



Cornell Cooperative Extension of Erie County Publication

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4-H Members- Come join us for a night of friends, food, and fun! There are 2 options of structured crafts for 4-H members to choose from. These crafts would be a perfect holiday gift or fair entry! We will also have cookies to decorate and enjoy, relaxed craft options, and refreshments. This event is open to all enrolled Erie County 4-H members. We are still accepting enrollment forms for new 4-H members, so feel free to bring enrollment papers to this event! Come and celebrate the holiday season with 4-H friends!

Registration is required! Register here: [4-H Holiday Craft Registration Link](https://pub.cce.cornell.edu/event_registration/main/events_landing.cfm?event=HolidayCraftNight_214) OR

https://pub.cce.cornell.edu/event_registration/main/events_landing.cfm?event=HolidayCraftNight_214



Winter Hat Garland (Ages 8+)



Decoupage Plate (Cloverbud +)



It's Public Presentation Season!

What are Public Presentations?

4-H Public Presentation Days are a time when youth can practice their public speaking skills and gain confidence through positive encouragement. Youth that show livestock at the fair are required to complete a public presentation. All Erie County 4-H members are invited and encouraged to sign-up and participate in Public Presentations, regardless of club/independent member status or age.

All first- and second-year presenters are encouraged to do a presentation that has a poster. Learning the basics of a presentation in the first couple years will make an excellent presenter in the future. We remind our older youth who want to do a power point presentation, to be comfortable with setting up your electronic devices, without the assistance of an adult, and feel confident when using the devices to present.

New to Public Presentations? Want to improve your presentation abilities?

Attend our preparation sessions!



ERIE COUNTY 4-H

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS KICKOFF MEETING

ROYCROFT POWER HOUSE IN EAST AURORA
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023, 6PM

LEARN HOW TO:

- SELECT A TOPIC
- CREATE A POSTER
- SUCCESSFULLY
PREPARE FOR
PRESENTATIONS



Kickoff Meeting – Tuesday, December 5 at 6pm (Roycroft Power House in East Aurora)

- Learn how to select a presentation topic, create an effective poster, and ask questions to public presentation experts
- Register by emailing mgw76@cornell.edu
 - Please include youth name and age in email, as well as how many years they have presented.

Presentation Pregame – Thursday, January 25 at 6pm

(Location TBD – either East Aurora or West Seneca)

- Practice giving your presentation to a group of evaluators. You will learn what you're doing well, as well as learn what you can improve upon before presentation day!
- Register by emailing mgw76@cornell.edu
 - Please include youth name and age in email, as well as how many years they have presented.



Public Presentations- Save the Date! *Please note that this is only a Save the Date notice.*

Registration for presentations is required and will be available in December.

Thursday, February 1 from 6-8pm – Revive Wesleyan Church (McKinley Campus)

Wednesday, February 7 from 6-8pm – Harlem Road Community Center

Thursday, February 15 from 6-8pm – Revive Wesleyan Church (McKinley Campus)

Saturday, February 17 from 9am-2pm – Revive Wesleyan Church (McKinley Campus)

Saturday, February 24 from 9am-2pm – Revive Wesleyan Church (McKinley Campus)

District Presentations*: Saturday, March 23 from 9am-4pm – Location TBD

*The top-scoring 10% of Erie County youth will be invited to move forward and present at Districts

WANTED: Public Presentation Evaluators



Would you like to be involved in one of Erie County 4-H's most influential programs for youth?? Join our Public Presentations evaluator team!!

We are looking for volunteers who enjoy working with youth and are interested in helping them improve their public speaking skills. Evaluators would need to attend at least 1 presentation day (weeknight and weekend options). No experience needed- we'd love to see new faces! Training will be provided, and you can request to be paired up with an experienced evaluator.

We are also looking for a few volunteers who have experience conducting interviews!

If you would like to help our youth thrive in public presentations, please contact Maddie (mgw76@cornell.edu or 716-652-5400 x 130)

4-H RESOURCE ALERT!

