Steuben County 4-H Members Excel in National Dairy and Livestock Knowledge Contests

Steuben County 4-H members excel in National Dairy and Livestock Knowledge Contests at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, KY in November.

Bryce Warriner, 9th year member of the Dairy Dreamers 4-H Club, was a member of the 2018 NYS 4-H Dairy Judging Team that placed 2nd in Oral Reasons and 6th Place Overall. Individually Bryce placed 7th for Ayrshire placings and 5th for Holstein placings. Dairy Judging requires 4-H members to understand the concepts of dairy cattle conformation consisting of evaluating classes of 4 animals each. 4-H members answer questions related to various traits of the animals and give oral reasons about the class. 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 their decision which equals organized thinking. Dairy Cattle judging is an excellent opportunity for youth to learn about dairy cattle and the dairy industry and to develop skills to face the future challenges of the dairy industry and life.

Alyson Chapman, 6th year member of the Canisteo Valley 4-H Stars Club, was a member of the 2018 NYS 4-H Livestock Skillathon Team that placed 9th Overall out of 19 teams and 6th Place team in the Evaluation portion. The objectives of the Livestock Skillathon 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; to provide youth who have no opportunities for livestock ownership with an opportunity to learn about the importance of livestock and their products to the environment and economy; to encourage youth to continue expanding their knowledge and participation; to recognize youth for their total involvement in and comprehension of the livestock industry; and to instill ethical values, good sportsmanship and product evaluation skills. Since Alyson is now ineligible to participate in the 4-H livestock skillathon contests she looks forward to sharing her knowledge with other 4-H members by helping them gain knowledge to prepare for future 4-H livestock skillathon contests.

Through dairy judging and livestock skillathon 4-H members have gained valuable life skills such as communication, critical thinking, problem solving, decision making, self-esteem, goal setting, disease prevention and teamwork.
# Upcoming Events

### January TBA – Dairy Quiz Bowl and Dairy Judging Practices

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- Lisa Haight……………………………………….Bath
- Julie Lawson…………………………………Addison
- Nicole Luckenbach…………………………….Bath
- Phil Marsh………………………………………..Jasper
- Tracey McCaig………………………………….Jasper
- Christine Towner……………………………..Cohocton

**Legislative Representatives:**

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- Fred Potter………………………………………Troupsburg

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- Kimberly S. Randall, 4-H Subject Educator
- Loree Symonds, 4-H Subject Educator
**February**
TBA – Dairy Quiz Bowl Practices and Dairy Judging Practices

TBA Dog Obedience classes at Hillside Children’s Center, Snell Farm, Bath some Thursdays 6 p.m.

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**March**
Tractor Supply 4-H Paper Clovers  March 27 - April 7

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

**Office News**

**Checking the Web!**

It is very important that everyone is checking the web site, [www.putknowledgetowork.org](http://www.putknowledgetowork.org) and then click on 4-H Youth Development on a weekly basis as new items are appearing on the web site daily. We will keep you informed of upcoming events and changes by posting them on the web site as soon as we get them.

**Please Note 4-H Office Policy!!!!**

Any items, Achievement Night items, Banquet items, Fair items, etc., left in the 4-H Office over 60 days from the date you are notified will be disposed of as the 4-H Staff deems reasonable. You will receive one phone call or email notification. It will be noted on each item the date that you were notified. Please make sure items are picked up, for you or your club, in a timely manner.
2019 Fair Premiums

All 4-H members who exhibit a project in the 4-H Division at the 2019 Steuben County Fair are required to turn into the CCE Office at least one record on their project by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, September 16, 2019 to be eligible to receive 2019 Fair Premiums for that project. If you fail to meet the September 16th deadline or the record is incomplete, fair premiums will NOT be awarded for that project. There will be no consequences for exhibiting the following year.

**LATE RECORDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

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 10 at 6:45 p.m. at the Steuben County Office Annex Building, Bath, 20 East Morris Street. This meeting will include review of Market Beef Steer, Small Frame Beef Steer, Market Beef Heifer, Dairy Steer and Dairy Feeder Steers born September 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018 Identification/Ownership/County Fair Entries turned in by January 7, 2019. It will also include suggestions for revisions to the Project Champion Selection criteria. 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, February, March, June, 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 607-664-2571 or at ksb3@cornell.edu.

Cloverbud Day!!!
Saturday, January 19, 2019, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Just for Cloverbuds!

Calling ALL 4-H Cloverbuds from the county, a special day just for you!
County Office Building, South Conference Room, Bath.
We have 3 fun activities planned!

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.

Ontario County Tractor Safety Certification
Registration Due January 8 with course Starting January 15

Youth who will be 14 and 15 as of April 1, 2019 are required to attend and pass both the written exam and the driving test in order to work for hire (using farm machinery) on farms other than their home farm. The cost for this course is $35.00 for non-Onondaga residents. The 2019 classes begin January 31st and will be held on Thursday nights from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. through March 28 at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Office in Canandaigua, 480 North Main Street Canandaigua and equipment dealerships in the Ontario County area. The driving test will be on Saturday, March 30. To register or for more information, contact Amy Morrisey at 585-394-3977 x 429 or email at alm72@cornell.edu or http://ccceontario.org/events/2017/01/14/youth-tractor-safety-certification
Cooking Matters for Families partners a school-aged child and a parent together to learn about healthy eating, planning meals as a family, and working together in the kitchen.

