

**March 2024**

**Congratulations to all Erie County 4-H youth that gave a public presentation this year! This year, 240 youth in Erie County gave a public presentation- wow!**

*Thank you to all the 4-Hers, families, and volunteers who make this program possible.*



## **In case you didn't know...**

- 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



Join us for a...

## 4-H LEADER AND VOLUNTEER MIXER

March 12 at 6pm at the Roycroft Power House

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

We've heard from club leaders that they want to know who are our "experts" in 4-H. For example, who can teach their club about photography? Sewing? Bees? Woodworking? Who has a farm that their club can visit? We hope this event will serve to better connect YOU, our 4-H leaders and volunteers, with each other so that you can make these connections directly. Register by emailing [mgw76@cornell.edu](mailto:mgw76@cornell.edu) or completing the form here:

[https://pub.cce.cornell.edu/event\\_registration/main/events\\_landing.cfm?event=LeaderVolunteerMixer\\_214](https://pub.cce.cornell.edu/event_registration/main/events_landing.cfm?event=LeaderVolunteerMixer_214)



# Simple Sewing Workshop

**Who:** 4-Hers with sewing experience, ages 10+

**When:** Thursday, April 18 at 6:30pm

**Where:** Marilla United Methodist Church

**What:** 4-Hers will be sewing a set of pillow cases

Email [mgw76@cornell.edu](mailto:mgw76@cornell.edu) to register by **April 1**



# 4-H Textile Revue

Friday, May 3rd  
from 5:30-8pm  
Roycroft Power House



Participants will bring a textile item that they've created (sewn, knit, crocheted, etc.) to be evaluated by volunteers. The night will end with a fashion show!



## SHAKER STOOL WORKSHOP

2 PART SERIES

THURSDAY, MAY 23

AND THURSDAY, MAY 30

6:00 PM AT THE POWERHOUSE, 39 S. GROVE ST, EAST AURORA

*for those who have not yet participated*

Our Shaker Stool workshops will teach about woodworking and weaving with participants ending up with a beautiful stool.

The cost is \$20.00 to cover supplies payable at the first workshop.

We do have to limit the opportunity to 10 participants.

**Register** today by emailing Tammi at [tlk6@cornell.edu](mailto:tlk6@cornell.edu) registration closes Monday, April 29. Attendance at both workshops is required.



# Upcoming 4-H Monthly Workshops

Any Erie County 4-H member can participate in 4-H Monthly Workshops.

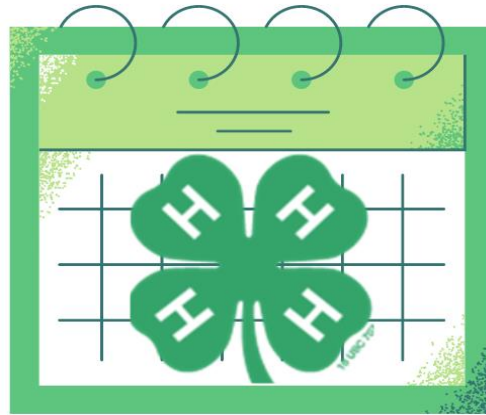
They are a great way to meet other 4-Hers, learn a new skill, and create a fair project!

*Registration is required for all monthly workshops.*

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

- **Nature Hike, 4/2**
  - Tuesday, April 2
  - 12-1:30pm
  - Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve
  - All ages
  - 4-Hers will learn about nature while hanging out with friends during this spring hike.
  - Registration required- email [mgw76@cornell.edu](mailto:mgw76@cornell.edu)
- **Simple Sewing Workshop, 4/18**
  - Thursday, April 18
  - 6:30pm
  - Marilla United Methodist Church
  - Ages 10+
  - Some sewing experience encouraged
  - 4-Hers will create a set of pillowcases that can be entered in the fair and/or at the 4-H Textile Revue! Supply list will be emailed to participants.
  - Registration required- email [mgw76@cornell.edu](mailto:mgw76@cornell.edu)
- **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 Workshop, 6/11**
  - Tuesday, June 11
  - 7-8:30pm
  - Hamburg Fairgrounds
  - All ages
  - 4-Hers will arrange plants and flowers to create a beautiful window box. This window box can be entered in the fair. Supply list will be emailed to participants
  - 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)

