



# The Fair Focus

Saturday, July 29  
2023

## Tompkins County 4-H Youth Fair

### Today's Events:

- 8:00 a.m. Rabbit Check-In
- 8:30 a.m. Rabbit Showmanship, Rabbit & Cavy Show, Rabbit Hopping, Pole Barn
- 11:00 a.m. Garden of Healthy Eatin'
- 9:30 a.m. Dog Check-In
- 10:00 a.m. Dog Show, Lawn
- 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Country Kitchen; BEVERAGES ONLY
- 11:30 'til it's all gone Chicken Barbecue
- 1:00 p.m. 4-H Olympics (lawn)
- 2:00 p.m. Herdsmanship Awards, Pole Barn
- 3:00 p.m. Animals Released
- 3:30 p.m. Plant Science Awards Ceremony, Plant Science tent
- 4:30 p.m. Awards Ceremony; outside Kiwanis
- Youth Fair Ends



Have you ever wondered if there's something you can do with veggies that's more fun than eating them? There is ... playing with veggies! Kids have made cars, boats, animals, designs, people, and so much more from the variety of veggies and fruits available. You can ask to look at Joann's book of patterns, ask a friend what they've made, or make something completely your own! If you'd like to do this at home, all you need are some fruits and veggies, a few toothpicks, and some creativity. The toothpicks will hold your creation together in whatever pattern you decide to make. You can even eat your artwork after, if you'd like! Check out the pictures below to see some of the creations that have been made.



### Garden of Healthy Eatin'



Come to the Garden of Healthy Eatin' and learn about how to eat healthy! Hint: It includes vegetables. Vegetables can be fun and yummy though, especially during the summer. Some veggies, like peppers, are so refreshing when they're chilled because they have lots of water in them. Others, like carrots, are quite sweet. And some, like celery, are incredibly good when dipped in a ranch dressing. Come have a snack at the Plant Science Tent and learn about healthy eating and how vegetables can be yummy!

## Dairy Show and Showmanship

The Dairy Show and Showmanship competition has two sections: Conformation and showmanship. In the conformation section, the judge chooses which animal has the most ideal body structure. Some things they evaluate for conformation include the straightness of the topline (the mohawk along a cow's spine), the straightness of their rear legs when viewed from the back, and the depth of the cow (if they have a large chest cavity and barrel for their size or not). In the other section, showmanship, the judge chooses which competitor showed their animal in a way that made it look its best. Showmen will be evaluated on things like their attention to the judge, their ability to handle their animal well in the face of adversity, and their ability to show their animal in a way that makes their animal look its best. They might also be required to tell the animal's name, date of birth, and due date (if she was bred).

Favorite fun fact about your animal:

"It's an animal" - Ava

"It's Rosy's birthday today" - Clairra

"She's nice and walks well. Her behavior is good" - Jacob

"If they're big enough, you can chill on them and lie down on them" - Nora

"My first year, I got reserve champion on showmanship" - Nathaniel

Congratulations to Clairra and Rosy on winning Grand Champion Showman!



Top left: Evelyn Carpenter; top right: Dairy representatives, Nathaniel Carpenter, Nora Chernyakov, Ava Carpenter; bottom left: Dairy representatives, Clairra Cuykendall, Allie Carpenter; bottom right: Ava Carpenter



## Youth Round Robin

In the round robin competition, youth show four different species: dairy cattle, sheep, goat, and dog. This competition tests youth's overall showing knowledge on not just the species they show, but the species their friends show as well. Each animal has different requirements for showing and different essential knowledge. The judges may also ask species-specific questions while kids are showing, such as "What nutrient can easily become toxic to sheep?" While kids aren't expected to know the animal's name or date of birth, they are expected to know the breed. They are also required to know some aspect of the anatomy and be able to point it out on their animal.

Cloverbuds were also given a chance to try their hands at showing different species of animal. While it isn't a competitive event for Cloverbuds, all Cloverbuds will earn a ribbon for their participation.

