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Building strong communities through education
and collaboration in the areas of Agriculture, Financial
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Meet our New Team Members!

In December we finished filling the Southwest New York Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Program team positions with the addition of Dairy Management Specialist **Alycia Drwencke** and Livestock and Small Farms Specialist **Amy Barkley**.

And earlier this month we added Senior Nutritionist **Olivia Dates** to our Southern Finger Lakes Eat Smart New York Program.

**Alycia Drwencke** will be working on programming related to heifer and calf management, cow comfort, improving efficiency, facilities, and herd health while working to identify the needs of the region. You can reach Alycia by emailing **amd453@cornell.edu** or by calling 517-416-0386.

Alycia grew up on small farm in Southeast Michigan. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Animal Science with a minor in Agribusiness Management from Michigan State University. Drwencke received her Master's Degree in Animal Biology from the University of California, Davis. While in Davis, Alycia's research focused on heat abatement for dairy cattle, specifically looking at more energy and water efficient cooling methods. She was able to carry out this research on both the university farm and a commercial dairy. Alycia also assisted with other research projects looking at calf care, disbudding, and beef management. In her free time, Alycia enjoys traveling and hiking. She is looking forward to working with producers in the area and connecting the agricultural industry to Cornell resources.

**Amy Barkley** started in December as the Livestock and Beginning Farms Support Specialist with Cornell Cooperative Extension's newly formed Southwest New York
Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Program. Amy will be working on programming related to beef, sheep, goat, and poultry production; beginning farmer support; and product quality and consistency. You can reach Amy by emailing amb544@cornell.edu or by calling 716-640-0844.

Amy grew up on a small farm in Northeastern Pennsylvania, and earned her Bachelor's Degree in Animal Science with a minor in Poultry and Avian Science from Penn State University. After graduation, she attained her Master's Degree in Animal Science from Penn State, where her research focused in renewable, alternative bedding materials for broiler production and their impacts on broiler performance, welfare, and the environment. Following graduation, Amy worked in quality assurance for a national egg company, working with farms of all sizes across the nation to ensure compliance in food safety, nutrition, product quality, and animal welfare. Amy and her husband Zach reside in East Concord, NY on a farm which they are excited to make their own. In her free time, she tends to an extensive garden, small orchard, and honeybees, and loves cooking and baking. Amy is looking forward to working with area farmers to ensure their current and continued success.

Alycia and Amy join Katelyn Walley-Stoll, Business Management Specialist, and Josh Putman, Field Crops and Forage Specialist on the regional team.

**Olivia Dates** joins our regional nutrition team as Senior Nutritionist to supervise our nutritionists in Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben, Tioga, Tompkins and Yates Counties. The goal of Southern Finger Lakes Eat Smart New York, a SNAP-Ed program, is to prevent and/or postpone the onset of diet related chronic disease among the eligible population by providing nutrition education and obesity prevention services. Our team provides workshops, food demonstrations, cooking classes, grocery store tours, and community events for individuals who qualify for SNAP. We also work with families and other community partners to improve access to affordable, healthy foods, and fun physical activities.
Olivia has a Master of Public Administration from Syracuse University and comes to us from Catholic Charities of Steuben and ProAction. She lives in Corning and enjoys cooking, exploring new restaurants, and savoring the flavors of the Finger Lakes wineries and craft breweries. You can reach Olivia by emailing oad8@cornell.edu or by calling 607-664-2587.

Announcing our new Speakers Series

First up in our 2020 series will be Declutter & De-stress with the Simple System to be held Wednesday, February 12 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Dormann Library in Bath.

Studies show a direct link between clutter and stress, a connection you've likely experienced in some way. If you've tried to declutter, but it didn't last, the reason might surprise you. Clutter isn't always what you think it is and how you deal with it depends on more than "getting rid of" things. What if you had a simple way to declutter that lasts?

Join Lisa Zawrotny, Productivity Coach & Professional Organizer, to learn how it's all connected and the clutter-reducing techniques for your home, head, and heart that will help you reduce stress and increase productivity.

To register for this free session, please call 607-664-2300.

