

LIVINGSTON LIVEWIRE



APRIL 2025



Flower & Hanging Basket Sale

Chase's Greenhouse (Rush, NY) continues to provide us with a great product each year. Individual geraniums as well as a variety of hanging baskets are available.

Available This Year:

- 4.5" Geranium Pots (**\$3.50**)
- 11" Hanging Baskets (**\$21**):
Million Bell, New Guinea
Impatiens, Fuchsia,
Petunia, Geranium, & Mixed

Sales Incentives:

All 4-H sellers (individual or families) will receive an incentive check after the completion of the sale. Sellers will receive 40% of the profit made on each pot (\$.36) and basket (\$3) sold to help offset personal 4-H costs such as enrollment fees and project supplies.

Order Pick Up:

Thursday, May 8th
County Highway Department
Garage, Hampton's Corners
10am-7pm

Orders Due: April 14th

****All orders MUST be submitted online****

<https://forms.gle/ZX93oQiStN54afbK6>

Or scan the QR Code below to submit your order



Only include the total number of flowers needed to fulfill all of your orders.
One entry per 4-Her.

Payment Due to CCE Office: **April 21st**

Pay by Check - Payable to CCE Livingston.
Please include seller's name & "4-H Flower Sale" on the memo line.

Pay by PayPal at <https://ccelivingstoncounty.org/donate>

Click on DONATE button at bottom of page. Select 4-H Program. (NEW) Check the box "Add \$x.xx to help cover fees". These are the PayPal fees that the 4-H Program gets charged if they are not covered by the person submitting the payment.

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ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE TRIPS & AWARDS FUND!

Order forms (for seller's use) and pictures of the hanging basket varieties are available at:
<http://ccelivingstoncounty.org/4-h-youth/fundraising>

Participation in fundraiser counts as a County Event towards the 3A Trip!

Questions? Contact Mark (mjw16@cornell.edu)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Apr. 1		Farm Bureau Scholarship Application Deadline
Apr. 2	6pm	Teen Council (CCE Office)
Apr. 8	5:30pm	Activity Night (Chip Holt Nature Center) - RSVP by 4/7
Apr. 9	6pm	4-H Information Night (Livingston Co. Conference Center)
Apr. 14		Flower & Hanging Basket Sale Orders Due - Payment due 4/21
Apr. 16	5:30pm	Discovery Club (Chip Holt Nature Center) - RSVP by 4/11
Apr. 18-May 5		Paper Clover Campaign
Apr. 21	6pm	Volunteer Connections (CCE Office) - RSVP by 4/18
Apr. 24	6pm	Creative Fiber Arts Revue (Livingston Co. Auditorium) - Register by 4/17
Apr. 24	6pm	Livingston County Nibblers Meeting (Chip Holt Nature Center)
Apr. 26	10am	Clover Click Meet Up (Stonybrook Park)
Apr. 28	6pm	Animal Activity Night (LivCo Conference Center) - RSVP by 4/24
Apr. 30		4-H Enrollment Deadline
May 1		Consigned Hog & Lamb Animal Ownership & Project Registration Deadline
May 1		Charity Animal Registration Due
May 1		4-H Fair Shirt Orders Due
May 1		Russell B. Ace Scholarship Applications Due
May 3		Animal Crackers (Cornell University)
May 8	10am-7pm	Flower & Hanging Basket Sale Pick Up (Couty Highway Dept.)
May 10	10am	Poultry Processing Clinic (HLW Acres) - RSVP by 5/1
May 10	10am	Poultry BBQ Clinic (Ontario County Fairgrounds)
May 12	6:30pm	Animal Health Requirements for Fair (Virtual - Microsoft Teams)
May 13	6pm	Marketing Your Market Animal (Chip Holt Nature Center) - RSVP by 5/9
May 12	6:30pm	Animal Health Requirements for Fair (Virtual - Microsoft Teams)
May 24	10am	Clover Clicks Meet Up (Chip Holt Nature Center)
May 28	6pm	Livingston County Nibblers Meeting (Chip Holt Nature Center)
June 1		Horse Program Paperwork Deadline
June 11	6pm	Rabbit & Cavy Showmanship Clinic (Chip Holt Nature Center) - RSVP by 6/5
June 13	6:30pm	Horse Trivia 4-H Fundraiser (Livingston Co. Auditorium)
July 3	5pm	Pullorum Testing Clinic (Hemlock Fairgrounds)

TEEN FUN



Coming up-

Wednesday, April 2nd | 6:00-7:00pm
CCE Livingston Office

Teen Council Meeting – Finish filling eggs for the Egg Hunt.
 Prepare any other decorations, or activities for the day of the
 Egg Hunt.

