

Speed Read for the week of February 8, 2021

ERIE COUNTY 4-H SNOWPEOPLE CONTEST

RULES:

- OPEN TO ALL ERIE COUNTY 4-H MEMBERS, INCLUDING CLOVERBUDS
- ENTRIES DUE MONDAY MARCH 1
- PLEASE SEND PHOTOS TO MEGAN BURLEY, MSB347@CORNELL.EDU
- PHOTOS WILL BE EVALUATED BY POPULAR VOTE ON FACEBOOK
- PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED FOR THE TOP 3 WITH THE MOST LIKES



Snowpeople Community Service Idea!

Interested in doing an activity with your 4-H club/family for the community? What if you took your snowpeople competition to the next level? We have an idea for you! Contact a local nursing home or elderly care center to see if they might be willing to host you/your club to build snowpeople. The goal would be to build a snowperson outside the window of a resident at the nursing home. This would give the folks living there something fun to look out and see during this time of year. This would also be a great way to get your club together in a safe way. If you need help finding the contact for a center in your area contact Megan Burley msb347@cornell.edu . Be sure to ask permission of the nursing home before doing this activity to make sure it is something you are able to do! Take pictures and be sure to send them to us or tag us on social media!



Do you want your child to be involved in 4-H and learn about Science? Are you looking for some hands-on activities that will get your child moving? This program will fit the bill, so have them join our NEW HYBRID 4-H Garden Science Club! This program will introduce youth to the importance of food production in a wide variety of activities. Youth will learn age-appropriate garden tips from experts in the Vegetable, Fruit and Soil Science fields while engaging in hands-on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) activities and tours.

The 4-H Garden Science Club for Cloverbuds will help your child explore and learn more about where their food comes from. It will also allow youth to engage in life skills that will give them resources for their future. **To participate in this program youth must be enrolled in the Erie County 4-H program.**

The registration deadline is Friday, February 28, 2021. Please contact Megan Burley msb347@cornell.edu or 716-652-5400x130. Pick Up details for kits will be given after registration. Spaces are limited. If you need accommodations please email Megan Burley msb347@cornell.edu.

Intro to Garden Science Program Schedule:

1. **Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 6:00 PM – From Sap to Syrup;** Introduction night and a lesson on Maple (Virtual)
2. **Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 6:00 PM – Lesson #2: Test Tube Hydroponics;** learn how to grow plants in water (Virtual)
3. **Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 6:00 PM – Lesson #3: Herb Thyme;** create a container garden with herbs donated by Agle's Farm Market (East Aurora, In Person)
4. **Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 6:00 PM – Lesson #4: Fabulous Flowers;** Discover that some flowers are edible and examine the functions of a flower, glad bulbs will be dispersed and can be planted at home and shown at the Erie County Fair (East Aurora, In Person)
5. **Tuesday, July 6, 2021 Time TBD – Lesson #5: You Pick!;** tour a fruit farm and pick some fruit (farm TBD)
6. **Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 6:00 PM – Lesson #6: Color in the Garden;** learn about soil and create a painting using soil (East Aurora, In Person)
7. **Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 6:00 PM – Lesson #7 A is for Apple;** join us for a fall celebration of harvest and learn about the types of apples and create a delicious treat! (East Aurora, In Person)



**Thank you to all who participated in this project. The cards were just wonderful!
We had around 300 cards that we dropped off at two local nursing facilities!**



Our artists were: Mason B, Ashley N. Sydney P, Emma C, Allie G. Angelina, Jessica, Kayla K, Miles R, the DeJong family, the McDougall family, the Griffin family and the Miller family.



We also had cards dropped off and we weren't sure who made them, so send us an email (ldr22@cornell.edu) if we missed you here!

Public Presentation Request for Evaluators

4-H Public presentation serve as an opportunity for 4-H members to teach, entertain and speak to others about a topic they have learned about or have interest in.

This year public presentations will be **VIRTUAL**. The Public Presentation Committee and 4-H staff believe these virtual presentations will give 4-Hers extra tools for their future and provide them with skills that can be used the rest of their life. This is a temporary change as we navigate the challenges of Covid-19.

