

Livingston Livewire

June 2025

The Countdown has Started!
Hemlock Fair is Almost Here!
And We Are Excited!!

IMPORTANT PRE-FAIR DATES

June 11th

Rabbit & Cavy Showmanship Clinic

June 12th

Poultry Showmanship Clinic

June 16th

Fair Entries Due

June 17th

Let's Tie Dye!

July 2nd

Pullorum Testing (*NEW DATE*)

July 6th

Market Poultry Show

July 8th

Large Animal Barn Set Up

IMPORTANT FAIR DATES

July 13th

Building Exhibit Judging Day

July 14th

Animals Move In (Small Animals in place by 8:30pm)

July 15th

Animals Move In (Large Animals in place by 12pm)

Animal Exhibitors Meeting (Non-Horse)

PINY Contest

Ice Cream Social - All LivCo 4-H Members Welcome!!

July 17th

Public Presentations

July 18th

Cupcake Showdown

July 19th

Market Animal Auction

Animals Released (8pm & 7/20 by 12pm)

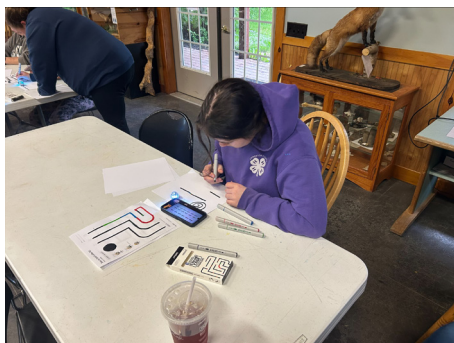
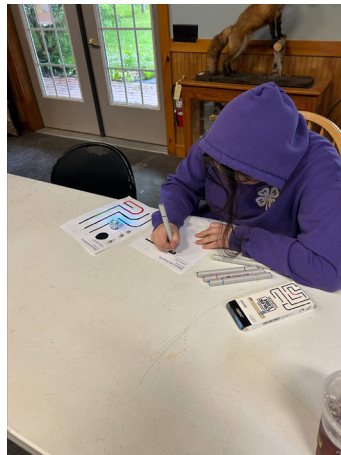
Exhibit Building Pick Up (8pm & 7/20 10am-12pm)

Questions? Let us know! We would love to help!
Let's make this the best year yet!!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
June 1		Horse Program Paperwork Deadline
June 1		Livestock Non-Ownership Paperwork Deadline
June 3	5:30pm	Bucket Brigade (Werner Green House) - RSVP by 5/28
June 11	6pm	Rabbit & Cavy Showmanship Clinic (Chip Holt Nature Center) - RSVP by 6/5
June 12	6pm	Poultry Showmanship Clinic (Chip Holt Nature Center) - RSVP by 6/5
June 13	6:30pm	Horse Trivia 4-H Fundraiser (Livingston Co. Auditorium)
June 16		Fair Entries Due
June 17	5pm	4-H Fair T-Shirt Tie Dye (Livingston Co. Conference Center) - RSVP by 6/13
June 27	5pm	Horse Program Work Night (Hemlock Fairgrounds)
July 1		Pre-Fair Educational Activity Requirement Due
July 2	5pm	Pullorum Testing Clinic (Hemlock Fairgrounds)
July 6		Market Poultry Show (Hemlock Fairgrounds)
July 8	5pm	Large Animal Barn Set Up (Hemlock Fairgrounds)

CCE Livingston County will be closed on
June 19th for Juneteenth





WHAT'S GOING ON IN 4-H?!



Let's Tie Dye

Tuesday, June 17th | 5:30-7pm

Livingston County Conference Center

1 Murray Hill Drive, Mt. Morris

(next to the CCE Office - watch for signs)

WE WILL BE TIE DYING OUR FAIR SHIRTS!

Learn several tie dye techniques - the spiral, the fold, crumple, sunburst, and stripes. RSVP to Jenn (jls669@cornell.edu) by June 13th.

