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COVER PHOTO: June Is Dairy Month Brown Swiss Cattle - by Lindsey Crisanti Meeder

From the International Dairy Foods Association:

"National Dairy Month is a great way to start the summer with nutrient-rich dairy foods. From calcium to potassium, dairy products like milk contain nine essential nutrients which may help to better manage your weight, reduce your risk for high blood pressure, osteoporosis and certain cancers. Whether it's protein to help build and repair the muscle tissue of active bodies or vitamin A to help maintain healthy skin, dairy products are a natural nutrient powerhouse. Those are just a few of the reasons that you should celebrate dairy not just in June, but all year long."

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From the Office of the Executive Director

What a beautiful spring! I hope you have all had a chance to enjoy the sunshine and some of our fantastic programming this Spring.

Have you ever considered or know anyone interested in



serving as a member of our agricultural team? We are currently developing what that position may look like, but we do know change is in the wind. Our wonderful agricultural coordinator Rose Clarke is leaving. We are excited for her with the next chapter in her life but are very sad to have her leave our team. Please encourage anyone interested in working with Cornell to visit our website https://chautauqua.cce.cornell.edu/jobs. Once positions are determined and approved, applications and details will be available on the website. Ko Svetanics, one of our nutrition educators has also decided to depart our team. She too will be missed. Because her position is an annual grant funded program we will not be rehiring. We wish Ko and Rose the best of luck in their new adventures.

We have lots of great programming throughout the summer and are already planning for fall activities. Stop by and see the Master Gardener's Demonstration Garden at the JCC Community Garden or come to an Evening In The Garden program. Pop into one of our upcoming agricultural programs and be sure to set aside some time to share in the accomplishments of our 4-H youth at this year's County Fair July 16-21, 2024. We look forward to seeing you at any one of our events this summer.

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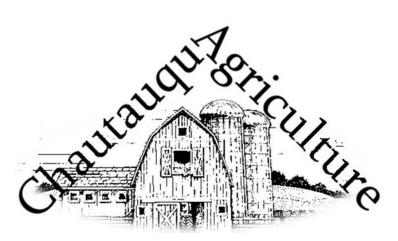
Chautauqua County Agricultural News

Chautauqua Farmer-Neighbor Dinner Tickets Available

Chautauqua County, New York: The Chautauqua Farm-Neighbor Committee is pleased to announce that tickets are now on sale for the 7th annual Chautauqua Farmer-Neighbor Dinner. The event is scheduled for Tuesday August 20, 2024 at The Grandview of Ellington, 1116 West Hill Road, Ellington, NY.

Social hour begins at 5:00pm with appetizers and various agricultural related exhibitor displays. Dinner will begin at 6:15pm followed by presentation of awards to Friend of Agriculture, Farm of the Year, Legacy Farm, and AEM Conservation Farm of the Year. Dennis Webster will serve as the Master of Ceremony for the evening.

Come indulge in this delectable farm-to-table dinner with the menu built around what is local, fresh, and available.



Individual dinner tickets are available for \$20 per person, or \$10 for children ages 12 and under. Agricultural Advocate tables are available to purchase for \$175, and include a full table reserved for 8 diners and your name in the event program. Tickets, including the Agricultural Advocate package, can be purchased online at: <u>bit.ly/CHQFND</u> or by calling the Cornell Cooperative Extension office at (716) 664-9502. Be sure to reserve your tickets early, as there is limited seating available.

Sponsorships and donations are still being accepted. If you are interested in helping to sponsor the program with a

monetary donation or local food donation, please contact Cassandra Skal at Farm Credit East at (716) 270-5471 or cassandra.skal@farmcrediteast.com.

This event is hosted by the Chautauqua Farmer-Neighbor Committee, a collaboration between public and private businesses supporting agriculture and local producers. A big thank you goes out to our current Barnraiser Sponsors: Chautauqua County Sheriff James Quattrone, Emma J. Brook Flower Farm of Westfield, Farm Credit East of Mayville and Wegmans of Jamestown.



The Chautauqua Farmer-Neighbor Dinner menu is



built around what local farmers are willing to donate.

From bacon to peppers to melons, 3C's Catering will showcase all products that are given.

Do you have a Chautauqua produced product you would like included in the dinner?

If you would like to make a donation of any kind, please contact Cassandra Skal at Farm Credit East at (716) 270-5471 or cassandra.skal@farmcrediteast.com.



