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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. CCE Chautauqua has been blooming. For a full year we worked internally to assess our strengths and our needs. I am pleased to share a new structure for CCE staff that will better serve the community. Lynne Wahlstrom is leading the 4-H Program staff: Animal Science Educator, TBD; 4-H Educator, Josie Laurie; 4-H Community Club Coordinator, Lisette Cabrera.



Katelyn Walley-Stoll will lead our agricultural department: Natural Resource Educator, TBD; Agriculture Coordinator, TBD. Our Nutrition department is growing too, and includes 3 SNAP-Education Program Educators, Molly Harvey, Mary Ryder, and TBD. Linnea Haskin is our Nutrition Resource Educator and TBD is our new registered dietitian.

We are also working to develop a new website, so please reach out if anything is missing or links are broken on our current website. We look forward to having a more user friendly and accessible website soon.

We have lots of great programming throughout the summer and are already planning for fall activities. Stop by and see us or pop into one of our upcoming 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 15- 20, 2025. We look forward to seeing you at any one of our events this summer.

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Chautauqua County Agricultural News

Celebrating Dairy in Chautauqua County

By Katelyn Walley-Stoll, Ag Team Leader

June is Dairy Month, and CCE-Chautauqua would like to celebrate, and thank, all of the amazing dairy producers we have in our community who work to produce “Nature’s Most Perfect Food” for us all to enjoy. Beyond producing milk and being environmental stewards, our dairy producers also have an immense economic importance and continually strive for conscientious management of dairy farms in our area.

There are over 100 dairy farms in Chautauqua County who raise over 18,000 milking dairy cows. They produce enough milk to meet the dietary needs of more than 55,000 people every day. This milk travels from the farm to local facilities where it is bottled into milk for schools and stores, made into blocks and slices of cheese, and cultured for products like yogurt and buttermilk.



Dairy farming in Chautauqua County provides many economic benefits for the area. Studies show that for every \$1 a farmer receives, \$2.29 is generated in the local community. Farming remains inherently local – the store where feed for the animals is purchased is a short drive away, the tractor repair business is down the road, and the veterinarian the farm uses is close enough to answer calls within a short time. A 100 cow dairy farm could have as much as a \$2.78 million dollar economic effect in the region and create 29 direct and indirect jobs. If we look at an average 100 cow dairy farm, they will have enough working hours to need around 2.5 employees. These employees will include family partners and paid employees that could be full or part time to make up the 2.5. However, these are just people employed at the farm – dairy farms utilize the services of many others, including veterinarians, nutritionists, milk haulers, hoof trimmers, consultants, and many more. So, although that specific business might only have 2.5 people on their payroll, there



are many hands at work on the farm.

Cows are typically milked 2 – 3 times per day. As cows are milked, a detailed procedure is followed to promote the best health and care for the cow, while also keeping the milk that is produced safe, clean, and wholesome. The equipment that is used to milk cows is cleaned between every use. Routinely, farms will also add more soft bedding for the cows to lay down on. Laying down on a comfortable spot is an important part of a cow’s day, as she will choose to spend 11-14 hour per day resting. In addition, farmers will provide shade, fans, and sprinklers during warm weather, to help keep their cows cool. These are just a few of the things farms provide to the cows routinely.

Farms work each day to provide the best care possible for their cows to keep them healthy and comfortable. Cows that are more comfortable produce more milk which is beneficial for the farmers, and consumers who enjoy dairy products. Producing a safe, wholesome product for consumers to enjoy while providing cows the best care, is the top priority of the dairy industry. If you would like to celebrate June Dairy Month, grab your favorite dairy product and enjoy it with your friends and family!

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4-H YOUTH TOUR GUIDE

Are you involved in a Chautauqua County 4-H Animal Science project and would like to promote it to other youth, all while earning money? Apply to be a 4-H Youth Tour Guide for the 2025 Chautauqua County Fair! Applications can be found on the CCE Chautauqua website under "4-H County Fair" tab.

Applications due
June 27th, 2025

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Chautauqua Farmer-Neighbor Dinner Tickets Available

Chautauqua County, New York: The Chautauqua Farmer-Neighbor Committee is pleased to announce that tickets are now on sale for the 8th annual Chautauqua Farmer-Neighbor Dinner. The event is scheduled for Tuesday August 19, 2025 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. The dinner program will begin at 6:15pm. Following dinner several awards will be presented by Dennis Webster, Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

This year's guest speaker will be Bethany O'Hagan. Bethany relocated to Chautauqua County from Portland, Oregon three years ago. She worked in the sustainability field for fifteen years doing water minimization, composting, and recycling. Bethany carries the title of Master Gardener and Master Recycler and currently holds the position of Land Specialist with Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy. She will be speaking on composting in Chautauqua County.

