

APRIL 2024

## WESTERN DISTRICT PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS - 2024



## *Western District Public Presentations continued*

Western District Public Presentations took place in Springville on March 23. Erie County was represented at the district level by 21 4-H members: Nathan Blair, Trevor Hammond\*, Bailey Kerins, Felipe Martinez, Evelyn Matthies, Justin Mesch, Skylar Metzger, Aubrey Nickerson, Kelly Niefergold\*, Jack Niefergold\*\*, Marea Palka\*, Charlotte Parsons, Samantha Parsons, Nadine Pobedinsky, Charlotte Saraceni, Mihla Taneja, Tessa Thorpe, Christian Valentic, Kendall Vergien, Zoe Washburn, Eve Woodcock\*. \*indicates placing in the top 10 at Western District Public Presentations

***Congratulations to our District presenters and thank you for your commitment to public presentations!***

## **Marcia Duffy Above and Beyond Award**



Jack Niefergold was awarded the “Marcia Duffy Above and Beyond Award” for his phenomenal presentation skills at the county level. This is the first year of this award, and we hope it will honor Marcia Duffy’s passion for 4-H Public Presentations. Marcia’s husband, Tom, attended Western Districts to present the award; her sister Mary Lou and her husband Randy also attended to represent Marica.

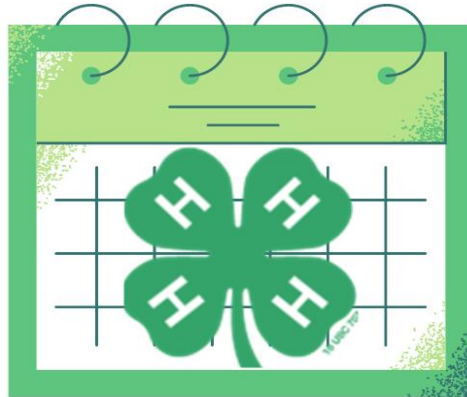
*Congratulations to the 240 Erie County 4-Hers who gave a public presentation this year! Thank you to 4-H volunteers and families for your continued support!*

## **Reminder...**

- 4-Hers can enter their presentation poster in the 4-H Youth Development Building at the Erie County Fair
  - Earn a ribbon and a premium!
  - Enter April 1-July 8, under Section ACHIEVEMENT, COMMUNICATIONS, & EXPRESSIVE ARTS, Class #2a
- 4-Hers can sign-up to give their presentation in the 4-H Youth Development Building during one of the 12 days of the Erie County Fair
  - Earn a certificate and a premium!
  - Enter April 1-July 8, under Section PUBLIC INTERACTION, Class #3



# General 4-H Calendar Snapshot for 2024



*This list is a work in progress and will be updated in each 4-H Monthly Newsletter.*

*Please contact Maddie with any questions ([mgw76@cornell.edu](mailto:mgw76@cornell.edu) or 716-652-5400 x 130)*

- ✓ April 1 – Showworks (fair registration) opens
- ✓ April 9 – Food in Community- Launch Meeting (Zoom)
- ✓ April 18 – Monthly Workshop (Simple Sewing)
- ✓ April 23 – Registration closes for Textile Revue
- ✓ April 25 – Glads for 4-Hers Meeting
- ✓ May 3 – Textile Revue
- ✓ May 10 – Flower Fundraiser Pick-Up Day
- ✓ May 15 – 4-H Alumni Meeting
- ✓ May 16 – Monthly Workshop (Pond Exploration)
- ✓ May 19-21 – Capital Days
- ✓ June 7 – Food in Community- Planting Event
- ✓ June 11 – Monthly Workshop (Window Box)
- ✓ June 25 – Monthly Workshop (Strawberry Jam)
- ✓ June 26-28 – Career Explorations
- ✓ July 8 – Fair entries due online
- ✓ July 17 – 4-H Alumni Meeting
- ✓ July 24 – Food in Community – Check-in Meeting (Zoom)
- ✓ August 3 – Project Evaluation Day at 4-H Youth Development Building
- ✓ August 4 – Set-Up Day at 4-H Youth Development Building
- ✓ August 7-18 – Erie County Fair
- ✓ August 8 – Cake Decorating Event
- ✓ August 11 – Talent and Fashion Show
- ✓ August 13 – Chef Challenge
- ✓ August 18 – STEM Challenge
- ✓ August 19 – Project Pick-Up Day at 4-H Youth Development Building
- ✓ August 20 – Youth building projects move in to NYS Fair
- ✓ August 21-September 2 – New York State Fair
- ✓ September 3 – Youth building projects move out of NYS Fair
- ✓ September 20 – Food in Community- Harvest Festival
- ✓ September 30 – Last day of 2023-24 4-H year

*April 2024*

# Come join the fun at the 2024 4-H Textile Revue!

Register using the QR code below or this link:

[https://pub.cce.cornell.edu/event\\_registration/main/events\\_landing.cfm?event=2024\\_Textile\\_Revue\\_214](https://pub.cce.cornell.edu/event_registration/main/events_landing.cfm?event=2024_Textile_Revue_214)

Email [mgw76@cornell.edu](mailto:mgw76@cornell.edu) with any questions



The poster features a yellow background with a green 4-H clover logo at the top center. To the left are three colorful flowers (green, orange, red) and to the right are three yellow diagonal lines and a red diamond. The main title 'ERIE COUNTY 4-H TEXTILE REVUE' is in large blue letters. Below it, the date and time 'Friday, May 3rd | 5:30-8:00pm | East Aurora' are in black. A green rounded rectangle contains the text 'Have you created a textile project this 4-H year that you're proud of? Come show it off at the 4-H Textile Revue!'. Below this, a paragraph describes textile projects and provides the email [mgw76@cornell.edu](mailto:mgw76@cornell.edu). A blue wavy line separates this from the red text 'FRIENDS, FOOD, AND FASHION!' and 'REGISTER NOW!'. A blue arrow points from 'REGISTER NOW!' to a QR code. A blue needle and thread graphic is on the right. At the bottom, a small text block provides contact information for accommodations.

**ERIE COUNTY 4-H  
TEXTILE REVUE**

**Friday, May 3rd | 5:30-8:00pm | East Aurora**

Have you created a textile project this 4-H year that you're proud of?  
Come show it off at the 4-H Textile Revue!

Textile projects include sewn, knit, or crocheted creations. For those who do not yet have the previously listed skills, we welcome you to enter a no-sew, tie-dye, or embellished creation. 4-Hers can enter a wearable or non-wearable item.  
Want to enter something not listed above? Email [mgw76@cornell.edu](mailto:mgw76@cornell.edu)

**FRIENDS, FOOD, AND FASHION!**

**REGISTER NOW!**



Cornell Cooperative Extension of Erie County provides equal program and employment opportunities.  
Accommodations for persons with special needs may be requested by contacting Maddie Webb at [mgw76@cornell.edu](mailto:mgw76@cornell.edu) or 716-652-5400 x 130 by April 26th, 2024.

## Scholarships and Financial & Assistance Opportunities

Please check our website([erie.cce.cornell.edu](http://erie.cce.cornell.edu)) for scholarship opportunities, we will post them as they become available.

[4-H Scholarship and Financial Assistance Opportunities Page](#)

## Did you sign up for Glads for 4-Hers?

If yes, please mark your calendar for our informational meeting and glad pick-up date

**Thursday, April 25 from 6:30-8:00pm at the Roycroft Power House**

Email [mgw76@cornell.edu](mailto:mgw76@cornell.edu) to RSVP



## Upcoming 4-H Monthly Workshops

Any Erie County 4-H member can participate in 4-H Monthly Workshops. They are a great way to meet other 4-Hers, learn a new skill, and create a fair project!

**Registration is required for all monthly workshops.**

**Please register as soon as possible to secure your spot at the workshop!**



### Pond Exploration, 5/16

- Thursday, May 16 - 5:30-7:30pm
- Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve
- All ages
- 4-Hers will get a chance to search for pond life, including insects, frogs, fish, and more!
- Registration required- email [mgw76@cornell.edu](mailto:mgw76@cornell.edu)



### Window Box (Flower Arrangement) Workshop, 6/11

- Tuesday, June 11 - 7-8:30pm
- Hamburg Fairgrounds
- All ages
- 4-Hers will arrange plants and flowers to create a beautiful container garden. This container garden can be entered in the fair. Supply list will be emailed to participants, but they should plan to bring a window box/container to plant in.
- Registration required- email [mgw76@cornell.edu](mailto:mgw76@cornell.edu)



### Strawberry Jam Workshop, 6/25

- Tuesday, June 25 - 6pm
- Elma United Methodist Church
- All ages
- Come learn how to make freezer jam! Make some jam to enjoy in June, and then another batch to enter in the fair. Supply list will be emailed to participants.
- Registration required- email [mgw76@cornell.edu](mailto:mgw76@cornell.edu)

## Registration Opens April 22 for Career Explorations!!

June 26-28, 2024 at Cornell University in Ithaca



*"4-H Career Explorations aims to expand possibilities for youth by connecting them to Cornell University; sparking interests in careers and career pathways; developing academic, leadership, and life skills; and providing opportunities to experience college life."*

This opportunity is open to Erie County 4-Hers who are entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade and up. It's a fun way to learn something new, meet other 4-Hers, and get a taste of college life!