4-H Members 12+ are invited to join our new
 offerings for learning leadership, comradery and fun!
 Questions and RSVPs to Randy
 (rjs@cornell.edu)

2024-2025 4-H ENROLLMENT

Last chance to enroll and be eligible to participate in the Hemlock Fair!!



Age as of January 1, 2025:
Cloverbud: 5-7 years
4-Her: 8-18 years

Enrollment Fees:
\$15/Youth
\$40/Family (3+ Youth)



Visit <http://ccelivingstoncounty.org/4-h-youth/joining-4-h-2>
for a link to the enrollment form!
OR scan the QR Code!



BE SURE TO READ THE INSTRUCTION PAGE BEFORE COMPLETING YOUR ENROLLMENT FORM



Send payment (cash or check, payable to CCE Livingston County) to:
3 Murray Hill Drive, Mount Morris, NY 14510

Or use our Paypal link found here: <http://ccelivingstoncounty.org/donate>
Click "Donate", set the amount, and include "[youth name] 4-H Enrollment" in the note section.

Interested in becoming an Enrolled Volunteer?

Applications can be found on our website or contact Jenn for more information!

DEADLINE TO ENROLL IN 4-H: APRIL 30TH



WHAT'S GOING ON IN 4-H?!

New York State Show People's Association Scholarship

The NYSAAF and NYSSA offer an annual scholarship program which is available to students who are New York State residents, who currently are (or have previously been) active in a fair that is a member of the NYSAAF and who plan to attend (or already attend) college in pursuit of a degree in a field related to agriculture, fair management or the outdoor amusement business.

The fair where you have been active must endorse your application and will submit it for you. For more information and an application, visit the Scholarship page of the New York State Association of Agricultural Fairs website: <http://www.nyfairs.org>.

Application Deadline: April 11, 2025

VOLUNTEER CONNECTIONS

JOIN US FOR A VOLUNTEER SOCIAL HOUR!



We will be hosting a monthly 4-H volunteer social hour to help you connect with each other and learn about new programming ideas.

Each month will feature a different curriculum or activity! Everyone will receive the curriculum and supplies to lead the activity.

April 21
6pm-7pm
CCE Office

Featured Curriculum
Build Your Own Solar
Oven for S'mores

RSVP to Jenn at jls669@cornell.edu by April 18th

Thank You!

National Volunteer Week is about inspiring, recognizing and encouraging people to seek out imaginative ways to engage their communities. It's about demonstrating to the nation that by working together, we have the fortitude to meet our challenges and accomplish our goals. National Volunteer Week is about taking action and encouraging individuals and their respective communities to be at the center of social change – discovering and actively demonstrating their collective power to make a difference.

Livingston County 4-H would like to thank all our volunteers for the many ways you make the program possible and ways you positively impact youth!



WHAT'S GOING ON IN 4-H?!

**Cornell Cooperative Extension
Livingston County**



DISCOVER 4-H!

Livingston County 4-H offers a variety of hands-on learning opportunities for youth. Join 4-H Staff to learn how you can join the 4-H Discovery Club!

April 9 | 6pm

Livingston County Conference Center
1 Murray Hill Dr. Mount Morris

Scan the QR code to register!



Questions? Contact Us!

rjs546@cornell.edu

585-991-5444

Visit Our Website

<https://ccelivingstoncounty.org/>



Choose Your 4-H Adventure

- ✓ County Led Events & Activities
- ✓ Public Speaking
- ✓ Large Animals
- ✓ 4-H Livestock Auction
- ✓ STEM
- ✓ Teen Leadership
- ✓ Small Animals

Creative Fiber Arts Revue

Creative Fiber Arts Revue

The County Event in which a member's completed fiber arts product (project) and skills are evaluated. After the evaluation, members are highly encouraged to participate in the fashion revue portion of the event. Members will learn how to model their project and provide a final fashion review for an audience. NOT limited to only sewn clothing garments.