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 eight diners and your name in the event program. 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 or to purchase tickets, including the Agricultural Advocate package, please contact Cassandra Skal at Farm Credit East at (716) 270-5471, or by email at cassandra.skal@farmcrediteast.com.

A big thank you goes out to our current Barnraiser Sponsors: Chautauqua County Farm Bureau, Chautauqua County Sheriff Quattrone, Farm Credit East, and Good Grass Farm.

This event is hosted by the Chautauqua Farmer-Neighbor Committee a collaboration between public and private businesses supporting agriculture and local producers.



Photo Caption: Guests will enjoy a local foods buffet, visit with agricultural producers to learn more about agriculture in Chautauqua County, and win local products as door prizes.

What's Bugging You? Webinars

2025 Schedule

Each month, experts will share practical information and answer questions on using integrated pest management (IPM) to avoid pest problems and promote a healthy environment where you live, work, learn and play. We'll end with an IPM Minute, and cover a specific action you can take in the next few days to help you avoid pest problems.

All webinars are scheduled for 12:00 - 12:30pm on the first Friday of each month.

June 6: Spotted lanternfly update | Recognizing wild parsnip

NY Invasive Species Awareness week happens in June, so we're focusing on two invasive species— spotted lanternfly and wild parsnip—and how IPM should be part of your response to them. Get and update on where we are in the SLF cycle and action steps for this time of year. Learn how to recognize and why you should avoid wild parsnip.

July 4: Grow green lawns with overseeding | Beech leaf disease

Learn how to grow a dense, healthy lawn with fall overseeding. Stick around for insights about the relatively new beech leaf disease and what to do if you think you've seen it.

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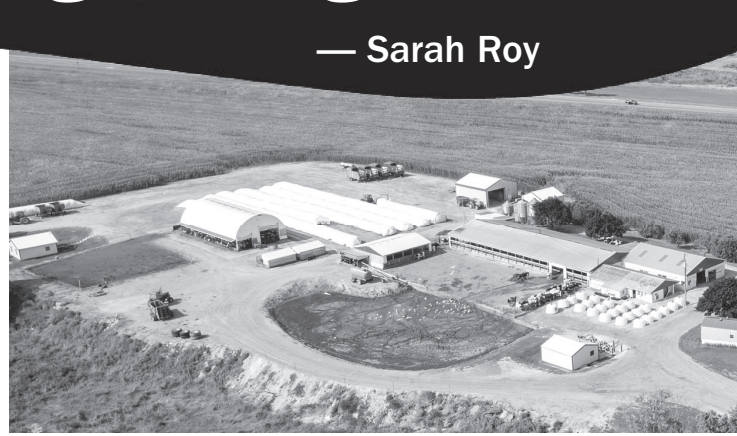
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“Applying Udder Comfort in the pens as they’re getting ready to calve puts us ahead of the game. We spend way less money and time on treatments, have far fewer issues, and are not needing as much spray in the parlor now,” she says.

Doug lives on the farm, operating the 160-cow dairy with good employees. Sarah manages the business side, navigating the future with consumer-facing diversification.

“Udder Comfort is worth its weight in gold. In today’s world of product ads, this one lives up. Using it proactively before calving makes a noticeable difference, especially for heifers. Everything is new to them. Now they are less anxious, loosened up, and ready to go,” she says.

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Chautauqua County Soil & Water Conservation District

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Board Meetings are held the third Wednesday
of each month at 8:30 AM
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Envirothon Winners Announced

The 35th annual Chautauqua County Envirothon was held April 24th at Boy Scouts of America's Camp Merz located in Mayville, NY. An absolutely stunning sunny day fueled the competitive spirits of the 13 competing schools, comprised of 24 different teams. Students spent the day answering environmentally-based questions focused around the core areas of wildlife, forestry, soils, aquatics and a current issue. The Envirothon, an environmental competition for students in grades 9-12, held its first competition in New York in the spring of 1979. Chautauqua County Soil and Water Conservation District hosted its first Envirothon for the County in 1990. This program continues to be a wonderful opportunity for students to get out of the classroom and develop skills in nature.

