS Fair Dates

August 20th - September 1st

View more upcoming events at:  
<https://wyoming.cce.cornell.edu/events>

## CHECK YOUR EMAILS!!!

THE WYOMING COUNTY 4-H  
PROGRAM SENDS OUT IMPORTANT  
INFORMATION FREQUENTLY BY EMAIL  
BLAST!

CHECK YOUR JUNK FILE AS THEY MAY BE  
SORTED THERE! IF YOU ARE NOT  
RECEIVING ANYTHING, PLEASE CALL THE  
4-H OFFICE AT 585-786-2251.

## PLANNING A FUNDRAISER?

- Any 4-H club that is planning to raise funds for club activities, apparel, supplies, etc... needs to submit a "Request for Permission to Raise Funds in the Name of 4-H" form (Took L-20 in the Leaders' Handbook) to the 4-H office.
- Forms should be submitted to the 4-H office at least 30 days prior to the proposed fundraising date for approval.
- Fundraising events where food is prepared and sold, need a "Community Dinner Permission" from the Wyoming County Health Department. Contact the 4-H office at 585-786-2251 for info on this simple process.

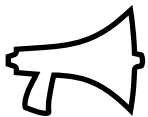
# PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

## ★ 2025 ★

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:**



**Thursday, February 20, 2025 & Tuesday, February 25, 2025**

5:00 - 8:00PM

Held at: The Ag & Business Center



**Saturday, February 22, 2025**

9:00 - 11:30AM

Held at: The Ag & Business Center



*Please complete the registration form found in the December/January newsletter and return it to the 4-H office by Monday, February 10th.*

## INCENTIVES

AGE AS OF DEC. 31, 2024

### 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

### PUBLIC PRESENTATION SELECTION PROCEDURE FOR DISTRICT PRESENTATIONS

At the conclusion of presentations, the judges 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 29th!*

### SENIOR INCENTIVE

#### BLUE RIBBON WINNERS

A 4-H long sleeve sport tee

#### RED RIBBON WINNERS

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

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

### SAVE YOUR PUBLIC PRESENTATION POSTERS

*FOR THOSE OF YOU INTERESTED IN ENTERING YOUR POSTER AS A WYOMING COUNTY FAIR EXHIBIT AND/OR IN DOING YOUR PRESENTATION AT THE FAIR - SAVE YOUR POSTER!*

*4-H PUBLIC PRESENTATION POSTER - POSTER (S) USED FOR CURRENT YEAR PRESENTATIONS; POSTER MINIMUM OF 14"X22" - ACCEPTABLE TO USE BOTH SIDES OF POSTER.*

*IF PRESENTATION INCLUDES MORE THAN ONE POSTER, ENTER AS ONE EXHIBIT. THE POSTER WILL BE EVALUATED ON CONTENT, ILLUSTRATIONS, ORGANIZATION, CLARITY, VISUAL APPEAL AND READABILITY.*