Creative Fiber Arts Project:

Learning techniques to manipulate fiber through one or more steps to create a finished product. Fibers include those from plants, animals and some that are human-made. Projects are NOT limited to only sewn clothing garments.



Date: Thursday, April 24th | 6pm

Livingston County Auditorium | Registration Deadline: Thurs. 4/17

Need some ideas? Its not all about Sewing!

Spinning • Braiding • Appliqué • Felting • Sewing • Macramé • Embroidery • Quilting • Basketry
Weaving • Knitting • Needlepoint • Paper-Making • Hooking • Patchwork • Other As Approved



For more information (how the event works, what you need to do, what to expect, etc.) or resources, scan the QR Code or contact Randy at rjs546@cornell.edu or 585-991-5444

To Register a project, Scan this QR Code and follow the directions in the survey.



COUNTY-WIDE CLUB MEETINGS

Activity Night

Make a Spring Butterfly!

Learn how to Finger Knit as you
creat a butterfly to welcome Spring!

When: Tuesday, April 8th at 5:30pm

Where: Chip Holt Nature Center

RSVP by April 7th to Randy (rjs546@cornell.edu)

If you are a beginner knitter, this would be a great way to learn some of the basics!



LIVINGSTON COUNTY NIBBLERS

This club is open to all enrolled 4-Hers and we will have monthly meetings at 6pm in the Chip Holt Nature Center. Each month we will work on showmanship, rabbit/cavy care, and other activities. If you're interested, come check it out. Come to one or all meetings - just **RSVP to Jessica Gramkee at jgramkee@gmail.com** before the meeting date in case of cancellation.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

April 24

May 28



CLOVER CLICKS PHOTO CLUB



Open to all enrolled youth.



Meet Up Dates:

April 26th 10am @ Stonybrook Park. Nature and spring photo shoots

May 24th 10am @ Chip Holt Center
Bring a photo with you to learn how to mat your photos for fair.

RSVP to Jess Gramkee @ jgramkee@gmail.com before either date.

2025 4-H HEMLOCK FAIR THEME:

Circus/Carnival

4-H is the greatest show on earth!





WHAT'S GOING ON IN 4-H?!

The Greatest Show!
Featuring:



Back

Pre-Order Shirts
\$10 each
Sizes Youth XS-XL
Adults S-XL
XXL-XXXL- \$13



Front

2025 4-H Fair Shirts Ready for Pre-Order

This year's shirt is black ink on a white shirt. We will be offering a tie dye Activity Night on June 17th, adding a variety of colors to complete the circus/carnival theme!

You can pre-order now to guarantee size and price! Scan the code to order:



Pre-Order Closes May 1st

*There will only be a LIMITED number of shirts available for purchase after the pre-order closes!**

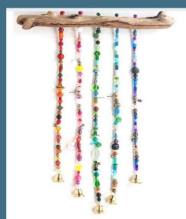
Contact Jenn Schwab with questions at jls669@cornell.edu.

4-H DISCOVERY CLUB

Interested in joining a 4-H Club?! Join the Discovery Club! We will focus on a different topic or upcoming event every month! Open to ALL ages.

April Meeting

Topic: Beaded Wind Chime & Suncatcher



April 16th
5:30pm-6:30pm
Chip Holt Nature
Center, Lakeville

RSVP by 4/11 to Jenn at jls669@cornell.edu

Save the Date!!

4-H Career Explorations

June 25-27, 2025

Cornell University

Program Tracks:

University U: teens entering 8th grade and up

Focus for Teens: teens entering 10th grade and up

Scan for more information!



"I feel this experience allowed me to see that I can do it! I can arrive on a college campus and make friends, learn and be successful. The whole thought was very daunting but now I'm ready."





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://celivingstoncounty.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.



