



4-H Steubenite

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Steuben's 4-H Program Recognized at CCE Steuben's Annual Dinner

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County announced several awards at their 2021 Annual Meeting held November 12th at Barrelhouse 6 Distillery. CCE Steuben Executive Director Tess McKinley recognized the support the organization has had from so many people as the reason for its strong mission of putting knowledge to work in Steuben County.



For the first time since its inception, CCE Steuben selected an outstanding youth to recognize at their event. The organization's first ever Outstanding Youth Award went to Braxtyn Elliott. Elliott has been a dedicated Steuben County 4-H member for 11 years and has become an aspiring leader to her fellow 4-H peers. She has been president of her 4-H club for four years, participates in community service projects with the club, has achieved highest honors at the at the Steuben County Fair and across New York State exhibiting her livestock, and is an active Junior Leader at the count level, leading multiple workshops on a variety of topics. Additionally, Braxtyn participated in the New York

State Ag Innovators Experience as a local teen participant, but also was selected to be a New York State Teen Leader for the project.

The Lifetime Achievement Award was the second award of the evening that showcased the amazing dedication within the 4-H Program at CCE Steuben. This award went to Phyllis Rathbun. Rathbun started her 71st year this fall as leader of the Willing Workers 4-H Club. She started the club at age 16 with 25 members and the club quickly grew to 40-60 members per year. Her club has a strong junior leader program and over the years her members have taken top honors in county, district, state and national events and award trips. Rathbun judges at the county level and has been recognized by New York State 4-H for her impact on youth and dedication and advocacy of the 4-H Program. She received the NYS Salute to excellence Lifetime Volunteer Award in 2004 and the New York State Fair Volunteer of the Day in 2006.



Upcoming Events

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Ownership Deadline for Market Beef Steers, Small Frame Beef Steers, Beef Heifers, Dairy Steers & Dairy Feeder Steers (Class #2)	2 OFFICE CLOSED Last day to Register for Tractor Course	3 ONLINE Market Beef Steers/Heifers & Market/Feeder Dairy Steer ID's Due (Class #2) Dog Obedience @ Howard 5:30p.m.	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 OFFICE CLOSED Tractor Course 7-9pm	17	18	19 4-H Program Advisory Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m.	20	21 YQCA Training 10-11:30 am
22	23 Tractor Course 7-9pm	24	25	26	27	28 Tractor Driving
29	30 Tractor Course 7-9pm	31	26	27	28	29

The Cornell Cooperative Extension Office is located on the second floor of the Steuben County Annex Building, 20 East Morris St, Bath, NY 14810 Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday Phone: 607-664-2300

4-H Program Committee

Hannah Bush.....Cohocton
 Alissa Cary.....Bath
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 Gabe Smalt.....Bath
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Legislative Representatives:

Hilda LandoCorning
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 4-H Program Staff
 Jenny Groen, 4-H Program Leader

February – contact Jenny to set up your Club’s Public Presentations – more info below.

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
		National & County Swine Picture Judging Contest Entries Due	1	2	3	4
5	6 Tractor Course 7-9pm	7	8 YQCA Training 5:30-7pm	9	10	11 Tractor Course Driving
12	13 Tractor Course 7-9pm	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 CCE OFFICE CLOSED Tractor Course 7-9pm	21 Robotics Meeting 5:30pm	22	23	24 Market Turkey Chick orders due to CCE	25 Tractor Course – Driving 1-4
26	27 Tractor Course 7-9pm	28				

March - NYS Agricultural Literacy Week March 21 - 25

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19 Maple Weekend	20 Tractor Course 7 -9pm	21 National Ag Day	22	23 Hoard’s Dairyman Judging Contest Deadline (County & National Level)	24	25 Tractor Course – Driving 1-4 Maple Weekend
26 Maple Weekend	27 Tractor Course 7 -9 pm	28	29	30	31	April 1 Market Chicken Chick Orders due to CCE office

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

Checking the Web!

It is very important that everyone is checking the web site, www.putknowledgetowork.org and then click on 4-H Youth 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.

Office News



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.

2023 Fair Premiums

All 4-H members who exhibit a project in the 4-H Division at the 2023 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 18, 2023 to be eligible to receive 2023 Fair Premiums for that project.** If you fail to meet the September 18th deadline **or the record is incomplete**, fair premiums will NOT be awarded for that project.

EXCEPTION – Market Animal Projects sold through the sale must have a completed market record turned in for that Market Animal to ID a market animal the following year

****LATE RECORDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED****

4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program Registration Due January 2 with course Starting January 16th

Youth who will be 14 and over as of January 16, 2023 can take the course for certification. Participants who want to earn their certification must pass both the written exam and the driving test. The cost for this course is \$25.00 for 4-H members to cover the cost of materials and is payable to CCE by Friday, January 6th. The online registration form can be found @ <https://forms.gle/svA5Fe2MENAjaMxt9> or by contacting Michelle at Cornell Cooperative Extension at 607-664-2571. Non 4-H members are eligible to take this course but in addition they will need to complete a 4-H enrollment packet as an independent member by **Monday, January 6** which is found on our website and pay the \$10.00 4-H enrollment fee.



