Steuben County 4-H Member Excels in A National Dairy Judging Contest!

Paige Demun, 11th year Dairy Dreamers 4-H member, earned a spot on the 2016 NYS 4-H Dairy Judging Team that placed 3rd overall against 28 other state teams at the National 4-H Dairy Judging Contest in Madison, WI in conjunction with the World Dairy Expo. Paige placed 5th individual overall out of approximately 110 contestants. She earned her spot on this team by placing 3rd overall at the 2016 NYS Fair 4-H Dairy Judging Contest. The national contest consisted of classes of Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein and Jersey cattle. Dairy cattle judging contributes to developing and growing 4-H members to become leaders in the dairy industry. Dairy cattle judging requires participants to understand the concepts of dairy cow conformation and provide sets of oral reasons for choosing one cow over another. Learning to judge dairy cattle helps develop confidence in one’s ability to make and defend good decisions. They learn careful observation, thoughtful evaluation, intelligent decision making and justification of the decision, which equals organized thinking. Dairy cattle judging is an excellent opportunity for youth to learn about dairy cattle and the dairy industry and develop skills to face the future challenges of the dairy industry and life.
## Upcoming Events

### January TBA – Dairy Quiz Bowl Practices

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### 4-H Program Committee

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Nicole Luchenbach.........................................................Bath
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Christine Towner.........................................................Cohocton
Donna Walker...............................................................Piffard

Legislative Representatives:
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  Robert Nichols.........................................................Addison

4-H Program Staff
  Jenny Groen, 4-H Subject Educator
  Kimberly S. Randall, 4-H Subject Educator
  Loree Symonds, 4-H Subject Educator
### February

**TBA – Dairy Quiz Bowl Practices**  
TBA - Dairy Judging Practices, Cow Colleges some Saturdays 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
TBA Dog Obedience classes at Hillside Children’s Center, Snell Farm, Bath some Thursdays 6-8 p.m.

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Please check www.putknowledgetowork.org or https://www.facebook.com/steuben4H/ for the most current dates and information or any changes that may occur.

Office News

4-H Livestock Advisory Committee
(Beef, Sheep, Swine, Meat Goats and Dairy Goats)
The Steuben County 4-H Livestock Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, January 12 at 7 p.m. at the Steuben County Office Building, Bath, downstairs in the G1 Conference room. This meeting will include review of Market Beef Steer, Small Frame Beef Steer, Market Heifer and Dairy Steer Identifications turned in by January 9, 2017 and proposed Dairy Goat Fairbook Changes. Anyone interested in being a member of the 4-H Livestock Advisory Committee is invited to attend this meeting. All CCE volunteers including Advisory Committee members will need to be an approved current volunteer including having a current volunteer application completed along with the background check which has been approved within the last 3 years. The 4-H Livestock Advisory Committee meets approximately 7 times a year (October, January, March, June, July, August, September) in Bath. The August meeting is the Monday evening of the fair at the fairgrounds. If you have any questions or are interested in joining the committee please contact Kim at 607-583-3185 or at ksb3@cornell.edu.

Master Showmanship CHANGES
Starting with the 2017 Steuben County Fair previous winners of the Master Showmanship classes have the option to show in the Master Showmanship Class for consecutive years. Master Showmanship entries are due with county fair entries.

Ownership deadline CHANGE for Meat Goat & Dairy Feeder Steer
New for 2017 Dairy Feeder Steer
4-H Dairy Feeder Steers can be born September 1, 2016 – June 1, 2017.

New for 2017 Meat Goats
All meat goats (market and including those being shown in the breeding classes bucks and does) must be born by June 1, 2017 and must be owned by June 1, 2017.

If you have any questions please contact Kim Randall at ksb3@cornell.edu or 607-583-3185.

Grade and Registered Dairy Animals
For the 2016-2017 year 4-H members exhibiting Grade Dairy Animals will show with the Registered Dairy Animals and they will be judged and awarded as one class.

Grade Dairy Animals must be owned by the 4-H member by June 15, 2017 and Grade Identification forms must be completed and turned into the CCE Office by June 19, 2017. Registered Dairy Animals must list on the Breed Association Registration papers that the 4-H member owned the animal by June 15, 2017 and a copy is due to the CCE Office with the County Fair Entries.

If you have any questions please contact Kim Randall at ksb3@cornell.edu or 607-583-3185.
Cloverbud Day!!!
Saturday, January 28, 2017, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Just for Cloverbuds!

Calling ALL 4-H Cloverbuds from the county, a special day just for you!
Join us **January 28th from 10-11:30 a.m.**
Civil Defense Building, Bath
We have 3 fun activities planned!
Station 1: Craft Time! – Snow much fun!!!
Station 2: Cooking Project – Lets make butter!
Station 3: Physical Activity! – Be sure to bring warm clothes, hopefully we will be outside!

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! Registrations form included as insert.

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2017 4-H Award Trips Selections

Congratulations to the following 4-H members who were selected by the 4-H Awards Committee to attend the following 4-H Award Trips based on their completion of their Senior Summary Report by the September 30, 2016 deadline. The following member’s will be receiving more information closer to the event. If you were selected to attend one of these trips including as an alternate and know you will or will not be able to attend please contact Kim Randall at ksb3@cornell.edu or 607-583-3185. If you have any questions regarding these trips please contact Kim.

**Citizenship Washington Focus Washington (C.W.F), D.C., (Sunday, July 9 -Saturday, July 15, 2017)** -You should have an interest in visiting Washington D.C. and learning about our federal government. Selected are Raven Foote and Samantha Towner. 1st Alternate – Michal Eckler, 2nd Alternate – Ashlee Zschoche, 3rd Alternate – Michelle Parsels

**Capital Days, Albany (Sunday evening, May 21 – Tuesday, May 23, 2017)** Selected are Michal Eckler and Ainsley Robbins. 1st Alternate – Ashlee Zschoche, 2nd Alternate-Molly Fox, 3rd Alternate-Peter Kelly

**State Teen Action Rep Retreat (STARR)**
(Friday evening April 21 – Sunday, April 23, 2017) NYS Fairgrounds – Selected are Peter Kelly, Madeleine Gurecki, Priscilla Helgerson, Taylor Scott, 1st Alternate- Katlin Bidlack, 2nd Alternate – Molly Fox

NOTE: Any Steuben County 4-H teen member can attend STARR as long as he/she pays the registration fee (the registration fee for 2016 was $85) and registers to the CCE Office by the deadline providing there is adequate chaperone(s) and enough room for transportation or he/she provides his/her own transportation

**CAREER EXPLORATIONS, CORNELL UNIVERSITY**
(Tuesday, June 27 – Thursday, June 29, 2017)
Participants will need to pay approximately $210 for the registration based on 2016 registration of $250 unless they apply and are selected for a NYS scholarship. ($40 registration and estimated $35 transportation is paid by 4-H Program) If 4-H members have not sold $75 worth of Cuba cheese/Wilson Beef Farm products or paid the $75 family enrollment they will need to pay 100% of the cost of the trip.

**University U - 8th or 9th grade as of fall of 2017**
Focus for Teens 9th grade if attended University U in previous year, 10th and above as of fall of 2017 4-H members who are attending 2017 Capital Days or Citizenship Washington Focus will be able to attend with the reduced rate if they are selected as a Focus Assistant or pay for the entire cost of the trip unless they apply and are awarded a state scholarship.) Applicants must be at least 16 years old and have attended Focus for Teens previously. If interested in applying to be a FA, contact Kim for more information and further qualifications.

Jade Atherton Katlin Bidlack Michal Eckler Rachel Eckler Raven Foote
Molly Fox Madeleine Gurecki Priscilla Helgerson Rachel Hoffer Peter Kelly
Victoria Kelly Jessica Lawson Nathan Lawson Olivia Lewis Gabrielle Orcutt
Kaitlyn Orcutt Michelle Parsels Bethany Patton Kalyska Payne Tristyn Risley
Alyssa Ross Megan Ross Taylor Scott Katie Sirianni Samantha Towner
Alaina Zeh Kendra Zeh Trinity Zeh Ashlee Zschoche

NOTE: Any Steuben County 4-H member can attend Career Exploration as long as he/she pays the registration fee (or applies for and receives a scholarship through the NYS 4-H Office) and registers to the CCE Office by the deadline providing there is adequate chaperone(s) and enough room for transportation or he/she provides his/her own transportation.

