

# Cornell Cooperative Extension Washington County

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## 4-H Keynotes January/February 2023

Happy New Year!

We are busy filling up our winter & spring 4-H calendars for you all. Check them out including the flyers for Shooting Sports, Public Presentations & Great Backyard Bird Count. Feel free to print any of them to share or post. Do not hesitate to reach out with suggestions, questions & comments.

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PS Check out Lisa's collages of individual members she put together!

Hello 4-H,

I hope everyone has started off the New Year on a positive note.

If you did not file your taxes yet and made less than \$60,000, VITA 1-800-211-5128 is an amazing free resource.

Believe it or not as of Feb 2, 2023 we are just 200 days away from fair week!

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Lisa L. VanGuilder.

### Opportunities for You

**Pheasant Chick Program:** The Department of Conservation through the Reynolds Game Farm is again offering Day Old Pheasant Chick Program to 4-Hers who are interested in raising a batch. These pheasants, once they are 8 weeks old or older, are ready to be released. All pheasant release sites must be open for public pheasant hunting and must be approved *in advance* by DEC. Deadline for ordering is **March 25** and each family applies on their own using the link found at on the following website: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/7271.html>. They will arrive at our office in May.

Please note: There will be a Mentored Youth Pheasant in the Fall. Details will be sent to DOPCP families.

**Quilt Workshop:** We are excited to announce that the Argyle Highland Quilt Guild is offering a quilt workshop for 4-H youth! This is free of charge, no need to bring supplies or even a lunch! The project will be a wall-hanging created under the mentorship of experienced quilters. We hope you will consider attending. Here's the scoop:

Date: **Saturday March 18**

Time: 9:30 am – 1:30 pm

Location Argyle United Methodist Fellowship Hall

Registration: Call 518-746-2560 OR email [washington@cornell.edu](mailto:washington@cornell.edu)

Deadline to register: **February 15**

**Teen Lean In:** Our next Teen Lean In will be **Thursday February 23** at the Washington County Fair meeting room. It is 10 am – 1 pm with a lunch served. This is open to any & all teens—no 4-H membership required. Here's the link: [https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/Teen\\_Lean\\_In\\_253](https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/Teen_Lean_In_253)

**Dairy Bowl:** Practices will begin the **week of January 23**. If you haven't signed up yet, here's the link: [https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/Dairy\\_Bowl\\_2023\\_253](https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/Dairy_Bowl_2023_253)

**4-H Tractor Safety:** Many of the details are still in the works but the virtual orientation is March 29 & the tours, demonstrations, & driving will be the week of **April 9**.

**Sheep & Kids:** The Sheep & Kids Club is up and running. Meetings will be held every second Friday of the month at the Washington County Fairgrounds in the Fair office meeting room from 6-7:30 pm. Joe and Georgi Hamilton, Carole Foster & Joanne Steele will be leading the club in projects that will give members hands on experience learning about sheep, how to care for them and how to use their wool and other products. All ages are welcome. For more information contact Maggie Brand at [margaret.brand51@gmail.com](mailto:margaret.brand51@gmail.com) or 518-932-4123, or the Extension Office.

## News Worthy

### Calf Scholarship

The winner was Megan Depaul. Thank you all for entering and congrats Megan!

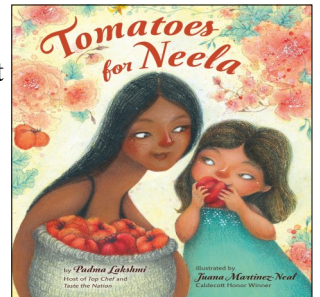
### Best Of Luck

Renee St. Jacques will be attending Dog Agility Trials in Greenwich on February 25 & 26th. We would like to wish her and Kindred. Good Luck and any K9 Kids members are encouraged to root her on!



### Ag Literacy Week

New York Agricultural Literacy Week to be held from March 20-24, 2023. Community members around the state will be volunteering to read *Tomatoes for Neela* by Padma Lakshmi to elementary classrooms, with a focus on second grade. If you would like to read, please contact our Ag & Food Systems Educator Linda Law at [lsl64@cornell.edu](mailto:lsl64@cornell.edu) or 518-746-2560



### Crystal Clovers of Cambridge

Held a meeting January 15th with a majority of their members showing up. Elizabeth Greenawalt said in her report that they made hats and mittens out of paper and talked about future demonstrations. We hope they continue to have a good season.