POULTRY PROCESSING CLINIC

May 10 | 9am | HLW Acres (Attica, NY)

Poultry Processing Program --- We will be traveling to HLW Acres where Herman Weber will be covering various aspects of processing poultry.

MINIMUM AGE: 8

Transportation will not be provided. Jenn will meet everyone there. RSVP to Jenn by May 1st. If you plan to attend, let Jenn know ASAP for initial coordination with HLW Acres.



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CONSIGNED MARKET HOG & LAMB PROJECT

MAY 1ST – ANIMAL OWNERSHIP & PROJECT REGISTRATION DEADLINE

If you are interested in or planning on exhibiting a market hog and/or lamb at the Hemlock Fair and selling it in the auction you should be doing these things at this time:

- Making sure you are currently an enrolled 4-H member. If you are not sure, please contact Randy at rjs546@cornell.edu.
- Reading the 2024/2025 4-H Livestock Sale Rules for complete project information, rules, changes from last year, etc. These can be found at <https://cclivingstoncounty.org/resources/2024-2025-auction-sale-rules>
- Seeking producers/sources for your project animals. **Ownership deadline is May 1st.**
- Making plans to complete the required pre-fair animal education requirement in order to exhibit at the fair. See page 9 of this issue.
- **Email Mark (mjw16@cornell.edu) with the number of hogs and/or lambs you are registering.** Project information and records will be sent to you.

Contact Mark at mjw16@cornell.edu with questions about the project and continue watching the Livewire for project details and updates!



ANIMAL ACTIVITY NIGHT

Biosecurity: Keeping your Animals Healthy at the Fair

Practicing biosecurity is important for your animals and the animals around you! Join us for a fun and interactive program to learn more about biosecurity and keeping your animals healthy!

April 28 | 6:00pm
Livingston County Conference Center
1 Murray Hill Dr. Mount Morris
RSVP to Jenn by April 24





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ANIMAL ACTIVITY NIGHT

SUCCESSFULLY MARKETING YOUR 4-H MARKET ANIMAL

Introduction to Marketing

Join us for an introduction to marketing and learn how to successfully market your market animal! You will learn how to:

- Identify potential bidders
- Develop a sales pitch using your 4-H story
- Making an impactful first impression
- Maintaining an ongoing personal relationship



May 13th
6:00pm

Chip Holt Nature Center

RSVP to Jenn by 5/9

Save the Date



LIMITED SPACE
-RESERVE EARLY-

POULTRY BBQ

Multi County Clinic

SATURDAY MAY 10TH FROM 10 AM - 2 PM

Held at the Ontario County Fairgrounds
2820 Co Rd 10, Canandaigua, NY 14424

Taught by state poultry leader MaryAnn Whipple and Ontario County poultry superintendent Richard Lawson

"Special Guest"

National BBQ Champion
Gracie Dawson



**Ages 12 & up
to grill**

All BBQ materials and grills will be provided.

Families are asked to bring a dish to pass for lunch

Clinic will cover how to BBQ chicken or turkey, how to get involved at the BBQ contest at county and state fair, and how to prepare for the presentation element of the contest

Market Beef, Lamb, & Hog PowerPoint Presentations

New to raising a market animal or want to learn more? Check out these presentations for some tips and tricks!

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|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| • Selecting your project animal | • Grooming |
| • Training/Halter Breaking | • Clipping & Fitting |
| • Proper Handling | • Showmanship |

These presentations are also a great way for anyone considering raising one of these market animal species to learn more about what is involved in the project.

Presentations can be found at:

<http://ccelivingstoncounty.org/4-h-youth/4-h-programs/4-h-dairy-livestock>

For additional information contact Mark
mjw16@cornell.edu | 991-5420 | 335-1752

Contact Jenn to register! Space is LIMITED!!



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2025 NYS 4-H ANIMAL CRACKERS

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025

FEATURING DAIRY, GOATS, POULTRY
AND RABBIT/CAVY!

AGES: 8-12

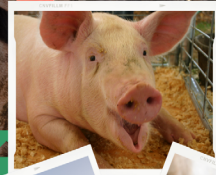
COST: \$25 PER YOUTH AND \$15 PER CHAPERONE
LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED AGAIN THIS YEAR!