It's highly recommended that fair shirts are pre-washed for this activity. Please make arrangements to pick up your shirts by contacting Jenn at jls669@cornell.edu.



ANIMAL SCIENCE

****ATTENTION ALL HEMLOCK FAIR 4-H ANIMAL EXHIBITORS****

Pre-Fair Educational Activity Requirement

All Dairy & Livestock and Small Animal exhibitors exhibiting at the Hemlock Fair are **required to complete one 45-minute animal-related educational activity by July 1st**. Cloverbuds are exempt:

- This requirement is for all members exhibiting at least one of the following species: Rabbit, Cavy, Poultry (Fancy & Meat Birds), Dairy, Beef, Goat, Sheep, or Swine
- Only 1 activity required regardless of the number of species being exhibited
- Failure to complete this requirement on time will result in forfeit of all fair animal premiums for the species listed above
- An activity can include any of the following:
 1. Any Livingston County 4-H Animal Activity Night participated in during current 4-H Year
 2. Participation in the Livingston County 4-H Public Presentation Program (**MUST be an animal-related presentation**)
 3. Any county, regional, state or Cornell University-sponsored 4-H animal science activities
 4. Independent 4-H animal activity pre-approved by a 4-H educator. A completed Pre-Fair Educational Activity Form must be completed and submitted with this option. Form may be found at <http://ccelivingstoncounty.org/resources/pre-fair-educational-activity-form>. Examples may include researching an animal-related topic of interest, attending an animal show, participating in a hands-on animal experience with a knowledgeable adult, watching videos/presentations on raising/showing an animal, etc. Contact Mark or Jenn regarding one of these ideas or if you have one of your own.

If you are willing to work with us, we will work with you to complete this requirement! Questions? Contact Mark at mjw16@cornell.edu | 585-991-5441 or Jenn at jls669@cornell.edu | 585-991-5439.

Small Animal Clinics Save the Dates!!!

Rabbits & Cavies

**Showmanship Clinic with
the Judge & Rabbit
Tattooing**

June 11th | 6pm

Chip Holt Nature Center

*Tattooing will be after the
showmanship clinic*

Poultry

**Showmanship Clinic
with the Judge**

June 12th | 6pm

Chip Holt Nature Center

Pullorum Clinic

**Pullorum Test required
for all fancy poultry**

NEW DATE

July 2nd | 5pm

Hemlock Fairgrounds

*Not required for waterfowl,
pigeons, or market poultry*

RSVP to Jenn by the Thursday before each event



ANIMAL SCIENCE

Attention Poultry Exhibitors



PULLORUM TYPHOID TESTING REQUIREMENT FOR FAIR

TESTING AVAILABLE (FREE!)

Wednesday, July 2nd | 5-7:00pm

Hemlock Fairgrounds

Registration Deadline: June 27th

RSVP to Jenn at jls669@cornell.edu

Must provide the number of birds you will be bringing to be tested

ALL POULTRY MUST HAVE:

1.) a negative pullorum-typhoid test conducted within 90 days prior to date of admission to the fair OR 2.) proof that the bird originated from a US pullorum-typhoid clean flock or equivalent flock. If utilizing a receipt, it must be dated within 1-year of the date of admission to the fair.

PROOF OF NEGATIVE TEST MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE CCE OFFICE BY JULY 3RD

All birds must be tested with the exception of doves, pigeons, waterfowl, and meat birds purchased through the 4-H meat bird program. Birds purchased through the 4-H meat bird program will already have proof on file and need not be tested. **Birds four months of age and older are eligible for this test.**

If you have 10+ birds to be tested, it is highly encouraged that you contact NYS Ag & Markets to have a flock certification. Email Jenn (email above) for our state vet tech's contact information.