# 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 ([mqw76@cornell.edu](mailto:mqw76@cornell.edu) or 716-652-5400 x 130)*

- ✓ March 12 – 4-H Leader and Volunteer Mixer
- ✓ March 16 – Monthly Workshop (Beginner Sewing part 1)
- ✓ March 20 – 4-H Alumni Meeting
- ✓ March 23 – District Public Presentation Day
- ✓ April 1 – Showworks (fair registration) opens
- ✓ April 2 – Monthly Workshop (Nature Hike)
- ✓ April 8 – 4-H hosting activities for families at Knox Farm (EAclipse)
- ✓ April 9 – Food in Community- Launch Meeting (Zoom)
- ✓ April 13 – Monthly Workshop (Beginner Sewing part 2)
- ✓ April 18 – Monthly Workshop (Simple Sewing)
- ✓ 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 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 21-September 2 – New York State Fair
- ✓ September 20 – Food in Community- Harvest Festival
- ✓ September 30 – Last day of 2023-24 4-H year

*March 2023*

## 4-H Officer Training 2024

Current and aspiring 4-H club officers attended a training in January, put on by the 4-H Office and Kathy Rose, leader of the Erie County Crafters 4-H club. We had representatives from 4 Erie County 4-H clubs: Erie County Crafters, OP Voyagers, Marilla Lads and Lassies, and Alden Ambitious Artisans. Participants learned all about officer positions and duties, how to run a meeting, and the parliamentary process. We made a delicious snack, had pizza, and got to hang out with other 4-Hers!

**Thank you to everyone who came, and thank you to Kathy Rose for providing this experience!**



## 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





The 2024 Erie County Fair Book is now available, for both [4-H Livestock](#) and [4-H Youth Development](#)!

You can find the books on the [Erie County Fair website](#) under the "Competitions" tab. Looking at the books now will give you an idea of what projects you would like to enter at the fair this summer.

\*The links for ShoWorks (how you enter projects) will not be live until April 1



## This Years' 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)



# **Erie County 4-H**

## ***Spring Hanging Basket & Geranium Flat Fundraiser for Clubs & Individual Members***

**March 1 -31, 2024**

- ◆ Proceeds from the Spring Hanging Basket and Geranium Flat fundraiser will go directly to clubs or individual members to support 4-H club activities & projects.
- ◆ 4-H participants will be selling 10” hanging baskets and flats of geraniums.
- ◆ **Tally Order forms and payment** (made out to CCE of Erie County) must be received in the 4-H Office no later than **April 5, 2024**.
- ◆ Members that belong to a club must order through their club leader.
- ◆ Members that are not affiliated with a club may also participate on their own.
- ◆ Pick-up by Clubs & Members will be Friday, May 10 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. in the Riding Arena at Bippert's Farm, 5240 Clinton Street, Elma, NY 14059

This fundraiser is a great way to earn funds to support your club projects or to assist with a live-stock project. Profit information will be coming with all the paperwork.

Watch your email box for all the information. If you are interested in helping on the day of delivery, we will gladly accept volunteers to help with the unloading, sorting and loading of the plants.

**Hanging Baskets are locally grown by Zittel's**

**Perfect for Mother's Day!**



Please contact the 4-H office with questions—(716)652-5400 ext. 132 or email [erie4H@cornell.edu](mailto:erie4H@cornell.edu)





## LIVESTOCK NOTES - March 2024

It has been wonderful to see most of you all through your participation in our Marketing Workshop sessions. Our last was held on Wednesday, March 6 at the Ag Discovery Center with over 30 volunteers present to listen to members' 2-minute sales pitches. Now that the workshops are over it is time to practice what you have learned and implement your marketing strategy.