The winning Juniors and Seniors will be released at the Awards Ceremony on Saturday.



Top left: Clair Cuykendall; top right: Emily Ralph, Rhoda Brown, Lucia, and Vera Chernyakov; bottom left: Alina Loginov and Jaden Williams; bottom right: Alina Loginov, Connor Hall, Jaden Williams, and Clair Cuykendall

Great job to all Round Robin Showmen!



## Dance Party and Karaoke

Come to the first annual 4-H dance party wearing all your tropical regalia! After reading the suggestion put in the Suggestions Box at our first Fair Board meeting of the year, we decided that it was an awesome idea and wanted to make it happen. As we started thinking about it, we realized that maybe we needed a theme ... and so the tropical theme was born! Sadly, one of the most enthusiastic advocates of this idea, Rozlyn Cuykendall, was unfortunately unable to be here to celebrate the success of her idea. So, I have one request to make in her honor: Have fun!



Coralyn Harris, Isla Slattery, and Eli Carpenter definitely danced the night away!

## Ice Cream Social

Hosted by the Jr. Tailwaggers Club, the Ice Cream Social is free and donation-only. Those ice cream cups were chock-full of ice cream, sauce, whipped cream, and sprinkles! Tailwaggers club members and leaders helped distribute these cups during the Dance Party and Karaoke. Thank you, Tailwaggers!

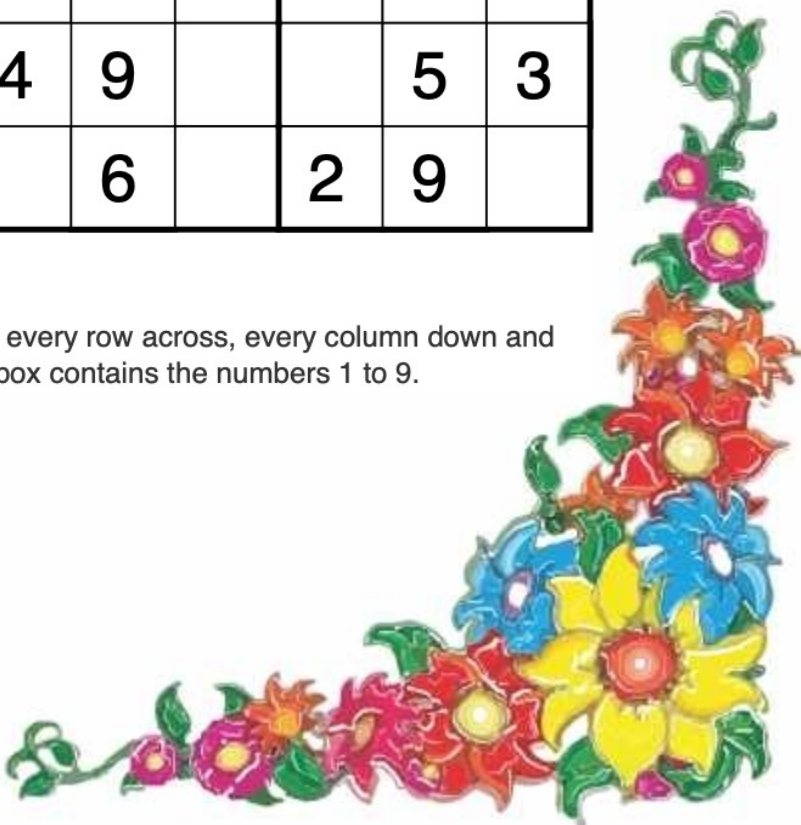
There's one catch, though: To eat the ice cream, you must think about joining the Tailwaggers at their club meetings. They meet Mondays at 6:30pm every week to train their dogs and prepare them to show at Fair.