There will be two options this year for 4-H members who are participating in Public Presentations.

1. Participate in a live zoom presentation with evaluators and live evaluator comments
2. Submit a video of your presentation and evaluators will view and provide feedback

Each option will provide those participating with new skills. For those interested in a live zoom presentation they will learn how to think on their feet and navigate potential challenges using a virtual platform. Those submitting a video will have the ability to learn how to use video editing software and create something that could be used to enhance their marketing strategy for a market animal. Both options will give the 4-H member the opportunity to learn a new skill by doing.

Evaluators will be needed for both the Live Zoom events and the Video Submissions.

Dates for the live Zoom will be:

Tuesday, February 23- 6-8pm

Saturday, February 27 – 10am-3pm

Wednesday, March 3 – 6-8pm

If you would like to participate in the Zoom events we would like for you to commit to two hours of time on one of the days listed above. You are able to volunteer for more than one day.

If you are interested in being an evaluator for the Video submissions. 4-Hers will be adding their video to a file that the 4-H educator will share with you. You will have a score sheet to evaluate the video and provide comments. Videos will be submitted on Feb 20th.

If you are interested in helping evaluate the presentations this year please register here:

https://pub.cce.cornell.edu/event_registration/main/events_landing.cfm?event=EvalRegistration2021-2_214

For more information please contact Megan Burley via email msb347@cornell.edu.





Erie County 4-H

4-H Club Meeting Guidelines

Updated: 2/9/2021

Thank you for adhering to the guidance below. These procedures are in place for the health and safety of **all** 4-H members, parents, leaders, volunteers, and staff. Your assistance with this safety guidance will help us begin to reactivate our in-person 4-H activities.

4-H Club Meeting Guidelines:

- Club meetings can be held in public spaces, including businesses, and in outdoor spaces, including barns. Meetings cannot take place inside private homes. (See information below regarding submitting required information to the 4-H office prior to the meeting.)
- The number of people in attendance at any meeting may not exceed 25 people, or the current occupancy of the indoor space, whichever is less. The number includes total of leaders, members, parents, speakers, etc. Attendance should be taken via role call for accountability and documentation of meeting size. (See below regarding submitting attendance records to the 4-H Office.)
- Social distancing procedures must be followed and include the following:
 - Hand sanitizer must be available at all times.
 - All participants must wear a mask (it's recommended to have a small supply of disposable masks available for anyone who forgets a mask).
 - Maintain 6-foot distances between participants without touching of any kind.
 - Hold meetings outdoors as much as possible. Meetings cannot take place inside private homes.
 - The suggested MAXIMUM meeting time is 1.5 hours. If the time needed for a meeting is more than that, please contact 4-H staff to discuss **prior** to the meeting to determine if the meeting will be allowed to exceed the 1.5 hour limit.
 - If food or drinks are being consumed at the meeting, they should be brought and eaten by individual families or participants. Do not share foods. (Example: Potluck dinners are not permitted at this time.)

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- There will be youth and families who are not comfortable meeting in person at this time. It is critical that these decisions are respected and that there is no pressure applied, or opportunities withheld, due to a decision not to participate.

Steps to Take to Hold a 4-H Group Meeting:

- 1.) Club Leaders must submit the [Club Meeting Request Form](#)
- 2.) All participants (volunteers and youth) must be enrolled in the Erie County 4-H Program to attend club meetings.
- 3.) All participants (youth, volunteers, leader, or guests) must also complete the [CCE Assumption of Risk Form once per 4-H year \(October-September\)](#). The form must be received by the start of the meeting (and then provided to the 4-H office to be kept on file). Anyone who does not complete the form is not permitted to participate in any Erie County 4-H activities. This form is included in 4-H enrollment packets for 2020-2021.
- 4.) Club leaders should provide this [health information sheet](#) to adults and youth one day prior to the club meeting, noting that no one should attend the meeting if they cannot answer “No” to all questions. The health information sheets should not be collected by the 4-H leader.
- 5.) Club leaders should take attendance at the meeting or event by checking off names on a roster. Do not pass around a paper for individuals to sign or have members sign-in. This attendance record must be kept in case someone attending the meeting/event contracts COVID-19 and information is needed for contact tracing. Attendance should include all people present at the meeting.
- 6.) Attendance records must be submitted to the 4-H Office. You can submit your attendance in one of two ways:
 1. Complete the [Meeting Attendance Form](#) OR
 2. E-mail your attendance to:
 - Megan, for general 4-H club meetings, at msb347@cornell.edu -Tammi, for 4-H Livestock meetings, at tlk6@cornell.edu.