Courses meet for two hours, once a week for six weeks and are taught by Nutrition Educators from Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County. Lessons cover meal preparation, grocery shopping, food budgeting, and nutrition. Participants practice fundamental food skills, including proper knife techniques, reading ingredient labels, and making a healthy meal for a family of four on a $10 budget. Teams will also take home a bag of groceries after each class so they can practice the recipes taught that day.

4-H members 8 years old and up, plus a parent are invited to participate!

If interested contact: Loree Symonds at 607-664-2571 or las65@cornell.edu.

Other Opportunities for a 4-H Foods Project!

Cooking Matters for Kids or Cooking Matters for Teens
CCE Nutrition Educators have Cooking Matters programs that they do with Youth 8 and up. This is a 6 session hands on cooking class where youth learn kitchen skills while preparing easy foods that they get to eat and can easily be repeated at home.

This can be a club project or a group of 4-Hers that are interested from around the county. It could be held in the CCE Office/Kitchen or another kitchen location in the county.

Contact: Loree at 607-664-2571 or las65@cornell.edu

2019 Career Explorations Focus Assistant Applications
Looking for youth to help plan and lead the 2019 Career Explorations Conference. Teens should be at least 16 years old and have participated in Career Explorations in the past. Focus Assistants will be leading both Focus and University U groups this year.

More information, including a job description, will be available at https://nys4-h.org/career-explorations and will be due the end of January 2019. Please contact Kim Randal at ksb3@cornell.edu or 607-664-2571 if you are possibly interested in applying or would like more information when it becomes available.
2019 4-H Award Trips Selections

Congratulations to the following 4-H members who were selected by the 4-H Awards Committee or the 4-H Dairy Advisory Committee to attend the following 4-H Award Trips based on their completion of their Senior Summary Report by the September 28, 2018 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 or if you are interested in attending one of these trips and would like more information please contact Kim Randall at ksb3@cornell.edu or 607-664-2571. If you have any questions regarding these trips please contact Kim.

You should have an interest in visiting Washington D.C. and learning about our federal government.
Selected are Victoria Kelly and Rachel Eckler. 1st Alternate - Olivia Lewis

Capital Days, Albany Sunday, May 19 - Tuesday, May 21, 2019
You should have an interest in visiting the Capital and learning about our federal government.
Selected are Stephanie Fox and Olivia Lewis. 1st Alternate - Alyson Chapman

**Note: The same 4-H member can not attend both CWF and Capital Days in the same year.

State Teen Action Rep Retreat (STARR) – NYS Fairgrounds, Friday, April 5 – Sunday, April 7, 2019)
Teens at least 13 years old participate in a variety of workshops and activities meant to challenge, excite and further develop life skills.
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 2019 STARR Planning Committee are Rachel Eckler, Emilee Hurd, Vicky Kelly, Ashlee Zschoche are Laura Eckler, Rachel Hurd, Christine Towner
Selected were Morgan Cheney, Madison Conrad, Kaden Haight, and Everett Smith. 1st Alternate - Isabel Sprague

NOTE: Any Steuben County 4-H member 13-18 years old can attend STARR as long as he/she pays the registration fee or applies and is awarded the state scholarship and registers to the CCE Office by the deadline providing there are adequate chaperones and enough room for transportation or he/she provides his/her own transportation. The registration fee for 2019 is $85

Agri-Business Career Trip (ABC), Cobleskill (Thursday, October 17 and Friday, October 18, 2019) (14 years-18) Steuben County will need to send 2 chaperones. Those selected were Morgan Cheney, Kaden Haight, Brecken Smith, Isabel Sprague, Alyson Chapman, Julianna Patrick, Genna Williamson, Peter Forte
1st Alternate - Maeve Robarge

NOTE: If members attend the ABC trip more than 1 year they must participate in different workshop tracts from the previous year.

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 is $95 based on the 2018 cost or applies and is awarded the state scholarship and registers to the CCE Office by the deadline providing there are adequate chaperones and enough room for transportation or he/she provides his/her own transportation.
Career Exploration Trip, Cornell University June 25-27, 2019

If 4-H members paid the $75 family enrollment or sold $75 worth of Cuba Cheese/Wilson Beef Farm Snack Sticks then participants will need to pay approximately $220 for their registration based on the 2018 registration of $260. ($40 registration and transportation is paid by the Steuben County 4-H Program). If the above requirements were not met then the 4-H member will need to pay 100% of the cost of the trip unless they apply and are awarded a scholarship from the NYS 4-H Program.

Selected for University U (8th or 9th grade as of fall of 2019 – Current 7th and 8th grade)
Braxtyn Elliott, Sarah Lawson, Andrew McCarthy, Vivien Robarge and Connor Stewart

Selected for Focus for Teens (9th grade as of fall 2019 if attended University U in 2018, 10th grade and above as of fall of 2019 except those in college)
Alyson Chapman, Morgan Cheney, Madison Conrad, Rachel Eckler, Peter Forte, Stephanie Fox, Kaden Haight, Victoria Kelly, Olivia Lewis, Julianna Patrick, Kalyska Payne, Cheyanne Ritchey-Yeoman, Maeve Robarge, Brecken Smith, Everett Smith, Isabel Sprague, Hannah Stewart, and Genna Williamson

Note: 4-H members who are attending 2019 Capital Days or Citizenship-Washington Focus will be able to attend with the reduced rate if they are selected as a Focus Assistant (priority to those entering at least 11th grade as of fall of 2019 but must be at least 16 years old) or pay for the entire cost of the trip unless applied and awarded a scholarship through NYS 4-H Program

NOTE: Any Steuben County 4-H member who meets the grade eligibility 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 are adequate chaperones and enough room for transportation or he/she provides his/her own transportation.