**Next Steps:** Invite Bidders! Members who participated in Marketing Workshop #2 received 2 bidder invitations for the dinner. Now is the time that you should begin interacting with 2 bidders to invite to the dinner. Don't wait too long – the RSVP and payment is due by Friday, March 29, 2024. Your bidder may purchase 1 extra ticket for \$15.00 if they would like to bring a guest. **Do you need invitations? Contact me ASAP so we can get them to you.**

**Bidder Forms:** Be sure to send in your bidder form (2 per member) these are to be filled out by the person you gave the invitation to. We will use the information to seat you with the person you invited. They are due by April 5 or sooner if you have them completed.

**PICTURES WANTED:** We are doing a slide show for the **4-H/FFA Livestock Auction Roundup Dinner!** Please email Tammi a couple pictures of the 4-H member with a livestock project. They can be from previous years; we would like to have each member represented. They can be pre-fair, fair, shows, candid – we want YOU to be represented and to show all your hard work. **Email photos to [tlk6@cornell.edu](mailto:tlk6@cornell.edu) no later than April 2 to be included.**

**Member and Family Dinner RSVP:** Families, please remember to RSVP for those attending the dinner by Friday, March 15. Payment for parent dinners is due to the office by Friday, March 29, 2024. You may pay online through PayPal, or mail a check or drop off payment to the 4-H office M-F 8:30-4:30p.m.

**Family link to register:**

[https://pub.cce.cornell.edu/event\\_registration/main/events\\_landing.cfm?event=4HFFAFamilyRSVP\\_214](https://pub.cce.cornell.edu/event_registration/main/events_landing.cfm?event=4HFFAFamilyRSVP_214)

**Link to donate items for the dinner:** <https://www.PerfectPotluck.com/TNUX2490>

**Snapshots of the interviews from the last marketing meeting.....**



### Livestock Calendar Snapshot

contact Tammi with questions

[tlk6@cornell.edu](mailto:tlk6@cornell.edu)

\* Represents an addition

- March 9 – Regional Horse Bowl
- March 9 – March Dog Madness – Cornell
- March 11 – Sheep Orientation 6:30 pm

Powerhouse

- March 15 - Bidder Dinner RSVP due for 4-H participants

- \*March 19 – Poultry Meeting
- March 23 – District Public Presentations
- March 18-22 – Ag Literacy Week
- March 23 – District Public Presentations
- March 29 – Bidder RSVP closes online
- April 5 – Bidder forms due to 4-H office
- April 6 – Regional Horse Communications
- April 13 – State Horse Bowl, Cornell
- April 14 – Western District Goat Bowl
- **April 17 – Bidder Dinner – 4-H/FFA Livestock**

**Roundup**

- April 27 – Regional Hippology
- May 4 – Animal Crackers, Cornell
- May 18 – State Horse Communications, Cornell
- \*June 3 – Beef Show Halter video due.
- June 27 – Goat Fitting and Showing, Alexander
- July 8 – Erie County Fair Entries close

**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.

**Public Presentations:** WOW is about all I can say! I am so proud of all our livestock members for the quality presentations you did this year. Keep up the good work! Don't forget you can exhibit your poster at the fair as an entry and you could also do your public presentation in the YDB and receive a premium – give it a try, you did the work, get some more miles out of your presentation.

**Public Presentation Make Up Dates:** Livestock members that missed the public presentation events in February are invited to participate in the make up dates to fulfill the requirement to show and sell at the fair. I will be holding make up dates on Wednesday, May 1 and Tuesday, May 7, 2024. They will be held at the 4-H office in the evening. If **YOU** need to do a presentation **YOU** must contact me to schedule your appointment. You can either email me at [tlk6@cornell.edu](mailto:tlk6@cornell.edu) or call 716-652-5400 ext. 132

**2024 Erie County Fair Schedule and Fair Book:** Be sure to check out the livestock sections of the 2024 Erie County Fair book that have been posted to the fair website. Check out the sections under competitions. Be sure to read all the rules and regulations so you are prepared for the fair. If you would like to see the livestock schedule you can see that in the same tab. Be sure to check the date in the lower right corner to be sure you are looking at the most up-to-date schedule as we have moved a couple of things around.

