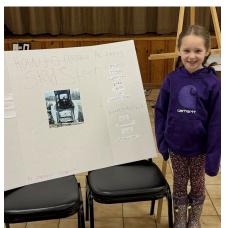


# Niagara County 4-H MARCH CLOVER SCENE Newsletter 2024

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# **Closings/Cancellations**

When the Lockport District schools are closed or after school activities are cancelled due to inclement weather, 4-H meetings on the grounds are also cancelled. When the county offices are closed in Niagara County, our office is automatically closed. Closing announcements will be made on Facebook, an email blast, and/or leader will contact members by phone or email. Have a safe winter season!

# Workshops

## **Food Classes**

MUST RSVP! For all 4-H Food Classes, members must pre-register for each class by the due date to Debi Sweeney through email. Ingredients need to be purchased and supplies need to be secured for each member attending.

\*\*When members RSVP, please include their first and last name and age.

# **Cupcake Decorating Class**

Dates: March 4 OR

March 5

Time: 5:30pm

Place: Large Meeting Room

Ages: 8-19 Cost: \$10

RSVP: by February 29 to Dsweeney7371@gmail.com with the child's first and last name, their age, and

choice of date.

Class size is limited and must RSVP.

Do you want to learn how to decorate cupcakes and make a pull-apart cake using cupcakes?

We will show you how to make frosting and use a decorating bag and tips. Lisa Smith, 4-H volunteer leader, will be teaching the class. Parents are welcome to stay and learn.

# **Entomology**

Dates: Thursdays...

March 21, Auditorium April 25, Memorial Room May 23, Large Meeting Room

June 13, Auditorium

June 27, Large Meeting Room

Time: 7:00pm Ages: All ages

RSVP: Toby Mansfield, 716-597-4438 or

bigwigkim@aol.com

Youth will learn about insects and how to make them into a great 4-H project!

Workshops

It is very important to **RSVP** for the workshops so that the instructors can be prepared and in case the class is canceled due to lack of participation!

# **Open Sewing**

Dates: Sundays, March 10 & 24

Sundays, April 14 & 28

Time: 2:30-4:30pm Place: Memorial Room

RSVP: Contact, Patti Travers, 716-930-1238

Patti Travers, a 4-H Veteran Volunteer, is offering open sewing on Sundays, 2:30-4:30-twice a month. Sewing machines are available. This class is open to any 4-H member that is interested in setting aside time to sew. Patti is available to help/assist/guide 4-H'ers with projects of their choice. If you are new to sewing, she can help you pick out a simple first year project. If you go, please RSVP to let her know so that IF the class is canceled due to weather or unplanned circumstances, she can let you know.

# **Basic Body Care Essentials Bath Bombs!**

Date: March 23, 2024 Time: 11:00am-12:00pm

Place: LMR

Ages: 8+ (Children under 8 are welcome with adult

supervision) Cost: \$10

RSVP: No later than March 15 2023. Lindsay at Lindsay.Tracey@VibraFinance.com Please leave a "note" with your child's first name, last initial.

Youth will make one bath bombs to take

home. Each product features wholesome, easy source ingredients and recipe copies that are easy to recreate at home. Estimated shelf life of each product is 12 months. Each bath bomb includes a protective case to bring your bath goodies home. Please bring an apron/smock if you wish to protect your clothing. Class size is limited to 20 participants.

Please let me know if you need any more information from me.

# **Crafting with Iesa**

## **Beaded Bracelet**

Date: Monday, March 4 Time: 6:00-8:00pm Place: Memorial Room

Cost: \$4

Ages: 8 and up– adults welcome!

RSVP: by March 1 to Iesa at 716-523-4981

This is a fun and easy bracelet to make. We will be using seed beads, monofilament for stringing and a pretty button for a clasp.

# **Embroidery Beginner**

Dates Saturdays, March 9 & 23

Saturdays, April 13 & 27

Time: 11:00-1:00pm Place: Memorial Room

Cost: \$7

Ages: 8 and up— adults welcome!

RSVP: by March 1 to Iesa at 716-523-4981

There will be many classes and stitches to learn. No embroidery experience is necessary. The project will be a heart that is pre-drawn. Then you will be adding circles, using crayons for color of the circles. You will learn a multiple of outline stitches to go around your coloring. The first class will be to color and learn a stitch. We will meet two hours each time. I will provide everything but the scissors. Due to the amount of time the project will take, I will only take new interests on first day of this project. There were many mothers and daughters in previous class and I think they enjoyed learning a new craft together.