Dairy Discovery – March 29-30, 2019
Maeve Robarge and Hannah Stewart

NOTE: Any Steuben County 4-H member 14-18 years old can attend Dairy Discovery as long as he/she pays the registration fee of $50 for youth and registers to the CCE Office by the deadline providing there are adequate chaperones and enough room for transportation or he/she provides his/her own transportation

2019 Dairy Discovery
The annual state-wide program Dairy Discovery program for youth ages 14-19 years old provides NY youth with fun, hands-on science-oriented learning experiences on dairy production and management topics which feature the unique facilities, industry professionals, and staff of Cornell University. Participants will spend Friday afternoon, March 29 – Saturday, March 30 late afternoon on the Cornell campus learning about dairy careers and rotating through a series of hands-on stations which focus on a specific aspect of the dairy field each year. Due to the hands on approach of the sessions, participation is limited to the first 65 individuals to enroll by the deadline. 4-H members who have an interest in dairy cattle and production management are eligible and strongly encouraged to attend (with their parents or chaperone). For 2019 youth will understand, observe and participate in technical skill training related to Dairy Herd Health and Management. Dairy herd health and management are critical in determining the production potential of dairy enterprises. Management of the dairy herd includes: fresh cow monitoring and treatment, foot care, disease control and management, reproduction, genetics, nutrition and records. All of these areas combined with cow comfort and animal handling make for good animal health stewards. Having a good herd health program and managing risk effectively lead directly to a healthier herd, both physically and financially. If you are interested in participating please contact Kim Randall at ksb3@cornell.edu or 607-664-2571 so that you can receive more information when it becomes available.
Donors and Volunteer Readers Needed!

In celebration of New York agriculture, volunteers throughout the state will read the book, *On the Farm, At the Market*, to second graders. Students and teachers will also benefit from hands-on lessons and receive follow up activities. The book will be donated to the school or classroom library with a bookplate recognizing the donor and NY Agricultural Literacy Week. The program takes about 30 minutes per classroom. All activity materials are prepared by NYAITC and schools get to keep a copy of the book for their school. If you are interested in either sponsoring a book that are $12 each and/or being a volunteer reader please contact Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County at 607-664-2300.

*On the Farm, At the Market* highlights the story of agriculture with vivid illustrations and a community-centric storyline. Students will understand the importance of agriculture as an economic driver in communities across New York, and develop an awareness for where their food comes from and its journey. From the busy hub of New York City, to the mountains of the Adirondacks, and to the fertility of the Finger Lakes our state is expansive and encompasses all types of agricultural industries. Careers and post-secondary education opportunities are abundant in traditional and developing food-centric industries. Agriculture contributes over $37 billion to the New York State economy and ranks in the top ten in the nation for yogurt, apples, grapes, calves, and onions, among other products. These products and industries allow New York producers to explore all varying scales of marketing and selling: niche markets, direct to consumer selling, food processing, wholesale, and more.

### National Ag Day Essay Contest Announces January 31st Deadline

The Agriculture Council of America (ACA) calls on 9th to 12th grade students in the 2018-2019 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. How Does Our Nation Lead the Way?” and the deadline is January 31, 2019. 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 20, 2018. 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., Farm Progress, & the National Association of Farm Broadcasting.

Entry forms and essays must be received by midnight CST, January 31, 2018, and sent to: 2019 Ag Day Essay Contest, Agriculture Council of America, 11020 King St., Ste. 205, Overland Park, KS 66210 janaep@nama.org.

Please send by either mail or email but not both.

Visit [http://www.agday.org/essay-contest](http://www.agday.org/essay-contest) to read official contest rules and for more details regarding entry applications.
National Agriculture Day: March 14, 2019

National Ag Day is a day to recognize and celebrate the abundance provided by Agriculture. The 2019 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.

2019 National 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest
Sponsored by: The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc.

2019 Essay Topic: Honey Varietals, State to State

Each jar of honey reflects an unrepeatable combination of climate, soil, weather and flowers. Each state has unique honey varietals that beekeepers can market to their customers. Please identify one unique varietal to your state and discuss the flower’s uniqueness and how beekeepers can effectively market that varietal. In your essay, please include a photo of the varietal’s flower, an interview with a local beekeeper who collects this varietal and a recipe that highlights the varietal.

An essential judging criterion is the scope of research you put forth in developing the ideas behind your essay—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.

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

- **For contest rules and information** please visit: [http://preservationofhoneybees.org/essays#rules-overview](http://preservationofhoneybees.org/essays#rules-overview).
- **Entries are due to the NYS 4-H Office by February 1, 2019 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.

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.

2019 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.

NYS Maple Weekends
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 23 and Sun., March 24, 2019 and on Sat., March 30 and Sun., March 31, 2019.** Admission is free. For specific locations and information go to [www.mapleweekend.com](http://www.mapleweekend.com).
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 Cooperative Day-Old Pheasant Chick Program 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.

Release of Pheasants: All pheasants must be released before December 1 of the current year and on land open to public hunting. Pheasants cannot be released until they are 8 weeks old or older. This allows the growing birds time to acclimate to the environment in an outdoor pen. Birds should never be released to the outdoors directly from the brooding facility.