**Market participants in the Beef, Sheep, Swine, Poultry, Rabbit, and Goat programs:** Please be sure to read important meeting information at the beginning of the livestock notes and RSVP to participate in the Livestock Roundup Dinner. Those members that attended all 3 Marketing workshops will only have to participate in 1 species specific meeting (for each species), public presentation, and the livestock interview to be eligible to show and sell. We encourage you to participate in more learning opportunities, but we also value the time you spent adding tools to your toolbox to secure bidders. Members that did not attend all 3 marketing workshops are required to participate in 2 species specific meetings along with a public presentation and the livestock interview.

**Beef:** Thank you to the beef members who either submitted a video of you walking your steer on a rope halter or submitted a signed form. If you did not do either, you will be hearing from me shortly. Remember, your show halter and show stick video or form is due to the office by Monday, June 3. Keep working with your calves on the halter and by August, they will follow you and do what ever you ask of them.

**Swine:** Swine Orientation was held on Monday, March 4, 2024, we reviewed the program along with feeds, cuts and equipment. Thank you to Mr. Hayes for speaking to our members about what to do with your pigs when you get them home to get off to a good start for a successful project. Remember, your hogs are most likely coming out of a barn that was heated, keep them warm by providing a heat source or extra bedding. Pay attention to the temperature when you are bringing them home – keep them warm.

**Sheep:** Sheep Orientation will be held on Monday, March 11, 2024, at 6:30 pm at the Powerhouse, 39 S. Grove Street, East Aurora. We will be reviewing the program and doing a hands-on activity.

**Sheep and Meat Goat members:** Saratoga County is hosting a Champion Choice Camp on Sunday, May 19th in the Ballston Spa area. This camp is a Nationally recognized camp that focuses on taking kids to the next level in the show ring and in preparing their animals for show. Youth bring their own animals and learn everything from teaching the brace, showmanship techniques in the ring, desensitizing their animals, nutrition and fitting of their animal. The camp is for youth interested in Meat Goats and Sheep. Each youth should bring their own animal with them. Registration space is limited. Cost is \$150.00 per species, register at <https://www.championschoicecamps.com/> If you participate and submit a report, you will earn a meeting credit. I have heard wonderful reviews about this program.

**Poultry:** We held our first poultry meeting on Tuesday, February 20. We collected the market chicken and turkey orders. It was decided to again do the community service project of 2 chickens and 1 turkey per member to support FeedMore WNY. Our next poultry meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 19 at 7 p.m. (Note there will be no April meeting)

**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.

**Dairy, Working and Meat Goat Orientation** was held on Tuesday, January 30 at 6:30 p.m. Our goat program has grown. It was great to see everyone, and I look forward to the coming year.

**Goat Bowl** – We will be hosting a District Goat Bowl on Sunday, April 14. Location is currently being secured. Start studying now on all goat topics so you are prepared for the event. Watch your email for information about registration.

**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 Bowl** has come to an end. Congratulations to our members on your accomplishments at the district contest that was held on Saturday, March 2 at Pioneer School. Our junior teams did great with the following placing in the top 10: 4<sup>th</sup> Ashley Niefergold, 5<sup>th</sup> Jolene Mesch, 7<sup>th</sup> Jordyn Loomis, 8<sup>th</sup> Paige Loomis. Our 2 Junior teams placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> overall. Our senior team held their own with Leslie Mesch placing 4<sup>th</sup> individually and the team placing 5<sup>th</sup> overall. Participants representing Erie County were Seniors: Justin Mesch, Leslie Mesch, Jessica Niefergold, Alexa Jones. Juniors: Loraina Mesch, Ashley Niefergold, Paige Loomis, Jordyn Loomis, Jolene Mesch, Allison Niefergold. Special thank you to Carl Niefergold for coordinating and hosting practice session for January and February along with Morgan DePue and parents who assisted with studying with our members and helping to make sense of the material. Thank you to the Langford Fire Company for allowing us to use their facility every year!



