Steuben County 4-H Members Excel in National Dairy Contests!

Ian Stewart, an 11th year independent 4-H member, was one of 4 NYS team members who helped NYS earn 1st place honors among 14 state teams in the 35th Annual North American Invitational 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest on November 7-8, 2014 held at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, KY. This is NYS 11th national team title. In the history of the North American Invitational 4-H Quiz Bowl Contest, New York and Maryland are the two states that have competed annually since the beginning of this contest. Additionally the NYS Team had the top 4 individuals on the written test with Ian placing 3rd. Since the contest started recognizing top written test scores, no team has swept the top four spots until NYS did in 2014. The 2014 NYS coaches were Matt Young from Ontario County and Debbie Grusenmeyer, Extension Associate/Pro-Dairy Youth Specialist, Cornell University. Ian learned about the value of teamwork while participating in the 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Program. Ian states, “The NYS team got along well and worked great together. We all had our areas of expertise. My area was crops and feeding and other team members knew more about herd health, reproduction, and the financial aspect. So between the four of us we had everything we needed to know covered. All that I learned will definitely change the way I farm. I learned that doing well at something is a lot easier if you have a good team that gets along, works hard and covers all aspects of the job at hand.” The National 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl contest consists of teams of young people who in the 2-day event, complete a written test and are quizzed in live rounds of questions about many levels of dairy business, animal biology and current industry issues.

Paige Demun, 9th year Dairy Dreamers 4-H member, was one of 4 NYS team members who helped the NYS team earn a 4th place finish overall among 13 states at the PA All-American Invitational 4-H Judging contest in Harrisburg, PA on September 15. The NYS Team was coached by Dr. Doug Waterman of Madison County. Paige improved her communication skills while participating in the 4-H Dairy Judging Program. Paige states “The dairy judging contest requires competitors to give oral reasons. Giving reasons improves communications skills, as you need to be able to express the reasons for your placings clearly and with confidence. The ability to express your thoughts clearly is a very important skills needed in everyday life.” Dairy Judging requires participants to understand the concepts of dairy cow conformation and provide sets of oral reasons for choosing one cow over another. Making a decision and then defending your decision is a life skill learned through dairy judging.

Future agricultural leaders must understand economic, social, environmental and biological science issues. Youth who participate in these state and national 4-H opportunities show evidence of increased knowledge of these issues as they learn to make informed decisions and defend those decisions. In addition, knowledge gained in specific subjects prepares youth for a variety of careers in the animal industry. This diverse group of young agriculturalists demonstrates expertise in time and resource management as well as animal and other life sciences. National competitive team events give 4-Hers a chance to practice communication and critical thinking skills and provide opportunities to apply skills to real-world situations, both of which are essential.
abilities needed in advanced education and workforce environments.

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The 4-H program is often credited by 4-H alumni as a supportive environment where youth become better prepared for academics, professional careers and becoming productive members of society. Essential elements of quality youth development programs include opportunities for belonging, mastery, independence and generosity. Several NYS4-H animal science team members participating in the last decade are now enrolled in graduate and professional study education programs across the nation or are employed agricultural professionals contributing to their local communities within New York. Experiences like these allow youth to practice skills and achieve goals, with caring adults mentoring them along the way. Delegates also learn to lead, build their communities, connect with Cornell University, and make life-long friends. The Cornell Department of Animal Science partners with the NYS 4-H Youth Development program to facilitate and accomplish this work.

**Upcoming Events**

**January**

- TBA – Dairy Quiz Bowl Practices
- TBA – Horse Bowl/Hippology Practices
- **January 1** – CCE Office Closed for New Years
- **January 1** – Ownership deadline for Market Beef Steers, Market Beef Heifers & Dairy Steers
- **January 5** – Members must be reenrolled to exhibit at the 2015 Steuben County Fair
- **January 5** – Deadline to sign up for Tractor & Machinery Operation Course due to CCE Office
- **January 5** – Market Beef Steers, Market Beef Heifers & Dairy Steers ID Forms Due
- **January 6** – 4-H Livestock Advisory Meeting 7 p.m., Steuben County Office Building, Bath, in South Conference Room - Open to anyone interested
- **January 12** – 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program, 7:00-9:00 p.m. County Office Building, South Conference.
- **January 14** – 4-H Dairy Advisory Meeting, 1-3 p.m., Steuben County Office Building, Bath, in F1 – Open to anyone interested
- **January 19** - CCE Office Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- **January 19** - 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., County Office Building, South Conference
- **January 26** - 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., County Office Building, South Conference

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The Cornell Cooperative Extension Office is located on the first floor of the Steuben County Office Building, 3 East Pulteney Square, Bath, NY 14810 Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday Phone: 607-664-2300

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- Kimberly S. Randall, 4-H Community Educator
- Jenny Groen, 4-H Program Educator
- Loree Symonds, 4-H Community Educator
**February**

TBA - Dairy Judging Practices, Cow Colleges Saturdays 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

TBA Sunday session and location - 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program, 1-4 p.m.


February 2 - 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program, County Office Building, South Conference, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

February 13 – Public Presentation registration due for February 28

February 9 - 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program, County Office Building, South Conference, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

February 13-16 The Great Backyard Bird Count [www.birdsource.org/gbbc](http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc)


February 16 - President’s Day, CCE Office Closed

February 16 - 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program, County Office Building, South Conference, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

**February 28 - General Public Presentations, County Office Building, Bath 9:00-4:00,**

**Horse Public Presentations, County Office Building, Bath 1:00-4:00**

February 23 - 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program, County Office Bldg, South Conference, 7:00 –9:00 p.m.

**March**

March 1-3 - NYS 4-H Capital Days Award Trip, Albany

March 2 New York State Guernsey Calf Award Application due [http://nyguernsey.com/Awards.html](http://nyguernsey.com/Awards.html)

March 2 NY Holstein Association, Inc, Calf Scholarship Application due [www.nyholsteins.com](http://www.nyholsteins.com)


March 2 – 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program, County Office Bldg, South Conference, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

March 2 – Registration due for Spring Garden Meeting on March 14

**March 7 – Region II Horse Extravaganza (Horse Quiz Bowl & Hippology), Midlakes School**

March 7 – District Dairy Bowl, Midlakes School

March 8 – 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program, Driving Test, 1-4 p.m. Location TBA

March 9 - 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program, Written Test, County Office Bldg,
South Conference, 7:00-9:00 pm
March 9 - Pheasant Chick Order Due to CCE Office
March 14 – 4-H Spring Garden Meeting, Steuben County Fairgrounds, Central Steuben Masonic Community Center, Bath, 2-4 p.m.
March 16-20 - National Ag Week and New York Ag Literacy Week
March 18 – National Agriculture Day http://www.agday.org/
March 19 – Hoard’s Dairyman Judging Contest Deadline to Hoard’s Dairyman and a copy to CCE Office
March 21 – March Dog Madness, Cornell University
March 21-22 Maple Weekend 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. www.mapleweekend.com
March 27 & 28 – Dairy Discovery, Cornell University
March 28 – District Public Presentations and Region II Horse Communications at Midlakes School
March 28-29 Maple Weekend 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. www.mapleweekend.com
March 30 – Market Chicken Orders due to CCE Office