The schedule for the course is as follows:

Mondays, January 16 – March 27 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Howard Fire Hall

Hands-On/Driving Sessions: Saturdays 1/28, 2/11, 2/25, 3/11, 3/25. 1-4 p.m. with the locations to be announced.

Monday, April 3 (written test) 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Howard Fire Hall

Saturday, April 8 (driving test) Location TBA 1- 4 p.m.

-Further information regarding the program can be found here <http://putknowledgetowork.org/4-h-youth/4-h-program-areas/tractor-machinery> & <https://extension.psu.edu/national-safe-tractor-and-machinery-operation-program>

STEUBEN COUNTY 4-H PHOTO CONTEST

-JANUARY-

Picture Categories:

- 1) Snow
- 2) Sunrise/Sunset
- 3) Pet/Farm Animal



-Photos are DUE JANUARY 21st!

-1 Photo per 4-H Member

-Please email your name, age & photo to Jenny – jmq422@cornell.edu

-Winner will receive a prize!

-Photos will be uploaded to the Steuben County 4-H Program's Facebook page to be judged



2022 STARR

SAVE THE DATE for STARR 2022, May 6-8 @ 4-H Camp Shankitunk! This event will be limited to a MAX of 150 participants.

The State Teen Action Representative Retreat (STARR) is a three-day, fun-filled event where 4-H teens 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 and is held at the NYS Fairgrounds in Syracuse, NY. STARR is open to all NYS 4-H Teens. Registration information will be available soon!

2021-2022 STARR Planning Committee

2021-2022 STARR Planning Committee applications are officially open! Please access the [link here](#) to apply!

NYS 4-H Capital Days

4-H Capital Days is a NYSACCE4-HE sponsored event that gives youth an opportunity to meet and interact with legislators and tell their 4-H story. 4-H Capital Days creates awareness of career opportunities in New York State government, better understand state government, and network with delegates from other counties. Delegates are chosen by their county 4-H program. 4-H Capital Days dates are May 22-24, 2022. At this time, we are planning an in-person event back in Albany.

Teen Planning Committee Applications will also be posted to the [state website](#). The deadline to apply to be on the Teen Planning Committee has been extended to January 15, 2022, and it must be signed by the county 4-H Educator. Youth do not have to have attended in the past, though it is helpful, and they have to be available for conference calls/zoom for planning before the event.

Please contact [Jenny](#) if you have any questions or are interested in applying!

National Ag Day Essay Contest Announces January 31st Deadline

The Agriculture Council of America (ACA) calls on **9th to 12th grade students in the 2021-2022 school year to submit an original, 450-word essay or a two-minute video about the importance of agriculture. This year's theme is "American Agriculture: Growing a Climate for Tomorrow?"**

Please visit <http://www.agday.org/essay-contest> for further details

Entry forms and essays must be received by **midnight CST, January 31, 2022** and sent to: 2022 Ag Day Essay Contest, Agriculture Council of America, 11020 King St., Ste. 205, Overland Park, KS 66210, Jennyp@nama.org

2022 Dairy Discovery

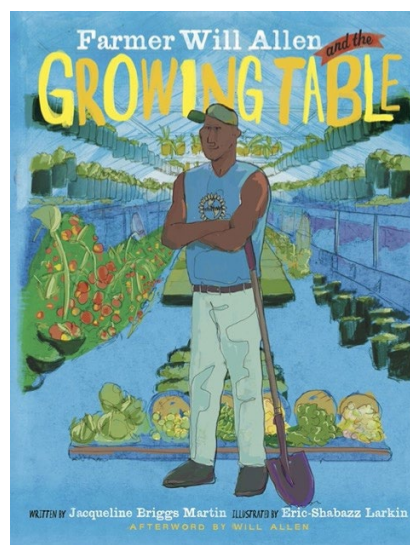
The annual state-wide program Dairy Discovery program for youth ages 14-19 years old provides NY youth with fun, science-oriented learning experiences on dairy production and management topics which feature the unique facilities, industry professionals, and staff of Cornell University. Participants typically spend two afternoons on the Cornell campus learning about dairy careers and rotating through a series of stations which focus on a specific aspect of the dairy field each year. 4-H members who have an interest in dairy cattle and production management are eligible and strongly encouraged to participate. If you are interested in participating please contact Jenny, so that you can receive more information when it becomes available in January!