2017 4-H Award Trips Selections

Agri-Business Career Trip, Cobleskill

If members attend more than 1 year they must participate in different workshop tracts from the previous year. Selected are: Nathan Lawson, Katlin Bidlack, Taylor Scott, Bethany Patton, Olivia Lewis, Katie Sirianni, Priscilla Helgerson, Rachel Hoffer. 1st alternate – Tristyn Risley, 2nd Alternate - Jade Atherton, 3rd Alternate - Peter Kelly

NOTE: Any Steuben County 4-H member 14-18 years old can attend the ABC Trip as long as he/she pays the registration fee (The registration fee for 2016 was $95) or applies and is awarded the state scholarship and registers to the CCE Office by the deadline providing there is adequate chaperone(s) and enough room for transportation or he/she provides his/her own transportation.

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Summer Camp Scholarship Requests Due by January 10

The 2017 NYSDEC Summer Camp is for youth 11-17 and registration will open January 25 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. DEC camps combine environmental education, sportsman education and outdoor fun.

- Camps use a fun, hands-on approach to teach about the environment.
- Campers learn outdoor skills as well as the essentials of backpacking, camping and canoeing.
- Campers come away with a life-long passion for nature and a dedication to stewardship of our natural resources.

The cost is $350 per camper per week. The Steuben County Sportsman Federation has some sponsorships available to youth who live in Steuben County. If you are interested in applying for a sponsorship interested candidates need to send a letter or e-mail indicating their interest, age, and contact information (including e-mail address to help with response time) by January 10th. Please send requests to Cheryl Warren, 2901 County Road 56, Hornell, NY 14843 or email her at warrenc344@aol.com. Information will be emailed to the campers selected so that they can complete their registrations as soon as possible. In previous years several camp weeks were filled by the end of February! You must make a commitment to attend if you are notified of receiving a scholarship. The Steuben County Sportsman Federation can make substitutions if they know far enough in advance, but they lose their money if a camper just doesn't show up. The Steuben County Sportsman Federation has had a waiting list in the past. For more specific information about NYSDEC Summer camps and to register visit http://www.dec.ny.gov/education/29.html.
NYS 4-H Forestry Weekend

Join youth from across the state for a weekend of forestry activities, games, and competition during the 2017 4-H Forestry Weekend in May. This three-day event is for youth aged 10 and up (and volunteers) interested in learning more about forests, and to select the NYS team that will go to the 2017 National 4-H Forestry Invitational (must be 14-19 for the national event).

The Forestry weekend activities have included in previous years:

- Tree identification/Measurements
- Map reading/Compass usage
- Insects and diseases
- Geocaching
- Nature games
- Night hikes and more

This is a fun and educational weekend. Youth do not need to have extensive forestry knowledge to come. On Saturday is a chance to learn more and on Sunday is the competition. Estimated cost is $40 per person: includes food, materials, and cabin lodging. (A $95 value!). Space is limited. If you are interested in receiving more information when it comes available please contact Kim at CCE-Steuben at ksb3@cornell.edu or 607-583-3185 or visit https://ccedelaware.org/4h-youth-development/4-h-forestry-weekend/. The 4-H van may be available to use if there is enough interest and a volunteer chaperone who has been approved to drive.

Pheasant Chick Project

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is once again distributing day-old pheasant chicks for rearing and release projects to qualified 4-H Youth. All state pheasants are hatched and delivered from the DEC Reynolds Game Farm, Ithaca. Parents, leaders, or other volunteers who are willing to oversee and assist youth with this project would be expected to first become familiar with the DEC’s Pheasant Rearing Guide and DVD. CCE-Steuben can provide you with a copy of the guide and the DVD can be loaned to you. The rearing and release of pheasant requires a great deal of responsibility by 4-H members and a substantial time commitment.

For those interested in starting a pheasant rearing program, there are a number of responsibilities the person overseeing the project should plan on. You would be responsible for reviewing program requirements, discuss rearing techniques, and explain project expectations with those youth that you are overseeing. You would also be responsible for inspecting rearing facilities and evaluate the release site before approving participating 4-H members to ensure proper rearing and release condition for the birds. Youth and the adult volunteer usually monitor progress together and share their experiences with other participants at 4-H meetings. The number of pheasants released is recorded at the end of the project.

In addition to the actual rearing project, leaders may choose to integrate other wildlife management strategies. Pheasants could be banded and released at different ages and on different sites to monitor mortality and survival. With landowner permission, habitat at the release site could be improved to benefit pheasants and other wildlife. Assistance from organizations such as Pheasants Forever is available to improve habitat. There are many opportunities to expand the rearing and release program to include additional wildlife conservation activities. Including these activities is left to the discretion of the project leaders. Cooperative ventures between local sportsman's clubs and 4-H youth are encouraged and at times may help reduce program costs.

If you are interested in this program you need to contact Kim at the CCE Office at 607-583-3185 and leave a message anytime of day or by email at ksb3@cornell.edu by Monday, March 20 to request the quantity of chicks you would like. The chicks will be delivered to Bath. Kim will contact those who ordered chicks with a delivery time and date, in the past it has been early afternoon on a weekday towards the end of May. DEC Reynolds Game Farm is maintaining a database of people who receive birds in case a voluntary avian influenza testing program is initiated. At the time of delivery you will be asked to fill out a form listing your name, address, phone number and number of chicks you received.
4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program To Be Offered in 2017

Youth who will be 14 and over as of March 1, 2017 can take the course for certification. Participants who want to earn their certification must pass both the written exam and the driving test. The cost for this course is $20.00 for 4-H members to cover the cost of materials and is payable to CCE by Friday, January 6th with the registration form, the Tractor Acknowledgement of Risk Form, the CCE Permission Slip/Medical Release which can be found on the website at http://putknowledgetowork.org/4-h-youth/4-h-program-areas/tractor-machinery or by contacting Kim at Cornell Cooperative Extension at 607-583-3185. Non 4-H members are eligible to take this course but in addition they will need to complete a 4-H enrollment form as an independent member and the general 4-H acknowledgement of risk form by Friday, January 6 which is found on our website and pay the $10.00 4-H enrollment fee.

The schedule for the course is as follows:
Mondays, January 16 - February 27 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Civil Defense Center, Route 54, Bath

Hands-On Sunday Sessions in January and February
from 1-4 p.m. with the locations and dates to be announced.

Sunday, March 5 (driving test) Location TBA 1- 4 p.m.
March 6 (written test) 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Civil Defense Center, Route 54, Bath.

2017 National 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest
Sponsored by: The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc.

2017 Essay Topic 2017 Essay Topic:
“How can MP3 (Managed Pollinator Protection Plan) more effectively protect honey bees from pesticide exposure?”

Beekeeping has had its five minutes of fame for the past five years. Now more than ever, people are asking “What will happen if the bees are gone?” Your paper should research and help answer this question. Survey your community to see what is being done. Include your state in your survey to see if there are any programs they are using for pollination or any other program that could aid the honey bee.

The scope of the research is an essential judging criterion, accounting for 40% of your score. The number of sources consulted, the authority of the sources, and the variety of the sources are all evaluated. Personal interviews with beekeepers and others familiar with the subject are valued sources of information and should be documented. Sources, which are not cited in the endnotes, should be listed in a "Resources" or "Bibliography" list.

*Note that “honey bee” is properly spelled as two words, even though many otherwise authoritative references spell it as one word.

Rules Overview: (failure to meet any one of the requirements will result in a disqualification)

- Preparation for Judging: Typewritten or computer-generated, double-spaced, 12pt Times font or similar type style, on one side of white paper following standard manuscript format.
  - Must submit an essay, 750 to 1000 words, on the essay topic
  - Essays will be judged on (a) scope of research- 40%; (b) accuracy- 30%; (c) creativity-10%; (d) conciseness- 10%; and (e) logical development of the topic- 10%
  - All factual statements must be referenced with bibliographical-style endnotes.
- A brief biographical sketch of the essayist, including birth date, gender, complete mailing address, e-mail address, and telephone number, must accompany the essay.
- Entries are due to the NYS 4-H Office by February 14 by email to Adam Davis at adamdavis@cornell.edu
- All National entries become the property of the Foundation and may be published or used as it sees fit. No essays will be returned.

Eligibility:
Contest is open to active 4-H members only. 4-Hers who have previously placed first, second, or third at the National level are NOT eligible; but other state winners are eligible to re-enter.

Awards for the National Contest:
First Prize: $750.00, Second Prize: $500.00, Third Prize: $250.00
The National winners’ essays will appear in an issue of the American Beekeeping Federation’s Newsletter. Each State Winner, including the National Winners, will receive an appropriate book about honey bees, beekeeping, or honey.