Annual Dinner Meeting Roundup

Thank you to all who attended our annual dinner meeting and Trivia Event in December. Our nutrition team made
some awesome turkey sliders, Annie's Restaurant provided amazing food, and Bulldog Sounds DJ Services provided a super-fun event that our guests were talking about for long after the evening ended.

View all the photos from the event here!


Agriculture Education

Taste FLXpo - coming February 21st

The Premier Local Food & Farmer's Market is back on Friday, February 21st, 2020.

- 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm B2B Networking event
- 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm open to consumers

Corning Community College
Commons Building
1 Academic Drive
Corning, NY 14830

If you are interested in participating or purchasing your ticket now, please
Looking for Agriculture Literacy Week donors!

Agriculture Literacy Week is fast approaching this spring, March 16-20, 2020. Would you like to sponsor a 12.00 book and activity packet to be donated to a local school or library? This year the book is Right This Very Minute, written by Lisl H. Detlefson, Art by Renée Kurilla. Please make a check out to CCE Steuben re: Ag Literacy Week Book and mail to 20 East Morris St., Bath, NY 14810, or you can [purchase one at this link](#).

Read more here...

An Update from Cornell Cooperative Extension's Southwest New York Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Program

Since July 1st, 2019, our new program has been busy with on-boarding, needs assessment, educational programming, and getting the chance to meet some of our region's amazing farmers. We've hired four specialists that are on-board and ready to hit the ground running in the specialty areas of Farm Business Management, Field Crops, Dairy Management, and Livestock. We're working with each of our five county associations' Executive Directors, Board of Directors, Program Committees, and Agriculture Program Staff to get to know the region and its programming needs while introducing this collaborative model of dairy, livestock, and field crops outreach.

The best way to support SWNYDLFC is to sign up/subscribe/enroll in our program through your local county association. This shows local stakeholders your interest in the team approach and our services, and helps to off-set some of the financial inputs that make our program happen.
Read the program's latest newsletter here. Subscriptions to the newsletter are required going forward.

Southern Tier Crop Congress
January 22, 2020

Join us at our upcoming event to learn more about problematic pests and nutrient management programs from our Cornell University Faculty, Extension Specialists and local consultants!

Program Details:
Register by January 15th - $20
Walk-ins accepted (pay at the door) - $30
Not enrolled in CCE - $25

Register by calling Kelly Bourne at 585 268-7644 ext. 10

Attendees looking to get pesticide credits will need to be present for the entire session, and certificates will be available upon conclusion. Please bring your Applicator ID cards with you. This is an exciting opportunity to interact with agricultural industry personnel and Cornell Faculty members!

Read more here...

Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program

Beginning farmer education for adult and young audiences in the United States can generally be traced back to the advent of the 1862 and 1890 Morrill Land-Grant Acts. But, for the first time, the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Pub. L. No. 110-234, Section 7410) appropriated $75 million for FY 2009 to FY 2012 to develop and offer education, training, outreach and mentoring programs to enhance the sustainability of the next generation of farmers.

The Agriculture Act of 2014 provided an additional $20 million per year for 2014 through 2018. The reasons for the renewed interest in beginning farmer and rancher programs are as follows: the rising average age of U.S. farmers; the 8% projected decrease in the number of farmers and ranchers between 2008 and 2018; and the growing recognition that new programs are needed to address the needs of the next generation of beginning farmers and ranchers.
The Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (aka the 2018 Farm Bill) reauthorized the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program and provides mandatory funds for which supports education, mentoring, and technical assistance initiatives for beginning farmers and ranchers.

The funding is $15 million a year for Fiscal Years (FY) 2019 and 2020, $17.5 million for FY 2021, $20 million for FY 2022, and $25 million for FY2023. 

Apply for grant here

ANNIE'S PROJECT: Empowering Women in Agriculture
Risk Management for Farm Women

Tuesdays, March 3 - April 14
6 sessions (April 14th held for a snow day)
10:00am - 2:00pm
Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County
Steuben County Annex Building, 20 East Morris St. Bath, NY 14810

The mission of Annie's Project is to empower farm women to be better business partners through networks and by managing and organizing critical information. Annie's Project is designed especially for women farmers, partners on the farm, agri-businesses, or those working within the food system to help develop management and decision-making skills for their farms. Sessions include brief presentations from local professionals, discussions focused on the participant's questions, and hands-on training.

