

# LIVINGSTON LIVEWIRE

DECEMBER 2023



## 2023-2024 4-H ENROLLMENT OPEN!

**Enroll before your first 4-H activity!**

Age as of January 1st:  
Cloverbud: 5-7 years  
4-Her: 8-18 years  
Teen Council Members: 13-18

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

**NEW THIS YEAR! We have switched to a new online enrollment form!**

Visit <http://cclivingstoncounty.org/4-h-youth/joining-4-h-2> for a link to the enrollment form!

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



### **ATTENTION RE-ENROLLING FAMILIES**

Thank you to everyone who re-enrolled for free in October!  
Starting in November - \$15/youth | \$40/family (3+ siblings)



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://cclivingstoncounty.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 Renee for more information!

**DEADLINE TO ENROLL IN 4-H: APRIL 30TH**

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Dec. 1		Consignment Beef Registration Deadline
Dec. 1		RSVP Deadline for 4-H Activity Night - Slime
Dec. 4	5:30-7pm	4-H Activity Night - Slime (Livingston County Auditorium)
Dec. 5	6pm	Animal Activity Night - Cheese (CCE Livingston) - <b>RSVP by 11/30</b>
Dec. 8	5:30-7pm	Art Club Meeting - Relief Printing (Chip Holt Nature Center) - <b>RSVP by 12/4</b>
Dec. 13	6pm	4-H Poultry Club (Chip Holt Nature Center) - <b>RSVP by 12/8</b>
Dec. 14	5pm	CCE Livingston County Annual Meeting (Livingston County Auditorium)
Dec. 18	7-8:30pm	4-H Teen Council Meeting (CCE Livingston)
Dec. 25		CCE Livingston County CLOSED
Dec. 27	5:30pm	4-H Rabbit & Cavy Club Meeting - LivCo Nibblers (Chip Holt Nature Center)
Jan. 1		Photo Contest Entry Deadline
Jan. 15		CCE Livingston County CLOSED
Jan. 16		Photo Contest Voting Deadline (Facebook)
Jan. 24	5:30pm	4-H Rabbit & Cavy Club Meeting - LivCo Nibblers (Chip Holt Nature Center)
Jan. 26 & 27	TBD	Produced in New York Food Demonstrations (Livonia United Methodist Church)
Feb. 12		RSVP Deadline for 4-H Parent/Leader Training - Freezing
Feb. 16	10am-2pm	4-H Parent/Leader Training - Freezing (CCE Livingston)
Feb. 19		CCE Livingston County CLOSED
Feb. 21	5:30pm	4-H Rabbit & Cavy Club Meeting - LivCo Nibblers (Chip Holt Nature Center)
Mar. 22		4-H Parent/Leader Training - Preserving Food by Drying
Mar. 23, 26-28	TBD	Public Presentations (CCE Livingston)
Mar. 27	5:30pm	4-H Rabbit & Cavy Club Meeting - LivCo Nibblers (Chip Holt Nature Center)
Apr. 19		4-H Parent/Leader Training - Pressure Canning
Apr. 24	5:30pm	4-H Rabbit & Cavy Club Meeting - LivCo Nibblers (Chip Holt Nature Center)
Apr. 30		4-H Enrollment Deadline

# TEEN FUN!



## Coming Up...

**Monday, December 18th**  
**7-8:30pm**  
**CCE Livingston Office**

### *Paint & Sip with Cocoa!*

Enjoy a cozy night painting with friends. Looking for a leadership role? How about making plans to teach a paint & sip at an upcoming Activity Night?

**Want to Join the Teen Email List?**  
**Sign-Up Here:**

<https://forms.gle/xxn9dmpdVkmEtNqY8>

4-H MEMBERS 12+ ARE INVITED TO JOIN OUR NEW OFFERINGS FOR LEARNING, LEADERSHIP, COMRADERY AND FUN! QUESTIONS & RSVPS TO RENEE (RH445@CORNELLEDU)



# WHAT'S GOING ON IN 4-H?!



## PARENT/LEADER TRAINING

### PRESERVE BY FREEZING

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH, 2024 | 10AM-2PM

(LUNCH INCLUDED)

CCE OFFICE - 3 MURRAY HILL DRIVE, MT. MORRIS, NY 14510



JOIN OUR SNAP-ED NUTRITIONIST, COLLEEN THERRIEN, TO LEARN THE BASICS OF FREEZING FRUITS AND VEGGIES!

EACH PARENT/LEADER WILL RECEIVE A COPY OF THE 4-H FREEZING MANUAL TO USE WITH YOUR 4-H YOUTH.