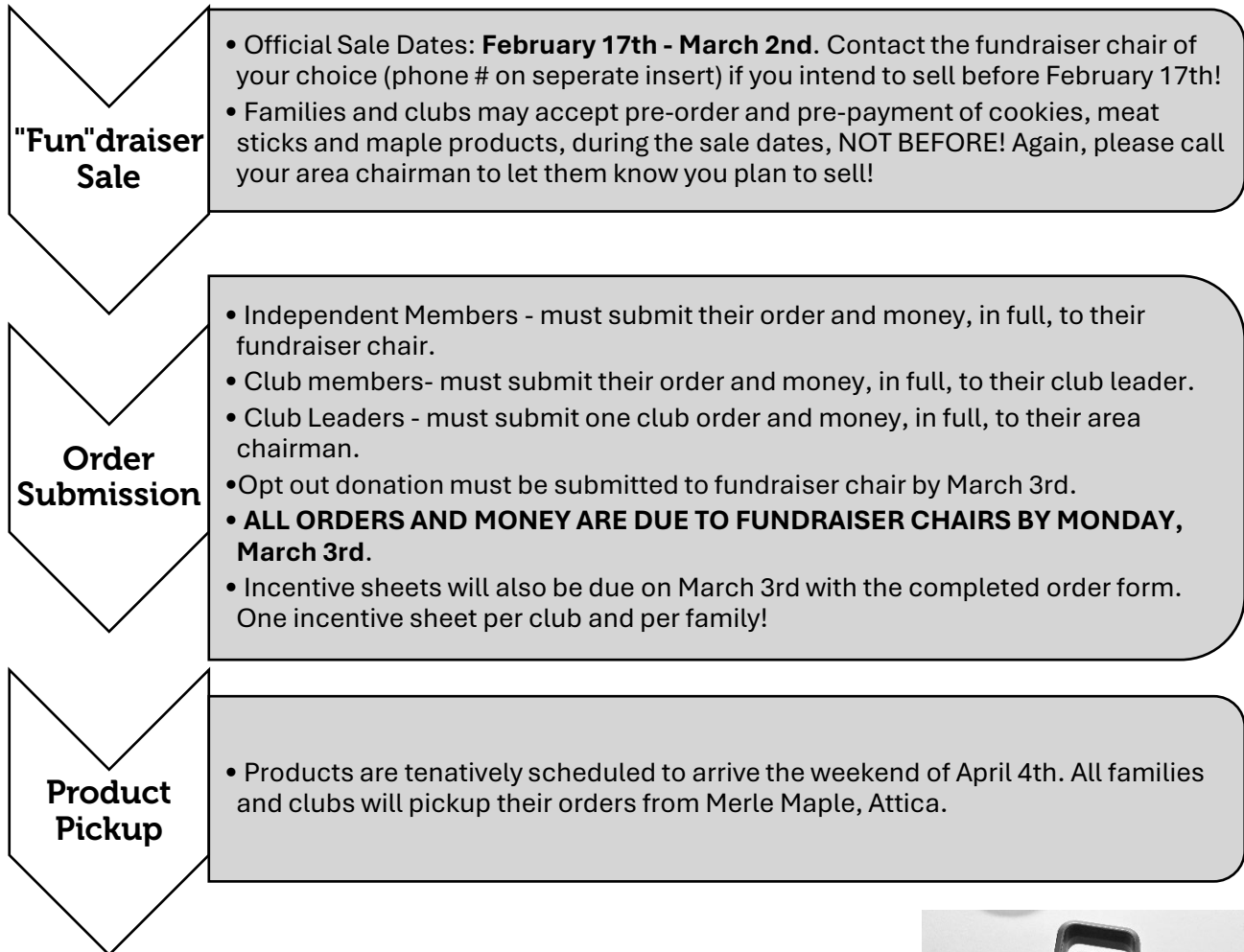
FAIR CLASS: SECTION 20, CLASS 156



# Wyoming County 4-H Fundraiser Details

We strongly encourage all 4-H members (non-Cloverbuds) to participate in the 2025 4-H fundraising sale. If every 4-H member sells \$100 worth of product, this sale would be a success. In 2024, only 30% of our membership participated in our fundraiser. **Considering this, we have included an “opt out” option for families who do not want to participate by selling products. If you choose to not participate, please consider giving a \$20 per child “opt out” donation in lieu of active fundraising participation.** This opt-out donation can be paid to the fundraising chairs, or the 4-H office directly via cash or check. Please do not hesitate to contact our office with any follow-up questions or concerns.

**The 2025 4-H Fundraiser Sale will run Monday, February 17th through Sunday, March 2nd. Orders will be due to your selected fundraiser chairperson on Monday March 3rd. Our anticipated delivery date of products will be Thursday April 3rd, for distribution that Friday and Saturday (subject to change).**



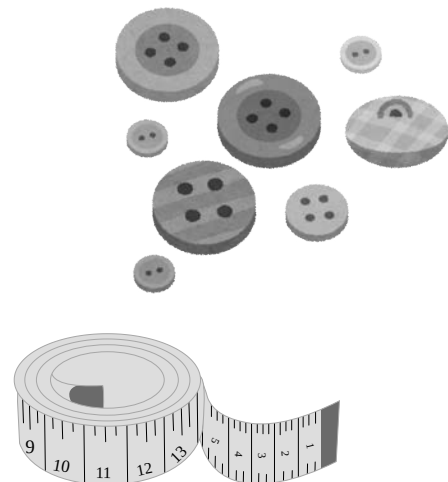
All orders are final, and orders will only be placed if all payment accompanies the final order on March 3rd. Incentive sheets must be turned into your fundraiser chair with your order to be valid. Gift certificates will be offered as incentive prizes. *Incentives will only be honored if the incentive sheet is filled out and turned into the cookie chair with your complete order. Incentives will be based off the dollar value of total sales per individual; details can be found on the incentive sheet. The top three sellers will receive a gift certificate towards the value of their sale, plus an exclusive 4-H engraved Stanley IceFlow Thermos.*



# WYOMING COUNTY 4-H

## FASHION REVUE

*Sew... Make your statement*



### *Important Dates to Remember*

#### **Friday, April 11th**

Entry blanks and commentary sheets due for April 17th and April 26th judging.  
Please return entry blank and commentary sheet to the 4-H Office.  
Bring 'Evaluation Sheet' with you on judging day.