The 2025 overall winner placings are as follows: Chautauqua Lake Team II in first place, Hewes I in second, and Chautauqua Lake Team I in third. The winning team was coached by Mary Jantzi. The winning team member names are Nathan Henry, Dayne Jantzi, Devin Kelsey, Logan Ludwig, Chris Lukasiak, Lincoln Smith, and Matt Swanson. Truly though, everyone ended up winners. All competing teams, coaches and volunteers received locally printed t-shirts to commemorate this event.

Also, awards will be given for high scores in the individual categories. Dunkirk II scored first in the soils category. Southwestern II was first in wildlife, and Westfield I was first in forestry. Hewes II placed first in the aquatics category, and Southwestern I placed first in current issue. The tests are created by professionals and prove to be quite difficult. Achieving first place in an individual category is no small feat!

Chautauqua Lake team II will now travel to SUNY Cortland May 28th to 29th to represent Chautauqua County in the New York State Envirothon.

The Chautauqua County Soil and Water Conservation District would like to give special thanks to Allegheny Foothills Chapt. NYFOA, American Legion Post 434, Chautauqua County Federation of Sportsmens, Chautauqua Lake Fishing Assoc. Inc., Conewango Creek Watershed Assn., Double A Vineyards, Ecostrategies Civil Engineering PLLC, Jamestown Cycle Shop, Jamestown Macadam, Inc., Laumer & DeAngelo Fessenden, Northern Chaut. Conservation Club, Ripley Rod & Gun Club, Inc., Gymnastic society of polish falcons inc., Lictus Keystone Inc., Rock Hill Engineering LLC, Westfield Fish & Game Club, Inc. Thank you to all businesses who donated to this cause. Without your support, this event could not continue!

2025 Envirothon Winners

1st Place: Chautauqua Lake II

Coach: Mary Jantzi

Team: Nathan Henry, Dayne Jantzi, Devin Kelsey, Logan Ludwig, Chris Lukasiak, Lincoln Smith, and Matt Swanson

2nd Place: Hewes I

Coach: Jeff Angeletti

Team: Jamison Caldwell, Caleb Blake, James Morreale, Jared Paul, Gavin Anderson, Lexy Rounds, Nate Alexander

3rd Place: Chautauqua Lake I

Coach: Mary Jantzi

Team: Bennet Birkner, Zack Braun, Charles Curtis, Evan Riedesel, Charles Vogt, Josie Dawson, Eve Kushmaul





June 2025

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| 1 | 2 Goat Committee 6:30 PM | 3 Rabbit Committee 6:30 PM | 4 Hog Committee 6:00 PM Exhibition Poultry Committee 6:30 PM | 5 | 6 Rabbit Project 6:30 PM | 7 Horse Show 9:00 AM |
| 8 Dog Show 1:00 PM Sheep Barn Set Up 10:00 am | 9 Goat Project Voucher Meeting 6:30 PM Sheep Barn Set Up 10:00 am | 10 | 11 Hog Project 6:30 PM Horse Committee 6:30 PM | 12 Beef Committee 6:30 PM Dairy Committee 6:30 PM | 13 | 14 Horse Show 9:00 AM |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 Market Poultry Barn Set Up Horse Show 9:00 AM Dairy Nutrition & Health Meeting 11:00 am |
| 22 Dog Show 1:00 PM Beef Barn Set Up Noon Hog Barn Set Up Market Poultry Show | 23 | 24 | 25 Exhibition Poultry Barn Setup 4:00 PM Pullorum Testing 5:00 PM | 26 | 27 | 28 Goat Barn Setup 10:00 AM 4-H Dairy Barn Readiness 9:00 am Horse Show 10:00 M |
| 29 Dog Show 1:00 PM | 30 Goat Committee 6:30 PM | | | | | |

July 2025

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|---|--|--|---------------------------------|----------|
| | | 1 | 2 Hog Project 6:30 PM | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 4-H Building Set Up 10:30AM | 8 4-H Project Evaluation Day 5:00 - 8:00 PM Fairgrounds Beef Barn Set Up 6:00 PM | 9 Horse Committee 6:30 PM | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 General Barn Meeting 1:00 PM Fairgrounds | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| | -----County Fair----- | | | | | |
| | | | | | Meat Animal Sale Noon | |
| 20 County Fair | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 State Fair Meeting 6:30 pm | | |



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, herdsmanhip, 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 2025, 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 for an animal of the same species the next consecutive year on the animal that was intended to go through the Meat Animal Sale, they will not be eligible to sell their animal at the Sale.