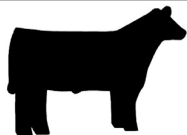
### SAVE THE DATE FOR UPCOMING PRESERVATION TRAININGS:

MARCH 22ND - DRYING | APRIL 19TH - PRESSURE CANNING

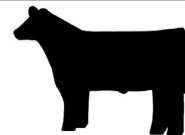
**RSVP REQUIRED BY FEBRUARY 12TH TO RENEE (RH445@CORNELL.EDU)**



## Interested in Raising a Beef Animal to Sell in the 4-H Livestock Auction?!



### Here is some important information:



### *Start looking for your 2024 steer now!*

- Youth must be enrolled as a 4-H member by December 1<sup>st</sup>
- All consignment beef animals must be registered with the CCE Office by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Contact Mark by December 1<sup>st</sup> if you are planning to raise a consigned 4-H beef project animal for the 2024 Hemlock Fair 4-H Livestock Auction.**

### PLEASE READ THE 4-H LIVESTOCK SALE RULES!

Found on the Dairy & Livestock Program Page of our website - [www.ccelivingstoncounty.org](http://www.ccelivingstoncounty.org).

The 2023/2024 version has been posted online!

### Animal Age Requirements

Beef Breeds: Consignment animal must be under 18 months of age as of the first day of Hemlock Fair.

Dairy Breeds: Consignment animal must be under 24 months of age as of the first day of Hemlock Fair.



# WHAT'S GOING ON IN 4-H?!

## DECEMBER DISCOVERY CLUB ACTIVITY NIGHT

### Slip, Slime & Away

Monday, December 4th | 5:30-7pm

Livingston County Auditorium

1 Murray Hill Drive, Mt. Morris

(next to the CCE Office - watch for signs)

Slime into the holidays with our 4-H December Activity Night!

Make two different types of slime - glow in the dark galaxy slime and a holiday slime. Join us for all the fun!

RSVP to Renee (rh445@cornell.edu) by December 1st



### **Produced in New York Food Demos**

Friday, January 26 & Saturday, January 27  
United Methodist Church, Livonia

### **Public Presentations**

Saturday, March 23 | Tuesday, March 26  
Wednesday, March 27 | Thursday, March 28  
CCE Livingston County Office

WATCH EMAIL FOR MORE  
INFORMATION!

The 4-H Program has four sewing machines and a serger available for member use. Contact Renee for details!



**Fair Theme: Fairy Tales**  
**Slogan: "Step into a world of infinite possibilities"**



# WHAT'S GOING ON IN 4-H?!



## PHOTO CONTEST TIME!

HEY LIVINGSTON COUNTY 4-HERS!

Here's your chance to show off your photography skills!

**Snap your best shot of your favorite pet or a festive holiday scene.**

Send it over to Jessica Gramkee at [jgramkee@gmail.com](mailto:jgramkee@gmail.com). Make sure to add your name and photo title with your email. Or use this form to submit your entry: <https://forms.gle/5arowW7Br7BdAzmX7>

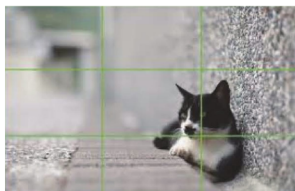
**DEADLINE: You have until January 1st, 2024, to submit your entry.**

All photos will be posted on the CCE Livingston County Facebook page on January 2nd. **The photo with the most likes as of January 16th will receive a prize!**

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### PHOTOGRAPHY CHALLENGE:

**Showcase your best use of the Rule of Thirds.**



What is that? It is when you divide your image into thirds with an imaginary grid of 2 horizontal and 2 vertical lines. It helps create a photo that uses the negative space well and makes the subject and background work well together.



# POULTRY CLUB

**December 13, 2023 | 6pm | Chip Holt Nature Center**

We will be learning how to raise turkeys, the different breeds, and some showing basics! The program will end with an introduction to the Turkey Barbeque Contest.

RSVP to Jenn at [jls669@cornell.edu](mailto:jls669@cornell.edu) by December 8th.

**OPEN TO ALL AGES AND SKILL LEVELS**



# ANIMAL SCIENCE



## ANIMAL ACTIVITY NIGHT

December 5, 2023 | 6pm  
CCE Livingston County Office  
3 Murray Hill Drive, Mt. Morris

### THE SCIENCE BEHIND MAKING CHEESE

Let's learn how to make cheese and the science behind it!  
We will make mozzarella and taste test a few different varieties.



Space is limited to 20 youth. RSVP to Jenn at [jls669@cornell.edu](mailto:jls669@cornell.edu) by 11/30.