TESTING WILL NOT BE OFFERED AT FAIR ANIMAL CHECK-IN

Small Pets Wanted for Petting Zoo

The Livingston County Center for Nursing & Rehabilitation will be holding a carnival for residents and staff on Wednesday, August 13th, 10am-2pm (Rain Date August 20th). 4-H'ers with small animals (chickens, rabbits, guinea pigs, etc.) are wanted to be part of the petting zoo. If interested or would like more information, please contact Peter Donlan @ PDonlon@co.livingston.ny.us or (585) 243-7222

NYS 4-H HORSE COMMUNICATIONS RESULTS

Congratulations to Sydney Kolodziej and Hannah Gall for giving outstanding presentations at the NYS 4-H Horse Communications Contest at Cornell University on May 17th

Sydney placed first in the Senior Public Speaking Division and has qualified for the national contest with her speech, "Ethical Comparision of ICIS & Live Cover".

Hannah place second in the Senior Individual Division with her presentation, "Arabians"



ANIMAL SCIENCE

Seeking Fair Dairy & Livestock Show Helpers

In an effort to help our dairy & livestock shows run as smoothly and effectively as possible, we are seeking a couple ring helpers for each show. Helpers may be parents, volunteers, or responsible teens. Please contact Mark (mjw16@cornell.edu) for more information or if interested in helping with one or more shows.

Tasks/responsibilities include:

- Set up of make-shift holding pens before show for hog, sheep, and goat shows.
- Water down show ring before show and as needed between breed divisions or classes.
- Ensure next class (exhibitors and animals) is "on deck" and ready to enter the show ring when called upon. This includes champion drives.
- Direct/assist exhibitors and animals in and out of show ring.
- Assist judge in directing exhibitors and animals in the show ring.
- Assist judge in lining up animals in the show ring as needed (champion drives).
- Assist exhibitors and animals with posing for champion pictures.
- Pick up manure in show ring as needed.
- Assist show superintendent(s) as needed.

4-H HORSE PROGRAM WORK SESSION AT THE HEMLOCK FAIR

4-H HORSE FAMILIES - WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Contact Rachel Potts (cowgirl318@hotmail.com) if planning on attending

June 27th | 5pm

All families participating in a 4-H Horse Show at the Hemlock Fair are needed to help get the ring and barn ready for the fair. Parents & adult volunteers will be trimming around the ring & announcer stand and making minor stall repairs in the large horse barn. Please bring weed eaters and tools. 4-H members will be filling holes in the floor of the large barn, looking for safety concerns in stalls, picking up rocks in the arena, etc. Please bring shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows, gloves, and appropriate footwear.

No open shoes.

\$20/ADULT
\$10/YOUTH

HORSE TRIVIA!!

PRIZES!!!

4-H FUNDRAISER!!

6:30 p.m.

JUNE 13

Livingston County Auditorium
1 Murray Hill Drive,
Mount Morris, 14510

REGISTRATION DUE JUNE 1ST!

<https://form.jotform.com/250164121736146>

Join us for a hippology based trivia night to support the Region 2 4-H Horse Program. 4-H alumni, adults, youth - team up for a fun evening and test your equine knowledge! Light hors devours and refreshments will be available.

Attention Market Animal Exhibitors

Just a reminder that you should be reaching out to potential bidders NOW! The more times you make contact with potential bidders the more likely they are to attend the auction. You should be contacting 5 potential bidders for each animal you are selling.





IMPORTANT FAIR INFORMATION

Camping at the Hemlock Fair

Camping Registration Forms are available on the Hemlock Fair Website (hemlockfair.org) under “Exhibitors” and should be returned with payment to:

PO Box 263, Hemlock, NY 14466

Camping is first-come, first-served

Important Building Exhibit Entry Information & Entry Tag Changes

- ALL projects you would like judged or think you may bring to the fair **MUST** be entered by the entry deadline. Do **NOT** bring exhibits to judging day that have not been entered.
- Double Entry tags will not be available again this year.
- All entry tags will be computer generated from the Fair Entry System.
- After entries are closed, you will receive an email with your entry tags. Please print (ONE SIDED) and attach them to your projects. This tag will stay with your project throughout the fair. If you are unable to print them, you **MUST** let Randy know by July 7th.
- You will need to write the information below on the back of your Entry Tag. This will help you be prepared to talk about your project when being evaluated.
 - Number of years in the Project Area
 - 2 things learned or improved on