Example: Jimmy Smith Raises a market hog in the 2023 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 at the conclusion of the Meat Animal Sale and arrange slaughter and trucking for that animal if necessary. 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 20th 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. **This form must be turned into the 4-H Office prior to the sale-WHEN SALE ORDER IS DRAWN.** 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.**

Animal Project News

Sheep Project



Barn Set Up

Sunday, June 8, 2025
10:00 AM @ Fairgrounds

All committee meetings at 6pm and project meetings at 7pm unless otherwise noted

Committee Chair: Shawn Huntington
shuntington@randolphpcsd.org

Exhibition Poultry Project



Committee Meeting
Wednesday, June 4th

Barn Setup

Wednesday, June 25th
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Pullorum Testing
Wednesday, June 25th
5:00 PM

**ALL meetings are at 6:30 PM unless otherwise noted*

Committee Chair: Jamie Smith
smith_jamie@mac.com

Beef Project



Committee Meetings
Thursday, June 12th

Beef Barn Set Up

Sunday, June 22nd @ Noon
Tuesday, July 8th @ 6:00 PM

ALL meetings are at 6:30 unless otherwise noted

Committee Chair: Dave Schauman
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Horse Project



Committee Meetings
Wednesday, June 11th
Wednesday, July 9th

Horse Shows @ 4-H Acres

June 7—English Show 9:00 AM
June 14—Western Show 9:00 AM
June 21—English Show 9:00 AM
June 28 - Open Gaming 10:00 AM

**ALL meetings are at 6:30 PM unless otherwise noted*

Committee Chair: Kasey Fanara
blondieshort24@yahoo.com

Hog Project



Committee Meetings
Wednesday, June 4th

Project Meetings

Wednesday, June 11th
Wednesday, July 2nd

Hog Barn Set Up

Sunday, June 22nd
7:30 am @ Stockton
9:00 am @ Hog Barn



Special Note:
I remind now needs to be downloaded as an app and an email address needs to be linked with it. The classroom code for hog project is

@hogpr

PLEASE download the app so you can get our announcements. Any questions call/text Dawn 716-969-4310

**All meetings are at 6:30 PM unless otherwise noted.*

Please note: One parent/guardian MUST attend meetings with their 1st and 2nd year members.

Committee Chair: Louis Smith
716-785-1890

Dairy Project



Committee Meetings
Thursday, June 12th
6:30 pm

Dairy Nutrition and Health

Saturday, June 21
11:00 AM

Frontier Brook Farm LLC -
Glen Moss Jr. & Family

4-H Dairy Barn Readiness

Saturday, June 28th @ 9:00 AM
Fairgrounds Dairy Barn

Committee Chair: Bart Nickerson
bjnick@windstream.net

Rabbit Project



Committee Meetings
Tuesday, June 3rd

Project Meetings
Friday, June 6th

Barn Set Up
TBD

ALL meetings at 6:30 unless otherwise noted

Committee Chair: Kim Chapman
kchapman4574@gmail.com

Dog Project



Dog Shows @ 4-H Acres, 1:00 PM
Sunday, June 8th
Sunday, June 22th
Sunday, June 29th

All Project and Committee Meetings at 6:30 PM
Committee Chair: Roxanne Young
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Market Poultry Project



Barn Set Up
Saturday, June 21st

Market Poultry Show
Sunday, June 22nd

Committee Chair: Melissa Winton
Melissa_deck@yahoo.com

Goat Project



Committee Meetings
Monday, June 2nd
Monday, June 30th

Project Voucher Meeting
Monday, June 9th

Barn Setup
Saturday, June 28th
10:00 AM

ALL meetings are at 6:30 PM unless otherwise noted
Watch our Facebook page!

Committee Chair: Aaron Carlberg
216-408-9892



2025 Chautauqua County Fair

Vouchers Due: Thursday, June 12, 2025

Evaluation Day:

Including Food and Horticulture

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

5:00pm-8:00pm

Chautauqua County Fair:

July 14-20, 2025

2025 Theme:



2025 4-H Fair Book

The fair book is now available on our website as well as a fillable voucher. Limited printed Fair Book copies are available in the office.

Be sure to turn in your voucher

NO LATER than June 12th!