**4-Hers can apply for Paper Clover funds to help them cover the cost of this trip (\$415/youth)**



### Helpful links:

Career Explorations website: <https://www.nys4-h.org/career-explorations-2024>

Register here\*: <https://www.nys4-h.org/career-explorations-2024#registration>

Paper Clover application: [https://cornell.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_exQWUIMdZHghz8](https://cornell.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_exQWUIMdZHghz8)

Paper Clover recommendation form: [https://cornell.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9MHjbNdKL56W8n4](https://cornell.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9MHjbNdKL56W8n4)

\*The due date for registration is May 15, however, programs may fill up, so we recommend registering as soon as possible. Email [mgw76@cornell.edu](mailto:mgw76@cornell.edu) with interest or questions.



# We need Erie County 4-Hers to put the “YOU” in YOUth and join this awesome program!

The Food in Community program is for any and all Erie County 4-H members – **Club members, Independent members, Livestock members!** We’re hoping this will be a great opportunity to connect 4-Hers across Erie County while having fun and growing (and eating) food!



On June 7 we'll be planting seeds to start growing our food in 2 (maybe 3!) locations. The 2 confirmed locations are in Buffalo and North Collins. Come join the fun and get some seeds to keep and grow at home!

This program will culminate with a harvest festival and celebration at Chestnut Ridge Park on September 20. There will be activities and food!

Interested in joining the fun? Register for June 7 here:

[https://pub.cce.cornell.edu/event\\_registration/main/events\\_landing.cfm?event=foodincommunity-06072024\\_214](https://pub.cce.cornell.edu/event_registration/main/events_landing.cfm?event=foodincommunity-06072024_214)

Email [mgw76@cornell.edu](mailto:mgw76@cornell.edu) with any questions or interest in the program.



## **WE ARE RECRUITING FOR THE 4-H PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE!**

Why join? Joining the 4-H Program Advisory Committee can be a meaningful and enriching experience, offering opportunities for leadership development, community involvement, personal growth, and making a positive impact on youth and agriculture.

Being part of the committee offers several benefits, including:

**Leadership Development:** Serving on the 4-H Program Advisory Committee provides opportunities to develop leadership skills. Committee members often take on responsibilities such as decision-making, planning events, and representing 4-H in the community, which can help build confidence and organizational abilities.

**Networking:** Being a part of the committee allows you the opportunity to connect with a diverse community that shares an interest in youth development, agriculture, and related fields. Networking can lead to new friendships, collaborations, and professional opportunities.

**Community Involvement:** Serving on the committee allows individuals to make a positive impact in their communities by supporting youth development programs.

**Personal Growth:** Being involved in committee activities provides opportunities for personal growth and development. Committee members may gain new skills, learn about different perspectives, and challenge themselves to take on new responsibilities.

**Advocacy:** Committee members have the opportunity to advocate for the interests of 4-H youth and the agricultural community. They can help raise awareness about the importance of youth development programs, advocate for funding and resources, and promote the value of agriculture and all communities.

**Impact on Youth:** By serving on the 4-H Program Advisory Committee, individuals have the chance to directly impact the lives of young people. Committee members contribute to the development and implementation of programs that help youth build life skills, develop confidence, and become involved with their community.

**Personal Satisfaction:** Many individuals find serving on the committee to be personally rewarding. Knowing that they are making a difference in the lives of youth and contributing to the betterment of their communities.

**We are looking for adult AND youth members to join. If interested, please complete the application, which can be found on our website at this link: <https://erie.cce.cornell.edu/resources/4-h-2022-program-committee-application>**





## Attention 4-Hers!

You can start submitting online fair entries here: <https://ecfaircce.fairwire.com/>

**This is for both animal and youth development projects.**

Please review the fair book pages before entering your project online, to make sure you are following all of the guidelines and entering it in the correct category...

Youth Development Fair Book: <https://www.ecfair.org/p/competitions/4-h-youth-development>

Livestock Fair Book: <https://www.ecfair.org/p/competitions/4h--ffa>

PLEASE BE SURE YOU ARE SELECTING the 4-H/FFA Tab – you will **not be required to pay anything** to enter a 4-H or FFA Project.

Questions about what category to submit in?

Contact [mgw76@cornell.edu](mailto:mgw76@cornell.edu) with Youth Development questions

Contact [tlk6@cornell.edu](mailto:tlk6@cornell.edu) with Animal/Livestock questions

**Online entries close on Monday, July 8, 2024!**

## **This Years' Erie County Fair Theme - Carnival Fun**

### **We have a wish list of supplies to help decorate the 4-H Building**

1 Gallon of Bright Red Paint

1 Gallon Black Paint

Large Balloons Multiple Colors

Cans of Spray Foam

Quilt Batting Material

Paper Lanterns

LED Rope Lights (Plug In, Battery, & Solar)

Plastic Tablecloths/ Rolls (Red, Blue, Green, & Orange)

Exercise Balls Various Sizes

Rolls of Double Sided Tape

Carnival Themed Items You May Have on Hand

If you would like to donate supplies, please contact Maddie ([mgw76@cornell.edu](mailto:mgw76@cornell.edu) or 716-652-5400 x130)

## Looking for people who would like to work in the Youth Development Building at the Erie County Fair!

- This is a paid position that takes place between August 7 – 18
- Applicants must have High School Diploma or equivalent
- It's encouraged that applicants have knowledge of Erie County 4-H
- Shifts are 11:00am-4:30pm and 4:30-10:00pm (potential for flexibility if needed)
- Job responsibilities include: answering questions of fairgoers in the YDB, checking to make sure projects are displayed neatly, watering plants, helping with activities, and keeping the YDB clean.