## Photos from the first Poultry Club Meeting





# WHAT'S GOING ON IN 4-H?!



## LET'S EXPLORE PRINTMAKING

Friday, December 8th  
5:30-7pm | Chip Holt Nature Center, Lakeville

RSVP Deadline 12/4 to Renee (rh445@cornell.edu)

**Relief Printing --- Press your image into a print block, add pigment, and transfer to paper. Perfect for making holiday cards!**



Interested, but can't make it? A Grab-n-Go Kit will be created for you to use with your members. Tentatively available beginning January 2024.



## LET'S EXPLORE PRINTMAKING

TO BE HELD IN JANUARY

Check the January Livewire for the date!  
5:30-7pm | Chip Holt Nature Center, Lakeville

### Gyotaku - Japanese Art of Fish Printing!

Don't worry, we won't use real fish, but we will learn about the tradition of Gyotaku and create one-of-a-kind prints.



A Grab-n-Go Kit will be created for you to use with your members. Tentatively available in February 2024.



# WHAT'S GOING ON IN 4-H?!

## ONTARIO COUNTY 4-H UNMOUNTED HORSE CLINICS

Join Ontario County 4-H for learning throughout the fall/winter months! Anyone interested in horses is welcome! All clinics will be held at the Ontario County CCE Office located at 480 N Main Street, Canandaigua, NY 14424. For more information about these clinics, email [sab423@cornell.edu](mailto:sab423@cornell.edu) or call 585-394-3977.

- **December 6th (6-8pm) - Equine Nutrition**
- **December 20th (6-8pm) - Horse Educational Kit**
- **January 10th (6-8pm) - Equine Confirmation**
- **January 24th (6-8pm) - Horse Quizzing Fun**
- **February 7th (6-8pm) - Horse Educational Kit**
- **February 21st (6-8pm) - All About Bits!**



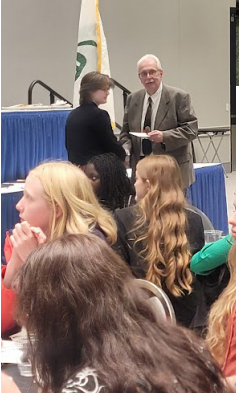
\*\*\*Each clinic will count 5 points towards the Livingston County 4-H Horseman of the Year Program points and the required 10 non-mounted educational points to qualify for the State Fair 4-H Horse Show. Please contact Mark at [mjw16@cornell.edu](mailto:mjw16@cornell.edu) if you attend any of these clinics.

## Photos from the DIY Stamps Activity Night!

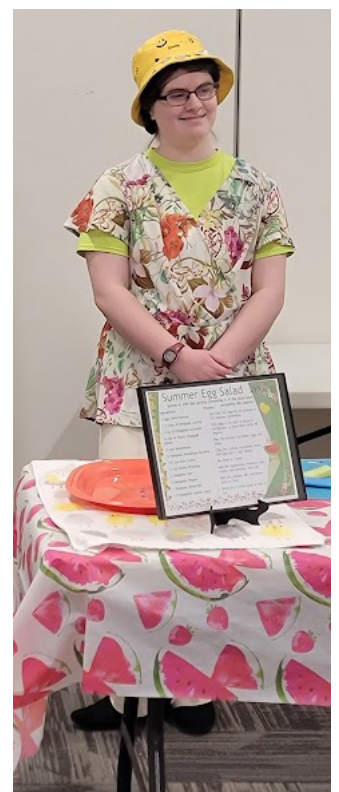




# Photos from the National 4-H Poultry & Egg Conference



- **Audrey:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, National 4-H Egg Chef Challenge
- **Rian:** 5<sup>th</sup> Place, National 4-H Chicken Barbeque Contest
- **Emily:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, National 4-H Turkey Barbeque Contest



## BAKING CLUB IS BACK - and taking new members!



Fridays at 6pm  
Groveland Federated Parish  
6616 Groveland Hill Road  
Groveland Station, NY 14462



**Join Ron, Linda & Gardner this fall to make, bake, and decorate holiday cookies!**

The group has spoken! Baking has moved to Fridays at 6pm this December!

