2015 Clothing Revue

2015 4-H Clothing Revue
Friday, May 1, 2015
Avoca Central School
7:30 p.m.

Everyone is Welcome!

Area Evaluations are scheduled for 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 8 - North Cohocton Methodist Church
Wednesday, April 22 - 4-H Office, County Office Building, Bath

PLEASE NOTE TIMES FOR ARRIVAL:
Seniors: 6:45-7:00 p.m. - Arrival for re-evaluation
Juniors: 7:00 p.m. to get registered
Special entertainment: 7:00-7:15 p.m.
Clothing Revue begins at 7:30 p.m.

Friends and Family are encouraged to attend!!!!!!!!!
# Calendar of Events

## April

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April 11, 2015 - Up the Creek Farm 3rd Annual Feeder Pig and Lamb Auction *
April 18, 2015 - 1st Annual NY’s Best Showpig & Club Lamb Sale*
April 26 – Hargrave Farms Feeder Pig Sale*

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July 5 – 11 Citizenship-Washington Focus Trip
FIND US ON FACEBOOK!
Steuben County 4-H now has a page on Facebook! Be sure to like us to get updates on what is going on!  
www.facebook.com/steuben4h

Checking The Web!
The format of the web has been revised. It is very important that everyone is checking the web site, 
www.putknowledgetowork.org and then click on 4-H Youth Development on a weekly basis as new items are appearing on the web site daily. We will keep you informed of upcoming events and changes by posting them on the web site as soon as we get them.

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.

Fairbook Cover Contest
Would you like to see your drawing featured on the cover the 2015 Steuben County Fairbook? We are asking any 4-Her’s interested to submit their drawing (one per member please) to the CCE Office by June 1st to be considered for the contest. We will need your name, age, and what club you are a member of or if you are an independent member. Stuck on what to draw? Some things to think about: What does 4-H mean to you? What are some of your favorite things about fair? Be sure to think of ALL that 4-H has to offer! The winner’s drawing will be published on the 2015 Steuben County Fairbook and be congratulated in the next Steubenite!
Steuben County Pinwheel & Promises Campaign

In recognition of April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Task Force for the Prevention of Child Abuse and the Steuben County Youth Bureau partner with the agencies involved in the Family Enrichment Collaborative to conduct a county-wide Pinwheel Campaign.

The simple but beautiful pinwheel has been selected as a national symbol to raise awareness about the prevalence and preventability of child abuse. Through coordinated efforts, children across the county create and proudly display pinwheels at schools, Youth Centers, Parent Resource Centers, daycare centers, and even supporting businesses.

Youth clubs and organizations are needed to make pinwheels for the 2015 Pinwheels and Promises Campaign for more information go to www.tinyurl.com/steubenpinwheel

For more information on the Steuben County Pinwheel Campaign, contact the Youth Bureau at (607) 664-2119, or at billc@co.steuben.ny.us.

2015 4-H Career Explorations Registration is Open!!!

Career Exploration is a three-day event for youth on the Cornell University Campus June 30th – July 2nd. The purpose of this program is to provide youth win exposure to academic fields and career exploration, to develop leadership skills, to prove hands-on experience in a college setting and to introduce you to Cornell University.

- UNIVERSITY U (8th and 9th grade as of fall of 2015)
- FOCUS FOR TEENS (9th grade as of fall of 2015 if attended University U in 2015 or 10th – 12th grade as of fall of 2015)

Registrations are FIRST COME FIRST SERVE and spots fill up quickly, so please contact Kim at ksb3@cornell.edu or fax it to her at 607-776-9103 or call and leave a message 607-583-3185 if you will be attending and the information she needs to register you online. Please remember to indicate your adult t-shirt size. Go to http://nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/events/Pages/Information-for-Youth-and-Chaperones.aspx for the registration form and workshop choices for Focus For Teens participants and for more information.

For those members who were selected and awarded the Career Exploration Award Trip based on the completion of your 2014 Senior Summary Report (Refer to the January/February/March Steubenite issue or contact Kim if you are unsure) the cost for the three day Cornell adventure is $210.00 if the awarded 4-H member sold a minimum of $50 worth of Cuba Cheese products/ Maple Products for the 2014 county fundraiser OR paid the $50 family 4-H enrollment fee. The remaining costs per 4-H’er for this trip ($40.00 for registration plus transportation) is paid for by the 4-H Activity Fund. If the above requirements were not met then the awarded 4-H member will owe the total registration fee of $250 plus transportation. A limited number of youth scholarships (full and partial) are available through the NYS 4-H Office. The scholarship application must be submitted to the State 4-H Office before May 1 and must have Kim Randall’s approval, as the County Educator. Please note: In the event a 4-H member accepts the trip but then decides after accepting not to attend, the 4-H family will be responsible for reimbursing Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County any money that CCE has paid toward the trip. A documented emergency would receive consideration for excuse from this rule. Cancellations prior to June 1 will not be charged. Cancellations after June 1 are still responsible for a $100 cancellation fee. No shows are charged the $250 in full and will not be refunded.
4-H Clothing Revue Reminder:

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Friday, May 1, 2015
Avoca Central School.
7:30 p.m.
Everyone is Welcome!

Area Evaluations are scheduled for 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Wed., April 8 @ North Cohocton Methodist Church
Wed., April 22 @ 4-H Office, County Office Building, Bath
Ask your leader or check web for more information.
4-H office contact: Loree Symonds, 607-664-2300 or las65@cornell.edu

The 31st annual runway show of the Cornell Fashion Collective
WHEN: Saturday, April 11, 8pm
WHERE: Barton Hall, Cornell University
COST: $12 in advance; $15 at the door

Tickets are available at: http://www.cornellfashioncollective.com/#/tickets
To read more: www.cornellfashioncollective.com/

Youth with an interest in 4-H clothing/textile projects, careers related to fashion, or creative expression through apparel design will enjoy this event. Why not bring the entire club?

Cornell University Vet School Open House
The students, faculty, and staff of the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine invite you, your family and friends to our 48th annual Open House on April 11. DOORS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 10:00AM - 4:00PM For more information visit http://www.vet.cornell.edu/openhouse/

Animal Crackers Program
May 2, 2015
Registration begins at 9am
Horse & Livestock (Beef/Sheep)

When/Where: This Saturday workshop is held every May on campus (Morrison Hall) from for 4-H members interested in learning more about their favorite livestock, companion or pet animal species.

Who: All Youth (suggested age range 9-12) are strongly encouraged to attend (with their parents or chaperones). Participants will get to meet Cornell faculty and students, learn about different aspects of animal care, interact and exchange information with professional producers, industry experts, and more!

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?: Registration is handled through county 4-H offices. Registrations should be returned to CCE Steuben c/o Jenny Groen by April 10.

Cost?: The cost of $15.00 per person is due to CCE Steuben to cover basic handout and occasional presenter expenses.

Participants must bring their own lunch and drinks. The closest place to purchase food is a 5 minute drive from campus.
For more information please visit http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/crackers/index.html.
New York Farm Bureau is offering FREE Student* Memberships for 4-H and FFA members in their Junior or Senior Years of High School!

Student Member Opportunities:

- Develop Leadership Skills
- Network With Other Agriculturalists
- Community Service Through NYFB’s Partnership With Feeding America’s “Harvest For All” Program
- Promote Agriculture in Your Community
- Compete in State & National competitive events through our Young Farmer program**
- Membership & leadership look great on your resume!!