2025 FAIR & FAIR BOOK CHANGES

Animals

Dairy

- New 10 am show start time on Thursday.
- New Animal Health Requirement: All lactating dairy cattle must test negative for HPAI within seven (7) days prior to entering fair.

Sheep

- New 3 pm show start time on Thursday.
- Revised List of Registered Breeds: Cheviot, Columbia, Corriedale, Dorset, Hampshire, Lincoln, Merino, Natural Colored, Romney, Shropshire, Southdown, Suffolk, Tunis, All Other Registered Breeds, Crossbred. *Any registered breed not listed will exhibit in All Other Breed Classes.*
- All animals in the flock class must be exhibited by the same member.

Goat

- Revised List of Registered Breeds: Alpine, Saanen, Lamacha, Nubian, Oberhasli, Toggenburg, Boer Percentage Doe, Boer Full Blood/Purebred, All Other Meat Breeds, All Other Dairy Breeds, Meat Grade, or Dairy Grade. *Any registered breed not listed will exhibit in All Other Breed Classes.*

Market Poultry & Fancy Poultry

- Meat Bird Show (Sunday, July 6th, 6 pm) will include Market & Showmanship Classes.
- Fancy Bird Show (Tuesday, July 15th, 1 pm) will not include Meat Bird Showmanship Classes and will conclude much earlier than in previous years.



Building Exhibit Judging Day & Exhibit Classes

- Building Exhibit Judging will take place on Sunday, July 13th, at the Hemlock Fair Festival Building, from 1 - 4:30 pm (note earlier ending time). We ask that exhibitors arrive by 4:30 pm. Judging may continue past 4:30 pm if you arrive by 4:30 pm.
- There will only be 1 day to present public presentations (Thursday). This is to allow staff to coordinate an experience that is similar to the county public presentations event. If Thursday doesn't work for your schedule, please contact Randy.
- The following sections have changes to the number and/or titles:
 - o Section 42: Club Leadership Opportunities
 - o Section 43: Independent Member Displays & Exhibits
 - o Section 44: Club Displays & Exhibits
- The following task has been added to the General Guidelines of all sections (sections 40-44 excluded) to better facilitate the exhibit discussion between exhibitor and judge:

“The Number of years you have been participating in the project and two (2) things learned MUST be written on the back of your entry tag.”

Foods & Nutrition (Section 21):

- Exhibitors are asked to bring a 4” x 6” picture of your final baked good to be displayed during the fair. Picture is not needed for judging of the baked good. This is optional and not a requirement. Food items will be sent home with exhibitor after judging of the baked good is complete.
- Loaf breads must be cut in half for judging.

Photography (Section 27):

- The guidelines and classes for this section have been revised and shifted from categories of “Levels” (amount of technique experience) to technical quality of technique or combination of techniques. There is no requirement of obtaining a blue ribbon the previous year to enter a more advanced class this year.
- CAMERA TYPES & DATA TAGS: Youth are permitted to shoot on film, digital and/or cell phone cameras. The type of camera used must be included in project documentation. Youth may use automatic settings but should be able to find the metadata information on the photo to include in project documentation. Exhibit must have additional information (Data Tag) attached to the back of the photo/print. See Exhibitor's Book for a list of information.
- A title, or caption, must be displayed on the front of matted photos.
- A maximum of 6 exhibits is allowed in this section per exhibitor.