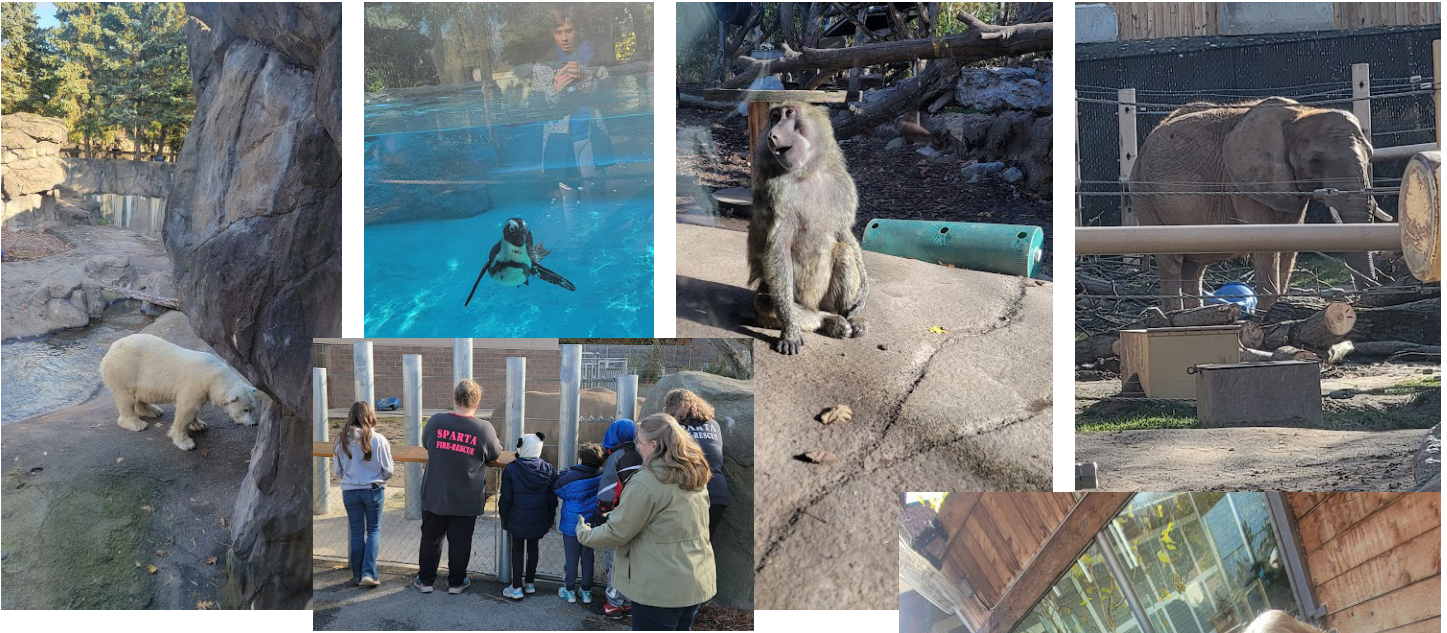
UPCOMING DATES:  
Dec. 1, 6, 15, 22 & 29



A winter session will also be held on Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26 and Feb. 2, 9 & 10 - culminating in a Valentine Lunch/Dinner for the community.

**Open to 4-H'ers 8+ years old  
RSVP to Ron 585-747-7251 (call/text)**

# Photos from the 3A Trip to Seneca Park Zoo!



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# TRIVIA NIGHT & Holiday Party

**THUR., DECEMBER 14, 2023 | 5PM**  
**LIVINGSTON COUNTY AUDITORIUM**  
Murray Hill Campus, Mt. Morris

Grab your friends and join us for a night of trivia and delicious food as we honor several CCE Livingston County volunteers! The evening will also include a holiday baked goods auction and annual meeting!

Cost: \$10/person or \$25/family.  
Call 585-991-5426 with questions.

RSVP BY DECEMBER 4



# CLUB NEWS

## Livingston County Nibblers

The club learned about what kind of trees and twine we could use to make toys for rabbits and guinea pigs. We then made some toys for our own pets with willow and apple branches.

Submitted by Kiara Gramkee

## Hilltop Riders

The Hilltop Riders went on a field trip to Begin Again Horse Rescue. The group learned how to give a horse medicine through syringes and how to take a horse's temperature with Evelyn Miller, one of the staff members at the rescue. Evelyn also introduced us to the horses and told us about them. We got to help feed the horses and get their feed ready for the next day. I really loved learning how to give the horses medicine. This was a fun experience!

Submitted by Hannah Gall

SEE PHOTOS FROM BOTH CLUBS BELOW!



## Livingston County Nibblers

Rabbit and Cavy Club

Open to all enrolled 4-Hers. We will meet monthly and work on showmanship, rabbit and cavy care and other activities.

Upcoming meeting dates:

- November 29th
- December 27th
- January 24th
- February 21st
- March 27th
- April 24th
- May 29th



Meetings are at 5:30 pm at the Chip Holt Building. Please RSVP before the meeting date to Jessica Gramkee @ [jgramkee@gmail.com](mailto:jgramkee@gmail.com).



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Matt Cicero	Heather Pero
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Jessica Gramkee	

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