NY State Fair Meeting

Thursday, July 31st

6:30 PM

@ Carnahan Center

Dog Show Dates

June 8th; June 22nd; June 29th, @ 1:00 PM

At 4-H Acres in Stockton



4-H Open Gymkhana Horse Show

Saturday, June 28th at 4-H Acres

Rider Meeting 9:00am Classes start 10:00am

\$5 grounds fee + \$5 per class OR \$35 all day pass

4-H rules apply

Food will be available for purchase on-site

All proceeds benefit Chautauqua County 4-H Horse Program

Classes: Cloverleaf, Quadrangle, Straight Line, Texas T, Pole Bending, Keyhole, Figure 8, Bleeding Heart

Contact any Chautauqua County 4-H Horse Committee Member for more information

Changes to Fair Load-in

We are checking in from the trailer this year.

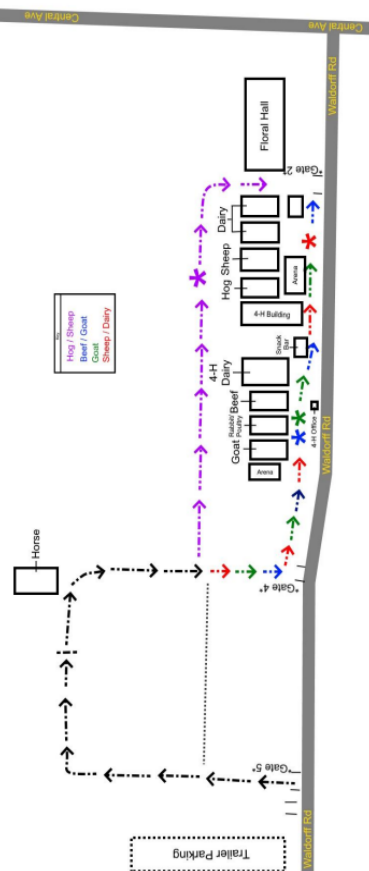
Enter Gate 5 and proceed to the appropriate vet check-point for the animals on your trailer.

Your vet paperwork should be with your trailer.

Unload your animals and proceed to Gate 2 to exit.

More information is coming in emails and from your projects.

Questions? Email chautauqua4h@cornell.edu



Committees Looking for Members

Most of our livestock committees are looking for new members, especially Market Poultry and Snack Bar.



Livestock committees especially need those who are willing to be hands-on helping lead our project workshops.

If you are curious about or have questions about serving on a committee, please email at: chautauqua4h@cornell.edu to let us know!



SNACK BAR NEWS



It's getting to be that time again! We are gearing up for one of the largest fundraisers of the year to help support 4-H. Last year the Snack Bar made approximately \$11,000 within 6 days at the 2024 Chautauqua County Fair! We thank you for the support we received from our customers and all of our volunteers that helped make this happen. This year we are hoping to be able to extend our hours into the evening and increase the profit made. We are looking for help to make this happen!

- * We are looking for **two paid managers**, each for approximately 40 hours for the week. Could you help? **Do you know someone that could help...**friend, relative, neighbor? **Please spread the word and share with anyone that may be able to help!** Contact Marie Warner at 716-450-3779 or marie.warner85@gmail.com.
- * We are reaching out to outside sources for volunteers. Some employers, such as Wegmans and Cummins, have a **program for employees to participate in volunteer activities**. Do you know of any...please let us know by emailing Lissette, lm323@cornell.edu
- * **Adult and youth volunteers are needed.** Please consider volunteering for at least one shift throughout the week. Youth age 10 and under will need to have an adult with them. We are working on setting up a program so you can **sign up online for shifts in advance**. Stay tuned for additional details. Contact Marie Warner at 716-450-3779 or marie.warner85@gmail.com with any questions.
- * We are actively seeking **Snack Bar Jr. Superintendents!** Snack Bar Jr. Superintendents will receive a \$75 stipend, ride pass, t-shirt and hat. If you are a Chautauqua County 4-H member and are 12 or older, please consider applying. Send a **brief cover letter, resume and Jr. Superintendent application** (available online at <https://chautauqua.cce.cornell.edu/resources/4-h-jr-superintendent-application>) and send to lm323@cornell.edu
- * Are you interested in joining the **Snack Bar committee**. We would be happy to hear from you!! Call 716-664-9502, ext. 214 or email lm323@cornell.edu
- * A new **Facebook** page has been established..... "**Chautauqua County 4-H Alumni**". Please spread the word and share with any alumni you may know.

