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CCE Receives Chenango Youth Philanthropy Grants

Chenango County 4-H Received the 2016 Chenango Youth Philanthropy Grant for Outdoor STEM Adventure Program.

In its second year of support, the Chenango Youth Philanthropy Council has generously awarded Chenango County 4-H \$1,760.00 to purchase kayak paddles, youth life jackets, compasses, and water monitoring kits to support 4-H STEM and outdoor educational programming at the 4-H after school programs throughout the county.

For the first year CCE Chenango was also awarded \$4,000 to start programming outreach to 10 daycare centers and home based programs with a focus on growing ones own food and eating healthy for life. This new program entitled Growing 4 Me will be running throughout the summer.

Chenango Youth Philanthropy Council grants are made possible by collaborations with the Community Foundation for South Central New York, Chobani, and the R.C. Smith Foundation.



Students and award recipients of the 2016 Youth Philanthropy Council Grants

CCE Chenango is Under Construction!



For the first time in 55 years, the building here at 99 North Broad Street is undergoing a renovation. The Agriculture Center, which houses Chenango County Soil and Water District, USDA Farm Service Agency, Natural Resource Conservation Service, and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chenango County is being upgraded to meet USDA's standards.

Upgrades are mainly being done on the cinderblock, "new" part of the building and include a new entrance, offices and bathrooms. Additionally the boiler

in the building is being upgraded to high efficiency boiler. The upgraded section, when finished, will include: air conditioning, more efficient lighting, new windows and other upgrades to make the building more modern.

The renovations, paid for by the United States

Department of Agriculture, will be complete by mid-September of this year.

For those of you visiting our building during the renovation, thanks for your patience with the disturbance of the construction. During the renovation there will be access into the building on the Northern Side driveway. There are multiple steps to enter the building during construction and will be completely handicapped accessible in the fall. The driveway will be closed with no entrance into the parking lot from North Broad Street. For those of you who have not visited lately, we hope that you will come to check out our improvements after they are complete this fall!



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Hand Tools for On-Farm Repairs

Rich Taber of CCE Chenango is a long time farmer, and agriculture and natural resource educator. He lives with his collection of tractors, all but one of which has a three point hitch, on a diversified livestock, poultry, grazing, and woodlot operation in Madison County, named "Great Northern Farm", which he runs with his wife Wendy who operates the family meat business. He can be reached at 607-334-5841, extension 21, or rbt44@cornell.edu.

If you own tractors and other farm machinery, you will need to have an assortment of decent quality hand and power tools on hand to perform normal maintenance and simple repairs. Even if you are not overly mechanically inclined, you still will need these tools; you cannot afford to call your friendly repair mechanic every time you need to change an oil filter or to make adjustments on your machinery. This article will focus on your first line of defense; hand tools.

Before we even get into the nitty gritty of which tools to own, I will make suggestions on the quality of tools that you purchase. You do not need top of the line, "money is no object" quality tools. However, you do not want to be penny wise and pound foolish by purchasing cheap, low quality, junk. Oftentimes you see vendors who travel the country with their trucks who pull into an area, set up a bunch of tents and tables, and then peddle their foreign made junk; I SAY BEWARE!! Frequently the first time you go to use one of these cheaply made tools they break or fail almost immediately.

There are several quality brands made here in the United States that should serve you well. Most equipment needs English measurement tools, but one frequently needs a metric assortment as well. Good tools can sometimes be purchased used at farm auctions, but then you have to endure hours of waiting for the items that you want to be auctioned off, and frequently they will

be mixed in with boxes of other "treasures" that only accumulate in farm shops over the years, resulting in a hodge podge of surprises.

Some of the most important tools of course will be wrenches and socket sets. A good set of combination wrenches, (open end and box end) from 3/8 inches all the way up to 1 1/2 inches will be needed. Several 1/2 inch, 9/16th, 5/8ths, 13/16, 3/4 inch, 7/8th, and 15/16 inch and one inch wrenches are always needed, sometimes in multiple locations. Adjustable wrenches are useful to have on hand, along with a good set of double ended wrenches. One or more pipe wrenches are needed to round out the stable.