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 may be 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 607-664-2571 and leave a message anytime of day or by email at ksb3@cornell.edu by Monday, March 18 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 on a weekday in May.

The Great Backyard Bird Count

The Great Backyard Birds Count is February 15-18, 2019. 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 led 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.
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 13th  
**Time:** 1 – 3 p.m.  
**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](mailto:jmg422@cornell.edu) or call 607-664-2576 by Friday, April 5th. Mark your calendars for an informative and fun filled afternoon on Saturday, April 13th!!

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**Steuben County 4-H Robotics**

**Where:** Howard Community Building, Hopkins Road  
**When:** Are scheduled for the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Any 4-H member 8-18 years old as of January 1, 2019 interested in learning how to build and program a robot to perform various tasks using a Lego Mindstorms EV3 is welcome to attend the Steuben County Robotics Program. 4-H members will also have the opportunity to participate in a robotics challenge on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at the Howard Community Building and the 2019 NYS 4-H Robotics Challenge at the NYS Fair.

The scheduled dates are: January 7, January 21, February 4, February 18, March 4, March 18, April 1, April 15

Contact Marlaina Bennett at [marlaina.bennett@gmail.com](mailto:marlaina.bennett@gmail.com) or 607-661-6383 or Kim Randall at [ksb3@cornell.edu](mailto:ksb3@cornell.edu) or at 607-664-2571 with any questions.

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**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 event hear 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 4, 2019 with the focus on Horse & Poultry

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 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 607-664-2576. Registration & payment is due by Friday, April 19th 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.ansci.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. They are currently being held on Tuesday evenings starting back up on January 8, 2019 from 5-6 p.m. at the Howard Community Building, Hopkins Road, and some Thursday evenings as scheduled at 6 p.m., at Hillside Children’s Center, Snell Farm, 7320 Snell Hill Road, Bath. The January scheduled dates at Snell Farm are January 10 and 24. Youth participants age 5-18 years old as of January 1, 2019 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, code of conduct form, acknowledgement of risk form and permission/medical release form which can be found at http://putknowledge2work.org/4-h-youth/club-programs

Members must be reenrolled by January 2, 2019 and new 4-H members must be enrolled by May 1, 2019 to be eligible to enter your dog or other projects in the 4-H division of the 2019 Steuben County Fair. Participants should be prepared to clean up after their dog as necessary.

Those 4-H members and dogs attending the NYS 4-H Dog Show must participate in the Steuben County Fair Dog Show. Please note the NYS 4-H Dog Show will be Sat. Aug 17, 2019 at the NYS Fairgrounds in the Coliseum (prior to state fair opening). For 2019 the NYS Dog Show will continue to be 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.

DOGS CAN BE MIXED BRED 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 Brasileiroe INCLUDING ANY MIXES OF THESE BREEDS AND OTHER AGGRESSIVE DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED. 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 and 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 607-664-2571 or email her at ksb3@cornell.edu.
Public Presentation Workshop
Members/Leaders/Parents/Club Judges or County Judges

If you need help planning and preparing your public presentation…
If you need more information using or understanding the rubric and evaluation form…

A public presentation workshop will be held on January 19th from 11:00am-noon in main county building- S Conference Rm. Come get your questions answered!
Please register by contacting
Loree: las65@cornell.edu
Desk phone: 607-664-2571

The Interview Presentation
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 time.

County Public Presentations

General and Horse Public Presentations will be held on Saturday, February 23, 2019 from 9:00am-noon and 1:00pm to 3:00pm at the Steuben County Annex Building.

Planning Information can be found here.
Planning worksheet can be found here.

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, 2019 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, 2019 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 607-664-2571. Information on preparing for a presentation is on the website or available at the office.

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 topic and do not want to be considered for Regional Horse Communications, you can sign up for morning or afternoon using 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.

If you are a new club or new to public presentations, you are welcome to come and watch the presentations in February and give your presentation at the July Public Presentation Day.
To register your club or 4-H member, please complete the form for the General Presentations and/or the one for the Horse Presentations. The registration forms are an insert in this issue, on the website at http://putknowledge1work.org/4-h-youth/4-h-program-areas/public-presentations. Mail, email or fax (607-776-9103) it to the CCE office by Friday, February 15, 2019.

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 24 or July (TBA) in Bath

District Public Presentations
Finger Lakes District Public Presentations will be held on Saturday, March 30 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.

Summer 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 in July are ineligible to attend the public presentation award trip and are ineligible to be selected to participate in district public presentations.
2019 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 10th**, North Cohocton Methodist Church, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, April 17th**, 4-H Office, County Office Building, Bath, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
- **Friday, May 3rd**, Clothing Revue at the Avoca Central School in Avoca, NY

Times for arrival: 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, contact Loree (las65@cornell.edu)

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

The **2019 4-H Clothing Revue** has been scheduled for **Friday, May 3rd 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 (13-18) 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.

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**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 19 & 20, 2019. 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/](http://sheepandwool.com/).