This program is for women who have been involved with farming or part of farming for three to five years, and want to develop their understanding, interpretation, and opportunities in sustainable agriculture. However, this series is still applicable for those looking to get into farming, or with only a few years' experience. Annie's Project gives farm women the opportunity to learn from local agricultural professionals and importantly, network and share their farming experiences with other women in similar situations.
Annie’s Project provides education in 5 Risk Categories, including Financial, Human Resources, Legal, Market, and Production.

The cost is $75 for the series and includes meals, all course materials including copies of all presentations and worksheets, professional advice from guest facilitators and trainers, and support from a variety of community partners. Please register by Tuesday, February 25, 2020. Registration info will be available soon on our website.

Coming January 17-19, 2020

NOFA-NY’s 38th Annual Winter Conference is an unparalleled opportunity to connect with sustainability-minded farmers, gardeners, and consumers. The conference is one of the largest in the region with more than 1,100 attendees annually, plus more than 100 educational workshops and an approximate 80 trade show vendors. This year, we are combining our two flagship events - the Winter Conference and the 9th Annual Organic Dairy and Field Crop Conference into one weekend - bringing you the highest level of programming possible. We hope to see you there!

Read more here...

Cancelled Sessions

- The Farm Labor Law Info Sessions on January 16 in Portland and Ellicottville have been cancelled at this time.

- Due to scheduling conflicts and in order to provide a better discussion with more producers, we have made the decision to postpone the January 14 Automated Milking Systems discussion group, which is currently being run in collaboration with Rick Watters of Quality Milk Production Services. Once a new date is selected check back to our website for details.
Financial Education this month

Free workshop will help you lower your energy bills

The winter heating season has arrived! If rising costs are surrounding you, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben and Schuyler Counties can help give you the lowdown on how to keep your energy costs down in their Save Energy Save Dollars workshop on Tuesday, January 21 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Southeast Steuben County Library, 300 Nasser Civic Center Plaza, Corning.

CCE-Steuben Financial and Consumer Educator Nancy Reigelsperger and CCE-Schuyler Executive Director Phil Cherry will offer some smart energy choices including:

- Helping owners and renters save money on heating and electric bills
- Transitioning to less costly and less polluting clean, renewable heating opportunities
- New options for solar energy - regardless of your income
- Get a free home energy audit!

Free giveaways are included. Please help us plan for the number of attendees by calling to register your seat at this workshop: 607-664-2300.

Five Critical Estate Planning Documents
...and five more you may want to consider!

Is your estate plan a comprehensive estate plan which includes all of the five critical documents? Do you know what could happen if you don't have one or more of these documents in place? Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County is offering a free workshop to answer these questions, Five Critical Estate
Planning Documents ...and five more you may want to consider on **Tuesday, January 28 from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.** at the Southeast Steuben County Library, 300 Nasser Civic Center Plaza, Corning.

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

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

The workshop is free, but registration is required. Please call Cornell Cooperative Extension at 607-664-2300 to reserve a space.

**The Great Debate: Wills versus Trusts**

Estate planning today is more complicated than it has ever been. Often, mistakes in a plan are not discovered until someone has passed on. Unfortunately, then it is too late. Join us for an informational look at planning with Revocable Living Trusts in a free workshop called Wills versus Trusts on **Tuesday, January 21 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.** at the Southeast Steuben County Library, 300 Nasser Civic Center Plaza, Corning.

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

- How can a Revocable Living Trust based estate plan help protect you and secure your family's future?
- Do you know the unknown truths about planning with a Revocable Living Trust?
- Discover the 16 situations in which a Trust can have legal advantages over a Will.
- Learn the truth about the hidden costs of a Will based estate plan that no one talks about.

The workshop is free, but registration is required.

**Free Workshop: Clear the Clutter ...and simplify your life and finances!**

Do you feel like you are drowning in clutter? Overwhelmed by the sheer volume of stuff? Having trouble finding the item you need? Clear the Clutter and Simplify Your Life and Finances may be the workshop that helps you address these questions. Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County is offering this free workshop on **Tuesday, January 28 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** at the Southeast Steuben County Library, 300 Nasser Civic Center Plaza, Corning.

