

Clover Chronicle



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January 2024

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...

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?



Register for our Entrepreneurship Club with Michele at: mla226@cornell.edu



4-H Beginning Entrepreneurship club



6 CLASS SERIES 2024

JAN 15 5 PM	WHAT IS AN ENTREPRENEUR. Come learn about what being an Entrepreneur means.
FEB 19 5 PM	HOW DO I COME UP WITH THE IDEA? Learn about how an idea gets turned into a business and how to grow that idea.
MAR 18 5 PM	CREATING THE PERFECT BUSINESS Every business starts with a plan, we will discover the best way to write one.
APRIL 15 5 PM	LEARNING FROM LOCAL LEADERS. We will have a panel of local entrepreneurs tell us about their experiences.

For more information: CCEOntario.com

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.**

Join Ontario County Master Gardeners

Christen Groeling, Judi Ferman, and Pam Tichenor in making suet wreaths, cakes, and ornaments to take home. These outdoor decorations will provide much-needed food for your feathered friends during the winter months. Making suet is inexpensive, easy and fun. Birds are not only beautiful to watch but help to keep our gardens and outdoor spaces healthy. Examples of and recipes for other types of homemade bird food will also be shared. Participants will take home their suet creations and recipes. All materials provided. **Cost:** \$5.00/person. **To register**, call 585-394-3977 x 427 or email nea8@cornell.edu with name, address, and phone number.



The January outing of the Ontario County Young Birds Club will be on Saturday, January 27, 2024. We will journey to Hobart College's Henry Hanley Biological Field Preserve on 3167 Leader Road, in Seneca Falls. The Preserve is a bit south of Canoga, NY. We will meet at the parking lot of Cayuga Lake State Park on lower lake road in Seneca Falls, NY at 10 am.

In some winters birds that regularly winter in Canada's boreal forests may visit upstate New York. Such movements of large numbers of birds south of their normal wintering grounds is called an irruption. Unlike normal bird migration which occurs in a seasonal, repeated, predictable way, irruptions are unpredictable. Ornithologists think these movements are, at least in part, a response to food shortages, such as a poor cone crop on coniferous trees in the wintering grounds of seed-eating birds or rodents. Seed crop failure in these northern regions spells disaster for seed-eating birds and the rodent populations that depend on them. These birds are forced to look elsewhere for food as are the birds of prey that prey on seed-eating rodents. A good seed-producing year followed by a very prolific spring with lots of young birds, can also contribute to the occurrence of an irruption. Unusual birds commonly seen during an irruption year may include the following species: white-winged crossbill, red crossbill, pine grosbeak, evening grosbeak, common redpoll, pine siskin and bohemian waxwing.

"Naturally Curious: A Photographic Field Guide and Month-by-Month Journey through the Fields, Woods, and Marshes of New England", by Mary Holland.

Pete Saracino/NY State Master Naturalist Volunteer



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)



Beginner Public Presentation Training

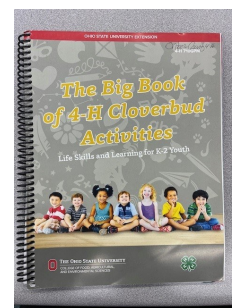
New to 4-H public presentations? Join Amy on January 9th at 6pm at the CCE office for a fun workshop teaching you how to create a public presentation. This workshop is ideal for youth in their first or second year of public presentations. Please register by January 1st for this training.

Advanced Public Presentation Training

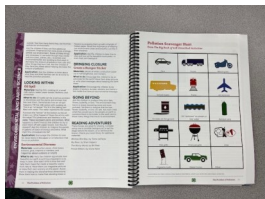
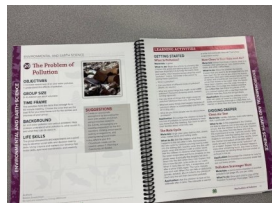
Done presentations before but looking to advance in your skills? Join Amy on January 4th at 6:30pm for a training on Impromptu presentations. This type of presentation is a great way to improve your skills of thinking on your feet and challenging your comfort zone. This session will also double as our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

Curriculum Spotlight

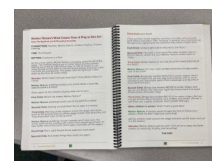
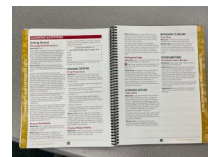
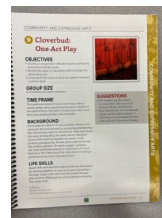
If you have Cloverbuds and want some extra help with activities, check out our Curriculum Spotlight. Each lesson helps you with everything you need in order to make it a great activity.