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Agricultural District 8 Eight-Year Review

Towns of Busti, Carroll, Chautauqua, Ellery, Ellicott, Kiantone, Poland, & Stockton

Chautauqua County Agricultural District 8, located in the Towns of Busti, Carroll, Chautauqua, Ellery, Ellicott, Kiantone, Poland, and Stockton, Villages of Bemus Point, Cassadaga, Celoron, Falconer, Lakewood, and Mayville, and the City of Jamestown, encompassing 99,006 acres is currently being reviewed. The goal of the review process is to identify property that should either be added or removed from the existing agricultural boundaries.

Chautauqua County has designated August 1st to August 30th as the thirty (30) day public review period for the eight-year review of District 8. During this thirty (30) day period, any municipality, landowner, or State Agency whose territory is within the Agricultural District may propose a modification to the Agricultural District. Landowners may submit requests to <u>add</u> parcel(s) of predominantly viable agricultural land or <u>remove</u> parcel(s).

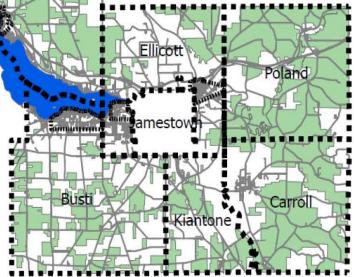
The Chautauqua County Department of Planning and Development will accept requests from August 1st through August 30th. Please submit all requests to the Department of Planning and Development, 201 West Third Street Suite 115 Jamestown, New York 14701 or email to <u>sharpl@chqgov.com</u> on or before 4:30 PM on March 31, 2023.



For more information on Chautauqua County's Agricultural Districts please contact:

Lauren Sharp, Junior Planner Chautauqua County Department of Planning & Development 201 West Third Street Suite 115 Jamestown, New York 14701 Phone: (716) 661-8245 Email: <u>sharpl@chqgov.com</u> The Agricultural District 8 Review Worksheet, current Agricultural District Maps, and additional information can be found on the Chautauqua County Department of Planning and Development website at: <u>bit.ly/CHQagdistrict</u>. A map of District 8 is on file and open to public inspection at the Clerk's Office of the Chautauqua County Legislature in Mayville, New York. Please call 716-753-4215 to schedule an appointment.

An agricultural district is a geographic area which consists predominantly of viable agricultural land. Agricultural operations within the district are the priority land use and afforded benefits and protections to promote the continuation of farms and the preservation of agricultural land.



CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET

Dunkirk Farmers Market Ruggles Street Wednesdays 10 AM to 2 PM

Forestville Farmers Market Park Street June-October Thursdays 9 AM to 1 PM

Jamestown Public Market Third Street June-October Saturdays 10 AM to 2 PM

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Jamestown Mobile Market Days & Locations Vary Visit jtownpublicmarket.org

Westfield Farmers & Artisan Market Park Ave. May-September Saturdays 9 AM to 2 PM

Cassadaga Farmers Market Maple Ave June-September Sundays 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM

Fredonia Farmers Market Church Street Saturdays May-October 9 AM to 1 PM Masonic Lodge November-April 10 AM to 2 PM SNAP

Lakewood Farmers Market Chautauqua Ave June-September Thursdays 10 AM to 2 PM

Mayville Farmers Market Village Park June-September Thursdays Noon to 4 PM



TIPS FOR SHOPPING AT YOUR LOCAL FARMERS MARKET

Know WNY Seasonality: Prior to visiting, research WNY seasonal produce items so you know what kinds of fruits and vegetables to expect when you arrive at the market! Seasonality will differ depending on the type of market you visit, as well as the time of year

Bring a reusable bag: Many farmers and vendors do not offer plastic bags in support of the local environment. Visiting a market is the perfect time to bring that reusable tote! Many markets also sell bags as a fundraiser for their events

Go early: Farmers markets tend to be less crowded in the earlier hours, and it gives you the chance to get the best selection of products

Talk with the farmers: If you find a product that is new to you, or if you are curious about a farmers' business, don't be afraid to ask questions! Most farmers and vendors are more than happy to discuss their products, origins, growing practices and even may share recipes and cooking tips

Buy in Bulk: Many of the best pricing deals at farmers markets are when you buy in bulk. You can also purchase product in bulk to preserve, via canning or freezing







Chautauqua County 4-H is partnering with Master Gardeners and The Audubon Community Nature Center to present:

GROWING YOUR FOOD SERIES

Where: Audubon Nature Community Center in the Kitchen Garden *All classes are from 5:30-7:00 PM

Dates:

- Thursday, May 9th: Starting your Garden
- Thursday, June 6th: Composting 101
- Thursday, June 27th: Promoting Pollination
- Thursday, July 25th: In Season Plant Care
- Thursday August 29th: Harvesting from the Garden

Questions? Contact Josie Allen at 716-664-9502 ext. 216.

