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## Thank You to All Our Volunteers

Volunteers are essential to Cooperative Extensions Success! This year's volunteer hours have just begun and with the summer season brings the fair, preservation classes, Master Gardener hotline and a lot of volunteers coming together to make it happen. Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chenango County would like to thank all our volunteers who helped log over 14,084 hours in 2015. This includes our 10 VITA volunteers, 11 Board Member Volunteers, 7 Master Food Preservers, 23 Master Gardeners, and 96 4-H Volunteers. Thank you for all that you do!

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*Master Gardener volunteers staff the Home Garden Help Line:*

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## Master Gardener Plant Sale

Mark Your Calendar!  
**Saturday, June 18**  
**10am-1pm at CCE**

What's better than buying plants in spring? Buying them from people who know plants to support a program that helps you learn more about plants! Every gardener knows that experience is key and the Chenango County Master Gardener Volunteers (MGV) have so many years' experience gardening, they are kind of like their own horticultural library. Our MGV's are digging in to their own gardens for this sale. All proceeds go to support the Horticultural Teaching Garden at CCE Chenango. This garden is used to demonstrate proper pruning techniques, to showcase unique

perennials and to 'develop general gardening interest in our community' (Lee Schwarting-MGV). If you have gardening questions, we will also have an answer booth set up so bring your dry soil (to test pH for free!) and bring your wallet to support horticultural programming in Chenango County. It's good to grow things, it's even better to grow them right!



Shane Butler volunteers to read to a classroom for Ag Literacy Day.



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## The Safe and Efficient Use of Tractor Three Point Hitches

*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 email: rbt44@cornell.edu.*

Tractors can be wonderful devices to accomplish a whole bunch of different tasks on a farm. Three point hitches are an integral part of most tractors nowadays; they are so useful that even draft horse enthusiasts are adapting some fore-carts with such useful devices. However, there are certain guidelines to follow in the use of three point hitches, for human safety and efficiency of operation.

In my young and poor days, I remember the first tractor on my own farm in the early 1980's was an ancient 1940'ish John Deere B with no starter, a hand crank flywheel ignition system, no hydraulics, a draw-bar, and with no three point hitch, and no muffler. Much like the different stages of life that fishermen go through, stage one, you want to catch many fish and any fish will do, (any tractor will do), stage two you want to catch fewer but bigger fish, (tractors with three point hitches) and stage three you want to catch the occasional trophy level fish (one or two fairly) modern well equipped tractors. At that point in my life I was desperate for any tractor; this was my stage one tractor that set me back \$500.00. However, there was very little that I could do with this machine, other than pull wagons with the draw-bar. Sadly, I had to part company with this obsolete, inefficient machine. Over the ensuing years I slowly worked my way up the chain with succeeding, but better equipped and safer tractors.

Not all tractor drawn farm implements require the use of a three point hitch, but many of them

do. Haying, tillage, brush hogging, planting, wood splitting, snow removal, broadcast spreading fertilizers, digging post holes, hauling round bales, logging winches; the list of tasks accomplished with a three point hitch is innumerable.

In my decades as an agricultural educator, I have observed several mistakes that new and beginning farmers oftentimes make with the use of three point hitches. Incorrectly and unsafely mounted hitches can result in safety hazards and inefficient use of the implements. Attaching and detaching three point hitch implements can be wrought with health hazards if proper care and diligence is not taken.

A diagram is included which shows all of the parts of a three point hitch. It shows a draw-bar fastened between the two arms which is not commonly used but can be.