#### **Thursday, April 17th**

Evening clothing evaluation judging option  
6:00PM-8:00PM Ag & Business Center (36 Center Street, Warsaw)  
(BRING EVALUATION SHEET WITH YOU)

#### **Saturday, April 26th**

Day clothing evaluation judging option  
9:00AM-10:30AM Ag & Business Center (36 Center Street, Warsaw)  
(BRING EVALUATION SHEET WITH YOU)

#### **Friday, May 9th**

7:30PM Clothing Revue @ Ag & Business Center, Warsaw

#### **Cover Design Contest**

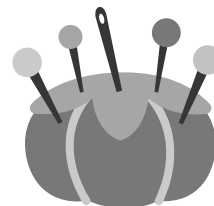
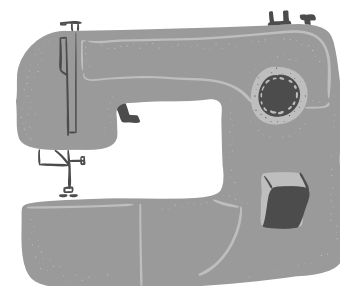
If you are a 4-H Member, you can enter a cover design for the  
2025 Clothing Revue Program!  
Your cover design should reflect this year's  
theme "Sew... Make Your Statement"

Please note: Your cover design must be 8 1/2" by 5 1/2" and should be made with black ink on paper (no computer generated covers, please!) Mail or bring in your design to the Wyoming County 4-H Office by April 11th.

#### **Sewing Machines & Serger Available**

The 4-H Office has several sewing machines as well as a serger available for individual members or clubs to use in preparation for Clothing Revue.

Contact the 4-H office for availability and further questions.





# Delicious Destinations

Exploring Foods Around The World!

Monday, April 14th 6:30pm setup, 7:00pm program begins

Ag & Business Center, Warsaw



Explore the different cuisines around the world, along with their cultures and heritage!

There are hundreds of cultures and cuisines across the globe, we challenge you, as 4-H independent and club members, to select a country and research the origins of the foods they eat and their culinary histories and traditions!

It's easy! As a club (or independent member), pick a nation in the world you are interested in exploring! Over the next several months, gather information on the region's cuisine, including styles of cooking or special dishes, and the history or origins of the food item(s) or recipes. You may choose a country or region of the USA.

As an opportunity to highlight what members learn from participating in this experience, Wyoming County 4-H will host a 'Delicious Destinations - Exploring Foods throughout the World' event on Monday evening, April 14th, 2025. In planning for an evening that will be interesting and enjoyable for everyone, your club (or independent members) should be prepared to:

- Share samples of a food/dish that is representative of your region/city with other participants.
- All food samples must be prepared prior to the event, and prepackaged for distribution.
- Plan a short presentation (5 minutes max) to share what you have learned with others.
- Put together a small display highlighting what you learned by participating in the project (i.e. posters, photographs, clothing, recipes, etc.)

Pre-registration is required as spacing is limited. This will provide a great opportunity for everyone to discover 'delicious destinations' by sampling foods and sharing information, without leaving Wyoming County (or even the room)! Call the 4-H office for questions or to sign up by April 1st!



# SECRETARIES HONOR ROLL

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

## **NOVEMBER** in by December 18th

3 + 2 ❁ Natalie Bartholomew  
Back 2 Basics ❁ Avalon Forti  
Creek Road Pioneers ❁ Kayla Copeland  
On The Fence ❁ Raena Beechler

## **DECEMBER** in by January 15th

3 + 2 ❁ Natalie Bartholomew  
Back 2 Basics ❁ Avalon Forti  
Creek Road Pioneers ❁ Kayla Copeland

### **Remember**

*Secretary reports are due to the 4-H office by the third Wednesday of the following month. Reports for January reports are due by February 19th, February reports are due March 19th and April reports are due May 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>

# PILLOWCASE WORKSHOP

**Saturday, April 12th**

**9:00am - 12:00pm**

Ag & Business Center, Warsaw

Looking to learn some basic sewing skills and walk away with your own designer pillowcase?

Then join us on April 12th in making pillowcases. Each 4-H participant will pick out their fabric combination to make a pillowcase. The workshop is **free**. The only supplies needed from you is a pair of scissors if you have one. Otherwise, some will be provided.

Open to all 4-H members.

Clover buds and younger 4-H members are welcome to participate with an adult assistance.

Please register for the event by April 7th by calling the 4-H at 585-786-2251.



# Open Craft Day!

**Monday, February 17th**

**9:30AM - 12:00PM**

**Ag & Business Center**

Want to use your creativity and have some fun? We will be holding an open craft day, with opportunities to paint, and create! Multiple stations will be set up for independent crafting.

This event is **free**, but RSVP by February 10th is required to acquire an adequate number of supplies.

Open to all 4-H members - Please consider having an adult attend with younger members.