Joining Is Easy! Visit NYFB.org/membership (scroll down to “special student membership”) and fill out the form.

Give us a call or check us out on-line for more information!
NYFB.org • 1.800.342.4143

*Student members are 16-21 years old.
**Young Farmer competitions are available to members between 18-35 years old.

DOG OBEDIENCE CLASSES FOR YOUTH BEGIN

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County’s 4-H Program will be offering dog obedience classes for youth at three locations in Steuben County.

**Bath**
April 9 - 6-8:00 p.m., at Hillside Children’s Center, Snell Farm, 7320 Snell Hill Road, Bath on April 9. Other Thursdays to be announced and tentatively moved to the Steuben County Fairgrounds in June. These classes are instructed by Penny Smigiel, Toni Smigiel, and Sharon Parks. Classes at Hillside Children’s Center.

**Arkport**
Old Arkport Cycles – 3 Main St, Arkport. Obedience Classes on Friday & Saturday Nights from 6-7 p.m. Agility and/or Confirmation Classes: Friday and Saturday Nights 7-8 p.m. These classes are instructed by Christina Brokaw, Jenna Brokaw, Penny Smigiel and Toni Smigiel.

**Howard**
Classes will be starting the end of April dates and times to be determined. Classes will be held at Jackie Knoll’s house.

Youth participants, age 5-18 years old as of January 1, 2015, must be enrolled in the Steuben County 4-H Program. Youth 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 which can be found at www.putknowledgegetowork.org. Youth must be an enrolled 4-H member 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. 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. The date of graduation is still to be finalized and is usually held in July.

- Dogs can be any breed.
- Dogs must have current vaccinations for rabies, distemper, hepatitis, parvovirus and leptospirosis (as appropriate for their age). It is highly recommended to also have your dog vaccinated for Bordetella and parainfluenza virus. Participants should consult their veterinarian for further information about these vaccines as well as internal and external parasite control programs.
- Participating members need to provide a COPY of current vaccinations at the first class or they can be faxed to 607-776-9103. Acceptable proof of Rabies vaccination is a rabies certificate or a copy of the dog license that contains the rabies vaccination information. Acceptable proof of Rabies vaccination must include the signature of the veterinarian, the name of the product used, the date of administration and the duration of immunity if longer than a year.
- 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.

For more information contact Kim at Cornell Cooperative Extension at 607-583-3185 or email her at ksb3@cornell.edu.

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**NYS 4-H Dog Photography Contest, NYS 4-H Dog Young Poets Writing Challenge, and NYS 4-H Dog Video Contest**

Entries are due Wednesday, July 15 visit [http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/dogs/index.html](http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/dogs/index.html)

The Photography and Poets Writing contests are open to any 4-H member including cloverbuds and the video contest is open to those 4-H members 8-18 years old.

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**American Cancer Socity Bark For Life Relay**

This is a fundraising event that honors the caregiving qualities of our canine best friends. Canines Care. Give Hope. Save Lives. Saturday, May 2, 2015, Shawmut Park, Hornell, NY 9:00 am - 12:00pm  *Registration begins at 9:00 am $25 per dog or $40 for two dogs*  
Register online at: [www.relayforlife.org/barkhornellny](http://www.relayforlife.org/barkhornellny)

For more information email: [Tiffany.Zimmer@cancer.org](mailto:Tiffany.Zimmer@cancer.org) or call Tiffany at 607-377-7092
Feeder Pig and Lamb Sales

April 11, 2015 - Up the Creek Farm 3rd Annual Feeder Pig and Lamb Auction will be held at 817 Merrick Hill Road Little Marsh PA 16950. Preview Starts at 9:00 AM Auction Starts at 11:00 AM. Any questions call Bryan or Chelsea at 814-326-4601. Refer to www.putknowledgetowork.org for more information

April 18, 2015 - 1st Annual NY’s Best Showpig & Club Lamb Sale. The sale will be held at the Erie County Fairground’s Agriculture Discovery Center, 5600 McKinley Parkway, Hamburg, NY 14075. The sale preview will start at 11am and sale time is 1 pm starting with approximately 50 market lambs, followed by approximately 150 hogs. Visit facebook.com/newyorksbestshowpigandclublambsale Refer to www.putknowledgetowork.org for more information

April 26, 2015 - Hargrave Farms will be holding their feeder pig sale at 2:00 PM at their farm: 3759 State Route 21, Wayland, NY. For directions or information call (585)-534-5382 or Mike’s cell at (585)-519-8781.

SUNY Cobleskill Third Annual “Commencement Sale”

SUNY Cobleskill Third Annual “Commencement Sale” at the livestock barn on SUNY Cobleskill's campus on Saturday, April 25 at 5 p.m. A selection of the College's herds and flocks will be auctioned! For more information, contact Dirk Schubert at schubedp@cobleskill.edu or Cindi Shelley at ShelleCA@cobleskill.edu

The Commencement Sale is a sale run by students here at the college, and is a disbursement sale for the college's livestock. We will be selling pigs, sheep, goats, poultry, and rabbits.

If you have any more questions feel free to contact Dirk Schubert, MBA, Livestock Manager, SUNY Cobleskill CANR 039, 607-435-5662 Cell, 518-255-5669 Office, Email: schubedp@cobleskill.edu or visit their Facebook page for the sale “SUNY Cobleskill Annual Commencement Sale”.

Steuben County 4-H Livestock Advisory Committee Teen Representative

Applications are due on Monday, April 13, 2015 to CCE-Steuben, c/o Kim Randall, 3 East Pulteney Square, Bath, NY 14810, or at ksb3@cornell.edu or fax at 607-776-9103

To Apply:
- Application (visit the www.putknowledgetowork.org or contact Kim)
- Cover letter indicating your interest in committee and reasons why you should be selected
- Completed Resume (Please refer to template at www.putknowledgetowork.org or contact Kim)
- Nomination from your 4-H Club Leader/4-H Volunteer indicating why they think you would be an asset the Steuben County 4-H Livestock Advisory Committee

Requirements:
- Teens must be 14-18 years old as of January 1, 2015
- Teens must have completed at least 2 years in a 4-H Livestock Project (Beef, Sheep, Swine, Meat Goat)
- Must be able to attend the majority of the 4-H Livestock Advisory Committee meetings left for the 2014-2015 year starting with the June - September meeting.

The 4-H Livestock Advisory Committee will select up to 3 more teen applicants at their April 13, 2015 meeting to serve as a member of the 2014-2015 4-H Livestock Advisory Committee for the remaining of the 2014-2015 year. The 4-H Livestock Advisory Committee meets approximately 8 times a year (October, January, February, March, June, July, August, September) at the Steuben County Office Building in Bath on a Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. with the exception of the August meeting that is the Monday evening of the fair at the fairgrounds at 6 p.m. If you have any questions please contact Kim at 607-583-3185 or at ksb3@cornell.edu.
4-H Families Help is Requested

Tractor Supply Spring Paper Clover Fundraiser April 22- May 3

Tractor Supply Spring Paper Clover Fundraiser will be held April 22-May 3. 4-H families are needed to help sell Paper Clovers. Customers at local Tractor Supply can support 4-H by purchasing paper clovers for $1. All funds raised will be donated to 4-H, 70% of funds go to state and county 4-H programs (60-65% to the county) and 30% to National 4-H Council. Having more 4-Hers in stores during the event helps raise more money for the Steuben County 4-H Program and/or your 4-H Club. The toolkit website is www.4-H.org/paper-clover-toolkit and username is paperclover@4-H.org and password is paperclover.