2022 NY Agricultural Literacy Week **March 21- March 25**

In celebration of New York agriculture, volunteers throughout the state will read the book, *Farmer Will Allen and the Growing Table*, to elementary students, with a focus on second grade classrooms.

Local community members often sponsor a book to a local participating classroom or library for \$12. **If you are interested in volunteering or donating, please contact Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County at 607-664-2300.**

Further information can be found at <https://ny.agclassroom.org/programs/literacy/>



National Agriculture Day: March 22, 2022

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

2022 Spring Tree Sale

Steuben County Soil and Water Conservation District's annual tree seedlings and transplants will be taking place in March!

The plants come as a Bare Root and are offered for Conservation Planting!

To receive an order form or more information, contact the Steuben County Soil and Water Conservation District at 607- 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 19 and Sun., March 20, 2022** and on **Sat., March 26 and Sun., March 27, 2022**. Admission is free. For specific locations and information go to www.mapleweekend.com.



Pheasant Chick Project

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) will be distributing day-old pheasant chicks for rearing and release projects to 4-H Youth. All state pheasants are hatched and delivered from the DEC Reynolds Game Farm in Ithaca. Parents, leaders, or other volunteers who are willing to oversee and assist youth with this project are expected to become familiar with the **DEC's Cooperative Day-Old Pheasant Chick Program Guide and DVD**. CCE-Steuben can provide you with these materials!

Release of Pheasants: All pheasants must be released before December 1 of the current year & on land open to public hunting. Pheasants cannot be released until they are at least 8 weeks old (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'll be responsible for reviewing program requirements, discuss rearing techniques, and explain project expectations with the youth you are overseeing. You'll also be responsible for inspecting rearing facilities and evaluating the release site, in order to ensure proper rearing and release

condition for the birds. The youth & 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. There are many opportunities to expand the rearing and release program to include additional wildlife conservation activities.

Interested in participating? Questions?

Contact Jenny jmg422@cornell.edu / 607-664-2576

Pheasant Chick Orders are due to Jenny BY Monday, March 14





The Great Backyard Bird Count

The Great Backyard Birds Count is February 18-21, 2022. 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 <https://www.birdcount.org/>. 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: April
Location: TBD



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.

Registration information will be available soon! Questions contact: jmg422@cornell.edu or call 607-664-2576

Steuben County 4-H Robotics

We need volunteers! Each year, we have an outpouring to youth who are interested in learning more about coding and robotics. If you have a passion coding and/or robotics and what to share that passion and work with youth, please contact us! We have curriculum, guides and kits to use!



Contact Jenny jmg422@cornell.edu or call 607-664-2576.

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!

DOG OBEDIENCE CLASSES

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County's 4-H Program is currently offering dog obedience classes for youth. **Classes are typically held every other Monday from 5:00-6:30 pm at the Howard Community Building – monthly dates will be posted in Monday Memos.**

4-H members and dogs who attend the NYS 4-H Dog Show must participate in the Steuben County Fair Dog Show. Dogs must be at least six months old to be exhibited at the Steuben County Fair or the NYS Fair.

Please see the following requirements necessary to complete PRIOR TO ATTENDING ANY OBEDIENCE CLASSES:

- 1) **Complete the NYS 4-H Dog Registration form** <http://bit.ly/nysdogregistration>
- 2) **Provide the CCE Office with a copy of the dogs current rabies certificate**

- 3) Youth ages 5-18 as of January 1, 2022 must be enrolled in the Steuben County 4-H Program before attending classes



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.

Please contact Jenny for further information.



County Public Presentations by Club!

General and Horse Public Presentations will be held in Person or Via Zoom in February by appointment – please contact Jenny jmg422@cornell.edu or 607-664-2576 to set up a time your club would like to come present! We can also arrange to send an evaluator to you! Please contact Jenny for more information!

Planning Information can be found [here](#).

Planning worksheet can be found [here](#).

If you need help planning and preparing your public presentation...

If you need more information using or understanding the rubric and evaluation form...

Contact Jenny Groen- email: jmg422@cornell.edu or 607-664-2576.

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, 2021 are required to participate in the public presentation program to receive any project completion. 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.

