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Let us help you get a new start!

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It’s January, which means most of us are re-committing to eating healthier and exercising more. But it doesn't have to be hard! There are plenty of ways to get you and your family moving more and eating more fruits and vegetables.

To be more active, try parking farther away from work or the store, so you get your steps in. With kids, make exercise like hiking, playing in the snow, or dancing around the living room a regular family activity. You can find more great ideas for family exercise here!

It can also be tough to eat healthy as life gets busy. Here's a quick, easy side dish for weeknight family meals-kid-approved and low-cost!

Easy Veggie Succotash
Serves 8

Ingredients
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 cup onion, diced
2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
2 cups red bell pepper, diced
2 cups zucchini, diced
2 cups yellow summer squash, dived
3 cups lima beans, frozen
3 cups corn, frozen
2 tablespoons fresh or dried sage

Instructions:
1. In a skillet over medium-high heat, add oil
2. Add onion; cook until translucent, 2 minutes. Add garlic, pepper, squash, lima beans, and corn.
3. Cook, stirring, until vegetables are tender, about 10 minutes. Stir in sage, add salt and pepper as desired, and serve.

Missing an ingredient? Switch it up - this recipe is a great way to use up whatever vegetables you have in your fridge!

Visit the Finger Lakes Eat Smart NY website for more delicious, easy recipes to keep your family on track this year, or to find an upcoming class with CCE-Steuben educators!

Farms can increase their customer base through EBT use...

Build Farm Profits with SNAP
Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County will be hosting a "Build Farm Profits with SNAP" information session on Tuesday, January 26, 2016, from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., at the Civil Defense Center, Route 54, in Bath, NY.

This free workshop is designed for farms who want to learn more about increasing their customer base by accepting SNAP/EBT benefits at their farm and at farmers' markets. Diane Eggert, from the NY Farmers' Market Federation, will lead the workshop, explaining what it takes for farms to accept SNAP/EBT, and Matthew Glenn of Muddy Fingers Farm & CSA will share his experiences accepting SNAP/EBT at his own farm.

Farms can sign up, via the NY Farmers' Market Federation, to become a SNAP/EBT vendor at the workshop. Any farms who wants to sign up that night will need to bring a valid driver's license, social security card, Federal Taxpayer ID number, date of birth, home address, phone number, and a voided check.

To reserve your seat at the workshop, and for more information, please call CCE-Steuben at (607) 664-2300 or email Kelley Elliott, CCE-Steuben Local Food Educator.

**Eat healthy with fresh local produce all winter long!**

**Buy fresh at a Winter Farmer's Markets near you!**

Three Winter Farmers' Markets are open this winter in Corning, Painted Post, and Bath. These markets provide additional income to local farms through the cold months, they strengthen local economies and communities, and they give county residents the opportunity to purchase locally produced food throughout the year. Each market will feature vendors selling vegetables, meat, bread, honey, maple, preserves, eggs, wine, dried fruit, wreaths, and more.

The **Corning Winter Farmers' Market** is located at the Corning Information Center on 1 Market Street is open on the **1st and 3rd Saturdays** from January through April. SNAP/EBT benefits are accepted at this market.

An Indoor Farmers' Market at the **Bath VA Medical Center** will be open from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. inside the Leisure Room (Building 92), the first building on the right as you enter the medical center, on the **second and fourth Thursdays** through March.
A new **Painted Post Indoor Farmers’ Market** will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on **Saturdays, January 9 and January 30**, at the IUE-CWA Local 313, on 225 Steuben St.

For more information, call CCE-Stuben at (607) 664-2300, or email Kelley Elliott, CCE Local Food Educator, at kje36@cornell.edu.

**Corning Winter Farmer’s Market**  
**Bath VA Indoor Farmer’s Market**  
**Painted Post Indoor Farmer's Market**

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**Looking for local farmers to set up at the annual Local Food Fest**

**2016 Locally Grown Food Festival is February 12th!**

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County invites the public to attend the **2016 Locally Grown Food Festival** on Friday, February 12, 5:00-8:00 p.m., at Union Hall in Corning (100 Center Way, Corning, NY 14830). This free, fun and tasty event highlights the diverse agricultural products that are available in our region year-round. Even though most farmers’ markets are closed for the season you can still find plenty of locally grown products for your family to enjoy!