Please contact Kim or Jenny at the CCE Office so we can make sure we have representation at all three stores and also contact the specific Tractor Supply Store manager to notify them that you will be coming and make any necessary arrangements - Bath Store is Josh at 607-664-1222, Hornell Store is Anne at 607-324-9434, and Painted Post Store is Gerry at 607-962-2606. If there are other times 4-H Clubs would like to set up a display at their store you can also contact them. Clubs would receive 4-H on Display credit if they set up a display and complete the project completion form/record.

Bake Sale Fundraiser Info:

The NYS Health Department office will no longer be issuing food permits for bake sales when the baked goods are prepared in private homes.

They recommend that the baked goods be prepared in a regulated kitchen. However, you may still hold a bake sale with baked goods prepared in private homes providing that:

- The bake sale is held by a religious, fraternal or charitable organization.
- You sell only non-potentially hazardous baked goods such as cookies, cakes and pies that do not require refrigeration.

In addition, they recommend that you post a clearly visible placard at your bake sale informing consumers that food has been prepared in a kitchen that is not subject to regulation and inspection by the Health Department. For a sample placard contact the CCE Office.

They also recommend that the members of your organization avoid bare hand contact with the baked goods. This can be accomplished by using utensils, napkins, plastic gloves or similar methods.

Junior Dairy Leader Program

This one-year program explores careers in the dairy industry along with hands-on experiential learning for a select group of youth ranging from 16-19 years old. The program presents youth with a realistic view and experience for the dairy industry as a viable, profitable and progressive business sector young people can look to for career opportunities while also building personal and professional skills. For more information and the application visit http://ansci.cals.cornell.edu/extension-outreach/youth-extension/jr-dairy-leader-program/eligibility-requirements Applications are due June 30, 2015.
**Equine & Dairy 101 at Morrisville State College June 5 and 6**

**AWESOME EQUINE & DAIRY 101**

June 5 & 6, 2015
Morrisville State College

This two-day, one night 4-H Equine or Dairy Camp which will be held at Morrisville State College. 4-H youth ages 13-19 years of age are eligible to participate in this camp-college experience. Equine interested youth will be able to select from two tracts in which they have the opportunity to learn more about English, Western, Racing, & Draft & Driving equine areas. All youth will participate in sessions on breeding and nutrition. Quality Milk and Processing is the theme for dairy participants. The camp will include an extensive tour of the Morrisville College Foundation Equine Rehabilitation Center.

All sessions will be taught by Morrisville State College faculty and other professionals in the field of equine & dairy. Please go to [https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/2015EquineandDairy101_221](https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/2015EquineandDairy101_221) for more information and to register. Registration deadline is May 22.

The cost is $100 per youth participant and includes food & lodging. Chaperone cost is $75

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**2015 Dairy Festival**

The Steuben County Pomona Grange has hosted the annual Steuben County Dairy Festival and Parade to honor America's dairy industry since 1957. The 2015 Dairy Festival Parade will be held June 06, 2015 at the Steuben County Fairgrounds in Bath. The theme is Dairyland History. The parade will begin at the Steuben County Fairgrounds. It will start at 10:30 a.m. 4-H Clubs can receive 4-H on display credit if they have a club float. For more information about the parade rules for floats contact the CCE- Steuben office or Phil Warner Chairman at 607-776-4827 or Cheryl McGlynn Co Chairman.

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**2015 Free Fishing Days June 27-28**

In an effort to connect more people to the sport of fishing, each year, the last full weekend in June is designated as Free Fishing Days in New York State. During those two days, anyone can fish New York State waters, and no fishing license is required (normally required for anyone 16 years and older). The general public can tap into the fun and relaxation of fishing, especially those who might not otherwise get the chance. All anglers are encouraged to take a friend fishing. With all that the sport has to offer, some are bound to get hooked. This event started in 1991 to allow all people the opportunity to sample the incredible fishing New York State has to offer. Since no license is required, it is the perfect time to take a friend or relative fishing. New York State's Free Fishing Days are the last full weekend in June which are Saturday and Sunday, June 27 & 28, 2015.

So, first time anglers, as well as those who have drifted away from the sport, should take advantage of this opportunity to see how much fun fishing can be.

In addition to the June Free Fishing Days weekend, there are a number of "Free Fishing Events" held in various locations across the state. Free Fishing Events are DEC sponsored events (such as family fishing clinics) where participants can learn about fish identification, fishing equipment and techniques, fisheries management, angling ethics and aquatic ecology. Each of DEC's nine regions can sponsor up to four free fishing events per year. Most free fishing events occur during the period from April through October. For more information visit [http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6091.html#Days](http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6091.html#Days)
County Fair Fishing Related Projects

4-H members who participate in a fishing project have the option of entering several different types of projects at the County Fair such as a mounted display of five flies or a poster display showing experiences as part of 4-H "Lets Go Fishing" project, or any display relating to fisheries and aquatic resources, under Department Z, Section 1 Environmental Education, Class 3. For more information or for resources related to fishing, contact the CCE Office.

NYS 4-H Forestry Weekend

Join youth from across the state for a weekend of forestry activities, games, and competition during the 2014 4-H Forestry Weekend May 8-10, 2015 in Delaware County. 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 2014 National 4-H Forestry Invitational (must be 14-19 for the national event).

The Forestry weekend activities include:
- Tree identification
- Tree measurements
- Compass usage
- Map reading
- Insects and diseases
- Geocaching
- Nature games
- Night hikes & 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. Cost $43 per person: includes food, materials, and cabin lodging. (A $95 value!). Space is limited, so register now! The registration deadline is before May 1, 2015. All youth must have a designated chaperone. If you will be attending as a chaperone please make sure that you have contacted the CCE-Steuben office to verify that your volunteer application and background check is complete and approved. For registration form and more information visit http://cceorangecounty.org/4-h-youth/4-h-forestry-weekend.

Rabbit and Cavy Clinic

4-H members must own their rabbits by June 15 to be eligible to show them at the Steuben County Fair. Rabbits must be at least 3 months of age to be exhibited. Rabbits’ ages are computed as of the opening day of the fair, Tuesday, August 18, 2015.

When: Wednesday July 8th at 5 p.m. at
Where: Tractor Supply Company, Bath. We will be in the back, temperature controlled warehouse.

Why: Instruction will be given on Fitting and Showmanship and there will be a practice showmanship contest. Rabbits must have a permanent tattoo in their left ear to be able to show at the Steuben County Fair. 4-H members may bring their rabbits to the clinic where they can be tattooed for free. The tattoo number must be on the County Fair entry form. Cavies do not need a permanent tattoo and will put a masking tape number in the ear for show day. There will also be information available on the parts of the rabbit and cavies, how to determine the gender of your rabbit, clipping your rabbits nails and teeth, record keeping, and information about the NYS Fair 4-H Rabbit Science and Cavy Decathlon. The Rabbit Science and Cavy Decathlon is described on the Department of Animal Science website at www.ansci.cornell.edu

4-H Animal Science entries for county fair including the rabbit and cavy entries are due to the County Fairgrounds – Youth Building by Monday, July 13 at 4:30 p.m. If you are unsure which class to enter your rabbit or cavy in or if you need help completing the county fair entry form plan on attending this clinic.