Another critical component of any tool set of course are socket sets. Sockets typically are from 1/2 to 1 1/2 inches, and equivalent metric sizes. Socket drives come in 1/4, 3/8, 1/2, 3/4, and one inch drives. Appropriate extensions for each drive, and breaker bars in the same sizes are need as well. The most useful for equipment repair will be the 1/2 and 3/4 inch drive sets.



Diagram can be found at: <http://www.tractorbynet.com/>

Thank You to our 2016 4-H Donors

Janis Beach

Rick Schuhart

Ken Hopley

* If you are looking to donate CCE is always willing to work with individuals looking to contribute to building improvements, youth programming or the general fund.

Contact Cindy to learn more about donating on line!

Several ball peen hammers and soft rubber mallets are needed for pounding on things; don't be caught using carpenters' hammers on your machinery!

An assortment of pin and drift punches are needed to drive pins and bolts out of holes. Several top quality screwdrivers, in both slot tip as well as Phillips head configuration are needed.

Pliers come in all kinds of configurations, such as side cutting, needle nose, regular, pump, and "vise grip" types. Several will be needed, because if you only have one, you can never find it when you need it.

A few metal cutting files will be needed, to remove small amounts of steel from time to time.

Investing in a good quality torque wrench is a good idea as well, as this lets you put specific amounts of torque onto bolt heads, and the amounts of torque are stated in various owner/operator manuals.

Another indispensable item to have on hand is a good quality battery charger/battery booster. I use these almost on a daily basis in the winter, when batteries on tractors seem to want to go into hibernation on below zero days. A good quality set of jumper cables is indispensable in coaxing dead machines to start as well.

Some miscellaneous supplies that will

be needed to work efficiently will be proper clothing, such as coveralls and eye protection. Several charged fire extinguishers strategically placed around your work area are good insurance policies. Safety is always of paramount importance!

Gasoline, diesel fuel, kerosene, grease and grease guns, solvents, and penetrating oil should be safe distances away from other areas.

In the handling of lubricants, you need to have the right size containers with appropriate spouts on them to add oil to various pieces of equipment, and oil pans to catch the old oil when draining it out of a machine.

Good quality, safe, name brand jacks and jack stands are needed for the often heavy lifting of machinery that needs to be done, and several blocks of wood on hand to block wheels to prevent rolling.

Mechanics gloves will prevent you from getting metal splinters in your hands.

One or more metal tool chests and boxes will keep your tools in order; it does not hurt to have mounted tools boxes on your tractors too.

A good work area, or farm shop or garage is needed, but the details for such an area will appear in a future article. Always keep safety in mind, and happy wrench turning!

Praise for Strawberries

Patty Catalano is CCE's Horticulture Educator and owns and operates a local fruit and vegetable farm.

As I watch our 150 strawberry plants hang low, heavy with large whitish green berries, I marvel at their tenacity. These berry plants have not been spoiled little pampered plants. I bought them 2 years ago. Heeled them into sand for about 3 months because the beds weren't ready yet. Prepared a lovely raised bed with a delicious mix of just the right soil. Finally got them in the ground and then mulched them with straw. The horrible kind of straw that right away starts sprouting weeds so fast and so thick you wish you had used anything else but that straw. Anything. After trying to pull it out by hand, considering ripping everything out and starting over, I harvested the first berries last year and knew I had to try and salvage these poor beds. A thick layer of leaves last fall served to smother some of the grassy weeds this spring. Then the warm weather started and the rains came and before you know it the weeds were towering over the poor strawberries once again. Thick and lush. Would make great hay. Not so good for strawberries because though they may still produce a good crop, the thick wet grass produces its own crop.....of slugs. And the slugs will come. The minute the top of a strawberry ripens red they will be there with their slimy bodies curled around your precious berry, gnawing on the only ripe spot on the berry because you gave them the perfect, thick wet grassy environment for their little strawberry eating Autobahn. That was last year.

This year was different. Knowing now that letting the weeds get too thick meant certain death for my dreams of strawberry shortcake minus slug slime, I diligently pulled out tall grassy weeds all spring as I watched the plants set fruit. Their first flower's anthers blackened by May's very late frosts. They are not perfect beds. There's still weeding to do. But very few crops could take the abuse these strawberries have taken and still give a quart of fruit per square foot. Blueberries would be choked to death. I know that because ours were. Enjoy this year's strawberries, I know mine will be even sweeter for all my hard work.