Farmers from across the Finger Lakes region sample and sell locally produced meat, fruit, vegetables, maple, honey, preserves, and other local products. Join us to learn what is being produced in this area, meet and support local farms, and celebrate locally grown food!

If you would like to be a vendor at the 2016 Locally Grown Food Festival, please register through CCE-Stuben by Friday, January 29th. Questions can be directed to **Kelley Elliott** at 607-583-3358, or **Kerri Bartlett** at 607-583-3170. Farms can also register their booth space online.

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**Families can learn to cook together in our Side by Side series**

**Workshop pairs a parent and child (age 8 and above)**

A series of workshops entitled Cooking Matters for Families is beginning on January 6 and continuing on consecutive Wednesdays through February 17 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.. It is designed for six pairs of parents with a youth aged 8 and older to work together to prepare a meal and take home food.
from each session to make the featured dish for their families.

The classes will be sponsored by and held at the Lindley/Caton Pantry of Angels, 1727 Indian Hills Road, Painted Post, NY. The pairs that attend all sessions will will a kitchen prize.

For more information about this free class series, contact Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County at 607-664-2300.

Classes to help manage your finances...

Estate Administration Survival Guide:
What you need to know after the death of a loved one

The loss of a loved one is always difficult. If you are named as the Executor of the decedent's estate, your legal duties compound the difficulty and could leave you feeling lost. If you want to know what needs to be done after the death of a loved one, join us in a free informational workshop called The Estate Administration Survival Guide: The Probate Process on Thursday, January 21, 2016 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the Southeast Steuben County Library, 300 Nasser Civic Center Plaza, Corning.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County again partners with Patrick Roth, Elder Law Attorney, CPA from Corning, to lead this workshop. He will help you:

- Learn about various types of estate administration and when each is used.
- Discover the steps that occur in every estate administration.
- Learn the three "T's" of estate administration (Taxes, Time and Tolls).
- Discover what you can do now to make the process easier for your loved ones after you pass away.

Registration is requested by calling 607-664-2300. For more information visit PutKnowledgeToWork.org.

Five Critical Estate Planning Documents
...and five more you may want to consider!
Is your estate plan a comprehensive estate plan which includes all of the five critical documents? Do you know what could happen if you don't have one or more of these documents in place? Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County is offering a free workshop to answer these questions, Five Critical Estate Planning Documents ...and five more you may want to consider on two upcoming dates:

- **Tuesday, January 26 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.** at the Dormann Library, 101 West Morris St., Bath.
- **Monday, February 8 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.** at the Hornell Senior Center, Broadway Mall, Hornell.

Patrick Roth, Elder Law Attorney, CPA from Corning, will lead both workshops and discuss such topics as:

- What can happen if you never get around to completing your plan?
- What do each of these documents do and what happens if you don’t have them.
- Learn how to prevent disaster from striking you and your loved ones.

The workshop is free, but registration is required. Please call Cornell Cooperative Extension at 607-664-2300 to reserve a space. For more details visit [PutKnowledgeToWork.org](http://PutKnowledgeToWork.org).

**Free Workshop: Clear the Clutter ...and simplify years of accumulation!**

Do you feel like you are drowning in clutter? Overwhelmed by the sheer volume of stuff? Having trouble finding the item you need? Clear the Clutter and Simplify Your Life and Finances may be the workshop that helps you address these questions.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County offers a free workshop entitled Clear The Clutter which will be held on three upcoming dates:

- **Wednesday, January 6 from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.** at the Wayland Library, 101 West Naples, St., Wayland
- **Saturday, January 23 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.** at the Southeast Steuben County Library, 300 Nasser Civic Center Plaza, Corning
- **Monday, February 8 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.** at the Hornell Senior Center, Broadway Mall, Hornell.
Nancy Reigelsperger, CCE-Steuben Financial Educator, will help you discover the strategies for taking a positive approach to controlling the clutter you might have. She will cover goal setting, ideas on how to begin the overwhelming task, sorting, organizing, and disposing. Miscellaneous items may find new homes at such places as historical museums, the Salvation Army, with family members, churches, libraries, and book sales.