April
April 6 – Registration and the $7 registration fee per 4-H member and adult for Animal Crackers (Horse & Beef/Sheep - Tentative), on May 2nd at Cornell University
April 8 – Clothing Evaluations @ North Cohocton Methodist Church, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
April 10 NYS Association of Agricultural Fairs (NYSAAF) and the NYS Show People’s Association Scholarship (NYSSSA) http://nyfairs.org/scholarship.htm
April 10-12 - STARR Retreat, NYS Fairgrounds
April 22 – Earth Day
April 22 – Clothing Evaluations @ 4-H Office, County Office Building, Bath, 3:00-5:00p.m.
April 25 – NYS 4-H Dairy Bowl Contest, Cornell University

May
May 1 – First day to get Animal Health Certificates for all NYS Fairs including Steuben County DO NOT WAIT!
May 1 – New Members must be enrolled to participate in 2015 County Fair
May 1 - 4-H Clothing Revue, Avoca Central School, 7:30 pm
May 2 – NYS Animal Crackers (Horse and Beef/Sheep - Tentative), Cornell University

Office News
4-H Livestock Advisory Committee

The Steuben County 4-H Livestock Advisory Committee will be held on **Tuesday, January 6 at 7 p.m. at the Steuben County Office Building, Bath, upstairs in South Conference room.** *Anyone interested in being a member of the 4-H Livestock Advisory Committee are 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 will meet approximately 7 times a year (October, January, March, June, July, August, September) in Bath. The August meeting is the Monday evening of the fair at the fairgrounds. If you have any questions or are interested in joining the committee please contact Kim at 607-583-3185 or at ksb3@cornell.edu.

4-H Dairy Advisory Committee

The Steuben County 4-H Dairy Advisory Committee will be held on **Wednesday, January 14 from 1-3 p.m. at the Steuben County Office Building, Bath, in F1 room.** *Anyone interested in being a member of the 4-H Dairy Advisory Committee are 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 Dairy Advisory Committee has in the past only met once a year. If you have any questions or are interested in joining the committee please contact Kim at 607-583-3185 or at ksb3@cornell.edu.

2015 4-H Award Trips Selections

Congratulations to the following 4-H members who were selected by the 4-H Awards Committee to attend the following 4-H Award Trips based on their completion of their Senior Summary Report by the September 8, 2014 deadline. The following member’s will be receiving more information closer to the event. If you were selected to attend one of these trips including as an alternate and know you will or will not be able to attend please contact Kim Randall at ksb3@cornell.edu or 607-583-3185. If you have any questions regarding these trips please contact Kim.

**Note:** The same 4-H member can not attend Capital Days & Citizenship-Washington Focus in the same year.


**Capital Days, Albany (Sunday evening, March 1 – Tuesday, March 3, 2015)** - Robert Murphy, Charlie Coley, 1st Alternate-Raven Foote, 2nd Alternate-Samantha Towner, 3rd Alternate- Anna VonHagn

**State Teen Action Rep Retreat (STARR) (Friday evening April 10-12, 2015) NYS Fairgrounds** - Kameryn Comstock, Gabriel Barone, Anna VonHagn, Madeleine Gurecki, Charlie Coley, Kaitlin Matthews, Ashlee Zschoche, 1st Alternate - Megan Cratsley

**NOTE:** Any Steuben County 4-H teen member can attend STARR as long as he/she pays the registration fee and registers to the CCE Office by the deadline providing there is adequate chaperone(s) and enough room for transportation or he/she provides his/her own transportation.
Agri-Business Career Trip (ABC), Cobleskill (Oct. 2015) - Priscilla Helgerson, Rachel Hoffer, Michelle Parsels, Merranda Switzer, Steven Leach, Ashlee Zschoche, Katlin Bidlack, Justin Bennett, 1st Alternate- Ainsley Robbins, 2nd Alternate- Greg Fox

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 or applies and is awarded the state scholarship and registers to the CCE Office by the deadline providing there is adequate chaperone(s) and enough room for transportation or he/she provides his/her own transportation.

Career Exploration Trip, Cornell University (Tuesday, June 30 – Thursday, July 2, 2015) -

University U - 8th or 9th grade as of fall of 2015

Jade Atherton, Hayden Barry, Emily Butler, Kayden Feinman, Victoria Kelly, Nathan Lawson, Janey Marsazalkowski, Isabella Painter, Megan Ross, Hannah Stewart, Erin White, Trinity Zeh

Focus for Teens 9th grade as of fall 2015 if attended University U in 2014 and 10th-12th as of fall of 2015

4-H members who are attending 2015 Capital Days or Citizenship Washington Focus will be able to attend Career Exploration with the reduced rate if they are selected as a Focus Assistant or pay for the entire cost of the trip unless they apply and are awarded a scholarship. FA applications are currently being accepted by the NYS 4-H office. Applicants must be at least 16 years old and have attended Focus for Teens previously. If interested in applying to be a FA contact Kim for more information and further qualifications)

Gabriel Barone  Justin Bennett  Katlin Bidlack  Tiffany Brown
Megan Bruce  Charlie Coley  Kameryn Comstock  Megan Cratsley
Jessica Currie  Paige Demun  Michael Feinman  Raven Foote
Greg Fox  Madeleine Gurecki  Priscilla Helgerson  Rachel Hoffer
Peter Kelly  Jessica Lawson  Steven Leach  Kaitlin Matthews
Robert Murphy  Michelle Parsels  Ainsley Robbins  Alyssa Ross
Brandon Sahrle  Kacey Scheib  Taylor Scott  Bradley Sick
Merranda Switzer  Samantha Towner  Anna VonHagn  Tyler Woodward
Ashlee Zschoche

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

All Steuben County Fair Premiums will be withheld for the following reasons;

1. Removing exhibits, including animals, from fairgrounds before release time or without written consent.

2. Adults preparing 4-H exhibits for that the youth will be exhibiting. This includes any preparation of animal exhibits. Please note previous 4-H policy, (Preparation of all 4-H exhibits is expected to be done by the 4-H member. “Parents or supervising adults may assist only to the extent necessary to insure the safety of the exhibitor or the
exhibit.”

3. Not adhering to the “Code of Conduct” and “Overnight Policy” which includes sleeping in 4-H appropriate, Adult supervised areas only

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.

Checking The Web!

It is very important that everyone is checking the web site, www.putknowledgeatwork.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.

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Summer Camps

The 2015 NYSDEC Summer Camp is for youth 11-17 and registration will open in January and is completed online. Campers have the opportunity to complete NYS Hunter Safety Education or NYS Bowhunter Safety Education certifications during specific weeks of camp.

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

The cost is $350 per camper per week. The Steuben County Sportsman Federation has some sponsorships available. If you are interested in applying for a sponsorship contact Kim Randall at ksb3@cornell.edu or 607-583-3185 so she can notify the Steuben County Sportsman Federation of your interest before their January 27th meeting and get you the information when it comes available. For more information visit http://www.dec.ny.gov/education/29.html.