To register for the rabbit clinic return the registration form to the CCE Office by Monday, June 29.
Poultry Clinic
When: Wednesday, July 8th at 5 p.m.
Where: Tractor Supply Company, Bath. We will be in the back temperature controlled warehouse.
Who: 4-H members, leaders and parents are encouraged to attend. Instruction will be given on Fitting and Showmanship and there will be a practice showmanship contest. Information will also be given about anatomy and the NYS Fair 4-H Poultry Science and Avian Bowl Contests.

Poultry (except waterfowl, doves and pigeons) from a NY origin must test negative for Pullorum within 90 days of the county fair or originate from a US Pullorum typhoid clean flock. This includes Cloverbud members who will be bringing their poultry to the fair. Pullorum testing will start at 5:00 p.m. and is free.

4-H Animal Science entries for county fair including the poultry entries are due to the County Fairgrounds – Youth Building by Monday, July 13 at 4:30 p.m. If you are unsure which class to enter your poultry in or if you need help completing the county fair entry form plan on attending this clinic. To register for the poultry clinic return the registration form to the CCE Office by Monday, June 29th.

Steuben County Twin Tier Poultry Club Auction
The Steuben County Twin Tier Poultry Club Auction will be held at the Steuben County Fairgrounds on Saturday, May 9, 2015 and Saturday, September 19, 2015. For more information contact Keith Orfanides at (607) 769-6641 visit: http://www.steubencountyfair.org/tttpoultry.html.

Horticulture

Garden Visits
Garden visits are recommended for 4-H members who plan to have a garden project this year. A 4-H volunteer will stop by and talk with you about your garden. The 4-H member and an adult must be present for the garden visit. To register for a Garden Visit complete the Garden Visit Return Form found on the web and return it to the CCE Office by Monday, July 13 or email Jenny at jmg422@cornell.edu or call 607-583-3245.

Horticulture Workshop
The 4-H Horticulture workshop will be held at the Steuben County Fairgrounds on July 25 - 10 a.m. to noon. Tom Cortright will teach participants how to make corsages! Bring any questions you have about entering horticulture exhibits at the fair to the workshop! Fill out and return the registration form or visit www.putknowledgeatwork.com for registration information!

4-H Flower and Vegetable Garden Records
4-H Project Records are due to the CCE Office by Monday, September 14, 2015 to receive project credit and to be eligible for project champion awards. You can get your Flower or Vegetable records at www.putknowledgeatwork.org; ask your leader, or stop by the office!
2015 Horticulture Websites

- Vegetables varieties list for New York Growers: https://blogs.cornell.edu/hort/2015/01/08/2015-vegetable-variety-list-for-new-york-gardeners/
- Visit the Garden-Based Learning website at http://www.gardening.cornell.edu/

Vegetable Varieties for Gardeners is a citizen science program. The concept is simple: View ratings and read reviews of vegetable varieties at this site to help decide which might perform best in your garden.

This site makes it easy for gardeners to compare more than 5,000 varieties, read ratings and reviews by fellow gardeners, and offer their own observations of which perform best in their gardens.

Which varieties are best for your garden?
Curious which vegetable varieties might grow best in your garden? Cornell researchers are, too. Vegetable Varieties for Gardeners (VVfG) is a web-based tool that compiles information from gardeners to help you decide what to grow. The information you supply may also influence breeding efforts and seed availability.

About Vegetable Varieties for Gardeners (VVfG) Citizen Science
What varieties will grow best in my garden? This website provides an avenue for gardeners to share their knowledge with a much wider community. The concept is simple: Gardeners visit the VVfG site and report what varieties perform well — and not so well — in their gardens. Other gardeners visit to view the variety ratings and read the reviews to decide which might work well for them.

With a multitude of gardener observations at their fingertips, researchers can gain new insight into the performance of vegetable varieties under a wide range of conditions and practices, and ultimately provide more insight into which varieties perform best. At the same time, gardeners can get advice from a larger community of gardeners to help decide which varieties to try in their own garden.

Gardeners – young, old, beginners, experts – join the research team today!

4-H Horse Show Rule Books
The 4-H Horse Show Packets for 4-H horse organizational leaders were mailed in March, and postcards sent to members. The 2015 Steuben County Horse Packet is available on the web! Go to www.putknowledgetowork.org and hover over “4-H Youth Development”, then click “Forms” from the drop down list. Once on the “Forms” page scroll to Horse and select the link you are interested in. The 2015 New York State 4-H Horse Show Rules are now available on the NYS Animal Science website. To access the Show Rules, go to http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/horses/index.html.

Horse

*CLOVERBUD CLASSES*
For 2015 we will be offering a few Cloverbud classes at our June & July Qualifying 4-H Horse Shows. We will be offering a “Simplified Trail Class” and a Cloverbud Ground Poles Class per the NYS 4-H Horse Program Recommendations. http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/horses/cloverbuds/cloverprocedure7B.pdf
For more specific information please check our website www.putknowledgetowork.org!
Riding Evaluations

Any 4-H horse members who did not exhibit at the 2014 Steuben County 4-H Horse Shows, 2014 Walk/Trot riders, 2014 Novice riders, 2014 Cloverbud riders, first year drivers, and new horse/driver combinations will be required to have a riding/driving evaluation before they exhibit at the Steuben County June or July Qualifying Shows. **There will be Riding Evaluations on Saturday May 23rd at the Riding Clinic being held at the Fairgrounds.** If you are unable to participate in this evaluation, you will need to be evaluated at either the June or July qualifying shows at 8:00 a.m. Your parent or legal guardian needs to be present for the evaluation and you need to bring the evaluation form with the first page filled out including your parent/guardian signature with you.

Horse Reminders:

Your project equine(s) must be registered with the county by **Friday, May 29th.** All the appropriate forms were included in your horse packet provided to your leader and available online. Horses cannot participate at the shows unless this form has been submitted!

The Qualifying Horse shows are **June 14**, pre-entries are due **Friday, May 29**. The July show is **July 18** and pre-entries are due **Monday, July 6**. **Mark these on your calendar!**

**ALL County Fair entries will be due on Monday, July 13, 2015.** If you show your equine at the County Fair, you MUST turn your project record in by Monday, September 14, 2015. If you wish to enter your record for fair please remember to fill out & turn in your entry. All records are due to the 4-H office September 14, 2015 to be eligible to show at the 2016 Steuben County Fair. **All horse members must answer the 4-H Life Skills Wheel included in their horse project record to receive record completion credit.** All of these items were mailed to your leader with the horse show packet in March and are available online!

Outgoing Members

Congratulations Graduating Seniors!

The years have passed quickly and now you are finishing high school. What wonderful memories you will have! We wish you the best of luck as you make your way in the world. It is a time to look forward. Strive to be the best at whatever you do!

The CCE Office would like to take the opportunity to recognize the graduating High School Senior 4-H members in an upcoming Steubenite. If you would like to be recognized please mail or email Jenny at jmg422@cornell.edu by **Monday, June 15** the following information. Include your name, parent’s name(s), current high school, your future plans, if you will be attending college, university or military include that information and the major. Please include what opportunities 4-H has given you and how 4-H has influenced your career decision or your future plans?