•Maker/Tinker (Section 36):

- **New Class** - DIGITAL CREATIVE DESIGN PROJECTS: Items made using exhibitors original design idea/artwork incorporated onto/within a practical object, device (i.e. mug, clothing, wearable art, utensil, etc.) or other traditionally framed creative art display. Must be created by exhibitor using digital software/computer aided software. Providing an online weblink to your artwork and/or your design process (i.e. portfolio, time-lapse, video, etc.) in the description is encouraged.

•Leadership Opportunities (Section 41):

- **New Class** - Exhibit Building Judging Assistant: Any teen, 12 and older, may participate as a judging assistant. Teen assistants will work with adult evaluators to record exhibit judging results and learn the evaluation process.

•Club Leadership Opportunities (Section 42):

- **New Class** – Club Food Stand Workers: Clubs can receive an incentive of approximately \$200 (depending on food stand profit) by having members from the club (9 years or older) working a MINIMUM of 2 shifts together. Each shift Must have 3-4 club members. Clubs MUST be in good standing and all workers must be enrolled in 4-H. Individual members will get a premium as listed in Section 41.

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Other Fair Opportunities for Members & Clubs

Did you know there are more ways to participate in the fair than just exhibiting projects in the 4-H Building and showing animals? There are MANY activities that are classes in the Hemlock Fair 4-H Exhibitors Book. Completing these activities at fair will earn exhibitors points towards their premium checks. Check out these activities/classes and contact staff if you have questions.

- Food stand worker serving customers (individual & club)
- Exhibit Building Judging Assistant
- Club Educational Activity
- Public Presentations
- Animal Presentation/Demonstration in a 4-H Barn
- Cupcake Showdown Contest
- PINY Demonstration
- Animal Barn Ambassador
- Ice Cream Booth Attendant
- Club Educational Exhibit
- Exhibit Building Activity Leader
- Food Tent Menu Challenge



VOLUNTEER AT THE HEMLOCK FAIR FOOD TENT

Fair Premiums & Club Fundraising Incentives Available

4-H members (9 years or older) and adults are needed to help in the food tent during the fair. Responsibilities include maintaining a clean sanitary area, serving the public, taking food orders, counting change, and following the supervisors' directions. Four individuals are needed for each shift. Parent supervision is required for children 12 years and younger.

Incentives Available!

- Premiums will be awarded for multiple shifts completed.
- Work 6+ hours and receive a 4-H Hat, Bag, or T-Shirt
- Clubs that have 3-4 members working 2 shifts together will receive at least a \$200 incentive check depending on the total sales during fair.

2 Hour Shift Schedule

- Daily, Tuesday-Saturday of Fair
- 7-9am, 9-11am, 11am-1pm, 1-3pm, 3-5pm, & 5-7pm

How to Sign Up

- Sign-up using the Fair Entry Online System.
- Enter class 06 in Section 41: 4-H Leadership Opportunities.
- Enter the class for each shift you would like to sign up for.
- After June 18th you will be able to schedule a shift(s) through a Google Doc that will be in the weekly email blast.
- After July 11th, you will be able to schedule a shift(s) on a master white board in the 4-H Exhibit Building on Judging Day (July 13th) and at the food tent during the fair.

Club Sign Up

- Club members will sign up the same as an individual member above
- **Everyone must pick the same time
- Club leaders must do an Entry in Class 02 in Section: 42 for the club incentive





Seeking 4-H Teens to be Judge's Assistants

Building Exhibit Judging Day - Sunday, July 13th

We are seeking approximately 15 4-H teens (12-18 years old) to serve as judge's assistants during 4-H exhibit judging on Sunday, July 13th in the Hemlock Fair Festival Building. As part of the entry tag system, there is a need for a second person to work with each judge to record the Danish ribbon for each exhibit and exhibits for state fair consideration.

Judges and Assistants will have Orientation at 11:30am. Then Judging Exhibits for Assistants will be from 12:00pm-1:00pm. From 1:00pm to 4:30pm will be the Judges Assistant's shift

What are the benefits of being a Teen Judge's Assistant?

