

# Clover Chronicle



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## December 2023

### Announcements

Look for information on new programming.....*Entrepreneurship Club and Step Into.*

Save the dates for...Public Presentations and Tractor Safety.

Lots of great info about club happenings, scholarship opportunities, etc.

#### **Sarah On Maternity Leave**

4-H Educator Sarah Wilhelm will be on maternity leave from the end of November until the end of January, returning to work part-time in February and March, and then returning to full time work in April. During the time that she is out, Amy and Michele will be your main points of contact for all things 4-H.



## Looking Forward...

### December 2023

December 1	Teen Council Bowling Outing
December 6	Horse Educational Meeting—Equine Nutrition
December 13	WHEP Club 4:00 - 5:30 at CCE
December 20	Horse Educational Meeting
December 30	WHEP Club

### January 2024

January 4	Public Presentation Advanced Training
January 9	Public Presentation Beginner Training
January 10	Horse Educational Meeting—Equine Conformation
January 14	Public Presentation Registration Deadline
January 15	Entrepreneurship Club—What is an entrepreneur?
January 24	Horse Educational Meeting

### February 2024

February 6, 9, 10	Public Presentations
February 7	Horse Educational Meeting
February 13	Public Presentation Show Date
February 19	Entrepreneurship Club—How do we come up with a good business idea?
February 21	Horse Educational Meeting—All About Bits

### March 2024

March 7	Teen council Meeting
March 27	Entrepreneurship Club—What is a business plan & how do I write one?





## ***Entrepreneurship Club***

Starting January of 2024, Agricultural Educator Jacob Maslyn will be leading a group of high school age kids in an Entrepreneurship club where they will learn what it means to own a business. In this club kids will understand what it means to be an entrepreneur, their role in the community. How you take an idea and turn it into a business, how they could get funding to start a business. Kids will be tasked with writing a business plan and presenting it at the Ontario County fair for a competition.

This club is anticipated to go once a month from January to July with the last few months focused working on a project that the kids will be judged upon at the Ontario County fair.

**January 15<sup>th</sup>** – What is an entrepreneur? Who are they in the community? Why do we need them?

**February 19<sup>th</sup>** – How do we come up with a good business idea? Where can I get funding to do this? Is there a market for this idea, and how will I expand my market?

**March 27<sup>th</sup>** – What is a business plan and how do I write one? How should I get estimates to put in my business plan? Who will look at my business plan? We will talk with ag professionals about what makes a good business plan.

**April 17<sup>th</sup>** – We will have a panel of local entrepreneurs tell us about how they started and their experiences.

**May “TBT”** - Working on our business plans, and business. Tour of a local farming operation.

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**July 26<sup>th</sup>** – Presentation of our final business plan at the county fair. Prizes will be made available to the winners.

## Teen Council Advanced Public Presentation Training January 4th at 6:30pm

Have you been doing public presentations for a few years and ready to level up your skills? Join Amy on Thursday, January 4th at 6:30pm at the CCE Office to get a more in-depth training on public presentations. This is open to any 4-H teen ages 12+. We will cover more advanced topics like impromptus and interviews. Please register by January 2nd for this training.



### Ontario County 4-H Unmounted Horse Clinics



**Join us for learning throughout the fall/winter months! Anyone interested in horses is welcome!**

October 9th, 2-5pm: Anatomy and Grooming @Little Bear Acres

October 22nd, 2-5pm: All about Tack @Little Bear Acres

November 1st, 6-8pm: Color Genetics @CCE Office

November 15th, 6-8pm: Horse Quizzing Fun @CCE Office

December 6th, 6-8pm: Equine Nutrition @CCE Office

December 20th, 6-8pm: Horse Educational Kit @CCE Office

January 10th, 6-8pm: Equine Conformation @CCE Office

January 24th, 6-8pm: Horse Quizzing Fun @CCE Office

February 7th, 6-8pm: Horse Education Kit - @CCE Office

February 21st, 6-8pm: All About Bits! @CCE Office

**\*\*Any 4-H participant is welcome to join the horse bowl team for a fun contest in March but this is NOT required! We just want to keep the learning going through the winter.**

## WHEP Club

This coming month's meeting is  
**Wednesday December 13 at 4:00-5:30 at OCCE office.**

We will build profiles of NYS wildlife using pelts, skeletons and prints/scat. Members are welcome to bring any collected specimens from their walks in the wilderness. Remember to use safe protocols in your collecting by only handling with protective gloves, keeping in airtight plastic bags, and placing in a freezer until our meeting.