**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](mailto:tlk6@cornell.edu)



## Horse Program:

**Hippology:** Our county Hippology contest was held on Saturday, March 2, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, West Falls. Congratulations to the top 10 of each division that are eligible to move on to Regional Hippology on April 27, 2024

- **Seniors:** Jacob Leitzan, Molly Krotz, Zoe Washburn, Charlotte Parsons, Samantha Parsons, Emma McJury, Julia Mauro, Charlotte Saraceni, Tessa Niewczyk, Anne Marie Toukatly
- **Juniors:** Katelyn vom Scheidt, Claire Tartick, Madilyn Czora, Sarina Pinhiero, Teagan Skiver, Madeline Niewczyk, Kayli Cavanaugh, Emma Czora, Molly Mambretti, Kylie Farrell
- **Novice:** Ellie Hoffman, Cora Frazier, Colin Singleton, Emma Hixon, Alaina Lippassaar, Clare Shanahan, Pharyn Bentley, Autumn Marlinski, Analise Hayne, Lola Frazier

**Horse Communications:** Congratulations to all our Horse Communication presenters. You all did a fantastic job on your horse-related topics. The regional event will take place on Saturday, April 6 in Belfast. The following have received an invitation to move on: Molly Krotz, Eryka Skuse, Jacob Leitzan, Nora Mullins, Charlotte/Samantha Parsons, Claire Tartick, Lillian Kowalik, Pharyn Bentley.

Horse Specific dates to add to your calendar:

\* = Addition

March 9 – Regional Horse Bowl – Cattaraugus County  
April 6 – Regional Horse Communications – Allegheny County  
April 13 – State Horse Bowl – Cornell  
April 27 – Regional Hippology – St. Paul's Lutheran, West Falls  
\*April 21 – Registration for Riding Clinics due to Jenn Barber  
\*April 28 – Riding Clinic & Evaluations #1 - Blakestone  
\*May 4 – Riding Clinic & Evaluations #2 – Blakestone  
\*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 or 26 TENTATIVE – 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

**We would like to recognize the following members for giving BOTH a Public Presentation as well as a Horse Communication. This is a very big accomplishment, and we are proud of you for taking on the challenge.**

**Samantha and Charlotte Parsons and Kylie Farrell. Congrats!!!**



**Bit & Biting Clinic:** We held our workshop on Bits & Biting on Monday, February 26, from 7-8 p.m. Thank you to Maureen Quillin for working with our members on the different types of bits and how they work along with the bridle. It was great preparation for the hippology contest.



**Regional Horse Bowl:** Congratulations to our members who will be participating in the Regional Horse Bowl contest on Saturday, March 9 in Cattaraugus County. Watch the next news for their accomplishments.

Representing Erie County are: **Seniors:** Samantha Parsons, Charlotte Parsons, Lucas Leitzan, Emma McJury, Eryka Skuse, Cambrie Hacker, Madeline Ploetz, Bella Makelke **Juniors:** Madeline Niewczyk, Marley Ogilvie, Alayna Vranich, Michaela Leitzan, Tessa Niewczyk, Morgan Landsman, Claire Tartick **Novice:** Pharyn Bentley, Finley Moynihan, Sarina Pinheiro, Emma Hixon, Madison Raab

Don't Forget: Equine Career Day on Sunday, March 10, 1-4 PM at the Niagara County CCE facility, 4487 Lake Ave, Lockport. Professionals that will be present are Veterinarian, Veterinary Technician, Saddle Fitter/Tack Repair, Judge, USEF Show Steward, Show Clothes Designer, Professional Horse Hauler, Tack Store Owner, Trainer, Barn Owner with more to add on.

Dressage Clinic: the WNY Dressage Assoc. will be holding a free clinic at the Niagara County 4-H Horse facility on April 21. This is open to any youth and is free, but you must put down a deposit which will be refunded when you ride. All horse members received an email on 1/29 with all the details.