# STEM CAMP DAY

**Tuesday, February 18th**

**10AM - 11:30AM**

**Ag & Business Center, Warsaw**

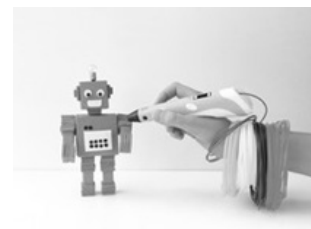
4-H ages 8+

*Free to all participants*

Come play and learn with various STEM activities on your holiday break!

Breakout rooms will include ozobots, snap circuits, 3-D pens, and a special STEM challenge for older youth. Rooms will be divided based on the ages of participants.

Register by February 10th to take part in this fun camp day by calling 585-786-2251.



## 2025 Wyoming County Fair 4-H Schedule Preview

Our 4-H Project Advisory Committees, in conjunction with open show superintendents, have made some changes to this year's fair schedule. We believe these updates will work well with current needs of our program and 4-H families. *Please mark your calendars now as some traditional show dates have changed!*

### FRIDAY 8/8/25

1-7PM: Dept. H Youth Building entry and judging  
6-9PM: Dept. H Dairy, non-auction beef, goats & sheep may arrive  
6-9PM: Dept. H Auction Market Hogs arrive

### SATURDAY 8/9/25

6-11AM: Dept. H Dairy, Beef, Sheep, & Goats arrive  
9AM: Fair opens  
10AM: Dept. H Poultry arrives (must be in place by 1pm)  
11AM: Baked food sale – Youth Bldg.  
11AM: 4-H Opening Ceremonies Program  
12PM: Parking gates start charging parking fee  
12PM: 4-H Poultry Show (showmanship & breed classes)  
1PM: 4-H Meat Animal Swine Show  
2PM: Meet the ED and Learn about 4-H – Youth Bldg.

### SUNDAY 8/10/25

9AM-12PM: 4-H Rabbits & Cavies Arrive  
9:30AM: 4-H Meat Goat Show  
9:30AM: 4-H Dairy Showmanship Show  
10AM-1PM: Wyoming County Gladiolus Show entries  
12PM: 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show  
1PM: Gladiolus Show - All entries in place  
1-4:30PM: Demonstrations – Youth Bldg.  
2PM: 4-H Dog Obedience Show, Baseball Field  
3PM: Zucchini Derby - Youth Bldg.  
5PM: Dairy Night - Youth Bldg.  
6-8PM: Demonstrations – Youth Bldg.

### MONDAY 8/11/25

7AM: 4-H horses may arrive  
8:30AM: 4-H Horse Show, Gymkhana Division  
9AM: 4-H Meat Animal Beef Show  
11AM: 4-H Goat Knowledge Contest  
12PM: 4-H Beef Show  
1PM: 4-H Meat Animal Lamb Show  
1-4:30PM: Demonstrations - Youth Bldg.  
2PM: Groovy Smoothie Contest - Youth Bldg.  
4PM: 4-H horses must be in place  
6-8PM: Demonstrations - Youth Bldg.  
7PM: Grand Parade

### TUESDAY 8/12/25

9AM: 4-H Horse Show, Leadline & Western Divisions  
9:30AM: 4-H Dairy Goat Show  
9:30AM: Dept H Dairy Conformation Show  
2PM: WyCo Board of Supervisors meeting in Youth Bldg.  
4-8PM: Demonstrations - Youth Bldg.  
4PM: Lego Build Off - Youth Bldg.  
4PM: 4-H Supreme Showmanship Contest  
5PM: 4-H Meat Animal Results  
7PM: Firemen's Parade  
7:30PM: 4-H Costume Show (hogs, sheep, goats, cattle, dogs, poultry, and rabbits)

### WEDNESDAY 8/13/25

9:00AM: 4-H Horse Show, English Division  
9AM: 4-H Sheep Show  
9AM: 4-H & FFA Dairy Cattle Judging and Leadsman Contest  
12PM: 4-H & FFA Livestock Judging Contest  
1-4:30PM: Demonstrations - Youth Bldg.  
3PM: Bucket of Junk Awards - Youth Bldg.  
4PM: 4-H Horses released  
5PM: Annual 4-H Meat Animal Auction (Poultry, Goats, Hogs, Lambs and Beef)  
6-8PM: Demonstrations - Youth Bldg.  
7-10PM: 4-H Goats Released  
10PM: 4-H Meat Animals Released

### THURSDAY 8/14/25

8AM-12PM: 4-H Beef, Dairy, and Sheep released  
12:30PM: 4-H Dog Agility & Rally Obedience Show AEA  
1-4:30PM: Demonstrations - Youth Bldg.  
1:30PM: FCS Skillathon - Youth Bldg.  
3-8PM: Dept M & U animals arrive  
3-8PM: Dept H breeding and non-auction market hogs arrive  
6-8PM: Demonstrations - Youth Bldg.