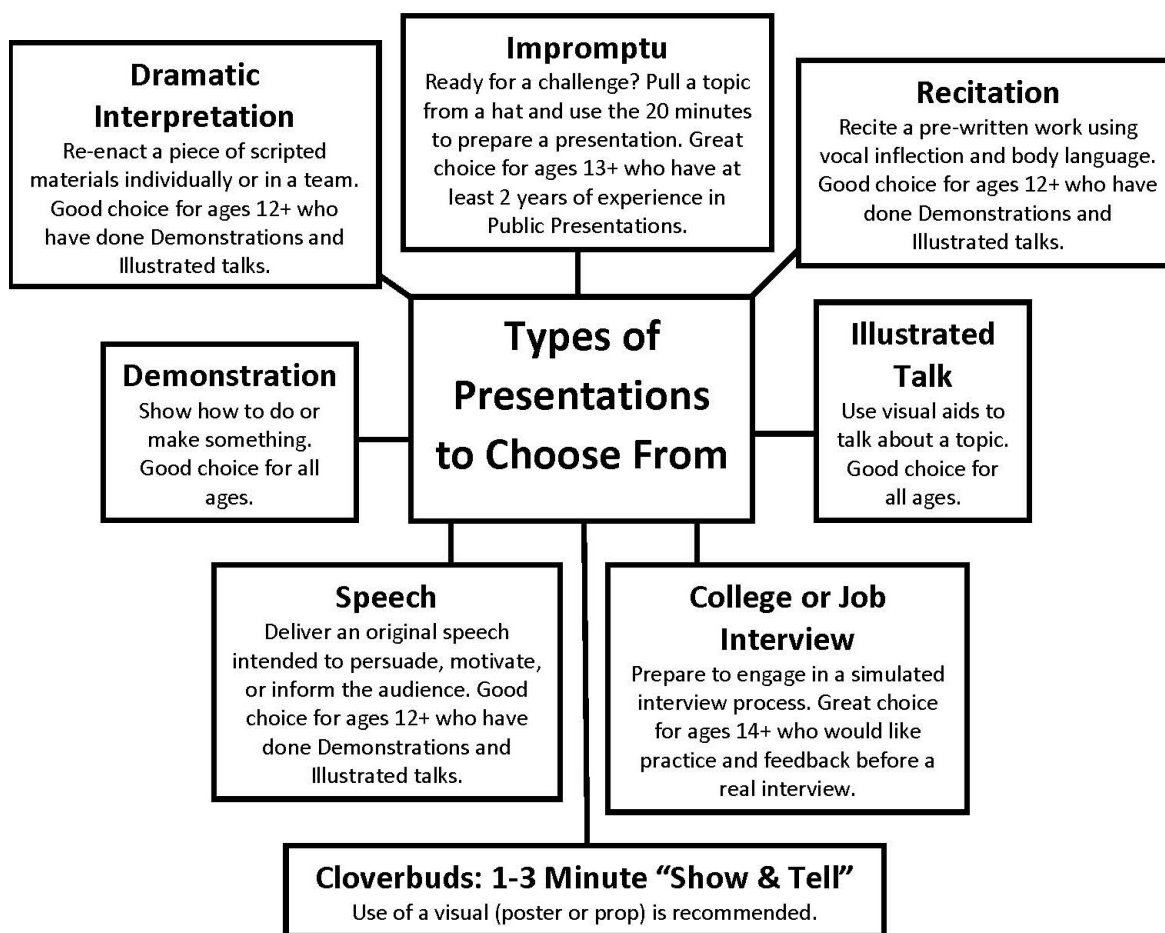
If members 8 and over as of January 1, 2022 do not give a public presentation at the club or county level, then you do not receive a project completion sticker AND the club does not receive 100% completion.

Types of Presentations

Public Presentations is one of our larger county events with 4-H members of all ages participating. By preparing and participating in a Public Presentation, youth will

Develop poise ♦ Build confidence ♦ Gain leadership skills ♦ Develop reasoning skills
Learn to organize their thoughts in order to get their point across

Participation in this county-wide event also helps qualify youth for many of the Award Trips offered through the 4-H Program. So why not get started. Just pick your topic; prepare an outline; practice, practice, practice; and present.



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

Date & Locations TBA
Watch Monday Memo's for more information once it becomes available.

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 be selected to participate in district public presentations.

2022 Clothing Evaluations and Revue

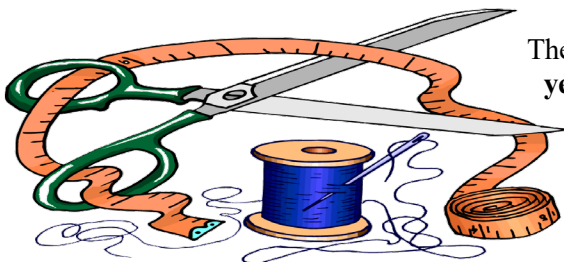
It's time to get out your sewing machine, choose your clothing project, and get sewing! The clothing revue will be here before you know it. Here are the important dates.

We are looking for your input (adults and youth) to plan this year's event! Please contact Jenny if you are interested in helping plan this year's event!



Organizational leaders, project leaders and independent families will be sent a packet with more information closer to this year's event. The information will also be posted on the 4-H web site. If you have any further questions, contact Jenny at jmg422@cornell.edu or 607-664-2576.

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



The **2022 4-H Clothing Revue** will be scheduled as a **late spring event this year**. 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 Jenny at the 4-H Office! The planning committee meets only two times, once to get the event planned and just before the revue, to get everything finalized.