T-SHIRTS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR YOUTH AND
AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE EVENT FOR ADULTS!

REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 19TH!
DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS APRIL 23!

CONTACT YOUR COUNTY EDUCATOR
FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION

WEBSITE: [HTTPS://CALS.CORNELL.EDU/NYS-4-H-ANIMAL-SCIENCE-PROGRAMS/STATE-EVENTS/PROGRAMS/ANIMAL-CRACKERS](https://cals.cornell.edu/nys-4-h-animal-science-programs/state-events/programs/animal-crackers)



Animal Health Requirements for Fairs

Join Dr. Fournier to learn about the health requirements to exhibit your animal at fair. You will also learn your responsibilities and the reasons an animal could be rejected at the fair. This is HIGHLY encouraged for newer exhibitors!



Programs will be interactive utilizing the Slido app during the presentation. Use the QR code to download the app!

May 12th | 6:30pm



May 14th | 6:30pm



Scan the QR code to join one of the virtual programs

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

TBD | 6pm

Chip Holt Nature Center

Pullorum Clinic

Pullorum Test
required for all fancy
poultry

July 3rd | 5pm

Hemlock Fairgrounds

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

RSVP to Jenn by the Thursday before each event

4-H Horse Program Reminders

Required Horse Show Paperwork Due June 1st

Important Information:

- A completed 4-H Horse Certificate and copies of current coggins & rabies certificates must be submitted to the CCE Office by June 1st for ANY horse that may be shown during the show season. Consider having an extra horse on file in case something happens to your primary horse. 4-H Horse Certificates may be found at our county 4-H Horse Program Webpage.
- All members who are riding in a 4-H Horse Show are required to have a Riding Skills Evaluation completed and on file with the CCE Office by June 1st or prior to their first show of the season. Any member is who showing for the first time or wishes to "move-up" a level must be re-evaluated - i.e.-Walk/Trot to Jr. or Sr. level or from Walk/Trot or Jog/Canter or Lope with no diagonals or leads to Walk/Trot/Canter with diagonals and leads. A member who has previously been evaluated to ride safely in Junior or Senior levels does not need to be reevaluated due to change of age from Jr. to Sr. Evaluation forms with complete information/instructions can be found at our county 4-H Horse Program Webpage.
- All 4-H Horse Shows will follow the rules outlined in the NYS 4-H Equine Show Rule Book. Livingston County 4-H Horse Shows will additionally follow the rules outlined in the Livingston County 4-H Horse Program Policy Book.
- 10 qualifying non-mounted educational points, as specifically outlined in the Livingston County 4-H Horse Program Policy Guide will be required to qualify to ride in a mounted event at the NYS Fair 4-H Horse Show but NOT at the county level.

Visit the link at the code below for:

- Riding/Driving Evaluation Forms
- Rule Books
- Educational Events
- Horse Shows



Paperwork Due June 1st:

- Horse Certificates
- Current Coggins & Rabies Certificate
- Riding Evaluation (June 1 or prior to rider's first show of the season)

All paperwork is due in the CCE Office for any horse you may be considering using at any county, regional, or state event. Please consider having an extra horse on file, just in case something happens to your primary horse

**Questions? Contact Mark at
mjw16@cornell.edu**



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Horse Communications Results

Congratulations to Naomi Kawski, Kiara Gramkee, Courtney Potts, Hannah Gall, & Sydney Kolodziej for all excelling at the county 4-H Horse Communications Contest! All presenters have qualified for the regional contest.

- 1st Place Novice: Naomi Kawski
"Horse Hay"
- 1st Place Junior: Kiara Gramkee
"Horses in Mythology"
- 1st Place Senior: Hannah Gall
"Arabians"
- 2nd Place Senior: Courtney Potts
"Equine Chiropractics"
- 1st Place Senior Speech: Sydney Kolodziej
"Ethical Comparison of ICIS & Live Cover"



**\$20/ADULT
\$10/YOUTH**

HORSE TRIVIA!!

4-H FUNDRAISER!!

PRIZES!!