Interested?? Email [mgw76@cornell.edu](mailto:mgw76@cornell.edu) for more information.



SAVE THE DATES FOR ...

# 4-H FAIR EVENTS 2024

**AUG 8** Cake Decorating Event

**AUG 11** Talent & Fashion Show

**AUG 13** Chef Challenge

**AUG 18** STEM Challenge

**YOUTH DEVELOPMENT BUILDING AT THE ERIE COUNTY FAIR**

The poster features a green four-leaf clover logo with '4-H' on each leaf and 'W.U.S.C. 1917' at the bottom. The background is a gradient of blue and teal. On the right, there is a white line-art illustration of a fair scene with a hot air balloon, a Ferris wheel, and a carousel.



*Save the Date*

**2024**

**ERIE COUNTY**



**4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK  
AUCTIONS**

**Rabbit, Chicken & Turkey**

Saturday, August 10 @ 6:00 p.m.

**Hog, Lamb, Goat & Beef**

Saturday, August 17 @ 11:30 a.m.

**Showplex at the Erie County Fair**



**New York State Fair: August 21 – September 2, 2024**

**Volunteers needed!**

- August 20 and/or September 3 – Maddie is looking for help driving 4-H youth building projects to and from the State Fair in Syracuse. If you are interested in helping with this, please email [mgw76@cornell.edu](mailto:mgw76@cornell.edu)
- August 24 – August 27 – This is the Erie County rotation at the NYS Fair booth. Erie County 4-H volunteers and members are welcome to represent Erie County 4-H at the booth in the youth building at State Fair. You can sit at the booth for as little or as long as you'd like. Please email [mgw76@cornell.edu](mailto:mgw76@cornell.edu) with interest or for more information.





# Cookie Making 101

In continuation of our county 4-H fundraising project, we will again be selling cookies made by members during the Erie County Fair Livestock Market Auctions to benefit the 4-H program.

*Do you want to learn how to make a pie? Perhaps brush up on pie making skills? Want to exhibit a fresh pie at the fair? Join us as we learn together!*

This program will be a 3 step opportunity:



**Step 1—Attend an educational workshop on June 8** from 10:00 am to 12 noon presented by Christine Basile at the Marilla Methodist Church, Two Rod Road, Marilla. You will learn about the science to making the perfect cookie along with learning about different leavening agents. Participants will leave with a fresh plate of cookies too.



**Step 2—Participate in the actual cookie making.** You will make a batch of cookies for the auction. We will be making pies in July at Daily's in East Aurora.



**Step 3 – Sell your plate of cookies** at the Erie County Fair, 4-H Market Auction on Saturday, August 10 or 17, 2024 with the proceeds to benefit the 4-H program.

*Please note: 1 parent/adult must accompany youth during both sessions.*

Register now at  
[https://pub.cce.cornell.edu/event\\_registration/main/events\\_landing.cfm?event=chocchipcookies2024-2-2-2\\_214](https://pub.cce.cornell.edu/event_registration/main/events_landing.cfm?event=chocchipcookies2024-2-2-2_214)

Registration is limited to 10 current registered 4-H members.  
Questions? Call the 4-H office at 716-652-5400 ext .132