The workshop is free, but registration is required. Please call Cornell Cooperative Extension at 607-664-2300 to reserve a space. For more information on this and related topics, visit www.putknowledgetowork.org.

Register now to learn about maple production

Beginner Maple Production Workshop
Monday, January 11, 2016
6:00-8:00 p.m.
Vince's Park
Corner of Route 318 and 5 & 20
Seneca Falls, NY 13148

Mr. Stephen Childs, New York State Extension Specialist in the Department of Natural Resources at Cornell University; will be the presenter.

The workshop will cover a variety of aspects of maple syrup production including: why make maple syrup, tree identification, tree health, tapping, sap collection and handling, boiling, energy efficiency, finishing and grading syrup, canning, marketing and regulations.

This workshop is aimed at the small or beginning maple producer and would be useful to the homeowner looking to tap a few trees in the backyard or someone wanting to start small-scale commercial maple production.

Fee is $15 per family. To register, call: 315-539-9251, email: seneca@cornell.edu or register online at: www.senecacountyccce.org

2016 Spring Tree Sale

Order tree seedlings and transplants

Steuben County Soil and Water Conservation District is offering an opportunity to order tree seedlings and transplants. These Bare Root Plants are offered for Conservation Planting.

All orders, including payment, must be received to the Steuben County Soil and Water Conservation, 415 West Morris Street, Bath 14810 at the end of
March. Date orders are due will be announced at a later date.

Trees and wildlife packets must be picked-up mid-April (date and time TBA) at the District Maintenance Building located on Mt. Washington (County Route 113), Bath. Members are responsible for arranging for pick-up of their orders.

To receive an order form when they become available or for more information contact Soil and Water Conservation at 776-7398, Ext. 3

Details emerging on the On-Farm Enhancement Program

Southern Tier Agricultural Industry Enhancement Program
On-Farm Enhancement Grant Program

On March 12, 2015, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced plans to help boost the agricultural economy in the Southern Tier-one of the most diverse agricultural regions of the state with a large potential for growth. Under this initiative, $25 million will help farmers increase agricultural production on farms and improve profitability.

The actual application (RFA) will be released in January. Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County will be working with the Steuben County Soil and Water Conservation District to host some information meetings in January. Stay in touch with us on our website for more details.

PutKnowledgeToWork.org
Program Fact Sheet

Upcoming Snowmobile Safety Course

Free Snowmobile Safety Course - January 24, 2016 at Howard Fire Hall

The Bath Sno-Flakes Snowmobile Association is offering a free Snowmobile Safety Class on Sunday, January 24 at the Howard Fire Hall for those 10 years of age and over. Morning registration is from 7:00 - 7:30. A Parent or Guardian signature will be required on the paperwork.

Please arrive within that time so that the class can start between 7:30 and 8:00. The class will go until 4 at the latest but may finish earlier. Lunch will be provided for free by the Bath Sno-Flakes Snowmobile Association. There will also be a short break in the morning and afternoon. Pre Registration is
preferred so please call Bob and Val Clark at 607-776-2261 or email clavabo4@gmail.com to get on the list to take the course. For more information about the Bath Sno-Flakes Snowmobile Association visit www.bathsnowmobileclub.com

New York State is a leader in snowmobile education, and offers operator training for snowmobilers of all ages beginning at age 10 through adulthood. This course provides fundamental information which all snowmobilers should possess in order to ensure the safety of riders and other trail users. Successful completion of this course results in the award of a NYS Snowmobile Safety Certificate. Courses are taught by experienced snowmobilers who volunteer their time to make the sport safer and more enjoyable for everyone.