If you have any questions, please contact Regina K. Robuck, Executive Director, Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees at 404.760.2887 or by e-mail at reginarobuck@abfnet.org
The Great Backyard Bird Count

The Great Backyard Birds Count is February 17-20, 2017. This annual four-day event engages bird watchers of all ages in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of where the birds are across the continent. Anyone can participate, from beginning bird watchers to experts. It takes as little as 15 minutes on one or more of the count days, anywhere they like. It’s free, fun, and easy—and it helps the birds. Then they enter their counts on the Great Backyard Bird Count web site www.birdsource.org/gbbc  The Great Backyard Bird Count is lead by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and National Audubon Society, with Canadian partner Bird Studies Canada and is sponsored by Wild Birds Unlimited, Cornell Information Technologies, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and National Science Foundation. As tallies pour in from around the United States and Canada, everyone can watch the results in real time.

2017 Spring Tree Sale

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 TBA.

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

Maple Weekend

The New York State Maple Producers Association invites families from across the Empire State and neighboring areas to learn all about the production of maple syrup and other related products. For a perfect family outing plan to attend one of the days of Maple Weekend on Sat., March 18 and Sun., March 19, 2017 and on Sat., March 25 and Sun., March 26, 2017 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Admission is free. For specific locations and information go to www.mapleweekend.com.

4-H Spring Garden Meeting

All 4-H members, leaders, and parents are invited to attend the annual 4-H Spring Garden Meeting.

Date: Saturday, April 8th
Time: 1:00 p.m. Seed Distribution:
       1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Program
Location: Civil Defense Building, Route 54, Bath
          (across from Kwik Fill)

Please plan to attend the annual spring 4-H garden meeting. Tips will be presented on both flower and vegetable gardening and how to exhibit them at the Steuben County Fair. In addition we will have some fun hands-on activities to get a jump start on your gardening. Free seeds will be available to 4-H members to use in their gardens.

To register for the 4-H Spring Garden Meeting return the enclosed registration form or email Jenny at jmg422@cornell.edu or call 607-583-3245 by Monday, March 31st. Mark your calendars for an informative and fun filled afternoon on Saturday, April 8th!!
Animal Careers Resource

The Animal Careers website (http://animalcareers.cornell.edu/) is a resource for students, teachers, parents and others who have an interest in learning about career opportunities related to animals. Come explore the large field of animal-related careers! Visit the Using This Site tab to find out the best way for you to use this site!

- Think about what you like to do and what you are good at! How does this match up to various careers with animals? Find out by visiting the You tab.
- By visiting the careers tab on the home page, guests will see an alphabetical list of careers that real people hold across the country and throughout the world. There are likely jobs involving animals that you haven’t even heard of! Explore those and more!
- By searching key words such as "horse", "cattle" or "wildlife" students will see a short list of job titles along with skills or degrees required to enter each position.
- For a glimpse of what real people have to say about their own jobs, visit the people tab. Explore “A Day in the Life” of a career. See Career Profiles and interviews with people who work with animals.
- The experience tab offers students tips about how to gain experience. What can you do to prepare yourself for a specific career? What work, internship, and school experiences are there?
- The Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) link includes responses to student questions such as, where do I need to go to learn about advanced learning opportunities? Is college the right choice for me?
- There is a Resource page to discover the information that is already out there.

NYS 4-H Youth Development Animal Crackers Program

Saturday, May 6, 2017 with the focus on Horses & Dogs

When/Where: Morrison Hall, Cornell University campus at 9 a.m.

Who: 4-H project members (suggested age range 9-12) are strongly encouraged to attend (with their parents or chaperones). However, all youth 9 and up are welcome.

Why? Participants will get to meet Cornell faculty and students, learn about different aspects of animal care, interact and exchange information with professional producers, industry experts, and more! Hands-on workshops are planned for each species group.

How? Please contact Jenny at the CCE Office at jmg422@cornell.edu or 607-583-3245. Registration & payment is due by Friday, April 14th to the CCE Steuben Office.

Cost? $15.00 per youth to cover basic handouts and occasional presenter expenses. Chaperones are free

*****Participants must bring their own lunch and drinks. *****

More information will be found at http://4h.anisci.cornell.edu/events-2/animal-crackers/
DOG OBEDIENCE CLASSES

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County’s 4-H Program is offering dog obedience classes for youth and adults. They are currently being held on certain Thursday evenings from 6-8:00 p.m., at Hillside Children’s Center, Snell Farm, 7320 Snell Hill Road, Bath. Classes will be starting in the spring in Arkport and Howard. Youth participants age 5-18 years old as of January 1, 2016 must be enrolled in the Steuben County 4-H Program. Youth ages 5-7 years old must have an experienced adult on the lead at all times. Non-4-H members may take the course by enrolling as an independent 4-H member. You can enroll as a 4-H member by paying the $10.00 enrollment fee and completing the 4-H enrollment form and acknowledgement of risk form which can be found at http://putknowledgetowork.org/4-h-youth/club-programs

New 4-H members must be enrolled by May 1, 2017 to be eligible to enter your dog or other projects in the 4-H division of the 2017 Steuben County Fair. Participants should be prepared to clean up after their dog as necessary.

Any 4-H member who is taking dog obedience classes privately must participate in the Steuben County 4-H Dog Obedience Graduation to be eligible to exhibit at the 2017 Steuben County Fair. Any 4-H member who is interested in trying to qualify for the NYS 4-H Dog Show for Grooming and Handling Classes or for Obedience Classes must attend graduation. Please note the NYS 4-H Dog Show will be Sat. Aug 19, 2017 at the NYS Fairgrounds in the Coliseum. For 20176 the NYS Dog Show is a ONE Day show for all classes (Grooming and Handling, Obedience, Rally, Agility, Brace) Graduation date, time and place is to be determined.

DOGS CAN BE MIXED BREED OR PUREBRED BUT PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FOLLOWING BREEDS American Bulldog; Cane Corso; Doberman Pinschers (miniature Doberman Pinschers are ok); Husky: Akita, Malamute, Samoyed, Siberian; Mastiff/Bullmastiff; Pit Bulls: American Staffordshire Terrier, Bull Terriers, American Pit Bull Terriers, Staffordshire Bull Terriers; Presa Canarios; Rottweiler; Wolf Hybrid; and Fila Brasileirao INCLUDING ANY MIXES OF THESE BREEDS AND OTHER AGGRESSIVE DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED DUE TO INSURANCE:

All dogs must conform to the rules and regulations of the Livestock Health requirements as determined by the Department of Agriculture and Markets. Dogs must have current vaccinations for rabies, distemper, hepatitis, parvovirus and leptospirosis (as appropriate for their age). It is highly recommended to also have your dog vaccinated for Bordetella and parainfluenza virus. Participants should consult their veterinarian for further information about these vaccines as well as internal and external parasite control programs. Participating members need to provide a COPY of current vaccinations at the first class or they can be faxed to 607-776-9103. Acceptable proof of Rabies vaccination is a rabies certificate or a copy of the dog license that contains the rabies vaccination information. Acceptable proof of Rabies vaccination must include the signature of the veterinarian, the name of the product used, the date of administration and the duration of immunity. Dogs must be at least six months old to be exhibited at the Steuben County Fair or the NYS Fair.

This is a great opportunity to have fun with your dog and learn about being a responsible dog owner. The more well behaved your dog is, the more it is appreciated by family, friends and neighbors.

If you are interested in more information about dog obedience when it comes available contact Kim at Cornell Cooperative Extension at 607-583-3185 or email her at ksb3@cornell.edu.

Important Notice

2017 NYS 4-H Dog Show
Saturday, August 19, 2017 is the date for the 1
DAY, NYS 4-H Dog Show at the NYS
Fairgrounds in the Coliseum (prior to state fair opening). For 2017 the NYS Dog Show is a ONE
Day show for all classes (Grooming and Handling, Obedience, Rally, Agility, Brace). Please note that the Steuben County Fair will still be occurring.
Entries for the show will be due to the organizers by August 1.
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 18, 2017 at Cornell University, Ithaca in Morrison Hall and the Livestock pavilion on Judd Fall Road from 9 am – 3 pm. This program helps community leaders understand and practice principles that they can take back and share with 4-H members at the local level. Adult and teen leaders gain networking skills, exchange ideas and have an opportunity to work together in a university setting. Registrations will be taken on a first-come-first served basis with the registration fee due to Cornell University. To cover the cost of lunch and program materials, there is a charge of $30.00 per person. There is a limit of 20 people per concurrent workshop. Registrations and payment are due by March 11. Space is limited to the first 100 people whose PAYMENT is received by March 11. Online registrations will require payment by credit/debit card and will open up late January. Paper registrations must be accompanied by a check.