We look forward to your continued interest in the 4-H Program. Some college's offer Collegiate 4-H clubs/programs. You can also be tomorrow's judges, leaders and committee members. It is our hope that the foundation of 4-H in Steuben County will prove to be beneficial. The best of luck and good wishes to you always!
YOUTH BUILDING

- ALL 4-H YOUTH BUILDING EXHIBITS MUST ARRIVE AT THE FAIRGROUNDS ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 16 BETWEEN 10:00 A.M. AND 4:00 P.M.
- CLOVERBUD JUDGING OF YOUTH BUILDING EXHIBITS (no animals) WILL BE AUGUST 16TH FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 3:00 P.M. ON SUNDAY ONLY.

Youth Building

Did you miss the November and February General Public Presentations? There is one more opportunity to present at the county level and receive public presentation credit for the year. That is at the Steuben County Fair in the Youth Building on Wednesday, August 19. These presentations follow the same guidelines as those during the year.

Don’t forget that there is also a Produced In New York Contest at the New York State fair. Choose a food that is grown in New York State and prepare a food demonstration using it as the main ingredient. It could be a food you have grown in your garden or purchased locally. This is a silent demonstration and is judged accordingly. If chosen, you can present at the New York State Fair in August. For more information contact the 4-H office.

ATTENTION COUNTY FAIR Youth Building EXHIBITORS

NOTE: If you are bringing fair entries in person they can be brought to the Steuben County Fairgrounds in the 4-H Building on July 13 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

2015 Steuben County Fair Cloverbud Animal Science Projects

- Animals: Dog, Dairy Goats, Meat Goats, Poultry, Rabbit, Swine, Sheep, Dairy Cattle, Beef Cattle, Horse
- Each Cloverbud Member is allowed to exhibit 5 exhibits in the 4-H Youth Building and 1 animal. Cloverbud members do not have to personally own their animal they can make arrangements to borrow one.

An experienced adult needs to be present on show day or whenever an animal is being removed from its pen or stall.

Entries are due to the CCE by Monday, July 13. Please bring your entry form to the 4-H building at the fairgrounds if bringing in person and must have completed the Cloverbud Acknowledgement of Risk Form found at [http://sp.nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/staff/Documents/CloverbudAcknowledgmentofRiskForm.pdf](http://sp.nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/staff/Documents/CloverbudAcknowledgmentofRiskForm.pdf)

There needs to be someone designated on the entry form who is 16 years of age or older to be with the Cloverbud at all times while at the fair.

Animals must conform to the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets Health Requirements Cloverbuds will show in one class and receive a Cloverbud ribbon. Cloverbuds are not eligible for premiums.
Tuesday, August 18, 9 a.m. Dairy Goat show – Cloverbuds dairy goats must be purebred or recorded grade Does. Wethers, bucks and non-recorded grade Does are not eligible. Cloverbud Dairy Goats must be born on January 1, 2015 – June 15, 2015. Dairy Goats must be dehorned.

Tuesday, August 18, 9 a.m. Swine Show – Cloverbud pigs arrive on Monday and released on Sunday. Pigs can be either registered or crossbred gilts or barrows born between May 1st and July 1st of the current year and must be weaned.

Tuesday, August 18, 1 p.m. Meat Goat show – Cloverbud Meat Goats can be does or wethers and must be born January 1, 2015 – June 15, 2015. Meat goats can be either registered or crossbred.

Wednesday, August 19, 10 a.m. Beef – Beef Calves must be Junior Heifer calves, feeder steers, or feeder heifer calves calved on or after January 1, 2015 – June 1, 2015. Calves cannot be part of a cow calf pair and cannot be bull calves. Calves can be either registered or commercial (non-registered, grade beef).

Wednesday, August 19, noon Cloverbud Dairy Showmanship only – Cloverbud dairy cattle must be a junior heifer calf born March 1, 2015- June 15, 2015.

Thursday, August 20, 10 a.m. Sheep Show – Cloverbud sheep arrive on Monday and released on Sunday. Registered or commercial ewe lambs must not be older than 3 ½ months as of opening day of the fair.

Please stay tuned for a Cloverbud Fairbook. It will contain valuable information to help your Cloverbud have a positive experience at the Steuben County Fair.

Cloverbuds that show animals must complete the cloverbud animal project record and turn it in to the CCE Office by Monday, September 14 to be eligible for project completion.

Animal Birthdates Please read!!!!!!- Please check dates carefully before entering animals in the 4-H Classes at the Steuben County Fair. If your animal’s birthdate is not listed in the Fairbook, for your department and section, then your animal will be for display only. There will be no class for you to exhibit in. No premiums will be awarded and it will not be able to compete for championships.

Project Animal Ownership Requirements & ID Forms Due for County Fair
Animal Science 4-H members who plan to exhibit animals at the 2015 County Fair are reminded to plan ahead to satisfy the ownership requirements. All animals must be owned or leased by the 4-H member. 4-H project animals must meet the following ownership schedule:

June 1 – ownership deadline for swine, sheep, market goat, and beef breeding
June 15 – ownership deadline for dairy goat, dairy cattle, rabbit, and Breeding Meat Goats.
June 15 – Grade Dairy Identification Form and/or dairy leasing form due to CCE Office by 4:30 p.m.
June 15 – Market hog, market lamb, and market goat identification/ownership form due to CCE Office by 4:30 p.m.
June 15 – Commercial Beef Breeding, Commercial Meat Goat Breeding, Grade Ewe, Commercial Swine Breeding, Identification Forms due to CCE Office by 4:30 p.m.
June 15 – Leasing forms due to CCE Office for Livestock Breeding animals

***ID/Leasing forms do not enter your animal in the fair.***
Leasing Show Animals For County Fair
The non-ownership policy allows 4-H members to designate as their 4-H project animal one or two non-owned animals depending on the species. The 4-H member can only show one of the designated non-owned animals in its corresponding conformation class.

- The philosophy of Non-Ownership is to give a youngster the opportunity to experience the responsibility of caring for, and showing an animal (that he/she may not otherwise have.)
- Non-Ownership is not available to youth already owning an animal of that species. Youth are limited to one and possibly 2 (depending on the species) non-owned animal(s) per species. The leasing agreements are between the owner of the animal and the 4-H member.
- These non-owned animals must meet all regulations (i.e. registration, health, etc.) pertinent to that species. In addition, exhibitors must supply a non-ownership certificate that is available at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Office.

To obtain the leasing form visit the forms page at www.putknowledgeatwork.org or contact the CCE office.
Animal Non-Ownership forms are due by the following dates:
- Sheep - June 15
- Swine - June 15
- Beef Breeding – June 15
- Dairy Cattle - June 15
- Dairy Goat - June 15
- Meat Goat – June 15

For the 4-H member to receive project completion and to be eligible to exhibit at the 2016 Steuben County Fair, the 4-H member must fill out a project record and return it to the CCE Office by Monday, September 14, 2015.

Attention Goat and Sheep Members

If you are purchasing sheep and goats to use as projects, they must be purchased with the scrapie identification already in the ear. All Goats and Sheep must be identified with a USDA approved scrapie tag OR by a legible registration tattoo for goats OR a legible USDA approved flock tattoo and individual animal ID number for sheep and goats OR electronic ID for sheep and goats. Official tags can be obtained by contacting the USDA at (518) 218-7540.