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every third Tuesday of
the month at 7 PM in
the Satellite Room at
99 North Broad Street,
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feel free to join us!**

Good Luck!

Chenango County 4-H is saying thank you, good-bye and good luck to 4-H Educator Holly Bowen. Holly and her fiancé are moving back to Maryland to pursue other opportunities.

In a short period of time, Holly was able to begin 3 new 4-H after school partnerships, take fun with science out to the community and learn how to operate a sewing machine! We really appreciate all that she accomplished for our program and hope she continues her 4-H career in Maryland!

Thank you and good luck Holly!



Above: Top, Holly works with youth at the Oxford STEM night. Bottom: ESNY staff before Anna parted on her adventure.

Welcome ESNY Summer Staff

Cooperative Extension's Eat Smart New York Supervisor, Betty Clark is pleased to announce the hiring of two temporary summer employees Tim Hayes and Chelsea Yager. The Program Educators will be responsible for providing community nutrition education programs to improve healthy food and lifestyle choices among families and individuals encompassing targeted age groups throughout Chenango, Cortland and Madison County. Education will be conducted in a variety of community settings, to include; emergency food program sites, schools and youth serving organizations, Farmer's Markets and school/Community Gardens.

Chelsea Yager is coming to us from Syracuse, NY. She attends Syracuse University and is pursuing a Master's of Science in Nutrition Science and Dietetics. Chelsea earned her Bachelor's degree in Molecular Neuroscience at Binghamton University. She has worked creating and delivering nutrition education curriculum for various organizations and is looking forward to working with Cornell Cooperative Extension. When Chelsea is not working she enjoys spending time hiking and camping.



Above: Chelsea and Tim are excited to begin programming with ESNY!

Tim Hayes grew up in Manlius and is also coming to us from Syracuse. Tim received a Dietetic Technician degree from Morrisville State College. He is looking forward to working with youth in Oneida at a Community Garden that was planted in the spring. When Tim is not working he enjoys gardening, biking, music, and sports.

4-H Fair Schedule

***For more detailed and updated schedule of 4-H activities and events –
contact CCE/4-H Office, 607-334-5841 ext. 12***

July 18, 2016

4:00pm All entries due to the CCE/4-H office

Monday, August 1, 2016

4:00pm State Fair 4-H Animal Entries Due, CCE/4-H Office

Saturday, August 6, 2016

10am-1pm 4-H Judging for Non-Perishable Exhibits: HL Case Building

Monday, August 8, 2016

12 noon Animal Barns open to Exhibitors

4pm - 7pm 4-H Judging for Perishable Exhibits: HL Case Building

Tuesday, August 9, 2016

9:00am 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show

12 Noon All Animal Exhibits must be in place

12 Noon 4-H Pet Show

2:00 pm 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest

4:15pm 4-H Animal Exhibitor Meeting – Required

5:00pm Market Animal Weigh In

6:15pm Fair Parade

7:30pm 4-H Big Foot Race

Wednesday, August 10, 2016

8:30am 4-H & Open Poultry Judging

1:00pm 4-H Dairy Goat Show

7:00pm 4-H Dairy Showmanship

Thursday, August 11, 2016

8:30am 4-H & Open Dairy Show

9:00am 4-H & Open Livestock Show

6:30pm 4-H Clothing Revue

7:00pm Dog Obedience Trial

8:00pm 4-H Synchronized Snack Toss

Friday, August 12, 2016

8:30am Open Youth Horse Show

1:00pm Open/4-H Youth Cashmere Goat Show

7:00pm 4-H Livestock Auction

8:30pm 4-H Baked Beans Landmine Game

Saturday, August 13, 2016

3:00pm Super Showmanship Contest

5:30/6pm Livestock Fellowship Dinner

7:00pm 4-H Fair Awards & Ice Cream Social

8:30pm 4-H Dance

Sunday, August 14, 2016

10:00am 4-H Goat Judging Contest

1:00pm 4-H Build It! Challenge – Crash Test Cars

3:00pm 4-H Dairy Cattle Released

4:00pm 4-H Poultry, Beef, Sheep, Swine, and Goats Released

4:00pm 4-H Premium Checks Available

5:00pm HL Case Building Exhibits Released



UPCOMING CLASSES AND EVENTS

Make More Plants: Propagate!