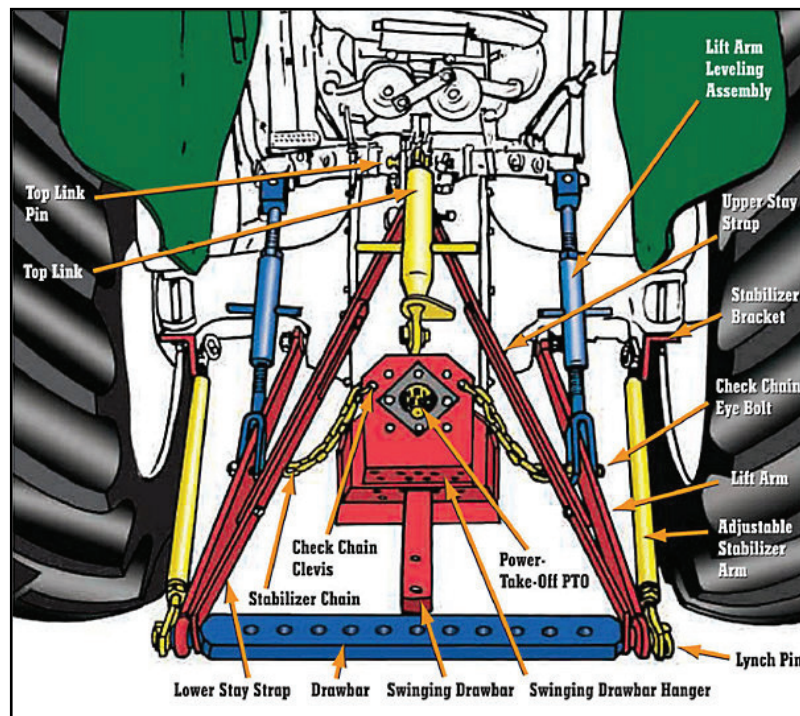


Diagram can be found at: <http://www.tractorbynet.com/>

## Thank You to our 2016 4-H Donors

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### Chenango County 4-H Receives Stewart's Holiday Match Donation

Chenango County 4-H is fortunate to again be a 2016 recipient of Stewart's Shops Holiday Match Donation Program. Chenango County 4-H is very pleased to receive the award of \$1,000 to cover the costs of teaching materials for all of the school and after school programs we do around the county. 1,573 organizations requested \$4.8 million in support for 2016 while Stewart's donated \$1.74

million, \$870,000 coming from generous Stewart's customers! Thank you to all of the Chenango County Stewart's customers who donated to this worthwhile program!



Three point hitch implements are normally attached to the top link, and the two bottom ends of the lift arms. You must have the correct types of pins to attach everything, which I collectively call “hitch hardware”. These include lynch pins and pins for both ends of the top links. Some common mistakes are to use incorrectly sized or broken lynch pins and top link pins, and without respect to the proper “category” of hardware. Three point hitches come in different categories, Category I, Category II, Category III, etc. The take home lesson is that different categories use different size hardware to fasten the implement to the tractor. I have seen all kinds of “MacGyver”, or less charitably, “cob-job” types of arrangements for hardware, such as using old bolts, nails, or anything else handy to hitch the implement. This is how accidents happen when your implement falls off the tractor at the most inopportune time. A trip to your local farm supply store or machinery dealer should avail to you all kinds of correct hitch goodies that you might need.

Another common error is to not have sway bars attached to the three point hitch, resulting in implements that whip back and forth and quite unnerving when bouncing over rough or frozen terrain, sometimes causing damage to the implement or tractor tires.

When buying a used tractor, that machine

may have not had its three point hitch adjusted in a long time, hence the three point hitch leveling lever may be long rusted shut. You frequently have to level the hitch before using it, and you will then have to spend time “freeing up” the leveling lever. A healthy supply of WD-40 or its ilk should be kept on hand.

From a safety standpoint, some implements can be hazardous to try to mount, in that they are heavy, awkward, and cumbersome to get correctly attached. Additionally, beware of the three point hitches on older tractors with obsolete and inconsistent lifting capacities. I once had an empty three point hitch fertilizer come crashing down on my back, as I was between the spreader and the three point hitch lever and was reaching forward to the lever to lower it. Nothing much was happening, and I kept slowly lowering the lever when all at once it came crashing down on my back. If the spreader has been full of fertilizer, I may have taken that big trip upstairs many decades ahead of schedule.

A supply of good hand tools, such as ball peen hammers, wrenches, draw pins, and extra hitch hardware should be kept on hand, and a toolbox mounted on one of the tractor fenders to contain all of that will ensure that you always have what you need on hand.

Be safe, be careful and good farming!

## Try Irises

Looking for an easy to grow, drought tolerant, deer-resistant perennial that comes in a multitude of colors? Try irises. Irises need at least half a day of sun to bloom. They come in a large variety of colors including the traditional blues and purples but can also be found in golds and yellows. They provide stunning flowers on approximately 28 inch stems. They make wonderful cut flowers and are attractive to both butterflies and hummingbirds. Plant irises in mid to late summer in well -drained soil. Irises will spread so plant them alone. The rhizomes or roots should be partially exposed. After flowers are done, don't trim the leaves as they are required for photosynthesis. Irises will become congested in 2 to 5 years. At this point, they can be divided and replanted. Requiring little care and providing great beauty, irises make a lovely addition to anyone's landscape.