Are you searching for new 4-H curriculum?

Are you a club leader looking to add new activities to your meetings?

Independent Member looking to try something new?

Check out this *free* resource!

Utah 4-H has a webpage that has FREE curriculum to download. The curriculum covers over 80 different topics, and each curriculum booklet includes multiple activities. These booklets also connect the topics and activities to the “Experiential Learning Model” which encompasses the “Learn By Doing” aspect of 4-H that helps youth thrive.

For free curriculum, visit this link or scan the QR code:



<https://extension.usu.edu/utah4h/discover>

Once you navigate to the webpage, you can request which curriculums you would like sent to your email.

Have fun!!



CLUB CORNER



Erie County Crafters

Havilah Rose, Club Reporter

On Saturday, October 28, the Erie County Crafters welcomed a lot of new members at their meeting. The older kids learned how to make letter holders while the Cloverbuds made fall decorations.

October 2023 Livestock Notes



Attention all the livestock youth who show pigs, lambs, chickens, turkeys, market rabbits, meat goats and steers.

2024 4-H Livestock programs are activating early! January will kick off our meetings for **ALL** market programs. This year we are going to focus on “Marketing” in January, February, and March - giving all our youth tools for your toolbox to help you secure bidders to support your projects at the fair auction. All youth selling must attend 2 of the 3 workshops being offered. There will be some new requirements that our members will have to do to sell, and we are adding a “Pre-fair bidder dinner” as well. Please pay close attention to the 4-H News when it comes to add important dates to your calendar. The December issue will have all the requirements for each species. **2024** is going to be a great year with lots of activities and new experiences.



4-H Auction Committee Volunteers Needed:

We are forming a committee to support the Pre-fair Bidder Dinner (name yet to be determined). We invite youth and parents to participate in this committee. The goal of this event is to walk all bidders through the auction process from start to finish along with enjoying a wonderful meal with our members. Are you interested? Email Tammi to be put on the planning committee list at tlk6@cornell.edu. Our first meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 29** at 6:30 p.m. in the 4-H conference room. Please be sure to RSVP if you are coming.

2024 Enrollment: November 3 has come and gone – did you submit your 2023-24 Enrollment form? If not please contact Tammi as soon as possible at tlk6@cornell.edu

Market Checks: Have you cashed your market check? If not please do so before December 1, 2023.

2023 Buyers: Please remember to keep your buyers in mind during the holiday season. A card is always nice for them to receive in the mail.

Public Presentations: They are coming.... Start thinking about a topic you are comfortable with or want to learn more about. Need help with the ins and outs of a public presentation? Join us at the Kickoff on December 5th at the Powerhouse. (check out the Public Presentation section for more information)

Livestock Calendar Snapshot

- ✓ November 3 – Enrollment forms due.
- ✓ November 27 – Beef Orientation 7pm
- ✓ November 29 – 4-H Auction meeting 6:30 pm
- ✓ December 1 – Cash market check by
- ✓ December 5 – Public Presentation Kick off
- ✓ January – Marketing Meeting #1 TBA
- ✓ January 16 - Dairy Orientation
- ✓ January 29 – Llama/Alpaca Orientation
- ✓ January 30 – Dairy, Working, Meat Goat Orientation
- ✓ Thursdays in Jan/Feb Dairy Bowl practice 7 pm
- ✓ January 10 – Public Pres/Horse Com registration closes
- ✓ January 25 – Public Presentation Pre-Game 6 pm
- ✓ February – Marketing Meeting #2 TBA
- ✓ February 1 – Horse Communications @ Revive
- ✓ February 7 – Public Presentations @ Harlem Rd
- ✓ February 15 – Public Presentations @ Revive
- ✓ February 17 – Public Presentations @ Revive
- ✓ February 22 – County Dairy Bowl 7pm
- ✓ March – Marketing Meeting #3 TBA
- ✓ March 2 – District Dairy Bowl, Pioneer
- ✓ March 9 – Regional Horse Bowl
- ✓ March 18-22 – Ag Literacy Week
- ✓ March 23 – District Public Presentations
- ✓ April 6 – Regional Horse Communications
- ✓ April 13 – State Horse Bowl, Cornell
- ✓ April 27 – Regional Hippology
- ✓ May 4 – Animal Crackers, Cornell
- ✓ May 18 – State Horse Communications, Cornell
- ✓ July 8 – Erie County Fair Entries close
- ✓ August 7 - August 18, Erie County Fair