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**Cornell Fashion Collective Runway Show**

March 9, 2019

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 more information on the 35th annual show. Also the final schedule and ticket sales will be announced via the group’s website, [http://www.cornellfashioncollective.com](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.
2019 4-H Market Chicken & Turkey Projects

Steuben County 4-H members (ages 8-18 as of January 1, 2019) will have an opportunity to raise market chickens and/or turkeys to be consigned to the Steuben County 4-H & FFA Sale to be held on Saturday, August 17th, 2019 at the Steuben County Fairgrounds. There will be a class in the Steuben County Fair 4-H Poultry Division for Market Chickens Consigned and a class for the Market Turkeys. 4-H members will be allowed to enter 2 chickens in the market chicken consigned class and sell 2 market chickens through the sale. 4-H members will be allowed to enter 1 turkey in the market turkey consigned class and sell 1 market turkey through the sale. It is recommended that 4-H members purchase more than 2 market chicken chicks or 1 market turkey chicks in case of fatality before the fair. Animals cannot be entered in both market classes and breeding classes.

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.

Ordering Chicks through the Office:
4-H members interested in exhibiting and consigning market poultry can place their order through Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County by Friday, March 15 (Turkeys) or March 29 (Chickens).

Orders are limited to only enrolled 4-H members and each member may only order 12 chicken chicks and 4 turkey chicks. You will need to make arrangements to pick up the market chicks on the day(s) they arrive or your market chicks will be given to someone else. Pick up date will be confirmed closer to delivery. Turkey’s and Chicks will NOT come in on the same date. Turkey’s will be available sooner as they take longer to mature. 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 Chicks, but Turkeys MUST be hatched April 23rd or later; and Chickens hatched June 11th or later! Proof of hatch date must be provided with fair entries! Only birds receiving a Blue/Excellent Ribbon will be sold through the Market Animal sale on Saturday, August 17th, 2019. 4-H Cloverbud members can place an order for the market chickens/turkeys but Cloverbuds are ineligible to show and sell market animals in the 4-H and FFA Sale. Refer to the Market Chicken/Turkey Help Sheets and the order forms on the web at http://putknowledge2work.org/4-h-youth/4-h-program-areas/small-animals
4-H Market Rabbit Project

Steuben County 4-H members (8-18 years old as of January 1, 2019) will have an opportunity to raise meat rabbits to be consigned to the Steuben County 4-H & FFA Livestock Sale to be held on Saturday, August 17\textsuperscript{th} at the Steuben County Fairgrounds. \textit{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 a purebred American Chinchilla, Argente Brun, Bevern, Blanc de Hotot, Californian, Champagne de Argent, Cinnamon, Crème de Argent, Flemish Giant, Florida White, Giant Chinchilla, Harlequin, Palomino, New Zealand, Satin, Silver Fox or a cross of these breeds. Two (2) market rabbits can be entered in the Roaster Class and must be 5-8 pounds and under 6 months of age; entries are consigned to the 4-H & FFA Sale. If the Roaster 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 6 entries in Sections I-III. Rabbits’ ages are computed as of the opening day of the fair, Tuesday, August 13, 2019.

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

Dairy & Livestock

2019 Market Beef Steer, Market Beef Heifer, Small Frame Beef Steer, Dairy Steer, and Dairy Feeder Steer \textit{(born September 1, 2018-December 31, 2018)}

\textbf{Identification/Ownership/County Fair Entry Form}

Due January 7, 2019

4-H members exhibiting Market Beef Steers, Market Beef Heifers, Small Frame Beef Steers (such as Lowline, Dexter, Mini Herefords, etc.) and Market Dairy Steers must be owned by January 1, 2019. Market Beef Steers, Market Beef Heifers, Small Frame Beef Steers, and Dairy Steer Identification/Ownership/County Fair Entry Forms along with the signed Quality Assurance Pledge form are due to the CCE Office by Monday, January 7, 2019 no later than 4:30 p.m. Dairy Feeder Steers born September 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018 Identification/Ownership/County Fair Entry Form is due by Monday, January 7, 2019 no later than 4:30 p.m. Market Heifers shown in market beef classes are not eligible for beef breeding classes. Market heifers must follow the same rules and regulations as market steers. 2019 Market Beef Steer/Market Beef Heifer Identification Form, Small Frame Beef Steer Identification Form, Dairy Steer Identification Form, Dairy Feeder Steer (born September 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018), Quality Assurance Form, and 2019 Market Animals Rules and Regulations are available on the web at http://putknowledgetowork.org/4-h-youth/4-h-program-areas/dairy-livestock. Please note that for 2019 the Identification/Ownership Certificate does enter your animal in the 4-H Division of the Steuben County Fair. If you have any questions contact Kim Randall at ksb3@cornell.edu or at 607-664-2571.
Hoard’s Dairyman Dairy Judging Contest

The 89th annual Hoard’s Dairyman Cow Judging Contest will soon be officially open for 2019 visit [http://judging.hoards.com/](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 2019 Hoard’s Dairyman Dairy Judging Contest pamphlet will be mailed mid-January from Hoard’s Dairyman to those clubs who participated in 2017 and/or 2018. If your club participated in the past 2 years and you do not receive a pamphlet and you wish to participate in the 2019 contest, please contact the CCE Office. If you need more pamphlets or anyone else would like to participate in the contest and needs the pamphlet with the classes and the entries, contact the CCE Office. The deadline for entries is **Thursday, March 21, 2019**. Participants need to send the original or enter online to Hoard’s Dairyman for the National Contest but remember to keep a copy of your entry to send to Kim at the CCE Office or email to Kim at ksb3@cornell.edu for the County Contest by March 21.

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. You don’t have to own dairy cattle to participate in dairy quiz bowl. It is also hoped that these contest will prove to be an educational experience for both participants and spectators. 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, 2019:

**Beginner:** 8-10 years old  
**Junior:** 9 - 13 years old  
**Senior:** 14- 18 years old.  

Dairy Quiz Bowl practices and locations will be announced along with dairy judging practice sessions.