For more information and to register please visit the NYS 4-H Dog program website at http://4h.ansci.cornell.edu/events-2/march-dog-madness/ Registration details will be posted by late January or contact Kim at ksb3@cornell.edu or at 607-583-3185 (leave a message even after hours) and when the information becomes available she will let you know.

STARR (State Teen Action Rep Retreat)

The State Teen Action Rep Retreat is a three-day fun-filled event where 4-H teens, ages 13 – 19, participate in a variety of workshops and activities meant to challenge, excite and further develop life skills. STARR Program is open to all NYS 4-H Teens and their adult chaperones. The event is planned by teens and adults serving on the youth/adult STARR planning committee. Steuben County 4-H volunteers and members serving on the 2017 STARR Planning Committee are Christine Towner, Michelle Parsels, Samantha Towner, and Ashlee Zschoche. STARR will be held April 21- April 23, 2017 at the New York State Fair/4-H Youth Building, Syracuse, NY.

Congratulations to the following teens who were selected by the 4-H Awards Committee to attend STARR based on their completion of their Senior Summary Report! These recipients’ registration fees will be paid for by the 4-H Activity Fund if they sold at least $75 worth of Cuba Cheese Products/Wilson Beef Farm Products or paid the $75 family 4-H enrollment and register for STARR by the deadline. Those selected are Peter Kelly, Madeleine Gurecki, Priscilla Helgerson, and Taylor Scott and. 1st Alternate – Katlin Bidlack, 2nd Alternate – Molly Fox. These members will be receiving more information including registration information when it becomes available. A chaperone at least 21 years old is needed for the trip. If you are interested in chaperoning contact Kim at the CCE Office at ksb3@cornell.edu or 607-583-3185.

Any Steuben County 4-H member ages 13 -19 may participate in STARR! The estimated registration fee based on 2016 is $85 per person. The registration fee covers lodging, meals, and workshop supplies and will need to be paid to CCE-Stueben with your workshop choices. Additional fees may be charged if you register late, cancel, or don't show up. If you are interested in participating contact Kim at ksb3@cornell.edu or at 607-583-3185 (messages can be left after hours) so that when information becomes available she can email it to you.

Kim will need to complete your online registration including your workshop choices. The earlier your registration is received the better chance you will have of getting your workshop choices. It is encouraged to have delegates spread out so that each county has teens/adults in a variety of workshops, rather than having everyone from one county sign up for all the same workshops. If you think about it, taking part in a variety of workshops provides a powerhouse of teens and adults prepared to return to the county to share skills and knowledge gained at STARR. If Steuben County 4-H members attend Steuben County must also provide adult chaperone(s).

For more information check out the website: http://sp.nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/events/Pages/STARR.aspx
Public Presentation Workshop

NEW THIS YEAR: Finger Lakes District and Steuben County are changing to the NYS Evaluation Forms.

Come to a county-wide public presentation workshop on January 28th from 10:00-11:30 pm. at the 4-H office in the Steuben County Office Building. The new forms and how to use these will be discussed and reviewed. This workshop is for Judges, 4-H parents, and leaders.

****New Presentation Category: Interview****

The interview option is for the older 4-H member that is getting ready to choose a college or get a job.

Preparing for a job or college interview can be overwhelming and nerve-racking. 4-H youth can get a head start on this endeavor by participating in the public speaking interview category. During the Interview Process, 4-H teens will undergo a simulated interview for a job or college entrance with a trained volunteer evaluator. In the interview process, youth can choose to participate in a job or college entrance interview. The same format will be followed for either choice. The resume, cover letter and application (written presentation) will be judged based on appearance and content. The oral presentation will be the actual interview using questions selected from a set list. The written presentation documents will be submitted for judging prior to the face-to-face interview. The face-to-face interview should last about 20 minutes (no audience). Afterward, the evaluator will review the youth’s evaluation sheet and provide positive feedback in a private consultation.

Check for forms and more information on the website. The interview public presentation will only be offered at the February public presentation day.

County Public Presentations
Saturday, February 25, 2017
9:00-noon & 1:00-3:00
Steuben County Office Building.
Registrations due Friday, February 17

When former members of 4-H are asked what helped them the most in preparing for their adult years, the answer was doing public presentations. The reason for this is that it prepared them to organize information and be able to get up in front of a group at work, in the community or at a club meeting and feel comfortable. With this in mind, the 4-H Program Committee decided that everyone in 4-H should do a presentation each year, whether it is at the county or club level. Remember, a 4-Her’s total involvement in 4-H is considered when selecting for most awards and trips.

ALL 4-H members ages 8 and up as of January 1, 2017 are required to participate in the public presentation program to receive their project completion sticker on their certificate. Cloverbuds are strongly encouraged to do a presentation but it is not mandatory. In addition to the County presentations, there is another option of presenting at a Club Meeting and being “judged” by one of the leaders of the club. If you are an independent member, you can give your presentation to family and friends, and have a parent complete the club level evaluation form. The Club Presentation is meant to be just a stepping stone for a year or two, and the member should then attend the county level event. A club level presentation does NOT make a 4-H member eligible to be selected to participate in District Public Presentations.

If members 8 and over as of January 1, 2017 do not give a public presentation at the club or county level, then you do not receive a project completion sticker on your year-end certificate AND the club does not receive 100% completion.

If an individual or club would like help with any part of the public presentation process, contact Loree Symonds las65@cornell.edu or 607-664-2300. Information on preparing for a presentation is on the website or available at the office.

County Public Presentation Day: General
FOR HORSE PRESENTATIONS:

General Presentations including general horse: Time 9:00 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m.-3:00p.m. If you are doing a horse presentation and do not want to go to be considered for Regional Horse Communications, you can sign up for morning or afternoon. Register on the General Public Presentation Form.

Horse Presentations to Qualifying for Regional Horse Communications: 1:00-3:00 only.
If you want to be considered for Regional Horse Communications sign up on the Horse Presentations Form.

“Before a group you speak with ease, you can put ideas across, it’s a breeze. Because you have learned to organize what to do and say, planned ahead and practiced before the big day. With poise and self-confidence you smile at the evaluator. It’s a public presentation you have done, and it’s a life skill you have won!” – Source Cornell Cooperative Extension of Cayuga County.

Remember the four “P” of presenting:
P#1 – Plan – Select a topic about something you are interested in telling people about or learning more about. Think about your topic and plan what you want to say, how you will show the audience “how-to” if it is a demonstration.
P#2 – Prepare – After you have selected a topic, think about how you will present the topic. Prepare a poster (unless it is a public speaking), various steps of the finished product or other visuals that will help you explain your topic to give an effective presentation.
P#3 – Practice - Practice, practice, practice! The more you “run through” your presentation, the easier it will be on the actual presentation day.
P#4 – Present – Present your 4-H Presentation at the club level or at the County Level on February 25 or July (TBA) in Bath

District Public Presentations

Finger Lakes District Public Presentations will be held on Saturday, April 1st at Midlakes School (Phelps-Clifton Springs). 4-H members will be selected to represent Steuben County by the judges from the November and February Public Presentation Days. 4-H members that are selected will be receiving detailed information about District Presentations after County Presentations.

County Fair General Public Presentation Day

The Summer General Public Presentation Event will be held again this year in July in the 4-H youth building at the Steuben County Fairgrounds. This will also include “Produced in New York” presentations. 4-H members who give their presentation are ineligible to attend the public presentation award trip and are ineligible to be selected to participate in district public presentations.
2017 Clothing Evaluations and Revue

It’s time to get out your sewing machine, choose your clothing project, and get sewing! The clothing revue will be here before you know it. Here are the important dates.

Clothing evaluation locations and dates are:

Wednesday, April 6th, North Cohocton Methodist Church, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 20th, 4-H Office, County Office Building, Bath, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Friday, May 5th, Clothing Revue at the Avoca Central School in Avoca, NY

Times for arrival: Seniors: 6:45 p.m. to get evaluated (if needed) and registered.
Juniors: 7:00 p.m. to get registered.

Clothing Revue begins at 7:30.
Family and friends are welcome to attend.

Organizational leaders, project leaders and independent families will be sent a packet with more information in January. The information will also be posted on the 4-H web site. If you have any further questions, please contact Loree (las65@cornell.edu) at the CCE Office.

We Need You and Your Ideas for the 4-H Clothing Revue

The 2017 4-H Clothing Revue has been scheduled for Friday, May 5th at Avoca Central School. If you have an idea for a theme for this year’s revue or suggestions about the Revue or if you are an adult or teen and would like to serve on the planning committee, please contact Loree at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Office! The planning committee meets only two times, once the last of March to get the night planned and in April just before the revue to get everything finalized.