Meat Goat Information!
Meat Goats do not have to be dehorned if their horns are less than 4” long. However, if they have horns 4” or longer then the horns MUST BE TIPPED AND TAPE! Tipping involves cutting off the point of the horns so that they are no smaller than the diameter of a dime. Then duct tape is used to cover the blunt ends.

If you are interested in exhibiting pygmy goats, please be advised that they are meat goats and not dairy goats. Enter them accordingly if you will be showing them at the fair and fill out the correct id forms if you are using a pygmy as a market goat project.
ATTENTION COUNTY FAIR ANIMAL EXHIBITORS

NOTE-- If you are bringing fair entries in person they can be brought to the Steuben County Fairgrounds in the 4-H Building on July 13 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

County Fair Animal Entries Are Due July 13 (with registration papers if showing registered animals), and leader signature.

Entries are due to the Cornell Cooperative Extension Office by Monday, July 13 at 4:30 p.m. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED!! County Fair books will be distributed to your leader and sent to independent members, they will also available on the web. Entry forms will be available on the web or by contacting the CCE Office.

A separate entry form is required per species! For example: do not fill out one entry form if you are showing dairy cattle and beef cattle. A separate entry form is needed for your dairy entries and a separate entry form is needed for your beef entries.

All work on 4-H exhibits both at home and at the fair must be the work of the 4-H member. Parents may assist if there is a chance of injury on the part of the 4-H member or of the exhibit. ALL fair premiums will be withheld if parents are doing the 4-H members work.

All market lambs must be sheared with no more than 1” of wool.

ALL 4-H MARKET SWINE MUST BE IDENTIFIED WITH THE OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION TAG, THIS ALSO SERVES AS PERMANANET IDENTIFICATION ON THE CVI.

There is a class for Crossbred breeding swine class. However due to Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea (PED) that infects swine it is not infectious to people or other animals the Steuben County 4-H Program strongly recommends that 4-H members do not bring any swine breeding stock that will not be terminated after the fair. Refer to the PED Advisory for New York Fairs and Exhibitions, March 18, 2014, from the Department of Agriculture and Markets and the PEDv Information from the NYS Department of Ag and Markets.

Boars are not eligible for crossbred swine breeding classes. Gilts shown in market hog classes are not eligible for breeding classes.

All market animals must be weighed in at Empire Livestock on Monday ONLY! All animals must be clean and DRY. ALL eartags must be attached to the animal. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!!!! If any market animal comes to weigh in without the proper identification in the animal, that animal will not be weighed and therefore, will be sent home.
2015 Animal Health Requirements for Admission to NYS and County Fairs

2015 Animal Health Requirements for Admission to NYS and County Fairs can be found at http://www.agriculture.ny.gov/AI/2015_Fair_Health_Requirements.pdf and the interstate health requirements at http://www.agriculture.ny.gov/AI/2015_Interstate_Health_Requirements.pdf or contact NYS Department of Ag and Markets at 518-457-5302 or contact your local veterinarian.

Please make sure you know the 2015 Health Requirements. Read the Health Requirements on the CCE website or read the County Fair Book for health regulations for each species. It is your responsibility to meet the health regulations. The regulations will be enforced for the protection of all exhibitors. If you have questions contact the CCE Office. All cattle, sheep, swine, and goats exhibited at County Fair must have a valid certificate of Veterinary inspection (CVI). For New York State Animals the CVI must be issued by an Accredited Veterinarian on or after May 1 of the current year. Each animal must be individually and positively identified on the CVI. There are no exceptions. Contact your veterinarian to arrange for your CVI.

ALL CATTLE (beef and dairy), llamas and alpacas regardless of age that will be exhibited at New York State County Fairs or State Fair must be negative to an approved test appropriate to detect BVD-PI (Bovine Viral Diarrhea persistent infection). This is a once in a lifetime test that must be reported on the required certificate of veterinary inspection. The issuing veterinarian is responsible for verifying the validity of the test, the identification of the animal and recording the test date on the CVI.

All sheep or goats exhibited at the Steuben County Fair, must be identified with USDA approved individual scrapie program identification.

All animals consigned to the Livestock Sale must comply with all drug withdrawal requirements. Notify your veterinarian that your animal is consigned to the sale before starting any drug treatment.

State Veterinarians are responsible for reviewing all “certificates of veterinary inspection” (CVI) for compliance with state regulations and for verifying individual identification of exhibited animals presented on a valid CVI. A CVI is required for cattle (beef and dairy), goats, sheep, and swine.

Your CVI must accompany the animal upon arrival to the Steuben County Fairgrounds. Do not drop your animal off at the fairgrounds without the CVI with the animal. Send your CVI with your trucker if you are arriving after your animals. Also it would be extremely appreciated if the 4-H member was available to present your animal to the person inspecting your CVI. The person inspecting your animal must match your animal's identification to the CVI.

Soremouth in Sheep and Goats

Sheep and goats with lesions characteristic of Soremouth are not allowed to be exhibited. If evidence of soremouth is found on any sheep or goat, the entire exhibit including the affected animals shall immediately be removed from the fair premises with the holding pens cleaned and disinfected immediately after removal.
Animal Identification

It is very important that each animal is properly identified. Individual identification is necessary under New York State Animal Health Requirements. All animals must carry positive individual identification by USDA approved Official Identification. All cattle and swine must be identified by official ear tag. The CCE office has available USDA approved official eartags for swine if you need them. All sheep and goats exhibited must be identified by official scrapie identification.

Project Record Requirement for 4-H Members Who Exhibit Animals at the 2015 County Fair

All 4-H members who exhibit an animal project in the 4-H Division at the 2015 Steuben County Fair are required to turn in to the CCE Office at least one record on their project animal(s) per species by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, September 14, 2015 to be eligible to exhibit that species at the 2015 Steuben County Fair. For 4-H members exhibiting market animals and breeding animals the market record must be completed for that species. For example: If you are showing a market lamb and a breeding ewe then you must complete the market lamb record to be eligible to identify a market lamb to exhibit in the 4-H Division of the 2016 Steuben County Fair. If you show 2 dogs you will be required to turn in 1 dog record. If you show 1 dairy heifer and 1 dairy cow you will be required to turn in at least 1 dairy record for a calf or a cow record. This is the same for all animal species exhibited. Note: To obtain your 4-H Project Record visit the web, or contact your 4-H leader, or stop at the CCE Office.

Scholarship Opportunities

2015 4-H Camp Scholarships Available

The Steuben County 4-H Program will be sponsoring 4-H camp scholarships for Steuben County 4-H members who will be attending either Hidden Valley 4-H Camp in Watkins Glen at www.hiddenvalley4hcamp.org, 4-H Camp Bristol Hills, Canandaigua at www.4-Hcampbristolhills.org, or Camp Wyomoco, in Varyburg at www.campwyomo.com this summer. Application can be found here: http://www.putknowledgetowork.org/4-h-camp/ To be considered for a scholarship the application must be completed and submitted to the CCE-Steuben office by Monday, May 18, 2015. Applicants will be notified by Tuesday, May 26 as to the status of their application.

2015 Farm Credit East, ACA Scholarship

Deadline April 3

2015 Farm Credit East, ACA Scholarship is due Friday, April 3, to be submitted online at https://www.farmcrediteast.com/News-and-Events/News/20130109Scholarship.aspx is for those pursuing a full time post high school education in fall 2014 in a career in agriculture, commercial fishing or forest products industry.
NYS Association of Agricultural Fairs and NYS Showpeople’s Association

Deadline April 10

The NYSAAF and 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 or the NYSSA and who plan to attend (or already attend) college in pursuit of a degree. Steuben County 4-H member’s applications are due by April 10 to Bob Whitney, 8000 Mt. Washington Road, Bath, NY 14810.