NYS 4-H Forestry Weekend

Join youth from across the state for a weekend of forestry activities, games, and competition during the 2015 4-H Forestry Weekend in May. This three-day event is for youth aged 10 and up (and staff and volunteers) interested in learning more about forests, and to select the NYS team that will go to the 2015 National 4-H Forestry Invitational (must be 14-19 for the national event).

The Forestry weekend activities have included in previous years:
- Tree identification
- Tree measurements
- Compass usage
- Map reading
- Insects and diseases
- Geocaching
- Nature games
- Night hikes and more

This is a fun and educational weekend. Youth do not need to have extensive forestry knowledge to come. On Saturday is a chance to learn more and on Sunday is the competition. Estimated cost is $40 per person: includes food, materials, and cabin lodging. (A $95 value!). Space is limited. For more information visit http://cccechenango99.squarespace.com/4-h-forestry/.
If you are interested in receiving more information when it comes available please contact Kim at CCE-Stuben at ksb3@cornell.edu or 607-583-3185. The 4-H van may be available to use if there is enough interest and a volunteer chaperone who has been approved to drive.

**Pheasant Chick Project**

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

Why raise pheasants?
- Rearing pheasants is enjoyable, challenging and teaches youth responsible behavior
- Released pheasants offer fall hunting opportunity
- People enjoy seeing and hearing pheasants

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

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

If you are interested in this program you need to contact Kim at the CCE Office at 607-583-3185 and leave a message anytime of day or by email at ksb3@cornell.edu by Monday, March 9 to request the quantity of chicks you would like. The chicks will be delivered to Bath. Kim will contact those who ordered chicks with a delivery time and date, in the past it has been early afternoon on a weekday towards the end of May. DEC Reynolds Game Farm is maintaining a database of people who receive birds in case a voluntary avian influenza testing program is initiated. At the time of delivery you will be asked to fill out a form listing your name, address, phone number and number of chicks you received.

**4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program To Be Offered in 2015**

Youth who will be 14 and over as of March 1, 2015 can take the course for certification. Participants who want to earn their certification must pass both the written exam and the driving test. The cost for this course is $20.00 for 4-H members to cover the cost of materials and is payable to CCE by Monday, January 5th with the registration form, the Tractor Acknowledgement of Risk Form, the CCE Permission Slip/Medical Release which can be found on the website at [www.putknowledgetowork.org](http://www.putknowledgetowork.org) and click on 4-H Youth Development and then click on other programs or by contacting Kim at Cornell Cooperative Extension at 607-583-3185.

Non 4-H members are eligible to take this course but in addition they will need to complete a 4-H enrollment form as an independent member by Monday, January 5 which is found on the above website and pay the $5.00 4-H enrollment fee

**The schedule for the course is as follows:**

There will be a **Sunday Session in January and February from 1-4 p.m.** with the locations to be announced. These will be for more hands on learning.

- **Mondays, January 12, 19, 26** 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Steuben County Office Building, South Conference
- **Mondays, February 2, 9, 16, 23** 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Steuben County Office Building, South Conference
What is Cow College? Cow College is another name for Dairy Judging.

Who can attend cow college? Any 4-H member and their parent, grandparent, leader, etc. who is interested in learning how to dairy judge. Please NOTE: Cloverbud members 5-7 years old (as of January 1, 2015) who are interested in learning how to dairy judge 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.

Where is cow college held? Cow college is held in the barn at different farms around the county (dress warm and wear appropriate foot wear because you will be in the barn or at times outside depending on the weather!)

When is cow college? Cow college is held on Saturdays during February - April. Each session runs from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Schedule to be announced.

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

What happens after the cow colleges? There is a county dairy judging tour in the spring. 4-H families (4-H members including cloverbuds and adults) are encouraged to judge. There will be several judging trips throughout the summer that selected 4-H members will be invited to attend. 4-H members can participate in the Dairy Judging Contest at the Steuben County Fair. There is the State Dairy Judging Contest at the NYS Fair where 4-H members (8-18 years old) will be selected as members of the possible Steuben County Teams:

Each county can send 2 teams of 4 members in each division
Senior Team – 14-18 years old as of January 1, 2015 4-H members will need to give oral reasons as part of the contest.
Junior Team – 9-13 years old as of January 1, 2015. 4-H members will not give oral reasons as part of the contest.
Novice Team – 8-10 years old as of January 1, 2015 or any youth 11-13 years old as of January 1, 2015 who have not previously competed in the dairy judging contest at the State Fair. 4-H members will not give oral reasons as part of the contest.

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

Many 4-H members have enjoyed dairy judging so plan to be a part of the 2015 dairy judging program.

Hoard’s Dairyman Dairy Judging Contest
The 2015 Hoard’s Dairyman Dairy Judging Contest booklets will be mailed from Hoard's Dairyman to those clubs who participated in 2014. If your club participated last year and you do not receive a booklet with the classes and you wish to participate in the 2015 contest, please contact the CCE Office. If you need more booklets or anyone else would like to participate in the contest and needs the booklet with the classes and the entries, contact the CCE Office. The deadline for entries is Thursday, March 19, 2015. Participants need to send the original to Hoard's Dairyman for the National Contest and a copy of their entry to the CCE Office or email to Kim at ksb3@cornell.edu for the County Contest by March 19.

4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl

The primary objective of 4-H Dairy Bowl Contests is to provide an opportunity for youth enrolled in a 4-H dairy project to demonstrate their knowledge of dairy related subject matter in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail. It is also hoped that these contests 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, 2015.

Novice Contest
Team members may be 8 - 10 years old with some experience or 11 - 13 years old with no previous district contest experience.

Junior Contest
9 years to 13 years old

Senior Contest
14 years to 18 years old.

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

Saturday, March 7 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 25th. The Finger Lakes District junior and senior teams will be composed of the top four individuals with the 5th place as the alternate in each division.

The NYS 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl team to compete at Nationals in Louisville, KY on November 7-8, 2015 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, 2015 to be eligible to be selected for the NYS 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Team.

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

NYS 4-H Youth Development Animal Crackers Program

Saturday, May 2, 2015 with the focus for 2015 on (Tentative) Horse & Beef/Sheep

The annual Animal Crackers program provides New York youth with fun hands-on science-oriented learning experiences on Animal Science topics which feature the unique facilities and staff of Cornell University.

When/Where: This Saturday workshop is held every May on campus (Morrison Hall) 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. The program is geared to 4-H members
involved in animal science projects.

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

Why? Animal Crackers participants have the unique opportunity to experience hands-on activities in a university setting, explore career options in animal science, and expand their knowledge through scientific inquiry.

How? Please contact Jenny at the CCE Office at jmg422@cornell.edu or 607-583-3245 if you are interested in attending. **Registration is due by Monday, April 6th to the CCE Office.**

Cost? The cost of $7.00 per person is due to CCE-Steuben to cover basic handout and occasional presenter expenses.

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

More information will be found at [http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/crackers/index.html](http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/crackers/index.html)

Examples of some of the fun things participants have experienced in the past... The Cornell Raptor Program, ultrasound technology, Herding dogs at work, Disc dogs in action, barrel racing, driving, poop soup, and more...

