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4-H In The Spring

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Spring is the time of rapid growth with grass greening, trees leafing out, flower blooming, animals being born. 4-H in spring is when we can get back outdoors for projects and adventures.

This spring look to try a new 4-H project. Our Outdoor Adventure Projects include: Kids in the Garden, Bug Club, Bird walks, Go Fish Series, Community Club at Rogers Center. Other programs include: Outdoor Cooking, and Shooting Sports. Clubs and individual members are providing community service projects to beautify areas and help others in numerous ways.

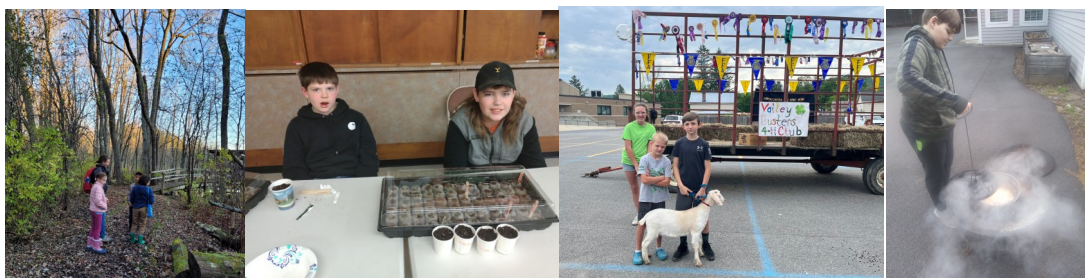
Fair preparation begins to kick into gear as calves, chicks, foals, kids, lambs and piglets are born. Animal projects take time and spring is a wonderful time to begin working with your animal project to have them ready for the Afton Fair, Farmers' Museum Junior Livestock Show and the Chenango County Fair.

Gardens and flowers are bursting with new growth. As the days warm and the risk of frost lessens it is the perfect time to start plants indoors and even some early seeding of cold tolerant vegetables. Many flowers can be planted in mid-spring to provide color to your home landscaping. While you are at it plant some flowers to attract pollinators to your yard.

Spring is a great time to plan your 4-H summer. If you need more information on these or other project areas contact:

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4-H Projects & Events

4-H Outdoor Adventure



4-H KIDS IN THE GARDEN, with Grow Cook Serve, is back! Have fun learning gardening basics, with hands-on activities! We'll meet the 2nd Wednesday each month in April, May & June. Spice it up; our first session is all about herbs!

May 2nd, June 6th: 4:00pm to 5:00pm at CCE Building in Norwich

BUG CLUB is BACK!

We have another fun Bug Club Series for 2023! Come learn all about insects and their importance. We will begin with a field trip to The Discovery Center in Binghamton! The program will end with a farm visit in Guilford where we will net for insects and learn how to pin insects.

Thurs. April 27th, 6pm to 7:30pm Bug Club at CCE Building in Norwich

Date TBA Farm Field Trip: insect netting and more!

BIRD WALK with Chenango Bird Club (4-H'ers 8 & up) on Chenango Greenway Trail in Norwich

Tues. May 2nd, 6:30pm to 7:30pm (Rain date May 3rd)

Email Erica for more info and to register for these programs at Elc97@cornell.edu

Wood Duck Challenge



Wood duck hens evolved to nest in natural tree cavities. A recent study showed that only about 20% of such nests successfully hatched. Failed nests and dead hens were mostly due to raccoon predation. While it seems natural to mount nest boxes on a tree, it is difficult to protect them from climbing predators. On the other hand, it's simple to exclude these predators if the box is mounted on a pole and protected with an effective predator guard. Hens readily accept these set-ups, giving them a great chance to be successful. Studies have shown that hens actually prefer low-mounted boxes. Higher is NOT better, only more dangerous and difficult.

<https://www.outdoornews.com/Wood-Duck-Challenge/>

Bug Club--April 27

Bird Walk--May 2

Swine CNY Rodeo--June 10

**District Presentations and
Horse Communications--April
29**

**4-H Kids In The Garden-- May 2,
June 6**

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**4-H Leaders/Volunteer Asso-
ciation--May 3**

**Junior Livestock Show--
July 9-11**

Animal Crackers--May 5

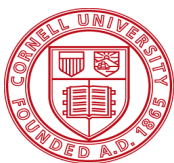
Fair Clean Up-- July 24

**State Horse Communication--
May 6**

**Chenango County Fair--
August 5-13**

Dairy Goat CNY Rodeo--May 13





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Thanks for catching up with the
Chenango County 4-H Program.
Hope to see you soon!



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**Chenango County
4-H
With Assemblyman
Joseph Angelino
During
Capital Days**

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