Clothing Project Idea: Make It With Wool Contest

Each year there is a New York State “Make it Yourself with Wool Contest”. It is held at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck, NY October 21 & 22, 2017. As you are choosing your clothing project for this year, you may want to choose something that will fit this contest.

The contest has three parts: modeling the outfit, garments judged on and off the participant. Garments can be sewn, knitted (by hand or on a knitting machine), crocheted, or felted from fiber that is more than 60% wool. This contest has proven to be fun, educational and all participants walk away with a prize.

This contest is held at the New York State Sheep and Wool Festival in Rhinebeck, NY. For more information: http://sheepandwool.com/ or contact the 4-H office.

Cornell Fashion Collective Runway Show

Every year, Cornell students showcase their design skills and creativity through the Cornell Fashion Collective runway show at Barton Hall. Check the website below for the date of the 33rd annual show. Also the final schedule and ticket sales will be announced via the group’s website, http://www.cornellfashioncollective.com. This is a fun experience for youth engaged in 4-H Clothing & Textiles. Plan now to take your 4-H Club.
National Ag Day Essay Contest Announces January 31st Deadline

The Agriculture Council of America (ACA) calls on 9th to 12th grade students in the 2016-2017 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: Food for Life” and the deadline is January 31, 2017. 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 21, 2017. The video essay winner wins a $1,000 prize.

The Council’s objective is to celebrate agriculture and to help consumers better understand how farmers and the companies serving them produce abundant, healthy, nutritious, and safe food that nourishes our families and consumers around the world.

The Ag Day Essay Contest is sponsored by CHS Inc., Penton Agriculture, the National Association of Farm Broadcasting & the Agriculture Council of America

Entry forms and essays must be received by midnight CST, January 31, 2017, and sent to: 2017 Ag Day Essay Contest, Agriculture Council of America, 11020 King St., Ste. 205, Overland Park, KS 66210; jenam@nama.org Please send by either mail or email but not both.

Visit  http://www.agday.org/essay-contest to read official contest rules and for more details regarding entry applications.

National Agricultural Day: March 21, 2017

National Ag Day is a day to recognize and celebrate the abundance provided by Agriculture. The 2017 Ag Day Theme is "Food for Life". Every year, producers, agricultural associations, corporations, universities, government agencies and countless others across America join together to recognize the contributions of agriculture. Join us as we honor agriculture for providing safe, abundant and affordable products, a strong economy, a source of renewable energy, and a world of job opportunities. For more information about celebrating National Ag Day, go to http://www.agday.org/. The site includes fun facts, links to other sites, resources, and planning guide.

Small Animal

4-H Rabbit Projects
Exhibitors will be allowed to enter and show up to 6 rabbits in the breed show with 2 additional Market Rabbits. All rabbits must be owned by the exhibitor by June 15 to be eligible to show at the Steuben County Fair.

4-H Cavy (Guinea Pig) Classes at the 2017 Steuben County Fair
The Steuben County 4-H Program offers 4-H members the opportunity to exhibit their Cavy (Guinea Pig) at the 2017 Steuben County Fair. County Fair Entries are due to the CCE Office by July 10th. 4-H members are allowed to exhibit a maximum of 4 cayies. Cavies can be purebred, pet, crossbreeds or grades like the NYS Fair 4-H Classes and can be boars or sows. 4-H members who exhibit a cavy in the 2017 Steuben County Fair will be required to complete a cavy project record by September 18, 2017 to be eligible to exhibit a cavy at the 2018 Steuben County Fair. For more information about cavies visit http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/cavies/index.html

4-H Meat Rabbit Project
Steuben County 4-H members (8-18 years old as of January 1, 2017) will have an opportunity to raise meat rabbits to be consigned to the Steuben County 4-H & FFA Livestock Sale to be held on Friday, August 18th at the Steuben County Fairgrounds. 4-H Cloverbud members are ineligible to show and sell their meat rabbit in the 4-H and FFA Livestock Sale.

Meat Rabbits can be purebred New Zealand, Californian, Harlequin, Giant Chinchilla, Flemish Giant, Florida White or a cross of one of these breeds. Meat rabbits are entered in the Roaster Class must be 5-8 pounds and under 6 months of age consigned to the 4-H & FFA Livestock Sale (2 entries per class allowed). If theRoaster rabbits are under 5 lbs or over 8 lbs they cannot be sold through the sale but could be entered in the Pet Class if you do not already have 4 entries in Sections I-III. Rabbits’ ages are computed as of the opening day of the fair, Tuesday, August 15, 2017.
2017 4-H Market Chicken Projects

Steuben County 4-H members (ages 8-18 as of January 1, 2017) will have an opportunity to raise market chickens to be consigned to the Steuben County 4-H & FFA Livestock Sale to be held on Friday, August 19th, 2017 at the Steuben County Fairgrounds. There will be a class in the Steuben County Fair 4-H Poultry Division for Market Chickens Consigned. 4-H members will be allowed to enter 2 chickens in the market chicken consigned class and sell 2 market chickens through the sale. An additional 2 market chickens may be entered in the Fryer class. It is recommended that 4-H members purchase more than 2 market chickens in case of fatality before the fair. Animals cannot be entered in both market classes and breeding classes.

4-H members interested in exhibiting and consigning market chickens can place their order through Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County by Friday, March 31. Orders are limited to only enrolled 4-H members and each member may only order 12 chicks. You will need to make arrangements to pick up the market chickens on the day they arrive or your market chickens will be given to someone else. Pick up date will be confirmed closer to delivery. The 4-H Office will receive notice that chicks are from a Pullorum-Typhoid Free Flock so you will not need to bring your market chickens to the clinic.

Members can purchase their own Market Chickens, but they MUST be hatched June 13th or later! Proof of hatch date must be provided with fair entries! Only birds receiving a Blue/Excellent Ribbon will be sold through the sale on Friday, August 18, 2017. 4-H Cloverbud members can place an order for the market chickens but Cloverbuds will be ineligible to show and sell their chicken in the 4-H and FFA Livestock Sale. Refer to the Market Chicken Help Sheet and the order form on the web at http://putknowledgetowork.org/4-h-youth/4-h-program-areas/small-animals

Showmanship - If the market chicken(s) are the only chickens that a 4-H member are exhibiting at the Steuben County Fair then the 4-H member must participate in the non-owner showmanship class borrowing another chicken or their county fair poultry premiums will be withheld. 4-H’ers are encouraged to make arrangements prior to fair week to practice showmanship and find a bird to use for the showmanship competition. The 4-H Office is happy to help you! The questions for non-owner showmanship will not be breed specific. We encourage 4-H members who are ordering market chickens to come to the Poultry Clinic to practice showmanship with another member’s bird.
4-H Dairy Judging

What is Cow College? Cow College is another name for Dairy Judging.

Who can attend cow college? Any 4-H member and their parent, grandparent, leader, etc. Please NOTE: Cloverbud members 5-7 years old (as of January 1, 2017) 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.

Where is cow college held? 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!)

When is cow college? Saturdays during February – April from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Schedule to be announced.

Why should I go to cow college? It will help you understand what to look for when choosing your show animal. It will also help you understand why the judge places your animal the way he does at county fair or any other dairy show.

What happens after the cow colleges? There possibly will be a county dairy judging tour in the spring. There will be several judging trips throughout the summer that selected 4-H members will be invited to attend. 4-H members who are selected can represent Steuben County at NYS Fair Contest.

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.

Hoard’s Dairyman Dairy Judging Contest

The 87th annual Hoard’s Dairyman Cow Judging Contest will soon be officially open for 2017 visit http://judging.hoards.com/. You, your family, and club members are invited to join the thousands of others who participate in this fun and educational picture judging contest. The interactive web-based portal contains all five classes, and allows you to submit your entries online and receive your scores by email at the completion of the contest. The 2017 Hoard’s Dairyman Dairy Judging Contest booklets will be mailed from Hoard’s Dairyman to those clubs who participated in 2016. If your club does not receive a booklet and you wish to participate in the 2017 contest, please contact the CCE Office. If you need more booklets or anyone else would like to participate in the contest and needs the booklet with the classes and the entries, contact the CCE Office. The deadline for entries is Thursday, March 23, 2017. Participants need to send the original to Hoard's Dairyman for the National Contest and a copy of their entry to the CCE Office or email to Kim at ksb3@cornell.edu for the County Contest by March 23.

4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl

The primary objective of 4-H Dairy Bowl Contests is to provide an opportunity for youth to demonstrate their knowledge of dairy related subject matter in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail. The Dairy Bowl Program is designed to encourage youth to increase their dairy knowledge through study and preparation for the contest. Youth learn life skills as they prepare for contests - critical thinking, decision-making, problem solving, communication skills, listening skills, speaking skills and independent thinking. They experience the value of teamwork, character building, and goal setting. Youth gain knowledge in dairy nutrition, milk quality, herd health, breeding and genetics, marketing, dairy foods, calf raising and all cattle breeds.