Want more plants? Propagation is a do-it-yourselfers answer to making more plants. In this class you'll learn the basic techniques for making more plants at home. You will go home with one or two cuttings or divisions of your own. \$10 per person or \$7 for Master Gardener Volunteers and members of garden clubs. Call 607-334-5841 x 11 to register by July 27th. Limit 12 participants

Thursday, July 28 4pm-7pm at CCE Chenango



Freezing and Dehydrating:

Learn to safely prepare and freeze or dehydrate fruits, vegetables and herbs. This class is primarily demonstration with some opportunities to taste dehydrated foods. Call 334-5841 x 11 or 20 to check if space is still available, then pay by Friday July 29.

Tuesday, August 2 1-3 OR 6-8 PM \$10

Pickles and Dilly Beans:

Learn to safely pickle beans and cucumbers and process in a boiling water canner. All materials and ingredients will be provided. Hands on class. Wear closed toe shoes and bring an apron if you like. Call 334-5841 x 11 or 20 to check if space is still available, then pay by Friday, August 12.

Thursday, August 18 1-3 OR 6-8 PM \$15

Late Blight Update

What's the latest on late blight? Get an introduction and update on late blight on potato and tomato. Learn what's new in dealing with late blight including new resistant varieties. \$5 per person or free for Master Gardener Volunteers and members of garden clubs. Call 607-334-5841 x 11 to register by August 24th. Limit 20 participants.

Thursday August 25th, 5pm-7pm at CCE Chenango

NYS Maple Tour In Chenango

Stephen Childs, NYS Maple Specialist



The New York State Maple Tour is set for July 17-19 in central New York State. The tour will be centered at the Ramada Hotel and Conference Center in Cortland NY and hosted by the Chenango and Cortland Area Maple Producers Association. This tour will feature stops at 11 maple operations of various sizes and specialties. The tour begins with a tradeshow and registration on Sunday afternoon and evening followed by visits to the maple operations on Monday and Tuesday. Information on the tour stops and registration information is available at the nysmaple.com, cornellmaple.com and ccechenango.org under events. You can call Cindy to sign up and even pay on line this year!

The 2016 Maple Camp will be hosted by the West Virginia Maple Producers Association and held at West Virginia University in Morgantown. The camp begins with dinner at 5 PM on July 20th and runs through noon on Saturday July 23. The camp features experience in evaluating a potential sugarbush, understanding and installing maple mainlines and lateral lines, tapping, taphole sanitation practices, RO and evaporation, filtering, grading, canning and marketing maple. Sessions also include maple business management along with making a variety of maple value added products. This year there is also a pre-conference workshop titled "Using Maple Syrup Quality Evaluation to Improve Maple Production Practices" for no additional charge. For more information and registration forms go to cornellmaple.com or nysmaple.com.

UPCOMING 4-H OPPORTUNITIES AND EVENTS



4-H River Kayaking and River Float Day - Sunday, July 10 10 am to 2pm Meets at Halfway House DEC Fish Access.

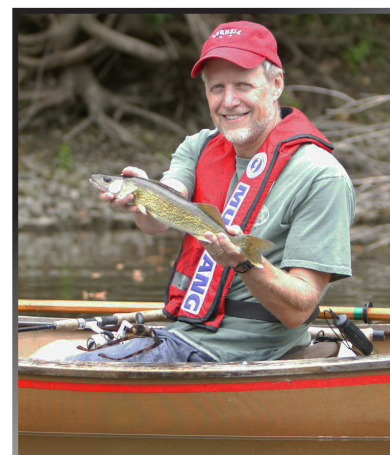
4-Hers interested in learning to Kayak and Fish Chenango County Rivers can join us for a fun day on the river. We will start at the Halfway House DEC river access and float downstream to the Oxford river access at the water treatment plant. Adult Family members are welcome to come along. CCE will provide the Kayaks or bring your own. If you are interested in fishing, bring your own gear. For ages 8 and above. Limit 10 youth. A light lunch will be provided on the river. Call Cindy at 334-5841 x. 11 to sign up before July 8.

