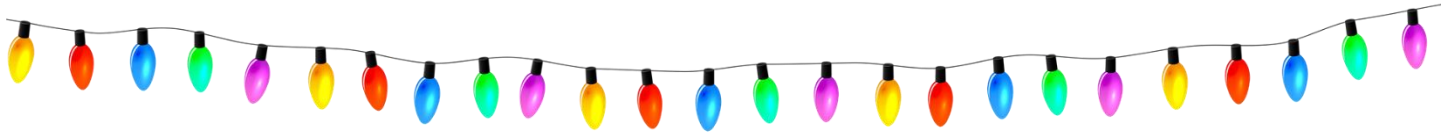


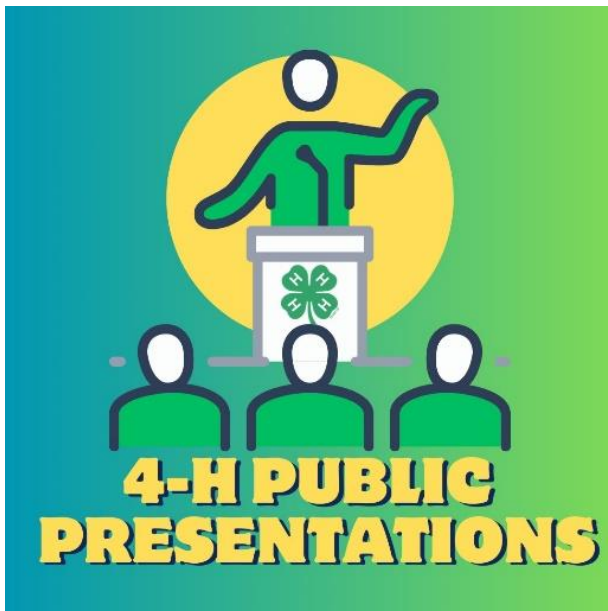


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December 2023



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

Register here for presentations:

https://pub.cce.cornell.edu/event_registration/main/events_landing.cfm?event=publicpresentations2024-2-2_214

Thursday, February 1 from 6-9pm – Revive Wesleyan Church (McKinley Campus)

Wednesday, February 7 from 6-9pm – Harlem Road Community Center

Thursday, February 15 from 6-9pm – 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

Addresses:

West Seneca Community Center: 1300 Union Rd, West Seneca, NY 14224

Revive Wesleyan Church (McKinley Campus): 4999 McKinley Pkwy, Hamburg, NY 14075

Harlem Road Community Center: 4255 Harlem Rd, Amherst, NY 14226

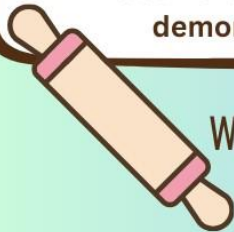
Food Demonstration

4-H Monthly Workshop



This workshop will help 4-H members learn how to give an exceptional food demonstration for their public presentation.

Any 4-Her who wants to learn how to make a yummy snack is welcome to sign-up, even if they're not giving a food demonstration as their public presentation



Wednesday, January 17 @ 6pm

East Aurora

Registration required - email mgw76@cornell.edu



ERIE COUNTY 4-H

PRESENTATION PREGAME

WEST SENECA COMMUNITY CENTER
THURSDAY, JANUARY 25 FROM 6-7:45PM



- PRACTICE GIVING YOUR PRESENTATION
- RECEIVE FEEDBACK FROM EVALUATORS
- LISTEN TO OTHER PRESENTATIONS
- ASK QUESTIONS!

TO REGISTER:
EMAIL MGW76@CORNELL.EDU

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-Hers - We need YOU!

Public Presentations!



We are looking for 4-H members who would like to learn more about public presentations while gaining *community service hours* that can be used for school or other requirements. There are a couple of roles you can fill during any of our Public Presentation Days:

- **Runner**- Carry public presentations evaluation forms from presentation rooms to the tally room (you don't actually need to "run" 😊)
- **Junior Evaluator**- Sit with evaluators and learn what they are looking for to give out "5"'s to a presenter. This may help you learn what to work on for your own presentation! This is also a great way to meet and interact with fellow 4-Hers while learning about some cool topics.
- **Junior Room Host**- Introduce a presenter to their audience and their evaluators

Youth are welcome to volunteer for a couple of hours (when they aren't giving their presentation) on the same day that they sign up to present. Youth are also welcome to sign up to help on a day that they are not presenting.