**Maple Weekend**

The New York State Maple Producers Association invites families from across the Empire State and neighboring areas to learn all about the production of maple syrup and other related products. For a perfect family outing plan to attend one of the days of Maple Weekend on **Sat. March 21 and Sun., March 22, 2015 and on Sat., March 28 and Sun., March 29 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.** Admission is free. For specific locations and information go to [www.mapleweekend.com](http://www.mapleweekend.com) NYS Maple Producers Association’s goal during Maple Weekend is to share the taste of real mouth-watering maple syrup with you. Maple producers will demonstrate how to make syrup -- whether it’s simply boiling the sap over an open fire or running it through highly scientific equipment -- the results always taste great! New York State maple syrup has established a reputation as one of the highest quality maple syrups in the world. Maple Weekend allows New York Maple producers to demonstrate the superiority of their product, and invites the public to sugarhouses to try for themselves.

From the first Maple Sunday in Wyoming County in the mid 1990s to today’s state-wide Maple Weekend event, the goal remains the same -- to give the public a first-hand opportunity to see how maple products are produced, from tree to table, along with the chance to taste and purchase maple products. Check out the locations page on [www.mapleweekend.com](http://www.mapleweekend.com) for a producer near you and to see the dates and times that they’re open. Weather plays a large part in the making of maple syrup. Maple Weekend will take place regardless of the weather. Please dress accordingly; it will be muddy at many of the sugar houses; come and enjoy the day.

**STARR (State Teen Action Rep Retreat)**

The State Teen Action Rep Retreat is a three-day fun-filled event where 4-H teens, ages 13 – 19, participate in a variety of workshops and activities meant to challenge, excite and further develop life skills. STARR Program is open to all NYS 4-H Teens and their adult chaperones. The event is planned by teens and adults serving on the youth/adult STARR planning committee. **Steuben County 4-H volunteers and members serving on the 2015 STARR Planning Committee are Phil Zschoche, Rachael Draper, Christine Towner, Bethany Draper, and Samantha Towner.** STARR will be held **April 10-12, 2015 at the New York State Fair/4-H Youth Building, Syracuse, NY.**

Congratulations to the following teens who were selected by the 4-H Awards Committee to attend STARR based on their completion of their Senior Summary Report and whose registration fee will be paid for by the 4-H Activity Fund if they sold at least $50 worth of Cuba Cheese Products/Hennings Maple Farm Products or paid the $50 family 4-H enrollment and register for STARR by the deadline. **Those selected were Kameryn Comstock, Gabriel Barone, Anna VonHagn, Madeleine Gurecki, Charlie Coley, Kaitlin Matthews, Ashlee Zschoche, 1st Alternate – Megan Cratsley.** These members will be receiving more information including registration information when it becomes available. A **chaperone at least 21 years old is needed for the trip.** If you are interested in chaperoning contact Kim at the CCE Office at ksb3@cornell.edu or 607-583-3185.

Any Steuben County 4-H member ages 13 -19 may participate in STARR even if they were not selected by the Awards Committee provided that they pay the registration fee, there is enough room for transportation or they may need to provide their own transportation and if there is adequate chaperone(s). The estimated cost is $85* per person.
registration fee covers lodging, meals, and workshop supplies and will need to be paid to CCE-Steuben with your workshop choices. * Additional fees may be charged if you register late, cancel, or don’t show up. **If you are interested in participating contact Kim at ksb3@cornell.edu or at 607-583-3185 (messages can be left after hours) so that when more information is available she can get it to you.

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

**Expectations for Youth and Adults:**
- Everyone (youth and adults) is expected to participate in all activities.
- There will be some adult/teen specific workshops.
- Adults will be expected to assist with activities and events throughout the weekend.
- Individual counties are asked to create a Banner or Poster to present during County Roll Call as part of Opening Assembly. Banner or Poster will be displayed through the STARR event.

For more information check out the website: [http://sp.nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/events/Pages/STARR.aspx](http://sp.nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/events/Pages/STARR.aspx)

**2015 Spring Tree Sale**

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

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

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

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

**DOG OBEDIENCE CLASSES FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS BEGIN**

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County’s 4-H Program is offering dog obedience classes for youth and adults. They are currently being held on certain Thursday evenings from 6-8:00 p.m., at Hillside Children’s Center, Snell Farm, 7320 Snell Hill Road, Bath. Classes are held in the brown Morton Building. Classes will be starting indoors in Arkport in January on Friday evenings for obedience and rally and Sunday afternoons for Agility. Classes will be starting in Howard in the spring. Youth participants age 5-18 years old as of January 1, 2015 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 $5.00 enrollment fee and completing the 4-H enrollment form and acknowledgement of risk form which can be found at [www.putknowledgegetowork.com](http://www.putknowledgegetowork.com).

New 4-H members must be enrolled by May 1, 2015 to be eligible to enter your dog or other projects in the 4-H division of the 2015 Steuben County Fair. The classes are also open to adults at $5 each session. Participants should be prepared to clean up after their dog as necessary.

Any 4-H member who is taking dog obedience classes privately must participate in the Steuben County 4-H Dog Obedience Graduation to be eligible to exhibit at the 2015 Steuben County Fair. Any 4-H member who is interested in trying to qualify for State Fair must attend graduation. Graduation will be held in July 2015 at the Steuben County Fairgrounds.

Dogs can be mixed breeds or purebred. 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. An animal is currently vaccinated for Rabies beginning 14 days following (initial) vaccination continuing for the period stated in the manufacturer’s instructions. Acceptable proof of Rabies vaccination must include the signature of the veterinarian, the name of the product used, the date of administration and the duration of immunity. Dogs must be at least six months old to be exhibited at the Steuben County Fair or the NYS Fair.

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

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

### March Dog Madness Adult and Teen Leader Training

All interested adult and teen leaders are invited to attend this one day information packed program on **March 21, 2015 at Cornell University from 9 am – 3 pm.** Registrations will be taken on a **first-come-first served basis** with the registration fee due to Cornell University. To cover the cost of lunch and program materials, there is a charge of **$25.00** per person. There is a **limit of 20 people per concurrent workshop.** Registrations and payment are due by March 7. **Space is limited to the first 100 people whose PAYMENT is received by March 7.** Online registrations will require payment by credit/debit card. Paper registrations must be accompanied by a check.

If you are interested in attending contact Kim at ksb3@cornell.edu or at 607-583-3185 (leave a message even after hours) and when the information becomes available she will let you know. Information and registration forms will be on the NYS 4-H Dog program website at [http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/dogs/MarchDogMadness/](http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/dogs/MarchDogMadness/)

### The Great Backyard Bird Count

The Great Backyard Birds Count is February 13-16, 2015. 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](http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc). The Great Backyard Bird Count is lead by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and National Audubon Society, with Canadian partner Bird Studies Canada and is sponsored by Wild Birds Unlimited. Cornell Information Technologies, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and National Science Foundation. As tallies pour in from around the United States and Canada, everyone can watch the results in real time.
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, March 14th

Time: 1:30 p.m. Seed Distribution, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Program

Location: Steuben County Fairgrounds, Central Steuben Masonic Community Center, Bath

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. Tom Cortright will present information on exhibiting flowers. You will be able to ask questions. Door prizes will also be awarded to 4-H members. Free seeds will also be given out to 4-H members.

