






Cornell Cooperative Extension of Erie County Publication

October 2023

## Reminder: Youth Re-Enrollment Forms

are due in the 4-H Office on Friday, November 3, 2023

 **Erie County 4-H Program RETURNING Member**   
**2023-2024 Youth Application**  
Cornell Cooperative Extension of Erie County, 21 South Grove Street, East Aurora, NY 14052  
**PREVIOUSLY ENROLLED MEMBER DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 3, 2023** 

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**Please complete the information - This information will be used for 4-H communications:**  
**Currently we have the following information on file for you:** Please make any corrections or changes

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Family Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Member Email: «Member Email»  
Is there any other email address we should use? \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: ☐Male ☐Female ☐Gender identity not listed ☐Prefer not to respond  
Cell Phone #«Mobile Phone»: \_\_\_\_\_  
Is there any other phone # we should use? \_\_\_\_\_

Grade for 2023-2024: \_\_\_\_\_ School District: \_\_\_\_\_  
School Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Type: ☐Public School ☐Private School ☐Homeschool/Alternative

**Parent/Guardian Information**  
Parent/Guardian 1: «Guardian 1-First Name» «Guardian 1-Last Name», Cell Number: «Guardian 1-Phone»  
Parent/Guardian 2: «Guardian 2-First Name» «Guardian 2-Last Name», Cell Number: «Guardian 2-Phone»

**Demographic Information**  
Ethnicity: Are you of Hispanic or Latino ethnicity? ☐YES ☐NO  
Race: ☐White ☐Black or African American ☐American Indian or Alaskan Native ☐Hawaiian & Pacific Islander  
☐Asian ☐Prefer Not to State  
Residence: ☐Farm ☐Town < & rural non-farm ☐Town 10k-50k & suburbs ☐Suburbs of City>50K ☐Central City>50K

**Military Service of Family**  
Family Member Military Service: ☐No one in my family is serving ☐I have a parent serving ☐I have a sibling serving  
Branch: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐Active ☐Reserve ☐National Guard

**4-H Enrollment Fee \$25/Youth or \$50 per family** (2 or more youth from the same household enrolled in the Erie Co. 4-H program.)  
**Please make check payable to: CCE of Erie County** Cash or Check amount paid \_\_\_\_\_ Check/Receipt # \_\_\_\_\_  
If you are in need financial assistance with this payment, please contact the 4-H office.

**2023-2024 4-H Club Information**—Please make any corrections or changes

Primary Club Leader Signature(if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
I am also a member of other 4-H Club(s): \_\_\_\_\_

If you have misplaced your enrollment form, you may print one from our website: [erie.cce.cornell.edu/resources/4-h-2023-24-youth-enrollment-form](http://erie.cce.cornell.edu/resources/4-h-2023-24-youth-enrollment-form)

## **November 4-H Monthly Workshop:**

### **Cheesemaking!**

Come learn about the art and science of cheesemaking. We will be making fresh mozzarella cheese. 😊

WHEN: Wednesday, November 29 from 6-8pm

WHERE: Roycroft Power House in East Aurora (39 S Grove St)

WHO: Enrolled Erie County 4-H members!

*Cloverbuds (ages 5-7) are welcome to come observe, but cannot participate fully due to the use of a hot plate.*

HOW: Email [mgw76@cornell.edu](mailto:mgw76@cornell.edu) to register. In your email, please include 4-H member's name and age.

***Registration required!***



## **4-H Members Spruce-d Up their Tree Knowledge at our October 4-H Monthly Workshop!**

It was a *tree*-mendous day! You *wood* not believe all the fun we had!





## **What is a Monthly 4-H Workshop??**

Monthly Workshops are opportunities for 4-Hers to learn a new skill while in the company of other Erie County 4-H members. They are open to all Erie County 4-H members. Some Monthly Workshops have an age suggestion or requirement, so please be mindful of that. Topics covered in Monthly Workshops range from woodworking to birdwatching to pottery. We are always looking for new topics to add, so please reach out with any suggestions. Monthly workshops are free, unless stated otherwise in the event description. Monthly workshops are an opportunity for 4-Hers from different areas and clubs in Erie County to meet and have fun together. Monthly Workshops are advertised in the monthly Erie County newsletter (Speed Read), as well as on social media (Facebook and Instagram). Monthly Workshop topics are often released at least 1 month in advance- stay tuned for a list of upcoming Monthly Workshops! Registration is required for monthly workshops and can be done by emailing Maddie. Any Monthly Workshop questions or suggestions can be directed to Maddie [mgw76@cornell.edu](mailto:mgw76@cornell.edu) or 716-652-5400 x 130



## **It's Public Presentation Season!**

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.