To sign-up, please indicate you'd like to help on your presentation registration online form, or email mgw76@cornell.edu

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS – RESOURCES



Resources available for youth and evaluators
on the 4-H page of our website:
erie.cce.cornell.edu

<https://erie.cce.cornell.edu/4-h-youth-development/public-presentation-information-and-resources-for-participants-and-evaluators>

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 or 716-652-5400 x 130)

- ✓ January 3 – Monthly Workshop (Shaker Stools Part 1)
- ✓ January 11 – 4-H Club Officer Training
- ✓ January 17 – Monthly Workshop (Food Demonstration)
- ✓ January 25 – Public Presentation Pregame
- ✓ January 31 – Monthly Workshop (Shaker Stools Part 2)
- ✓ February 1 – Public Presentation Day
- ✓ February 7 – Public Presentation Day
- ✓ February 15 – Public Presentation Day
- ✓ February 17 – Public Presentation Day
- ✓ February 24 – Public Presentation Day
- ✓ February 27 or 28 – Tentative Monthly Workshop (Possibly STEM focused)
- ✓ March 12 – 4-H Leader and Volunteer Mixer
- ✓ March 19 – Food in Community Launch Meeting (Zoom)
- ✓ March 20 – 4-H Alumni Meeting
- ✓ March 23 – District Public Presentation Day
- ✓ May 15 – 4-H Alumni Meeting
- ✓ May 19-21 – Capital Days
- ✓ June 26-28 – Career Explorations
- ✓ July 17 – 4-H Alumni Meeting
- ✓ August 7-18 – Erie County Fair
- ✓ August 21-September 2 – New York State Fair
- ✓ September 30 – Last day of 2023-24 4-H year

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.



SHAKER STOOL WORKSHOP

2 PART SERIES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

AND WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31



6:30 P.M. AT THE POWERHOUSE, 39 S. GROVE ST, EAST AURORA

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

The cost is \$12.00 to cover supplies payable at the first workshop.

We do have to limit the opportunity to 15 participants.

Register today by emailing Tammi at tlk6@cornell.edu registration closes January 2nd. Attendance at both workshops is required.



The graphic features the Erie County 4-H logo at the top center, a green four-leaf clover with 'H' symbols. To the left, a hand points towards yellow stars. To the right, a hand is being cleaned with a pink bandage. The text 'ERIE COUNTY 4-H' is above the main title 'OFFICER TRAINING', where 'OFFICER' is in large orange letters and 'TRAINING' is in large blue letters. Below the title, it says 'Come learn about the roles of officers in 4-H clubs' and 'Open to current AND aspiring 4-H club officers'. An orange rounded rectangle at the bottom contains the text: 'Thursday, January 11 from 6-8pm in East Aurora' and 'Email mgw76@cornell.edu to register'.

ERIE COUNTY 4-H

OFFICER TRAINING

Come learn about the roles of officers in 4-H clubs

Open to current AND aspiring 4-H club officers

Thursday, January 11 from 6-8pm in East Aurora
Email mgw76@cornell.edu to register

Join Teen Ambassadors in 2024

Calling all 4-H members ages 13 to 18!

Are you looking to:

- Build your confidence, meet other 4-Hers from Erie County, and bring the community together around food?
- Do you need community service hours for school?
- Do you want something to add to your resumé for college applications?

Then the 4-H Erie County Teen Ambassadors is the place for you. We will be holding monthly meetings, with a mix of virtual and in-person meetings, starting in February. Together as a group, along with adult partners, we will be planning a series of events called “Food in Community” that will benefit Erie County 4-H.

Apply here: https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/teenambassadors2024_214

Here are some photos from our “Food in Community” event last year. We need YOU to help make our event better this year!



Calling all 4-H Volunteers and Club Leaders!