Learn Kayaking at Rogers Center, Sherburne - Saturday, August 27: 1pm to 3pm

If you have ever wanted to learn to about kayaking, join us at Rogers Center on August 27 to learn the basics of river and flat water kayaking. Kayaking is a fun way to see wildlife and to get great exercise. Learn about the basics of paddling, proper equipment, and planning a trip. Use one of our Kayaks or bring your own. This program is a collaboration between Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chenango County and Friends of Rogers. Cost \$12
Call Friends of Rogers at (607) 674-4017 to Sign up before August 25.

Guided Float Fishing Trip on the Chenango River at Rogers Center, Sherburne - Saturday, September 24: 10 am to 4pm

Join us on the Chenango River at Rogers Environmental Education Center. We will learn how to take advantage of Chenango County's great river fishing. We will start at Rogers Center and float to the DEC Fishing access at North Norwich. Great for



beginners or experienced kayakers. Use our canoes or kayaks, or bring your own. A light lunch will be provided on the river. Cost \$12. Call Friends of Rogers at (607) 674-4017 to Sign up before September 22.

2016 Mr and Mrs Chenango County Fair Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Syd McEvoy will be presiding over the Chenango County Fair as Mr. and Mrs. Chenango County Fair this year. Many of you will remember Syd for the time he spent leading the Chenango County 4-H Program and we are counting on you to share those memories with the rest of us!

We are looking for photos and stories of Syd and his wife that fondly remind us of all that he has given to Chenango County. All submissions will be used to create a display in Case Building for the week of fair. All photos, newspaper clippings, etc. will be scanned and returned to those submitting. Submissions may be made to Janet Pfromm by August 1st.

Please consider taking part in honoring the McEvoy's for their years of service!

How do I get rid of ... ? What is this pest? How do I amend ... ?

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Our Home Garden Help Line is open May 3 to Aug. 26.

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or email us at chenangomgs@cornell.edu

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Chenango County 4-H Has Highest Participation at Animal Crackers

4-H'ers and their parents traveled to Cornell University on May 7 to learn more about dairy cattle and goats. From showing to herd health to animal behavior and sticking their arms inside a rumen, our 4-H'ers learned it all! Chenango County had the most participants from across the state!

Participating in Animal Crackers were the following members and families:

Goats: Sarah & Eli Goldstein; Erin, Justin, Peyton, Skyler, & Karl Graham; Rachel Farrow-Beers; Jaryn Price; Leah

& Davin Miller; Tracy & Matt Skinner; Sarah Roy & Maygan Roy; Grayson Delaney; Jesica, Paige & Cole Warren; Abby & Andylynn Anderson

Dairy: Mark, Owen, Phalen Hill; Lily Marshman; Lee, Morgan, Adrienne Hodge; Nate Rumovicz



4-H Receives 2016 Otis Thompson Foundation Grant for Summer Reading Partnership Program

Chenango County 4-H would like to thank the Otis Thompson Foundation for their continued support of the 4-H Summer Reading Partnership Program. In its third year, the program partners with local libraries and youth recreational sites to tie literacy healthy lifestyles together with On Your Mark, Get Set...Read program.

The Foundation has awarded Chenango County 4-H \$3,500 to hire a summer intern to coordinate this year's program. We are very fortunate to have Susan Graham, South Otselic, return this summer to run this worthwhile program. She is aiming to work with 500 Chenango County youth to Keep a Body Bust with 4-H! The book, The Busy Body Book: A Kids Guide to Fitness, is being used in conjunction with fitness activities and healthy snacks.

To learn more about the program or to schedule a program, please contact Susan at 607-334-5841 ext. 10.

Congratulations to the 2016 4-H Senior Dairy Scholarship Winner!

Victoria Peila will be studying Ag Business at SUNY Morrisville in the fall. She has been a very active part of her 4-H Club, Storm Family, and the county-wide program the past 3 years. She is the past Chenango County Dairy Princess and current Alternate Chenango County Dairy Princess, a member of the Junior Dairy Leaders Program, Oxford FFA officer, and mentors middle school students through HATCH. Congratulations and Good Luck this fall!!



4-H Dairy and Meat Goat Clinic Success!



Thanks to the Graham Family for opening up the farm to new-to-the-goat-program 4-H'ers and their parents! We had a great afternoon learning the finer points of fitting and showing both dairy and meat goats.

