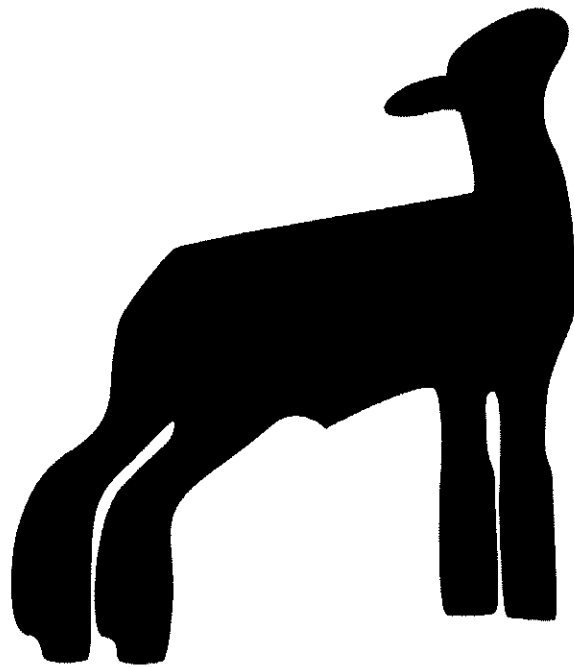


2024 Erie County Fair



Open Class Market & Showmanship Sheep Show

Wednesday, August 7th, 2024
4:00 pm

JUDGE: Mrs. Ashlyn O'Brien
Stillwater, Oklahoma

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

by Baxter Black, DVM

COUNTY FAIRS, WHY?

“Most people just don’t get it,” said Ron, bemoaning the urban politicians that continue to whittle away at funding for county fairs and the ag extension service. “It’s all about the kids learning real life.”

To their misfortune, urban children have much less opportunity to connect with real life. They look at some farm kid working on his show steer every day for months. It is beyond their comprehension. “Why”, they think, ‘Would anyone want to waste their time in such a mindless pursuit?’ and then they whip out their Game Boy and fall into a trance.

Thank goodness there are some politicians, corporations and influential associations that DO get it. As farmers and livestock raisers continue to decline in numbers, it is even more critical that parents, county agents, ag teachers, 4-H leaders, scientists and teachers instill in the next generations the realities of life that farming depends on. Does America want to become a net importer of food in fifty years?

I appreciate Mrs. Obama’s garden, Whole Foods specialty markets, organic and natural producers. They have a niche market. But who is going to feed the other 99% of our burgeoning population, much less a hungry third world?

Those kids, our kids who are fitting steers, doing chores, picking apples, showing hogs, driving the grain truck, learning to weld, riding pens, irrigating strawberries, managing a pasture, hosing the milk room, stacking hay and learning to read the sky are assimilating the mountain of knowledge that it takes to make dirt and rain into food.

Farm kids start learning the land and the livestock when they are old enough to carry a bucket. When they help with the daily chores they are practicing. It’s like taking piano lessons or tennis lessons except what farm kids learn has a much more profound objective; feeding us all.

Our culture expends a great deal of effort on future NBA stars, astronauts, environmental lawyers, doctors, and political science majors. But for every 100 rock stars, Rhoades Scholars and Heisman trophy winners our country produces, we better make sure we spend enough to train at least two future farmers, so the rest of them can eat. That is the essence of the county fair.