The 4-H Office is hosting an Erie County 4-H Volunteer Mixer on March 12, 2024 at 6pm at the Roycroft Power House in East Aurora. We've heard from club leaders that they want to know where our "experts" in 4-H are. For example, who can teach their club about photography? Sewing? Woodworking? Who has a farm that their club can visit? We also hope this will connect volunteers who are willing to share their skills with a club to visit and do so.

Please save the evening of March 12 on your calendars and contact Maddie with any questions mgw76@cornell.edu or 716-652-5400 x130

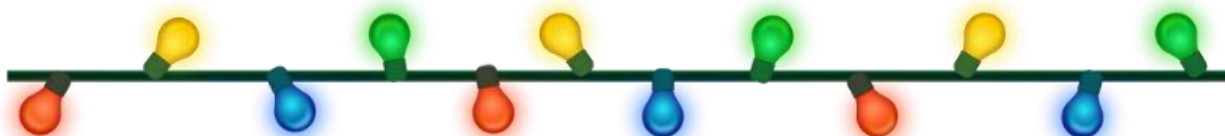


What Is Shooting Sports in 4-H?

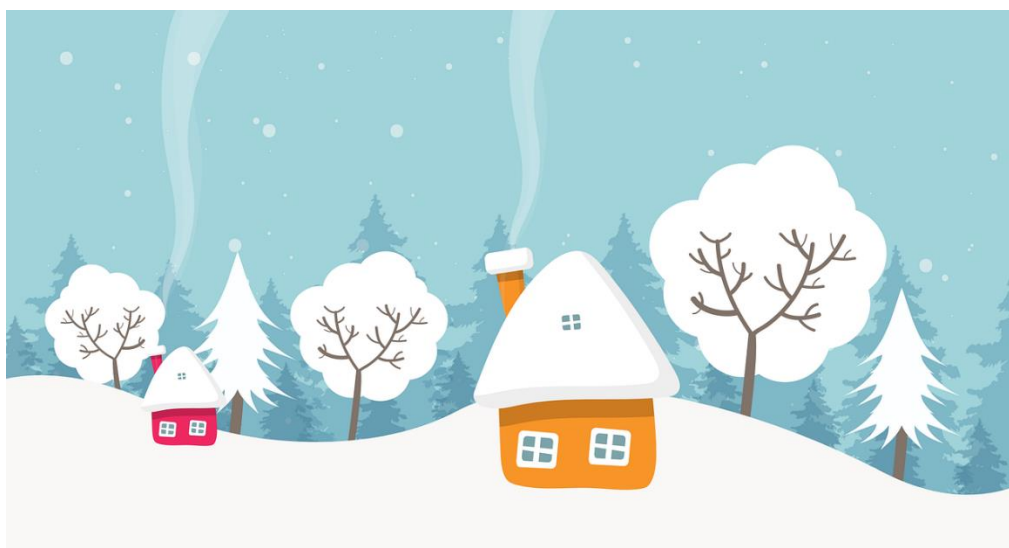
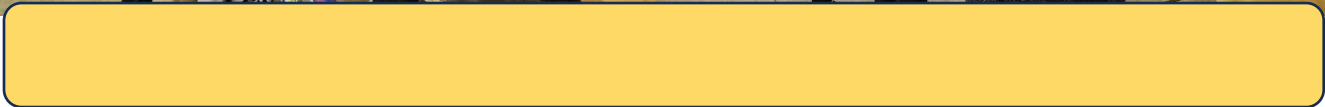
4-H Shooting Sports is a comprehensive non-formal education, recreation, and competitive program focused on Positive Youth Development. 4-H Shooting Sports program utilizes the safe and responsible use of firearms to address youth social issues related to STEM, healthy living, and civic engagement.

In doing so, the 4-H shooting sports program provides opportunities for youth to gain valuable skills, practice leadership, and build relationships with non-parent adults. These three critical factors are the building blocks that enable youth to achieve mastery, feel a sense of belonging, explore independence, and act generously. When youth are engaged as resources worthy and capable of development, rather than objects to be fixed, they become competent, confident, connected, caring, character-driven, and contributing members of society.

Is your interest sparked? Our Erie County Sharp Shooters meet the first Tuesday of each month at the Tonawanda Sportsman Facility. We have 6 trained adults that would love the opportunity to work with more youth. The meetings are always filled with instruction and hands-on opportunities at each meeting. Need more information, reach out to Tammi at tlk6@cornell.edu and I will connect you with the club leaders.