Open to youth and adults!

*Please be advised there will be no access to public bathrooms on the grounds.



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Farmer Meghan introduces the farm and how she raises broilers

Review of financial considerations for broiler enterprises and what it takes to make a profit

Tour Meghan's processing set-up and have a discussion about food safety during processing

Hands-on further processing demonstration (taking a carcass into cuts allowed under the 1,000 bird exemption)

This event is FREE and registration is required. https://tinyurl.com/SunnyCoveFieldDay2024

For registering or questions reach out to Kelly at 585-268-7644 or klb288@cornell.edu

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Thursday, August 22: Game of Logging Level 2 (Jamestown)



*Scholarship available for volunteers maintaining public trails thanks to a grant from the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation!

Register and learn more at: https://chautauqua.cce.cornell.edu/events

or by calling the office: 716-664-9502

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National Grid: For more information on the Residential Agricultural Discount Program visit (https://www.nationalgridus.com/Agricultural-Discount) or contact them at 1-800-642-4272.

RG&E: For more information on the program or application form, visit rge.com/ResAgDiscount or contact them at 800-743-2110, Monday through Friday, 7 am to 7 pm.

NYSEG: For more information about the program or application form, visit nyseg.com/ResAgDiscount or contact them at 800-572-1111, Monday through Friday, 7 am to 7 pm.

Please contact Lisa Kempisty, Cornell Cooperative Extension Educator, at 716-664-9502 Ext 203 if you have any questions or need more information.





Sadie Steward, our 2023-2024 Chautauqua County Senior Dairy Ambassador looks forward to another year of promoting milk & dairy products.

Chautauqua County Dairy Ambassador News

My name is Sadie Steward, and I am so excited to announce that I have the opportunity to serve as Chautauqua County's Senior Dairy Ambassador for my second year. I have been involved in this program since I was 4 years old, and I am grateful to have the opportunity to still be involved. The Dairy Ambassador Program is an important part of my life, as it is my role to educate the public about milk and dairy products and support the dairy industry. I have participated in many activities over the years, such as Milk for Health events at the Erie County Fair and Explore and More in Buffalo, spending the week at our very own Chautauqua County Fair with a booth to visit with the public, milk refuel events and much more! I plan to continue expand my knowledge on this industry and participate in many more public activities. The Chautauqua County Dairy Ambassador Program includes a team of many youth and is open to any youth who have an interest in learning and educating the public about the dairy industry. An upcoming event my team is looking forward to is our upcoming Dairy Promotion Meet and Greet. This will be held on Saturday, June 22, 2024, at 1:00 PM at the Ellington United Method Church, 776 W Main St, Ellington NY.

Join us to meet the current dairy promoter Sadie Steward and her court! Learn more about what our program entails and how you can be part of it! We will be painting signs with Prickly Pear. Current Dairy Promoters will

receive a \$20 credit towards their sign. Any new promoters will be reimbursed \$20 after they have attended two events! RSVP to Heather Woodis (508) 320-8570 and watch for an invite from Prickly Pear to select your sign!

Milk and dairy products have many important nutrients for our health. Dairy is packed full of calcium, which is crucial for building and maintaining strong bones and teeth. It also has protein, vitamins like A and B12, and minerals like phosphorus. These nutrients help our bodies grow and function properly. Dairy products like milk and cheese are very versatile and can be enjoyed in all kinds of delicious ways. As summer will soon be here, we encourage you to try out this very easy and fun summer recipe below and incorporate dairy into your everyday life!

Frozen Yogurt Fruit Popsicle:

3 cups of Fruit (your choice)

-3 cups of Vanilla Yogurt

Directions:

-Place 1/2 cup fruit in each cup.

-Place 1/2 cup yogurt into cups of fruit.

-Stir each cup with plastic spoon and place in center of cup.

-Freeze until firm

-Enjoy!



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This Spring volunteers representing NYFOA, Allegheny Foothills Chapter (AFC) and Master Gardener Volunteers from CCE Cattaraugus and Chautauqua will team up to get the word out about the New York State Tick Blitz and to collect tick specimens from our region for identification and testing.