All steps must be completed in order for clubs to meet. These steps are in place for the safety of all Erie County 4-H participants.

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February 2021 Livestock Updates:

2021 – is off to a great start. A little snow, colder temperatures typical WNY weather – but soon we will have longer days and warmer weather. Now is the time to begin to think about the smaller animal projects – start planning, set your goals, make your contacts and figure out your financial plan.

4-H T-shirts: If you have not received your 2020 shirt, please send me an email and I will get it ready for you. We will put in it the 4-H hallway for you to pick up on Friday or a day the following week.

How to contact me: Our office still remains closed to the public. Email tlk6@cornell.edu is the best way to reach me, but you can also call the office and leave me a voice message and I will return you call as soon as possible. My phone number is 76-652-5400 ext. 132.

Reminder Re-Enrollment/Enrollment Paperwork: Meetings will be beginning soon and in order to participate in anything 4-H related we need to have your re-enrollment paperwork on file here in the office. If you are a returning member please be sure to submit your completed forms and enclose your enrollment fee of \$25 per member or \$50 per family. **If you have not yet submitted your paperwork please email me for directions.** Do you have a friend that would like to join? We are always accepting new members – become a mentor and invite a friend to participate as well.

Public Presentations: It is great to see all our livestock participants signed up to do your presentation. I notice that many of you have selected the video option. Please be sure to adhere to the deadline. Do not use the make up dates as something to fall back on, as I will not be allowing make ups if you signed up to do a video – plan now, get it done and complete the requirement. If you have not signed up to do your presentation, please contact me as soon as possible. Make up dates for presentations will be on May 3 and May 5.

Educational Report Options: Here are some things you can do to learn more about your upcoming livestock projects on your own. If you do them, remember you can submit a report to receive credit for a species meeting. Limit of 2 reports will be accepted. Check out these links:

[Show-Rite Stock Show Classroom](#) (learn about all aspects of your livestock market projects)

[New York Beef Council Marketing Webinars](#) (learn about some marketing strategies for your steer)

[Livestock Judging Site offering limited free access](#) (practice up on livestock judging skills)

February 2021 Livestock Updates continued:

Horse

Horse Bowl was a virtual success! Congratulations to all our participants, it was great to have the opportunity to work with you all. Here is a recap of the placings.

SENIORS

1st – Jacob Leitzan
2nd – Taylor Bentley
3rd – Emma Suplicki
4th – LiAnna Elliott
5th – Eliana Endress
6th – Kayla Balon
7th – Allison Grunder
8th – Annie Coverley
8th – Ava Rosputni
10th – Angela Lemieux
11th – Sierra Wiesmore

JUNIORS

1st – Paige Sims
2nd – Samantha Parsons
3rd – Charlotte Parsons
4th – Zoe Washburn
5th – Kendall Hulsman
6th – Lucas Leitzan
7th- Chelsea Pouthier
8th – Charlotte Saraceni
9th – Julia Mauro
10th – Cholena Enser

NOVICE

1st – Emma Majka
2nd – Madelyn DeMena
3rd – Alayna Vranich
3rd – Michaela Leitzan
5th – Hailey Hibbitts
5th – Maddy Niewczyk
7th – Olivia Sientek
8th – Colin Singleton
9th – Liam Hulsman
10th – Marley Olgilvie
11th – Toriana Huber
11th – Alyssa Niewczyk

Please mark your calendars for the following dates:

- Horse Communications – Wednesday, February 24 and Saturday, February 27 – they will be held virtually through zoom. Please register by Friday, February 12 by using this link: https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/HorseCommunications2021-2_214
- Hippology – Friday, March 26 – Sunday, March 28, through an online format.

