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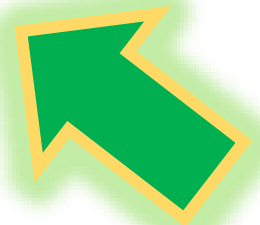
September 15, 2021

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LET'S CELEBRATE
THE END OF THE 4-H YEAR!



RAIN OR SHINE!!



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4-H IS FAR OUT @ THE HARBOR



**REGISTRATION
ENCOURAGED!**
SCAN QR CODE WITH
SMART PHONE
CAMERATO RSVP
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[ERIE.CCE.CORNELL.EDU/4-H-
YOUTH-DEVELOPMENT](http://ERIE.CCE.CORNELL.EDU/4-H-YOUTH-DEVELOPMENT)



**FUN
CRAFTS
GIVEAWAYS**

**ANIMALS
FREE FOOD
GAMES**

**BUFFALO HARBOR STATE PARK
SHELTER 3, NEAR THE PLAYGROUND
OUTER HARBOR, BUFFALO, NY**

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF ERIE COUNTY PROVIDES EQUAL PROGRAM AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES. ACCOMODATIONS FOR PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS MAY BE REQUESTED BY CONTACTING SARA JABLONSKI AT SEJ57@CORNELL.EDU
ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS CALL LYNN @ 652-5400 EXT 131

Do You Know Someone Who Wants To Join 4-H?

INVITE THEM TO THE 4-H INFORMATION NIGHT



Join Erie County 4-H Today!

Youth aged 5-18 can participate in:

- STEM
- Civic Engagement
- Animal Agriculture
- Horses
- Dogs
- Horticulture
- Cooking, Baking, Sewing
- Shooting Sports
- Erie County Fair
- New York State Fair
- The list goes on!

CONFIDENCE GROWS HERE.

Join us for our 2022 4-H Information Night!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2021

6:30PM-8:00PM

21 SOUTH GROVE ST.,
EAST AURORA, NY 14052
SECOND FLOOR

OR CONTACT
VW49@CORNELL.EDU FOR A
ZOOM LINK

4-H INFORMATION NIGHT

Wednesday, October 6th, 6:30-8:00 PM in Dard Hunter Hall at the 4-H Office in East Aurora.

This is a great opportunity for any interested families to learn more about 4-H and speak with our educators and leaders in person (or over Zoom).

PLEASE - Invite any youth in your life who may be interested in joining 4-H!



Cloverbud Garden Science Club:

We will be having our last meeting of the 4-H year on Tuesday, September 21 at 6 pm in Dard Hunter Hall at the 4-H Offices. We will be learning about and trying different apple varieties.

Email Valerie with any questions!

In October we will choose topics to learn about for the new year, and in November, we will welcome any new members!



THANK YOU to all of our 4-H volunteers, leaders, parents, and members who made this year's Fair possible.

With only about 8 weeks' notice, and a slew of new restrictions, we were able to set up the Youth Development Building, plan events and competitions, and evaluate projects, all coming pretty close to a sense of normalcy within 4-H. We hope that all of our 4-H members had a great time at Fair and that they take a moment to be proud of themselves for what they accomplished before and during Fair this year. I am very proud of our organization for making it through this crazy year and I am grateful I got to be a part of it!

Looking forward to 2022!!

Valetie



A Special Thank You:

...All of our evaluators and evaluator assistants (those old and new!) who were willing to work with our 4-Hers despite not knowing what Evaluation Day would look like!

...The 4-H Alumni Association, Deb Wingate, Donna Kumpf, and Jean Kron, for continuing to operate the 4-H Café and sponsoring the Chef Challenge.

...Custom Carpets of Orchard Park, for donating and delivering our new red carpet!

...Dorothy and Dale Hellwig, Jerry and Liz Nedimyer, and everyone who attended the Work Nights in the YDB throughout July and early August.

...All of those who sponsored our Special Awards this year.

...Nick, Brian, and Marcia, for being ready and willing staff members, no matter what was needed!

Erie County Fair - *Have you seen this painting?*

We believe this painting may have been taken home from the Youth Development Building by the wrong family. **Please** double check what you brought home from Fair and contact Valerie Weisbeck (vw49@cornell.edu or 716-652-5400 x 130) if you found it or if you know what happened to it!!



2022 Erie County Fair Dates: August 10 - August 21, 2022

CONGRATULATIONS to the following 4-H members for receiving the highest scores at the Western District Public Presentations competition and being selected to submit at the state level for consideration to continue onto the new Northeast States 4-H Presentation Fest. While their speeches and illustrated talks were not ultimately selected to move onto this new multi-state competition, we are incredibly proud of the high quality of presentations that these Erie County 4-H members produced. They are truly leading by example!