Sample Lesson: The Problem with Pollution



Sample Lesson: One-Act Play



Curriculum that is highlighted can be found at the office.

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

Register for our Step Into Painting workshop here: <https://forms.gle/>

The flyer is for a "Step Into Painting" workshop. It features a background of watercolor paint splashes and two paint palettes. The text is centered and reads: "Step Into PAINTING With Ontario County 4-H". Below this, it says "Join us to learn the basics of pointillism (dot painting). Please register by January 6th." The "Event Details" section lists the date and time as "January 13th, 10am-12pm", the location as "480 N Main Street, Canandaigua", and the cost as "\$5". It also states "Open to both 4-H'ers and non 4-H'ers!". A QR code is provided for the "Signup Link". There are two small images of pointillism art: a ladybug and a butterfly. The 4-H logo is at the bottom center.

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 or email
Amy at anr32@cornell.edu



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Check out this great opportunity to earn a
\$1,500 Scholarship for Future Ag Leaders



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\$1,500 scholarship

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Grow Ag Leaders, a Bayer Fund scholarship program, awards scholarships to students pursuing ag-related fields of study.

With more than **250** careers ranging from business management to biochemistry to dairy science to diesel mechanics, the possibilities in ag are endless.

 **Deadline to apply is January 11, 2024.**

To learn more about Grow Ag Leaders, program rules and eligibility requirements, visit **www.fund.bayer.us**.

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VIRTUAL 4-H DAIRY BOWL PRACTICES

Join other youth from across the state for Virtual Dairy Bowl practices, hosted by the NYS 4-H Dairy Committee.



**JANUARY 11
JANUARY 25
FEBRUARY 8
FEBRUARY 22
FEBRUARY 29**

TIME: 7:00 - 8:00 PM

**Register at:
<https://bit.ly/2024DairyBowlPractice>**

**CONTACT DEBBIE GRUSENMEYER
WITH ANY QUESTIONS AT
DJC27@CORNELL.EDU**



The Bulletin Board



Ontario County Humane Society, Happy Tails Animal Shelter

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A big Happy Tails THANK YOU! to [Ontario County 4-H](#) Pet Club for their awesome donation! The children made cards, toys, and collected blankets for the pets at the shelter. Shelter Cat Bates was particularly fond of the cat nip toys; thanks kids! 🐾



WHEP Outing Dec 30, 2023

We viewed some waterfowl along the lake at Seneca Lake then headed to Johnson Rd in the town of Phelps and got some great looks at short-eared owls and northern harriers. We had at least 16 people (some missing in the photo).



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

The Bulletin Board

Hens & Hares: In November the club members elected officers for the New Year. The resident is Andrea Silkiewicz, the Vice president for rabbits is Mason Michaelson, the Vice president for



poultry is Isaac Wheeler, the Secretary is Mackenzie Michaelson, and the Treasurer is Cody Chandler. At our December meeting we talked about

rabbit body types, breeds, varieties, and a little about rabbit body parts. Members of our club participated in community service, bell ringing at Runnings for the Salvation Army.



Western Livestock Wranglers: For our November meeting the West-



ern Livestock Wranglers talked about animal identification and why it's important to have proper identification on your animals. For our December meeting we built ginger bread houses and made holiday cards to donate to the Ontario County Nursing home. The residents loved the gingerbread houses and cards!



Beau's Bandits volunteered to help out with the live Nativity @ the methodist Church

They had just over 500 people drive through that night! (12/16)








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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