- Youth ages 14 through 17 years old may operate a snowmobile, on lands upon which snowmobiling is allowed, without adult or other supervision if they have completed a snowmobile safety training course recognized by the State of New York. If youth ages 14 through 17 years have not completed the training course, they may operate a snowmobile if accompanied by (within 500 feet of) a person who is at least 18 years of age.
- Youth ages 10 through 13 may operate a snowmobile, on lands upon which snowmobiling is allowed, if they have completed a snowmobile safety training course recognized by the State of New York and are accompanied by (within 500 feet of) a person who is at least 18 years of age.
- Children less than 10 years old or less than age 14 without a safety certificate may operate a snowmobile only on lands owned or leased by their parent or guardian.

It's Almost Tax Time!

Saving Just $50 of Your Tax Refund Could Mean Winning Big

As we enter a new year, we once again find ourselves dreading the paper pushing and number crunching of tax season. But, let’s not forget the excitement that comes with getting back some of your own hard-earned money in the form of a tax refund. Saving a portion of your tax refund can be a big step toward meeting your savings goals, so it’s no surprise that a 2015 tax season survey found that a majority of those who receive a refund planned to save it.

This tax season, reward yourself for saving some of your refund by entering for a chance to win $25,000 through SaveYourRefund. SaveYourRefund has 101 cash prizes, including 100 weekly prizes of $100 and one grand prize of $25,000. Making smart financial decisions isn't always easy, but splitting your refund couldn't be simpler. Follow these quick and easy steps to enter to win in 2016:

http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?ca=9812a58d-d7f1-b-4689-871f-4da39d739fe0&c=d5ba6e50-1f70-11e3-8266-d4ae526ede76&ch=d5e6d580-1f70
Use **Form 8888** to split your refund. Entry to win with SaveYourRefund starts with splitting your refund into savings.

Save $50 or more of your tax refund. In order to enter, use Form 8888 to save at least $50. There are a number of accounts you can save into including a savings account, a **U.S. Treasury Direct account** (savings bond), and a **myRA retirement account**.

Visit [SaveYourRefund.com](http://SaveYourRefund.com) to enter. You will be automatically eligible to win one of ten $100 prizes that will be given away every week from the start of the contest until the end of tax season.

**Upload a picture here** that represents your savings goal or motivation, and you'll be entered to win the $25,000 grand prize!

Need tax assistance? Take advantage of a **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program**. VITA programs offer free tax help to those who generally make $53,000 or less, persons with disabilities, the elderly, and limited English speakers.

Get ahead of your financial goals by splitting your tax refund into savings, and reward yourself with SaveYourRefund.

*Tammy Greynolds works for America Saves, managed by the nonprofit Consumer Federation of America (CFA), which seeks to motivate, encourage, and support low- to moderate-income households to save money, reduce debt, and build wealth.*

Learn more at [AmericaSaves.org](http://AmericaSaves.org).

**Financial New Year's Resolutions...**

**Resolve to Be Financially Fit!**

Happy New Year! If your 2016 goals have a financial component, then **Ready. Set. Goal!**

The 4-week Financial Fitness Challenge is for you.

Let's get started with Week 1: Challenge: Set Your Goals.

1. Write them down.
2. Divide into three lists: Immediate, Intermediate and Long-Term.
3. Prioritize.
4. Research and reflect.

For more, visit the **Challenge website** and get started. And don't forget to share your goals on **Facebook** and **Twitter**!
NY Ag Literacy Week - March 14-18, 2016

Seeking Volunteers, Donors and Classroom Requests

New York Ag in the Classroom is pleased to announce The Apple Orchard Riddle by Margaret McNamara (Illustrated by G. Brian Karas) has been selected as the 2016 Agricultural Literacy Week book in support of its mission of fostering awareness, understanding, and appreciation of agriculture and the food and fiber system. This year will focus on apple production in New York! This fun and exciting story shares the journey of Mr. Tiffin's class on a field trip to an apple orchard. The students learn about every aspect of the farm from how apples are harvested, the process of making cider, and the many different varieties of apples. While the class picks their apples and experiences the farm, Mr. Tiffin gives them all a riddle to ponder. This book was selected as the 2015 American Farm Bureau Foundation for Education's Book of the Year.