The NYS Tick Blitz is a community-engaged project that works with volunteer participants to help determine the presence and distribution of newly invasive tick species. The project is a partnership between Cornell University Department of Entomology, the Northeast Regional Center for Excellence in Vector-Borne Diseases (NEVBD) program and the NYS Integrated Pest Management Program. The goal of the NYS Tick Blitz is to understand the presence and range expansion of two invasive tick species that are not monitored through the NYS Department of Health's extensive monitoring program. These two tick species are the Asian Longhorned Tick, *Haemophysalis longicornis*, and the Lone Star Tick, *Amblyomma americanum*. More information on these species can be found on the NEVBD website: https://www.neregionalvectorcenter.com/ticks

It's a great educational opportunity for volunteers. It's free to participate, training will be offered, and participants will learn about tick habitat, tick bite prevention, and get hands-on experience in entomological research.

How does the Tick Blitz work? Volunteers will be trained to collect ticks properly and safely in their community. Ticks will be collected during the Tick Blitz and the specimens will be mailed to Cornell University where they will be identified by a team of entomologists and results will be made available through a public website and shared with volunteers.

Training will take place in person and virtually in early June. CCE Cattaraugus is hosting in person training on **June 4**th from 12pm to 1:30pm in Ellicottville. You can register to participate before May 24th through the Tick Blitz registration: **bit.ly/2024TickBlitz**

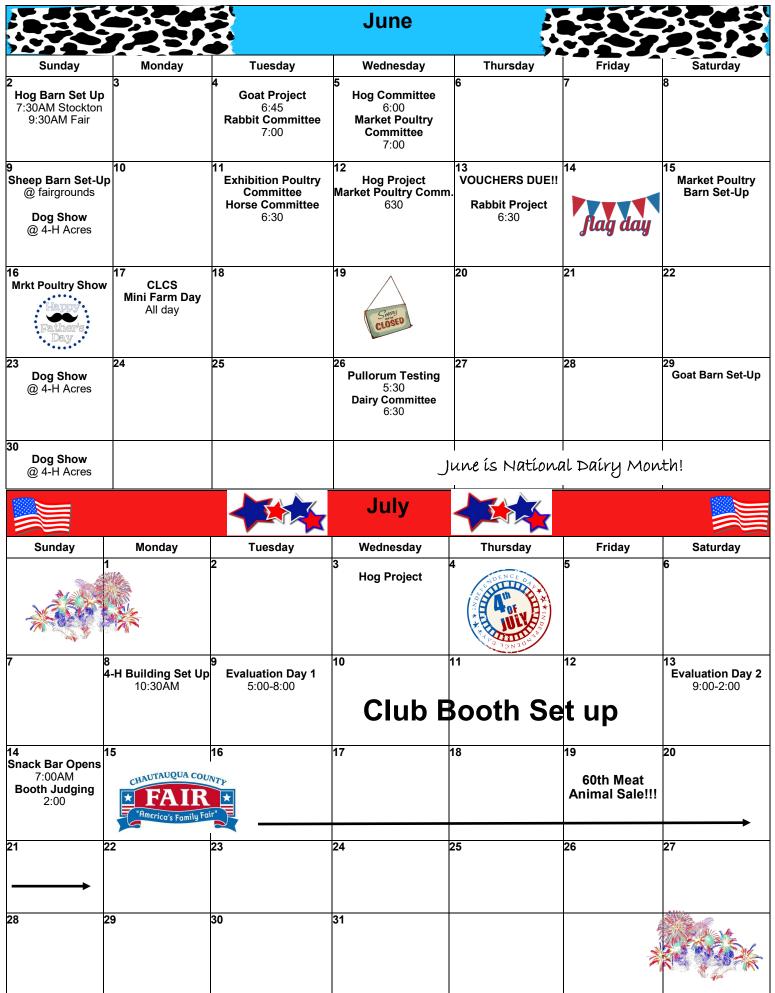
Additional virtual training will be held on **June 6th f**rom 12pm to 1pm which will be recorded so more can watch and participate in the Tick Blitz Events.

Dick Brennan, NFOA Member and Master Forest Owner says, "NY Tick Blitz provides important information on tick identification and management for anyone who is active in the outdoors including Master Forest Owner (MFO) volunteers and woodland owners. Participation in the program also provides the opportunity to gather needed information and brings a sense of satisfaction in serving your community. It's well worth the effort."