By Jacqueline Foster ~ Master Gardener Volunteer of Chenango County



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feel free to join us!**

## Thank You to our 2016 4-H Donors

### Chenango County 4-H Receives Support from Ollie's

Chenango County 4-H has recently received support from Ollie's Bargain Warehouse to help purchase supplies for our new 4-H Outdoor Adventure Program. Discounts were used to purchase fishing gear and other outdoor equipment to be used in 4-H Afterschool and other 4-H programs.



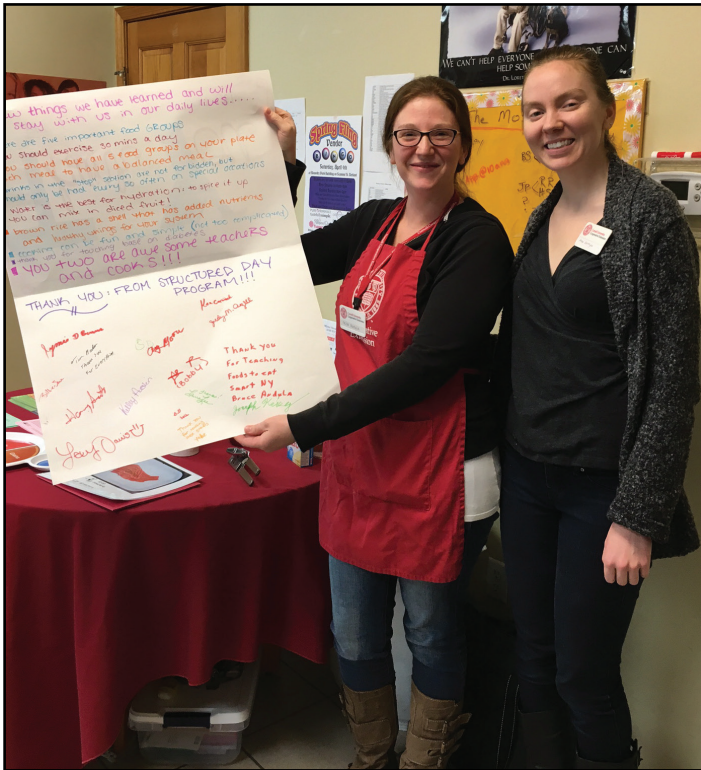
### 2016 Ag Literacy Week

Thank you to all who participated in this year's Ag Literacy Week! This year's program brought agricultural awareness to 587 youth in Chenango County thanks to the reading talents and/or book sponsorships of: Oxford FFA, Otselic Valley FFA, Vicki Gregory, Betty Robinson, Louise Butcher, Deb Nowalk, Shane Butler, Mindy Jo Eldred, Patricia Warren, and Janet Pfromm!

## Spring Is Here (Or Is It?)

The days may be getting warmer but doesn't this feel familiar? Didn't we have spring back in February? If you're chomping at the bit to get your plants going outside, you aren't the only one. Our winter's here, winter's gone, spring is here, spring is gone, oh wait, it's here again. The weather has us stopping and starting out of the spring planting gate! If you really want to plant a.s.a.p; here are some tips on how to do it and keep frost damage to a minimum.

- Cool season crops tolerate cold weather; to a point. Direct sow your cabbage, kale, broccoli, rapini, arugula, peas, fava beans and lettuce now.
- Cover your planting with row cover fabric. It lets light and water in and seals in some of the day time heat. This allows for the plant to stay warmer at night. The covered plants will grow faster with an increase of up to 5 degrees of heat throughout the cool season.
- Cold frames can be made out of old windows on a simple wooden box frame. Sow cool season crops directly in the soil inside cold frames and get a good month jump on harvesting some fresh veggies
- If temps take a serious downturn, old blankets and sheets can be used to insulate your plants from serious damage, but warm season plants such as tomatoes will not start to grow well until the weather really warms up so hold off on planting them until after Memorial Day!



Above: Nutritionists Neisa and Anna share a thank you card from the participants.