*If clubs would like to share their news with us, email [lly25@cornell.edu](mailto:lly25@cornell.edu) or mail it to CCE Washington County 415 Lower Main St., Hudson Falls, NY 12839*

### Stop in and get your free ticket for the NY Farm Show

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**NEW YORK FARM SHOW.**

**INDOORS & OUTSTANDING**

**New York State Fairgrounds**  
Syracuse, New York

**February 23, 24, 25 2023**

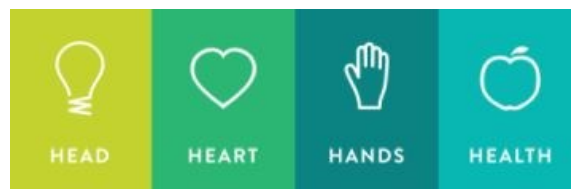
Thursday, Friday & Saturday - 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM  
Over 300,000 Sq. Ft. Indoors

Farm Show - All 3 Days  
**NO PETS PLEASE**  
Co-Sponsored by American Agriculturist & The Northeast Equipment Dealers Assoc.

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Buildings



**Contact us – email [washington@cornell.edu](mailto:washington@cornell.edu) or call 518-746-2560 or 1-800-548-0881 to sign up or for more information on any of the above articles or help with any of these links.**

# Annual Calendar

## January

Planning and preparing

## February

Winter Fest—**February 4**  
Great Backyard Bird Count—**February 17—20**  
Public Presentations Tips—**February 21**  
Teen Tiki Time —**February 23**  
4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training  
**February 25—26**

## March

4-H Shooting Sports Begins:  
**March 1** Northern Program  
**March 4** Southern Program  
4-H Dairy Bowl—**March 11**  
Public Presentations—**March 18**  
Quilt Workshop—**March 18**  
Ag Literacy Week—**March 20-24**

## April

4-H Tractor Safety—**TBA**  
NYS 4-H Capital Days—**April 16—18**  
Food Booth Clean-up (any volunteers?)  
District Public Presentations—**April 22**  
Tractor Supply Co. Paper Clover—**TBA**

## May

Antique & Flea Market Show— **May 6—7**  
New Member Enrollment Deadline **May 1**

## June

Animal Lease Deadline—**TBA**  
Showmanship Day & Tack Sale —**June 10**  
4-H Career Explorations—**June 27—29**

## July

Sew 4U—**TBA**  
K9 Kids—**TBA**

## August

Antique & Flea Market Show—**August 5—6**  
County Fair **August 21—27**  
Exhibits leave for State Fair— **August 31**

## September

Re-enrollment forms hit the mail  
State Fair exhibits returned—**September 6**  
Adirondack Wool & Arts Festival—  
**September 23—24**  
4-H Club Year 2022-2023 ends —**September 30**

## October

4-H Club Year 2023-2024 begins—**October 1**  
New Volunteer Orientations begin  
Tack Sale—**TBA**  
Tractor Supply Co. Paper Clover—**TBA**

## November

Re-enrollments are due **November 1**  
Achievement Breakfast—**TBA**  
Office Closed **November 22— 24**

## December

Late Enrollment Deadline **December 31**. Any inactive Members & Leaders get archived  
Office Closed **December 25—January 1**



2023

# 4-H Shooting Sports

**Ready— Aim—Succeed**

4-H Shooting Sports is open to all youth ages 12-18 who are interested in firearm safety and environmental conservation. The program features demonstrations, hands-on activities, and range time over 6—8 weeks. Disciplines include Air Rifle/Pistol, Archery, Rifle, Shotgun, & Muzzleloader.

Begins **March 1** for the Northern program & **March 3** for the Southern program.

*Northern program meets Wednesday nights & Saturday mornings at the Hudson Falls Fish & Game*

*Southern program meets at Salem Rifle & Pistol and Owlkill Rod & Gun on Saturdays.  
Participants select which program they wish to attend.*

The fee is \$30 for 4-H members; \$35 for non members.

For more information or to register, contact Cornell Cooperative Extension at:

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or

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## My SPARK is...

Are you ready to master the art of Public Speaking?

Phones down. Voices up.

Now's the time to share what sparks your interest and receive feedback on how to become an engaging speaker.

Public Speaking Tips with Treats is 2/21/23 at 11AM.

Presentations Date March 18 starting at 9AM.

Both will be held at the CCE office.

For more info: Email Cathy [cjs58@cornell.edu](mailto:cjs58@cornell.edu) or call the office.



**FIND YOUR SPARK**

Come & join this annual Citizen Science program. Count birds in your backyard, local park, or wherever you spot a bird, and submit your observations online.