Tick Blitz is being expanded this year to include Western NY. Track the history of Tick Blitz: <u>TickBlitzMap_071723</u> (arcgis.com)

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60th Meat Animal Sale Friday, July 19th at 12NOON. All are welcome to come watch the excitement of the auction at the Main Show Areana on the Chautauqua County Fairgrounds. If anyone has any old photos, memorabilia, or catalogs from past sales they would like to share and have on display at the fair, please contact Lindsey at the 4-H office.
716-664-9502 ext 212 or lc832@cornell.edu
ATTENTION: 4-H ANIMAL BARNS Please check with the office before ANY barn set-up dates are picked. The fairgrounds is rented out a lot in the spring and early summer. So, please check first before set up date is announced to assure no one else will be on the fairgrounds. The sooner you notify the 4-H office, the better!
Dog Show Dates June 9th; June 23rd; June 30th, @ 10:00 AM At 4-H Acres in Stockton
4-H Building Set-Up Monday, July 8th 10:30AM @ the Fairgrounds. Actively looking for youth and adult help.! Please let Lindsey know if you are able to attend!
Dairy Fitting and Showmanship Clinic June 1st @ Country Ayre Farm in Dewittville, NY
Times still being confirmed – tentatively plan on the Dairy Buds to participate from 8:30 am -10:00 am, and the regular aged 4-H dairy members from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. More details along with registration information will be provided by email to all enrolled 4-H dairy youth
in early May.
Reminder - All 4-H dairy youth planning to participate in the Chautauqua County Fair will need to attend at least 2 dairy project educational meetings. This activity will count as one educational meeting.

4-H MEAT ANIMAL SALE PROGRAM POLICY

MISSION STATEMENT: Training Tomorrow's Leaders Today to raise the best quality animal by teaching the 4-Her decision making, herdsmanship, ethical behavior, marketing and communication skills while utilizing parents and leaders for guidance.

1. The only animals sold at fair are raised by a 4-Her as their market animal project. The 4-Her must sell a blue or red ribbon animal of their choice. All animals that go through the sale become the property of the buyer. No animals may be swapped.

2 Only one animal per species may be sold in the Meat Animal Sale unless the 4-Her has both the grand and reserve champion in the same species-they both must sell in the Meat Animal Sale. Market Poultry will be sold as a pen of 2 birds. Market goats will sell by the head. If the 4-H'er brings an animal to the fair as a project market animal, it must be sold provided it meets all the requirements of the program it is in. For 4-H'ers with more than one animal per species, see rule #6.

3. Commissions will be determined by Meat Animal Sale Committee to reflect market, economic and sale expenses. For year 2023, commission on all animals sold in the Meat Animal Sale is 6 percent.

4. Ribbons will be awarded in all market animal classes (beef, sheep, swine, poultry, and goats) by the designated judge for each species. Ribbons will be awarded based on quality and proper finish at the time of the show.

Blue - Excellent: Red - Good: White- Possible No Sale

- ⇒ Youth who receive a white ribbon for the meat animal that they may be selling in the Meat Animal Sale will receive a warning for their first offense. The youth and their family will meet with the Meat Animal Sale committee and the respective animal project committee to discuss better methods for raising an animal that is properly finished. If a youth receives a second white ribbon with an animal of the same species the next consecutive year, they will not be eligible to sell their animal of that species.
- Example: Jimmy Smith Raises a market hog in the 2023-2024 4-H year. The judge gives Jimmy's hog a white ribbon based on the finish of his hog on show day. Jimmy is allowed to sell his hog this year. Jimmy joins the hog project the next year and again receives a white ribbon. He is not eligible to sell his animal in the meat animal sale but may sell it privately. Jimmy tries to raise a hog for the third year and again receives a white ribbon. The cycle begins again and he may sell his animal in the sale. "

5. Youth are encouraged to be present for both their show and sale day. If a youth is not present for show day and/or sale day their animal will be sold at the conclusion of the entire sale. The youth may choose to sell their animal outside of 4-H and arrange their own slaughter and trucking arrangements.

6. Market animals not sold in the Meat Animal Sale are to be released Sunday July 21st at 3 PM. Youth must **make their own slaughter** and trucking arrangements for these animals. ONLY meat animal sale animals will be loaded on Sunday morning going to the respective processor. No exceptions.

7. Animals purchased through the Meat Animal Sale and donated back for resale will be sold at the end of that species. The original buyer must state that they donate the animal back for resale to benefit an animal species, 4-H Meat Animal Sale, 4-H General fund, endowment etc. The resale buyer's money goes to where the original buyer designates. The resale buyer gets the animal.