2024 Erie County Fair Schedule: Do you want to know the schedule for the 2024 Erie County Fair? Check out the livestock schedule on the fair website under competitions.

Beef: We will be holding our 2024 Beef Orientation on Monday, November 27 at 7:00 p.m. at the Powerhouse (the building next door to our 4-H office where we have been holding meetings). We will be discussing the program year and doing a fun hands-on activity.

Beef halters are in my office, please stop to pick them up. I will also have them at orientation.

Market participants in the Sheep, Swine, Poultry, Rabbit, and Goat programs: There will be a lot happening in the programs much earlier in 2024 and your participation will be required to sell at the fair. Please be sure to read everything in the Livestock section from top to bottom to find important information.

Dairy & Working Goat, Llama/Alpaca: We will be kicking off the 2024 program year in January with our orientations.

Llama/Alpaca Orientation – Zoom on January 29, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. All enrolled members in the Llama/Alpaca program will receive an email with the zoom link.

Dairy, Working and Meat Goat Goat Orientation will be Tuesday, January 30 at 6:30 p.m. at the Powerhouse, 39 S. Grove Street, East Aurora.

Dairy Cattle: We will be holding our Dairy Orientation on Wednesday, January 16, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Powerhouse. We will review the program and have a fun hands-on activity.

Dairy Bowl practice sessions will begin in January after the holidays. They will take place on Thursday evenings at the Langford Firehall from 7-8:30 p.m. We will hold our County Dairy Bowl contest on Thursday, February 22 and the District Dairy Bowl Contest will be held on Saturday, March 2 at Pioneer School. If you would like to participate in dairy bowl, please contact Carl Niefergold at carlniefergold1368@gmail.com

Dog Program: We are excited that our 2 county dog clubs are accepting new members. Our one club meets in the Orchard Park area and the other meets in the Northtown's (Tonawanda area) Do you have a family dog that your 4-H member would like to learn more about and teach some tricks, or to be more obedient? Contact Tammi for leader contact information at tlk6@cornell.edu

Horse Program: We held our Horse Year End Awards banquet on Sunday, October 29 at the Holland Willows. It was a great day of reminiscing with friends and family and highlighting our members and their accomplishments. Thank you to our leaders for a wonderful awards program, to Tracy Skuse for tracking all the points and to Jennifer Barber and the Holland Willows for the wonderful food. I would also like to say thank you to all our parents for the support you give our youth!

Horse Specific dates to add to your calendar:

January 10 – Horse Communication and Public Presentation registration closes

January 12 – Horse Bowl Registration closes

January 27 – Horse Bowl At Fellowship Wesleyan Church 9:30 a.m.

February 1 – Horse Communications and Public Presentations at Revive

February 15 & 17 – Public Presentations at Revive

February 24 – Horse Communications and Public Presentations at Revive

March 9 – Regional Horse Bowl – Cattaraugus County

April 6 – Regional Horse Communications – Alleghany County

April 13 – State Horse Bowl – Cornell

April 27 – Regional Hippology – Erie County

May 18 – State Horse Communications – Cornell

On Saturday, November 4 the Phillips Family Farm and Shining Star Cattle hosted a farm tour and BQA training. Here is some information shared by one of our 4-H members that attended.

