



# Clover Scene

Niagara County 4-H Newsletter  
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## Thank You 4-H Volunteers

On Sunday, April 8th, marks the beginning of National Volunteer Week. A recent study found that volunteers are directly responsible for teaching as much as 50% of the life skills a youth learns through the 4-H program (Fogarty et al). In Niagara County, we have volunteers with over 40 years of service and some that are brand new but each volunteer is special and makes a difference.

We want to thank you for caring, sharing your passion and knowledge with our youth who want to learn and grow. Your contributions greatly influence the next generation and prepare them for the future. Thank you, thank you.

## Public Presentations

Public presentations are one of the most rewarding experiences for 4-H members and leaders. The ability to effectively communicate is one of the most important life skills a young person can learn. Through giving public presentations, 4-H members learn to: express themselves clearly and convincingly, organize their ideas, present them in logical order, research subjects, and have confidence in themselves.

This year, twenty-seven, 4-H youth participated in the Niagara County 4-H Public Presentation program on February 22. Topics ranged from “The Equine Digestive System” illustrated talk, “Goat Disbudding” to “How Technology Effects Families” speech to “Explaining All County and Singing Audition Song” dramatic interpretation. Participating 4-H’ers were: Arie Decker, Ella Bramer, Lucy Ebbale, Hayley Roehling, Kyle Quintern, Scott Quintern, Katie Widmer, Ashley Randall, Cameron Rowlands, Ashton Becker, Ian Becker, Lorna Becker, Maxwell Shocknesse, Madison Schmader, Benjamin Kilroy, Colleen Kilroy, Mary Tanner, Michellyn Schroeder, Christian Schroeder, Rylee Keiffer, Katelyn Schlager, Stephanie Koda, Breanna Lukacz, Justin Lukacz, Sarah Mollosky, Olivia Larson and Alexis Giordano

## Closings/Cancellations

When the Lockport District schools are closed due to inclement weather, 4-H meetings on the grounds are also cancelled. When the county offices are closed in Niagara County, our office is automatically closed. Closing announcements will be made on the radio stations WBEN/930AM, WLVL/1340AM and television stations WGRZ/Channel 2, WIVB/Channel 4, and WKBW/Channel 7. Please listen to more than one of these, as problems can occur with a station not being available to make these announcements when called after 3:00pm. We will also post it on Facebook. Have a safe winter season!

Cornell Cooperative Extension, Niagara County, 4487 Lake Avenue, Lockport  
433-8839 (phone) 438-0275 (fax) Office Hours: 8:00am-4:30pm (M-TH), 8:00am-4:00pm (F)  
[www.ccenigaracounty.org](http://www.ccenigaracounty.org)

Send Clover Scene articles by the 1st of every month to [niagara4h@cornell.edu](mailto:niagara4h@cornell.edu).

## 4-H Member Trip Opportunities

- 4-H Forestry-May- 4-H Camp Shankitunk- April 1 deadline
- 4-H Dairy and Equine Camp- May- Morrisville - April 1 deadline
- Agribusiness Career Conference-October- SUNY Cobleskill-June 1 deadline

4-H applicants must fill out application prior to due date listed for each trip. Participating in any of these trips will take a youth's 4-H experience to the next level. They will build life-long skills, be exposed to diversity, build self-esteem, learn leadership skills, social skills, make new friends and develop new interests.

See [www.ceniagaracounty.org](http://www.ceniagaracounty.org) for member requirements and important deadlines!

**\* Funds are made possible for these trips through the Paper Clover Campaigns sponsored by TSC and JoAnn Fabrics.**

## Shoe Box Program

The Lockport Lightning Bolts 4-H Club is collecting wearable, gently used shoes for the World Wear Project so that they may be distributed to third world countries while diverting millions of pounds of refuse from our landfills each year. If you have any shoes (no boots, please) that are in wearable condition (soles in tacked and no holes) that you would like to donate, we would greatly appreciate it. Shoes may be dropped off at the 4-H Office during office hours or in the front entrance after hours.

## Niagara County 4-H Age Policy (4-H year is October 1st – September 30th)

Please be aware that the Niagara County 4-H Youth Development Program will be following the New York State 4-H age policy starting with the 2016/2017 4-H Year (which begins October 1, 2016) and going forward. Under this state policy, youth who turn nineteen (19) years of age, on or before January 1 of the current 4-H year, **are not eligible** to enroll as a 4-H member. Only youth between the ages of five (5) and eighteen (18) years old, on or before January 1, **are eligible** to enroll as 4-H'ers in any given year. This means that if a 4-H'er turns 19 years old on January 2, or after, they would be eligible to re-enroll for the 4-H year, but that would be their final year of eligibility. Please note that persons with an intellectual disability may participate fully in 4-H programs as long as their developmental age is considered to fall between five (5) and nineteen (19) years of age.

Please contact the 4-H office (433-8839 ext. 241) if you have questions.

## 4-H Ambassadors

Date: Monday, April 9  
Time: 6:30pm  
Place: Memorial Room

We will be discussing trips and working on "Because Char Smiled" community service flowers. Bring your crafty skills!