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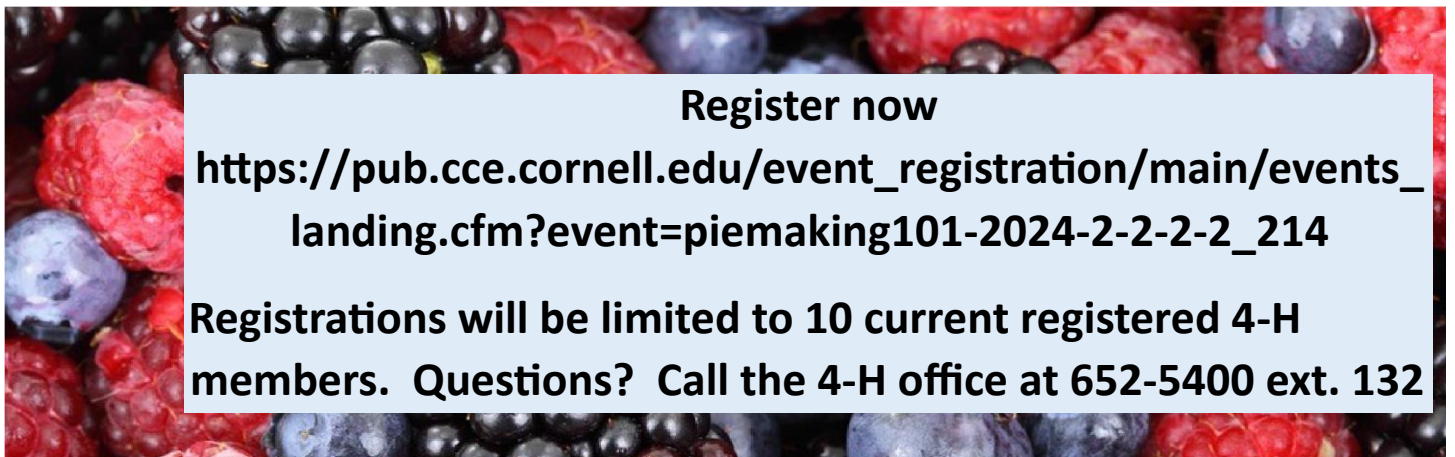


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**Step 3 – Sell your pie** at the Erie County Fair 4-H Market Auction on Saturday, August 10 or 17, 2024 during the market auction with the proceeds to benefit the 4-H program.

*Please note: 1 parent/adult must accompany youth during both sessions*



**Register now**

**[https://pub.cce.cornell.edu/event\\_registration/main/events\\_landing.cfm?event=piemaking101-2024-2-2-2-2\\_214](https://pub.cce.cornell.edu/event_registration/main/events_landing.cfm?event=piemaking101-2024-2-2-2-2_214)**

**Registrations will be limited to 10 current registered 4-H members. Questions? Call the 4-H office at 652-5400 ext. 132**





## LIVESTOCK NOTES - April 2024

The 4-H/FFA Livestock Auction Roundup Dinner is here – Wednesday, April 17. We have 265 people that are planning to attend. You all did a wonderful job inviting potential bidders to attend and things are shaping up nicely. Reservations are closed as the order has been placed with the caterer.

Please be sure to sign up to donate something for either pre-dinner snacks, or desserts – donations will assist in keeping our expenses down. **Link to donate items for the dinner:**

<https://www.PerfectPotluck.com/TNUX2490>

A couple of reminders:

- If you have not sent Tammi pictures of you with an animal project or candid pictures, in an email for the power point, PLEASE DO ASAP. I will not add any after Monday, April 15.
- If you registered for a donation of food, please be sure to get it to the drop off location on the dates specified.
  - The 4-H office on Wednesday, April 17 between 8:30-11 a.m.
  - The Grange Building on Wednesday, April 17 between 12-2 pm.
  - The Gabels, 5095 Kaiser Rd, Lawtons, NY 14091 - Sunday, April 14 to Tuesday, April 16 between the hours of 5-8 pm
- **ALL exhibitors** should be dressed in show-ring attire for the dinner.
- **If you signed up to make a pie or cookies or donate a basket for the fun auction – please drop it at the locations listed above.**
- All 4-H/FFA participants are asked to assist with clean up at the end of the dinner.
- If anyone would like to help with setting up, please let Tammi know. We will be at the Grange beginning at 12 noon on Wednesday, April 17 – any help will be appreciated and if you help with the set up you do not have to help with cleanup.
- Keep an eye on your email for updates as they happen.

### Livestock Calendar Snapshot

contact Tammi with questions [tlk6@cornell.edu](mailto:tlk6@cornell.edu)

\* Represents an addition

- April 13 – State Horse Bowl, Cornell
- **April 17 – Bidder Dinner – 4-H/FFA Livestock Roundup**
- \*April 20 – Western District Livestock Skillathon
- \*April 22 – Turkeys ship to NY
- \*April 23 – Pick up turkeys when notified, have brooder ready.
  - \*April 23 – Fair Health Regulations zoom 7 pm
- April 27 – Regional Hippology
- \*State Dairy Bowl, Cornell
- \*May 1 – Public Presentation make-up date #1
- \*May 3 – Swine, Meat Goat and Lamb registration paperwork due in 4-H office by 4:30pm
  - May 4 – Animal Crackers, Cornell
  - \*May 7 – Public Presentation make-up date #2
  - \*May 10 – Plant delivery/pick up at Bippert’s
  - \*May 11 – Poultry Processing workshop HLW Acres
  - \*May 13 – Rabbit Meeting, Powerhouse 6-7 pm
  - \*May 14 – Poultry Meeting, Powerhouse 7 pm
  - May 18 – State Horse Communications, Cornell
  - \*May 18 – Pie Making Workshop
  - \*May 19-20 – NYS 4-H Capital Days, Albany
  - \*June 3 – Beef Show Halter video due.
  - \*June 7 – Food and Community Garden, planting
  - \*June 8 – Cookie Making Workshop
  - \*June 10 – Market Chickens ship to NY
  - \*June 11 – Market Chicken pick up at 4-H office
  - \*June 14 – Dairy Lease Paperwork due to 4-H office
  - \*June 18 – Poultry Meeting, Powerhouse 7 pm, Herman Weber, speaker
    - \*June 24 – Rabbit Meeting, 6-7 pm, Powerhouse
  - June 27 – Goat Fitting and Showing, Alexander
  - \*July 1 – Livestock Interview session #1
  - July 8 – Erie County Fair Entries close
  - \*July 9 – Livestock Interview session #2
  - \*July 18 – Livestock Interview session #3
  - \*July 24 – Food & Community Meeting – zoom
  - \*July 28 – Market Poultry Show, Blairs, 4 pm
  - \*July 28 – Market Poultry processing
  - \*July 31 – Livestock Interview session #4