In addition, you will be able to have the pH of your soil tested. If you would like the pH of your garden tested, you need to bring a SMALL amount (2 oz.) of air-dried soil from your garden. In order to get an accurate sample, take soil from four or five places in your garden, mix it all together, let it dry thoroughly and put about 2 oz. in a bag. Please label the bag with your name and phone number. The soil sample will be tested at the CCE Office and you will be notified of the results. The soil sample will tell you the pH balance of your garden plot.

To register for the 4-H Spring Garden Meeting return the enclosed registration form or email Jenny at jmg422@cornell.edu or call 607-583-3245 by Monday, March 2nd. Mark your calendars for an informative and fun filled afternoon on Saturday, March 14th!!

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.

- 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.
- 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.
- Many more search options exist and often students are most curious about which positions have the highest paying salaries. Remember, job satisfaction is not always tied to a paycheck.
- For a glimpse of what real people have to say about their own jobs, visit the people tab.
- For secondary students, the experience tab offers students tips about how to gain experience.
- 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?

We welcome feedback from educators and students and have built in a "feedback" link at the bottom of the home page for just that purpose. We hope you will visit often and share your career exploration experiences with us.

Public Presentations

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, 2015 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 leads of the club. If you are an independent member, you can give your present to family and friends, and have a parent completed 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, 2015 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.

Information on preparing for presentations is on the website, or we available at the office. If an individual or club would like help with any part of the public presentation process, please contact the 4-H Office. Arrangements can be made to give you or your club the help that is needed.

General and Horse Public Presentation Day -
The next opportunity to do a County Public Presentation is on Saturday, February 28, 2015 at the Steuben County Office Building. General presentations and horse will be done on the same day. Check below for more information.

General Presentations: All topics except horse. Time 9:00 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
Horse Presentations: All presentations with a horse topic: 1:00-4:00 only.

If you are a new club or new to public presentations, you are welcome to come and watch the presentations and give your presentation on Wednesday, August 19 at the County Fair.

Summer General Public Presentation Day -
The summer General Public Presentation event will be in the Youth Building at the Steuben County Fair on Wednesday, August 19, 2015. This will also include “Produced in New York” presentations. 4-H members who give their presentation at the fair are ineligible to attend the public presentation award trip and are ineligible to be selected to participate in district public presentations.

To register your club, please complete the form for the General Presentations and/or the one for the Horse Presentations. The registration forms are in this issue or on the website at www.putknowledgetowork.org and mail, email or fax (607-776-9103) it to the CCE office by Monday, February 13, 2015.

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

Remember the four “P” of presenting:

P#1 – Plan – Select a topic about something you are interested in telling people about or learning more about. Think about your topic and plan what you want to say, how you will show the audience “how-to” if it is a demonstration.

P#2 – Prepare – After you have selected a topic, think about how you will present the topic. Prepare a poster (unless it is a public speaking), various steps of the finished product or other visuals that will help you explain your topic to give an effective presentation.
P#3 – Practice - Practice, practice, practice! The more you “run through” your presentation, the easier it will be on the actual presentation day.

P#4 – Present – Present your 4-H Presentation at the club level or at the County Level on February 28 or August 19 in Bath

District Public Presentations

Finger Lakes District Public Presentations will be held on Saturday, March 28 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.

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

The 2015 4-H Clothing Revue has been scheduled for Friday, May 1st at Avoca Central School. If you have an idea for a theme for this year's revue or suggestions about the Revue or if you are an adult or teen and would like to serve on the planning committee, please contact Loree at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Office! The planning committee meets only two times, once the last of March to get the night planned and in April just before the revue to get everything finalized.

2015 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 8th, North Cohocton Methodist Church, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 22nd, 4-H Office, County Office Building, Bath, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Friday, May 1st, Clothing Revue at the Avoca Central School in Avoca, NY

Times for arrival: Seniors: 6:45 p.m. to get evaluated (if needed) and registered. Juniors: 7:00 p.m. to get registered. Clothing Revue begins at 7:30. Family and friends are welcome to attend.

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

Each year there is a New York State “Make it Yourself with Wool Contest”. It will be held at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck, NY on October 17th and 18th 2015. As you are choosing your clothing project for this year, you may want to choose something that will fit this contest.

There are five divisions: Age as of Dec. 31, 2014
- Pre-teens, age 12 and under
- Juniors, ages 13-16
- Senior, ages 17-24
- Adult are 25 years and older
- Made for others (any age)

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://www.sheepandwool.com/index.asp or contact the 4-H office.

Cornell Fashion Collective Runway Show

Every year, Cornell students showcase their design skills and creativity through the Cornell Fashion Collective runway show at Barton Hall. The date for the 31st annual show has been set for Saturday, April 11, 2015. The show usually starts at 8pm. The final schedule and ticket sales will be announced later via the group’s website, http://www.cornellfashioncollective.com. This is a fun experience for youth engaged in 4-H Clothing & Textiles. Plan now to bring your 4-H Club.

National Agricultural Day, March 18, 2015

National Agricultural Day is March 18, 2015. 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.

What Is Ag Day All About?
Ag Day is about recognizing - and celebrating - the contribution of agriculture in our everyday lives. The National Ag Day program encourages every American to:
- Understand how food and fiber products are produced.
- Appreciate the role agriculture plays in providing safe, abundant and affordable products.
- Value the essential role of agriculture in maintaining a strong economy.
- Acknowledge and consider career opportunities in the agriculture, food and fiber industry.

The 2015 Ag Day Theme is "Agriculture: Sustaining Future Generations"

Why Celebrate Agriculture?
Agriculture provides almost everything we eat, use and wear on a daily basis. But too few people truly understand this contribution. This is particularly the case in our schools, where students may only be exposed to agriculture if they enroll in related vocational training. By building awareness, the Agriculture Council of America is encouraging young people to consider career opportunities in agriculture. Each American farmer feeds more than 144 people ... a dramatic increase from 25 people in the 1960s. Quite simply, American agriculture is doing more - and doing it better. As the world population soars, there is an even greater demand for the food and fiber produced in the United States.

Join us in 2015 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.

NY Ag Literacy Week –Volunteers, Donors and Classroom Requests Needed
New York Agriculture in the Classroom is pleased to announce Ag Literacy week **March 16 – 20, 2015** in support of its mission of fostering awareness, understanding, and appreciation of agriculture and the food and fiber system. **March 16 – 20, 2015** volunteers through the state will go into 1st – 3rd grade classrooms to read a book with an agricultural theme and talk to students about agriculture. **The signature book for 2015 is Weaving the Rainbow** by George Ella Lyon and illustrated by Stephanie Anderson. In this beautiful story a young girl leads the reader through the process of raising and caring for animals, with the end result of using their well-cared for fleece as the medium for her weaved artwork. Students will see the steps of shearing, carding, spinning, dying before she can to make a beautiful tapestry.

Fiber production, whether from sheep, goats, alpacas, or rabbits, is an important agricultural industry in New York State. The farmers who produce these animals must maintain proper nutrition and management of their flocks to ensure the best quality fleeces and end-result products. Fiber animals are often used as multi-purpose animals and also raised for their meat and milk. Agriculture is not always what we eat, but also what we wear. All lesson, activities, learning extensions, and companion resources are aligned to New York State and Common Core Learning Standards.