Cornell Fashion Collective Runway Show

Every year, Cornell students showcase their design skills and creativity through the Cornell Fashion Collective runway show at Barton Hall. Check the website below for more information on the annual show. Also the final schedule and ticket sales will be announced via the group's website, <http://www.cornellfashioncollective.com>. This is a fun

experience for youth engaged in 4-H Clothing & Textiles.



Small Animal

4-H Market Rabbit Project

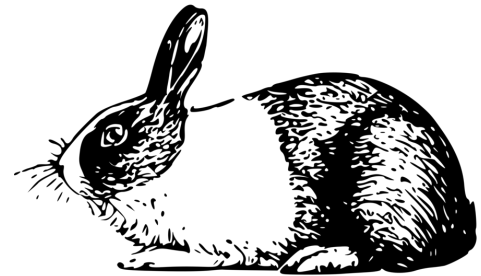
Steuben County 4-H members (8-18 years old as of January 1, 2022) will have an opportunity to raise meat rabbits to be consigned to the Steuben County 4-H & FFA Market Animal Sale to be held on Saturday, August 20th at the Steuben County Fairgrounds. **4-H Cloverbud members are ineligible to participate in the Market Animal Project.**

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 16, 2022. **Only Rabbits receive a Blue/Excellent Ribbon will be sold through the Market Animal sale on Saturday, August 20th, 2022.**

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.



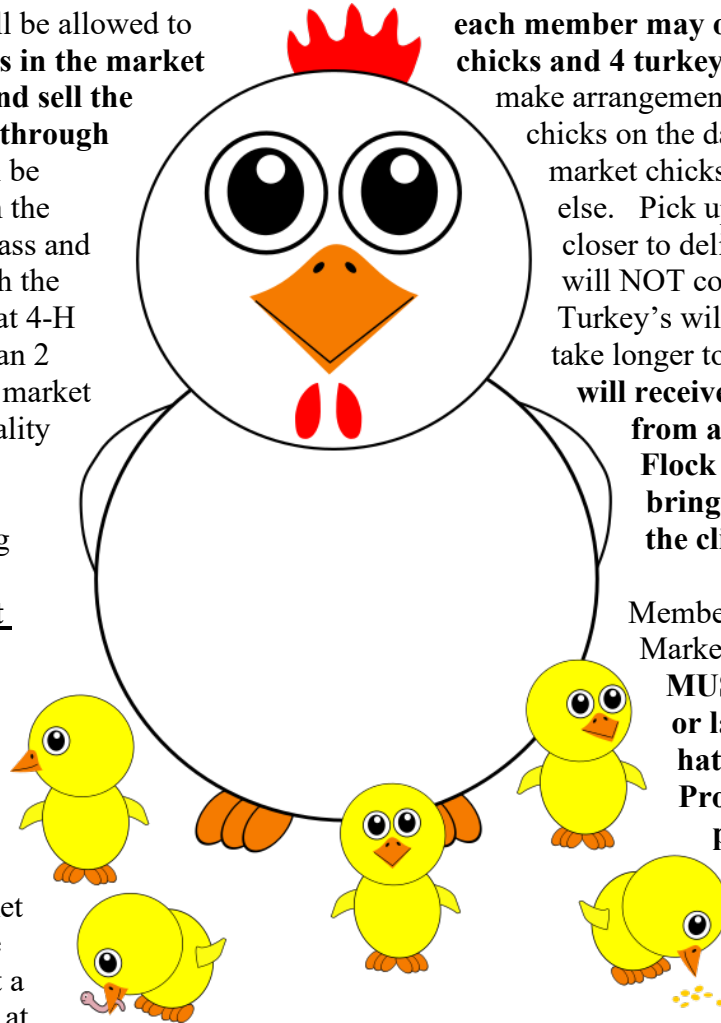
4-H GROWS HERE

2022 4-H Market Chicken & Turkey Projects

Steuben County 4-H members (ages 8-18 as of January 1, 2022) 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 20, 2022 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 **one pen of 2 chickens in the market chicken consigned class and sell the pen of 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. **Only birds receiving a Blue/Excellent Ribbon will be sold through the Market Animal sale on Saturday, August 20th, 2022.**

Again for 2022!

Showmanship - If the market chicken(s)/turkey(s) are the only poultry/waterfowl that a 4-H member are exhibiting at the Steuben County Fair then the 4-H member must participate in the Market Poultry Showmanship Division or market poultry premiums will be withheld. This class will NOT require the handling of the market animals, but will include questions related to poultry production and poultry science topics. More information will be provided soon! The 4-H Office is happy to help you! Please contact us with any questions!