"Because Char Smiled" is a community service that provides patients at Roswell paper flowers. This project was started by a student at Niagara Wheatfield.

## CCE Office Schedule

Closed

Memorial Day	Mon. May 28
Independence Day	Wed. July 4
Labor Day	Mon. September 3
Columbus Day	Mon. October 8
Veterans Day	Mon. November 12
Thanksgiving	Thur. & Fri. Nov. 22 & 23
Christmas	Mon. & Tue. Dec. 24 & 25



## 4-H Fair Theme

**"4-H Grows True Leaders"**

This year the 4-H program will use the theme, **"4-H Grows True Leaders"** during the Niagara County Fair. Each club, group, member or program can decide how they would like to use the theme to decorate and promote 4-H to the fairgoers. Look for more information about the Niagara County Fair in the summer Clover Scene.



## Paper Clover

4-H and Tractor Supply Paper Clover Drive is happening this month **4/11/18 – 4/22/18**. We encourage Niagara County clubs, individuals, and county wide animal species groups to participate at our local Tractor Supply Co. store during the Paper Clover Drive. Not only will this help donations and

improve their relationship with their local store, they will also have the opportunity to enter the Paper Clover Participation Sweepstakes, where 75 clubs across the Country will win a \$100 TSC gift card. Participation can be anything from setting up a display table and project boards inside the store to having clubs encourage customers to donate. Our local tractor supply is located at, 6015 SOUTH TRANSIT RD, LOCKPORT Please contact the store manager to setup a time 716-434-1083.

# Workshops

## Cloverbud Activities

Kathy Bowers, [krc8@cornell.edu](mailto:krc8@cornell.edu) or 433-8839

Cloverbud's are 4-H members who are ages 5-7 years old. 8 year olds can also participate if their birthday was after the 1st of the year.

### Bread in a Bag

Date: Monday, April 23  
Time: 6:30pm  
Place: Small Meeting Room  
RSVP: 4/19



### Gardening-Planting Herbs

Date: Wednesday, May 23  
Time: 6:00pm  
Place: Shop  
Cost: \$3.00  
RSVP: 5/2

Planting containers of herbs, bring a pot if you wish no larger than 6", we will have soil, 4" and 6" pots and seeds. Taste and make some herb butters!

## Entomology

Toby Mansfield, 594-4438

Date: Wednesday, April 18  
Time: 7:00pm  
Place: Small Meeting Room



## Junior Gardeners

Date: Wednesday, April 25  
Time: 6:00pm  
Place: Town of Lockport Nature Trail, 6674 Slayton Settlement Road, Lockport  
RSVP: 4/18

We will go for a nature hike and wildflower ID activity, weather permitting. Please wear boots and long pants. If it is raining we will have a scavenger hunt here in the Training Center Auditorium.

## Open Sewing Classes

Dates: Sundays, April 15 & 29  
Sundays, May 6 & 20

Time: 2:30-4:30pm  
Place: Memorial Room, Administration Building  
RSVP: Contact Pat Travers at 731-4705  
Cost: FREE!



These classes are open to anyone needing help with a sewing project or just want to set time aside to sew. Please call to RSVP incase a class is canceled due to something unexpected.

### Fashion Revue

Have you made a garment or sewing project you would like to show or model? If so, please contact Kathy Bowers at [krc8@cornell.edu](mailto:krc8@cornell.edu) or 433-8839 by April 16. If we have enough participants we could have our own fashion revue!!!

## 4-H Forestry

Date: Tuesday, April 17  
Time: 6:30pm  
Place: Agricultural Education Building  
RSVP: 4/16 by calling Iesa at 523-4981  
If you would like to learn more about forests and trees come check us out. Youth ages 10 and up are welcome. We will be continuing with bowl questions, pacing and learning to work with a compass. If you have a compass, bring it or if you have a smart phone with compass app, bring it. (Only if you have them)

## Cooking 101 Series

We are excited to offer a series of cooking classes. The first series will be using knife skills. We encourage 4-H members (ages 10 and up) to attend all the classes. \$15 per member for the series. Must pre-register by 4/20.

### Knife Skills

#### Knife skills basics

Date: Wednesday, April 25  
Time: 6:30pm  
Place: Board Room

#### Frittata

Date: Wednesday, May 2  
Time: 6:30pm  
Place: Board Room

#### Herbs/Spices

Date: Wednesday, May 9  
Time: 6:30pm  
Place: Board Room

#### Contest-Mystery Challenge

Date: Wednesday, May 16  
Time: 6:30pm  
Place: Memorial Room



## Workshops

It is very important to RSVP for the workshops so that the instructors can be prepared and in case the class is canceled due to lack of participation! A minimum of 5 people per class in order to hold it.

## Adult Classes

CCE will be hosting adult DIY classes and Food Preservations Workshops, topics include preserving strawberries, home pressure canning, home plumbing 101, homemade soaps and pressed flower jewelry to name several. For more information about these classes and others visit our website at [www.ceniagaracounty.org](http://www.ceniagaracounty.org).



Don't forget to **“Like”** us on Facebook!  
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