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

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

**National Ag Day Essay Contest Announces January 30 Deadline**

The Agriculture Council of America (ACA) calls on *ninth- to 12th-grade students* to submit an original, 450-word essay or a two-minute video essay about the importance of agriculture. **This year’s theme is “Agriculture: Sustaining Future Generations” and the deadline is January 30, 2015.** The ACA asks teachers and parents to encourage student participation. The theme, “Agriculture: Sustaining Future Generations,” presents an opportunity for students to address how the agriculture industry is an endless source of opportunity for growth and development. Entrants may choose to either write an essay and/or create a video focusing on how today’s growers are overcoming challenges to provide a safe, stable food supply and sustain the significant role agriculture plays in everyday life.

The national written essay winner receives a $1,000 prize and round-trip ticket to Washington, D.C., for recognition during the Celebration of Ag Dinner held March 18, 2015 at Whitten Patio at the USDA. During dinner, the winner will have the opportunity to read the winning essay as well as join with industry representatives, members of Congress, federal agency representatives, media and other friends in a festive ag celebration. The video essay winner wins a $1,000 prize, and the winning video will play during the Celebration of Ag Dinner.

This is the 42nd anniversary of National Ag Day. The goal of the ACA is to provide a spotlight on agriculture and the food and fiber industry. The ACA not only helps consumers understand how food and fiber products are produced, but also brings people together to celebrate accomplishments in providing safe, abundant and affordable products.

The Ag Day Essay Contest is sponsored by CHS Inc., High Plains/Midwest Ag Journal, National Association of Farm Broadcasting, National Agri-Marketing Association, Country Living Association and McCormick Company

Entry forms and essays must be received by midnight CST, January 30, 2015, and sent to: 2015 Ag Day Essay Contest, Agriculture Council of America,11020 King St., Ste. 205,Overland Park, KS 66210 or essay@agday.org. To submit the video essay, visit [http://agday.leapfile.net](http://agday.leapfile.net) and follow the
directions as guided on the page, OR the video may be burned to a DVD or CD and mailed to the address above. Visit http://www.agday.org/media/pr5.php to read official contest rules and for more details regarding entry applications.

Scholarships

New York State 4-H Opportunity Scholarship
The NYS 4-H Foundation and generous sponsors are pleased to provide scholarships to members for their accomplishments as a result of 4-H experiences, and to support future educational goals.

Scholarship Application procedures. Download the application and follow the instructions carefully. http://www.nys4hfoundation.org/programs/foundation-programs/opportunity-scholarship-program/

Applications can be sent electronically as an attached file to esearle@nys4hfoundation.org or mailed to NYS 4-H Foundation, 248 Grant Ave., Suite II-A, Auburn, NY 13021. The application and all required materials are to be postmarked or date-stamped NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 15, 2015. Notification of scholarship awards will be made in June.

Please note that a Steuben County 4-H staff person must complete and sign the 4-H Educator’s Recommendation form for all scholarships applications that are submitted from Steuben County youth. If you are applying please contact Kim at ksb3@cornell.edu or 607-583-3185 so she can complete the recommendation. If you applied last year or this is your first time, we encourage you to take the time to fill out the application forms.

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Selection Criteria

- Demonstrated personal growth and development through 4-H projects and activities
- Held leadership roles in 4-H and other organizations
- Active in community or public service activities
- Sense of direction in future educational goals
- Academic record
- Applicant must be eligible for 4-H enrollment. Youth who have reached their nineteenth birthday before January 1, 2015 are not eligible to apply for scholarships.
- Applicant must have been a 4-H member in New York State, or participated in a Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development Program for at least one year.
- Applicant must be enrolled or planning to enroll in an accredited university, college or technical school.
- Applicant must have a current grade point average of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale unless otherwise stated for specific scholarships.

Distribution procedures.

Awards will be distributed upon completion of the first semester of enrollment at the university, college or technical school. Prior to receiving the scholarship award, recipients will need to provide the NYS 4-H Foundation office:

- A collegiate or technical school academic transcript for the completed academic term showing a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale or academic good standing on another scale.
- A copy of current term fee slip or other document that confirms continued enrollment at the university, college or technical school.
Announcement of Scholarship recipients will be at the NYS 4-H Career Explorations Program.

New York Ayrshire Club Calf Award Application

The purpose of the Calf Scholarship Award Program is to select a youth who is worthy of the award and to provide money that can be used to help purchase a Registered Ayrshire Calf at a public auction. The program offers the opportunity to a youth who has demonstrated the interest and ability to develop the calf to her fullest potential and who will also grow through this project. Applicants for this award must meet the following specifications 8-15 years of age as of January 1st of the current year. The youth member cannot own more than 2 Registered Ayrshire or 2 registered animals of another breed. Youth must have adequate facilities and supervision to raise a calf in New York State. Applicants must be or must be willing to join the New York and National Junior Ayrshire Club. Applicant must be a resident of New York State. Youth must welcome periodic farm visits. Winner must be willing to show the calf at appropriate shows. Winner will provide yearly progress reports to the NY Ayrshire Club. The 2015 application will be available shortly at http://www.nyayrshire.com/applications.html or email us at nyayrshire@gmail.com, Applications must be postmarked by the deadline of March 2, 2015, prior to Registered Ayrshire sales in the northeast. Assistance will be available in selecting the calf if needed.

New York State Guernsey Calf Award Application

The Calf Scholarship Award Program is sponsored by the New York State Guernsey Breeders Association for the purpose of encouraging those who do not presently own Guernseys to become involved with the Guernsey Breed. A purebred Guernsey Calf will be awarded to the applicant who shows interest in the Guernsey breed and who has demonstrated the capabilities of developing the animal to its fullest potential. Applicant must be age 9-15 as of January 1st of application year. You do not have to belong to 4-H, FFA, or a breed club to participate. Award will be presented to the winner at the New York State Guernsey Breeders’ Annual Meeting in March or April. There are questions that need to be answered in the form of an essay. All applications are due on March 2nd. Please EMAIL your application to: Christel Axtell -- Axtell7@juno.com or you may mail it to the New York State Guernsey Breeders. If you win this calf, you will be required to exhibit it in at least one local fair, and also at the New York State Fair for TWO consecutive years. If you do not exhibit the animal at the required fairs, the New York State Guernsey Breeders will make a determination as to the placement of the calf. Our purpose is to promote the Guernsey Calf Scholarship Program; therefore, exhibition at the fairs is our prime opportunity to fulfill this mission. Each winner will be also required to fill out a County Achievement Form each spring. For complete rules and regulations and an application visit http://nyguernsey.com/Awards.html the 2015 application will be there shortly or contact Kim at the CCE Office at ksb3@cornell.edu or 607-583-3185.

2015 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, 2015. Applications and the specific requirements can be found at http://www.nyholsteins.com/Convention15Documents/Calf%20Scholarship%20App%20ONLY%202014%20or%20web%20use%20-1.pdf
or by contacting Kim at the CCE Office at 607-583-3185 or ksb3@cornell.edu or by calling the NY Holstein office at 607-273-7591. The entry deadline is postmarked or emailed to ssherman@nyholsteins.com by March 2, 2015. There needs to be one reference written from an adult (such as Jr. Holstein Advisor, 4-H leader, 4-H staff, adult mentor). The calf will be awarded to the winner during the NY Holstein Spring Carousel, NYS Fairgrounds, Syracuse, during the NYS Junior Show in April.