**\$\$\$ Do you need some extra funds to help you with your market livestock project?** The 4-H Alumni Association offers scholarships to assist market animal exhibitors. Your repayment is 8 hours of community service in the 4-H Café' – a really nice opportunity. Visit this link for more information. <https://erie.cce.cornell.edu/resources/4-h-2024-alumni-large-animal-scholarship> Applications are due by April 30, 2024 in the 4-H office (the date was extended a couple weeks).

**Livestock Skillathon Anyone?** You are invited to assess your knowledge of the beef, sheep, swine and meat goat industries. Try it – earn a meeting credit for each species you are showing.



**WESTERN DISTRICT  
LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON**

Come challenge yourself on your knowledge of beef, sheep, swine and meat goats and their industry. This is our first district skillathon and our goal is to provide you with a fun, educational and challenging day. Meet new people from other counties. Prepare for the NYS Skillathon at the NYS Fair in August and perhaps earn a spot in the NYS Skillathon team and go to the NAILE in Louisville, KY

Open to enrolled 4-H youth in Niagara, Orleans, Erie, Wyoming, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus and Allegany counties

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024**  
**REGISTRATION AT 9:30 AM**  
**CONTEST AT 10:00 AM**  
Registration closes April 15

**GRANGE BUILDING  
ERIE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS  
5600 MCKINLEY PKWY  
HAMBURG, NY 14075**

<https://tinyurl.com/332k8nzd>

To Register: <https://tinyurl.com/332k8nzd> - those that participate earn a meeting credit for each species you are showing – an easy way to rack up project points and possibly an opportunity to go to the NYS contest at the NYS Fair and maybe even qualify for the state team and travel to Louisville – give it a try.

**4-H Dorms:** Anyone interested? - we are still looking for a male and female chaperone to provide a safe place for our 4-H members who need to stay at the fair. We would love to be able to offer the 4-H dorms to our members for the 2024 fair, however we need male and female chaperones. If you are 21 and older and interested in chaperoning our 4-H members during the fair, please contact Tammi Kron ([tlk6@cornell.edu](mailto:tlk6@cornell.edu)) as soon as possible. The Beats are willing to help our new chaperones learn the ropes to provide a safe place for our members to stay during the fair.

**2024 Erie County Fair Schedule and Fair Book:** Online entries are now being accepted for your projects. Please visit <https://www.ecfair.org/p/competitions/4h--ffa> Entries are due by Monday, July 8, the link will expire at 11:59 p.m. Please be sure to do your entries.

**Beef:** Did you attend the Preview show at the Erie County Fairgrounds the first weekend of April? If you entered and showed, you will receive a beef meeting credit – I hope you learned at least one new thing. If you chose to go to watch, listen and learn, submit a short report, and receive a beef meeting credit. (Note: reports are due by Monday, April 15)



Do not forget to submit proof that you can control your steer on the rope and show halter. Paperwork with a beef committee member signature or a video are due by Monday, June 3 for both steers and heifers.

#### **Swine:**

We will be scheduling a meeting to cover showmanship, fitting and fair preparation of your market hogs towards the end of June. If you are interested in hosting the meeting, please let Tammi know so we can pick a date.

**Hog Registration** paperwork is due to the 4-H office by May 3, 2024. You are required to submit the registration paperwork along with 3 photos of each pig, showing the front and side views along with a close-up picture of the ear tag so we can read the numbers. All pictures **MUST** be in a word document – **DO NOT SEND INDIVIDUAL** pictures. If you choose to email the registration and pictures, it **MUST BE IN ONE (1) DOCUMENT**. If you need help, please call. Paperwork received incorrectly by email will be returned to you to fix. Thanks for your attention in sending it properly the first time. I will be emailing the paperwork, after the bidder dinner, in case you misplaced your packet.