Age of contestants is as of January 1, 2017:
Novice: 8 - 10 years old with some experience or 11 - 13 years old with no previous district contests experience.
Junior: 9 years to 13 years old
Senior: 14 years to 18 years old.

Dairy Quiz Bowl practices and locations will be arranged based on the participants and the coaches.

Saturday, March 4 Finger Lakes District Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest, Midlakes School

The Finger Lakes District will send a junior and a senior team to the state competition at Cornell University on April 22nd (tentative). These teams will be composed of the top four individuals with the 5th place as the alternate in each division.

4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl National competition, in Louisville, KY in November 2017, will be selected from the top individuals in the Sr. Division at the state contest. Note: 4-H members will need to be 15-18 years old as of January 1, 2017 to be eligible for the NYS 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Team.

Youth and adult volunteers interested in participating please contact Kim at 607-583-3185 or at ksb3@cornell.edu.
Market Beef Steer/Market Beef Steer Small Frame/ Market Beef Heifer/ Market Dairy Steer Ownership and ID’s Due January 9, 2017

4-H members exhibiting Market Beef Steers, Market Beef Steer Small Frame (such as Lowline, Dexter, Mini Herefords, etc.), Market Beef Heifers, and Market Dairy Steers at the 2017 Steuben County Fair must own their animals by January 1, 2017 and the identification forms are due to the CCE-Steuben Office by Monday, January 9, 2017 along with the signed 2017 4-H Market Animal Quality Assurance Pledge. Heifers shown in market beef classes are not eligible for beef breeding classes.


If you have any questions please contact Kim at ksb3@cornell.edu or 607-583-3185.

New for 2017 Ewe Lamb and Gilt Project Records

New for 2017 there is a ewe lamb 4-H project record for those 4-H members who will be showing a ewe lamb in the breeding classes and a gilt project record for those 4-H members who will be showing a gilt in the breeding classes. For the records visit www.putknowledgetowork.org or contact Kim at ksb3@cornell.edu

What is Livestock Judging?

Livestock judging is the process of ranking four animals (beef, sheep, swine, and/or meat goat) of one class top to bottom based on criteria such as bone structure, muscle, body capacity, body composition, performance.

Livestock Judging develops the following life skills: critical thinking, organization, time management, public speaking, self confidence, self motivation, team building and competition.

While all of this sounds intimidating Livestock Judging is a really fun way to learn about beef cattle, sheep, swine and meat goats. Livestock Judging allows 4-Hers to get involved, compete, and make new friends. 4-H members 5-18 years old are eligible to participate and parents/volunteers/coaches are needed. Cloverbud members 5-7 years old (as of January 1, 2017) who are interested in learning may participate only if they are accompanied at all times by a responsible adult who is at least 21 years old who will be accompanying them the entire time.

2017 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, 2017 and for the National Contest they must be postmarked by February 1 or entered 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. The County Contest form is available at www.putknowledgetowork.org or contact Kim at 607-583-3185 or ksb3@cornell.edu.
What is Livestock Skillathon?

The objectives of the Livestock Skillathon contest is to provide youth with the opportunity to blend knowledge and skills acquired in livestock judging, demonstrations, care and exhibition of animals into one activity. This is also an opportunity for youth even if they have no opportunities for livestock ownership to learn about the importance of beef, sheep, swine and goat and their products to the environment and economy. Livestock Skillathon consists of 3 parts: Written quiz, identification and team questions. For the 2 question written quiz (100 points possible per person). Individuals will complete the exam independently. Potential topics are nutrition, health, breeding, management, genetics and current industry topics. Individuals may be asked to identify retail meat cuts, livestock feeds, and breeds, evaluate cuts of meat and hay or wool samples and complete a quality assurance exercise. Team participation will be required in a quality assurance exercise, evaluation of livestock feeding and performance information and an animal breeding or marketing scenario and exercise. Livestock Skillathon instills ethical values, good sportsmanship and product evaluation skills. Livestock Skillathon recognizes youth for their total involvement in and comprehension of the livestock industry.

For more information and resources visit [http://4h.ansci.cornell.edu/events-2/nys-fair/livestock-skillathon/](http://4h.ansci.cornell.edu/events-2/nys-fair/livestock-skillathon/)

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Livestock Skillathon Contest/Mini Livestock Judging Clinic

On Saturday, February 4 at 9:30 a.m. at the Career and Technical Center in Belmont there will be a Livestock Skillathon Contest and following the contest a Mini Livestock Judging Clinic. In order to receive a t-shirt, lunch, and lots of cool stuff donated by various breed associations you must preregister by Tuesday, January 17 with your t-shirt size to Kim Randall at ksb3@cornell.edu or trc1924@hotmail.com

For the Livestock Skillathon Contest CASH prizes to the top 3 individuals in 3 age divisions will be awarded!

Livestock Skillathon Practice

Sunday, January 15 at 6 p.m. at Havens Stocking Creek Morgans, 5725 Coss Corners Road Bath. If you will be participating please contact Teresa Chapman at trc1924@hotmail.com or Kim Randall at ksb3@cornell.edu

Horse

2017 Horse Records

ALL 4-H members are required to answer the appropriate Life Skills Wheel question, included with your record, along with completing their horse project record. Your horse project record can be entered in the County Fair. If you wish to do so, the deadline for ALL county fair ENTRIES is July 10th, 2017; this includes records (please do NOT turn in records at the time of Entries, you should keep them until fair time if you’ve entered them, or until the end of the year when all records are due). DEADLINES WILL NOT BE EXTENDED!! A Horse Project Record must be turned into the CCE Office by 4:30 p.m. on September 18, 2017 to receive project credit and/or to be eligible to show your horse at the 2018 County Fair if you showed your horse at the 2017 County Fair.

HIPPOLOGY & HORSE BOWL PRACTICES WILL BE HELD SUNDAYS 3:30-5:00pm @ CCE OFFICE JANUARY 8th - FEBRUARY 28th. CONTACT JENNY jmg422@cornell.edu or 607-583-3245 if you plan to attend!
Attention 4-H Members with Horses

All 4-H members who wish to show their horses at any Steuben County 4-H Horse Show, including the Steuben County Fair or the New York State Fair Horse Show, must participate in at least one 4-H Horse Educational Event (i.e. Public Presentations (club or county), Horse Quiz Bowl, Hippology or Horse Judging) at the county level or beyond or write an educational essay. 4-H members age 8 - 18 as of January 1, 2017 are eligible to participate in the Steuben County 4-H Horse Shows after meeting the Steuben County 4-H Horse Show Rules requirements. 4-H club members who are age 5-8 as of January 1, 2017 have the option of participating in the Cloverbud Leadline or Walk/Trot classes offered at our qualifying shows. 4-H families enrolled in a horse project will be receiving a post card informing them of the updated show information available on the web/from their leader. The 2017 Show Packet will be sent to each Organizational Leader and will include the 4-H Horse Certificates, horse eligibility requirements, a calendar of dates, Steuben County 4-H Horse Show rules, class listings for the Steuben County qualifying shows, entry forms for the Steuben County qualifying shows, point system and information on protective helmets. Information can be found on our website: http://putknowledgetowork.org/4-h-youth/club-programs/horse. If you have any questions or would like to be added to the mailing list to receive a packet, please contact the CCE Office or email Jenny Groen at jmg422@cornell.edu.

Scholarships

New York State Guernsey Calf Award Application

The Calf Scholarship Award Program is sponsored by the New York State Guernsey Breeders Association for the purpose of encouraging those who do not presently own Guernseys to become involved with the Guernsey Breed. A purebred Guernsey Calf will be awarded to the applicant who shows interest in the Guernsey breed and who has demonstrated the capabilities of developing the animal to its fullest potential. Applicant must be age 9-15 as of January 1st of application year. You do not have to belong to 4-H, FFA, or a breed club to participate. Award will be presented to the winner at the New York State Guernsey Breeders’ Annual Meeting in March or April. There are questions that need to be answered in the form of an essay. All applications are due on March 1st. Please EMAIL your application to: Seth and Amber Ripley at seth.ripley@gmail.com If you win this calf, you will be required to exhibit it in at least one local fair, and also at the New York State Fair for TWO consecutive years. If you do not exhibit the animal at the required fairs, the New York State Guernsey Breeders will make a determination as to the placement of the calf. Our purpose is to promote the Guernsey Calf Scholarship Program; therefore, exhibition at the fairs is our prime opportunity to fulfill this mission. Each winner will be also required to fill out a County Achievement Form each spring. For complete rules and regulations and an application visit http://nyguernseybreeders.com/youth the 2017 application will be there shortly or contact Kim at the CCE Office at ksb3@cornell.edu or 607-583-3185.
NYS Association of Agricultural Fairs (NYSAAF) and the NYS Show People’s Association Scholarship (NYSSSA)

Deadline: TBA

The NYSSA and the NYSSA offer an annual scholarship program which is available to students who are New York State residents, who currently are (or have previously been) active in a fair that is a member of the NYSAAF and who is in his/her senior year of high school in New York State and plans to attend (or already attends) college in pursuit of a degree in agriculture or fair management at an accredited institution of higher learning. The fair where you have been active must endorse your application and will submit it for you. Up to ten $1,000 scholarships will be awarded. Check [http://nyfairs.org/scholarship.htm](http://nyfairs.org/scholarship.htm) for updated information for 2017!