The following 4-H'ers participated: Peyton and Skyler Graham, Abby and Andylynn Anderson, Matt Skinner, Jaryn Price, Grayson Delaney, Mayghan Roy, and Megan Peila.

4-H Dairy Judging Schedule

Dairy judging not only teaches youth how to select an animal but also hones skills in public speaking, critical thinking, reasoning, teamwork, and much more! Some practices will be held during the daytime, others in the evenings.

- Dairy Judging Practices: July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

For more information and to sign-up for tours, please contact Janet, 607-334-5841 x12 or jl27@cornell.edu.

Cooperstown Farmers' Museum Junior Livestock Show, July 10-12, 2016

Get ready Chenango County 4-H - the annual Junior Livestock Show is coming! This show is a celebration of youth in agriculture! The show is the second largest youth competition in the state and the only one of its kind sponsored by a museum in the United States. A tradition in central New York, the event features the area's best livestock and youth exhibitors from a nine-county region. More than 300 youth handlers and 750 animals are expected to participate. The event tests the skills of participants (ages eight to eighteen) who present animals (dairy cows, beef, swine, goats, and sheep of various breeds) that they own, care for and have prepared for competition.

2016 4-H NYS Fair Info

- All animal entries are due August 1st. Plan ahead!!! Register all animals that you think might go. It is easier to scratch than to add entries. Additional animal entries can be made by close of county fair but it will be the responsibility of the exhibitor to get those entries to the NYS Fair Entry Office by closing of August 15, 2016.
- Animal entry forms are being revised, and in some cases, look a lot different and require more information. Please read your State Fair Entry Packets thoroughly when you receive them. Call if have questions or need help completing.
- Animal entry forms and class lists can be obtained by calling the 4-H Office, 334-5841 x12.
- Dairy Cattle entries must be accompanied by registration papers and a signed code of conduct.
- All entries must have a 4-H Educator's signature to be official.
- All domestic exhibits will be selected at county fair prejudging.
- Items going to State Fair will be packed and stored at the CCE Office until State Fair, unless items need fixing before State Fair competition. Produce, baked goods, and flowers must be brought to the CCE Office before State Fair.
- Dorms for State Fair 4-H Animal Exhibitors Those parents, volunteers, and youth planning on staying in the Youth Building Dorms must complete a paper copy registration form by August 1, 2016. Each person must present this 4-H Educator-signed form upon move-in into the dorms. All adults staying in the dorms must be enrolled volunteers who have undergone a CCE background check within the last 3 years, per NYS Cornell Cooperative Extension Policy. Those exhibitors NOT staying in the dorms during State Fair must complete a "Dorm Exemption" form and have it on file with the 4-H Office and indicate where they will be staying.
- EXHIBITOR'S PASSES, DAILY PASSES, AND PARKING PERMITS for State Fair will not be mailed out ahead of time. State Fair exhibitors will meet on August 23rd to pick up passes, 7pm, CCE Office.



4-H Sewing a Success!

12 Chenango County 4-H members participated in Sewing Camp in April and finished the week with the 2nd Annual 4-H Sewing Spectacular, held at the United Church of Christ in Norwich. Thanks to our volunteers who made the week a huge success: Louise Butcher, Marilyn Carley, Della Ericksen, Deb Nowalk, and Rhonda Turrell.

The following 4-H'ers participated in Sewing Camp and/or the Sewing Spectacular:

Baily Anderson—Pillow Case
 Cascade Benenati – Skirt
 Natalie Benenati—Skirt
 Grace Bookamer—Dress
 Talia Bookamer— Pajama Pants
 Maria Funk—Pillow Case
 Adrienne Hodge — Skirt
 Morgan Hodge—Fitted Shorts
 Taylor Hodge—Football Pillow
 Lily Marshman — Pajama Pants
 Paige Proskine—Pillow Case
 Ena Race – Skater Skirt & Sheer Blouse

Amon Van Alst—Star Wars Quilt & Stuffed Chicken
 Congratulations to Ena Race who was awarded the
 Cooley Award for Best In Show at the Spectacular.

Thanks to our star judges: Jean Barrows, Julie Ives, and Katha Root. Thank you to the United Church of Christ for hosting our event.



The New York State 4-H Dog Program is searching for new talent!

DOG PHOTOGRAPHY – CONTEST – 2016

Young photographers will have an opportunity to have their original work displayed at the NYS Fair in 2016 August 25 – September 5. Entries are due July 15, 2016!

