



Clover Chronicle

March | Ontario County 4-H | Clover Chronicle

March 2023 Event Schedule

March 1	Seed Starting Workshop: Zoom
March 3	Avian Bowl Practice
March 4	District Horse ExtraVaganza
March 4	Young Farmers Program Dairy Science Session
March 9	Care of African Violets @ CCE
March 10	Auction Market Poultry Meeting
March 15	4-H Achievement Portfolios Workshop
March 15	Toxic Plants Workshop: ZOOM
March 18	District Dairy Bowl
March 19	Youth Bird Club Montezuma Trip
March 20-24	Ag Literacy Week
March 23	Teen Council
March 23-24	Dairy Discovery Workshop @ Cornell
March 25	District Public Presentations
March 29	Beyond Honeybees Workshop: ZOOM



Looking Forward...



April 2023

April 1	T-Shirt Designs Due
April 1	Auction Program Marketing Meeting
April 7	Avian Bowl Practice
April 13	Teen Council Meeting
April 15	State Horse Bowl Contest
April 15	Junior Superintendent Applications Due
April 16-18	Capital Days Trip

May 2023

May 1	Interview for Junior Superintendents
May 6	Animal Crackers
May 11	4-H Volunteer Training
May 15	Teen Leader Training
May 20	Poultry Processing Plant Tour

June 2023

June 27-30	career Explorations at Cornell
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July 2023

July 13	Fair Cleanup
July 21	4-H Project Judging *NOTE NEW DATE!*
July 24	Animal Move In Day
July 25-29	Ontario County Fair



Ontario County 4-H Scholarship Fundraiser



Attention 4-H Families and Club Leaders! We need your help! Each year Ontario County Farm Bureau and CCE work together to plan an Agricultural Appreciation Banquet recognizing agriculture leaders in Ontario County. At this dinner, they also award several scholarships to deserving high school seniors in our community. In addition, at this dinner they also have a silent auction. This is a great fundraiser for our own 4-H scholarship. We need 4-H baskets to auction off as part of the silent auction. Please reach out to Amy if you and/or your club are interested creating a basket by March 1st. The baskets will need to be delivered to the 4-H office by March 13th.



SPRING INTO PAINTING

OPEN TO YOUTH 12 AND UP

TUESDAY APRIL 4TH 1PM-3PM

COST: \$15 ALL SUPPLIES WILL BE PROVIDED

HELD AT ONTARIO COUNTY CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF INSTRUCTIVE PAINTING

SPACE IS LIMITED SIGN UP TO AMY ANR32@CORNELL.EDU BY MARCH 27TH



Poultry Workshop



Saturday March 11, 2023



Session 1: 9-10:30 Market
Poultry set-up, starting
and raising your 4-H
Auction poultry.
Session 2: 11-1 Poultry
Reproduction

*Pizza will be provided for all
youth attending both
sessions

**Session 1 is
required for all
4-H Auction
Poultry Youth**

**If you are not part of the 4-H Auction Program and
are planning to attend, Please RSVP to Amy at
anr32@cornell.edu by March 8th**

4-H Portfolios



ONTARIO
COUNTY 4-H

We have revamped our achievement night paperwork to make it easier for you to capture your 4-H journey. We have also added new end of year awards!

We are holding an activity night where youth can:

- Decorate a binder to hold their 4-H achievement portfolios
- Ask questions about the new paperwork and requirements
- Learn how documenting their 4-H journey will help them when applying to future jobs, colleges, etc.

We ask that all participants bring a three ring binder, fabric of their choice, and a hot glue gun. We will have some additional decorations to use.

Please RSVP to Amy:
anr32@cornell.edu



Join us for 4-H Portfolio Night!