Say Cheese!!! We made fresh mozzarella cheese at our **November Monthly Workshop**. We have a lot of promising young chefs in our Erie County 4-H program! Thank you to Kathy Rose for taking pictures to document our fun.





4-H Livestock Notes – December 2023



A new year will be here soon, I look forward to a great year of fun, learning, friendships and most importantly growth among all our members. Set goals that are achievable and learn from your mistakes (they are ok to make), grow in confidence and decision making and before we know if 2024 will be history, you will all be smarter and more resourceful. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

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 23rd will kick off our meetings for **ALL** market programs. This year our focus is to improve you and build your marketability.

Workshop sessions will be held at the Ag Discovery Center at the fair on:

- Tuesday, January 23
- Monday, February 12
- Wednesday, March 6

All youth selling must attend at least 2 of the 3 workshops being offered and participate in the dinner on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, along with the submission of 3 bidder forms. Mark your calendar now to attend and learn about the details.



Do you want to be a part of the 4-H Auction

Committee? We need more Volunteers:

You are invited to join the auction committee to support the Pre-fair Bidder Dinner (name yet to be determined) and auction at the fair. 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? We are also looking for parents that are interested in being book runners for the auction. It would be great to work with you as a member of the auction committee. Email Tammi to be put on the planning committee list at tlk6@cornell.edu Our second meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 9** at 6:30 p.m. in the 4-H conference room. Please be sure to RSVP if you are coming.

4-H Dorms: We would love to be able to offer the 4-H dorms to our members for the 2024 fair, however we are in need of 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) 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.

Livestock Calendar Snapshot

contact Tammi with questions

tlk6@cornell.edu

* Represents an addition

- December 1 – Cash market check by
- December 5 – Public Presentation Kick off
- Thursdays in Jan/Feb Dairy Bowl practice 7 pm
- *January 5 – Market Steer Registration due
- *January 9 – Auction Committee meeting
- January 10 – Public Presentation/Horse Communication registration closes
- January 16 - Dairy Orientation
- *January 23– Marketing Meeting #1
- January 27 – County Horse Bowl
- January 29 – Llama/Alpaca Orientation-zoom
- January 30 – Dairy, Working, Meat Goat Orientation
- January 25 – Public Presentation Pre-Game 6 pm
- February 1 – Horse Communications @ Revive
- February 7 – Public Presentations @ Harlem Rd
- *February 12 – Marketing Meeting #2
- February 15 – Public Presentations @ Revive
- February 17 – Public Presentations @ Revive
- February 22 – County Dairy Bowl 7pm
- February 24 - /horse /comm and Public Presentations @ Revive
- March 1 – Beef Rope Halter video due
- March 2 – District Dairy Bowl, Pioneer
- *March 2 – County Hippology
- *March 6 – Marketing Meeting #3
- March 9 – Regional Horse Bowl
- *March 9 – March Dog Madness - Cornell
- March 23 – District Public Presentations
- March 18-22 – Ag Literacy Week
- March 23 – District Public Presentations
- April 6 – Regional Horse Communications
- April 13 – State Horse Bowl, Cornell
- *April 17 – Bidder Dinner
- April 27 – Regional Hippology
- May 4 – Animal Crackers, Cornell
- May 18 – State Horse Communications, Cornell
- July 8 – Erie County Fair Entries close

2024 Enrollment: Hopefully everyone has submitted your 2024 enrollment paperwork. If not, please contact Tammi as soon as possible at tlk6@cornell.edu if you want to participate.

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: Have you thought about a topic? Now is the time to begin working on your presentation – practice makes perfect! Registration closes on January 10, 2024.

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 held our 2024 Beef Orientation on Monday, November 27 via zoom due to the bad weather. Thank you to the Blair family for allowing me to conduct the meeting from their house. At this meeting we discussed the program, members voted to change the beef show to Wednesday, August 14 at 11:00 a.m. and expressed interest in being housed in barn #5. Our housing will be determined later. I will be emailing the record packet that contains your steer and heifer registrations by the end of the week of December 10 along with the bidder forms.