We will go over bone cleaning and collection procedures at the meeting.

Also we will hear updates from members working on kestrel boxes and Project Feeder Watch. Finally we will discuss possible topics for WHEP centered presentations coming up in the New Year.



**WHEP Bird Outing, December 30th:** The December outing for our WHEP club will occur on Saturday, December 30th. We will meet on the Gazebo at the Finger Lakes Welcoming Center in Geneva, NY at 10 am to look for local waterfowl. We will then travel to nearby Johnson Rd in the town of Phelps to look for short eared owls, northern harriers and red tailed hawks. Hope to see you there! Please let Sarah know if you plan to attend.





## Public presentations

It's never too early to be thinking about public presentations! Public presentations are one of our most popular 4-H events. Alumni of the 4-H program always credit public presentations as one of the most influential 4-H events that they took part in during their time in the program. Public speaking is an important life skill, and we encourage EVERY 4-H'er to take part!

To accommodate as many as possible, we hold a few different time options: February 6th from 6-8pm, February 9th from 6-8pm, and February 10th from 9am-1:30pm. Please note, that our snow date for this event is February 13th from 6-8pm. If any of the sessions are canceled due to inclement weather, they will be made up on February 13th. Registration is due January 14th. Please find the registration form and other helpful informational documents at the following link: [Cornell Cooperative Extension | 4-H Public Presentations \(cceontario.org\)](https://cceontario.org/4-H-Public-Presentations)



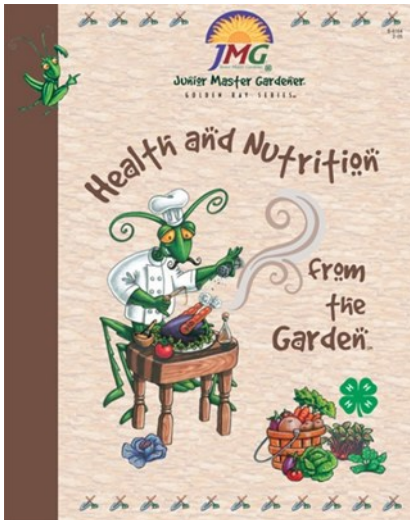
### Beginner Public Presentation Training

New to 4-H public presentations? Join Amy on January 9th at 6pm at the CCE office for a fun workshop teaching you how to create a public presentation. This workshop is ideal for youth in their first or second year of public presentations. Please register by January 1st for this training.

### Advanced Public Presentation Training

Done presentations before but looking to advance in your skills? Join Amy on January 4th at 6:30pm for a training on Impromptu presentations. This type of presentation is a great way to improve your skills of thinking on your feet and challenging your comfort zone. This session will also double as our January Teen Council meeting.

# Curriculum Spotlight



Do you have some youth who want to garden but just don't know where to start? Come to the office and borrow; Junior Master Gardener, Health and Nutrition from the Garden. This dynamic curriculum is packed with basic gardening information that includes growing techniques, food safety, healthy eating tips, and nutritious snack food preparation. This book is a great tool for volunteers who want to use garden programs to teach youth about health, nutrition, food safety, and wise decision-making skills. Grades 3-5, but can easily be adapted for younger or older youth

Curriculum that is highlighted can be found at the office.

Any club is welcome to borrow it to use for their club meetings.

**Step Into**

# PAINTING

With Ontario County 4-H

Join us to learn the basics of pointillism (dot painting).  
Please register by January 6th.

**Event Details**

January 13th, 10am-12pm  
Open to both 4-H'ers and non 4-H'ers!  
480 N Main Street, Canandaigua  
Cost: \$5

Signup Link



**Save the Date**  
**Tractor Safety Course**  
**See flyer below for details**

**ONTARIO COUNTY  
4-H  
TRACTOR SAFETY  
COURSE**

Tractor Certification Program for  
youth ages 14-15.

Classes will be held February  
20th and 22nd and every  
Thursday in March.