# **Embroidery Second Project**

Dates: Saturdays, March 9 & 23 Saturdays, April 13 & 27

Time: 1:30-3:00pm Place: Memorial Room

Cost: \$5

Ages: 8 and up— adults welcome!

RSVP: by March 1 to Iesa at 716-523-4981

New project: For those who have taken the heart embroidery class this is the next project. It will be a felt Christmas tree ornament. We will be building upon the stitches already learned, learning more stitches and how to work without a hoop because of the different fabric being embroidered on. Please bring scissors. Everything else will be provided. **Due to the** 

amount of time the project will take, I will only take new interests on first day of this project.



#### Crafting with Iesa continued...

# **Coloring Page Sun Catcher**

Date: Monday, March 18 Time: 6:00-8:00pm Place: Memorial Room

Cost: \$2

Ages: 8 and up- adults welcome!

RSVP: by March 15 to Iesa at 716-523-4981

With pre printed coloring pages or your own to be put into a canning jar lid to hang in the window. You will have time to make two. This is an easy activity, good for cloverbuds.

## **Catch Up Days**

Dates: Monday, March 25

Tuesday, April 2 Time: 1:00-3:00pm Place: Memorial Room

RSVP: to Iesa at 716-523-4981

If there are any projects that we have worked on that are still unfinished these are the days to do it. For the few who are making their embroidered projects into a bag these will be the days we will do them. (You will only need one.) When you sign up let me know which day or days and what project you will be working on, so I can let you know what supplies you will need to bring.

## **Water Bottle Carrier**

Date: Monday, April 8

Time: 6:00pm

Place: Memorial Room

Cost: \$3

Ages: 8 and Up

RSVP: by April 2 to Iesa at 716-523-4981

This is not a beginner project. Must have previous experience working with a sewing machine. We will be using fabric from the closet and I will provide insulating fabric and twill tape for handle. We will be

insulating fabric and twill tape for handle. We will be working on pinning and cutting out a pattern. Please bring all sewing needs and sewing machine if you have one. Adults are welcome must bring own sewing

machine. Limit 10.

# **Metal Embossing Initial**

Date: Monday, April 15 Time: 6:00-8:00pm Place: Memorial Room

Cost: \$5.00

Ages: Open to all ages

RSVP: to Iesa by April 12 at 716-523-4981 This is a fun beginner project to learn how to metal emboss. For those who have done it before this is a new project. You will make any initial that you would like to. If it's not your own, please let me know so I can have it available for you. All materials will be provided. Your project will be ready to hang when you get home.

# Niagara Nature

## **NYS 4-H Virtual Insect Series:**

What's bugging you?! Wednesdays - 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Any and ALL youth in NYS can register to zoom in!

Wed. Feb 28th, Amanda Dillon: Intro to insects Bees, Dragon flies & invasives

Wed. March 6th, Todd Ugine: Lost Ladybug Project. Endangered insects.

**Wed. March 13**, Jen Caci, Chenango Co. Bug Club volunteer. Sharing insect collection and how to pin insects. Tick talk/safety. Heartworms in animals.

Wed. March 20th, Betsy Lamb: Bio controls and beneficial insects.

Each 45-minute-long session will be jam-packed with educational fun. This series will unravel the mysteries of insects, with experts. Register at: <a href="https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/YNOEinsects">https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/YNOEinsects</a> 208. Questions email <a href="https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/YNOEinsects">https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/YNOEinsects</a> 208.

## **Migration Challenge!**

Date: Monday, April 22

Time: 6:30pm Place: Show Ring

RSVP: to Heidi at hmk3@cornell.edu

Ages: All ages

As seasons change certain animals are on the move. Why? Where do they go? How do they get there? What challenges do they face? You will face those challenges in this class thru a fun migration obstacle course.

Are you up for the challenge?