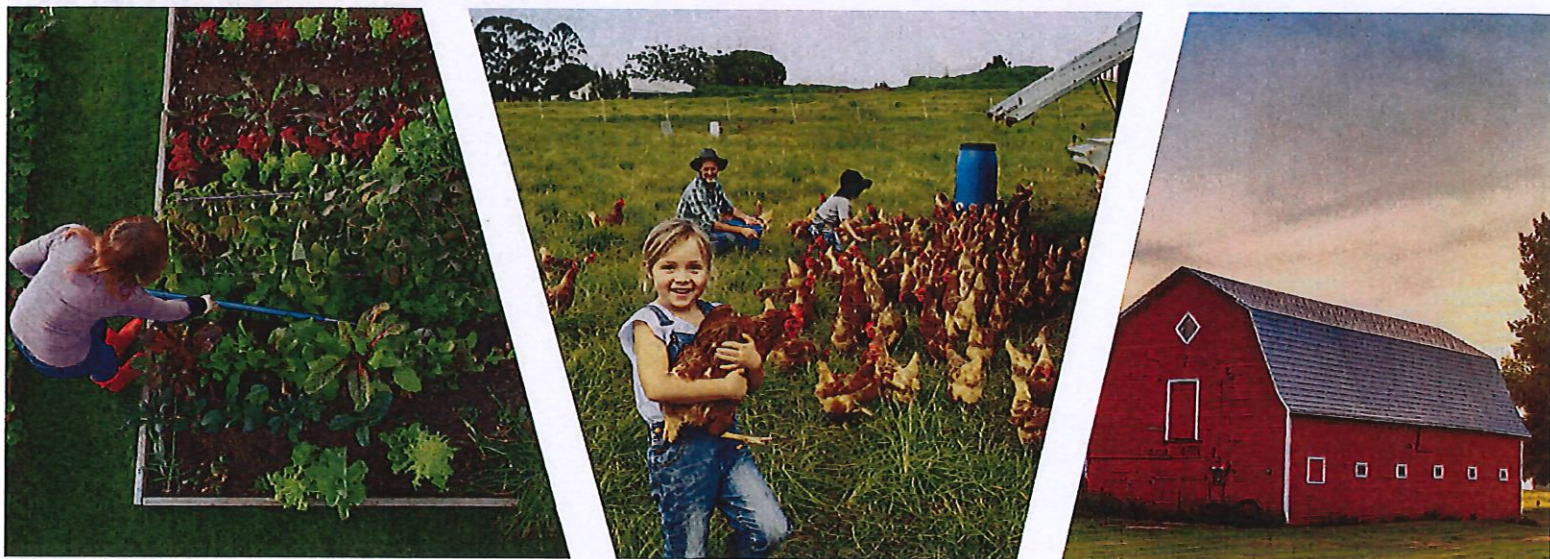
Beneath all the fun, auctions, and show ribbons, the serious business of learning how to make a living off the land continues like an underground river.

The list of ‘essential professions’ is a short one. That’s the reality of real life. Farm kids hold our future in their hands. They are in training to feed the world. And fair board members and county agents get it.

Ashlyn O'Brien is from Perrysburg, Ohio where her and her siblings Kylie and Shayne grew up with their parents Donald and Carol O'Brian. Ashlyn judged livestock at Butler Community College where she was very successful! She won High Individual at National Western, Cattlemen's Congress, and San Antonio Stock Show, she also received her All American. While at Butler Community College she received her associate degree in Agriculture Business. Now Ashlyn is at Oklahoma State University where she is on the livestock judging team and is pursuing a degree in Animal Science.