NYS Association of Agricultural Fairs (NYSAAF) and the NYS Show People’s Association Scholarship (NYSSSA)
Deadline: April 10, 2015

The NYSAAF and the NYSSA offer an annual scholarship program which is available to students who are New York State residents, who currently are (or have previously been) active in a fair that is a member of the NYSAAF and who is in his/her senior year of high school in New York State and plans to attend (or already attends) college in pursuit of a degree in agriculture or fair management at an accredited institution of higher learning. The fair where you have been active must endorse your application and will submit it for you.

Applications, 2 letters of reference, and transcript must be submitted by a member Fair of the New York State Association of Agricultural Fairs. The deadline for submitting your application to a Member Fair is Friday, April 10, 2015. Steuben County applications are to be sent to Bob Whitney, 8000 Mt Washington Road, Bath, NY 14810. Applications are expected to be available the end of January at http://nyfairs.org/scholarship.htm or contact the CCE Office.

Small Animal

2015 4-H Market Chicken Projects

Steuben County 4-H members (ages 8-18 as of January 1, 2015) will have an opportunity to raise market chickens to be consigned to the Steuben County 4-H & FFA Livestock Sale to be held on Friday, August 21 at the Steuben County Fairgrounds. There will be a class in the Steuben County Fair 4-H Poultry Division for Market Chickens Consigned. 4-H members will be allowed to enter 2 chickens in the market chicken consigned class and sell 2 market chickens through the sale. An additional 2 market chickens may be entered in the Fryer class. It is recommended that 4-H members purchase more than 2 market chickens incase of fatality before the fair. Animals cannot be entered in both market classes and breeding classes. 4-H members interested in exhibiting and consigning market chickens can place their order through Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County by Monday, March 30. Members can purchase their own Market Chickens, but they MUST be hatched June 9 or later! Proof of hatch date must be provided with fair entries! Only birds receiving a Blue/Excellent Ribbon will be sold through the sale on Friday, August 21. 4-H Cloverbud members can place an order for the market chickens but Cloverbuds will be ineligible to show and sell their chicken in the 4-H and FFA Livestock Sale.

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. The birds for non-owner showmanship will be designated on Tuesday, August 18 in the poultry barn and those 4-H members who want to practice with that bird before the showmanship contest on Wednesday, August 19 at 9 a.m. will have the opportunity to do so. 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.
You will receive a certificate from the hatchery indicating that these birds have come from a Pullorum-Typhoid Free Flock so you will not need to bring your market chickens to the clinic.

**Market Chicken Orders - Due Monday, March 30**
The Jumbo White Cornish Cross x Rock Cockeral Market Chickens will be ordered at $1.25 each from Myer’s Poultry Farm in South Fork, PA. Myer’s Broiler/Roaster chicks sometimes nicknamed Cornish Giants can be grown to a live weight of over 4 lbs by 6 weeks of age! Or, they can be managed to a roaster weight of 8-10 lbs. Live weights of 4-5 lbs. can be achieved on close to 2 lbs. of feed per pound of meat. They have excellent conformation, plump, tender breast meat and good skin texture. **4-H members must place their orders by Monday, March 30 to the CCE-Steuben Office including payment.** You will need to make arrangements to pick up the market chickens at Grace Brown’s on 415 N in Bath on the day they arrive or the market chickens will be given to someone else. Pick up date will be confirmed closer to delivery. Refer to the Market Chicken Help Sheet and the order form on the web at [www.putknowledgetowork.org](http://www.putknowledgetowork.org).

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

**4-H Meat Rabbit Project**
Steuben County 4-H members (8-18 years old as of January 1, 2015) will have an opportunity to raise meat rabbits to be consigned to the Steuben County 4-H & FFA Livestock Sale to be held on Friday, August 21 at the Steuben County Fairgrounds. **4-H Cloverbud members are ineligible to show and sell their meat rabbit in the 4-H and FFA Livestock Sale.**

Meat Rabbits can be purebred New Zealand, Californian, Harlequin, Giant Chinchilla, Flemish Giant, Florida White or a cross of one of these breeds. Meat rabbits are entered in the Roaster Class must be 5-8 pounds and under 6 months of age consigned to the 4-H & FFA Livestock Sale (2 entries per class allowed). If 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 4 entries in Sections I-III. Rabbits’ ages are computed as of the opening day of the fair, Tuesday, August 18, 2015.

**4-H Cavy (Guinea Pig) Classes at the 2015 Steuben County Fair**
The Steuben County 4-H Program will again offer 4-H members the opportunity to exhibit their Cavy(Guinea Pig) at the 2015 Steuben County Fair. **County Fair Entries are due to the CCE Office by July 13th.** 4-H members are allowed to exhibit a maximum of 2 cavies. Cavies can be purebred, pet, crossbreeds or grades like the NYS Fair 4-H Classes and can be boars or sows. 4-H members who exhibit a cavy in the 2015 Steuben County Fair will be required to complete a cavy project record by September 14, 2015 to be eligible to exhibit a cavy at the 2016 Steuben County Fair. For more information about cavies visit [http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/cavies/index.html](http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/cavies/index.html)
Market Beef Steer/ Market Beef Heifer/ Market Dairy Steer / Ownership and ID’s deadline

4-H members exhibiting Market Beef Steers, Market Beef Heifers, and Market Dairy Steers at the 2015 Steuben County Fair must own their animals by January 1, 2015 and the identification forms are due to the CCE-Steuben Office by Monday, January 5, 2015. Heifers shown in market beef classes are not eligible for beef breeding classes.


Please note that the Identification forms do not enter your animal in the Steuben County Fair but is one of the steps in order to be eligible to enter them. Steuben County Fair 4-H Entries are due Monday, July 13.

What is Livestock Judging?

Livestock judging is the process of ranking four animals 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, and swine. Livestock Judging allows 4-Hers to get involved, compete, and make new friends. Newcomers, no matter what age, are always welcome. If you are interested in volunteering to help teach Livestock judging or if you are interested in giving Livestock Judging a try, please call Kim Randall at (607)583-3185 or e-mail her at ksb3@cornell.edu We look forward to hearing from you. A schedule of practices and competition dates will be available later.

What is Livestock Skillathon?

The objectives of the Livestock Skillathon contest is to provide youth with the opportunity to blend knowledge and skills acquired in livestock judging, demonstrations, care and exhibition of animals into one activity. This is also an opportunity for youth even if they have no opportunities for livestock ownership to learn about the importance of beef, sheep, swine and goat and their products to the environment and economy. Livestock Skillathon consists of 3 parts: Written quiz, identification and team questions. For the 2 question written quiz (100 points possible per person). Individuals will complete the exam independently. Potential topics are nutrition, health, breeding, management, genetics and showmanship. The identification portion is 50 points possible per topic for a total of 300 possible points per person. 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, livestock equipment identification and an animal breeding or marketing
scenario and exercise. 100 points possible per topic for a total of 400 points per team. Livestock Skillathon instills ethical values, good sportsmanship and product evaluation skills. Livestock Skillathon recognizes youth for their total involvement in and comprehension of the livestock industry.