March 15th
6-7:30pm
CCE Office

To view new achievement paperwork:



cceontario.org/4-h-youth/4-h-projects/4-h-achievement-night



YOUNG FARMERS

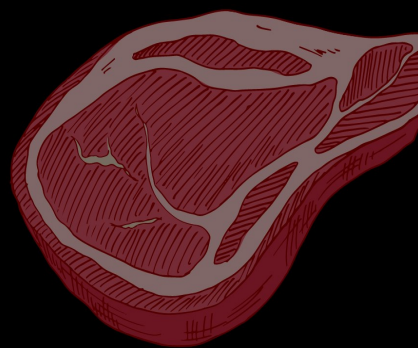
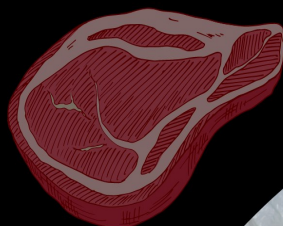
MEAT SCIENCE

MARCH 14TH 6PM - CCE OFFICE
MARCH 27TH LOCATION TBA

Join us to explore the world of meat science. We will take a close look at different meat cuts and visit a local farm stand.

RSVP TO AMY BY MARCH 12TH TO
ATTEND! ANR32@CORENLL.EDU

We ask that you plan to attend both programs.



WHEP Club Bird Outing

March 19, 2023

The WHEP Club has planned their next outing. They will be visiting the Montezuma Refuge looking for migrating waterfowl (ducks, Canada geese, snow geese and swans) in the north end of the Cayuga Lake basin. This includes the north end of Cayuga Lake, the Knox Marcellus marsh at the Montezuma Refuge and the Savannah mucklands along route 31 north of the Refuge. Please meet at parking lot at the Montezuma Refuge Visitor Center at 1:00 pm. Dress for the weather and bring binoculars if you have them. If interested, please email Sarah at sab42@cornell.edu

Teen Council Meeting

March 23, 2023

For our next teen council meeting, we will be working on military care packages. Please bring some items that could be put in those packages such as chocolate, gum, and homemade cookies. We will be making cards at the meeting. Also, if you are able to bring a small donation to help towards shipping, that would be great.

We will also be talking about the new Junior Superintendent Program and have a short resume workshop. Bring a rough draft of your resume. Never done a resume before? Bring a notepad and paper and we will start thinking about things that could go on it. Meeting is held at the CCE office from 6: 30 pm - 7: 30 pm. Please contact Sarah with any questions.



4-H Leader Training

May 11, 2023

Club leaders and other 4-H volunteers - Please mark your calendars for May 11th at 6:00pm for our first leader training. We haven't done this in quite a while in Ontario County, but we want to make sure that we are supporting our volunteers effectively. We are requiring at least one leader or adult representative from each club but any 4-H volunteer is encouraged to attend. We intend for this training to be useful to both new and seasoned 4-H volunteers. We will cover concepts such as the importance of fostering youth "Sparks", learning to teach based on youth ages and stages, and electing club officers. We will also have discussion about new programming such as Junior Superintendent, special interest events, and new achievement night forms. We will be providing light refreshments. Please RSVP so we know who to plan on.



Junior Superintendent Program

We are excited to announce the new 4-H Junior Superintendent Program. Through this program, youth ages 14-19 will work with 4-H barn superintendents and staff members to provide leadership in every aspect of county fair. Positions available include Exhibit Hall Superintendent, Clover Creamery Superintendent, and then superintendent positions for each animal barn. More detailed information about this program can be found at this link or by reaching out to Sarah or Amy: [Cornell Cooperative Extension | County Fair](#)



Volunteer Opportunity

Want to show off your rabbits? The Bristol Fire Department needs 4-H'rs to volunteer at their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8, 2023 from 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM and show off their rabbits! Young people love to touch rabbits. Please bring a rabbit that doesn't mind being petted and be prepared to answer a lot of questions about your pet. Your rabbit must come in a carrier. We don't want any of them hopping away. If you would like to participate, please call or email Cat Francese at 585-747-1274 or cf468@cornell.edu



Seed Starting

March 1, 2023

Presented by the Ontario County Master Gardeners, 7:00 PM—8:00 PM via ZOOM. Have you ever wanted to start your own plants instead of searching the garden stores for what you want? Have you tried to start seeds only to have them not sprout or die soon after sprouting? Master Gardener Sandy Ebberts will explain how to pick seeds for our area, prepare medium for planting, create the best environment for sprouting and the best techniques for keeping them alive. **There is no charge for this series. To register:** Email nea8@cornell.edu with your choice no later than one day prior to the class and the link will be sent to you.