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, February 25th for Turkeys and Friday, April 1st for Chickens.** **Orders are limited to enrolled 4-H members and each member may only order 12 chicken chicks and 4 turkey poults.** 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. Turkeys 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 26th or later; and Chickens hatched June 14th or later!** **Proof of hatch date must be provided with fair entries if**

not ordered through the 4-H Office! 4-H Cloverbud members can place an order for the market chickens/turkeys

but **Cloverbuds are ineligible to participate in the Market Animal Program.** Refer to the Market Chicken/Turkey Help Sheets and the order forms on the web at <http://putknowledgetowork.org/4-h-youth/4-h-program-areas/small-animals>

Dairy & Livestock



2022 4-H Market Beef Steer/Beef Heifer/Dairy Steer ONLINE Identification

Online Entries are NOW OPEN & are due in FairEntry by Monday, January 3rd

WHAT ANIMALS NEED TO BE IDENTIFIED BY JANUARY 3rd?

Market Beef Steers, Market Beef Heifers, Small Frame Market Beef Steers, Market Dairy Steers & Dairy Feeder Steers (Born Sept. 1- Dec. 31 2021)

- Market Dairy Steers MUST be owned by January 1, 2022, 100% Dairy, fully castrated, dehorned, and have a minimum weight of 1,100lbs @ weigh in & cannot be over 26 months of age by Tuesday, August 16, 2022
- All Market Beef Steers & Market Beef heifers MUST be owned by January 1, 2022 & MUST be under 24 months of age & weigh a minimum of 900lbs by Tuesday, August 16, 2022
- Small Frame Market Beef Steers MUST be owned by January 1, 2022 (Lowline, Dexter, Mini Herefords, etc.) must be fully castrated & have a minimum weight of 700lbs and a maximum weight of 900lbs at weigh in
- Large Frame Market Beef Steers (must be fully castrated) & Market Beef Heifers must have a minimum weight of 900lbs at weigh in
- Dairy Feeder Steers (Born Sept 1-Dec 31, 2021) MUST be 100% Dairy, fully castrated & dehorned & are not eligible for Championship
- USDA RFID Tags are REQUIRED for each beef animal that will be exhibited at the 2022 Steuben County Fair (Please contact the CCE Office if you need one). A 4-H Market ID Tag will be issued to each animal, once entries have been submitted.
- After identifying your market beef animal in January, you will not have to enter another entry for county fair. However, please let the CCE Office know if you plan to scratch any of the animals you've entered BY July 18, 2022
- **RECORDS: All 4-H Members who exhibit a project in the 4-H Division at the 2022 Steuben County Fair are REQUIRED to turn at least one record on their project by Monday, September 19, 2022. It's a good idea to begin your project record, once you have your animal. Please find the records by clicking [here](#)**

What Information will I need to ID my animal?

1. Animals Name
2. Animals Current Tag #, RFID Tag # or Tattoo #
3. Animals Breed
4. Animals Birthdate
5. Animals Beginning Weight
6. Animals Owners Name(s)
7. Photo of Side #1 of Animal
8. Photo of Side #2 of Animal
9. Photo of Animals Head (Including Tag #)
10. Completed 2022 [Quality Assurance Form](#)



Online Animal Identification Entry Steps

1. Login/Create an account in [Fair Entry](#)
2. Select Applicable Division for Animal (Market Beef, Market Beef Heifer, Small Frame Market Beef Steer, Dairy Steer)
3. Choose Applicable Class for Animal (Market Beef Steer Divided by Weight, Market Beef Heifer Classes Divided by Weight, Small Frame Market Beef Steer 700-900, Dairy Steer Classes Divided by Weight, or Dairy Steer born Sept. 1-Dec. 31 of previous year)
4. Add Animal & Animals Information (Name, Current Tag/RFID Tag/Tattoo #, Breed, Birthdate, Owners Name(s) & Beginning Weight)
5. Continue/Review/Complete Outstanding Records
6. For each Animal entered, Answer the set of Questions
7. For each Animal entered, Upload Animal Photos (Side 1, Side 2 & Head Photo with Tag #) along with the completed 2021 Quality Assurance Pledge
8. Continue-Continue to Payment-Continue
9. **SUBMIT** (If you don't hit submit, your entry will not be completed)
10. When your entry is submitted correctly, **you WILL RECIEVE a CONFIRMATION EMAIL**

NYS 4-H Livestock Summit

This is an excellent opportunity for 4-H livestock youth. Once again, Dutchess County Cooperative Extension is hosting the NYS 4-H Livestock virtual series relevant for youth across the state interested in meat animal projects.

Starting the week of January 10th and ending February 23rd, each Wednesday night will feature a different industry expert. Sessions begin at 6:30 pm in Jan-Feb with follow up games on Friday nights at 6:30 to reinforce concepts learned earlier in the week. Registration and schedule details can be found at the link shared by our colleague, Emma Jenks, below. Please promote among your interested county youth and families. \$10 is a bargain for this series and open to youth 8-18! Note: There will be a bonus opportunity for advanced 4-Hers to sign up for separately.