### **December 5, 2023 will be our Public Presentation "Kick Off" Event!**

You are invited to come and learn the "how to" of giving a presentation from topic selection to the do's and don'ts.

This event will be held @ the Roycroft Power House, 39 South Grove, East Aurora from 6 pm to 8 pm.

Please email Maddie @[mgw76@cornell.edu](mailto:mgw76@cornell.edu) if you would like to register for this event!

# Food in Community Festival and 4-H Celebration



Thanks to everyone who joined us for this fun event on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to the help from many organizations and volunteers, we had an action-packed day. Youth and families ate delicious chili with beef from the 4-H Dairy Steer program, made their own candles, tested their knowledge of nutrition, tried local grapes, and walked in nature, amongst many other hands-on activities. We also had the award-winning photos from our Erie County Fair contest on display and were able to see some projects that went to the NYS Fair.



*If you missed it, we hope to see you next year 😊*



## **Congratulations to Faith M. for being the winner of our 2023 4-H Fair Photo Contest!**

We'd also like to congratulate our runner-ups: Madeline G., Bella W., Gwenivere G., Kylie F., and Alana S.!

Thank you to all of our 4-H members who submitted entries; it was such a wonderful "snapshot" of your time at this year's Erie County Fair!





## October 2023 Livestock Notes

*Tammi Kron, 4-H Livestock Educator*

It's a new project year. I know our beef members are currently seeking out their 2024 steer projects and many have already participated in a show. There are many opportunities to educate yourself about the species you are interested in showing. We are lucky to have some great show opportunities outside of the fair in our backyard. I hope you will search them out and challenge yourself to go and learn and grow with the opportunities. I am beginning to work on some exciting meeting topics for the coming year. One thing we will be focusing on is bidder solicitation. As our program continues to grow, we also need to grow our bidder base and we will be working with you to give you the tools to do this. I am also going to plan a bus trip that will focus on careers in agriculture. We will visit some businesses and take some exciting tours; it will be a day filled with adventure and fun. I look forward to this coming year, as I am eager to meet our new members and to continue to watch our current members grow and accomplish your goals.

**2024 Enrollment:** We have now entered the 2023/24 4-H program year, this means that you need to get your 2024 enrollment forms back to the 4-H office as soon as possible so you can participate in meetings and continue to receive our Speed Read. **Please be sure to submit your re-enrollment paperwork no later than November 3, 2023, so you can participate in the 2024 fair.**

**Market Checks:** Market checks went out at the end of September, you all should have received them, please be prompt in cashing them so they do not get lost. Along with your check you should have found a breakdown of your check along with the name and address of your buyer(s). We are aware that some addresses were incorrect, if you need help, please contact me and I will assist with getting the correct information for you. Please be sure to send a thank you note to those that supported you and your project. Remember once is never enough – remember your buyer during the holidays as well.

**Trophy Sponsorship:** Along with your market check you also received a sticker with the name and address of an award sponsor. I ask that you send a note thanking them for their support to the program – even if you did not receive an award – you all received a t-shirt and that required sponsorship. We had many awards that did not have a sponsor name, but businesses contributed money which made all the awards possible. Please take the 2 minutes to write a nice note, our supporters would like to know they are appreciated. If by chance you received a trophy there should be the name and address of that sponsor, send them a note please. If by chance there was no sticker on the bottom, please contact me so I can give you the address.

**Something new for 2024:** In an effort to help promote and increase support for the market auction you will see in the coming months some new opportunities. Coming in January and February will be meetings that focus on soliciting bidders – all the how too's and timelines. Then sometime in the months of April/May we are planning to do a Bidders Appreciation event. This event will be an opportunity for bidders you have solicited to come and enjoy a dinner with our members, interact and gain a better understanding of how their support impacts our members and a time for members to share your knowledge. We will be looking for parents and youth to help in making this event successful. If you are interested in being a part of planning and implementing this event, please let Tammi know.



I am currently working with all our livestock advisory committee's meeting with each one to discuss the 2023 fair and to plan the 2024 programs. If you were either a Master Showman of a species, or placed in the top 4, watch for an invitation to attend a committee meeting as you are the representative for your fellow members.

**Public Presentations:** Yep, I said it, start to think now about a potential topic. We will hold our Public Presentation event in February. Check out the beginning of this newsletter for details on the Kickoff on December 5<sup>th</sup>. You are invited to come and learn the "how to" of giving a presentation from topic selection to the do's and don'ts.