Care of African Violets Workshop

March 9, 2023

Let's join Master Gardener, Susie Nettleton, at Cornell Cooperative Extension's 480 North Main Street location for a workshop where you will learn the basics of African Violet care, repotting, leaf propagation and the different types of African Violets. Bring one or two of your African Violets that need repotting or dividing. All supplies will be provided for repotting. The workshop is March 9, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The fee: \$10.00/person or family. To register, contact Nancy at nea8@cornell.edu or 585-394-3977 x 427 with your name, address, and phone number.



Toxic Plants

March 15, 2023

Presented by the Ontario County Master Gardeners, 7:00 PM—8:00 PM via ZOOM. "Leaves of three, leave it be". Is that all you need to know in order to identify poison ivy? Not quite. In this class, Master Gardener, Cheryl Hilton-Vadner, will discuss four toxic plants (poison ivy, giant hogweed, wild parsnip and cow parsnip), what makes them toxic, how to identify them and what to do if you find any of these plants in your home landscape. **There is no charge for this series. To register:** Email nea8@cornell.edu with your choice no later than one day prior to the class and the link will be sent to you.



Beyond Honeybees: The role of wild and native bees as pollinators

March 29, 2023

Presented by the Ontario County Master Gardeners, 7:00 PM—8:00 PM via ZOOM. Much attention has been given to the plight of the honeybee and the popular press has amped up the sense of urgency around the plight of these pollinators. Perhaps rightly so. But what about other bees? Approximately 3,600 bee species are native to the United States and Canada and 416 bee species can be found in New York State alone.

Join Master Gardener, Jill Scheltz to learn about how and why the attention became so focused on honeybees, how that attention has turned to include the plight of all pollinators and explore some of the amazing, little-known bees that haven't gotten much popular press. **To register:** Email nea8@cornell.edu with your choice no later than one day prior to the class and the link will be sent to you.



Upcoming Programs

Dairy Discovery Workshop

March 24 & 25, 2023

This is a great opportunity for 4-H'ers interested in Dairy Herd Health & Management. The statewide program for youth ages 14 to 19 years-old is held March 24 & 25 at Cornell University's Frank Morrison Hall. Youth learn about dairy careers by rotating through a series of hands-on stations that focus on specific aspects of the dairy industry. Dairy Discovery workshop topics changes each year but include: Dairy Herd Health and Management, Calf and Heifer Production Management, Quality Milk and Milk Production, Whole Farm Management Planning, and Maximizing the Feed Management Program. Youth who are 14 to 19 years of age on January 1 of the program year and have an interest in dairy cattle and production management are eligible and strongly encouraged to attend (with their parents or chaperones). This program is not limited to any organization, 4-H project members, FFA youth, and others with a dairy interest or desire to learn about dairy are all welcome. Pre-registration and advance payment is required by March 15, 2023. Please visit <https://cals.cornell.edu/pro-dairy/our-expertise/youth/dairy-discovery-workshop> to register or contact Sarah sab423@cornell.edu for more information.



4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest

Deadline April 15, 2023

This is a great way for a young 4-H'er to earn some money and learn about the importance of Beekeeping in our environment. For this essay, the student should discuss why beeswax is so important to the hive (it's a pantry, it's a nursery, it's the dance floor), but also discuss their favorite way to use beeswax outside the hive. Photos of candles, soaps or lip balms that are made to show the 4-H'r's skill in using beeswax are welcomed as are recipes or brief instructions. This Essay Competition is open to active 4-H Club members only except any club member who placed first, second or third in previous years competition. For more information, please contact Sarah at sab423@cornell.edu



SAVE THE DATE!



Announcing the Animal Crackers Virtual Winter Series!

The NYS 4-H Animal Science Program is happy to offer another great animal science opportunity for youth!

Beginning in January, we will be offering a virtual Animal Crackers event for our older 4-H youth focusing on career opportunities and becoming involved in the various livestock industries.

These workshops will take place via Zoom on the following dates:

- January 12th and 26th: Lambing and Kidding
- February 19th and 23rd: Rabbit/Cavy
- March 9th and 23rd: Poultry/Meat Birds

There will still be an in-person Animal Crackers event scheduled for May 6, 2023, at Cornell for our younger youth!