Who may enter? Youth currently affiliated with any CCE 4-H Youth Development Program in New York State (ages 5-19).

Eligibility: Contestants must give permission for their work to be displayed and used for publicity.

What? Entries may be electronic (digital) or print (film) format. A maximum of 3/person. Please submit high resolution electronic entries in .jpg or .tif format. Minimum resolution = 300 dpi (dots per inch). Print entries must be original 8x10 or larger high quality prints. All entries become the property of Cornell and will not be returned.

Suggested Categories: Dogs in the Neighborhood; Human-Dog Bonds; 4-H Dogs in Action; Canine Portraits; Companions and Friends; Dogs Around the World; Dog Sports. Dog Jobs. Healthy Lifestyles; Civic Engagement; Dog Science, Technology, Engineering & Math. Repeated in 2016: Story board 4-6 photos submitted as one group that tell a story.

Evaluation Criteria: Photographs will be evaluated on the following, by a panel of 4-H educators, leaders, or

dog art enthusiasts. 1. Clarity of expression; 2. Original thought and perspective; 3. Technical quality; 4. Reproducibility
Winners:

The top students will be awarded an opportunity to have their work displayed in public venues. Winners will be announced at the NYS Fair in the Dog Science (Cynology) Display in the Youth Building.

Subject: The subject matter must include a domestic dog of any breed or mixed breed.

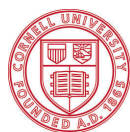
Technical Detail: • Media-digital or film color or black and white. • Size: No smaller than 8" x 10" and no larger than 12" x 18" print quality. • If you submit photos printed on a home printer, submit high resolution images on high quality glossy photo paper. • Do NOT frame, mount or matt the entries. • All mailed entries must be wrapped to protect the entries. • All digital or adjusted photos must have thumbnail image submitted. (A "thumbnail" is the original image as it first comes from your camera, before any cropping, editing or coloring). • Film images must include camera and film type, film speed or digital settings. • No entries will be returned. A maximum of 3 entries per person will be accepted. • Each contestant must send a completed Entry Form along with signed (photo, video, audio consent) release form for every person who appears in the photo.

For more information and to complete an entry form, visit: https://blogs.cornell.edu/ansci4h/files/2016/02/dog_photo_contest-11e1ew7.pdf

2016 COUNTY FAIR THEME

Show your 4-H pride and decorate your livestock or club booth area using this year's theme, 4-H Grows Here. Preregistration required. Entry forms on the inside cover of the 4-H Chenango County Fair book.





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4-H EVENTS

July 1	4-H Dairy Judging Practice
July 8	4-H State Fair Qualifying Horse Show, Chenango County Fair Grounds
July 8-10	Afton Fair
July 8	Youth Dairy Judging Contest at the Afton Fair
July 10-12	The Farmers' Museum Junior Livestock Show, Cooperstown
July 13	MyPlate Scavenger Hunt for kids at the Norwich Farmer's Market
July 15	4-H Dairy Judging Practice
	Chenango County Fair Camperships Open
	NYS 4-H Dog Photography Entries Due
July 18	4-H County Entry Forms Due
July 22	4-H Dairy Judging Practice
July 25	4-H Fair Clean-Up and Livestock Area Set-Up
July 29	4-H Dairy Judging Practice
Aug 1	4-H State Fair Animal Entries Due
Aug 6	4-H Domestic PreJudging, Fairgrounds
Aug 8	4-H Perishables PreJudging, Fairgrounds
Aug 9-14	Chenango County Fair
Aug 23	4-H State Fair Exhibitors Meeting, CCE Office
Aug 25-Sept 5	New York State Fair, Syracuse

Classes offered at CCE Chenango

NYS Maple Tour	July 17-19, all day
4-H River Kayaking Day	July 10, 10 AM-2 PM
Make More Plants	July 28 4-7 PM
Freezing and Dehydrating	August 2, 1-3 PM or 6-8 PM
Pickles and Dilly Beans	August 18, 1-3 or 6-8 PM
Late Blight Update	August 25, 5-7 PM
Learning to Kayak	August 27, 1-3 PM
Guided Float Fishing Trip	September 24, 10 AM-4 PM