Purpose

To provide financial assistance to those high school and college students who have been active in their local fairs 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. Visit [http://www.nyfairs.org/scholarship.htm](http://www.nyfairs.org/scholarship.htm) for more information including the application.

The Selection Committee is looking for well-rounded applicants and will base its decisions on a variety of criteria, including academics, community service and fair participation, as well as the overall appearance of your application.

Applications will be judged on the following criteria:

- Essay: 15%
- Citizenship & leadership: 25%
- Fair / Outdoor Amusement Business participation: 30%
- Field of study (related to fields listed above): 5%
- Presentation of application: 15%
- Academic achievements: 10%
- Total: 100%

Past

4-H Robotics Youth Showcase
3-D printer at Legislative Breakfast

Madeleine Gurecki, a member of the Galloping Grapes 4-H Club in Steuben County and Mitchell Gascon, Schuyler County 4-H member, demonstrated how to use the 3-D printer, a part of the 4-H Robotics Program, as an exciting after school program opportunity during the Expanded Learning Network of the Southern Tier (ELNoST) Legislative breakfast on February 27th. They met with Assemblyman Phil Palmesano, and Assemblyman Chris Friend along with Joe Sempolinski, District Director for Congressman Tom Reed. Madeleine states “Through 4H, I had a great opportunity to participate in the ELNoST Annual Legislative breakfast. Mitchell Gascon and I were invited as guest speakers to talk about 4H, the FIRST robotics program, and the 3D printer. I also talked briefly about my more traditional 4-H activities like animal showing and horticulture. Other guest speakers talked about afterschool and summer learning programs for children. I really enjoyed the presentation about the Garden of Fire, an arts program throughout the area last summer. After the presentations and Q&A with the Legislators, Mitchell and I demonstrated how the 3D printer works. Everyone was very interested and had lots of questions for us. We printed green 4H clovers to hand out to everyone.”
Area 4-Hers Return Home from the State Capital

Robert Murphy from Wayland and a member of the Southern Tier Livestock 4-H Club, Charlie Coley also from Wayland and a member of the Loon Lake Raiders 4-H Club, and Raven Foote from Cohocton and a member of the Willing Workers 4-H Club recently returned from the state capital for the 80th Annual New York State 4-H Capital Days Program held March 1st - 3rd. They were selected for this Steuben County Award trip based on their 2014 4-H Sr. Summary Report Form.

The program included two intensive days of tours and lectures. 4-H teen delegates and their chaperones from across New York State learned about state and local government during the 2015 Capital Days Program. During the program 4-H members expanded his knowledge about the public policy process and state government.

Participants met with leaders in state government, members of the court system and officials from a variety of state agencies. Assemblyman Bob Oaks discussed the legislative process with the 4-H members and “How a Bill becomes a Law.” They observed a working session of the state legislature. Assemblyman Peter Lopez highlighted ways youth could make a difference in their communities through Civic Engagement. A highlight of the event was their visit with Assemblyman Brian M. Kolb (pictured right with Steuben County 4-Hers) of the 131st Assembly District and with Senator Michael F. Nozzolio (pictured below) of the 54th Senate District.

Charlie Coley reflects “Out of all the 4H trips and activities that I have taken part in, none of them have come close to exceeding that of the 4-H Capital Days Trip. The trip gave me a much better understanding about what our government does for New York State but more importantly it taught me that one of the most important things to do as a citizen to get involved in our government. In our visit with Assemblyman Kolb, he explained that Americans have the power to make change, specifically in our government. Throughout the three days I realized that the government is not what many Americans believe it is, a collaboration of high class Americans trying to get rich. Government officials are there to make what the people want happen. After having the opportunity to speak with many of these people, I now know that it is the people that ultimately decide the fate of our country. Also, the tours of the capital building gave me a higher respect for what our ancestors did to create our state government and what it means to be a citizen of the state of New York. The Capital Days Trip is an amazing opportunity for youth to actively engage with our state government. On behalf of myself and all the other 4-Hers that were able to attend and benefit from this trip, I would like to say thank you for the opportunity. I hope this trip will remain to educate other youth as it did for me.”

The New York State Association of Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H Educators sponsor the 4-H Capital Days Program. For more information regarding local opportunities in 4-H Youth Development, contact Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County at 607-664-2300 or visit them on the web at www.putknowledge2work.org The Cornell Cooperative Extension educational system enables people to improve their lives and communities through partnerships that put experience and research knowledge to work. Building strong and vibrant New York communities Cornell Cooperative Extension provides equal program and employment opportunities.
2015 Regional Horse Extravaganza

On March 7th Steuben County had several 4-H members participate in the 2015 Regional Hippology and Horse Bowl contests held at Midlakes School, in Clifton Springs, NY.

Hippology is an activity that can enhance learning for 4-H members by letting them exhibit their knowledge and understanding of equine science and husbandry in a competitive setting. Participants are able to demonstrate their experience and knowledge gained in horse judging, quiz bowl, speeches, and practical horse management. Phases of the contest include a written exam, identification of items shown on slides, placing and/or ID of feedstuffs or feed tags, judging, ID stations, and team problems.

For the morning’s Hippology contest, this year Steuben had a 4 Senior members Megan Bressler, Erika Sieckarski, Anna VonHagn, Rachel VonHagn compete. As a team, the girls finished in 1st place out of 8 teams. Individually, three of the girls placed in the top 10 and will be headed on to the State Hippology Competition held August 30, 2015, at the New York State Fair. Megan Bressler placed 2nd, Rachael VonHagn placed 7th and Anna VonHagn placed 8th.

The afternoon’s Horse Bowl Competition, Steuben members Megan & Erika competed on a combined team with Ontario County which placed 3rd. Individually, neither qualified for the State Horse Bowl competition held April 18th at Cornell University, but Steuben County 4-H Program is proud of these girls and to have them as representatives of our program!

Steuben County 4-H Members Excel in 2015 Finger Lakes District 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contests

On March 7, 2015 Steuben County 4-H members participated in the Annual Finger Lakes District 4-H Dairy Cattle Quiz Bowl Contests held at Midlakes Jr./Sr. High School, Phelps, NY.

The dairy quiz bowl contests provide 4-H members an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge of the dairy industry and related subject matter in a fun, "TV Jeopardy" setting. The contests, coordinated by Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development staff, are an educational experience for both the participants and spectators.

In the Junior Division the Steuben County team placed 5th consisting of Alicia Lawson, Country Bunch 4-H Club, along with Megan Ross, Dairy Dreamers 4-H Club, and Alex Lubberts, independent member. Individually Alicia Lawson placed 4th and Megan Ross placed 10th. The team was coached by Jennifer Ross.

In the Senior Division individually Paige Demun, Dairy Dreamers 4-H Club member, placed 1st. The Steuben County Sr. team placed 1st consisting of Paige Demun, Priscilla Helgerson, Alyssa Ross, and Megan White all from the Dairy Dreamers 4-H Club. The Sr. team was coached by Lisa Demun.