To Register: <https://ccedc.wildapricot.org/events>

NYS 4-H LIVESTOCK SUMMIT
AMP UP YOUR STOCK TALK

6 SESSIONS, 6 SPEAKERS
plus 2 bonus advanced sessions!

SESSION TOPICS INCLUDE:

- SHOWMANSHIP
- MARKETING
- SELECTION
- STOCK HEALTH

\$10 REGISTRATION
INCLUDES LINK TO ALL VIRTUAL SESSIONS & GIVEAWAY ENTRY

For more information and registration:
ccedc.wildapricot.org/events

Hoard's Dairyman Dairy Judging Contest (National & County)

- The classes for the 92nd annual Hoard's Dairyman Cow Judging Contest are available at <http://judging.hoards.com/>. The National Hoard's Dairyman picture judging contest offers an interactive web-based portal containing all five classes, and allows you to submit your entries online and receive your scores by email at the completion of the contest! Entries are DUE ONLINE to Hoard's Dairyman by THURSDAY March 24, 2022 for the National Contest.
 - The Steuben County 4-H Program will also be offering the Dairy Judging Contest! 4-H members will be able to utilize the same classes as the National Hoard's Dairyman Picture Judging Contest, but instead compete amongst other 4-H members in the county. How to participate? Keep a copy of your National entry & send to Jenny by THURSDAY March 24th!
 - Contact Jenny if you have ANY QUESTIONS or if you'd like any paper copies! 607-664-2576 / jmg422@cornell.edu
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4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl

The *primary objective* of 4-H Dairy Bowl Contests is to provide an opportunity for youth to demonstrate their knowledge of dairy related subject matter in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail.

The Dairy Bowl Program is designed to encourage youth to increase their knowledge of dairy by learning 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 also gain knowledge in dairy nutrition, milk quality, herd health, breeding and genetics, marketing, dairy foods, calf raising and knowledge of all cattle breeds.

You don't have to own dairy cattle to participate in dairy quiz bowl.

Age of contestants is as of January 1, 2022:

Beginner: 8-10 years old

Junior: 9 - 13 years old

Senior: 14- 18 years old.



We're currently working on revamping our Dairy Quiz Bowl and Dairy Judging programs, PLEASE reach out to Jenny if you wish to help out!

4-H Dairy Judging Practice Sessions

Who can join? Any 4-H member and their parent, grandparent, leader, etc. (*You don't have to own dairy cattle to participate in dairy judging*)

Where are dairy judging practices held? Practices are typically held in barns at different farms around the county

When? We are currently working on revamping our Dairy Quiz Bowl & Dairy Judging programs, PLEASE reach out to Ainsley if you wish to help out!

Opportunities? Finger Lakes District Dairy Judging Contest (Alfred State College) – Tentative. There's typically a dairy judging contest at the Steuben County Fair. 4-H members who are selected can represent Steuben County at NYS Fair 4-H Dairy Judging Contest.

Why should I attend? It will help you understand what to look for what choosing your own dairy show animal & help you understand why the judge places your animal the way he/she does at county fair or any other dairy show.



Questions? Please contact Jenny jmg422@cornell.edu / 607-664-2576

What is Livestock Judging?

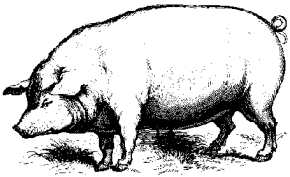
Livestock judging is the process of ranking beef, sheep, swine, and meat goats classes from top to bottom, based on their bone structure, muscle, body capacity, body composition, and performance.

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

4-H members 5-18 years old are eligible to participate. **Cloverbud members 5-7 years old** (as of January 1, 2022) 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.**

Stay tuned for future Livestock Judging Practice Opportunities!

2022 National & Steuben County Swine Picture Judging Contest



Each year, the National Swine Picture Judging Contest is open to youth and adult participants, and includes divisions for 4-H, FFA & Collegiate teams. **National Contest entries are DUE ONLINE BY Saturday, February 1**

- For more information visit <https://nationalswine.com/seedstock/seedstock-picture-judging.php>

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- **The Steuben County 4-H Program will also be offering the Picture Judging Contest! 4-H members will be able to utilize the same classes as the National Judging Contest but instead compete amongst other 4-H members in the county.**
 - **How to participate? For the county contest, fill out the online contest form <https://forms.gle/QEEH8rmV51gsNibt7> or submit the hard copy form to our office BY Saturday, February 1st!**
 - **Contact Jenny if you have ANY QUESTIONS or if you'd like any paper copies! 607-664-2576 / jmg422@cornell.edu.**

What is Livestock Skillathon?

