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STORY NIC BIRGLER
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The Delaware County Fair is back and better than ever this year from August 14 -19! This year the fair celebrates 134 years with a wide variety of attractions and activities. From carnival rides and games to agricultural exhibits and competitions, there's something for everyone to enjoy!

Visitors can check out the livestock shows and demonstrations, enjoy live music and entertainment, and indulge in classic fair food like funnel cakes and cotton candy. The fair also offers plenty of opportunities for shopping, with vendors selling handmade crafts and other items.

The fair is a great place to bring the whole family. There are plenty of activities and attractions for kids, including a petting zoo, pony rides, and a children's tent with games and activities. The fair also offers a wide range of educational exhibits and demonstrations, including a full display of antique

farm machinery.

Youth 4H programs will be in full swing with events in the youth barn like Teen Council Quilt tickets for sale, photo opportunities, and baby chick hatching.

In addition to the many attractions and activities available at the Delaware County Fair, the event is also a great opportunity to connect with the local community. If you're interested in community involvement, the fair has opportunities for volunteering and supporting local farmers and artisans.

The fair attracts over 80,000 visitors from all over the region and provides a platform for local farmers and artisans to showcase their products and talents, which helps support the local economy. The Board of Directors for the 2023 Delaware County Fair is made up of all volunteers who are local residents who understand the agricultural industry. This year's board members are Niles Wilson, Ray Baker, Kevin O'Brien, Jeremy Dean, Jon Seely, John Seward, Cecil Davis, Ed Rossley, Jason Craig, Norm Kilpat-



Joey Arcaola gets ready to take off on the helicopter ride at the Fair.

rick, and Bill Banks.

Fair goers should check the full schedule for times of specific events. Daily Passes, Season Tickets and Grandstand Tickets are available for purchase.

Entry ticket will be available for purchase at the gates. Grandstand Tickets are available online at etix.

com/ticket/v/12188 and in person at Hodges Welding/Machine at 53 Liberty St., Walton, from Monday to Friday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Don't miss out on this fun and educational experience that celebrates the unique culture and community of upstate New York!

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Cutest baby contest returns to the fair!

STORY BY NIC BIRGLER

United Health Services Delaware Valley Hospital (UHSDVH) is excited to sponsor this year's Cutest Baby Contest at the Delaware County Fair!

Exciting changes are underway for this year's contest as this year all photo entries will be posted online, giving distant friends and relatives the opportunity to see their family member's picture in the line up.

Each child must under the age of two as of August 1, and are assigned a number that is used for identification for voting at the fair.

Winners of the contest will receive a savings account from Wayne Bank that can be opened at any of the bank's offices in Delaware and Sullivan County.

First place will win \$100, second will win \$50 and third place will

win \$25.

"United Health Services Delaware Valley Hospital is excited to be sponsoring the cutest baby contest at the fair for over 25 years" stated Dotti Kruppo Director of Community Relations for UHSDVH and contest organizer.

Last year over 71 adorable babies entered the popular contest, giving community members a chance to show off the newest and cutest members of their families.

In first place last year was little Gracelyn Cronk from Walton, NY followed closely behind by Beckett DaBrescia-McGraw from Hancock, NY in second and Lincoln Moody of Walton, NY in third.

\$1,427 was raised during the event and was used for improvements within UHSDVH.

Save the Date!

Hancock Harvest Festival and Tractor Parade
Friday Oct. 6th & Saturday Oct. 7th
 Vendors at the Town Square 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
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Saturday Oct 7th - The 15th Annual Tractor Parade at 1:00 PM
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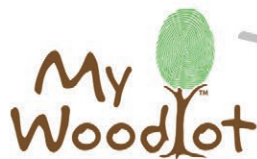
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4H plays a vital role in hands-on learning

STORY BY NIC BIRGLER

The 136th Delaware County Fair will have no shortage of educational experiences for the kiddos with their dedicated youth 4-H building.

Packed daily with fun, and enriching activities, the 4-H program and youth building aims to teach the importance of agriculture within their communities.

4H is a youth development organization that was founded in the United States in the early 1900s.

One of the things that makes the 4-H building at the fair so special is its focus on hands-on learning.