Ag Literacy Week's success in Steuben County is dependent on volunteer readers. Throughout New York, volunteers enter classrooms and help raise children's awareness of the largest industry in the county and in New York. Agriculture's role in our daily lives is often taken for granted, so Ag Literacy Week is a great way to help youth make the connection between their food and fiber and agriculture.

We are in need of volunteers to read this book to 1st and 2nd grade classrooms in each Steuben County School during March 2016.

The book will be donated to the school library with a special bookplate recognizing the donor and NY Ag Literacy Day. Volunteers are needed to be readers for this event and donors are needed as sponsors at $12 a book. If you are interested in being a volunteer, a donor, or having a volunteer come to read to your classroom contact Kim at ksb3@cornell.edu or at 607-583-3185. For more information about NY Ag Literacy week visit http://www.agclassroom.org/ny/programs/literacy.htm

For more information about the New York Agriculture in the Classroom Program, Ag Literacy Resources, and Lessons visit http://www.agclassroom.org/ny/index.htm

Stephanie's Picks...

Vegetable Farming, Part 1 (BF 120)
Webinars will be each Wed. evening from 7-8:30pm Eastern time
This course will help new or aspiring vegetable producers to answer basic questions about site selection, crop rotation, seeding and transplants, and financial aspects of veggie production.

Topics including variety selection, pre-plant preparation, and cultivation. This course is for serious aspiring farmers planning farm start-up within the next year, or those with 1-3 growing seasons of vegetable farming experience. Because the pest complex, production systems and appropriate varieties vary so much from region to region, this course targets farmers in the Northeastern United States. Farmers outside the region are welcome to register, but should do so knowing that some of the information presented may not be appropriate for their region.

At the end of this course, you will:

- Understand the characteristics of a viable site for commercial vegetable crop production and how to alter that site if necessary.
- Understand the importance of cover-cropping, IPM, and proper pre-plant preparation.
- Be able to develop a basic whole farm plan, which will help you keep records, manage time more effectively, and price products.
- Have a good understanding of the full season of tasks involved in vegetable farming - from pre-plant to post-harvest considerations.
- Know where to go to find reliable, fact based resource material on topics related to vegetable farming.

Instructors:
- Amy Ivy is a regional vegetable specialist for the Eastern New York Commercial Horticulture Program of Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) and the Executive Director of the Clinton County CCE office.
- Darcy Telenko is a regional vegetable specialist with the Cornell Vegetable Program, and is based at the CCE Erie County office.

To register or for more information: [http://www.nebeginningfarmers.org/online-courses/all-courses/bf-120-growing-a-veggie-farm/](http://www.nebeginningfarmers.org/online-courses/all-courses/bf-120-growing-a-veggie-farm/)

**Free learning opportunities online...**

Get on track this year with free on-line learning from University of Florida/IFAS Extension. In addition to financial webinars, we are presenting two health and nutrition webinars.

All webinars are 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. EST

**Declutter Your Life**

Thursday, January 14

Disorganization costs time, money and increases stress. Ideas to reduce clutter in your home and office.

Nutrition Tips for a Healthier 2016
Friday, January 22
Get a start on better health with tips for improving nutrition and reducing risk for chronic diseases.

Personal Income Tax Preparation and Filing
Tuesday, January 26
An IRS representative discusses options for free tax filing, tax credits & deductions, and demonstrates tools to help with your return.

Love Your Heart
Wednesday, February 10
Discover ways to reduce your risk of heart disease and stroke.

Investment Basics
Wednesday, February 17
Discussion on why sound investing can be critical to achieving goals. Topics include investment categories & vehicles, investment returns and strategies.

Declutter Your Financial Life
Tuesday, February 23
Financial clutter can affect your finances. Tips on consolidating accounts, reducing fees and organizing financial papers.

4-H changes lives, helping youth to become confident, mature adults ready to succeed in today's challenging world.