# NYS 4-H LIVESTOCK VIRTUAL JUDGING SERIES

Wednesday Nights at 7:00 p.m.  
March 27 to May 1

**MARCH 27 - Introduction to Livestock Judging and Market Cattle**

**APRIL 3 - Judging Market Swine**

**APRIL 10 - Judging Market Sheep and Goats**

**APRIL 17 - Judging Breeding Cattle**

**APRIL 24 - Judging Breeding Swine**

**MAY 1 - Judging Breeding Ewes and Does**



Summit Speaker - Rylan Laudan

Laudan grew up in eastern Kansas showing and judging livestock at regional and state level. His passion for livestock judging came later in life when he found a coach that was willing to invest in him as saw his potential as an evaluator. Growing up, he found the most success in the show ring with swine, this grew his passion for the industry and inspired him to continue to work with youth to better thier experiences within the industry. In the judging circuit his greatest accomplishment was being named an All-American Livestock Judge at the National Contest in Louisville, Kentucky.

Classes will be held via zoom. Register for the series at <https://tinyurl.com/bdh3mfwf> or scan QR.







## CLUB CORNER

### Buffalo Barkers - Sewing



In February, the Buffalo Barkers got together to create beds for their dogs. They selected fabrics, measured and cut batting and fabric and used a sewing machine to sew everything together. This project was possible in part to the Joanns gift card\* our club received.

\*In October 2023, clubs that attended our Leader Meeting were eligible to receive a JOANN Fabrics gift card from the 4-H Office to use for club project supplies. The gift card giveaway was made possible by the Paper Clover fundraiser at JOANN Fabrics.

### OP Voyagers- Community Service



Some members of the OP Voyagers club went on 2/22 to sort donations at Harvest House on the East side of Buffalo. They were so grateful for our assistance! Harvest House provides clothing, toys and baby items at no cost to low income families. Harvest House needs volunteers to sort through donations.

Please contact Jazz (jmilliner@harvesthousebuffalo.org) if your club can offer assistance to sort donations. There is no age minimum, so Clover buds and above are welcome. <https://www.harvesthousebuffalo.org/>



## CLUB CORNER - Continued

### Sewing at Marilla Lads and Lassies



On Monday January 8, 2024 many of the groups in the Marilla Lads and Lassies worked on sewing projects. This was the first time that 4 groups were sewing at the same time. Each group was sewing something different.

Cloverbuds are making tie pillows, Group 2 are sewing pajama pants, Group 3 is working on individual sewing projects, and group 4 is sewing quilted tote bags.

It was a busy night at the church. It required a lot of listening and concentration. Everyone had a great time.

-Mia Y - Marilla Lads and Lassies

### 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/>



# Do you want to host an exchange student from Japan?

New York State 4-H, in partnership with the States' 4-H International Exchange, is inviting you to the opportunity to host a Japanese delegate for 4 weeks during the summer, from Mid July thru Mid August.

Every year New York requests a certain number of delegates to host and works to find host families for those delegates within the 4-H population. Delegates range in age from 12-18 (most are 12-14) and do not speak much English. Traveling and staying with an American family is about the full immersion of the delegate into American Culture. Therefore, the host family must have a child of the same age and gender as the arriving delegate.

If interested in this program, you can find out more at this site: <https://www.nys4-h.org/international-exchange>. Please contact Autumn Lavine at the NYS 4-H Office with questions or to express interest at: [aml84@cornell.edu](mailto:aml84@cornell.edu).



**What's Bugging You?  
Insects & Critters of NYS  
4-part virtual series.**  
Brought to you by The Youth Nature and  
Outdoor Environment Program Work Team.

**Virtual Zoom Sessions will be held at 6:30pm on:  
Wed. Feb 28, Wed. March 6,  
Wed. March 13, & Wed. March 20**

What makes an insect an insect? And are they different than bugs? This group of animals is the most diverse on the planet with an estimated 5.5 million species, of which only 1 million are known and identified. They outnumber humans in every way and affect our daily lives in many ways for good and for bad. Join us for 1 session or for all 4!

Each session will be 45-minutes and jam-packed with educational fun. This series will unravel the mysteries of insects, with experts from Cornell University, Albany Pine Bush Preserve & 4-H educators presenting this program.

**Register with QR Code:**