Beef halters are in my office, please stop to pick them up.

Market participants in the Sheep, Swine, Poultry, Rabbit, and Goat programs: Please be sure to read important meeting information at the beginning of the livestock notes. Mark your calendar for the dates listed for the Marketing Meetings, you will need to attend 2 of the 3 offered along with the dinner and submit 3 bidder forms. Marketing meeting dates are at the beginning of the Livestock Notes. Mark your calendar now.

Attention Sheep members: The Sheep Advisory Committee and I have adjusted the time of our sheep show at the fair. It will be at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, August 12, 2024. It was scheduled for 6 pm that day with animals being other species being released at 7 pm. For the sake of safety, we moved it earlier to avoid potential situations with trailers.

Dairy & Working Goat, Llama/Alpaca:

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 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 Tuesday, 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

March Dog Madness is coming to Cornell on March 9, 2024, watch for more details coming soon.

Horse Specific dates to add to your calendar:

January 10 – Horse Communication and Public Presentation registration closes – see link below.

January 12 – Horse Bowl Registration closes

January 27 – Horse Bowl at Fellowship Wesleyan Church, Southwestern Blvd., at 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 2 – County Hippology Contest – St. Paul's Lutheran, West Falls

March 9 – Regional Horse Bowl – Cattaraugus County

April 6 – Regional Horse Communications – Alleghany County

April 13 – State Horse Bowl – Cornell

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

May 18 – State Horse Communications – Cornell

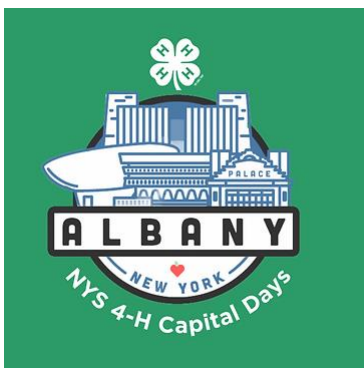
Horse Communications and Public Presentations are just around the corner. If you wish to do a Horse Communication please use this link: (it will also be found on our website)

https://pub.cce.cornell.edu/event_registration/main/events_landing.cfm?event=HorseCommunications2024-2-2_214

Horse Bowl: All members belonging to a club will register with your club leader. If you are an independent member wishing to participate, please email Tammi Kron at tlk6@cornell.edu to register. Registration closes January 12, 2024.



Maddie, Tammi, and Pam have all been busy 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. We are currently working with schools in Kenmore, Marilla, Wales, Elma, Buffalo, Grand Island, and Holland. Once the new year begins, we will be adding Alden, Depew and East Aurora schools. 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.



NYS 4-H Capital Days May 19-21, 2024 – Who wants to learn about and experience our New York State government firsthand? NYS 4-H Capital Days is open to all youth grades 9-12. We will spend 2 full days at your NYS Capital experiencing the Assembly, Senate, Court of Appeals, and many state agencies (Dept of Ag, Education, Health, DMV, Parks and Recreation, Corrections), learning about career opportunities and how a bill becomes a law along with time to meet with your legislature and senator and work with other 4-H members from across the state. Applications are due by January 30, 2024, and can be found on our website. **Interested? Apply today!** Contact Tammi at tlk6@cornell.edu with any questions.



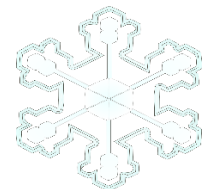
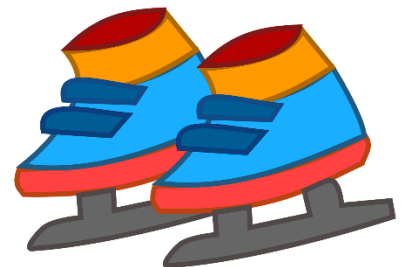


CLUB CORNER

Erie County Crafters

Havilah Rose, Club Reporter

On December 9, 2023 the Erie County Crafters started their day by wrapping shoebox gifts for our community service project ,to be delivered Journey's End Refuge Service. Then we held our general meeting . After that we made Christmas tree ornaments and frosted candle jars. Then we finished our day with some games and snacks.



Meet our newest 4-H educators!