Cloverbud Day
Saturday, January 16, 2016, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Calling ALL 4-H Cloverbuds from the county, a special day just for you!
Join us January 16th from 10-11:30 a.m.
County Office Building, Bath
We have 3 fun activities planned!
Station 1: Craft Time! - Sew fun!!!
Station 2: Cooking Project - learn to decorate!
Station 3: Show & Tell - bring a favorite item from home!
TEENS (14 & Up): We will also need your help! This is a wonderful opportunity to gain Jr. Leader experience!
You MUST pre-register so we can prepare materials! Visit the website for details.

Public Presentation Workshop
Saturday, January 16, 2016, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

It's Public Presentation Time! Need some help? Come to a county-wide public presentation planning workshop at the 4-H office on January 16th (Snow date Jan. 23rd) from 1:00- 2:30 pm. at the 4-H office in the County Office Building. This workshop is for 4-Hers 8 and up, parents, leaders, and judges. More details on the website.

Public Presentations Day will be held on Saturday, February 27, 2016 from 9:00-noon and 1:00- 3:00 at the 4-H Office in the Steuben County Office Building.

Hillside Children's Center, Snell Farm, Bath Dog Obedience Classes for January
Dog Obedience Classes at Hillside Children's Center, Snell Farm, 7320 Snell Hill Road, Bath will be held on Thursdays, January 7, and January 21 from 6-8 p.m. For more information about the Snell Farm classes contact Penny Smigiel at 607-329-6349 or visit our website.

Career Exploration Focus Assistant Applications Due January 22, 2016
The Focus Assistant application is now available and ready to share with interested youth from your county! We are looking for enthusiastic leaders age 16 and older who have been to Career Explorations before not counting University U and want to take the lead in making it a success this year! If selected as an FA you would be expected to be at Career Exploration from Monday, June 27- Thursday, June 30.

Application information, including a job description, is available here: http://nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/events/Pages/CareerExFocusAssistants.aspx. Please note: all teens interested in this opportunity should fill out the application, even if they have already applied to STARR. If you are interested in applying or have any questions please contact Kim at ksb3@cornell.edu or 607-583-3185

2016 National 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest
Sponsored by: The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc
Entries are due to the NYS 4-H Office by February 16 by email to Adam Davis at adamdavis@cornell.edu. For more details visit our website.

National Ag Day Essay Contest - due Jan 29
The Agriculture Council of America (ACA) calls on ninth- to 12th-grade students in the 2015-2016 school year to submit an original, 450-word essay or a two-minute video essay about the importance of agriculture. This year's theme is "Agriculture: Stewards of a Healthy Planet" and the deadline is January 29, 2016. The national written essay winner receives a $1,000 prize and a trip to Washington, D.C., for recognition during the Celebration of Ag Dinner held March 15, 2016 at Whitten Patio. The video essay winner wins a $1,000 prize. For more details visit our website.
2016 National Swine Picture Judging Contest
Each year, the National Swine Registry sponsors the National Picture Judging Contest. It is open to youth and adult participants, and includes divisions for 4-H, FFA and collegiate teams. The contest runs in the December issue of Seedstock EDGE and on nationalswine.com with entries due Feb. 1. The National Swine Registry Picture Judging Contest is available now. For the Steuben County 4-H Contest Entries must be sent to the CCE office postmarked by February 1, 2016 and for the National Contest you must enter the contest online at http://www.nationalswine.com/seedstockEDGE/picture_judging.php. Remember to save a copy of your placings to send to the CCE Office postmarked by February 1 to be eligible for the County Contest. For the contest information and entry form go to http://www.nationalswine.com/seedstockEDGE/picture_judging.php or contact Kim at 607-583-3185 or ksb3@cornell.edu.

4-H Dairy Judging & Quiz Bowl
Cow College is another name for Dairy Judging. Any 4-H member and their parent, grandparent, leader, etc. can participate. Please NOTE: Cloverbud members 5-7 years old (as of January 1, 2016) who are interested in learning how to dairy judge may participate only if they are accompanied the entire time by a responsible adult who is at least 21 years old. Practices are held in barns at different farms around the county (dress warm and wear appropriate foot wear because you will be in the barn or at times outside depending on the weather!) Cow college will be held Saturdays during February - April from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Schedule to be announced.