Instead of just reading about a subject in a book, young people in 4-H get to actually do things like draft horse shows, dairy and meat goat shows, baby chick hatchings, a food preservation Cornell Cooperative Exchange Human Ecology Program and much more.

Members of the 4-H club of Delaware County have worked hard

all year and will be giving public presentations throughout the fairs run.

This kind of experiential learning is really valuable as it helps young people develop practical skills that they can use in their daily lives.

The Delaware County Fair is the largest agricultural fair in the area.

Agriculture is what allows us to grow the food we need to survive, and it's also a major part of our economy. By learning about agriculture and participating in 4-H programs, young people can develop a deeper understanding of the world around them and the role that agriculture plays in our lives.

Delaware County 4-H is part of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Delaware County. For questions or to join Delaware County 4-H, contact Emily Roach, 4-H Resource Educator: 607-865-6531 or email her at esc33@cornell.edu.



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Sunday August 13, 2023
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9 a.m. Open Horse Show - Driving, Mini and English Show Horses
9:30 am Jersey Parish Show
10 am Open Goat Show
10 am New Hope Church Service,
Entertainment Court
12 pm -4 pm Youth Building (4-H) Exhibits Judged
5 pm All 4-H Beef Cattle MUST be in place - Livestock Barn
5:30 pm Vesper Service -Practice
6 pm **Vesper Service - Entertainment Court**

Monday August 14, 2023
****Opening Day****
The Entertainment Court is sponsored by Curtis Lumber

Youth Building (4-H): Teen Council Quilt Tickets for Sale; Baby Chicks Hatching; 4-H Photo Opportunity (Youth Bldg)
All Day Food Preservation- CCE human Ecology Program
8:30 am All Day Garden Tractor Pull - Track
9 am **Open Meat Goat Show - Livestock Barn**
10 am **Draft Horse Show**
12pm **Buffalo Barfield - Entertainment Court**
2-4 pm Canning Tomatoes - CCE Human Ecology Bldg
3 pm **Illusionist - Entertainment Court**
3-5 pm 4-H Auction Animal Project Records Due
4 pm All Youth 4-H Building Exhibits must be in place
4 pm **Buffalo Barfield - Entertainment Court**
5 pm 4-H Animal Exhibits must be in place
5-7 pm **Randy's Nashville Sound - Entertainment Court**
5:30 pm 4-H Table Settings Set Up (Youth Bldg)
6 pm 4-H Table Settings Judging (Youth Bldg)
7 pm Dairy Exhibitor Meeting (Dairy Show Ring)
7:30 pm Livestock Exhibitor Meeting (Livestock Show Ring)
7:30 - 10:30 **The DRIFTWOODS (Country) - Entertainment Court**
7 pm **Demo Derby**



The Barfields entertain the audience under the Entertainment Tent.

Enjoy a great day at the Delaware County Fair

Tuesday August 15, 2023
Children's Day
The Entertainment Court is sponsored by Curtis Lumber
Youth Building (4-H):
Teen Council Quilt Tickets for Sale; Baby Chicks Hatching; Milk Mustache Photo Opportunity

All Day Food Preservation- CCE human Ecology Program
As Scheduled: 4-H Public Presentations (Youth Bldg)
As Scheduled: 4-H Youth Activities (Youth Bldg)
8:30 am 4-H Dairy & Meat Goat Show - Livestock Barn
9 am 4-H Horse Show (Hunt; Saddle; Minis; Driving; Gymkhana) - Horse Arena
9:30 am 4-H Cavy Showmanship Show - Rabbit Show Ring
4-H Dairy Cattle Showmanship Show - Dairy Cattle Barn
10 am 4-H Rabbit Showmanship Show - Rabbit Show Ring
11 am **Kids Power Wheels Derby - Track Side**
11 am **Buffalo Barfield - Entertainment Court**
12 pm **Illusionist - Entertainment Court**
1 pm 4-H Sheep (Livestock Show Ring)
1 pm **Buffalo Barfield - Entertainment Court**
1 PM **Bike Giveaway - Sign ups at 1 pm**
2 pm **Cowboy Circus - Entertainment Court**
2-4 pm **Canning Jams & Jellies - CCE Human Ecology Bldg**
3 pm **Buffalo Barfield - Entertainment Court**
4 pm **Wildlife Federation Children's Drawing**
4 pm **KARAOKE CONTEST (Youth and Junior)**
6 pm Presentation of the Thomson Scholarship (Youth Bldg)
6:30 pm 4-H Parade (Track-Grandstands)
7 pm **KARAOKE CONTEST (Adult)**
7pm **The Hero's Parade**



Clockwise from above: (L-r) Silvie and Vita Marchese enjoy a cotton candy treat while dad David looks on.