**Tentatively Saturday, March 2** 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 27th. 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 2019, 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, 2019 to be eligible for the NYS 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Team.**

Youth and adult volunteers interested in participating please contact Kim at 607-664-2571 or at ksb3@cornell.edu if you have not already done so.
4-H Dairy Judging Practice Sessions

Who can attend? Any 4-H member and their parent, grandparent, leader, etc. You don’t have to own dairy cattle to participate in dairy judging. Please NOTE: Cloverbud members 5-7 years old (as of January 1, 2019) 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 are dairy judging practices 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? Schedule to be announced. There possibly will be a county dairy judging tour in the spring. There will be some judging trips throughout the summer including the Finger Lakes District Dairy Judging Contest at Alfred State College on Tuesday, July 2 and the Allegany County Fair Dairy Judging Contest. There will be a dairy judging contest at the Steuben County Fair. 4-H members who are selected can represent Steuben County at NYS Fair Dairy Judging Contest.

Why should I attend? 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/she does at county fair or any other dairy show.

If you are interested in participating in dairy judging and have not done so already please contact Kim at 607-664-2571 or 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 and 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, 2019) 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. If you are interested in Livestock Judging contact Kim at the CCE Office at 607-664-2571 or ksb3@cornell.edu.

2019 National and Steuben County Swine Picture Judging Contest

Each year, the National Swine Registry sponsors the National Swine 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 online at nationalswine.com with entries due Feb. 1. The National Swine Registry Picture Judging Contest is available now. For the contest information and entry form go to https://nationalswine.com/seedstock/seedstock-picture-judging.php

For the Steuben County 4-H Contest Entries must be sent to the CCE office postmarked by February 1, 2019. The County Contest entry form is available at www.putknowledgetowork.org or contact Kim at 607-664-2571 or ksb3@cornell.edu. and for the National Contest they must be postmarked by February 1 or entered online at https://nationalswine.com/seedstock/seedstock-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.
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. 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 and recognizes youth for their total involvement in and comprehension of the livestock industry.

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

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4-H Livestock Skillathon Practice Sessions

The 4-H Livestock Skillathon Practice Sessions will be held **Wednesdays, January 23, February 20 at 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at the Steuben County Office Building**, 3 East Pulteney Square, Bath, upstairs in the South Conference Room.

Please RSVP to Kim Randall at ksb3@cornell.edu or 607-664-2571 by Monday, January 14, February 11 with who will be participating including the possible adults who will be staying so that your name will be on the list with the guard at the Steuben County Office Building. *Please note: the adults will need to bring a form of identification such as a driver’s license to show to the security guard. Also Kim needs RSVP so that Alyson Chapman and Teresa Chapman can plan for how many will be attending.*

Livestock Skillathon Contest

There will be a Livestock Skillathon Contest at the **Belmont Career and Technical Center, 6636 County Road 48, Belmont, NY 14813.** Date and time to be announced when it becomes available.
Horse

2019 Horse Show Information

4-H Members Participating in the Horse Project must participate in one county level or beyond Horse Educational Event (i.e. Public presentations, Horse Quiz Bowl, Hippology, or Horse Judging) or attend alternate “educational events” and do a one-page written report on what they saw and learned to receive educational credit to be eligible to participate in any Steuben County 4-H Horse Shows.

Please Note: Members must participate in one county level or beyond Horse Educational Event (i.e. Public presentations, Horse Quiz Bowl, Hippology, or Horse Judging) or attend alternate “educational events” and do a one-page written report on what they saw and learned to receive educational credit to be eligible to participate in any Steuben County 4-H Horse Shows.

Public Presentation Credit - Horse members will receive credit towards showing if they give a public presentation on a horse related topic at the county event or by completing a club level presentation and turning in the evaluation form with a summary/outline of the presentation.

County Level Credit for Horse Bowl or Hippology - For a Horse member to receive county level credit for Horse Bowl or Hippology they must attend at least 3 of the practice sessions.

Regional/State Credit – To receive regional credit 4-H members must participate in the Regional/State contests.

4-H members age 8 - 18 as of January 1, 2019 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 ages 5-8 as of January 1, 2019 have the option of participating in the Cloverbud Leadline or Walk/Trot classes offered at our qualifying shows but are NOT required to attend an Education Event, but are strongly encourage to do so! 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 2019 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, please contact the CCE Office or email Jenny at jmg422@cornell.edu.

Horse Bowl & Hippology

Horse Bowl – is a fast-paced, fun, horse knowledge competition that uses buzzers and can be more easily compared to game show Jeopardy. There’s a wide range of topics covered including: basic grooming, genetics, tack and equipment, riding, stable management, breeds, history, etc.! Contestants are split by age/experience levels: Novice – 8 & 9 years old OR 1st year up to 14; Junior – 10-13 years of age; Senior – 14 and up. Juniors and Seniors are eligible for the State Competition if they receive qualifying scores at the Regional Contest. County practices will be set up if there is enough so PLEASE contact Jenny at the 4-H Office if you’d like to participate!

Hippology -- is a slightly slower paced, hands-on horse knowledge competition where youth rotate through various stations. These stations include: slides, written test, horse judging, tack ID, breeds, nutrition, parasites, confirmation, and team problem (JR/SR only). The levels for this competition are the same as Horse Bowl: Novice – 8 & 9 years old OR 1st year up to 14; Junior – 10-13 years of age; Senior – 14 and up. Juniors and Seniors are eligible for the State Competition if they receive qualifying scores at the Regional Contest. County practices will be set up if there is enough so PLEASE contact Jenny at the 4-H Office if you’d like to participate!