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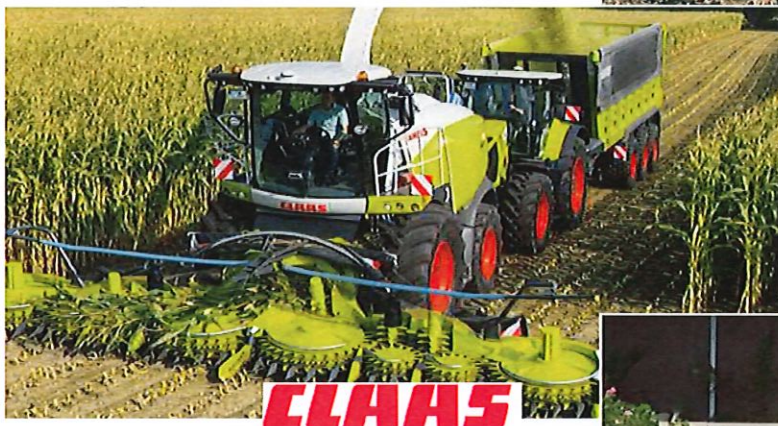
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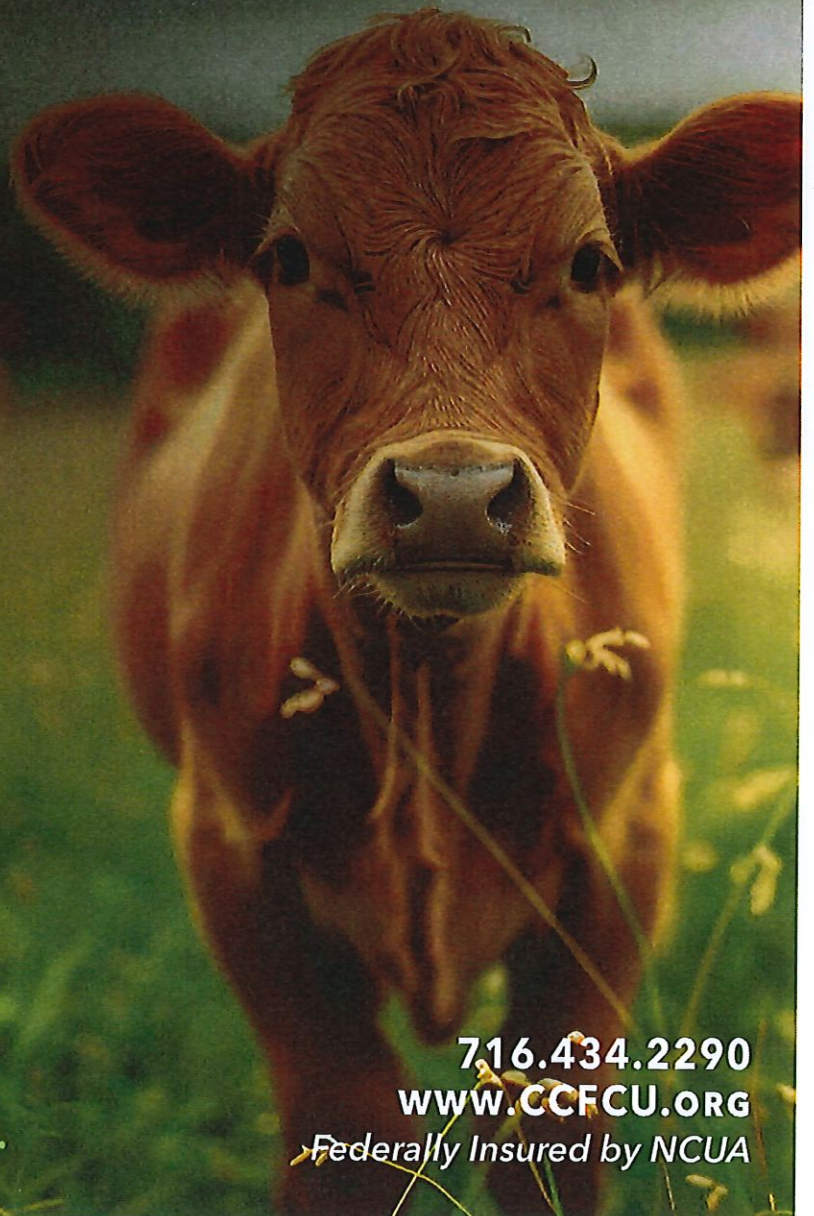
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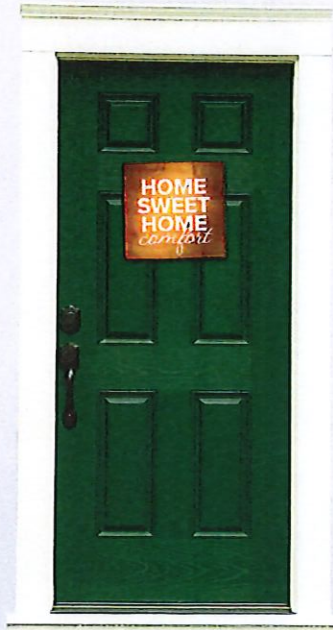
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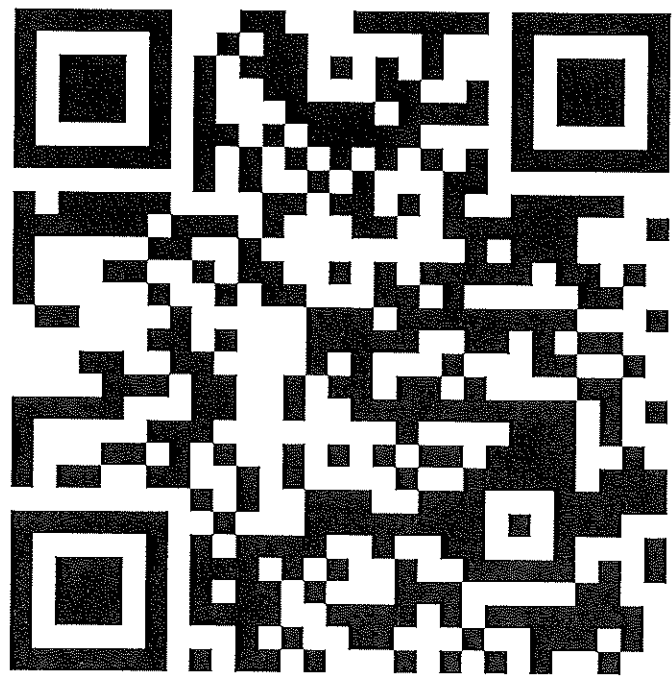