If you are interested in participating in dairy judging and have not done so already please contact Kim at 607-583-3185 or at ksb3@cornell.edu.

Dairy Quiz Bowl practices and locations will be arranged based on the participants and the coaches. The Finger Lakes District Dairy Quiz Bowl competition will be held Saturday, March 5 Contest at Midlakes School. The Finger Lakes District will send a junior and a senior team to the state competition at Cornell University on April 23rd (tentative).

If you are interested in participating in Dairy Quiz Bowl or are interested in volunteering as a coach and have not already contacted Kim please contact her at 607-583-3185 or at ksb3@cornell.edu.

Tack Auction - February 20
The 4-H Horse Program will hold a JP's North Equine Tack and Supply Auction on Saturday, February 20, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at Empire Livestock, Route 415, Bath. There will be a noon preview. The proceeds will benefit the Steuben County 4-H Horse Program.

Scholarships and Contests available:

- New York State Guernsey Calf Award Application - due March 1
- 2016 NY Holstein Association, Inc. Calf Scholarship - due March 2
- New York Ayrshire Club Calf Award Application - due March 15

Information and registration for the above can be found on our website.
Meetings:

- The 4-H Livestock Advisory Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, January 5 at 7 p.m. at the Steuben County Office Building upstairs in South Conference. If you have any questions please contact Kim at 607-583-3185.
- 4-H Dairy Advisory Committee. The Steuben County 4-H Dairy Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, January 7 from 1-3 p.m. at the Steuben County Office Building, Bath, in F1 room.
- Small Animal Committee Meeting: January 12th, 6 p.m. CCE Office Learning Center.

March Dog Madness Adult and Teen Leader Training
March Dog Madness is an annual conference for adult and teenage 4-H volunteer leaders. Workshops engage participants in science based information training. Current animal health, animal behavior, industry trends and youth development issues are addressed. Since 2002, guest presenters have included stakeholders, extension professionals, community and youth experts. All interested adult and teen leaders are invited to attend this one day information packed program on March 19, 2016 at Cornell University, Ithaca in Morrison Hall and the Livestock pavilion on Judd Fall Road from 9 am - 3 pm. More information can be found on our website.

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Summer Camps
The 2016 NYSDEC Summer Camp is for youth 11-17 and registration will open January 27 at 10 a.m. and is completed online. Campers have the opportunity to complete NYS Hunter Safety Education or NYS Bowhunter Safety Education certifications during specific weeks of camp. Visit our website for more details.

NYS Fair 4-H Dog Show Date MOVED
Sat. Aug 20 is now the date for the 1 DAY - NYS 4-H Dog Show in 2016 at the NYS Fairgrounds in the Coliseum. This will be a BIG CHANGE in the coming year. Expect entries to be due August 1 and expect the show day to be LONG.

Thank you for the 2015 Fall Paper Clover Campaign
During the semi-annual event, Tractor Supply Company invites friends and family to support 4-H by donating $1 at check out when they are done shopping. 100% of each dollar goes to the 4-H. 70% of all funds collected support local and state 4-H programs right where you live. Steuben County 4-H Program received at total of more than $1,500 from the 2015 Fall Paper Clover Campaign which will help with programming costs for the 2015-2016 4-H Program year. This total combines all the Paper Clover donations received from the Bath, Hornell and Painted Post Stores. We would like to thank our community members for their support and look forward to another successful program year! The next Paper Clover Campaign will run from April 13-24 at your local Tractor Supply Company stores.

The 10th annual outdoor show booths already filling up!

It's not too early to book your vendor space!
The Southern Tier Outdoor Show Inc. is accepting applications for vendor space for the 2016 show to be held October 8-9 at Wilkins RV, Inc. Have you booked your space? Reserve it online soon!

For additional information, contact Carla Dawejko by email or call 607-664-2300.

www.SouthernTierOutdoorShow.com
facebook.com/SouthernTierOutdoorShow
Thank you for joining us this month!

We hope some of the programs and information we have offered above will be of service to you and your family. If we can help in any way, please call us at 607-664-2300.

Sincerely,

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