Our first practice/organizational meeting will be in January at the 4-H Office in Bath. Please contact Jenny if you plan to attend. If anyone is interested in coaching or being a guest speaker for our practices, please contact Jenny – jmg422@cornell.edu or 607-664-2576.
New York Farm Bureau Offers Scholarships To Students Who Plan An Ag-Related Future.

New York Farm Bureau is encouraging high school seniors who will continue their education to prepare for a career in some way connected to the diverse agricultural industry to apply for the New York Farm Bureau Agricultural Youth Scholarship sponsored by the New York Farm Bureau Promotion and Education Committee. Scholarship awards are $1,500 for first place, $1,200 for second, and $1,000 for third place. District winners will each receive $100 and a memento. County winners are recognized at the discretion of their County Farm Bureau.

Students applying must have a family Farm Bureau membership or a Student Farm Bureau membership (a membership application may be included with scholarship enclosures). Students are required to complete an application which is a fillable pdf available on the NYFB website, and submit a brief 300-500 word essay discussing an issue facing agriculture in their county, explaining how they think NYFB can support members who may deal with this issue. We suggest that they feel free to visit the NYFB website www.nyfb.org to learn more about Farm Bureau.

At the District level scoring will determine the County winners as well as the District winner. The judging event may necessitate a personal interview and essay presentation or may be based solely upon the application and attachments. The judging will take place prior to April 20, 2019. The state winner selection will be made from District Winners based solely on the submitted applications; there will be no personal interviews.

The application submission deadline is March 1, 2019. For scholarship information and the application visit http://nyfb.org/programs/promotion-education/scholarship or contact Sandie Prokop at sprokop@nyfb.org or 1-800-342-4143.

NYS Association of Agricultural Fairs (NYSAAF) and the NYS Show People’s Association Scholarship (NYSSSA)

The purpose of the NYSAAF and the NYSSA annual scholarship program is to provide financial assistance to those NYS residents in his/her senior year of high school and plan to attend (or already attends) college and who are currently (or have previously been) active in a fair that is a member of the NYSAAF and who intend to pursue or who are pursuing a degree. Application is open to all applicants regardless of your field of study. However, additional consideration may be given to those applicants pursuing a degree in a field related to agriculture, fair management or the outdoor amusement business. All are encouraged to apply. 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 for updated information for 2019!
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 April. There are questions that need to be answered in the form of an essay. All applications are due on March 1st. No late applications will be accepted. 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 also be required to fill out a County Achievement Form each spring. For complete rules and regulations and an application visit https://nyguernseybreeders.com/our-association/state-award-applications/ or contact Kim at the CCE Office at ksb3@cornell.edu or 607-664-2571.

2019 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, 2019. Applications and the specific requirements can be found at http://www.nyholsteins.com click on forms and click on calf scholarship or by contacting Kim at the CCE Office at 607-664-2571 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 1, 2019. 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 Spring Holstein Carousel, April 5-8, 2019, NYS Fairgrounds, Syracuse.
Past Events

Fall Cheese Fundraiser
The 2018 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.

2018 COUNTY FUNDRAISER TOP SELLER AWARDS

**Top Overall Sales Person:** Olivia Lewis- Willing Workers - $1634.00
**2nd Top Sales Person:** Nathan Randall-Country Bunch-$1452.50
**3rd Top Sales Person:** Lucas Vance-Canisteo Valley 4-H Stars-$1018.50
**4th Top Sales Person:** Abigail Barrett- Redneck Runts- $901.00
**5th Top Sales Person:** Graysen Milliman- Arkport Adventurers-$822.50

**TOP CLOVERBUD:** Lucas Vance-Canisteo Valley 4-H Stars
**TOP JR MEMBER (8-13):** Abigail Barrett- Redneck Runts
**TOP SR MEMBER (14-18):** Olivia Lewis- Willing Workers

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.

CCE Annual Dinner

We want to thank all of our clubs on their awesome decorated birdhouses donated for the 2018 CCE Annual Dinner! We had 18 centerpieces donated and throughout the evening staff overheard tons of wonderful comments! They helped raise over $120 for the 4-H Activity Fund! Another huge thank you to each and every club, volunteer, and members who pulled them together.

2018 4-H Tractor Supply Paper Clovers

Thank you to all the 4-H Clubs, Independent members, leaders, parents and customers who help raise money during the 2018 Tractor Supply 4-H Paper Clovers Fundraisers! This year the campaign raised over $5,000 to benefit the Steuben County 4-H Program! This money help us support youth participation in 4-H leadership development programs and 4-H camp scholarships benefitting local 4-H youth. We couldn’t do it without all your continued support! 2019 Paper Clover Spring Campaign Dates are: March 27 – April 7.
**NYS ABC Trip**

The 42nd Annual NYS 4-H Agribusiness Career Conference was held on October 18-19, 2018 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 agribusiness. 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 2017 Senior Summary Report and additional 4-H members 14 and over could also attend if certain qualifications were met. The eight Steuben County 4-H members who attended were Nolan Bennett, Rachel Eckler, Vicky Kelly, Kalyska Payne, Cheyanne Ritchey-Yeoman, Hannah Stewart, Alaina Zeh and Everett Smith. Peter Kelly and Ashlee Zschoche, Steuben County 4-H members and SUNY Cobleskill students assisted with the ABC Trip. Thank you to Marlaina Bennett and Laura Eckler for chaperoning this trip. The Steuben County 4-H members had fun participating in a low ropes course at SUNY Cobleskill. (Refer to photo.)