### FRIDAY 8/15/25

9AM: Open Class Beef Show  
11AM: 4-H Cupcake Showdown – Youth Bldg.  
12PM: Open Youth Dairy Showmanship Contest  
1-4:30PM: Demonstrations - Youth Bldg.  
5PM: 4-H and Open Class Swine Show  
6-7:30PM: Demonstrations - Youth Bldg.

### SATURDAY 8/16/25

9AM: Open Class Sheep Show  
9:30AM: Open Class Dairy Cattle Show  
12PM: Dept. H Rabbits & Poultry released  
12PM: Dept. U and 4-H Swine released  
1PM: Dept. U Sheep released  
2PM: Dept. U Beef released  
4PM: Dept. M Dairy Cattle released  
4-8PM: 4-H/FFA Youth Bldg. exhibits released  
Dept. M,U,H Livestock must be out by 10am on Sunday

# HORSING AROUND



Horse Certificates must be in file on the 4-H office for each individual horse and rider combination to be used in 4-H events. They are due June 1st which is a Wednesday this year, no exceptions. Certificates are available online at wyoming-county4h.com or in the 4-H office.

All 4-H members participating in the horse program must fill out an Acknowledgement of Risk Form with appropriate horse activities checked. This was part of your enrollment packet this year. This paperwork must be on file in the 4-H office in order to participate in any 4-H riding activities. Call the 4-H office with any questions.

Make sure up to date Rabies & Coggins paperwork is on your person at shows! Copies need to be submitted to the 4-H office with fair entries by July 15th!

Watch your email for supplemental event dates!

To be eligible to show at the Wyoming County Fair in 2025, youth must attend at least one educational opportunity, denoted by asterixis on the calendar. Youth who go above and beyond and attend multiple events will receive educational recognition at the horse banquet in September. Youth must sign the registration sheet and stay for the duration of the event to receive full credit.

## WYOMING COUNTY 4-H 2025 HORSE EDUCATIONAL EVENTS CALENDAR

### FEBRUARY

- \* **Public Presentations & Horse Communications:** Ag & Business Center (see page 8)

### MARCH

- \* **Hippology:** March 23rd; 1:00pm, Ag & Business Center

### APRIL

- \* **Clipping & Grooming:** Date & Location TBD

### MAY

- \* **Saddlefitting & Tack:** Date & Location TBD

### JUNE

- \* **Show Etiquette:** Date & Location TBD

### JULY

- \* **Horse First Aid:** Date & Location TBD

### HIPPOLOGY CONTEST

**Sunday, March 23, 2025 at 1:00PM**  
Ag & Business Center, Warsaw

We will have stations for horse judging, tack, feeds, breeds, anatomy, etc. Anyone who is enrolled in the horse project is encouraged to participate!



**March 15 & 16, 2025**  
The Fairgrounds in Hamburg, NY

4-H members are invited to take part in this event, Western New York State's equine showcase. Whether you are the most experienced horsemen or only admire horses from a distance, WNY Equifest will bring you closer to the equestrian community. We welcome horse enthusiasts, owners, trainers, clinicians, riders and vendors to gather to celebrate the horse industry in New York State.

Free admission, grounds are open 9:00am-4:00pm on both days.

\*Wyoming County 4-H Horse Program will have a 4-H booth at this event! If horse clubs/individuals are interested in working at the booth on Sunday the 16th, please contact Sarah at the 4-H office!

\*\*The American Angels Wyoming County 4-H Drill Team will be performing at 11:45am on Saturday the 15th. Come cheer on our local team!!

# DAIRY DISCOVERY

**SATURDAY, MARCH 29th**  
COST: \$20.00 - COVERS LUNCH, HANDOUTS  
AND MATERIALS

This statewide program for youth ages 14 to 19 years-old is held all day Saturday, March 29th at Cornell University. Youth learn about dairy careers by rotating through a series of hands-on stations that focus on specific aspects of the dairy industry. This is a great opportunity for youth to explore fields in dairy and connect with industry professional on campus.



To register, call the 4-H office or email Stephanie at [sal294@cornell.edu](mailto:sal294@cornell.edu) by March 1st!

## Dairy Cattle Judging

### Judging Tours:

**Saturday, March 22nd - 12:00PM**  
Flint Farms, Warsaw

**Saturday, April 12th at 9:30AM**  
Rudger's Registered Jersey's,  
Attica

**AGAIN THIS YEAR:** We will only be judging at one farm during the day!

Call the office at (585) 786-2251 to sign up for a date. Remember, any member who is interested in judging on the county team **MUST** attend one of these sessions.

\*\*\* This will fulfill the educational requirement needed to show dairy cattle at the 2025 Wyoming County Fair\*\*\*

## Dairy Judging 101

**Tuesday, March 18th at 6:30PM**  
Ag & Business Center, Warsaw  
Youth ages 8-18

Join Stephanie for some fun interactive games to help youth learn the basics of dairy judging! Youth will learn the body parts of the cow, what the ideal cow looks like, and how to judge a class. We will have youth feeling confident to go dairy judge. Call the 4-H Office to RSVP by March 14th.