Keep studying for contests and preparing your Horse Communication!

Breyer Horse Club – our 2nd zoom meeting will be Tuesday, February 23 at 6 p.m. Please register to receive the link by Monday, February 22 using this link:

<https://cornell.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcodeugrDsoHdRejDhY5mdYqRQAaXnfcWcJ>

This club is brand new, specifically designed for our young members (Cloverbuds 5-7) interested in learning about horses. Our goal is to engage their interest in learning about horses and everything associated with participating in the program. We also invite older youth who are interested in learning about horses to become mentors. We will be using the Ohio State “Horseless Horse” resource book to guide us on the path of learning. It’s not too late to join, register today.



February 2021 Livestock Updates continued:

Beef

Steer Halter Videos: Don't forget that you should be working on getting your calves halter broke now. Once your calf responds nicely to the rope halter and you can control him outside the barn, remember to record your video. All the details were in the record packets you received, if you need the information again please let me know. Here is the link to the drop box where you are to upload your videos. If you need help, let me know. Videos are due by May 1. <https://cornell.box.com/s/we886hdd240tjphy8y0cvoj7r6px9lad>

Sheep, Swine, Goat

Your producers are starting to get busy by welcoming the arrival of your 2021 Market project. Now is a good time to reach out to your producers to see if they will have animals available for purchase and to share your interest. Our meetings will begin to take place in March, but please remember to register for your public presentation and get that requirement out of the way.

Check out the educational opportunities listed above.

Animal Crackers 2021

When/Where: In 2021, Animal Crackers will be held via Zoom during 8 sessions at 45 minutes a piece taking place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings beginning at 6 pm. Each session will highlight a different species.

Species being covered include: Dairy, sheep, goat, rabbit/cavy, poultry, equine, dog, and cat. More information will be announced once available.

- **Who:** The program is geared to 4-H members involved in animal science projects. Youth are strongly encouraged to attend with their parents or chaperones. Suggested age range is 9-12, however, all youth 9 and up are welcome.
- **Registration:** Please email Tammi Kron at tlk6@cornell.edu if you wish to register for this event no later than **May 15, 2021 – please register early.**
- **Cost:** \$50 per youth participant. No fee for chaperones. **Erie County members may apply for Paper Clover funds to offset the cost, email Tammi for details.**

Poultry & Rabbit: We will be meeting the 2nd Tuesday of each month, via zoom to begin. Please register for our second meeting that will take place on March 9 at this link: https://cornell.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcsduqtpjlpEtd_YvZkfNVhnYcIIY1QCMV, you will then receive the zoom link. This is an important meeting for all poultry and meat rabbit participants to participate in, we will be planning the project year – what do you want to learn about or experience. Please plan to join us.


Market Chicken orders will be taken at the April 13 meeting. Mark your calendar for these dates so you don't miss meeting opportunities: March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13.

Llama/Alpaca and Dog: Coming in March will be virtual meetings to help you with your projects, stay tuned.

February 2021 Livestock Updates continued:

STATEWIDE 4-H DAIRY COMMITTEE PRESENTS

VIRTUAL 4-H DAIRY BOWL PRACTICES



DATES:


Thursday, January 28 Introduction - be sure to log on to know what to expect

Thursday, February 4 Digestive System/Nutrition presented by Janet Pfromm

Thursday, February 18 Mastitis/Udder Health presented by Rick Watters

Friday, March 5 Reproduction presented by Ashley Marshall

Friday, March 19 Hoof Health



TIME: 7 PM

REGISTER AT:
[HTTPS://CORNELL.ZOOM.US/MEETING/REGISTER/TJYSDEGG
PJOQGTOSNKP2OZ2MXQJLLQJOR99W](https://cornell.zoom.us/join/https://cornell.zoom.us/meeting/register/tjYsdeGgqjjoqGtOsnKp2Oz2MxqJllqJor99w)