# Cloverbuds Bird Seed House

Date: Wednesday, March 6

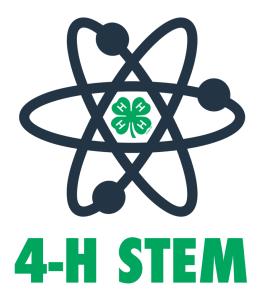
Time: 6:00pm

Place: Memorial Room

Cost: \$6.00 Ages: 5-8

RSVP: by March 1, Kathy at krc8@cornell.edu

Youth will be "gluing" on birdseed using an edible paste made out of flour, water, corn syrup and gelatin. Youth can decorate the birdhouse using a variety of seed. The birdhouse instantly becomes a bed and breakfast for any bird that moves in!





# STEM w/Christina Wright Lego Engineering Club

Date: Thursday, April 4 Time: 4:30-6:00pm Place: Memorial Room

RSVP: by March 29, at ckw38@cornell.edu

Ages: 5+ Fee: \$2

Youth are given a building challenge and have fun sharing their original designs

# 3-D Modelling & Printing

Dates: Thursdays, March 7, 14 & 21

Thursday, April 18 Time: 5:00-6:00pm Place: Memorial Room

RSVP: Christina Wright at ckw38@cornell.edu by

Friday, March 1

Ages: 10 + or permission of instructor

Fee: \$10

Youth will learn basics of 3-D modelling and printing and design and create a practical and functional 3-D design. April date will be pickup of their designs. No experience necessary

#### Rollercoaster Family Stem Challenge

Date: Tuesday March 19 Time: 5:00-6:00pm Place: Auditorium

RSVP: Christina Wright at ckw38@cornell.edu by

Wednesday, March 13

Ages: all

Fee: \$5/family

Each family group will work as a team to design a rollercoaster with the provided materials and specifications.

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Cooking Youth AUCTION MEETING **SEWING** 

So much to choose... and more!

# **ENTOMOLOGY**



# **Agricultural Activities**

# **Animal Science Members**

## Re-Enrollment for returning members closed on 1/5/24

- Returning/Re-enrolling members needed to re-enroll by January 5, 2024, to be eligible to show/ exhibit animals at the 2024 Niagara County Fair. Re-enrollments received between January 6, 2024-March 1, 2024, can still participate in 4-H and attend all animal meetings & 4-H programs, but are not permitted to show animals at fair in 2024.
- First time enrolling/new members must enroll by March 1, 2024, and meet the minimum meeting requirements (explained below) to be eligible to show any animal species at 2024 fair.
- Each Clover Bud & 4-H Member must attend at least 5 species meetings per year (between September 2023-July 2024) to meet minimum meeting requirements, to be eligible to show/exhibit animals of any species, at the 2024 Niagara County Fair.
- County level 4-H public presentations can count towards ONE of those 5 meetings, for those showing multiple species, counts for only 1 animal species of 4-Her's choice
- Farm Safety Course (newly offered in 2024) can count towards ONE of those 5 meetings, for only 1 animal species of 4-Her's choice (if showing multiple species).
- Each animal species program/leader has the right to require additional requirements in order to be eligible to show that species within their program, at leader's discretion.

# Come join Cat Club!

Learn about cat breeds and feline issues. Club Leader Alexandra Kuhns Youth leader Leila Kuhns

Dates: Monday, March 18, Board Room

Monday, April 29, Memorial Room Monday, June 3, Memorial Room

Time: 6:30-7:30

Contact Alex at <u>alexandrakuhns@gmail.com</u> if you want to be involved or have questions!

# Dog Program

Classes will resume 3/6/2024. At each dog training class, youth will learn/practice, showmanship and obedience.

If you are interested in any information regarding the dog program, please contact Dawn Keough at 716-940-7677 or email kerikkelsi11@aol.com.



# 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Meetings

All Meetings are in the 4-H Training Center, starting at 6:30pm:

Friday, March 8th, Friday, April 5th, Thursday, May 9th, Wednesday, July 17th



# Good Luck to the Niagara County 4-H Dairy Bowl teams competing at Western District on March 2 at Pioneer School.

# 4-H Dairy Cattle Fundraiser

Upstate Niagara Salted and Unsalted Butter is being sold to raise money for the Dairy Cattle Program. A case of 36 pounds is \$150 or each one pound block is \$4.00

The sale is only for 2 weeks and you will have the butter before Easter.

RSVP Debi Sweeney with your order or questions at <u>dsweeney7371@gmail.com</u> - salted or unsalted and how many pounds of each. Sale concludes March 15.