- You will receive a fair \$ premium. Enter Section 41: 4-H Leadership Opportunities, Class Number 02, Exhibit Building Teen Assistant in fairentry.com.
- Lunch will be provided.
- Learn judging techniques firsthand from the judge you are working with.
- This role and experience will look very impressive on scholarship applications!

Contact Randy (rjs546@cornell.edu) if you are interested, need more information, or have questions.

FOOD CONTESTS!

AT THE FAIR!

CREATE A FOOD TENT MENU ITEM

Scheduled throughout Fair Week

- Use any of the ingredients currently available at the 4-H Food Tent (breakfast all day)
- Add one additional ingredient from another food vendor at the fair
 - Create a new and unique menu item
 - Work individually or in a team of 2

Participants will prepare the dish on-site during Fair Week! Food Tent Staff will select a winner and your item will be added to next year's menu!

FOR AGES 10+.



CUPCAKE SHOWDOWN

Friday, July 18th beginning at 10am

Create a Carnival/Circus Themed Cupcake Display

- Must be at least 2 feet tall
- Contains 24 cupcakes
- Demonstrates at least 3 different decorating techniques

Bring all your items pre-baked, but not decorated. Frosting may be pre-made, but not store bought. You will have 1 hour to decorate and assemble your display.

Work individually or in a team of 2.
For ages 5+.

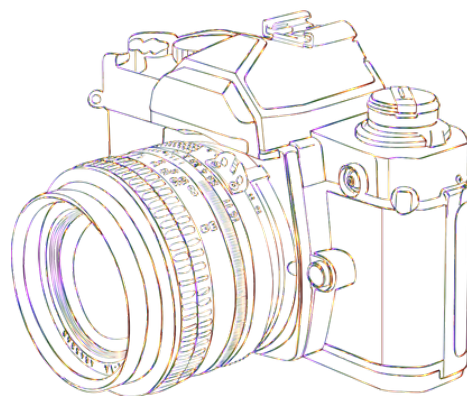


For more information on how to participate, contact Randy (rjs546@cornell.edu)



4-H Member Photo Release for Hemlock Fair

Please contact Mark (mjw16@cornell.edu) if a parent/guardian does NOT wish to have their child's picture used by 4-H for 4-H only promotion purposes.



2025 FAIR ENTRY DEADLINE: JUNE 16

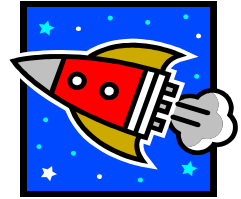
Entries **MUST** be submitted
through the Fair Entry System!

**NO ENTRIES WILL BE
ACCEPTED AFTER JUNE 16**





Balloon Rocket



A rocket is a type of spacecraft that is powered by gases that are forced out of one end.

Lets use our aerospace skills to make a balloon rocket!

Materials: 6 Feet of String
4 Inch Piece of Drinking Straw
2 Chairs
9 Inch Round Balloon
Spring Clothespin
Transparent Tape



Procedure:

1. Thread the string through the straw and tie both ends of the string to the backs of the chairs.
2. Position the chairs so the string between them is very tight.
3. Inflate the balloon and twist the open end of the balloon and secure it with the clothespin.
4. Move the straw to one end of the string.
5. Tape the inflated balloon to the straw.
6. Time for takeoff! Carefully remove the clothespin from the balloon.

How far did your balloon travel? _____

Now try using different amounts of air in your balloon to see if it travels farther or shorter. What happened when you tried different amounts of air? _____

CLUB NEWS

Lightening Bolts Club Report

First we went over upcoming events then we started work on our club display.

Written by Kiara Gramkee



Senior Recognition!!!

Jacob Bennett - Isabella Fischer

Amara Jerome - Kaddie Martin

Emily Metz - Emily Vattimo

Julia Wiley

Congratulations to all of the
Graduating Seniors!

We Wish everyone the best of luck in
the future endeavors!

Keep in contact with the 4-H Program!



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