



# The Fair Focus

Wednesday, July 27  
2023

## Today's Events:

- 8:00 - 9:30 am Hot Breakfast at Country Kitchen
- 11:00 a.m. Dying with Plants (Plant Tent)
- 11:00 - 3:00 p.m. Jr. Iron Chef Contest (Kiwanis)
- 11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Country Kitchen Open
- 1:00 p.m. Stuffed Animal Show (Pole Barn)
- 2:30 p.m. Tissue Paper Butterflies and Flowers (Plant Tent)
- 3:00 p.m. Sheep Show (Pole Barn)
- 4:00 p.m. Kahoot Dairy Challenge (Kiwanis)
- 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Country Kitchen
- 5:30 p.m. Cardboard Car Build
- 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Adult Iron Chef (Kiwanis)
- 8:00 p.m. Bonfire & Overnights' Meeting (fire ring)

## Tompkins County 4-H Youth Fair

### Goat Show and Showmanship Competition

This year, the goat show was held at the Pole Barn and judged by Erica McCarthy, and involved one Cloverbud and nine regular members. The goat show consists of two classes: Showmanship (based on the showman's ability to present the animal and their knowledge about the animal) and Conformation (based on the physical structure of the animal compared to the ideal standard).

When asked what they liked about the Goat show, the participants shared their thoughts. Eli, the Cloverbud presenter, said he liked "leading Scotch around the ring, and getting a trophy and ribbon". Anya commented that "I liked showing a different goat than last year". Simon added, "I was happy the goats cooperated". A member of the audience also shared that they loved "learning about goats and watching kids work with animals they love".

Read on to see the results of the Goat Show!

Cloverbud (meat goat) - Eli Carpenter  
Champion Novice Showman - Nora Chernyakov  
Champion Jr. Showman - Elliot LeRoux  
Champion Sr. Showman - Vera Chernyakov  
Grand Champion Showman - Vera Chernyakov  
Reserve Champion Showman - Elliot LeRoux  
Champion Fiber Goat - Elliot LeRoux  
Reserve Champion Fiber Goat - Simon LeRoux

Congratulations to all these amazing goat showmen! Showing your animal is always exhausting – check out the solutions these four 4-H friends used!



Left: Nora Chernyakov, Right: Anya, Miruna, and Ava Carpenter

## Junior Iron Chef

The Junior Iron Chef is a cooking competition in which teams of three or four youths assemble a complete meal using two secret ingredients and some common pantry or refrigerated items. Youth are given an hour and a half to successfully create a meal, write down the recipe, and clean up. Once the meals are plated, judges test the meals to determine which tasted the best, was the healthiest, had the best presentation, and best utilized both secret ingredients. Today's winning team was "The Potatoes", and included Dacia, Alina, Anna, and Ella. I'd like to give a special thank-you to RYS for allowing me and Dacia to join their team! The names of the winning meals will be released tomorrow after both sections of the competition have happened. There's **still time** to ask if you can join Thursday's Junior or Adult Iron Chef competition! Hope to see you there!



The Gerald's



The Potatoes  
(winning team)



Iron Fist

## Plant Science Fun with Karen Barden

Karen Barden led a live activity called "Flower Pressing", where we used household items to press flowers in a sandwich-like press. Here's how we did it! This press is made by layering cardboard, newspaper, printer paper, and flowers. Once your flowers are arranged how you'd like, you cover them in printer paper, then newspaper, and finally, with cardboard. This entire structure is rubber banded together so that the flowers get squished progressively more and more over the course of their drying. As they're squished, they become flatter, and the moisture wicks out, leaving you with dry flowers. Less juicy flowers can be pressed for just a week before drying, but for more juicy flowers, it can take up to a month. Once you're sure they're dry, they can be pulled out of your press and used for things like pictures or cards.

Your pressed flowers might look something like this:



You can even make pictures out of your pressed flowers!