EACH SESSION WILL END WITH DAIRY BOWL QUESTIONS THROUGH KAHOOT

Dairy Cattle: It is an exciting time of year for all of our dairy members – its Dairy Bowl time. While this year virtual seems to be the way to compete, it will still be fun and exciting. District Dairy Bowl will be hosted by Wyoming county 4-H and location is yet to be determined along with the date. Our Erie County program will begin meeting next week at the Langford Firehall. Watch your email for information. The next session for the NYS 4-H Dairy Committee virtual dairy bowl practice is Thursday, March 5 and March 19 at 7 pm focusing on Reproduction and Hoof Health. Please register using this link:

<https://cornell.zoom.us/meeting/register/tjYsdeGgqjjoqGtOsnKp2Oz2MxqJllqJor99w>

Dairy Steer Program – Our members are currently working on creating a video that will be shared with schools promoting their product. The goal of our dairy steer project is to supply local schools with top quality meat to be used for school lunches through the Farm to School program. Are you interested in having locally grown meat served in your school lunch? Share this program with your lunch coordinators or have them reach out to Tammi Kron at tlk6@cornell.edu for more information.

Dairy Discovery – Attention 4-H members ages 14-19 who are interested in a future dairy career. Dairy Discovery will be virtual and hosted the 4 Thursday evenings in the month of March. Program is free but registration is required. Details about the program and how to register can be found at <http://4h.ansci.cornell.edu/events-2/dairy-discovery-virtual-workshops/> We will also include a college fair at the beginning of each of the sessions and will highlight one of these four different colleges (Cornell, Morrisville State College, SUNY Cobleskill, and Alfred State College) each of the program nights.



Applications are now being accepted by the Erie County Extension Foundation for the **Jim Smith Memorial Scholarships**. Jim was an avid supporter of 4-H youth programs and the Erie County Fair livestock auctions. Scholarships are available to 4-H or FFA graduating seniors to further their education needs at college, University, technical or vocational schools. Several scholarships are expected to be awarded.

The deadline for submitting applications is **April 16, 2021**. Applications are available on the CCE-Erie website: <http://erie.cce.cornell.edu/>

An important note about dropping items off at or visiting the 4-H Office in East Aurora!

*While the CCE & 4-H office staff are working in the office on a rotating basis, our office is **NOT** open to the public and there are days when a 4-H staff member is not in the East Aurora 4-H Office.*

Dropping Items Off: Please leave them in the box located outside the 4-H Office or slide them under the 4-H Office door. Please note-the building in which our office is located is usually unlocked by 8:30 a.m. and locked by 4:30 p.m. weekdays and may be locked on weekends.

If you need to pick up something from the office, please do not stop by the office without making prior arrangements and scheduling a time to do so with a 4-H Staff member. Most times we will be able to leave the item in the hall for you to pick up.



How to contact the 4-H Staff...Please leave a message!

Our phone system will forward your voice message to staff via their email.

We will be responding to messages via email whenever possible. Therefore, please leave us your email when leaving a message if you have one. You may also direct any questions to erie4h@cornell.edu or by calling 652-5400 ext. 131

Megan Burley, 4-H Youth Development Educator— 652-5400 ext. 130- msb347@cornell.edu Club Management, 4-H Program Committee, Public Presentations, Duds to Dazzle, Textile Review, STARR, Career Ex, ECTA (Erie County Teen Ambassadors), Erie County Fair Youth Development Building-YDB Fair Entries-Volunteer Opportunities.

Sara Jablonski, 4-H Urban Program Educator—sej57@cornell.edu—652-5400 ext. 143: Urban Club Management, 4-H Program Committee, Public Presentations, STARR, Career Ex, ECTA (Erie County Teen Ambassadors).

Tammi Kron, 4-H Livestock Program Educator – tlk6@cornell.edu – 652-5400 ext. 132: Livestock Programs, 4-H Livestock Committees, Shooting Sports, Horse Communications, Capital Days.

Lynn Riley, 4-H Administrative Assistant – ldr22@cornell.edu – 652-5400 ext. 131