Applications, 2 letters of reference, and transcript must be submitted by a member Fair of the New York State Association of Agricultural Fairs. **The deadline for submitting your application to a Member Fair is TBA.** Steuben County applications are to be sent to Bob Whitney, 8000 Mt Washington Road, Bath, NY 14810. Applications are expected to be available the end of January at [http://nyfairs.org/scholarship.htm](http://nyfairs.org/scholarship.htm) or contact the CCE Office.

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2017 NY Holstein Association, Inc. Calf Scholarship

The purpose of the Calf Scholarship Award Program is to select a youth who is worthy of the award – a Registered Holstein calf with the potential to develop into a future brood cow. The program offers such a calf to a youth who has demonstrated the interest and ability to develop the calf to her fullest potential and who will grow through this project. Youth must be between 12-15 years old as of January 1, 2017. Applications and the specific requirements can be found at [http://www.nyholsteins.com](http://www.nyholsteins.com) click on forms and applications and click on calf scholarship or by contacting Kim at the CCE Office at 607-583-3185 or ksb3@cornell.edu or by calling the NY Holstein office at 607-273-7591. The entry deadline is postmarked or emailed to ssherman@nyholsteins.com on or before March 2, 2016. Youth must welcome periodic farm visits. Winner must be willing to show the calf at appropriate shows. The calf will be awarded to the winner during the NY Holstein Spring Carousel, April 7-10, 2017, NYS Fairgrounds, Syracuse.

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New York Ayrshire Club Calf Award Application

The purpose of the Calf Scholarship Award Program is to select a youth who is worthy of the award and to provide money that can be used to help purchase a Registered Ayrshire Calf at a public auction. The program offers the opportunity to a youth who has demonstrated the interest and ability to develop the calf to her fullest potential and who will also grow through this project. Applicants for this award must meet the following specifications 8-15 years of age as of January 1st of the current year. The youth member cannot own more than 2 Registered Ayrshire or 2 registered animals of another breed. Youth must have adequate facilities and supervision to raise a calf in New York State. Applicants must be or must be willing to join the New York and National Junior Ayrshire Club. Applicant must be a resident of New York State. Youth must welcome periodic farm visits. Winner must be willing to show the calf at appropriate shows. Winner will provide yearly progress reports to the NY Ayrshire Club. The 2017 application will be available shortly at [http://www.nyayrshire.com/applications.html](http://www.nyayrshire.com/applications.html) or email us at nyayrshire@gmail.com. Applications must be postmarked by the January 31 deadline. Assistance will be available in selecting the calf if needed.
The 40th Annual New York State 4-H Agribusiness Career Conference was be held on September 29-30, 2016 at SUNY Cobleskill and local agri-businesses. The conference is co-sponsored by NYS 4-H, the NYS Farm Bureau, and the State University at Cobleskill. This career exploration conference is open to all youth ages 14 and over who wish to become more aware of opportunities with agriculture and also academic requirements for professional positions available in the various agri-business. It featured mini-tours to farms and operations in the Cobleskill area as well as seminars, guest speakers and guided tours of the SUNY Cobleskill agriculture facilities.

Steuben County 4-H members were selected for this trip based on their 2015 Senior Summary Report and additional 4-H members 14 and over could also attend if certain qualifications were met. The five Steuben County 4-H members who attended were Jade Atherton, Justin Bennett, Peter Kelly, Katie Sirianni, and Ashlee Zschoche. Thank you to Marlaina Bennett for chaperoning this trip.

Katie Sirianni attended Schoharie Valley Farms and Speaking with a Vet. Schoharie Valley Farms was once the largest carrot growing farm east of the Mississippi, Schoharie Valley Farms is now owned and managed by the Ball Family. Diversification has helped make this farm a popular stop for local shoppers of fresh produce as well as major tourist attraction. Participants learned how much the farm store adds to the operation and how the farm survived during the rain of this past summer. Participants also spoke with a veterinarian to learn about his/her experiences. They learned what the vets enjoy, and what attracted them to their career.

Jade Atherton attended the Sweet Tree Farm and The Stables at Sunny Knolls Farm. Sweet Tree Farm produces grass fed beef, natural pork, eggs and pure maple syrup. Hogs and laying hens are raised on pastures use we need to be a NOFA-certified grains. The Stables at Sunny Knolls Farm is an equestrian farm located on 160 acres of open rolling field and offers boarding, training, trail rides, riding lessons, birthday parties, and apartment rentals for college students. Hay is grown on the farm and ample pasture for grazing.

Ashlee Zschoche attended SUNY Cobleskill Milk Quality Lab and Sharon Springs Farm Equipment. Quality Milk Production Services (QMPS) serves dairy producers in NYS and across the nation from 4 laboratories one being Cobleskill. QMPS has developed over the years from being primarily a diagnostic program to one with a comprehensive education focus designed to offer assistance to dairy producers for mastitis monitoring, prevention and surveillance. Sharon Springs Farm Equipment is a White-Agco/Kubota dealership that also features a farm hardware store and sells lawn and garden equipment. They keep a large inventory of new and used machinery of all kinds.

Marlaina Bennett attended Beekman Farm and Thistle Hill Weavers. Beekman 1802 is Grade-A dairy farm and retail business that has quickly earned worldwide acclaim for his premium “lifestyle” line of food, beverage and home goods items. Starting with a small line of goat milk soaps and cheeses it now offers hundreds of items through its retail shop in Sharon Springs, online and target stores nationwide. Thistle Hill Weavers is a world-renowned weaving operation specializing in high-end and historic reproduction woven goods. They use sheep and exotic fiber produced in NYS to weave textiles for some of the country’s most exclusive hotel, residential and museum clients.

Justin Bennett and Peter Kelly attended Hessian Hill Farm and Wellingtons Herbs and Spices. Hessian Hill farm is a highly diversified family operation that produces sheep, hogs, cattle, chickens, horses and hay on its 350 acres. They also produce a significant variety of floral and vegetable crops in their high tunnel operations and sell these items along with value-added bottled and packages products through regional farmers’ markets and at the farm during open house events. At Christmas time, Hessian Hill offers Christmas trees and a variety of agri-tourism events at the farm. Wellington’s Herbs and Spices is a 45-acres farm with certified organic fields and specializes in the production, drying and blending of a large variety of herbs and spices. They also produce vegetables in their high tunnels and fields for sale at regional farmers’ markets and through their on-farm retail store, where customers can also but the Wellington’s famous prepared food, dessert and teas. Peter reflects, “This year was my first trip to SUNY Cobleskill, and I very quickly determined it to be the most productive of the 4-H trips I have been on. My interests are in agriculture, and this program was dedicated to teaching us all about Cobleskill’s courses in those fields. What I especially appreciated was the opportunity to meet two of Cobleskill’s professors and even their Director of Admissions! This trip and this school resonated very well with me. Thank you to 4-H for providing such an amazing opportunity!”
Fall 2016 4-H Tractor Supply Paper Clovers

Thank you to the following 4-H Clubs for selling papers clovers October 5-16 at Tractor Supply to raise money for the Steuben County 4-H Program, NYS 4-H Program and National 4-H Council. The Arkport Adventurers 4-H Club and Blue Ribbon Roundup 4-H Club sold paper clovers at the Hornell store. The Blue Ribbon Roundup club even won the sweepstakes drawing for a $100 Tractor Supply Company gift card. Members of the Bath Trailblazers, Country Bunch Club and the Redneck Runts Clubs sold at the Bath Store. Country Bunch 4-H Club won the $50 incentive from Steuben County 4-H as the top club sales for the 2016 Fall Paper Clover Campaign!