**Rachel Eckler and Kalyska Payne 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.

**Nolan Bennett and Cheyanne Ritchey-Yeoman attended Sweet Tree Farm and The Stables at Sunny Knolls Farm.** Sweet Tree Farm produces grass fed beef, natural pork, poultry, eggs and pure maple syrup. Hogs and laying hens are raised on pastures and NOFA-certified grains. Animal agriculture processing techniques were discussed. 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 is available for spring, summer, and fall grazing.

**Hannah Stewart attended Beekman Farm and Thistle Hill Weavers.** Beekman 1802 is a farm and retail business that has quickly earned worldwide acclaim for its premium “lifestyle” line of food, beverage and home goods items. Starting with a small line of goat milk soaps and cheeses in 2008, it now offers hundreds of items through its retail shop in Sharon Springs, online and Target stores nationwide. Participants were able to tour the farm, the largest Grade-A goat dairy in the county, and stopped by their retail shop. 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.

**Alaina Zeh 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 agriculture 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.

**Vicky Kelly and Everett Smith attended Milk Quality Lab and Sharon Springs Farm Equipment**

Milk Quality Lab- SUNY Cobleskill: The Quality Milk Production Services (QMPS) serves dairy producers in New York State and across the nation from four laboratories located in Canton, Cobleskill, Genesee and Ithaca. 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: This White-Agco /Kubota dealership 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. Are you interested in ag machines? Look into ag sales and service and the skills needed on this tour. Vicky reflects “I greatly enjoyed the experience as a whole. It was very concentrated to fit so many different activities into only two days, but still quite manageable. The campus tour and two study sessions were helpful in connecting this experience to campus. I feel that this trip is the one that most closely connected us 4-Hers to college and careers because of the time it dedicated to campus and meeting the professors. I know I will take some of what I learned there with me for years to come.”

2018-2019 NYS Junior Dairy Leaders Program
"Preparing our Young People for Successful Careers in the Dairy Industry"

Congratulations to Jade Atherton, 9th year member of the Blue Ribbon Roundup 4-H Club, and Bryce Warriner, 9th year member of the Dairy Dreamers 4-H Club, who were accepted into the 2018-2019 NYS Junior Dairy Leaders Program. Their first trip was to the World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin in October.

The NYS Junior Dairy Leaders (JDL) Program is a one-year program that explores careers in the dairy industry along with hands-on experiential learning for a select group of youth between the ages of 16 – 19. The future of the dairy industry depends on young people who are well trained and are excited about the range of opportunities that exist in the industry. The program presents youth with a realistic view and experience for the dairy industry as a viable, profitable and progressive business sector young people can look to for career opportunities while also building personal and professional skills. The mission is to give young people an opportunity to build enthusiasm for the dairy industry along with personal, professional, and leadership development in a networking environment while they discover the diversity of career choices in agriculture.

The program consists of a series of workshops that focus on multiple facets of the dairy industry, personal development and technical skills. Opportunities include: Representing New York at the National 4-H Dairy Conference; Interaction with Dairy Producers and Agribusiness Professionals; Resume Development; On-Farm Production Management Experiences; Leadership Development and Team Building; Dairy Farm and Production Facility Tours in the Northeast and Wisconsin; and Technical Skills Seminars in Herd Health, Calf Care, Dairy Nutrition, and Artificial Insemination

The objectives of NYS JDL are to expose young people to herd management, crop management, and farm business management techniques on farms in the Northeast and Wisconsin; to explore career opportunities through interaction with dairy industry leaders and professionals; enhance teamwork approaches to problem solving; develop and improve communication skills; and to develop the leadership skills to make positive changes and contributions to the dairy industry and NYS dairy youth programs.

2018 ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT

Saturday, November 3rd was Steuben County 4-H’s Annual Achievement Night. It was held 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 pictures: https://steubencountyphotos.smugmug.com/

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 form 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!

Blue Ribbon Roundup 4-H Club
Canisteo, NY submits:
The Blue Ribbon Round-Up Club elected officers for the 2018-19 year. From L-R:
President - Maeve Robarge, Vice President - Vivian Robarge, Secretary - Andrew McCarthy, Treasurer - Alex McCarthy, Snack Leader - Karoline Dininny, Recreation Leader - Koralee Dininny.

News item: The Blue Ribbon Round-Up club participated in the Hornell for the Holidays Parade on November 30. The club members met prior to the parade and decorated a “Grinch Movie” themed float. The members had a great time waving to friends and families. They carried the Club Banner, waved to attendees, and tossed candy to the children on the parade route. We had a good turnout, 15 of our 24 members were present.
New item: On Thursday, December 6th “Santa’s Day off” took place at 105.3 WKPQ in Hornell. Our club, Blue Ribbon Round-up purchased seven gifts to donate to needy children in the area. Many of our members had prior commitments and were unable to attend. Cody Stebbins, Andrew, Alex and Zach McCarthy attended the event and presented the gifts on behalf of the club. The boys introduced themselves on the radio and were interviewed LIVE by the DJ! The boys also told listeners they were onsite to represent Steuben County 4-H and specifically the Blue Ribbon Round-Up 4-H Club!