- Jack Niefergold
- Madison Kehr
- Holly Niefergold
- Kelly Niefergold

Livestock Notes

Congratulations!! Each of you did a great job showcasing the Erie County 4-H program at the Erie County Fair this year. It was great to see you all in person and to work with you. The growth that I saw in each of you was astonishing. Each of you had a smile that was contagious and exhilarating especially after the year we have all just experienced. Your market prices were exceptional and you each brought top quality products to show and sell. We are currently awaiting official notice from the Erie County Fair on the new schedule for 2022, please stay tuned and we will share as soon as possible. *Parents please take note that this new schedule will most likely affect your vacation time from work.*

Premium Checks: Typically, we do not send out premium checks, however, time is getting short and they will soon no longer be valid. If you are able to come to the office by the end of this week (Friday, Sept 17), please email either myself at tlk6@cornell.edu or our 4-H Admin, Lynn at ldr22@cornell.edu and we will hold them out from the mail. If you receive your premium check in the mail with a yellow slip of paper, that means you have more items (ribbons, photos) still waiting for you in the office. Please be sure to take time to stop by to grab these items as well.

Market Checks: Your market check will be arriving shortly. Please be sure to cash them promptly. Please be sure to read the letter that is enclosed with your check as there is some really important information for the coming year.

Buyers: Along with your market check you will find the name and address of your buyer(s). Please be sure to send out a note as soon as you receive this information, your buyers want to know that they are appreciated for their support. Remember, one note of thanks is never enough, let your buyer know you are thinking of them throughout the entire year – remember them on holidays.

Re-Enrollment: Re-Enrollment time begins October 1. Please be sure to get your paperwork and enrollment fee back to the office as soon as possible. We will be starting our meetings with our beef orientation in November and members need to be re-enrolled by then. Email will remain our way of communicating, please be sure to include any emails you want to be notified at. If you don't re-enroll then you risk missing out on important information. December 3th is the cut off for returning members. I look forward to a great 2022.

Trophy Sponsors: Each member who received an award will be receiving the name and address of the sponsor of your award(s). I am aware that the name you receive will not match the actual award you received at the fair – why? we had to shift some sponsors around at the last minute. It is important for us to make sure those that contributed receive a thank you.

Please take the time to send a short note of thanks to the businesses and individuals that supported your awards.

2022 Fair Theme: Do you have an idea for a fun and interesting fair theme? Send it along, the 4-H staff will be deciding shortly.

Beef

2022 Beef Orientation will be held on November 8, 2021 at 7 p.m. location to be determined.

Many of our beef members are currently making the commitment to purchase your new project and make an investment in your future. Here are some things to keep in mind when making that selection:

- When was the calf born – will it make a finished market weight by August 2022?
- Is the breeder reputable? Is the calf healthy, vaccinated, wormed, BVD tested? How is his daily gain per day of age?
- Is he square and sound – does he get out and move freely - why purchase a calf that will end up with structural or walking issues?
- Do I have the funds to feed him correctly?
- What is my price limit? Come up with a budget before you go steer shopping figure in your expenses (grain – you will need 1 ½ tons at least, veterinary, bedding, hay and calf cost). Make sure your parents are in on the conversation – most likely they will be your financial support.

Have questions? Contact Tammi at tlk6@cornell.edu I will share your request with a beef committee member – we want you to be successful with your project.

Dairy

Congratulations to Holly Niefergold who is headed to Harrisburg for the Dairy Management Contest (Dairy Challenge) as a member of the state team.

Dairy Steer update: Congratulations to all 6 of our dairy steer participants. You brought quality finished steers to the fair. I just received the information back from the processor and will be working with the Farm to School program to get your product in our local schools.

Sheep – Swine - Goats – Llamas – Dogs

We are off to a new program year. My plan is to hold in person meetings as much as possible. We will begin our programs in the spring months, but watch for some generic meetings that will be coming in the winter. Your involvement in the program is important and please be sure to send me suggestions for meeting topics that you want to learn more about.

Horse

Congratulations to the following members who participated in the State Hippology and Horse Judging contest on Saturday, September 11, 2021

Senior member Juliana Polak placed 10th overall for Hippology and was a member of the 3rd place team and she placed 13th overall for horse judging.

Junior members Charlotte Parsons placed 1st and Samantha Parsons placed 5th in Judging. Samantha Parsons placed 2nd overall for Hippology while Charlotte placed 4th overall and they were the 1st placing team for Hippology. *Congratulations ladies!!!*

Poultry

Our community service project for the poultry program donated 47 chickens and 14 turkeys (which we had cut in half) to Feedmore WNY. Thank you to all our members that donated extra birds to be sold at the auction to benefit the poultry program: Mason Barczykowski, Ben Agle, Charlie Agle and Ben Timmel who donated a turkey. Thank you! A special thank you to HLW Acres for donating the processing of the Feedmore WNY birds and extra birds that were sent by 4-H members for processing.

We will begin our program year in December with our first poultry meeting. Watch coming issues of the Speed Read for details.

I am excited for the upcoming program year. It is my hope to have a lot of hands on events so you can all learn together. Please feel free to share topics you have interest in, just send a quick email with your thoughts.

THANK YOU....

- Livestock Advisor Committees for always being there to help when needed and to help our members.
- Parents of our members for your continued support.
- Our supporters – buyers and trophy sponsors.
- 4-H Alumni for helping with the auctions and supporting the livestock members.
- Our 4-H Administrative Assistant – Lynn Riley – for her complete support to make the fair a success.