## Horticulture HUB

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## ESNY News

Eat Smart NY has been out visiting many different locations providing nutrition education to various groups. One recently visited was Liberty Resources. Liberty Resources is a Brain Trauma Rehabilitation Center, it is located in Cortland NY. It is a community based center where individuals can receive different types of care to deal with challenges face due to their injury.

Liberty Resources Quotes from participants:

Staff said, "Tom doesn't participate in any activities or programs here, sits on the computer all day until he knows your coming and is excited to head to the kitchen for your class."

Paul said, "I eat way more vegetables since taking your class."

Staff said, "Many individuals drink soda and since the sugary beverage lesson and they received water bottles, water consumption has increased 20-30%."

Learning how to eat healthy and making lifestyle changes can have a large impact on the well being of a person.



## 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

## Control Vegetable Garden Pests & Diseases:

Learn how to identify and treat common diseases and pest problems in the vegetable garden using natural and organic methods. This class will include a slide presentation and color handouts as well as direct you to books and online resources that will help you identify diseases and pests, including less common ones that we do not have enough time to cover in the class. We will also touch upon options for controlling and/or excluding mammal pests including deer, woodchucks and voles. Call 334-5841 ext 11 to register and pay \$10 by May 9.

**Tuesday, May 10: 1-3:30 PM OR 6-8:30 PM**



## Backyard Composting:

Learn about several techniques for backyard composting, container design and how to create a well-balanced compost. This class will be held at the Norwich Community Garden on Hale Street so dress appropriately for the weather and to keep your feet dry and warm! Call 334-5841 ext 11 to register by May 13, pay \$5 "at the door." Leave your phone number for alternate location in case of extreme weather.

**Tuesday, May 17: 1-3 PM OR 6-8 PM**

## Long Term Food Storage:

Are you curious about Long Term Food storage? Putting food aside in times of plenty has a rich human history, and makes great sense contemporarily in terms of frugal home economics, preparedness, and charity. This class will briefly cover "medium term" or "seasonal" methods meant to keep food stored from one harvest to the next such as root cellars and lactofermentation, before concentrating more deeply on long-term "stockpiled" dry and canned goods. These methods will help participants take advantage of bulk purchasing opportunities. Topics include the enemies of food storage, storage vessels, methods to increase storage life, quick start methods, calculating needs, and how to label and organize stored foods. Please call 334-5841 x 11 to register and pay \$10 per person by May 13.

**Thursday, May 19: 6-8 pm, CCE Kitchen**

## Growing Small Fruits:

Are blueberries a mystery to you? Or maybe your strawberries are just ho hum? This three hour program will focus on growing small fruits. Find out their wants and needs, how best to prune them and general care. Get the most out of your small fruits! This program will cover blueberries, strawberries, brambles and grapes. \$10 per person or \$7 for Master Gardener Volunteers and Chenango County garden club members. Call 607-334-5841 x 11 to register by May 25. Limit 20 participants.

**Thursday May 26th 4pm-7pm at CCE Chenango**



## Fruit Tree Pruning (take 2):

Did you miss the February Fruit Tree Pruning class? Here's your second chance! Learn how to get the best out of your fruit trees. This class will teach you how to properly prune your fruit trees with a particular focus on apples. If you've never pruned before, come learn about the basic pruning cuts and why pruning is so important. We will go outside to see some examples but this program won't have a hands-on element as the time for pruning fruit trees is late winter/early spring. \$5 per person. Register by June 1 by calling 607-334-5841 x 11. Limit 20 participants.

**Thursday, June 2: 4-7pm at CCE Chenango**

## Food Preservation Safety:

Get an overview of the different techniques to preserve food safely, familiarize yourself with the equipment and learn the science behind safe food preservation techniques and approved recipes. This is a very beginner class. Call 334-5841 ext 11 to register by June 3, pay \$5 "at the door."

**Tuesday, June 7: 1-3 PM OR 6-8 PM**





### Jams & Jellies:

Learn to safely prepare jams and jellies from various fruits. All materials and ingredients provided. Hands on class. Wear closed toe shoes and bring an apron if you like. In CCE Kitchen \$15 per person. Call 334-5841 ext 11 to register and pay \$10 by June 24.