\*\*\* This will fulfill the educational requirement needed to show dairy cattle at the 2025 Wyoming County Fair\*\*\*

# DAIRY JEOPARDY

**Thursday, February 13th**  
**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, Natures Perfect Food" and "TMR the mixer".

Call the 4-H office at 585-786-2251 or email Stephanie at [sal294@cornell.edu](mailto:sal294@cornell.edu) to register by February 7th.

*\*\*This event will satisfy the educational requirement for exhibiting 4-H dairy at the 2025 Wyoming County Fair\*\**



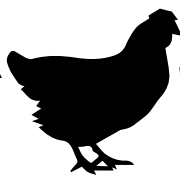
## NYS 4-H Virtual Dairy Bowl Practices!

Join youth from across the state on Thursdays in January & February from 7 - 8pm and participate in virtual dairy bowl practices, hosted by the NYS 4-H Dairy Committee.

- January 9
- January 23
- February 6
- February 20
- February 27



Register here:  
<https://bit.ly/4fi7sQP>



## 2025 4-H MARKET POULTRY PROJECT

This opportunity allows members to raise broiler chickens, exhibit them before the fair and then sell them during the 4-H Meat Animal Auction in August.

**Broiler orders due:** March 28th

**Broiler pickup:** approximately June 2nd

**Broiler show:** Saturday, July 26th

**Community service component:** donation of two processed birds to local food distribution programs in Wyoming County.

Complete program guidelines are available on the 4-H website. Participants must meet Meat Animal enrollment deadlines, in addition to register for this program by March 28th.

Minimum of 6 chicks, maximum of 12 chicks per participant, not including donation birds. **Cost:** \$2.00/chick, not including donation chicks. Two donation chicks will be added to your order at pick up.

Orders are due no later than March 28th via paper form or you may also register for the program online:  
[https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/WYCO4-Hmarketpoultry-2-2-2-2\\_256](https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/WYCO4-Hmarketpoultry-2-2-2-2_256)



### 4-H MARKET CHICK ORDER FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

AGE \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

# OF CHICKS \_\_\_\_\_

## PULLORUM TESTING FOR POULTRY

All poultry (except waterfowl) exhibited at the Wyoming County Fair will need a valid Pullorum Certificate for 2025.

If you have a flock of 10 or more birds, we strongly recommend doing onsite testing to join the NPIP Program (National Poultry Improvement Plan). This will provide you with a valid 1-year certificate.

The onsite inspections take place in April and May for flocks. Individual bird testing will take place at the fairgrounds, on **July 8, 2025; 5 to 7pm**. Please contact the 4-H office for more details regarding the NPIP testing.

## ALL THINGS POULTRY

with Hermann Weber

**Monday, April 21st at 6:30PM**

Ag & Business Center, Warsaw

Hermann Weber will be on hand to talk about raising broilers, layer chickens, and all other poultry related topics that you may have questions about. Youth participants should be prepared with questions about their 4-H broiler or backyard poultry projects. All 4-H families that are interested in poultry should plan to attend. Please call the 4-H office to register before the meeting.

*This meeting will satisfy the educational requirement for showing both traditional poultry and market broilers at the 2025 Wyoming County Fair.*

## POULTRY PROCESSING 101

**Saturday, May 10th beginning at 9:00am**

HLW Acres, 1727 Exchange Street Road, Attica

Hermann Weber is offering a poultry processing workshop geared for 4-H members at his processing facility. He will cover all aspects of processing and regulations. There will be hands on components and participants will need to wear washable boots. A parent/guardian will need to accompany youth members during the event. Lunch will be provided. Please call the 4-H office with any questions or to register by May 5th for the meeting.

*This meeting will satisfy the educational requirement for showing both traditional poultry and market broilers at the 2025 Wyoming County Fair.*





## MEAT ANIMAL PROJECT

4-H Meat Animal Project Weigh-In Dates are scheduled at the Wyoming County Fairgrounds in Pike

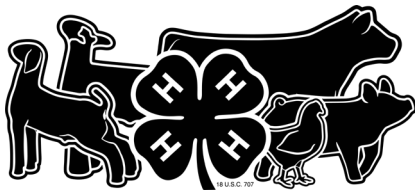
### SWINE

Friday, May 2nd from 4:00pm till 8:00pm  
Saturday, May 3rd from 9:00am till 11:00am

### LAMB & GOAT

Thursday, May 8th from 5:00pm till 8:00pm  
(lambs should be weigh between 35 and 75 pounds)

Registration for time slots will be sent out via email and be advertised in the April 4-H News.