Thanks for supporting the dairy cattle program

Save the Date: Saturday, June 1st, Rabbit & Cavy Show -More information coming soon (all day event) Attention Livestock Auction Participants

4-H youth planning to participate in the 2024 Livestock Animal Auction at the Niagara County Fair, *must* attend if they haven't already.

• March 14, 7:00m in the Auditorium

# Farm Safety Meeting

\*can count towards one animal species meeting

Topic: Livestock Trailer Safety

Date: Tuesday, April 30

Time: 6:30pm Place: Show Ring

RSVP: to Heidi Feltz at hmk3@cornell.edu

Refreshments provided by *Niagara Farm Bureau*.



# **Equine Happenings**

# 2024 County Equine Educational meetings

Dates: Wednesday, March 6 & April 23

Time: 7:00pm Place: Auditorium

Meeting will be broken down into 3 knowledge levels (beginner, junior and advanced). We will cover breeds, feeds, health, tack, etc. Meetings are open to anyone interested in horses and fulfill county fair requirements.

Date: Saturday, March 9

Time: 7:30pm Place: Auditorium

Dr. Jeanne Best From Royalton Equine will be talking about Spring vaccinations for your horse. Why are they important and which ones will be best for your horse. This is open to any 4-H member who is interested in learning more about horses. This will count as a meeting towards your 5 required meetings to show at fair.

## 2024 Regional Horse Event dates:

Please call Cheryl if you want to participate, in the regional horse events.

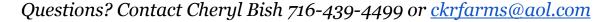
Horse Bowl - March 9 (Cattaraugus Co.) Presentations - April 6 (Alleghany Co.) Hippology - April 27 (Erie Co.)

## Equine 5-Star test 2024

Date: Wednesday, March 20

Time: 6:00 - 8:30pm Place: Auditorium

Open to anyone. Study guides may be found on the CCE website or come to any of the county equine meetings. Prizes will be handed out at the Fall Equine Dinner in October.





# NIAGARA COUNTY

Equine 4-H Club Presents



# **Equine Career Fair!**

Do you love HORSES?

Come and explore horse related careers (other than a trainer).

Sunday, March 10, 1 - 4 PM at the 4-H center 4487 Lake Avenue, Lockport



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Lockport 4487 Lake Avenue Lockport, NY 14094 | 716.433.8839 Web: cceniagaracounty.org

# NYS 4-H Horse Creative Writing:

Do you know a horse lover with an interest in creative writing?

Join NYS 4-H Horse Program's creative writing contest!

For more details scan the QR code or visit:
https://cals.cornell.edu/nys-4-h-animal-science-programs/creative-writing?fbclid=lwAR3sN9jGJcXuv3EgN67sSreiyM-eWU0gCv-YkI\_\_geHIT8DFcWxQtAJVIkg





# YOUTH/FAMILY INPUT. HORSE RESOURCES AND ALUMNI SURVEYS

#### WE ARE SEEKING YOUTH/FAMILY INPUT!

PLEASE SHARE THIS LINK WITH YOUR HORSE YOUTH/FAMILIES. WE ARE LOOKING TO SEE WHAT KINDS OF MERCHANDISE THEY ARE LOOKING FOR AND WHAT KINDS OF EVENTS/OPPORTUNITIES THEY ARE LOOKING FOR FROM THE NYS 4-H HORSE PROGRAM:

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#### NYS 4-H HORSE ALUMNI SURVEY

WE ARE LOOKING TO HEAR FROM NYS 4-H HORSE ALUMNI! PLEASE SHARE THIS SURVEY WITH ALUMNI THAT YOU KNOW FROM THE PROGRAM! THE SURVEY ONLY TAKES A COUPLE OF MINUTES.

AND WE WILL BE STORING ALL THE DATA THAT GETS RETURNED TO US!