More information will be available on the [Animal Crackers](#) website as we get closer to the event! But for now, if you have any questions, please reach out to Jessica at jms943@cornell.edu.



T-Shirt Design Contest

Get creative and design a 4-H t-shirt! We plan to get more Ontario County 4-H t-shirts made this year! We are asking 4-H'ers to submit their designs by April 1st. Remember, our theme this year is "4-H: A field of opportunity". Then the CCE staff will vote on the winning design. Winner of the design contest will receive a free t-shirt with their design on it.



2023 Ontario County-Casella Scholarship



The Ontario County/Casella Waste Management Systems Scholarship will provide eight \$2,500 scholarships to students who reside in Ontario County and are committed to college-level study in the fields related to environmental science, environmental engineering, agricultural, or waste management. The scholarship is available to selected, college-bound, graduating high school seniors or undergraduate college students, who have been accepted into a recognized (registered) college-level program of study leading to an associate or bachelor's degree. Students must be residents of Ontario County, U.S. citizens or possess permanent resident visas at the time of application; and demonstrate academic proficiency.

Applicants must complete:

1. Application Checklist
2. Application Form
3. A minimum of a three-page essay which addresses the essay criteria in the essay format.
4. Most current and an available copy of high school and/or college transcripts.
5. For applicants, presently in college, evidence the applicant is in good standing to continue at the institution of higher education in 2023.
6. Two letters of reference mailed to the application address. It is highly recommended that applicants request their references early - lack of two quality references is often a cause for not being awarded the scholarship.

Applications are due no later than March 24, 2023. For more information or to request an application, contact the Scholarship Coordinator, Susan Wells-Bowen at sdw93@cornell.edu. Applications can also be found on the cceontario.org website.

Ontario County 4-H Scholarship

Seniors in high school are encouraged to apply for the Ontario County 4-H scholarship. If you are planning on going on for post-secondary education (whether that be college, trade school, certifications, etc.), I would encourage you to apply for the \$500 Ontario County 4-H Scholarship. Please reach out to Sarah for more information or find the application at this link: [Cornell Cooperative Extension | Ontario County 4-H Scholarship \(cceontario.org\)](http://Cornell Cooperative Extension | Ontario County 4-H Scholarship (cceontario.org))

Scholarship & Award Opportunities

GUERNSEY CALF SCHOLARSHIP

The Guernsey Calf Scholarship is a great opportunity for youth to get involved in different organizations or programs along with learning about the Guernsey Dairy Breed. Youth who have won this scholarship in the past have had the opportunity to grow personally through learning to care and show their animal, meeting and mentoring with others in the dairy field, and building long lasting friendships across the dairy community. This scholarship application is open to youth who do not already own a Guernsey animal and are ages 9 to 15 as of Jan 1. The scholarship application is due March 15th and includes an essay. Please reach out to Sarah if you would like more information sab432@cornell.edu



2023 SAGES Advancement in Agricultural Studies Scholarship

The Student Association of the Geneva Experiment Station (SAGES) is now accepting applications for the 2023 Advancement in Agricultural Studies Scholarship. SAGES established this scholarship in 2009, and since then has awarded \$14,750 to local high school seniors who have shown leadership in the classroom, in their communities, and who have expressed a desire to pursue higher education in agriculture-related fields of study.

SAGES hopes to build upon this legacy by offering a \$500 scholarship for up to 2 deserving students from the Class of 2023. The scholarship committee will accept applications from graduating seniors. Eligible applicants must be residents or attend high school in the following counties: **Ontario, Yates, Seneca, Tompkins, Cayuga, Schuyler, and Wayne**. Successful applicants must be graduating high school seniors who intend to enroll in a 2 or 4-year degree program in the agricultural sciences or an agriculturally-related field (examples are listed on the application). Eligible students can obtain application materials by emailing the chair of the SAGES Scholarship Committee, Kathleen Kanaley (kk697@cornell.edu), or from their high school guidance counselor. Applications are due by **April 15, 2023** and winner(s) will be notified by the end of May.