## Feeding for Success - Show Beef Nutrition

**Friday, March 28th**

**at 7:00PM**

**Ag & Business Center, Warsaw**

Guest speaker, Mitchell Hanson will join us from Iowa, via Zoom, to talk about beef nutrition. Mitchell is a nutritionist with the Kent Show Feeds Team. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about feeding cattle for shows, general cattle nutrition, and ask an expert on specific beef topics. Please call the 4-H office to register before the meeting.

*This meeting will satisfy the educational requirement for showing beef, sheep, swine, auction poultry, and auction goats at the 2025 Wyoming County Fair.*

## Continuing Meat Animal Program Requirement



This online program is designed to provide an estimated 60 minutes of education each year and requires the passing of a series of three quizzes to earn certification. Each Wyoming County 4-H Meat Animal Project youth participant will be required to complete the online certification process (yqca.org) each project year. Proof of completion (certificate) must be submitted to the 4-H office. This requirement is **IN ADDITION** to the livestock educational event requirement outlined in the 2025 4-H meat animal rules.

There is a fee for the online program. 4-H Families may choose to pay for it on their own OR contact the 4-H office for a voucher/coupon for each youth member. Instructions for how to complete the online training can be found on our website: wyomingcounty4h.com. Please contact Holly in the 4-H office if you have questions regarding this requirement or would like to receive a voucher/coupon for youth participants. *Vouchers will be available starting February 10th.*

## LIVESTOCK SKILL-A-THON

**Saturday, March 1st**

**at 9:30AM**

**AG & BUSINESS CENTER, WARSAW**

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

*(This event will satisfy the educational requirement for showing beef, sheep, swine, auction poultry and auction goats.)*

## General Livestock Program Reminders:

Non-Auction Beef Sheep & Swine (Ages 8-18 as of 1/1/25): Youth members do NOT have to participate in the livestock auction project to show beef, sheep or pigs at the fair during 4-H shows. We have non auction showmanship, market classes, and breeding animal classes for these species. They are a great way to learn how to raise and show livestock before jumping into the auction program. To exhibit beef, sheep or pigs, youth members must complete one of the specified education events for the livestock program. Pre-registration in the form of a fair entry is also required by July 15th. Watch the June 4-H News for information and deadlines on fair entries. Youth do have an opportunity to exhibit at the NYS Fair. We have project learning materials available in the 4-H office on request.

# GIANT VEGETABLES

If you are looking for a fun 4-H project that is both challenging and rewarding look no further.

## - THE FACTS -

- The seeds for Atlantic Giants, sunflowers and mini pumpkins are provided by GrowMark.
- Seeds and started plants are provided by Dave Duboy and friends.
- There is no cost to members.
- To complete the project youth will need to bring one specimen to Giant Vegetable Weigh-In in October.

If you are interested in participating fill out the tear slip on the page and drop it in the mail, bring it to the 4-H Office or email it to [sac347@cornell.edu](mailto:sac347@cornell.edu). All orders need to be at the 4-H Office by March 14th. Seed pick up will be in May.

## REGISTRATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE ENROLL ME IN THE GIANT VEGETABLE PROGRAM

## SMALL RUMINANT NUTRITION

Tuesday, April 1st  
at 6:30pm

Ag & Business Center, Warsaw

Nutrition is an important part of your small ruminant operation. Understanding basic physiology, feed stuff, and nutrient requirements are key components to manage. Join Dr. Ashley Vranich as she provides a hands-on workshop to teach youth about the importance of small ruminant nutrition.

Call the 4-H office at (585) 786-2251 or email Stephanie at [sal294@cornell.edu](mailto:sal294@cornell.edu) to register.

*(This event will count as an educational opportunity to exhibit meat and dairy goats at the 2025 Wyoming County Fair)*

### \*\* 4-H PUBLIC PRESENTATION NOTE \*\*

Don't forget that doing a public presentation counts towards an educational event for one species!

There are three dates to choose from: February 20th, 22nd, 25th. Topics don't necessarily need to be animal 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!

## GOAT JEOPARDY

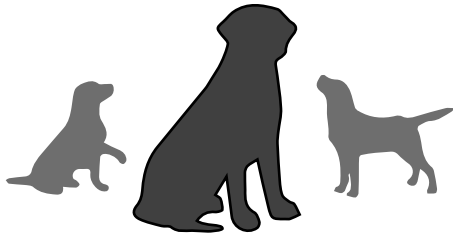
Thursday, March 6th at 6:30 PM

Ag & Business Center, Warsaw

Goat Jeopardy is a knowledge competition that allows youth to compete as individuals. Styled after the popular television game show, questions are similar to those asked in Goat Bowl. The contestants demonstrate their ability to think on their feet and wager points based on their knowledge of topics ranging from "Caprine Health" and "Breed All About It" (questions about the different breeds of goats).

