

WYOMING COUNTY 4-H E-NEWS

MARCH 1, 2024

4-H FUNDRAISER

- We're in the final few days of our fundraising sale! We want to thank all our families who are working hard to support our 4-H program, and sell cookies, meat sticks and maple products to support our program. Without this fundraising opportunity, we could not in turn offer great programs back to our youth! All documents relating to the sale can be found on our website.
- Remember – the sale officially ends this Sunday, March 3rd. Money is due to your area chairman on Monday, March 4th. If you have not already, please call them ahead of time to schedule order drop off (reference the chairman map if needed!). Order forms, money, cash/check forms, and incentive sheets are all due together. We recommend taking a picture of your order form for reference. We will be giving the order forms back to families when products are picked up. The target date for delivery is April 11th, however that is subject to change. We will be in touch with all families who sold items before then to verify pickup place and time. If you have any questions or concerns – please feel free to call our office at 786-2251.

DOG OBEDIENCE PROGRAM

- Our county 4-H dog obedience program will begin in April. Now is the time to register with your local leader if you're interested! [HERE](#) is the link for our dog brochure, with all the information you need to know! Call the 4-H office with any questions or concerns.

DAIRY JUDGING 101

- Tuesday, March 19th at 6:30PM at the Ag & Business Center, Warsaw
- This fun interactive workshop will teach youth about the basics of dairy judging, cow body parts, and what the ideal cow looks like. Call the 4-H office to Register by March 15th.

DAIRY JUDGING AT FLINT FARMS

- Saturday, March 23rd at Noon, Flint Farms Route 20A, Warsaw.
- Call the 4-H office to register by March 15th.

DAIRY DISCOVERY

- Saturday, March 30th at Cornell University; Cost: \$20
- This statewide program is for youth ages 14-19. Throughout the day, youth will be able to attend hands-on workshops that focus on Calves & Heifers. This is a great opportunity for youth to explore fields in dairy and connect with industry professionals on campus. Youth must register with Stephanie by Monday, March 4th!

LIVESTOCK SKILL-A-THON

- This event is tomorrow, Saturday, March 2nd! 9:30AM till approximately 11:30AM. This is an interactive and fun educational event for beef, sheep, swine, market poultry, and market goats. Email Holly to register at hmh62@cornell.edu.

MARKET BROILER PROGRAM

- The deadline to register for the Market Broiler Auction Program is March 29th. The project involves raising broiler chicks from hatch to harvest for approximately 8 weeks, showing them, and selling two processed birds at the fair. This project also has a community service component. Email Holly for more information at hmh62@cornell.edu. Registration link: https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/WYCO4-Hmarketpoultry-2-2-2_256

HIPPOLOGY CONTEST

- Saturday, March 9, 2024, at 9:30AM Ag & Business Center, Warsaw
- This is a Skill-a-thon style event! Youth will rotate and answer questions at each station, horse judging, tack, feeds, breeds, anatomy, etc. Anyone who is enrolled in the horse project is encouraged to participate!

EQUINE SHOW PREP CLINIC

- Saturday March 9th, 2024, 10AM at Kingbrook Farms, Chaffee
- Learn to band, clip and groom for shows. *This event DOES NOT qualify as an educational event to show an equine at the Wyoming County Fair but is a great opportunity!

NYS 4-H HORSE PROGRAM

- We are pleased to announce NYS 4-H Horse Program Industry Professional Interviews! See the attachment! Register Here: https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/EquineIndustry_127

2024 AWARD TRIP APPLICATION AVAILABLE

- A reminder that enrolled youth age 12+ are eligible to apply for award trips! You can find the application attached to this email, and they have also been sent in the mail. Applications are due March 18th. Please note that to have a qualifying application, members must have sold at least \$100 in product sales during our 4-H fundraising campaign (which ends this Sunday, March 3rd!)

GIANT VEGETABLE PROJECT REGISTRATION DUE

- If you are looking for a fun 4-H project that is both challenging and rewarding, look no further! Youth will have the opportunity to grow giant pumpkins, mini pumpkins, and sunflowers at no cost to members. Seeds and plants will be given out in May, and a weigh in event will be held in October. This is a fun opportunity to get involved in your garden this year! Please reply to wyoingcounty4h@cornell.edu with youth's name, address phone and birthdate by Monday the 4th of March as seed supplies are limited!

CLOTHING REVUE - APRIL

- The spring clothing revue may seem far away, but now is the time to start sewing! Sewing machines are available for use at the 4-H office. You can find the clothing revue packet [HERE](#) on our website. If there are any questions about the project, please contact Sarah at sac347@cornell.edu

HAND EMBROIDERED FELTED FUN

- Saturday, March 16, 2024, 9:00AM – 11:30AM Ag & Business Center
- Learn some basic stitches, and create animals, flowers, or a barn scene! The options are endless once the technique is mastered. 4-H alumni Alexa Wolcott and current volunteer Liz Wolcott will be teaching this class. This class will be free to enrolled 4-H'ers 8+, younger members it is suggested parents stay to assist. Please bring fabric scissors, embroidery needles and scissors if you have them. This event is free of cost, but pre-registration is required by March 8th.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY FUN

- Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 6:30PM – 8:00PM Ag & Business Center
- Open to Youth 5+ (Cloverbuds with adult assistance) Cost: \$3 per person Join us for a night of green themed fun. We will be decorating St. Patrick's Day themed cupcakes and playing bingo! Wear your favorite green outfit! Please register by March 11th by calling the 4-H office at 585-786-2251.

SUGAR ART

- Monday, April 1, 2024, at 10:00AM Ag and Business Center
- Easter often brings with it lots of sugary goodness. And it turns out the sweet stuff is the secret ingredient to this string art! We will make sugar eggs to decorate with this spring. Open to cloverbuds (with adult supervision) and all other 4-H members. Register by March 28th. All supplies will be provided.

BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY BOTANICAL GARDEN FIELD TRIP

- Wednesday, April 3, 2024, 9:00AM departure from Ag & Business Center 2:00PM return to Ag & Business Center
- We are planning a special 4-H outing during the spring school break. Participants will travel together with 4-H staff to visit the botanical garden and have lunch out. We will explore the more than eleven indoor gardens, take photos that can be used as fair exhibits, and enjoy the beauty of spring! Open to 4-H members ages 12 and up. Cost: \$15.00 for ages 13+; \$9.00 Kids aged 12. The Wyoming County 4-H Leaders' Association will cover the cost of lunch for youth participants. RSVPs are due by Friday, March 15th. Limited spots available!

TRACT, NATURE, ADVENTURE HIKING CLUB

- Saturday, March 30th at 1:30PM
- This county-wide club is open to any enrolled 4-H member. Families need to register with the 4-H office to receive information on the location of the hike. This is for safety purposes, and we have an accurate list of participants to email travel directions and parking lot coordinates. Any questions, contact Stephanie.

DELICIOUS DESTINATIONS EXPLORING FOODS AROUND THE WORLD!

- Monday, April 15th 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! (No US regions). 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. 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 15th, 2024. 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 ready 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!

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