8. The sale order for each species will go as followed: Grand Champion first, Reserve Champion second, and the rest in a lottery system. 4-H Committees must select sale order immediately following their show and submit the sale order to the 4-H Office.

9. All market animals are to be weighed in once for their qualifying weight. See species handbook for qualifying weights on each species. The animals will be sold at this weight.

10. With all 4-H Animal Science Projects, there is an inherent risk involved. Cornell Cooperative Extension, its employees, and volunteers assume no responsibility for any loss or damage. Animals left on premises by the buyer after closing of the barn are done so at the sole risk of the buyer.

11. The possibility exists that health issues or other concerns may arise after the sale and before the slaughter of the animal. If this happens, the buyer(s) are at risk and will have the authority to make decisions regarding the treatment of the animal. The Meat Animal Sale Committee will make every effort to protect the well-being of animals sold through the Meat Animal Sale Auction.

12. Once the gavel falls, the bidder becomes the owner, and the seller becomes the caregiver until the animal leaves the fairgrounds on Sunday following the sale. The buyer is responsible for the trucking of the animal from the fairground as based upon the directions on the sale receipt. The price per pound paid that is above the current market price is considered to be a charitable donation and is tax deductible.

13. Any situation that does not meet above criteria (1-12) must be brought to the attention of Meat Animal Sale Committee and will be dealt with on a case-by- case basis and voted on by secret ballot.

MEAT ANIMAL SALE PARTICIPANTS

If you plan to donate proceeds from the sale of your market animal-you must get a "Charitable Donation Form" from your adult barn superintendent at the Fair. <u>This form must be turned into the 4-H Office prior to the sale-WHEN SALE ORDER IS DRAWN.</u> You must bring the following information with you to fair to complete form: percent of donation, name of charitable organization, and the complete address of charity. If form is not completely filled out- the donation will not be deducted from your check-you will be responsible to send it on your own. Give Big CHQ is a 24-hour online fundraising event that connects individuals with causes they care about in the community! Hosted by the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation, this event is an opportunity to come together as a community to celebrate the important work of local nonprofits, like ours.



This year we are changing the different levels of giving. We are

focusing on putting more money into our LEAF Jr. classes, presentation day, youth awards night, and possibly some volunteer CPR trainings! Updates will be made on our Give Big profile leading up to the event.

If you take a look at their website, our very own Madalyn Oakes is right on the front page! https:// www.givebigchq.org/

Our direct link for giving day is: https://www.givebigchq.org/organizations/cce-chautauqua4h



Recognizing Our Youth Aging Out

Morgan Becker, Silver Creek Hallie Boardman, Stedman Lydia Covert, Lakewood Lexus Eschenbach, Sherman Mackenzy Graziano, Forestville Tegenya Graziano, Fredonia Kamryn Harper, Jamestown Breanna Keefe, Stedman Adam Lesch, Fredonia Cole Nickerson, Corry Grace Pfleuger, Conewango Valley Hannah Schauman, Ashville Luisa Smith, Cherry Creek Leighanne Swan, Sherman Erma Jean Wolcott, Mayville

We wish you all the best of luck with your future endeavors and hope 4-H took part into you becoming your future self

SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, July 19th @ NOON 60th Meat Animal Sale T-Shirts will be available to purchase through an online store soon. Stay tuned!



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4-H HIGHLIGHTS



NYS 4-H Horse Communications

We are thrilled to announce the placings from our NYS 4-H Horse Communications contest! We saw such great topics and sportsmanship May 18th.

The judges were telling us how pleased they were with the variety of topics! Thank you to all the youth, parents and volunteers who helped make this day happen for the youth and for the program!

Senior Individual: 7th – Mariah LaRoy 9th – Kendall Eckman

Senior Public Speaking: 1st – Charlotte Couchman 3rd – Maya Hanson Junior Individual: 7th – Phoebie Brandow

Pictured: Kendall Eckman (L), and Charlotte Couchman (R)





NYS 4-H Dairy Bowl Contest

Congratulations to our youth who participated in the NYS Dairy Bowl Contest on April 27th at Cornell University.

Tyler Crowell's Jr. Western District team placed 1st and he was 7th individual.

Westyn and Eval were on a Western District Beginners Team that also placed 1st. Individually, Westyn placed 2nd and Eval placed 6th.