Call the 4-H office at (585) 786-2251 or email Stephanie at [sal294@cornell.edu](mailto:sal294@cornell.edu) to register. Youth must be registered by Friday, February 28th.

*(This event will satisfy the educational requirement for exhibiting dairy and meat goats at the 2025 Wyoming County Fair)*



The Wyoming County 4-H Dog Obedience Program will begin in April 2025. Classes will meet weekly for 9 weeks. If you are interested in enrolling in the program, call the 4-H Office to request a brochure, or view online. Youth who selected “Dog” on their 4-H enrollment will receive a brochure in the mail in mid February. Below find the contact information for each site.



## SITES & LEADERS

*(Call Leaders to Enroll)*

### ARCADE

Mindy Holland (716-353-6584)  
contact after 5:00PM

1583 Green Road, Freedom

Tuesdays - 6PM: Beginners - 7PM: Advanced

### PERRY

Joan Sage, Bonnie Bowman &  
Emelyn Bell (585-237-2998)

Perry Town Park, Perry  
Thursdays - 6:30PM

### FILLMORE

Alicia Oyer (585-610-6685)  
9865 Council House Rd, Fillmore  
Wednesdays - 6:30PM






## 2025 MARCH DOG MADNESS

**MARCH 8TH, 2025**  
**9 am - 4 pm**

2025 Workshops include:

- BFFs: Building a relationship with your Dog
- A Star is Born: From Film to Modeling - preparing your dog for the big Screen
- Cooperative Care and Dog First Aid
- "SPLASH!" Dock Diving
- "Here I Am!" Now What? - Training the Dog in Front of You
- Choose your own AKC Adventure - Explore titles you can earn close to home
- Putting on the Ritz - Prepping for State Fair - making you, your club and county shine

**\$25/person**  
**Lunch provided**  
**Registration required by February 28!**

**To register please contact your CCE Educator!**

For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/4h66Oak>



For questions contact Brian Aukema at [bj14@cornell.edu](mailto:bj14@cornell.edu)

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## 2025 REGIONAL 4-H DOG BOWL

**FEBRUARY 15TH, 10:00 AM**



Counties do not need to send full teams. Teams will be made after registration to ensure everyone can participate.

Alfred State College Farm  
1315 State Rte 244  
Alfred Station, NY 14803

**To register, email Kathi Chambliss at [chamblisk@gmail.com](mailto:chamblisk@gmail.com) with Name, Age, Experience and Contact Number!**

Sponsored by the Allegany County K-9 Connections Dog Club  
Registration due February 9th

Cornell Cooperative Extension  
Wyoming County  
4-H Youth Development  
36 Center St, Suite B, Warsaw, NY 14569

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# AG LITERACY WEEK

MARCH 17TH- 21ST

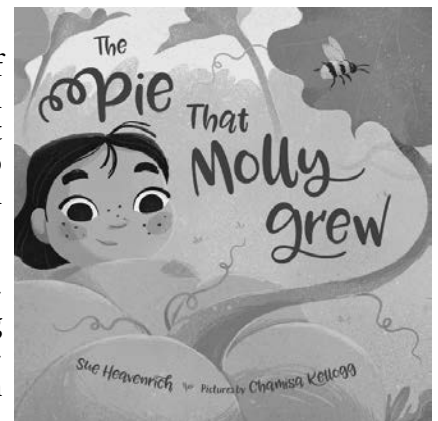


Wyoming County schools will be participating in Ag Literacy Week, a week devoted to teaching young children about agriculture and why agriculture is an important part of our world. During the week of March 17-21, 2025 (National Ag Week), volunteers throughout NY will visit classrooms to read a book with an agricultural theme, lead an activity based on the book and talk to students about agriculture. The book will then be donated to the school and library.

## THIS YEAR'S BOOK

Beginning with the planting of a single seed, join Molly on the journey of bringing a pumpkin to harvest. Under Molly's watchful eye and care, each stage of growth – from the seed to the sprout to the leaves to the final fruit on the vine – is showcased. At the end, Molly's lovely pumpkin is turned into a delicious pie to one and all to share in a celebration of gratitude. All from the seed that Molly sowed.

It is an honor to feature New York author Sue Heavenrich for our 2025 Agricultural Literacy Week program. Based in Tioga County, Sue is a lifelong lover of biology, gardening, and reading. A teacher of many sorts, Sue especially loves telling stories about the science she sees in her backyard, or in this case, her garden!



A big thank you to Wyoming County Farm Bureau for sponsoring this book. The book will be read in every second-grade classroom in the county. A book will also be donated to the school's library. If you are interested in being a classroom reader, call Stephanie at the 4-H office at 786-2251 or email at [sal294@cornell.edu](mailto:sal294@cornell.edu).