JUNE 13 | **6:30 p.m.**
Livingston County Auditorium
1 Murray Hill Drive,
Mount Morris, 14510

REGISTRATION DUE JUNE 1ST!

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.

Horse Trivia Registration: <https://form.jotform.com/250164121736146>

Hemlock Fair 4-H Horse Show Schedule

Save the Dates

- **Wednesday, July 16th (10am):** Hemlock Fair
4-H Western & Game Divisions Show
- **Thursday, July 17th (10am):** Hemlock Fair
4-H English Division Show

All horses and/or riders are expected to maintain a level of control and safety while in the ring at all county events (shows, practice riding sessions, clinics, etc.). Horses and/or riders that pose a safety risk while in the ring will be excused from the ring by the volunteer event chair or show judge. Re-entry into the ring during the event will be determined on an individual case basis.



Regional Horse Bowl & Hippology Results

Congratulations to the following members who participated in these regional contests!
All members have qualified for the state contest.

Horse Bowl

Junior Division: 7th Place - Ruby Lance, 3rd Place Team
Senior Division: 4th Place – Courtney Potts, 2nd Place Team
9th Place – Hannah Gall, 2nd Place Team

Hippology

Junior Division: 9th Place - Ruby Lance, 2nd Place Team
Senior Division: 3rd Place – Hannah Gall, 2nd Place Team
7th Place – Courtney Potts, 2nd Place Team



TRACTOR SUPPLY

PAPER CLOVER

Campaign

APRIL 18-MAY 5

Twice a year Tractor Supply Co. hosts the Paper Clover Campaign to raise funds for 4-H.

For 18 days, shoppers are asked to donate \$1+ to support 4-H.

All of the donations support National, State, and County 4-H Programs.

CONTACT JENN
OR YOUR LOCAL
TRACTOR
SUPPLY TO
PARTICIPATE!

How to support this campaign?

1. Set-up a table/display at your local Tractor Supply location.
2. Shop at a Livingston County Tractor Supply Co. store and purchase a clover! Encourage others to shop at TSC too!
3. Promoting the campaign verbally or via social media. Contact Jenn at jls669@cornell.edu if you would like graphics.

Contact Jenn or your local Tractor Supply to participate!

NEW THIS YEAR

Paper Clover Campaign and TSC Demo Days coincide! This is a fantastic opportunity for 4-H'ers to practice their presentation skills, share your 4-H projects, and engage with the public.

Michaela Bugman Accepted into New NYS 4-H Influencer Program

Congratulations to Michaela Bugman for being accepted into this new state level communications leadership program. 4-H Influencers will receive university-level publicity training AND get hands-on experiences and portfolio pieces for college and internship applications as they get to try a social media career on for size. This program is for youth who are passionate about social media and communications and want to help promote all of the amazing things happening in NYS 4-H. Youth will have the opportunity to watch trends and create eye-catching content.

Michaela is one of ten NYS teens to be accepted into the program.

RUSSELL B. ACE SCHOLARSHIP

In Memory of Russell B. Ace

The scholarship recognizes a current 4-H member who has demonstrated leadership skills and served their community through their active participation in the Livingston County 4-H program. The winner will be awarded a one time scholarship of \$1000 to be used toward a secondary education program, resulting in a certification or degree. The scholarship will be applied to the last semester of the first academic year or after successful completion of a certificate program.

APPLICATIONS DUE: MAY 1ST



Scan to Apply!

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
4-H Youth Development
New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station



CHECK OUT THIS PODCAST!



This podcast explores the fun, but sometimes confusing role of the 4-H volunteer. Each episode examines a specific aspect or challenge volunteers face and offers best practices to improve the experience.

New episodes released every other Wednesday.