Thank you to Dan and Anna Crowell, long-time 4-H leaders from South Dayton, for coaching our county program the last couple years, and for volunteering to coat at the district level.

South out to Dayne Jantzi who volunteered and shared his knowledge and encouragement to other 4-H members. Dayne excelled in 2023 at the National Level of Dairy Bowl and once youth make it to the highest level, they are ineligible to participate as a team member.

Pictured: (L to R) Westyn Bruyer, Evan Mierzwa, and Tyler Crowell

4-H Fashion Revue May 10th

25 youth participated this year as the 4-H members were evaluated on their sewing as well as their modeling abilities. Special awards were given to First Year sewists, Outstanding Sewing, Western District representatives and New York State Fair Representatives.

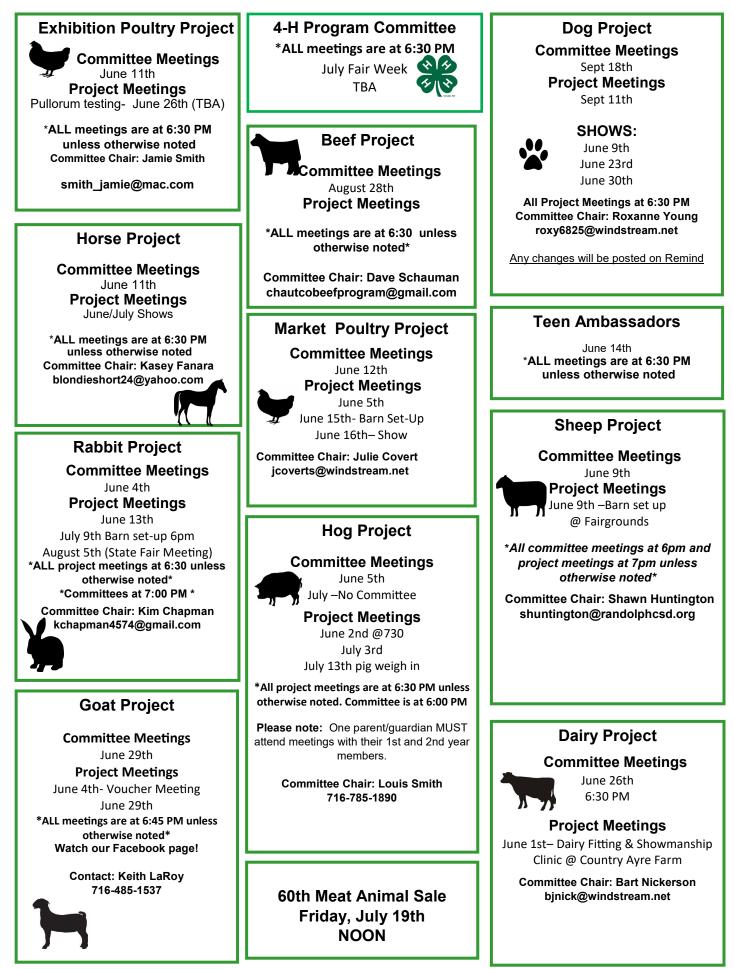
Western District Clothing Revue Participants:

Logan Ellsowrth Claudia Almekinder Fiona Cortright Mitchel Tauzel

Pictured: (Front L to R) Claudia Almekinder, Mitchell Tauzel, Serenity VanVleck, Grace Reid, Myra Rose Joy, Drake Joy, Harrison LeBarron, Fiona Cortright. (Back L to R) Gianna Valone, Ava Valone, Everett LeBarron, Gavin LeBarron, Tianna Bova.



Animal Project News



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Master Gardener News

Thyme

Thymus Vulgaris, Lamiaceae By- Sara Slagle– Master Gardener Volunteer Apprentice



Image Source Botany in a Day,

Most don't think of thyme as another one of those miracle herbs. You probably use it to spice up a nice chicken or potato dish, but are you aware of the amazing healthy benefits of this humble herb that most gardeners grow?

Thyme is native to Southern Europe and the Mediterranean where it grows wild but has since been domesticated as one of the "Fab Four" that nearly every gardener has grown at one time or another. When it comes to the medicinal properties of thyme, taste is one of the first factors Thomas J Elpel of its potency. There are a multitude of varieties, and the spicier tasting ones make for the best

medicine. That doesn't mean to say that your average garden thyme doesn't have its benefits, because it sure does.