Jerome Family Scholarship

The **Jerome Family Scholarship** serves to honor generations of the Jerome Family. Long standing Naples farmers who have celebrated their love for farming by encouraging others who are looking to their future and a career in production Agriculture. This scholarship is a one-time amount of \$500 presented to an Ontario County graduating senior who enrolls at an agricultural school of higher learning. Contact Sarah for more information sab423@cornell.edu.

Agricultural Citizenship Scholarship

The **Agricultural Citizenship Scholarship** will recognize a student who may or may not be pursuing a career in agriculture but who has shown that they are an advocate of agriculture by the clubs they belong too, work they have done, and how they have been part of this industry. This scholarship is a one-time amount of \$500 to an Ontario County graduating senior who has proven that they will continue to be a positive voice for agriculture no matter their college or career path, for the Agricultural Citizenship Scholarship.

Applicants must either reside in Ontario County or attend an Ontario County school. Home school applicants are also welcomed.

If you are interested in either one of these scholarships or know of anyone who might be interested, please contact Sarah at sab423@cornell.edu or 394-3977 x428.

New York Farm Bureau's Youth Scholarship

Application Due March 17, 2023

New York high school seniors who are graduating and interested in pursuing a career in agriculture can apply for New York Farm Bureau's Agricultural Youth Scholarship. Eligible students can use the financial award for college or advanced training in the skilled trades. Statewide winners can earn up to \$3,000 towards their future education. The applicant or their family must be a New York Farm Bureau member, and the student must live and/or work a farm or be involved with agriculture in the state. The student must also complete the application which includes writing an essay addressing what they value and stand for in agriculture and life and how these values have impacted their decision to pursue an agricultural career. Scoring will determine the district winners and may include a personal interview. Each district winner will receive \$250 and then compete for one of two state scholarships worth \$3,000 and \$2,000, based on their submitted applications. Applications must be submitted by March 17, 2023, and the district winner judging will take place prior to April 28, 2023. **State winners will be announced by the end of May.** For more information, including the online application, go to New York Farm Bureau's website: <https://www.nyfb.org/programs/promotion-education/scholarship>





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CANANDAIGUA POP-UP FOOD PANTRY

FEBRUARY 27, 2023

MARCH 20, 2023

APRIL 24, 2023

MAY 22, 2023

JUNE 26, 2023

**11:00-1:00PM OR UNTIL FOOD
IS GONE**

TOWN OF CANANDAIGUA

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BARN

5440 ROUTE 5 & 20

CANANDAIGUA, NY 14424



New Location!



All are welcome.

No public restrooms.

Please do not come/get in line before 10:00 am.

First come, first served.

The Bulletin Board

Whelp Club

Spark Club

In January, we were derailed somewhat because a few members were sick but otherwise persevered and were able to make valentine crafts. The group used a recycled puzzle and from that created a heart type puzzle and learned how to sew a button on. In February we learned about the science behind butter, yum!

Western Livestock Wranglers

February was public presentation month. Twelve of our club members presented on all types of subjects from, Pitbulls, How to Tap A Maple Tree, Tractor Part Engines, Field Band, Black History and How to Make A Healthy Snack and so much more! We are very proud of all of our presenters

Czadzeck Family

The Czadzeck Family spent January caring for their goats and keeping those projects that needed to get done in check. This is a real feeling of accomplishment for family!



Thistle & Shamrock

Maddie Glaude is busy making a boot jack that she plans to enter at the County Fair.



The Bulletin Board

Hens and Hares

The month of February was a lot of fun for Hens and Hares. We celebrated Groundhog day by doing some bunny hopping with everyone's rabbits! We learned about proper leashes and good treats for training and then jumped right into it with our own bunnies!

On February 16th our very own, Evan taught us all about call ducks. The variety's, standards, colors and more! Evan and his dad were super helpful at answering all of our quacky questions.