**Tuesday, June 28: 1-3 PM OR 6-8PM**

### Gardening for Pollinators:

Dropping numbers of Monarch butterfly populations troubling you? Bees in the news got you down? Learn pollinator-plant relationships and the types of plants you can cultivate to provide food for these small yet important components of the natural world that give us things like apples, pumpkins and raspberries via pollination! If the weather is fine, we will walk to the

Guernsey Memorial Library and view the Pollination Station mini garden installed and maintained by the Master Gardener Volunteers. \$5 per person, youth 14 and under are free! Call 607-334-5841 x 11 by June 29th to register. Limit 15 participants.

**Thursday, June 30: 5-7pm at CCE Chenango**

# UPCOMING 4-H OPPORTUNITIES AND EVENTS

## 4-H Horse Riding Evaluations – June 23, 6pm, Norwich Fairgrounds

All youth intending to compete at the State Fair Qualifying Horse Show, County Fair Horse Show, or State Fair Horse Shows must complete a riding evaluation before being allowed to compete if:

- The youth or horse are new to the Chenango County 4-H Horse Program
- The youth has switched to a different project horse for the 2016 project year
- The youth is moving up a riding level
- The youth will be riding a different horse for Drill Team/Quadrille and has not been evaluated on the horse
- The youth is entering in Showmanship and has not been evaluated with the horse

In addition to regular members, Cloverbuds will also be evaluated. All decisions made by the evaluation team are final and will be held to by the Chenango County 4-H Program for all riding events.

Evaluations will be held at the Chenango County Fair Grounds on June 23, 6pm. To register or if you have any questions, please contact Janet, 607-334-5841 x12 or [jl27@cornell.edu](mailto:jl27@cornell.edu).

## 4-H Dairy Judging Schedule

All youth interested in learning more about dairy cattle evaluation and competing against youth across the state in judging tours are invited to attend the following events:

- June 27th – CNY Dairy Judging Tour
- Dairy Judging Practices: July 8, 15, 22, 29

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! For more information and to sign-up for tours, please contact Janet, 607-334-5841 x12 or [jl27@cornell.edu](mailto:jl27@cornell.edu).

## 4-H Poultry Exhibitor News

NYS Vet Tech Kathy Wright will be at the Chenango County Fair Grounds June 27 from 6-7:15pm to complete Pollorum Testing for all non waterfowl entering County and State Fair. All poultry must have a current year pollorum test or whole flock test in order to be allowed to compete. Birds that were purchased from a hatchery during the current year do not have to be tested if they are accompanied by a certificate showing that they came from a pollorum free facility.

## 4-H Pheasant Rearing & Release Program

12 Chenango County families are participating in the 2016 NYS Pheasant Rearing and Release program, in collaboration with the DEC Reynolds Game Farm in Ithaca. These families will be receiving 825 day-old pheasant chicks to raise for approximately 8 weeks and then release for others in the county to enjoy!

## 4-H Sewing News

2016 Sewing Scholarship Recipients:

Congratulations to the following members who received scholarships to help defray the costs of their sewing projects:

Baily Anderson  
Grace Bookamer  
Talia Bookamer  
Adrienne Hodge  
Morgan Hodge  
Taylor Hodge  
Amon Van Alst



Cloverbud members received \$10 toward their projects and regular members received \$25.

Members also took a field trip on March 25 to the Jo-Ann Fabrics store in Vestal to learn more about fabrics, patterns, notions, and choose their projects for Sewing Camp. Thanks to Michelle at Jo-Ann's for the wonderful tour and to Master Clothing and Textile Volunteer Marilyn Carley for helping everyone with their projects. Members that went on the trip included: Lily Marshman, Baily Anderson, Amon Van Alst, Natalie Benenati, Adrienne, Morgan and Taylor Hodge.

## 2016 4-H Livestock Scholarship Winners

The Chenango County 4-H Program is pleased to announce that the following members were awarded Livestock Scholarships to help defray the cost of purchasing a project animal:

Grayson Delaney – dairy goat  
Amon Van Alst – lamb

Scholarship funds for these awards are made possible through the generous donations of 4-H families and supporters!

## Chenango County 4-H at Dairy Discovery 2016

Five members of Chenango County 4-H participated in this year's Dairy Discovery Program at Cornell University on March 26, learning more about Milk and Milk Quality from staff members of QMPS. Members attending included:



Grayson Delaney  
Megan Peila  
Victoria Peila  
Anna Thomsen  
Edwin Thomsen



## 2016 Incubation & Embryology Program

Six different school districts and youth groups participated in this year's incubation and embryology program, learning more about the lifecycle and embryo development. This year's program educated 230 youth for an average of 30 hours of direct Ag education per classroom!