Nancy Reigelsperger, CCE-Steuben Financial Educator, will help you discover the strategies for taking a positive approach to controlling the clutter you might have. She will touch on ways to eliminate paper accumulation and provide alternate ways to keep sentimental items.

The workshop is free, but registration is required.

**Start the New Year out in control!**
**The Pyramid Approach to Financial Health**

This online series is designed to help people understand the basic building blocks of sound financial management and the steps you need to follow to build success. The bottom rungs create a strong secure foundation for building financial stability and wealth accumulation - cash and credit management. The top building
blocks of home stability, estate and financial planning, and asset protection each rely upon the strength and stability of the personal finance strategies used in the blocks below them.

Our vision is that in today's busy world, participants can view the videos at a time that is most convenient for them and can select the topics that are of most interest to them. The videos provide a brief overview of the financial topics and do not replace the full financial workshops provided by Cornell Cooperative Extension.

[View the sessions here...]

**Nutrition Education: Southern Finger Lakes Eat Smart New York!**

**Start 2020 Out Right By Making Physical Activity A New Habit Every Day!**

Physical activity is important for your health. Adults who are physically active are less likely to get chronic diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure and some cancers, compared to sedentary adults. People of all ages, shapes, sizes and abilities can benefit from a physically active lifestyle.

How much physical activity do I need?
Adults should strive for 2 ½ hours (150 minutes) of moderate activity each week, and muscle-strengthening activities two or more days a week that work all major muscle groups (legs, hips, back, abdomen,
Finding time for physical activity can be a challenge, but one that can be overcome. Try some of these tips to get more active:

- Start from where you are, and add activities slowly over time. This will help prevent injuries.
- Take the stairs instead of the elevator, take a brisk 10-minute walk for lunch, or park further away from work or shopping, and walk.
- After you have been moderately active for a while, increase the intensity of your activities. Turn your brisk walk into a jog; bike ride up a hill to increase the intensity of your ride; turn a 3-mile hike into a 5-mile hike.
- Set goals and track your progress
- Set specific activity times throughout the week
- Use the buddy system. Activities with friends or family may be more enjoyable than doing them alone.
- Join a walking group.
- Sign up for sports and other activities at your local community center.
- Plan fun activities to do with your kids. Even though it's winter, bundle up and try sledding, skating, or playing games in the snow!

Need more ideas? Contact us at Southern Finger Lakes Eat Smart New York at CCE Steuben at 607-664-2300 or check us out on www.putknowledgeatwork.org.

Where can we go to learn more?
Southern Finger Lakes Eat Smart New York offers nutrition programs for families, individuals, seniors, and youth who receive SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits or are SNAP-Eligible. Our team provides workshops, food demonstrations, cooking classes, grocery store tours, and community events for individuals...
who qualify for SNAP. We also work with families and other community partners to improve access to affordable, health foods, and fun physical activities. For more information on our program, please contact Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County at (607) 664-2300 or visit our website at [http://putknowledge-towork.org/](http://putknowledge-towork.org/).

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**Southern FLESNY January Recipes:**

- **Brussel Sprouts, Cranberries and Bulgur Salad**
- **Eggplant casserole**
- **Bowtie pasta with zucchini sauce**
- **Chicken Soup**

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**EFNEP: Helping Families Eat Better for Less!**

**Stay Active This Winter**

Winter in New York State can be tough. It's snowy, windy, cold and often times grey. The winter weather does not motivate most of us to get outside and take part in winter activities. But, being physically active during the winter (and all year round!) can help to keep our minds and bodies healthy. Physical activity that increases your heart and breathing rate help to build endurance and keep you strong to do the tasks you need to do each day. Just getting outside can boost your mood and there are many winter activities that burn lots of calories. Many activities, like walking, shoveling snow or sledding, are free. For only a few dollars per person (the cost of renting the equipment), often you can snowshoe, cross country ski and ice skate. Check out what is available in your area. You may be surprised at just how inexpensive it can be to try a new winter time activity.
Here is a short list of how many calories a 150-pound woman can burn doing these winter time activities for 30 minutes:
Snowshoeing - 250 calories
Cross country skiing - 250 calories
Ice skating - 180 calories
Sledding - 180 calories
Shoveling snow - 150 calories

How much food equals 250 calories? One cup of toasted o's cereal with ½ cup of fat free milk and a medium banana is 245 calories. You can see that these activities are a good way to burn calories and they are a great way to get your family off the couch and outside this winter!