Young Farmers

Young Farmers wrapped up their final round of Dairy Science with a tour of Sweet Acres Creamery. We learned about their business, how they got started, their future goals and how they process their own milk, cheese and ice cream! Our next session is on Meat Science. Reach out to Amy for more information at anr32@cornell.edu



A Note from WHEP Club Leader Pete

In Winter, dehydration can be as much or more of a threat than starvation for birds. At this time of year, birds often drink water from melting icicles and puddles. When it is severely cold and there is no available water, they eat snow. It takes a lot more energy for birds to thaw snow and for their bodies to bring the freezing temperature of snow to their body temperature (roughly 102 degrees) than it does to take a drink of water. Water is also key to keeping a bird warm in winter, as it is used to preen, or clean and realign, their feathers so that they can maintain the pockets of air next to the skin that retain body heat "

Source:

"Naturally Curious Day by Day. A Photographic Field Guide and Daily Visit to the Forests, Fields, and Wetlands of Eastern North America."

By Mary Holland

The Bulletin Board

WHEP Club

The Whep Club had two activities in January. Game day of bird and track tic tac toe and habitat rummy continued to build members' knowledge about wildlife. A wildlife bowl event similar to horse bowl, buzzers and teams, helped prepare members for those areas for the State WHEP competition at State Fair.

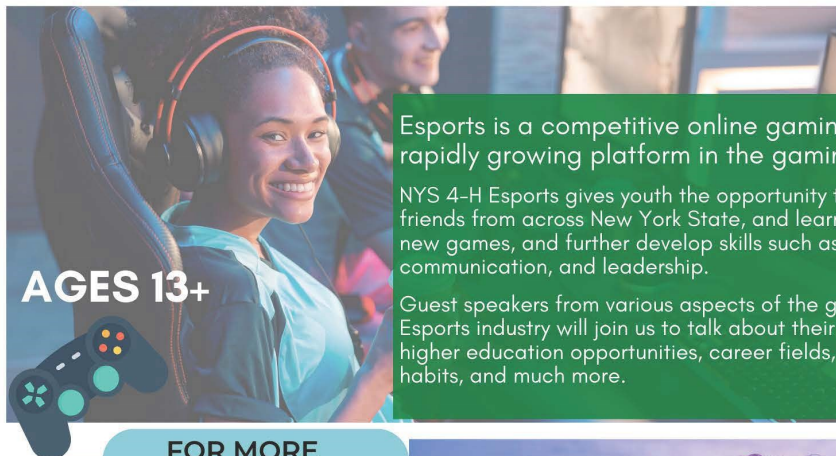
A field trip to the FLCC Muller field station focused on reading signs of wildlife. Members learned how to make a track pit and a track plank trap. Upcoming events in February are a owl and waterfowl spotting trip and a make and take for their Homegrown National Parks. For more information about these events or joining this group, contact WHEP co-leader Nina McCarthy (nmccar56@gmail.com) or Sarah Wilhelm.



DID YOU KNOW THAT NEW YORK STATE 4-H HAS **ESPORTS?**



WE DO! CHECK OUT THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY!



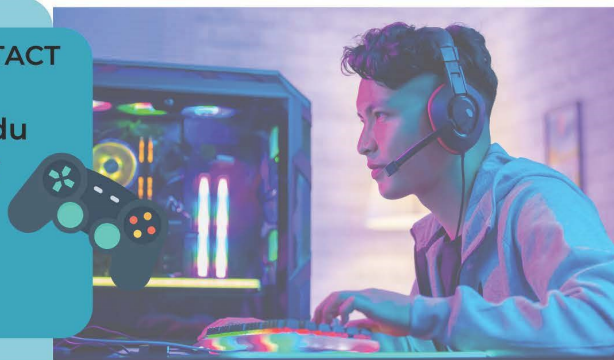
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Esports is a competitive online gaming and rapidly growing platform in the gaming industry.

NYS 4-H Esports gives youth the opportunity to meet new friends from across New York State, and learn a variety of new games, and further develop skills such as teamwork, communication, and leadership.

Guest speakers from various aspects of the gaming and Esports industry will join us to talk about their careers, higher education opportunities, career fields, healthy living habits, and much more.

**FOR MORE
INFORMATION CONTACT
Kat Leo at
kal64@cornell.edu
Or Scan QR to register**



**Youth across NYS meet virtually once a month to connect and
play games and so much more!**

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