## Nathaniel's Public Presentation

Great job on your presentation, Nathaniel! Nathaniel presented to a judge and an audience of 4-H youth and volunteers about how to make Polish Sausage, an Easter and Christmas tradition in his family. The meat for these sausages even came from Nathaniel's own pigs! He added spices, (marjoram, salt, pepper, and chopped garlic), very carefully in a gram scale to make sure that he had an accurate measurement of each. Then, he mixed them all together and his dad helped make them into patties and fry them on a hot plate. He even gave samples to the audience!



Nathaniel is focusing very hard to get the right measurements of each of his ingredients!

## Animal Costume Contest

The Animal Costume Contest is new this year to 4-H. In this contest, youth dress up with their animals to form a costume ensemble. Most of these costumes lie within this year's tropical theme, but one – perhaps my favorite – did not. This costume was made by Rhoda and Dacia Brown, and their two chickens. They dressed up as pirates (swords, feathers, and all), along with their chickens. While Rhoda posed with her chicken on her shoulder, Dacia had wrapped a towel around her chicken's tail, matching the towel over her older sister's hair. Some of the more tropical costumes were also quite amazing. Mahkia and her sheep were definitely sporting some colorful flowers! The feathers in Nora's calf's collar were also a nice touch. I can't wait to see who wins!



Left: Ava Carpenter; right: Mahkia Gumaer



## Cardboard Car Build

The Cardboard Car Build and Drive-In Movie is a long-standing tradition in 4-H. So, I set out to ask some long-time 4-Hers what their favorite memory of the build was.

**Colleen Richards** told me that she remembered one family in particular that was always extremely creative. One year, they made a milk truck. It was even painted white! During the movie, she remembers so many technological disasters, for which she'd always call her husband for help.

**Morgan Wilcox**, a recent 4-H graduate, once made a Cadillac. But this car wasn't just a Cadillac – it had a functioning trunk! At the end of the build, she was awarded a prize by Brenda Carpenter, and flipped open her trunk to store it safely. Her mom remembers watching Brenda's jaw drop.

**Beth Wilcox** best remembers when the Stallone family made a train of cars for all six of their boys in 4-H. That must've been a very long train! She also remembers bringing all of her daughter's stickers and crayons to decorate, and watching the older kids help the younger kids out with their cars.

**Arabella Hartino's** favorite memory was watching everyone help each other out on their cardboard cars, especially Dylan Deets. It didn't matter whose car it was, everyone helped. She misses the times when everyone would work on their cars together.



## Adult Round Robin

Round Robin is a competition where adults show multiple species of animals, including dairy cattle, sheep, goats, and dogs. If there's a tie, they might be asked to try showing a chicken or a rabbit in addition! This competition tests adults' knowledge of multiple types of showing, and encourages them to spread their horizons beyond what their kids show. It's so fun to get to walk your friends' animals in an actual show, and learn more about their species of choice! Youth, there's still time! Come to the Youth Round Robin at 2:00 PM on Friday and test your abilities at showing.

## Thursday's Word Search

Words can be found in any direction (including diagonals) and can overlap each other.  
Use the word bank below.

C	J	G	N	I	T	L	I	U	Q
N	O	I	T	A	U	L	A	V	E
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B	B	U	V	B	I	U	E	E	L
U	T	O	U	C	W	E	T	Y	H
L	K	K	K	S	D	F	R	R	F
C	S	E	L	S	J	M	E	Q	V
Z	N	O	D	A	Q	W	E	T	N
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### Word Bank

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| 1. head     | 4. trees  | 7. club       |
| 2. goats    | 5. weeds  | 8. evaluation |
| 3. quilting | 6. sewing | 9. chickens   |





## Selected for NY State Fair

A selection of entries which were awarded blue ribbons will be going on to State Fair. They will be evaluated by State level 4-H judges, awarded new ribbons, and displayed at the 4-H Youth Building for the duration of the Fair.

A number of Cloverbud entries have also been selected for exhibition at the State Fair. They will not be evaluated, but will be at the Fair for visitors to see what our youngest members are doing.

## Focus Question of the Day:

How many years have you been coming to the Fair?



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