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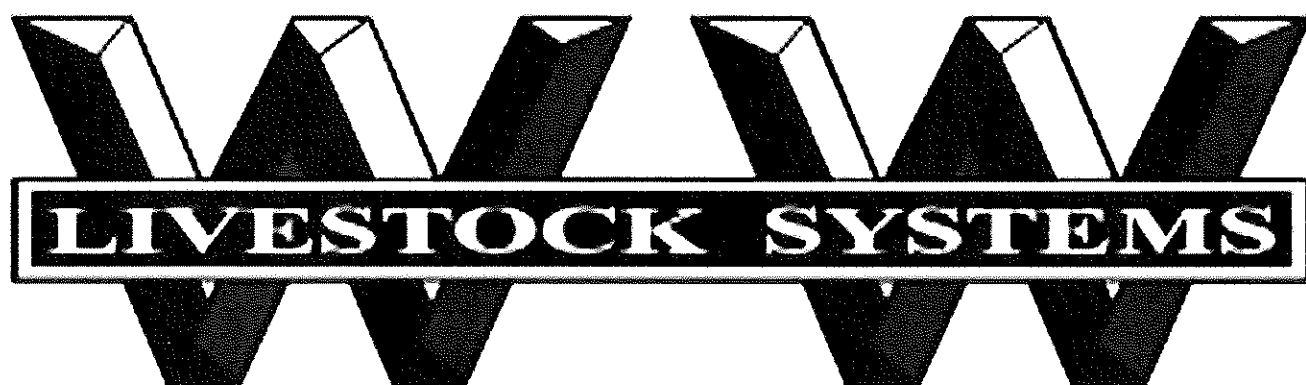


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Open Sheep Show Showmanship

Pee-Wee (Ages 4 – 8 Years Old)

Analise Hayne
Paislee Lathrop
Lea Bielewicz
David Welker
Ryker Swartz

Champion Pee-Wee Showman:

Reserve Champion Pee-Wee Showman:

Novice (First Year Showing)

Aaron Calteaux

Champion Novice Showman:

Reserve Champion Novice Showman:

Junior (Ages 9-12 Years Old)

Clayton Lathrop
Meridith Bugman
Jolene Mesch

Champion Junior Showman:
Reserve Champion Junior Showman:

Intermediate (Ages 13-16 Years Old)

Charlotte Saraceni
Leah Hyman
Ashlyn Hackett
Leslie Mesch

Champion Intermediate Showman:
Reserve Champion Intermediate Showman:

Senior (Ages 17-21 Years Old)

Piper Somerville
Amelia Hintz-Strub
Grace Arion

Champion Senior Showman:
Reserve Champion Senior Showman:

Grand Champion Overall Showman:
Reserve Grand Champion Overall Showman:



Livestock Program

Erie County Fair

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71 - Sheep- Market Lamb

Class: 001a - Break 1 Market Lamb

Sacilowski, Corrin - 194 Springville, NY Farm Name:Lucky Ewe Farms Owner:	Entry# 1801 Tag ID 2410 Tattoo: Breeder:	Name: Kesha Sire: Dam:	DOB: 1/31/2024 Wt: 93	<input type="text"/>
Mesch, Jolene - 201 Collins, NY Farm Name: Owner:	Entry# 2023 Tag ID 2236 Tattoo: Breeder:	Name: Fifi Sire: Dam:	DOB: 1/28/2024 Wt: 100	<input type="text"/>
Lathrop, Clayton - 81 Delevan, NY Farm Name: Owner:	Entry# 686 Tag ID Tattoo: Breeder:	Name: Sire: Dam:	DOB: 2/5/2024 Wt: 101	<input type="text"/>
Sacilowski, Corrin - 194 Springville, NY Farm Name:Lucky Ewe Farms Owner:	Entry# 1799 Tag ID 2409 Tattoo: Breeder:	Name: Koe Sire: Dam:	DOB: 1/31/2024 Wt: 101	<input type="text"/>
Calteaux, Aaron - 38 Strykersville, NY Farm Name: Owner:	Entry# 281 Tag ID Tattoo: Breeder:	Name: Sire: Dam:	DOB: 2/8/2024 Wt: 111	<input type="text"/>
Roalsvig, Staffan - 76 Silver Creek, NY Farm Name:H&R Rustic Acres Owner:	Entry# 622 Tag ID Tattoo: Breeder:	Name: Sire: Dam:	DOB: 12/15/2023 Wt: 115	<input type="text"/>

Class: 001b - Break 2 Market Lamb

Mesch, Leslie - 211 Collins, NY Farm Name: Owner:	Entry# 1962 Tag ID 2237 Tattoo: Breeder:	Name: Ricky Sire: Dam:	DOB: 2/28/2024 Wt: 120	<input type="text"/>
Hintz-Strub, Amelia - 43 Springville, NY Farm Name: Owner:	Entry# 412 Tag ID Tattoo: Breeder:	Name: Wakanda Sire: Dam:	DOB: 1/20/2024 Wt: 125	<input type="text"/>
Lathrop, Paislee - 89 Delevan, NY Farm Name: Owner:	Entry# 706 Tag ID Tattoo: Breeder:	Name: Sire: Dam:	DOB: 2/5/2024 Wt: 127	<input type="text"/>
Saraceni, Charlotte - 269 Darlen Center, NY Farm Name: Owner:	Entry# 2328 Tag ID 1658 Tattoo: Breeder:	Name: Zeus Sire: Dam:	DOB: 2/15/2024 Wt: 130	<input type="text"/>



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Roalsvig, Staffan - 76	Entry# 621	Name:	DOB: 12/15/2023	
Silver Creek, NY	Tag ID	Sire:	Wt: 130	
Farm Name: H&R Rustic Acres	Tattoo:	Dam:		
Owner:	Breeder:			

Class: 001c - Break 3 Market Lamb

Hyman, Leah - 52	Entry# 438	Name:	DOB: 2/20/2024	
Strykersville, Ny	Tag ID	Sire:	Wt: 134	
Farm Name:	Tattoo:	Dam:		
Owner:	Breeder:			

Saraceni, Charlotte - 269	Entry# 2327	Name: Apollo	DOB: 2/15/2024	
Darien Center, NY	Tag ID 1657	Sire:	Wt: 138	
Farm Name:	Tattoo:	Dam:		
Owner:	Breeder:			

Hackett, Ashlyn - 25	Entry# 120	Name: Buzz	DOB: 1/19/2024	
Arcade, NY	Tag ID 389	Sire:	Wt: 150	
Farm Name: ABC Livestock	Tattoo:	Dam:		
Owner:	Breeder:			

Class: 002 - Champion Market Lamb

TBD, TBD - 306	Entry# 2560	Name:	DOB:	
	Tag ID	Sire:	Wt:	
Farm Name:	Tattoo:	Dam:		
Owner:	Breeder:			

Class: 003 - Reserve Champion Market Lamb

TBD, TBD - 306	Entry# 2561	Name:	DOB:	
	Tag ID	Sire:	Wt:	
Farm Name:	Tattoo:	Dam:		
Owner:	Breeder:			