Thank you for any help that you can offer!! See you at the Fair!!



2025 4-H Fashion Revue



Commentators for the evening were Everett LeBarron of the Canadaway Club, Gianna Valone and Serenity VanVleck Country of the Critters Club, and Logan Ellsworth and Mitchell Tauzel from the Harmony Haystackers club.

Cloverbuds receiving special awards were Harper Feldt, Michael Hollman, Brant Joy, Cora Anne Joy, Raven Lindsey, River Long, Kason Reed, and Olivia Reid.

First Year 4-H sewers were Maya Cradduck, Kiah Dean, Raelynn Ellsworth, Owen Lindsey, Remi Lindsey, Addie Meyers, Isaiah Nagel, Serena Overstreet, and Violet Walker.



The Martha Carlson Memorial Award sponsored by Ethan and Nancy Johnson is given to any male sewer who has participated in the sewing project for over 3 years and has shown continual improvement in their sewing skills. This year Rowen Liskow from the Country Critters club received the award.

Outstanding sewing awards were given to the following sewers. In the Canadaway 4-H club, it was Drake Joy, Myra Rose Joy, Everett LeBarron, Harrison LeBarron, Malcom Long, and Serena Overstreet. Country Critters club had Lukas Liskow, Rowen Liskow, Addie Meyers, Isaiah Nagel, Gianna Valone, Serenity VanVleck, and Violet Walker. Harmony Haystackers club and Claudia Almekinder, Fiona Cartwright, Maya Cradduck, Landen Ellsworth, Logan Ellsworth, Owen Lindsey, Remi Lindsey, Cody Nickerson, and Mitchell Tauzel. Silver Creek Grapestompers had Kiah Dean.

Arrangements were made by the County 4-H Clothing and Textile Committee; Debbie Caruso, Dawn Comstock, Joyce Edwards (Chair), Suzanne Harper, Nancy Johnson, Opal Sprague, Claudia Skal, and Linda TeCrony.

Celebrating Growth: Horticulture and Agriculture at the Chautauqua County Fair

Sharon Rinehart, Chautauqua County Master Gardener Volunteer

Each summer, the Chautauqua County Fair in Dunkirk, New York, blossoms with the vibrant colors of homegrown vegetables, handpicked flowers, and farm-raised crops, proudly presented by residents from across the region. The fair's horticulture and agriculture exhibitions are more than contests—they are a celebration of community pride, rural heritage, and the ongoing commitment to growing and creating with care.

Floral Hall: A Tradition in Bloom

At the heart of the fair stands Floral Hall, one of the county's oldest and most beloved exhibition spaces. This historic building has hosted a dazzling array of entries, from cut flower arrangements and potted plants to fresh produce, homemade crafts, beer and wine, photography, antiques, and more.

Celebrate Your Harvest and Win!

Enter the Chautauqua County Fair for a Chance at Master Gardener Premiums and other awards.

Are you proud of what you are growing this year? it's time to share your hard work with the community — and get rewarded for it! This year, the Chautauqua County Master Gardeners are proud to sponsor three special premiums at the Chautauqua County Fair, encouraging local growers of all ages and experience levels to showcase their best.

What's Being Offered?

- **Horticulture - Adult Division Premium** – Show off your flowers, herbs, houseplants, or floral designs. If it grows and glows with your care, it belongs in this category!
- **Agriculture – Adult Division Premium** – For the seasoned growers and dedicated hobbyists. From field crops to specialty vegetables to preserving, this is your moment to shine.
- **Agriculture – Youth Division Premium** – Young growers, your hard work matters too! Whether it's a class project, 4-H endeavor, or backyard experiment, enter and be recognized.
These along with other premiums from the fair and other groups, are more than prizes —These awards recognize excellence in cultivation and encourage continued participation in local agriculture and horticulture.

Why Enter?

Be part of a local tradition that celebrates talent and dedication.

Inspire others to start growing their own food, flowers, and plants.

Support agricultural education in your community.

Enjoy the fun and fellowship of the fair — from exhibits to entertainment.

Plan on Joining the Fun!

Whether you're a first-time exhibitor or a returning champion, now is the time to prepare your entries. It's not just about winning — it's about connecting with others who share your passion, learning new things, and showing your community what's possible when you put your heart (and hands) into the soil.



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Mark your calendar, prep your plants, and enter your best at this year's 2025 Chautauqua County Fair!