Previous Episode Topics Include:

- Community Service vs. Service Learning
- All About 4-H Camp
- 4-H Club Business Meetings
- 4-H Thriving Model
- Healthy Competition
- Surviving Fair Season
- Valuing Diversity
- Working with Teen Leaders
- Measuring a Successful 4-H Club
- Power of Saying "Yes"

LISTEN NOW



Show: <https://go.rutgers.edu/awotzzkr>

Facebook: <https://go.rutgers.edu/vlzxgnk>



CCE EVENTS

FOOD WASTE REDUCTION

SERIES OF 3 CLASSES
LOOK AT HOUSEHOLD FOOD WASTE
EXPLORE RECIPES THAT "REUSE" FOOD SCRAPS AND LEFTOVERS
WAYS TO REDUCE FOOD WASTE AT HOME WITH AN OVERVIEW OF FOOD PRESERVATION

**CLASSES ON MONDAYS, APRIL 21, APRIL 28
AND MAY 5, 2025
LIVINGSTON CCE
3 MURRAY HILL DRIVE, MT. MORRIS, NY
LUNCH TIME CLASS 12:00 - 1:00 PM.
BRING YOUR LUNCH AND TRY RECIPES TO
REUSE LEFTOVERS AND FOOD SCRAPS**



PLEASE REGISTER FOR CLASSES

585-991-5437 OR EMAIL:
CDT63@CORNELLEDU
COLLEEN THERRIEN, CDN
SNAP-ED NUTRITION EDUCATOR



**COME JOIN US FOR CAKE DECORATING AT
CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
3 MURRAY HILL DR. MT. MORRIS NY
TO REGISTER CALL 585-991-5431
TWO DATES AVAILABLE
CHOOSE ONE TO MAKE A DECORATED BUNNY CAKE**



APRIL 3,
2025
5-7 PM



OR
APRIL 10TH
10 - 12 PM



15.00 PER
PERSON

Cornell Cooperative Extension | Livingston County

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION IS AN EQUAL
OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER AND EDUCATOR

Public Presentations Results

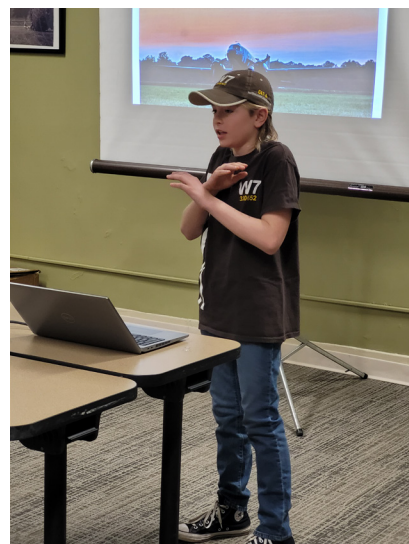
The Livingston County 4-H Program held it's annual Public Presentations event with 32 members participating. The goal of 4-H Public Presentations is to build a young person's public speaking skills and confidence speaking in front of a group. Participants choose a topic of interest and develop a 3-15 minute presentation which they deliver in front of peers, adults, and judges. This year's event featured a variety of topics, with many youth choosing to share information about a favorite animal, pet, hobby or even demonstrate a skill.

Congratulations to this year's participants: Talia Embesi, Gia Embesi, Wiley VerHague, Kiara Gramkee, Erin Kolodziej, Marshall Braun, Julianna Braun, Janae Duryea, Camden Sharp, Bryan Gall, Lily Sharp, Fiona Gelb, Nathalie Gelb, Lucas Saxton, Tori Charlebois, Amelia Ingerick, Reid Shutt, Onnolee Shutt, Kamryn Jerome, Amara Jerome, Nora Cole, Brigid Cole, Finn Cole, Harper VanScooter

This year's Cloverbud participants (ages 5-7) included: Liam Gelb, Trenton Hill, Eva Neale, Connor Mott, Jax Robinson, Cecilia Ingerick, Claire Mott, Isabella VanScooter.

Much of the benefit of the program is due to the constructive feedback from our volunteer evaluators. Many thanks to Becky Minnich, Megan Coty, Ron Neidermier, Tess Wallace, Tim Hayes, Sue Werner, Amber Charlebois, Anna Macauley, Peggy Auinger, and Alissa de Wit for their encouragement and guidance.