## Saturday's Sudoku

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			6	1	9	3		2
9	6							
		4			6			5
			9				2	1
7		3	5			4	6	8
4	5	9		8				
1	2	6	4	9			5	3
				6		2	9	

Fill in the puzzle so that every row across, every column down and every 9 by 9 box contains the numbers 1 to 9.

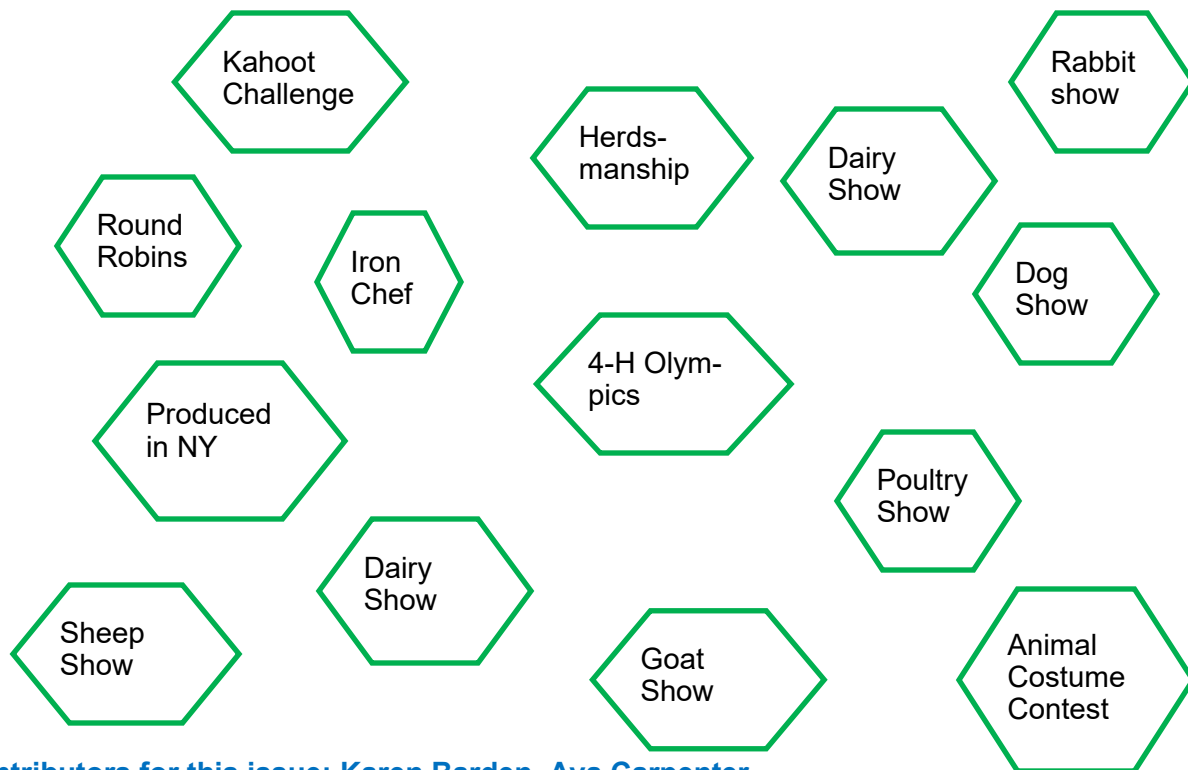


## Feathered Fun

If you haven't seen them already, there's a whole pile of adorable yellow fluffs in a cage in the pole barn. These little fluffs are Dan Carpenter's chicks, and they've hatched after being placed as eggs from his chickens into an incubator. This incubator keeps the chicks at 99 degrees until they hatch, a temperature very close to what eggs would normally experience under their mothers. Once they're hatched, the chicks are moved to a cage with a heat lamp to keep them warm as if they were next to their mothers. That's the stage at which they are now. Come check out these adorable fluffballs!



*Focus Question of the Day:*  
*What competitions are there at Fair?*



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