For more information visit:  
[www.cceontario.org](http://www.cceontario.org) or email  
Amy at [anr32@cornell.edu](mailto:anr32@cornell.edu)



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## Virtual Live Webinar

### Earn While you Learn - Animal Science Apprentice Program

December 18, 2023  
(12:00 PM-1:00 PM ET)

This free one-hour webinar will detail the ins and outs of the Animal Science Apprentice Program.

Program apprentices are hired to work full-time by a partnering employer. In addition to hourly wages, participants will receive 147 hours of industry-specific training along with quarterly wage increases for the first year. The first ASAP class is scheduled to begin in February 2024. We will accept applications for the program during the webinar.

Earn While You Learn - Animal Science Apprentice Program will provide an overview of the Penn State Extension Animal Science Apprentice Program (ASAP). This program is designed for high school graduates (18 or older) looking to enter the workforce or for adults of any age looking to make a career change to livestock production. If you are interested in working with animals and developing skills to create a fulfilling career in the animal science industry, then this might be the opportunity you are looking for.

### Who is this for?

- Career seekers who are 18 or older and their families
  - People interested in working in animal systems positions
- 4-H and FFA students interested in careers in agriculture

### What will you learn?

- What is an Apprenticeship?
- What are the parts of the ASAP Program?
- What is expected of an Apprentice?
- Examples of jobs in the industry?

For more information or the link to register,  
email Michele Albrecht at [mla226@cornell.edu](mailto:mla226@cornell.edu)



# The Bulletin Board

## Ontario County 4-H Members Participated At

### The National Livestock Expo Educational Contests

The Ontario 4-H Livestock Program is proud to announce that this year they had three 4-H members participate in the Livestock Skillathon contest at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Kentucky. This year the Skillathon contest had 22 state teams from across the country participate, the largest number of teams ever.

The Livestock Skillathon contest consisted of both individual and team questions. The team had to answer questions on quality assurance, livestock nutrition and animal performance and marketing. For the individual portion of the contest 4-H members had to participate in six stations including Hay evaluation, wool evaluation, Breeds of livestock, equipment used in the livestock industry, meat cut identification and a quality assurance problem. This year's 4-H Livestock Skillathon participants included Olivia Maslyn from Ontario County, Evelyn Kersmanc from Otsego County, Anikka Parshall from Ontario County and Wyatt Wadams from Ontario County. This year's team was coached by Amy Pyra from Ontario County. Congratulations to Evelyn on placing 6<sup>th</sup> high individual in Quality Assurance and to Annika on placing 10<sup>th</sup> high individual in Evaluation.



Front Row- Olivia Maslyn, Evelyn Kermanc, Annika Parshall, Wyatt Wadams  
Back Row- Brian Aukema, Amy Pyra



# The Bulletin Board

Whep member Elsa McKellor and golden eagle.



## WHEP Club

The fieldtrip as a buddy group to Thomkin's CCE 4-h club "s visit from Cornell"s Raptor Outreach was "awesome"! Information and live feeding/handling of a Merlin, screech owl, red tail hawk and most amazing, golden eagle kept us all enthralled.

Whep members with Merlin from Cornell Raptor Outreach



## WHEP Club

This last month, Whep club members began their Project Feeder Watch citizen science work by participating in an exploration of habitat at the CCE offices and the Project Feeder Watch website. Questions about attracting woodpeckers and the difference between downy and hairy woodpeckers was just one of the topics.

Our Spark Club had lots of fun creating ornaments to donate to the Ontario County Nursing home. Next week the Michaelsen Family will set a tree up for the residents to enjoy through the holiday season.

Thanks Megan for organizing!





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HOUSING LIFE



## CANANDAIGUA POP-UP FOOD PANTRY

**JUNE 26                      JULY 24**  
**AUGUST 28                SEPTEMBER 25**  
**OCTOBER 23              NOVEMBER 27**  
**DECEMBER 18**  
**11:00-12:30 PM/**  
**UNTIL FOOD**  
**IS GONE**

### TOWN OF CANANDAIGUA

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BARN

5440 ROUTE 5 & 20

CANANDAIGUA, NY 14424

PLEASE ENTER ON BUFFALO  
STREET

All are welcome.

No public restrooms.

Please do not get in line before 9:30 am.

First come, first served.

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