"It was a great opportunity to attend the Phillips Farm. They offered a farm tour and BQA training. Topics included bio security, herd health, identification, record keeping and nutrition. Also, an introduction to VCPRs, veterinary drugs and equipment. We had chute side training and how to properly give injections. It was a fun educational experience"
Maddie Gabel

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our Erie County 4-H program is pleased to share that we had 4 youth that represented the NYS 4-H program in Louisville, KY the first weekend of November. We had representatives for both the NYS dairy and horse programs.

National 4-H Invitational Dairy Judging Contest at NAILE

Team members-Elise D (Cortland Co) Allison Gabel (Erie Co), Isaac Folts (Erie Co) and Larson S (Chautauqua Co)

Team placings-

1st in the Holstein and Guernsey breed

2nd in reasons

5th overall

Allison placings-

8th in reasons

18th overall

Isaac placings-

1st in the Holstein and Guernsey breed

4th in reasons

8th overall



Thank you to Morgan DePue who traveled as a chaperone for the team.

Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup Competition, Louisville, KY



Congratulations to Julia Mauro (Horse Bowl) and Jacob Leitzan (Horse Judging) on your accomplishments at Louisville.

The NYS Horse Bowl team placed 9th.

The NYS Horse Judging team placed 7th in judging 4 Halter classes, 8th in judging 4 Performance classes, 4th in their Oral Reasons for the selected classes, and placed 6th Overall



Where are Maddie, Tammi and Pam when they are not in the 4-H office? They are visiting schools in Erie County educating students about all aspects of the dairy industry. Dairy in the Classroom, a subset of New York Agriculture in the Classroom, is a program delivered in schools that connects students with the dairy industry through hands-on activities and lessons. 1,472 Erie County students were reached in 2023. If you know of a school that would like to participate in this opportunity, please contact either Tammi tlk6@cornell.edu or Maddie mgw76@cornell.edu with contact information.

4-H Needs You for the Program Advisory Committee 😊

Are you interested in:

- Working closely with your 4-H Educators?
- Giving your input to the direction of the 4-H Program?
- Learning more about the direction of the 4-H Program?
- Interacting with fun and cool people?



Please consider applying to the 4-H Program Advisory Committee. Applications are due in the 4-H Office by Friday, December 1st. You can find the application here [4-H Program Advisory Committee Application](https://erie.cce.cornell.edu/resources/4-h-2022-program-committee-application) or <https://erie.cce.cornell.edu/resources/4-h-2022-program-committee-application>.



Did you know that Erie County 4-H is on Instagram and Facebook??



Follow us to see 4-H updates, opportunities, and event pictures!

Facebook: "Erie County 4-H"

<https://www.facebook.com/erie4hny/>



Instagram: "@erie4h"

<https://www.instagram.com/erie4h/>

CCE Erie's Annual Meeting

On November 2, 2023, staff, volunteers, and community members gathered at CCE Erie's Annual Meeting to celebrate the good work done by CCE Erie throughout 2023.

Congratulations to this year's award winners!

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Irene Tomlinson Award: **Elizabeth Love**



- A volunteer of the Marilla Lads and Lassies 4-H club for numerous years
- Served as a 4-H Ambassador and led a hands-on activity in the Youth Development Building at the Erie County Fair
- Represented Erie County at the 2023 New York State Fair
- Drove 4-H members projects home from the State Fair
- Led a hypertufa pottery workshop, which helped fill the Youth Development Building with beautiful projects
- A key volunteer during 4-H Public Presentations

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Friend of 4-H Alumni: **Christine and Sam Basile**



- Volunteers for the Erie County Youth Development Program for 23 years.
- Have been project leaders for the Working Goat Program in both Erie County and New York State.
- Sam served on the Erie County Board of Directors as well as on the 4-H Program Committee. Christine was part of the 4-H Public Presentation Committee and on the Cookie and Pie Making Team for the Erie County 4-H Auctions.
- Most notably in the year, Christine served as the 4H Youth Development Building coordinator with Sam being "Mr. Fix It" on anything needed in the building.
- Their commitment continues to support and inspire current and future 4-H families.