Pamela James

Pamela James is our new 4-H Agriculture in the Classroom Educator. Pamela is going into classrooms and afterschool programs to teach young people about agriculture. Pamela grew up in 4-H in Buffalo. She's also a veteran of the U.S. Army, where she served for three years. Pamela is the former director of the Buffalo Americorps program, during which time she worked closely with now-retired 4-H Educator Angela Northern to bring 4-H to more young people in Buffalo. She is excited to be part of our 4-H team to both teach students and to learn more about the food system. One of Pamela's inspirations is her community. She loves seeing the talents that may have been laying dormant given the opportunity to come out and flourish through teaching and learning. She also loves everything about the beach – surfing, water, and sunshine!

Kori Burse

Kori Burse is our new 4-H Youth CAN Educator. Youth Community Action Network (Youth CAN) is a 4-H program that trains young people to develop their skills for becoming community change agents. Kori will be running Youth CAN afterschool programs for middle school youth at Buffalo Public School #32 Bennett Park Montessori and Global Concepts Charter School in Lackawanna. Kori, who is from Lackawanna, has been involved with 4-H since she participated in Youth CAN as a teen member at her high school, Global Concepts. She is excited to expose young people to 4-H at a younger age (middle school) than when she started, to see how this earlier exposure can impact them later in life. Kori is also passionate about drawing and painting and is an excellent artist.





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/>

An advertisement for a 4-H story submission contest. In the top left corner is the 4-H logo, a green four-leaf clover with 'H's in each leaf. The main text reads "You've got SKILLS... and we want to see them!". To the right is a large, stylized illustration of a red mouth with white teeth, containing the text "CALLING ALL CREATIVE 4-H'ERS!". In the bottom left, a silhouette of a person with dark curly hair is shown from the back, wearing a yellow hoodie and holding a yellow marker, as if about to draw on a large white scribble on their back. In the bottom right, there is a red banner with the text "4-H.org/story-submission".

You've got SKILLS...
and we want to see them!

CALLING ALL CREATIVE 4-H'ERS!

Looking for artists, creators and performers to be featured at upcoming National 4-H events.

4-H.org/story-submission

Glads For 4-Hers Project

Every year the Western New York Gladiolus Society sponsors the Glads for 4-Hers program. They provide 4-Hers with gladiolus blubs to plant and grow. Members learn how to plant and care for the Glads under the direction of Meredith and Sally Hudson.

The 2024 workshop will held East Aurora, (*tentatively scheduled for late April , 2024*). BULBS will be handed out at that meeting. In return for the Society's sponsorship, 4-Hers are encouraged to exhibit their project at the Erie County Fair.



First year participants will be required to pay \$4.00 for their first package (25 bulbs).

Returning members of the program may purchase packages(25 bulbs) for \$8.00 each.

If you are interested in participating, please complete the form and mail it to:

CCE Erie County4-H Program – Glads for 4-Hers Program,
21 South Grove Street, Suite 300, East Aurora, NY 14052 or erie4h@cornell.edu.

Space is limited so please return your enrollment form AND payment – **no later than January 20, 2024**.
Bulbs will not be ordered unless your form and payment are received by this due date.

Please return the form below with your payment- **One for each 4-H participant**



Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

Town/City _____ Zip _____,

I have enrolled/ re-enrolled in 4-H for 2024: _____ Yes _____ No (*if no, you need to enroll in order to participate.*)

I AM A CLOVERBUD (age 5-7) Check one::: _____ Yes _____ No

_____ This is my first year participating in Glads for 4-H- enclosed is \$4 for my first year package of bulbs. Checks "CCE of Erie County" (Please note: If you sign up as a first- year participant and fail to pick up your bulbs, you still will be considered a returning participant for the following year.)

_____ I request _____ Package(s) of bulbs at \$8/ each (25 bulbs per package). Checks "CCE of Erie County"

OR

_____ I DO NOT need any more bulbs. I will use bulbs from my prior Glads for 4-H program years for this year's project.

_____ I have participated in *Glads for 4-H* previously- list all years: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

RETURN THIS PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT OF \$8/Package (*if applicable*) to:

21 South Grove Street, Suite 300

East Aurora, NY 14052

erie4h@cornell.edu

Return this form by January 20, 2024 if you wish to participate