For more information on healthy eating, go to www.choosemyplate.gov.

Read the current EFNEP Newsletter here...

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

4-H GROWS HERE

Steuben County 4-H & FFA Market Animal Sale Committee Member Application

The 4-H & FFA Market Animal Sale Committee has one vacancy for a voting adult member to serve on the 2019-2020 4-H & FFA Market Animal Sale Committee for a three year term through the 2021-2022 4-H project year. Applications are due to the CCE Office on Monday, January 13, 2020.

Click here for the application
The 4-H & FFA Market Animal Sale Committee typically meets in the evening on the 3rd Tuesday of each month in Bath with the exception of the August meeting that is the Monday evening of the fair at the fairgrounds. Adults must have experience in one of more of the following 4-H Market Animal Projects (Beef/Dairy Steer, Sheep, swine, meat goat, Rabbit, Chicken, Turkey). Adults must be a CCE-approved volunteer (having a CCE Volunteer Background Check completed and complete the Sexual Harassment Prevention Training for CCE Volunteers if these are not already current). For a copy of the CCE-Steuben 4-H & FFA Market Animal Sale Committee Operating Procedures or if you have any questions. Please call 607-664-2300 or visit our website for more information.

Small Animal Workshop - Jan 26

There will be a Small Animal Workshop on January 26th 1-2:30 p.m. at the Civil Defense Building in Bath. Join us for an introduction to breed selection, market production, housing, handling, care and more! Please register by emailing jmg422@cornell.edu or calling 607-664-2576.

County Public Presentations

February 22nd
Annex Building, Bath
9 - noon and 1-3 p.m.
For more information about Public Presentations and to register for February 22nd, please visit our website.
Shooting Sports Instructor Training
February 21-23
Ballston Spa, NY
Do you have a passion for the outdoors and enjoy working with youth? Steuben County’s 4-H Shooting Sports Program is seeking interested adults & youth (Jr. Instructors) to become certified instructors in: Archery, Air Pistol, Hunting/Wildlife, Living History. If you’d like more information on becoming an instructor OR about having your youth participate, please contact Jenny at jmg422@cornell.edu or call 607-664-2576.

2020 National & 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 National Swine Registry Picture Judging Contest is available now. Entries are due online by Saturday, February 1 for the National Contest. For the contest information and entry form go to the contest website here.
For the Steuben County 4-H Contest, entries must be to the CCE office by Monday, February 3, 2020. The County Contest entry form is available at www.putknowledgetowork.org or contact Kim at 607-664-2571 or ksb3@cornell.edu.

Horse Knowledge Practices!
Each March, youth test their knowledge in a competitive setting and have the option of participating in two different events. Horse Bowl - like Jeopardy with JUST horse questions; and Hippology - a multi-stage hands-on horse knowledge contest with slide ID, Tack ID, Breed/Color ID, Horse Judging and more! Participants can compete in either, both or neither contests and are separated by age/knowledge level (Novice, Junior, Senior). If you have an interest in learning about horses - join us!

Practice Schedule:
January 5th, 19th, February 2nd, 16th, March 1st
1 - 3 p.m.
Annex Building - 20 E. Morris St, Bath.

If you'd like more information on becoming a coach OR about having your youth participate, please contact Jenny at jmg422@cornell.edu or call 607-664-2576.

**Finger Lakes District Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest**
**Saturday, March 7, Midlakes Middle School**

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 this 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.

Youth and adult volunteers interested in participating in Dairy Quiz Bowl can contact Kim at 607-664-2571 or at ksb3@cornell.edu.

**Steuben County 4-H Robotics Program Kicks Off the New Year**

Ages 8-18 welcome!