### **Sheep:**

We would like to schedule a meeting for the sheep exhibitors that will focus on fitting and showmanship along with fair preparation. If you are interested in hosting this meeting, please contact Tammi as soon as possible so we can pick a date.

**Market Lamb and Breeding Sheep paperwork** is due to the 4-H office by May 3, 2024. I will be emailing the forms, after the bidder dinner, to sheep participants in the event you misplaced your packet.

### **Poultry:**

Market turkeys are scheduled to ship on April 22, 2024. Please watch for a text message on Tuesday, April 23 (I hope) regarding what time to come to the 4-H office to pick the chicks up. Have your brooder ready and bring something with a non-slip bottom to transport your birds home in.

Our next poultry meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 14 at 7 p.m. (Note there will be **no** April meeting) with our last meeting of the year to take place on Tuesday, June 18 with Herman Weber as our guest speaker talking about proper handling of your market birds to prevent bruising.

The **market poultry** show is scheduled for Sunday, July 28 at 4 p.m. at the Blair Farm. Mark your calendar to participate to be eligible to sell at the fair.

**Poultry Processing Workshop:** Have you ever wanted to learn about processing poultry? HLW Acres will be offering a hands-on workshop on Saturday, May 11, 2024. Mr. Weber will teach you everything you need to know about processing poultry. If you want to attend, please contact Tammi Kron to get registered. The workshop is free and includes lunch.

**Pullorum Testing:** Are you planning to show poultry at the fair? If so, your birds need to be pullorum tested. NYS Ag and Markets will be at CCE – Erie on Monday, June 24 from 4-6 pm conducting the free test. All chickens over 4 months of age along with other birds (except waterfowl) need to be tested. Contact Tammi at [tlk6@cornell.edu](mailto:tlk6@cornell.edu) to register.

**Llama/Alpaca:** Things are pretty quiet in the llama/alpaca program right now; we will schedule a meeting in June focusing on showmanship along with a pasture walk. Details will be shared in the May newsletter.

### **Dairy, Working and Meat Goat:**

Market Goat, Working Goat and Dairy Goat paperwork is due to the 4-H office by May 3, 2024. I will be emailing the forms to goat participants, after the bidder dinner, in the event you misplaced your packet.

**Goat Bowl** – Unfortunately, it has been decided to cancel the Goat Bowl contest this year due to lack of participation from other programs in our district. The UGA club is busy beginning the planning for 2025. We plan to incorporate our Goat Knowledge contest into our meeting that will be held on Thursday, June 27, it may look more like a skillathon this year, wait to see.

**Goat Fitting & Showing:** Mark your calendar for our Goat Fitting & Showing meeting for Thursday, June 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the farm of A. Hayne/C. Saraceni in Alexander. We will be discussing all 3 goat programs and get you prepared for a successful day in the showing. Stay tuned for more details as we get closer to June.

**Dairy Cattle:** Dairy Cattle lease paperwork is due to the 4-H office by Friday, June 14.

**Dairy Challenge and Showmanship:** I am planning to do a dairy showmanship meeting along with a dairy challenge. It looks like July will be the best time for this to happen. I will secure a location and share the information in the next news.

**Dog Program:** Our dog clubs are out and about doing wonderful things. Youth are attending trials and observing agility, clubs are doing community service and the fun activities at meetings continue. 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](mailto:tlk6@cornell.edu)

#### **Horse Program:**

**Regional Hippology:** If you are interested in participating in Regional Hippology be sure to let Tammi know soon so you get registered. The contest will be held on Saturday, April 27 with registration at 9:30 am and the contest at 10 a.m. If you have NOT participated in an educational event, contact Tammi to participate in the regional contest – you will not be able to qualify for the state contest, but will fulfil our educational requirement.

**Horse Communications:** Congratulations to all our Regional Horse Communication presenters.

Senior Individuals: 1<sup>st</sup> - Eryka Skuse, 6<sup>th</sup> Nora Mullins

Junior individuals: 3<sup>rd</sup> - Pharyn Bentley

Senior Team: 1<sup>st</sup> - Charlotte & Samantha Parsons

**State Horse Bowl:** Congratulations to our members who will be participating in the NYS Horse Bowl contest on Saturday, April 13 at Cornell:

**Seniors:** Samantha Parsons, Charlotte Parsons, Lucas Leitzan, Emma McJury, Madeline Ploetz

**Juniors:** Madeline Niewczyk, Marley Ogilvie, Michaela Leitzan, Tessa Niewczyk, Morgan Landsman, Claire Tartick

Best of luck to them all!

**Training Show at Stagecoach:** Mark your calendar for our Training Show event that will be held on Saturday, June 1, 2024. This event raises funds for your yearend awards celebration from the entry fees. Participation helps you learn skills from a professional and allows you time in the ring with your horse. Watch your email for registration information.