## 4-H Senior Scholarships

Scholarship applications for the Chenango County 4-H Leaders' Association and the 4-H Dairy Program are available! These scholarships are for graduating High School Seniors who are going on in their education at a 2 or 4-year school or other accredited program. Applications can be found on the 4-H website: <http://chenango.cce.cornell.edu/4-h-youth-development> or paper copies can be requested from the 4-H Office. Deadline for scholarships is May 1 and 15, 4pm.

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.

All enrolled 4-H'ers in Chenango County 4-H are eligible to compete at this show. Entry books will be mailed to dairy and livestock families by the beginning of May. Entries must be completed and returned to Janet at the 4-H Office no later than June 1.

## NY Junior Dairy Leaders Program

The "Junior DAIRY LEADER" program is intended to reach youth between the ages of 16-19 who have an interest in exploring careers in the dairy industry and would like to gain hands-on experience.

The program consists of a series of workshops that focus on specific facets of the dairy industry -- veterinary science, dairy nutrition, and production management. Other opportunities include:

- Representing New York State at National 4-H Dairy Conference - Madison, Wisconsin
- On-Farm Production Analysis
- Resume Development for Internship Opportunities
- Public Presentations with the Use of Computer Technology
- Northeast Agricultural Tour
- Wisconsin Agricultural Tour
- Regional Seminars

Applications for this program can be found at: <http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/prodairy/jdl/application.html> and are due to Debbie Grusenmeyer, Program Leader, no later than June 30th.

## 4-H Animal Project Info

All 4-H members planning on exhibiting livestock at the Chenango County Fair must have an animal certificate on file with the 4-H Office on or before June 1, 2016. Certificates are required for all horse, market animal, or grade animal exhibits, including beef steers/heifers, market lambs, market goats, hogs, etc.

Registered animals must have a copy of their registration papers on file as well. Any animals not on file will NOT be eligible to show in the 4-H shows at County or State Fair.

Also, please be aware that the ownership deadline for all 4-H Project Animals for 2016 is June 1st. All registration papers must show ownership by this date to be eligible for show.





## 4-H Regional Knowledge Bowl

4-H'ers from across the region competed at Regional Knowledge Contest on March 12 at the Chenango Forks Elementary School. Thanks to all of the volunteers and parents who helped all winter long as we practiced and learned more about dairy cows and horses, as well of those who helped moderate the contest for us!

### The following members participated in Dairy Bowl:

Novice - KaLeigh Collins - 5th Individual; 1st Team (combined w/ Otsego)

Junior - 7th Team

Owen Hill

Phalen Hill

Nate Rumovicz

Will Rumovicz

Junior - 3rd Team (combined w/ Delaware)

Peyton Graham

Emma Peila

Senior - 4th Team

Earl Brooks - 10th Individual

Erin Brooks

Megan Peila - 8th Individual

Victoria Peila

Senior - 3rd Team (combined w/ Chemung)

Justin Graham

### The following members participated in Hippology & Horse Bowl:

Senior Hippology Team 2nd Place

Nathan Turrell--1st Individual

Katelyn Brandt--10th Individual

Hailey Capiello--6th Individual

Junior Hippology Team--1st Place

Emilee Bennett--10th Individual

Raichel Brandt--6th Individual

Novice Hippology Team--1st Place

Mason Harvey--5th Individual

Mallory Olsen-Nichols--6th

Individual

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Senior Horsebowl Team--3rd Place

Katelyn Brandt

Hailey Capiello--8th Individual

Nathan Turrell--1st Individual

Junior Horsebowl Combined Team--1st Place

Raichel Brandt--7th Individual

Novice Horsebowl Combined Team--2nd Place

Mason Harvey--9th Individual

Mallory Olsen-Nichols--4th Individual

Novice Horsebowl Combined Team--3rd Place

Emilee Bennett--10th Individual





## Chenango Co. 4-H Represented at Regional Public Presentations



Congratulations to all members who participated in the 2016 Regional Public Presentation Contest on April 2, at Chenango Forks Elementary School. Thanks to all Chenango County volunteers who helped judge presentations too! The following members presented:

Fiora Breese  
Kristoper Deuel  
Raichel Brandt  
Dominic Eichler  
Maddi Hafele

Congratulations to all who competed and best of luck to Maddi as she competes at the State 4-H Horse Presentations Contest on May 14 at Cornell University.