Where: Avoca Central School Bus Garage - Conference Room
When: 1st and 3rd Monday’s of the month October through June 2020.
January 6 and January 20, 2020
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Summer practice dates and locations to be determined

Please contact Kim Randall at ksb3@cornell.edu or at 607-664-2571 or Bill McFeaters at 607-738-4849, if you are interested in attending or with any questions you may have.

**Dog Obedience**

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County's 4-H Program is offering dog obedience classes for youth. Youth must be an enrolled 4-H member before participating. New 4-H members must be enrolled by May 1, 2020 to be eligible to enter your dog or other projects in the 4-H division of the 2020 Steuben County Fair. Participants should be prepared to clean up after their dog as necessary.

NEW: PRIOR TO ATTENDING ANY OBEDIENCE CLASSES THE NYS 4-H DOG REGISTRATION FORM MUST BE COMPLETED and turned into the CCE Office. Visit here for the NYS 4-H Dog Registration form

The NYS 4-H Dog Policy Exemption Request may also be required before participating. A copy of the dog's current rabies certificate is required to be turned into the CCE Office before participating. 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. The rabies certificate can be faxed to the CCE office at 607-776-9103.

**National Youth Summits are open for registration**
Empower young leaders to advance their skills and leadership potential at our National Youth Summits. 4-H'ers in grades 9-12 can pursue their interests in STEM, Agri-Science, Healthy Living, or Photography, and interact with peers from around the country at the National 4-H Conference Center.

**Read more...**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
2020 Animal Crackers

The annual Animal Crackers program provides New York youth with fun, hands-on, science-oriented learning experiences on Animal Science topics. This workshop is for 4-H members interested in learning more about their favorite livestock, companion or pet animal species; emphasis on different species groupings and activities varies annually. Participants will learn about different aspects of animal care, interact and exchange information with faculty, staff, students, professional producers, industry experts, and more, utilizing the unique facilities of Cornell University. Hands-on workshops are planned for each species group.

**Stay tuned for 2020 details**  
Horse Feathers - We All Flock Together (Horse and Poultry) - Sat. May 4, 2019

**Community News**

**Free Snowmobile Safety Course - Saturday, February 15, 2020 at Howard Volunteer Fire Hall**

The Bath Sno-Flakes Snowmobile Association is offering a free Snowmobile Safety Class on Saturday, February 15 at the Howard Fire Hall for those 10 years of age and over. The GPS address is Howard Volunteer Fire Hall, 3622 CR 70A, Avoca, NY. Registration is from 7:00 - 7:30 a.m. A Parent or Guardian signature will be required on the paperwork. Please arrive within that time so that the class can start on time. The class will go until 4 at the latest but may finish...
earlier. Lunch will be provided for free by the Bath Sno-Flakes Snowmobile Association. There will also be a short break in the morning and afternoon. Pre-registration is preferred so please call Bob and Val Clark at 607-776-2261 or email clavabo4@gmail.com to get on the list to take the course. For more information about the Bath Sno-Flakes Snowmobile Association visit www.bathsnowmobileclub.com.

New York State is a leader in snowmobile education, and offers operator training for snowmobilers of all ages beginning at age 10 through adulthood. This course provides fundamental information which all snowmobilers should possess in order to ensure the safety of riders and other trail users. Successful completion of this course results in the award of a NYS Snowmobile Safety Certificate. Courses are taught by experienced snowmobilers who volunteer their time to make the sport safer and more enjoyable for everyone. Youth ages 14 through 17 years old may operate a snowmobile, on lands upon which snowmobiling is allowed, without adult or other supervision if they have completed a snowmobile safety training course recognized by the State of New York. If youth ages 14 through 17 years have not completed the training course, they may operate a snowmobile if accompanied by (within 500 feet of) a person who is at least 18 years of age. Youth ages 10 through 13 may operate a snowmobile, on lands upon which snowmobiling is allowed, if they have completed a snowmobile safety training course recognized by the State of New York and are accompanied by (within 500 feet of) a person who is at least 18 years of age. Children less than 10 years old or less than age 14 without a safety certificate may operate a snowmobile only on lands owned or leased by their parent or guardian.

Thank you for joining us this month!

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

Sincerely,

Carla Dawejko
Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County
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