Horse Specific dates to add to your calendar:

\* = Addition

April 13 – State Horse Bowl – Cornell

\*April 19 – Regional Hippology registration closes

April 21 – Registration for Riding Clinics due to Jenn Barber

April 27 – Regional Hippology – St. Paul's Lutheran, West Falls

April 28 – Riding Clinic & Evaluations #1 - Blakestone

\*May 1 – Public Presentation makeup date #1

May 4 – Riding Clinic & Evaluations #2 – Blakestone

\*May 7 – Public Presentation makeup date #2

May 11 – Back up evaluation date at Stagecoach

May 25 – Back up evaluation date at Stagecoach

May 18 – State Horse Communications – Cornell

June 1 – Training Show at Stagecoach

June 15 – Sardinia Saddlers Horse Show at Blakestone Stables

June 17 – Mandatory Fair meeting

June 29 – Tri Color Equestrians Horse Show at Stagecoach

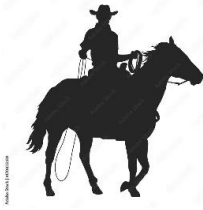
July 8 – Fair entries due online

July 13 – Wild Wind Riders Horse Show at Stagecoach

July 27 – Hillside Riders Horse Show at Stagecoach



NOTE: This is not only for evaluations – the hope is that you will come for the lesson and get your evaluation done at the same time. We have wonderful mentors giving the lessons – do not miss the opportunity to gain experience from a professional.



## 2024 ERIE COUNTY 4-H EVALUATION & RIDING CLINIC

Sunday, April 28, 2024 and Saturday May 4, 2024

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Blakestone Stables 12260 Savage Rd. Sardinia, NY 14134

\$5 registration fee (per day) – Lunch will be available

The Erie County 4-H Evaluation & Riding Clinic is a special opportunity and event hosted by our good friends the Sardinia Saddlers. At this event all Erie County 4-Hers can bring their horses, get a lesson from an area professional and receive their 2024 4-H Riding Evaluation. Professionals include: Connie Logan, Larry Thurber, Brittney Handley, and Amy Bessy.

How do you know if you need an evaluation?

1. Any 4-Her who plans to show this summer at the Saturday shows and/or the Erie County Fair, that has not been evaluated previously, needs to be evaluated before they enter the show ring.
2. 4-Hers who are joining 4-H for the first time as Cloverbuds or Walk-trotters need to be evaluated.
3. If a Walk-trot or a Novice Rider has ridden in either of those divisions for two years, they need to be evaluated to move up to the next level.
4. If a Walk-trot or Novice rider won a performance Championship at Year End Awards the year before, they need to be evaluated to move up to the next level.
5. If a 4-Her, of any level, is riding a new horse this year, they need to be evaluated.

So, if you fall into one of these categories – now is a great time to get evaluated. In addition, you can receive a free riding lesson from an excellent area professional ! Blakestone Stables has great facilities for this activity and they are planning a terrific event for you!! Register today – spaces are limited.

To register you may do one of the following:

- Email Jennifer Barber at [blakestonerider1@aol.com](mailto:blakestonerider1@aol.com)
- Call Jennifer Barber at 716-698-7083

When registering Jennifer Barber will give you a time slot along with directions for your arrival.

*It is important to note that parking at the facility in April/May will be limited. Please remember that Blakestone Stables values their lawns and hay fields (stay off of them). You will be told where to park your trailers and vehicles and we ask you follow what is asked.*

NYS 4-H Animal Science Presents

# ANIMAL CRACKERS

BEEF, SWINE, DOG, HORSE

**2024**

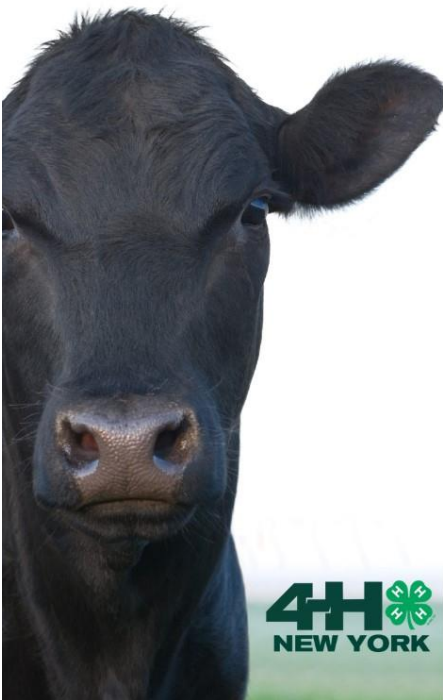


## REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

CONTACT YOUR LOCAL 4-H  
EDUCATOR TO REGISTER.

**\$25/YOUTH**  
**\$15/ADULT**

LUNCH PROVIDED.  
T-SHIRTS PROVIDED TO YOUTH.  
ADULTS CAN PURCHASE SHIRTS AT THE  
DOOR FOR \$10.



## MAY 4TH

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