### 4-H Dairy Challenge Results:

Congrats to Chenango County 4-H'ers Will and Nate competed in the Regional 4-H Dairy Challenge Contest in April resulting in Will Rumovicz placing 3rd in juniors division and Nate Rumovicz placing 4th in juniors division.

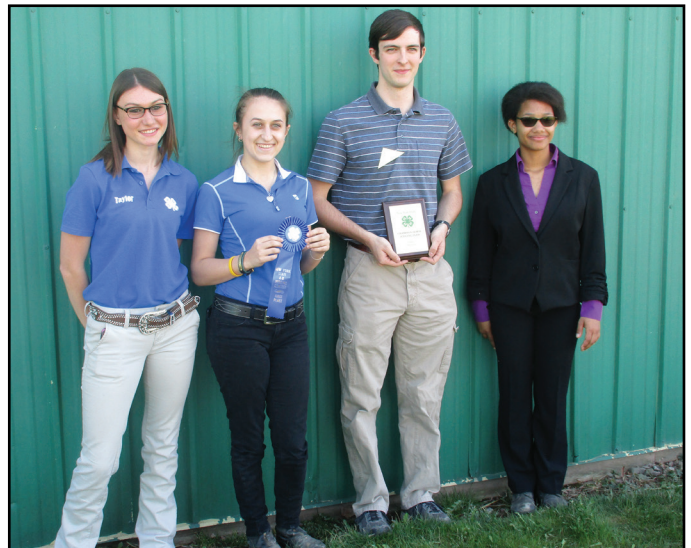


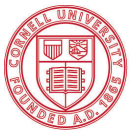
## 2016 COUNTY FAIR THEME

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.

## 2016 NYS 4-H Horse Judging Contest Overall Results:

4H Horse Judging Competition was fantastic. Morrisville State College was a great venue for this event and Chenango County rose to the occasion by being selected the first place team. Senior Individual contest had Nathan Turrell place 2 and Annalisa Ferrotta place 3 overall. The senior team consisted of Chenango and Ulster County members and placed 1st overall. Congratulations Nathan and Annalisa! They have both qualified to represent NYS at Nationals in November.





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## Look at What's Happening at CCE Chenango!

### Classes offered at CCE Chenango

|  |  |
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| Control Vegetable Garden Pests & Disease | May 10, 1:00-3:30 PM/<br>or 6:00-8:30 PM |
| Backyard Composting                      | May 17, 1:00-3:00 PM<br>or 6:00-8:00 PM  |
| Long Term Food Storage                   | May 19, 6:00-8:00 PM                     |
| Fruit Tree Pruning (take 2)              | June 2, 4:00-7:00 PM                     |
| Food Preservation Safety                 | June 7, 1:00-3:00 PM<br>or 6:00-8:00 PM  |
| Jams & Jellies                           | June 28, 1:00-3:00 PM<br>or 6:00-8:00 PM |
| Gardening for Pollinators                | June 30, 5:00-7:00 PM                    |

### 4-H Events

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| May 1      | Leaders' Senior Scholarships Due                                |
| May 7      | Animal Crackers @ Cornell University                            |
| May 14     | State 4-H Horse Presentations @ Cornell U                       |
| May 15     | Chenango County 4-H Senior Dairy Scholarships Due               |
| May 15-17  | 4-H Capital Days Trip in Albany                                 |
| May 25-27  | 4-H Careers Trip to Vermont                                     |
| May 27     | 4-H Dairy and Meat Goat Clinic, Surf-n-Turf Farm, South Otselic |
| May 30     | CCE Closed  |
| June 1     | 4-H Membership Enrollment Due                                   |
|            | 4-H Animal Ownership Deadline                                   |
|            | The Farmers' Museum Livestock Show Entries Due                  |
| June 3-4   | Dairy and Equine 101 at SUNY Morrisville                        |
| June 17-18 | 4-H STEM Camp at Camp Shankitunk, Delhi                         |
| June 23    | 4-H Riding Evaluations, 6pm, Fairgrounds                        |
| June 27    | CNY Dairy Judging Tour  |
|            | Pollorum Testing, 6pm, Fairgrounds                              |
| June 28-30 | Career Explorations @ Cornell University                        |