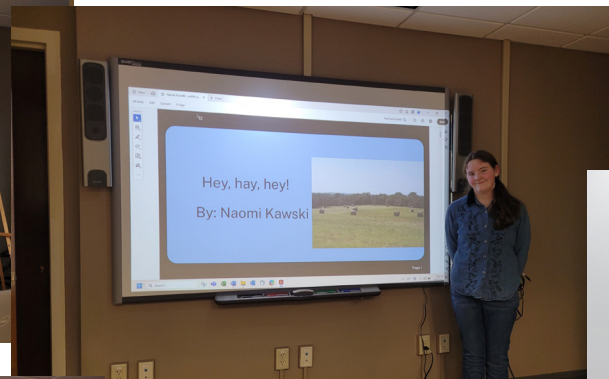
Congratulations to the following 4-H members who were chosen to represent Livingston County at the District event: Tori, Charlebois, Onnolee Shutt, Marshall Braun, Kiara Gramkee, Lily Sharp, Nathalie Gelb, Fiona Gelb, Lucas Saxton, Amara Jerome, Kamryn Jerome, and Finn Cole!



Animal Activity Night



Horse Communications





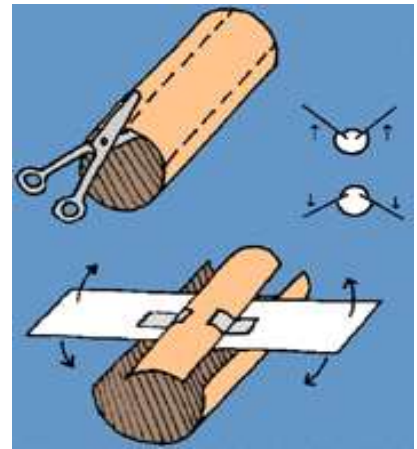
Beautiful Butterflies

Have you ever wondered how a butterfly fluttered?

Butterflies flap their wings by contracting the thorax (the body part where the legs and wings are attached).

Let's build a model to see how it works!

Materials: Cardboard Toilet Paper Tube
Index Card
Scissors
Clear Tape
Markers



Procedure:

1. Make 2 longitudinal cuts along the toilet paper tube. Cut the tube so there are two parts - one larger and one smaller.
2. Cut an index card in half and tape each half to an edge of the larger portion of the tube. Leave about $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch overhang towards the middle of the tube.
3. Tape the edges of the smaller portion of the tube to the inner edges of the cards. Hold the tube (the thorax) with the smaller part of the tube on the top.
4. While holding the bottom tube section (the larger one), press down and then release the upper section. The index card "wings" will begin to flap up and down.
5. Decorate your butterfly!

Where are the wings of a butterfly attached?



CLUB NEWS

Lightening Bolts Club Report

March 21st first we went over upcoming events then we made some sculptures out of oven-bake clay

Written by Kiara Gramkee

Live, Laugh, Love, Livingston Club Report

March 9th first we went over upcoming events and unfinished business then we made bread to learn more about yeast
March 23rd first we went over upcoming events and unfinished then we did some paintings

Written by Kiara Gramkee

Krafty Kritters Club Report

For this month's club meeting we did a bird feeder and we made suet. We also made tree cookie birds. We made them with lard and bird seed. We melted the lard in a pot then put in the bird seed then we poured it into paper cups. We made the bird feeders by using 11 popsicle sticks on the bottom and 16 for the sides to hold it together we used wood glue. We made the tree cookie birds by painting tree cookies whatever color you wanted and you cut out felt for the wig and beak and a feather would be your tail and for the eye by using a sharpie and putting a dot right above the beak.

Written by Jake Farwell

Livingston County Nibblers Club Report

The club went over Rabbit and Cavy health and what to watch out for when they are sick. Then we all painted some rabbit and cavy cage tags for the fair. Next month we will be working on showmanship.



The 4-H Pledge

I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking.
I pledge my HEART to greater loyalty.
I pledge my HANDS to larger service.
I pledge my HEALTH to better living for my club, my community, my country, and my world.



4-H Club Reports & Articles Wanted!

4-H Club Leaders and Secretaries are encouraged to share their club happenings (meetings, projects, activities, events, etc.) with our 4-H community by submitting a brief report or write up for publication in the monthly Livewire. Reports/write ups should be submitted by the 15th of the month to Jenn at jls669@cornell.edu.

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