(L-r) Sparky and Smoky pose with Paul Christofel from Delaware County Emergency Services.

That's Leah Figary with her horse Santana, and peeking out from underneath are Abigail Del-Balso (left) and Kennedy Williams.

Diana (left) and Scarlett Sinistore having a blast on the Crazy Cabs ride.



Wednesday August 16
The Entertainment Court is sponsored by Curtis Lumber
 Youth Building (4-H):
 Teen Council Quilt Tickets for Sale;
Baby Chicks Hatching; Milk Mustache Photo Opportunity

All Day Food Preservation- CCE human Ecology Program
 As Scheduled 4-H Public Presentations (Youth Building)

As Scheduled 4-H Activities (Youth Building)
 9 am 4-H Beef Cattle Show – Livestock Barn
 4-H Horse Show (Western; Gymkhana) Horse Arena **Stock Farm**

Tractor Pull – Track Side
 9:30 am 4-H Cavy Breeds Show – Rabbit Show Ring
 4-H Dairy Cattle Breeds Show – Dairy Cattle Barn

10 am 4-H Rabbit Breeds Show – Rabbit Show Barn
 12 pm **Buffalo Barfield – Entertainment Court**

1-3 pm **Country's Sweetheart KRYSTAL LEE**

2 pm **Open Swine Show (following 4-H Beef Show)**
 2-4 pm **Canning Pickles** CCE Human Ecology Bldg

3 pm **Buffalo Barfield - Entertainment**

Court
 4 pm 4-H Dairy Challenge (Dairy Show Ring)

4 pm **Illusionist – Entertainment Court**

5-6 pm **Buffalo Barfield – Entertainment Court**

6-7 pm **Cowboy Circus – Entertainment Court**

7 pm NYTPA **Super Stock Combo, Modified, Two Wheel Drive**

7:30p-10:30p **The NATE GROSS BAND (Blues and Southern Rock) – Entertainment Court**

Thursday August 17
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Senior Citizens Day – Seniors \$5 Admission
Teen Council Quilt Tickets for Sale; Baby Chicks Hatching; 4-H Photo Opportunity (Youth Bldg)

All Day Food Preservation- CCE human Ecology Program
 As Scheduled Youth Activities (Youth Building)

As Scheduled 4-H Public Presentations (Youth Building)
 8am Open Horse Show -Hunter Division Horse & Pony 9 9 9 am

Antique Tractor Pull
 9 am 4-H Swine Show – Livestock Barn
 9:30 am **Open Class Cattle Show**
Open Class Beef Show (after the 4-H Swine Show)

11 -12 pm **Buffalo Barfield – Entertainment Court**
 12-1 pm **Randy's Nashville Sound – Entertainment Court**

1-2 pm **Buffalo Barfield – Entertainment Court**
 2 pm 4-H Poultry Show (Poultry Barn)
 2-3 pm **Randy's Nashville Sound – Entertainment Court**

2-4 pm **Freezing Fruits & Vegetables - CCE Human Ecology Bldg**
 3-4 pm **Buffalo Barfield – Entertainment Court**

4-6 pm **Singing Oldies Mary Frances Perricone – Entertainment Court**
 6 pm **Illusionist – Entertainment Court**

6:30 pm 4-H Sheep Olympics followed by 4-H Animal Dress-up Contest – Livestock Barn

6:45 pm **Cowboy Circus – Entertainment Court**
 7 pm **Street Legal Gas & Diesel 4x4 Truck Pull**

7:30-10:30 pm **The BEADLE BROTHERS** (Todays Country & More) High Energy

Friday August 18
The Entertainment Court is sponsored by Curtis Lumber
 Youth Building (4-H):
Teen Council Quilt Tickets for Sale; Baby Chicks Hatching; 4-H Photo Opportunity (Youth Bldg)

All Day Food Preservation- CCE human Ecology Program
 As Scheduled 4-H Public Presentation (Youth Building)