Objectives of the Livestock Skillathon:

- 1) Provide youth with the opportunity to blend knowledge and skills acquired in livestock judging, demonstrations, care and exhibition of animals into one activity
- 2) 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
- 3) To encourage youth to continue expanding their knowledge and participation
- 4) To recognize youth for their total involvement in and comprehension of the livestock industry
- 5) To instill ethical values, good sportsmanship and product evaluation skills

For more information and resources visit <http://4h.ansci.cornell.edu/events-2/nys-fair/livestock-skillathon/>

3 Livestock Skillathon Components:

- Written quiz
- Identification
- Team questions

Common Topics: Nutrition, Health, Breeding, Management, Genetics & Current Industry Topics, Identify Retail Meat Cuts, Livestock Feeds, Breeds & Complete a Quality Assurance Exercise

Livestock Skillathon is a great way to learn about beef cattle, sheep, swine & meat goats. 4-H members 5-18 years old are eligible to participate!

Interested in joining or helping out? Contact Jenny jmg422@cornell.edu / 607-664-2576

Stay tuned for upcoming Livestock Skillathon opportunities.

2022 Horse Show Information



4-H Members Participating in the Horse Project

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 educational 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, 2022

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, 2022 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 2022 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. 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 January 9th 1 – 3 @ CCE Steuben. Please [register here](#) or 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

Scholarships

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 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, 2022. For scholarship information and the application visit <http://nyfb.org/programs/promotion-education/scholarship> or contact pdugan@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 2022!

Past Events

Agri-Business Career (ABC) Award Trip

The ABC trip is held at SUNY Cobleskill and is jointly sponsored by New York State 4-H and New York State Farm Bureau and includes 4-H members from throughout the state. 4-H youth explore the great diversity of agri-business related careers available in New York. Participants may visit such businesses as a veterinary hospital, carrot farm, tree nursery, dairy farm and border collie operation. This trip also features insights into opportunities in natural resources and the academic requirements for professional positions in the agri-business world. This past October, Steuben County's 4-H Program sponsored 2 attendees – Alex McCarthy and Connor Stewart to attend this year's ABC Trip. Both teens gained helpful insight into different agricultural businesses and career in New York and had fun meeting other 4-H Youth whom shared the same interests.

Fall Cheese Fundraiser

The 2021 Fall Fundraiser featured Cuba Cheese and Wilson's Snack Sticks. This year's sale total exceeded \$50,000! 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.

2021 COUNTY FUNDRAISER TOP SELLER AWARDS

Top Overall Sales Person: Audrey Waters
– Country Bumpkins - \$2,240.00

2nd Top Sales Person: Lucas Vance-Lafler –
Country Bunch - \$1,643.75

3rd Top Sales Person: Ethan Waters –
Country Bumpkins - \$1,498.75

4th Top Sales Person: Abigail Waters – Country
Bumpkins - \$1,476.75

5th Top Sales Person: Alexander Knowles –

Independent - \$1,298.00

TOP CLOVERBUD: Audrey Waters – Country
Bumpkins

TOP JR MEMBER (8-13): Lucas Vance – Lafler
– Country Bunch

TOP SR MEMBER (14-18): Alexander
Knowles – Independent

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.

2021 Achievement Night Awards



2021 was yet another year for reimagining and creatively offering some long-standing traditional 4-H events. Fortunately, we were able to have an in-person event to recognize our hard-working and dedicated youth and volunteers. November 6th, staff, volunteers, parents and youth gathered at the Friends of Howard Community Center to celebrate a great 4-H year! Complete awards and details can be found on our website: <http://putknowledgetowork.org/4-h-youth/2021-achievement-night-awards>.

However, some of the most prestigious awards were recently distributed to the recipients. The year's top awards were:

- **Behind The Scenes Award-** This award is presented to a 4-H member that has done a lot of work “Behind the Scenes” and may not have received recognition throughout the 4-H program year. Julianna Patrick is this year’s award recipient.
 - **Friend of 4-H Awards-** This award is presented to a Steuben County individual and business that has excelled in their dedication to the Steuben County 4-H Youth Development Program through the years. This year’s individual recipient is: Laura Eckler
This year’s business/organization recipient is: Friends of Howard
 - **“I Dare You” Leadership Award-** The “I Dare You” Leadership Award recognizes 4-Hers who, with little encouragement, are ready to see themselves as leaders. Morgan Cheney & Julianna Patrick is this year’s award recipients.
 - **Outstanding 4-H'er Award-** This award is given to a 4-H'er that has embodied the 4-H motto, “To Make the Best Better” through clearer thinking, greater loyalty, larger service, and better living as they have grown in the 4-H Program. Cheyenne Murat & Maeve Robarge are this year’s award recipients.
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