For more information and resources visit http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/beef/skillathon_rules.html

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2015 National Swine Picture Judging Contest

Each year, the National Swine Registry sponsors the National Picture Judging Contest. It is open to youth and adult participants, and includes divisions for 4-H, FFA and collegiate teams. The contest runs in the December issue of Seedstock EDGE and on nationalswine.com with entries due Feb. 1. The National Swine Registry Picture Judging Contest is available now. Entries must be postmarked by February 1, 2015 or you can enter the contest online at http://www.nationalswine.com/seedstockEDGE/picture_judging.php. Remember to save a copy of your placings to send to the CCE Office postmarked by February 1 to be eligible for the County Contest. For more information go to www.nationalswine.com or contact Kim at 607-583-3185 or ksb3@cornell.edu.

Horse

Attention 4-H Members With Horses

All re-enrolling 4-H members who wish to show their horses at any Steuben County 4-H Horse Show, including the Steuben County Fair or the New York State Fair Horse Show, must be enrolled in Steuben County 4-H by January 5, 2015 and participate in at least one 4-H Horse Educational Event (i.e. Public Presentations (club or county), Horse Quiz Bowl, Hippology or Horse Judging) at the county level or beyond or write an educational essay. New 4-H members must be enrolled by May 1, 2015 in order to participate. 4-H members age 8 - 18 as of January 1, 2015 are eligible to participate in the Steuben County 4-H Horse Shows after meeting the Steuben County 4-H Horse Show Rules. 4-H club members who are age 5-8 as of January 1, 2015 have the option of participating in the Cloverbud Leadline and Walk/Trot classes offered at our qualifying shows. 4-H families with members 5 and older 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 2015 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. If you have any questions or would like to be added to the mailing list to receive a packet, please contact the CCE Office or email Jenny Groen at jmg422@cornell.edu.
2015 Horse Record Question Insert for 4-H Members 12 and Older

ALL 4-H members are required to answer the appropriate Life Skills Wheel question, included with your record, along with completing their horse project record. Your horse project record can be entered in the County Fair. If you wish to do so, the deadline for ALL county fair ENTRIES is July 13th, 2015; this includes records (please do NOT turn in records at the time of Entries, you should keep them until fair time if you’ve entered them, or until the end of the year when all records are due). DEADLINES WILL NOT BE EXTENDED!!! A Horse Project Record must be turned into the CCE Office by 4:30 p.m. on September 14, 2015 to receive project credit and/or to be eligible to show your horse at the 2016 County Fair if you showed your horse at the 2015 County Fair.

4-H Horse Quiz Bowl & Hippology

If you are interested in participating in either or both programs please contact Jenny Groen at jmg422@cornell.edu or at 607-583-3245.

Past

NYS ABC Trip

The 38th Annual New York State 4-H Agribusiness Career Conference will be held on October 23-24, 2014 at SUNY Cobleskill and local agri-businesses. The conference is co-sponsored by NYS 4-H, the NYS Farm Bureau, and the State University at Cobleskill. This career exploration conference is open to all youth ages 14 and over who wish to become more aware of opportunities with agriculture and also academic requirements for professional positions available in the various agri-business. It featured mini-tours to farms and operations in the Cobleskill area as well as seminars, guest speakers and guided tours of the SUNY Cobleskill agriculture facilities.

Steuben County 4-H members were selected for this trip based on their 2013 Senior Summary Report and additional 4-H members 14 and over could also attend if as long as he/she certain qualifications were met. The eight Steuben County 4-H members who attended were Ashlynn Bennett, Bethany Draper, Charlie Coley, Michael Feinman, Anna VonHagn, Rachel VonHagn, Jessica Lawson, and Alyssa Ross. Thank you to Donna Walker for chaperoning this trip.

Ashlynn Bennett and Donna Walker attended the Cowbella Dairy and Summit Naturals mini tours. Cowbella Dairy is a 7th generation purebred Jersey dairy, milking approximately 40 cows. Founded in 1817, the Cowbella operation now includes a farmstead creamery that produces butter, yogurt, kefir, and bottled milk. Fruit and maple used to flavor some of the products comes from neighboring Schoharie County farms. Summit Naturals is an organic farm located in Summit, NY. The farm has been using organic farming methods
for over 35 years and produces organic veggies in season, offers 11 varieties of garlic, raises honey bees, makes beeswax candles and raises hundreds of koi fish. The farm makes extensive use of solar power for their greenhouse and other operations.

Charlie Coley and Rachel VonHagn 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.

Michael Feinman, Alyssa Ross, and Jessica Lawson attended the SUNY Cobleskill Milk Quality Lab and Guernsey Nursery mini tours. Quality Milk Production Services (QMPS) serves dairy producers in New York State and across the nation from four laboratories located in Canton, Cobleskill, Geneseo 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. Guernsey Nursery is a 100-acre family oriented nursery which has an amazing variety of ornamental trees available for homeowners and landscapers. Located right in the town of Schoharie, the nursery also does a large mail order business. Participants learned about the many opportunities in landscape design and management, as well as the labor and equipment needed to conduct a successful nursery operation.

Anna VonHagn and Bethany Draper attended the Sweet Tree Farm and Fairbanks Stable Tour. Sweet Tree Farm produces grass fed beef, natural pork, eggs and pure maple syrup. Hogs and laying hens are raised on pastures use we need to be a NOFA-certified grains. Fairbanks Stable is a boarding, training and lesson barn located on a 156 acre family farm in the town of Richmondville in Schoharie County. It is owned by Faye Benedict, a certified riding instructor, (by the American Riding Instructors Association) level II in Stable Management, Hunt Seat and Eventing. They are active competitively in eventing, hunters and hunter paces. Fairbanks Stable is home to 40-50 horses at any given time.

**Fall Cheese Fund Raiser**

The 2014 Fall Fundraiser featured Cuba Cheese and Henning’s Trout Creek Farm Maple Products. 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 all the hard work and dedication of 4-H club members.

Each 4-H member who participated in the fundraisers helped the 4-H Activity Fund and their club treasuries.

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

**Top Sellers Cheese Sale**

**Top Overall Sales Person:** Olivia Lewis – Willing Workers – $1,121.50

**2nd Top Sales Person:** Nathan Randall – Blue Ribbon Roundup/Country Bunch - $847.00

**3rd Top Sales Person:** Kaitlyn Wager – Willing Workers - $803.25

**4th Top Sales Person:** Caleb O’dell-Oriend – Blue Ribbon Roundup - $761.75

**5th Top Sales Person:** Kaden Haight – Kickin Kountry Kids – 720.00

**TOP CLOVERBUD:** Lola Coots – Kickin’ Kountry Kids

**TOP JR MEMBER (8-13):** Olivia Lewis – Willing Workers

**TOP SR MEMBER (14-18):** Ashlee Zschoche – Country Critters

* These top sellers were calculated based on seller sheets returned by 4-H leaders by the deadline.

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 and 4-H'ers.

**2014 ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT**

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

**Youth Corner**

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