The fair is July 15-20. See the fair's website for more information. The 2025 issue is not posted yet but when it is, you will find it under Fair Exhibit Handbooks – Floral Hall.

Let's grow together — and celebrate what we cultivate.



2nd Annual Battle OF THE BARNS

🔔 Battle of the Barns – Round 2! 🔔

Back by popular demand – with
exciting new twists!

🏆 Events Lineup

🏆 Kickball Tournament

Bracket-style competition
Winning barns advance!

📷 Photo Scavenger Hunt

Snap pics with certain animals, people, or things
Fun new format this year!

🎭 Master Showman is Back again!

🌿 Cloverbud Yard Wars

Just for Cloverbuds with Special point system to get everyone involved!



🏆 Last Year's Winner:
Beef Barn
with their Trophy on display
at the fair and name added
to the champion plaque
to the champion this
year?

We're learning what works—thanks for your patience
Questions or feedback? Talk to a Teen Ambassador!

📅 17 More Info Coming Closer to Fair!

💬 Get Ready, Get Hyped!





Spring Quick Tips

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► June is for Farmer's Markets!

The beginning of June marks the opening month for many farmer's markets. There are several benefits to shopping at farmer's markets:

- Farmer's markets provide access to produce that is at its peak of flavor and ripeness.
- Buying local keeps money within the community and supports small businesses.
- The focus on fresh, local produce can inspire healthier eating and educate shoppers about food choices.
- Farmer's markets feature diverse products, including specialty items, herbs, and spices that may not be found in supermarkets.
- Farmer's markets may have lower prices for produce than supermarkets.



► Farmer's Market Nutrition Program (FMNP)

This program is available for eligible WIC participants. Those who are eligible receive FMNP coupons in addition to their regular WIC benefits. The coupons can be used to buy eligible food from farmers, farmer's markets or roadside stands that have been approved to accept FMNP coupons.

To find markets that accept FMNP, SNAP, or FCC click on this link and to search by county: <https://agriculture.ny.gov/farmers-markets-county>

Building Healthy Habits Recipe

Black-eyed Pea Salad

Makes 6 cups, serving size $\frac{3}{4}$ cup

Ingredients

2 cans (15 ounce each) black-eyed peas, drained and rinsed

1 cup diced cucumber

1 cup diced red bell pepper

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup chopped onion (try red, white, or shallot)

2 tablespoons diced jalapeno pepper (optional)

2 tablespoons chopped cilantro or parsley (optional)

2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar

2 tablespoon lime juice

1 teaspoon mustard (try Dijon)

1 teaspoon honey* or brown sugar

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup vegetable oil

$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon cumin

$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon cayenne pepper

$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt

$\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon black pepper

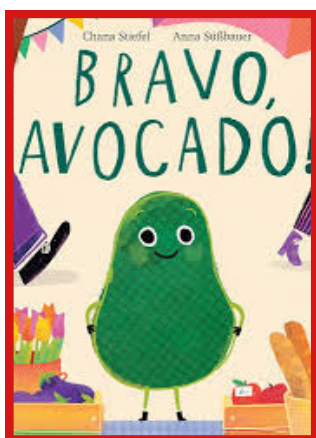
Directions:

1. Wash hands with soap and water.
2. Rinse and chop cucumber, bell pepper, jalapeno and cilantro or parsley.
3. In a large bowl, stir together black-eyed peas, onion, cucumber, and bell pepper. Add jalapeno and cilantro, if desired.
4. In a small bowl or jar with lid, combine vinegar, lime juice, mustard, honey, oil, cumin, cayenne, salt and pepper. Stir or shake to combine.
5. Pour vinegar mixture over the vegetable mixture and stir to combine. Refrigerate to chill before serving. Refrigerate leftovers within 2 hours.



Nutrition Facts: Serving size: $\frac{3}{4}$ cup, calories 150; total fat: 7g; saturated fat: .5g; sodium: 170mg; total carbohydrate: 18g; added sugars: 1g; Protein: 3g; Calcium: 99mg; Potassium: 383mg, Vitamin C: 28mg
Source: FoodHero.org

*Notes: Honey is not recommended for children under 1 year old. Try adding other vegetables such as summer squash, tomato or corn. Add shrimp or another protein.



Kids' Book Nook

With your child, visit your local library and borrow "Bravo, Avocado!" by Chana Stiefel. Read the book together and talk about what makes them feel special! Then ask what makes vegetables and fruits special.

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