



4-H Fair Focus



Tompkins County 4-H Youth Fair

**July 24, 2024
Wednesday**

Today's Events

- 10:00 Goat Show
- 10:00 Junior Iron Chef
- 11:00 Plant Science Activity
- 2:30 Plant Science Activity
- 3:30 PiNY and Public Presentations
- 4:00 Animal Costume Contest
- 5:00 Walking Taco Dinner
- 5:00 Cardboard Car Build
- 6:00 Adult Round Robin
- 7:00 Cardboard Car Movie

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Jess Wright (left) and the new 4-H Administrative Staff Member, Miranda Sundquist (right).

Good luck, Jess!

Jess has been an amazing Administrative Assistant for 4-H, helping out above and beyond her job description at the 4-H Fair. She's given us so many ideas of how to be better as 4-Hers and volunteers, and she has worked so hard to make the 4-H Fair amazing for each of us. She's always an inspiration, and we'll miss her so much. Best of luck on your next adventures, Jess!

Hello, Miranda!

We're excited for you to become our new administrative assistant! Good luck, and if you have any questions, feel free to ask. We'll be happy to help. We can't wait to see you around the Fair and we're excited to meet you!

Congratulations, exhibitors! We're so proud of you!

Yesterday was the poultry show. Let's take a moment to congratulate the winners and all those who had the courage to show off their poultry to the judges.

Exhibitors: Evelyn Carpenter (1st place showmanship), Nathaniel Carpenter, Mahkia Gumaer, and Kennedy Griffin.

The chickens were all so well-trained when they were handled by the exhibitors. Chickens are hard to train for this, since they don't like being held very much. The exhibitors made it look so easy to turn their chickens and hold them, though!

Nathaniel's favorite part was "holding my chicken", while Mahkia loved "hanging out with the chickens", especially Matilda the Cinnamon Queen. Matilda even added her opinion, clucking quietly as she relaxed in Mahkia's arms.

"I like holding my chicken." – Nathaniel

"I like hanging out with the chickens." – Mahkia



The Showcase

Today is the day of the goat show and showmanship. We're so excited to see everyone's hard work this morning! But first – a few fun facts about goats.

Did you know ...

- The California state government hires goat-grazing companies so goats eat the bushes and weeds that would become kindling for summer wildfires (in New York, goats are sometimes used to "mow" under solar fields)
- Goats love drinking coffee, and one legend from Ethiopia gives goats the credit for discovering the drink
- Goats are herd animals, but they don't have their own herd, so they live in herds with cows and horses
- Some goats are bred for fiber, while others are bred for meat or milk. The goats at the Laughing Goat Fiber Farm are bred for fiber. To get their fur, including mohair and cashmere, owners must shear the goats twice per year, in spring and fall. The goats are put into a special stand that holds their head so they stay still, and a sharp shears is used to cut off their fur. This fur is very soft and warm, and is often hand-spun and knitted into socks.

Goats are really adorable and fun creatures – come on up to the Pole Barn to meet Dove and Budgy, this year's goat ambassadors!

The Goat Vote

We took a vote of which goat is the silliest. Dove came in 1st place, though Budgy was a close second.

Dove loves to stand up and roll her head around in a full circle – definitely a feat of flexibility! She loves to climb on anything she can find and stand on it, in true goat spirit. She's really friendly, along with her buddy Budgy, and loves people.

Good luck at the show, Vera!



The Daily Project (Featuring Coralynn)

Coralynn has been in 4-H for quite a few years, and each year, she's made some amazing projects. This year, she's exhibiting lots of plants. Come see her projects at the Plant Science Tent and in Kiwanis Hall!

Her favorite, though, is the dragon project she made. Next year, she hopes to make a paper dragon and work with clay more. She's excited to take the projects that were selected to State Fair!



Animal Costume Contest

It's only the second annual costume contest at the 4-H Fair, but that certainly isn't limiting the creativity! Come take a look at all the ways the animals and their exhibitors are getting dressed up for the costume contest. The theme this year is Western, so come up to the pole barn and look for the cowboy hats and boots. Good luck!

**What accessories are
you going to use?**



Definitely the hat



Red nose (Rudy's name
is short for Rudolph)



Rabbit lorenx costume



Cowgirl barbie vibes



The Junior Iron Chef

Do you know where the term “iron chef” came from? It’s actually translated from the Japanese term “料理の鉄人”, which means “Ironmen of Cooking”. Now, it refers to the ability to make recipes that taste good on the fly with secret ingredients.

What's cooking?

You should make brownies.

– Cassie

No idea.

– Cameron (the best Iron Chefs wing it)

It depends on the secret ingredients!

Potato pancakes with chive dip.

Just helping out.

– Mahkia

Tips and Tricks

Brownies are best made with chopped spinach. It makes them more moist and fudgy.