[birdcount.org](http://birdcount.org)

Dark-eyed Junco.  
Photo: Courtesy of Macaulay Library



# Great Backyard Bird Count

26th Annual • Feb 17-20, 2023



Sponsored in part by:





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TEEN TIME

Join the 4-H Staff & Other Teens  
for fun at our first Teen Lean In  
of 2023 & beat those winter  
blues!!

TEENS FROM AROUND THE COUNTY WILL  
ENJOY GAMES, FOOD & FUN!  
SIGN UP A FRIEND AND GET ENTERED TO  
WIN APRIZE! TEENS DO NOT NEED TO BE  
IN 4-H.

Thursday February 23  
(10AM-1PM)

Event will be held at The  
Washington County  
Fairgrounds.

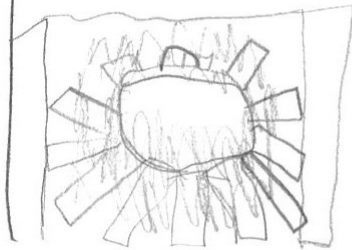
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Phase 1



Phase 2



Phase 3



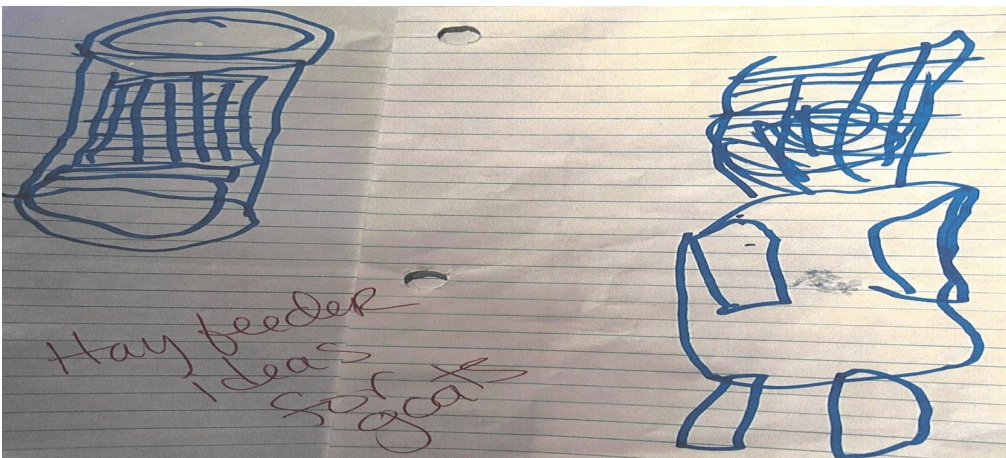
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Some amazing talent from the project and activity record keeping books

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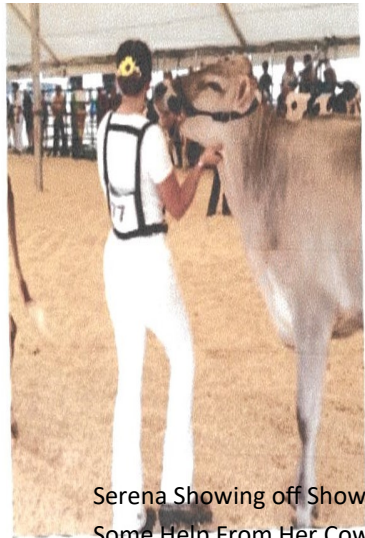
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Hay feeder ideas for goats



Lambie



Serena Showing off Showmanship Skills With Some Help From Her Cow.



Feel the Love



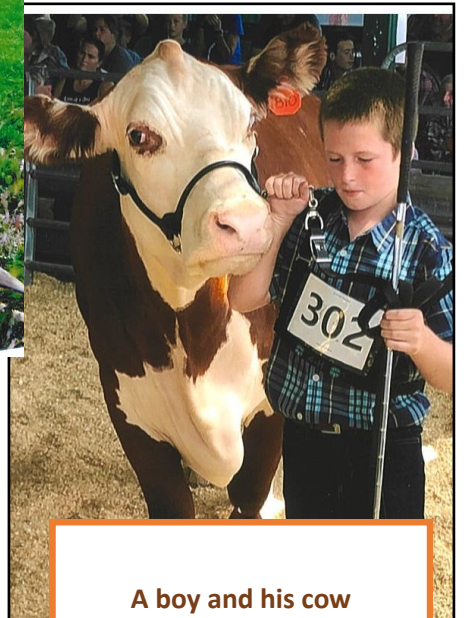
Hard work Pays off



Photos From Independent Members



Nice Catch



A boy and his cow



Check out these Taxidermy skills