# Calendar

Date	Time	Place	Topic	Туре
February 26	6:00pm	MR	String Art	Workshop
February 26	6:30pm	BR	Cat Club	Meeting
February 26	7:00pm	AUD	Dairy Bowl	Meeting
February 26	7:00pm	Virtual	Swine Zoom	Meeting
February 28	4:30pm	MR	Lego Building	Workshop
February 28	6:30pm	LMR	Dairy Goat	Meeting
February 29	By Appt.	TC	<b>Public Presentations</b>	Event
March 4	5:30pm	LMR	Cupcakes	Workshops
March 4	6:00pm	MR	Beaded Bracelet	Workshop
March 5	5:30pm	LMR	Cupcakes	Workshop
March 6	6:00pm	AEB	Dogs	Training
March 6	6:00pm	MR	Cloverbud Birdseed	Workshop
March 6	7:00pm	AUD	County Equine	Meeting
March 7	5:00pm	MR	3-D Modeling & Print	Workshop
March 8	6:30pm	TC	Rabbit & Cavy	Meeting
March 9	11:00pm	MR	Embroidery	Workshop
March 9	1:30pm	MR	Embroidery	Workshop
March 9	7:30pm	AUD	<b>Equine County</b>	Meeting
March 10	1:00pm	AUD	Equine Career Day	Meeting
March 10	2:30pm	MR	Open Sewing	Workshop
March 11	6:30pm	LMR	Beef Cloverbud	Meeting
March 12	6:00pm	LMR	Dairy Cattle Cloverbuds	Meeting
March 13	6:00pm	AEB	Dogs	Training
March 13	7:00pm	LMR	Beef	Meeting
March 14	5:00pm	MR	3-D Modeling & Print	Workshop
March 14	7:00pm	AUD	Livestock Auction	Meeting
March 18	6:00pm	MR	Coloring Sun Catcher	Workshop
March 18	6:30pm	BR	Cats	Meeting
March 19	5:00pm	AUD	Family STEM Challenge	Workshop
March 19	6:00pm	AUD	Poultry	Meeting
March 20	6:00pm	AEB	Dogs	Training
March 20	6:00pm	AUD	Equine 5 Star	Meeting
March 20	6:30pm	LMR	Dairy Goats	Meeting
March 21	5:00pm	MR	3-D Modeling & Print	Workshop
March 21	7:00pm	AUD	Entomology	Workshop
March 23	11:00am	LMR	Body Care Essentials	Workshop
March 23	11:00am	MR	Embroidery	Workshop
March 24	2:30pm	MR	Open Sewing	Workshop
March 25	1:00pm	MR	Catch Up Craft Days	Workshop
March 25	7:00pm	AEB	Swine	Meeting
March 27	6:00pm	AEB	Dogs	Training
March 27	6:30pm	LMR	Sheep & Meat Goats	Meeting
March 28	5:00pm	MR	3-D Modeling & Print	Workshop
April 2	1:00pm	MR	Catch Up Craft Days	Workshop

<u>Date</u>	Time	Place	Topic	Type
April 3	6:00pm	AEB	Dogs	Meeting
April 4	4:30pm	MR	Lego & Engineering	Workshop
April 5	6:30pm	TC	Rabbit & Cavy	Meeting
April 8	6:00pm	MR	Water Bottle Sewing	Workshop
April 10	6:00pm	AEB	Dogs	Meeting
April 13	12:00pm	MR	Embroidery	Workshop
April 14	2:30pm	MR	Open Sewing	Workshop
April 15	6:00pm	MR	<b>Metal Embossing Initial</b>	Workshop
April 16	6:30pm	AUD	Dairy Goat	Meeting
April 17	6:00pm	AUD	Working Goats	Meeting
April 17	6:00pm	AEB	Dogs	Meeting
April 18	5:00pm	MR	3D Modeling & Printing	Workshop
April 18	6:00pm	AUD	Poultry	Meeting
April 18	6:00pm	LMR	Dairy Cattle Cloverbuds	Meeting
April 22	6:30pm	SHOW	Niagara Nature	Workshop
April 23	7:00pm	AUD	County Equine	Meeting
April 24	6:00pm	AEB	Dogs	Meeting
April 25	7:00pm	MR	Entomology	Meeting
April 27	12:00pm	MR	Embroidery	Workshop
April 28	2:30pm	MR	Open Sewing	Workshop
April 29	6:30pm	MR	Cats	Meeting
April 29	7:00pm	AUD	Swine	Meeting
April 30	6:30pm	SHOW	Farm Safety	Meeting

# **Room Key**

Administration Building-BR (Board Room), ADMIN (Administration Building), MR (Memorial Room)
Training Center- TC (Training Center), AUD (Auditorium), LMR (Large Meeting Room), SMR (Small Meeting Room)

**Out Buildings**- SHOW (Showring), BARN (Animal Species Barn), MB (Merchants Building), GH (Greenhouse), AEB–Agricultural Education Building, TBA– To Be Announced



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