Add a bit of minced garlic to pork and it will taste like beef.

Scottish oats (finely chopped steel cut oats) and turkey make the best meatballs.

Adding celery to noodles and other dishes can make it taste saltier without adding salt.

Eating more vegetables can increase your energy and help you think – great for a test!

Adult Round Robin

Hello, Round Robiners, and good luck! For newcomers to the competition, in the Adult Round Robin, adults try their hands at showing four different animals. Not only do they have to be able to handle the animals, they have to be able to set their feet correctly, answer questions about the animals, and always keep their eyes on the judge.

What are you looking forward to most?

“Well, it would have to be dairy.”
– Brenda

“The kids judging and what they think of the adults.” – Colleen

“I would totally walk a cow. That's, like, a dream.” – Miranda

“Leading the sheep and dairy around.” – Venda

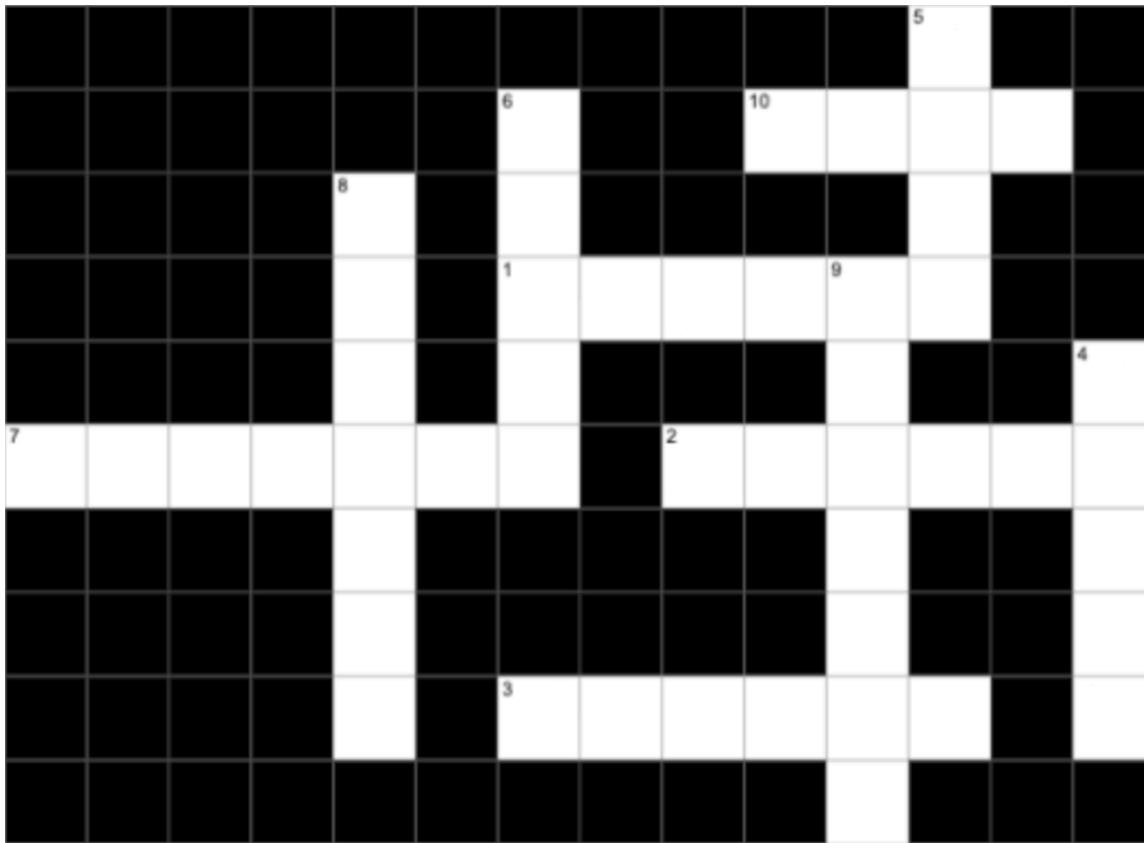
“Handling an animal that I don't have experience with. It's fun and it's a challenge.” – Joann

“Just having fun.” – Dan

“It gives me a chance to try out all the animals.”



4-H Crossword Puzzle



Across

1. A type of rabbit that's prized for its fur.
2. A plant that has a one-year life cycle.
3. The scientific name for cattle
7. Green vegetables that can be hidden in a tree or sliced and fried.
10. A plant that grows in a place where it's unwanted.

Down

4. A single unit of garlic that can generate a new plant.
5. The cheese made from sheep's milk.
6. California's living lawnmowers.
8. Animals that need to be tested for Pullorum.
9. “_____ stitch”, a stitch typically used for cotton and other non-stretchy fabrics.