2016 ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT

Saturday, November 5th was Steuben County 4-H’s Annual Achievement Night. It was held again at Avoca Central School and marks a night of year-end accomplishments and growth. Over 200 Steuben County youth, ranging from ages 5-19, were recognized for achieving various milestones within the project year of October 1st through September 30th. Highlights of the night included Cloverbud Graduation, for members aging out of the Cloverbud Program and into the regular 4-H Program; Friend of 4-H Awards, for an outstanding individual and local business; Year End Horse Show High Points; County Project Champions; Country Fair Special Awards; State Fair Awards; Specialty Awards, for high achievement for youth in a specialized concentration; “I Dare You” Leadership Award, for youth with a little encouragement, are ready to see themselves as leaders; Outstanding 4-H’er Award, for youth who embody the 4-H motto of “To Make the Best Better”; and Outgoing Members. Our program would not be capable of such outstanding outcomes if it weren’t for the continued support of our local communities and our dedicated volunteers!

See the Achievement Night Program and pictures: http://putknowledgetowork.org/4-h-youth/2014-2015-4-h-year
Fall Cheese Fundraiser

The 2016 Fall Fundraiser featured Cuba Cheese and Wilson’s Snack Sticks. The fundraisers help to support the 4-H Activity Fund, which provides the funds for the many trips and awards that benefit 4-H members. Individual 4-H club treasuries also benefit from the sales. Thanks to each 4-H member who participated in the fundraiser!

Congratulations to the following 4-H members who were recognized as the top sellers.

**2016 COUNTY FUNDRAISER TOP SELLER AWARDS**

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Congratulations to all for your hard work! A special "Thank You" to all leaders and parents who helped to motivate, collect money, sort products, and transport products for the 4-H'ers.

Steuben Youth Leadership Summit

Shelby Hammond, Howard Hillbillies 4-H Club member, and Samantha Towner, Willing Workers 4-H Club member, were 2 of the 15 youth selected to participate in the 2016 Steuben Youth Leadership Summit presented by the Steuben County Youth Bureau on November 19 at the Campbell-Savona High School. The Steuben Youth Leadership Summit provides youth with the opportunity to develop leadership skills, identify priority issues, and discuss these priorities with state and county government leaders. Highlights of the Summit include: developing leadership skills; meeting other youth leaders from across Steuben County; discussing and prioritizing issues & concerns of Steuben County youth; and talking with state and local government officials.

The forum included a leadership workshop led by Sarah Jane Phillips, a Leader Mentor with the GOLD Leadership Program at SUNY Geneseo; breakout groups where student leaders identified priorities in our county and an issues forum with NY Assembly member Philip Palmesano, Chairman Joseph Haurycki of the Steuben County Legislature and Steuben County Manager, Jack Wheeler. Parents were invited to watch the issues forum at the conclusion of the day.
On November 19th Steuben County 4-H Educators hosted the first “Cloverbud Day” event of 2016. This was a new series in 2015-2016 program year that is a county-wide educational opportunity that provides programing geared specifically for our youngest 4-H members. Sixteen youth, ages 5-7, participated in the event making turkey craft, a healthy snack mural, and introduction to public speaking! In addition to providing programming for the younger members, this event also lends itself to leadership opportunities for our teens. The next Cloverbud Day has been scheduled for **January 28th at the Civil Defense Building** in Bath. Registration information can be found on our website: [http://putknowledge2work.org/events/2015/11/21/cloverbud-day](http://putknowledge2work.org/events/2015/11/21/cloverbud-day).

### 2016 Swine Picture Judging Results

The swine judging picture contest is an annual event sponsored by the National Swine Registry. The ten classes consisted of Duroc Boars, Hampshire Boars, Landrace Boars, Yorkshire Boars, Duroc Gilts, Hampshire Gilts, Landrace Gilts, Yorkshire Gilts, Grand Drive Barrows, Crossbred Market Hogs. The total possible score was 500 points. Listed below are the results of the Steuben County Contest. For the 2017 contest information and entry form go to [http://www.nationalswine.com/seedstockEDGE/picture_judging.php](http://www.nationalswine.com/seedstockEDGE/picture_judging.php). For the Steuben County 4-H Contest Entries must be sent to the CCE office postmarked by February 1, 2017 refer to the county entry form at [www.putknowledge2work.org](http://www.putknowledge2work.org) and for the National Contest they must be postmarked or entered online by February 1, 2017.

**Cloverbud** participants were Bradley Bottum and Haylee Dungan

Juniors (8-13 years old as of Jan. 1, 2016)
- 1st Ian Chapman 383; 2nd Belle Painter 355; 3rd Alyson Chapman 346; 4th Connor Parulski 303; 5th Matthew Dungan 274; 6th Kaleb Dininny 273

Seniors (14-18 years old as of Jan. 1, 2016)
- 1st Katie Tobias 397; 2nd Jakob Odell 365; 3rd Destini Jemison 351; 4th Craigory Kiesznowski 349; 5th Jersey Hudson 331, 6th Nasiero Sermons 328; 7th Jared Hoffman 326; 8th Matthew Vosburg 324; Tied 9th with 316 Daniel Quintero, Daniel Northup and Matt Smith; 10th Shelby Hammond 309

**Adults**
- 1st Vicky Dockstader 359; 2nd Jennifer Fowler 351; 3rd Jennifer Hammond 344; 4th Lorri Dennis 340

### Clubs – Team Entries

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Katie Tobias, Jakob Odell and Haylee Dungan

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The Hoard’s Dairyman Cow Judging Contest is an annual event. The 5 classes consisted of Brown Swiss, Holsteins, Guernsey, Milking Shorthorn, and Jerseys. The total possible score was 500 points. Listed below are the results of the Steuben County Contest. For the 2017 contest information and entry form go to http://judging.hoards.com/. For the Steuben County 4-H Contest Entries must be sent to the CCE office postmarked by March 23, 2017 and for the National Contest they must be postmarked or entered online by March 23, 2017.

Cloverbuds (5-7 years old as of Jan. 1, 2016) who participated were Bradley Bottum, Haylee Dungan, McKayla Harkleroad, Abigail Miller, Chase Mummey, Dakota Pond, Nicholas Randall, Cody Stebbins, Nick Wise

Juniors (8-13 years old as of Jan. 1, 2016)
1st Kayla Atherton 444; 2nd Sarah Lawson 412; 3rd Faith Sherer 406; 4th Troy Stewart 388; 5th Natalie Cornell 382; 6th Ariell Parsels 372; 7th Matthew Dungan 368; 8th Faith Loucks 360; 9th Cole Sherer 354; 10th Allen Miller 350

Seniors (14-18 years old as of Jan. 1, 2016)
1st Jessica Lawson 456; 2nd Jade Atherton 448; 3rd Paige Demun 442; 4th Megan Ross 428; 5th Bryce Warriner 420; 6th Davon Bloom 412; 7th Aaron Lloyd 410; 8th Rachel Hoffer 404; 9th Isaac Gee 398; 10th Jakob Odell 392

Adults
1st Lisa Demun 418; 2nd Keith Demun 416; 3rd Becki Sirianni 414; Tied 4th Michael Stebbins and Tom Fox 410; 5th Dave Dockstader 408; 6th Terri Stewart 402

Clubs – Team Entries

1st Place – Blue Ribbon
Roundup #1 Score -1302
Jade Atherton, Kayla Atherton, Cody Stebbins

2nd Place – Dairy Dreamers #1
Score - 1290
Paige Demun, Megan Ross, Bryce Warriner

3rd Place – Country Bunch #1
Score - 1274
Jessica Lawson, Sarah Lawson, Faith Sherer

4th Place – Four Winds #1 Score - 1220
Davon Bloom, Aaron Lloyd, Isaac Gee

5th Place – Dairy Dreamers #2 Score – 1168
Rachel Hoffer, Alyssa Ross, Natalie Cornell
Youth Corner

With the start of the New Year, we’d like to offer a place in our publication for youth to contribute! We would like to hear from the Youth what they’ve been doing in their clubs and community. Articles/pieces do not have to be written by club secretaries, but any youth who would like to share what they’ve been doing. Please send articles to jmg422@cornell.edu and we will do our best to get them in the next circulation of The Steubenite!

’Tis the Season
Steuben County 4-H had several local clubs who did some pretty fantastic community service projects around the holidays! Bath Trailblazers donated items to the FLSPCA; Country Critters gathered items to donate to a family in need; Prattsburgh Pioneers decorated a tree which helped gather items for the local food pantry! Awesome job to the kids, parents, and leaders!!

We know we have other clubs who are also out and about doing great things in the community…let us know about it! We would love to showcase your club in the next Steubenite!!!