**2024 Erie County Fair Schedule:** I am currently working with the fair to get the 2024 schedule completed so it can be publicized at the beginning of November so parents can request time off. The schedule is very complicated and yes, there are some changes being made. I will share it with you as soon as I have it.

**Beef:** We will be holding our 2024 Beef Orientation on Monday, November 27 at 7:00 p.m. at the Powerhouse (the building next door to our 4-H office where we have been holding meetings). We will be discussing the program year and something fun. Beef halters are in my office, please stop to pick it up. I will also have them at orientation.

**Market participants in the Sheep, Swine, Poultry, Rabbit, and Goat programs,** please watch for meetings coming in January – April that will focus on soliciting bidders. I know many of you do not begin to think about your projects until March, but a lot will be happening in the program much earlier in 2024 and your participation will be an asset to your projects.

**Swine members:** We are selling the automatic water system. We are offering the "T's" to our 4-H members first. The cost will be \$10.00 per T. If you would like to purchase one or a few to help with the watering of your market projects, please contact Tammi at [tlk6@cornell.edu](mailto:tlk6@cornell.edu) the week of October 29 – November 3 to place your order. Payment must be made to the 4-H office before you will be able to pick up your purchase. Any T's not spoken for by November 3 will be sent to auction. The funds from the sale of the system will be put back into the swine account. Note: there will be no hose accompanying the T's as it has become too brittle over the years.

**Dairy & Working Goat, Llama/Alpaca:** We will be kicking off the 2024 program year in January with our orientations. Watch the Speed Read for more details in the coming month.

**Dog Program:** We are excited that our 2 county dog clubs are accepting new members. There is 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

Congratulations! We had 3 Erie County 4-H members attend the All-American Quarter Horse Congress to participate in horse bowl – Jake Leitzan, Julia Mauro, and Lucas Leitzan. Jake was a member of the Empire Paint Horse Assoc team, placing 1<sup>st</sup> out of 15 teams. Julia and Lucas were on the NYS 4-H Team, placing 5<sup>th</sup> out of 15. Individually, Jake placed 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 58, Julia 35<sup>th</sup> out of 58 and Lucas 19<sup>th</sup> out of 58.



HIPPOLOGY DAY for NY at the All-American Quarter Horse Congress:

There were 3 teams: Empire State, NYS 4-H Team One and NYS 4-H Team Two! NYS 4-H Team 2 placed 9th out of 20 with a three-person team of **Julia Mauro**, **Lucas Leitzan**, and Lanelle Vile!

For individuals...Jacob Leitzan was 3rd in the written exam, 5th in stations, and 4th overall!

And the results are in for the NY youth competing in Horse Bowl at the All American Quarter Horse Congress! The EMPIRE team WON THE CONGRESS CHAMPIONSHIP! They took it to a sudden death match against North Carolina... just like in KY! Congratulations- **Jake**, Michellyn, Tess and Zeke... and COACH Payton! Our 2nd NYS team landed 5th, and was actually bumped out by our other NY team. **Julia**, Eva, **Lucas**, and Lanelle. For INDIVIDUAL TOP TEN placings...**Jake Leitzan**- 3<sup>rd</sup>



We wish Jake Leitzan and Julia Mauro good luck as they head to Louisville, Kentucky to represent the NYS 4-H Horse program in Horse Bowl and Hippology. Best of Luck!!

**Horse Year End Awards** will be held on Sunday, October 29 at the Willows, remember to RSVP online by Monday, October 23 to: RSVP link:

[https://pub.cce.cornell.edu/event\\_registration/main/events\\_landing.cfm?event=2310HorseYearEndAwards-2\\_214](https://pub.cce.cornell.edu/event_registration/main/events_landing.cfm?event=2310HorseYearEndAwards-2_214)

***Payment must be made either the day of in cash or you can Venmo your payment to Jen Barber at:***

***Venmo link: <https://venmo.com/u/Jennifer-Barber-188>***

Please note: If you RSVP we are expecting you to attend. If you do not attend and we have a meal reserved for you, you will need to pay for the missed meal(s).

**Looking for pictures that were taken during this year's Erie County Fair?**



**GO TO: [4hatthefair.com](https://4hatthefair.com)**





# CLUB CORNER



Hello,

On Saturday September 23, the ERIE COUNTY CRAFTERS had the first meeting of the year. The members learned how to can pickled carrots. The Cloverbuds made trail mix. The club welcomed two new members, Owen and Lincoln as well as Mrs. Chris Cox, assistant leader. New officers were elected.

*Havilah Rose, Club Reporter*