As Scheduled Youth Activities (Youth Building)
 8 am Open Horse Show - Western Division

9 am Pony Pull - #1400, #1800, Miniature Unlimited – Track
 9:30 am **Open Class Cattle Show** FFA Judging and Demonstration

10 am Final Weigh-in for 4-H Livestock Auction Animals – Livestock Barn
 11-1 2pm **Buffalo Barfield – Entertainment Court**

Noon 4-H Rooster Crowing Contest – Poultry Barn
Open Sheep Show
 12-1 pm **Catskill Dance Expo – Entertainment Court**

1-2 pm **Buffalo & Barfield – Entertainment Court**
 2-3 pm **Illusionist – Entertainment Court**
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Friday August 18
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 Youth Building (4-H):
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Mustache Photo Opportunity

Saturday August 19
The Entertainment Court is sponsored by Curtis Lumber
 Youth Building (4-H):
Teen Council Quilt Tickets for Sale;
Baby Chicks Hatching;
4-H Photo Opportunity (Youth Bldg)

4:30pm **Smelly Footwear Contest - Entertainment Court**
 5:30 pm **Illusionist – Entertainment Court**
 6:00 pm **River of Dreams, Billy Joel Tribute**
 6:15 pm **Cowboy Circus – Entertainment Court**
 7 pm -11pm **Music by BJ Hendrickson - Entertainment Court**
 8 pm **E1 Presents Brings The Ultimate Journey Experience by LEGEND**
 8 pm **All Exhibits Released** (all animals and all Youth Building projects). Exhibits remaining after 8 pm will be left at exhibitor's risk.

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 3-4 pm **Buffalo & Barfield – Entertainment Court**
 4-6 pm **New Orleans Singer John Paul – Entertainment Court**
 6 pm **THE TOM NEWMAN MEMORIAL HORSE PULL-Horse Ring**
 6:30 pm **Cowboy Circus - Entertainment Court**
 7 pm 4-H **Goat Olympics – Livestock Barn**
 4-H **Sheep Exhibitor Dinner** following **Open Sheep Show – Livestock Barn**
 7 pm **Demo Derby – Track**
 8 -11pm **LAZY II BAND (Country & Classic Rock)**

All Day Food Preservation- CCE human Ecology Program
 As Scheduled Youth Activities (Youth Building)
 8 am **Open Horse Show - Gymkhana Division**
 9 am 4-H **Master Livestock Showman Competition – Livestock Barn**
 9 am **11,000 lb Farm & Hot Farm Tractor Pull – Donation to Enter**
 11 am 4-H **Livestock Herdsmanship Awards – Livestock Barn**
 11:30-1 pm **Buffalo & Barfield – Entertainment Court**
 Noon **Dairy Cattle Exhibitor Dinner – Dairy Cattle Barn**
 1 pm **Karaoke Finals – Entertainment Court**
 2 pm 4-H **Livestock Auction – Livestock Barn Show Ring**
 2-4 pm **Drying Herbs – CCE Human Ecology Bldg**

At right: At the Entertainment Tent, students from Catskill Dance Moves show off their talent.



-H Exhibits Release Times:

- *1st Release – 4-H AUCTION animals may be released FOLLOWING completion of the 4-H Livestock Auction
- *2nd Release – All other SWINE will be released FOLLOWING the release of the auction animals.
- *3rd Release – ALL OTHER ANIMALS and YOUTH BUILDING EXHIBITS must stay in place until 8 pm

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AUG 19	5-7PM	GOSPEL MUSIC MEDLEY COME OUT TO ENJOY A NIGHT OF CLASSIC & MODERN GOSPEL MUSIC THAT SEEKS TO UNITE THE COMMUNITY ACROSS ALL FAITHS
AUG 26	4-7PM	MOVIE NIGHT COME OUT TO ENJOY A NIGHT OF GREASE THE MUSICAL WITH FRIENDS, FAMILY AND NEIGHBORS
SEPT 02	5-7PM	COWBOY BINGO FAMILY-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY GAME WILL FEATURE 50-50 RAFFLE, DOOR PRIZES, BEST WESTERN FASHION PRIZE. BINGO CARDS START AT \$10 AND GOOD FOR ALL GAMES
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