As you very well may know, thyme has a strong aroma, which is why it's often used in smaller doses when it comes to cooking. It's warm and drying energetics make for one of the more potent herbs that can aid digestion and pain relief. It can be used for more common things such as normal cold and flu symptoms (fever, sore throat, cough) to the more irregular ones, such as toothaches, open wounds and digestive discomfort – just to name a few.

In traditional folk medicine, thyme was used to fight bacterial infections prepared as either a tea or mouthwash to treat inflamed gums and toothaches. It was also used as a topical remedy for fungal infections and minor cuts and wounds. It's drying energetics made it a top candidate for relieving coughing spasms and your more-than-average-sore throat infections. (Fun fact: one of the main herbs in Ricola throat lozenges is thyme—yum!) Further yet, it was used as a common liver tonic, stimulating the digestive system to treat indigestion, poor appetite, and digestive parasites.

Thyme is a great beginner herb to grow – you probably have some in your garden as we speak! It's one of those great cut-and-come again plants that can yield several harvests throughout a season and now you know what to do with it all.

Parts used: leaves

How to Grow: Zone 3-10, full to partial sun, well-drained soil, April – September Energetics: warming, drying

Medicinal properties: antimicrobial, carminative, antispasmodic, expectorant, emmenagogue Medicinal preparations: infused honey, infused vinegar, tincture, tea/infusion, steam inhalation, oil & salve, culinary spice, cough syrup.

Medicinal uses: infections, symptoms of cold & flu, urinary tract infections, topical fungal infections, wounds, burns, toothaches, congested sinuses, mouthwash, digestive spasms, menstrual cramps.







The information provided is not intended or implied to be a substitute for professional medical advice, diagnosis, or treatment. Always work with your physician or qualified healthcare provider before adjusting medications or adding supplements. As with other medicines, the plants that are covered can have synergistic effects when mixed with prescription medications, over-the-counter medications, or other plants. It is also important to note that the regulations that govern some medicinal plants can vary widely from location to location.

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Spring Quick Tips

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National Fruit and Veggie Month!

With the growing season in full swing, there are plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables available. Be sure to check out your local farmers' market!

Some tips for adding more fruits and veggies to your family's meals this summer:

- 1. Slip them into sandwiches! Add lettuce, tomato, bell pepper, cucumber, or radish slices
- 2. Easy to Eat finger foods slice veggies like peppers, carrots, or celery to dip in hummus.
- 3. Have fruits as dessert! Fruits are low in calories but high in flavor and taste great after a meal.
- 4. Eat the Rainbow! See how many colors your family can eat with each meal or snack.

Cultural Corner

Try cooking with a new fruit or veggie from around the world! Look for:

<u>Horned Melon</u> (Africa) yellowish-orange fruit that is perfect for a snack or salad <u>Kiwi Berries</u> (Korea/China) about the size of a grape and tastes like kiwi <u>Nopales</u> (Mexico) - aka cactus paddles have a flavor of lemony green beans crossed with okra

Shopping Tips

Buying seasonal fruits and vegetables can be a fun way to teach your children about the seasons. In season produce tastes better and is less expensive. Try buying in bulk and freezing extras for later.

Check out this site to see what's in season:

https://snaped.fns.usda.gov/ resources/nutritioneducation-materials/ seasonal-produce-guide

Building Healthy Habits

Recipe

Pea Guacamole

Makes 12 servings, Serving size 1/4 cup

Ingredients

- 2 cups frozen peas, thawed
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 1/2 cup grape tomatoes, halved
- 1/4 cup red onion, chopped
- 1 can green chilies, drained and diced (4 ounces)
- 3 tablespoons cilantro, chopped
- 1 clove fresh garlic, minced
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper

Directions

- 1. Wash hands with soap and water.
- 2. Mash peas until smooth
- 3. Add the lime juice, tomato, green chilies, garlic, and black pepper. Mix well.
- 4. Serve with an assortment of raw vegetables and whole grain tortilla chips.



Nutrition Facts: Serving Size: 1/4 cup Calories: 27, total fat: 0g, saturated fat: 0g, cholesterol: 0mg, sodium 57mg, carbohydrate: 5g, fiber 2g, total sugars: 2g, added sugar: 0g, protein: 2g, Vitamin D: 0mcg, Calcium: 12mg, Iron: 1mg, Potassium: 68mg

Monthly Tips:



Kids' Book Nook

To learn more about eating fruits and vegetables, visit your local library and check out "I Can Eat a Rainbow" by Olena Rose. After reading the book, see who can eat the rainbow!



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