Natalie Cornell was selected and Sarah Lawson was selected as an alternate to represent the Finger Lakes District Novice Team at the New York State Dairy Quiz Bowl Novice Invitational to be held during the NYS Fair. Alicia Lawson was selected to represent the Finger Lakes District Jr. Team and Paige Demun was selected to represent the Finger Lakes District Sr. Team at the New York State Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest on April 25th at Cornell University, Ithaca.

Thank you to Ian Stewart, Independent 4-H member, and Kathy Stewart for being volunteers for the Finger Lakes District Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest.
Dairy Judging Clinic and Contest held at Cornell University

On March 14, Paige Demun, Rachel Hoffer and Bryce Warriner of the Dairy Dreamers 4-H Club and Ian Stewart, Independent member, participated in the Dairy Judging Clinic and Contest held at Cornell University. Paige placed 5th in the senior division with only 3 points separating her from the 1st place individual. In the Jr. Division Bryce placed 3rd and Rachel placed 6th.

Dairy Discovery

Ashlynn Bennett and Justin Bennett, Forever Farmers and Howard Hillbillies 4-H Club; Paige Demun, Priscilla Helgerson, Rachel Hoffer, and Alyssa Ross, all members of the Dairy Dreamers 4-H Club, and Ian Stewart, Independent member, attended the NYS Youth Dairy Discovery Workshop at Cornell University on March 27 and 28, 2015. Members were selected to attend this Steuben County 4-H Award trip based on their completion of their 2014 Senior Summary Report Form and their active involvement in the Steuben County 4-H Dairy Program or interested 4-H members ages 14-18 as of January 1, 2015 were eligible to pay their own registration fee to attend. Thank you to Keith and Lisa Demun for chaperoning the 2015 Dairy Discovery trip. The workshops for this year’s Dairy Discovery focused on “Calf and Heifer Production Management.” A highlight of the program included watching and learning about the calf autopsy and how it is used to diagnose an illness. Also another favorite portion of the program was learning about colostrum management & analysis of passive transfer and dehorning. Dairy Discovery is sponsored by: The NYS 4-H Dairy Cattle Program and developed and coordinated by: PRO-DAIRY, Cornell Cooperative Extension and the Dairy Management Group.

Finger Lakes District Public Presentations

Congratulations to the Steuben County 4-H members who were selected from the Steuben County Public Presentations and attended the Finger Lakes District Public Presentation Program on March 28th at Midlakes School. Representing Steuben County were: Megan Abbott, of the Avoca Kountry Kritters; Michal Eckler, Rachel Eckler of the Country Bunch 4-H Club; Raven Foote, Samantha Towner, Alyx Uhl, and Abby Gleason of the Willing Workers 4-H Club; Peter Kelly and Victoria Kelly, Ashlee Zschoche of the Country Critics 4-H Club; Caleb O’Dell-Oriend, Kaleb Dinniny, Koralee Dininny, Maeve Robarge of the Blue Ribbon Roundup 4-H Club; Brianna Hill and Gabriel Barone of the Galloping Grapes 4-H Club. There were approximately 90 presentations. Those selected in the top 30 presenters were: Michal Ekler, Rachel Ekler, Caleb O’Dell-Oriend, Peter Kelly, and Alex Uhl. Those selected for judges choice awards were Victoria Kelly and Caleb O’Dell-Oriend. Thank you also to Betty Holden and Penny Kephart for being evaluators at the event. Also thank you to the Steuben County Room Hostesses: Raven Foote, Samantha Towner, Ashlee Zschoche, Michal Eckler and Alyx Uhl.
Steuben County 4-H Spring Garden Meeting Held

Fifty-two 4-H members along with parents and leaders participated in the 4-H Spring Garden Meeting that was held on March 14, 2015 at the Central Steuben Masonic Community Center at the Steuben County Fairgrounds, Bath. Tom Cortright discussed the techniques of flower arranging and what he looks for when he judges the 4-H flowers and 4-H flower arranging contest at the Steuben County Fair. This year, different container gardening techniques were discussed. Members were also informed that soil samples can be brought in and tested by Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners. Attendees also received information about various container gardening options/techniques as well as companion planting all compiled by a key volunteer/Master Gardener Joan Tichenor. As a fun activity to end the meeting with, all the members showed their support for the Monarch Butterfly by posing and using the American Sign Language gesture for butterfly. For more information on how YOU can help the struggling monarch by creating waystations, please visit the following links: http://www.nwf.org/Butterfly-Heroes.aspx or http://www.monarchwatch.org/.


All the participants received a certificate, seeds, and door prizes. Thank you to the following businesses and individuals for your generous donations for the door prizes: Bath Building Company, Bath; Tom Cortright, VanEtten; Joan Tichenor, Bath; Oopsie Daisy Florist and Flower Shop, Addison; Tractor Supply Company, Bath; WalMart, Hornell; WalMart, Painted Post; A special thank you goes to Joan Tichenor for sorting and organizing the seed donations that were received from various companies.
Steuben County 4-H Members Participate In County Wide Public Presentation Day

One hundred County 4-H members participated in county-wide public presentations in November 2014 and February 2015. The goal of 4-H Public Presentations is to build a young person’s confidence speaking in front of a group. This year’s participants conducted demonstrations, illustrated talks, impromptu speeches, powerpoint, and dramatic interpretations.

The following individuals participated in the event:

Independent Members: Abigail Brinckerhoff, Anthony Swiatowy, Dakota Williams, Megan Cratsley, Conner Stewart, Hannah Stewart,


Country Bunch: Aubrie Laverty, Ryleigh Laverty, Isaac McFeaters, Michal & Rachel Eckler (pictured above), Sarah Lawson, Alicia Lawson, Nathan Lawson

Galloping Grapes: Gabriel Barone, Brianna Hill

Country Critters: Ashlee Zschoche, Peter Kelly, Victoria Kelly, Janey Marszalkowski, Jacob Neff-Peer

Blue Ribbon Round-up: Caleb O’Dell-Oriend, Jade Atherton, Kayla Atherton, Maeve Robarge, Vivien Robarge, Kora Dininny, Kaleb Dininny, Nicholas Randall,

Avoca Kountry Kritters: Megan Abbott (pictured left), Christopher Abbott, Haley Vosburg, Tyler Woodward,

Willing Workers: Madison Conrad, Mattie Deusenbery, Ashley Feely, Emily Feely, Olivia Feely, Kayden Feinman, Raven Foote, Molly Fox Stephanie Fox, Abby, Gleason, Amelia Gleason, Gwen Hargrave, Greta Huber, Rachel Joseph, Autumn Ladd, Hailey Martin, Kaitlin Matthews, Caleb Miller Evelyn Miller, Rose Miller, Cheyanne Ritchey-Yeoman, Alexis Robinson, Brad Sick, Gabi Sick, Noah Sick, Samantha Towner, Jackson Trieste-Gricius, Alyx Uhl


Loon Lake Raiders: Katlin Bidlack, Kelsi Bird, Charlie Coley, Burl Donnan, Lily Donnan (pictured right), Evelyn Miller, Rose Miller, Erika Sieczkarski, Paige Skinner, Gwyneth Washburn.

Thank you to those who served as volunteer evaluators for the presentations. Evaluators were Betty Holden, Penny Kephart, Sue Schwingel, and Ilean Schultheiss, Jen Cratsley, Helen Barone, and Jessica Houghtaling.

Steuben County 4-H Members Complete the 2015 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program

The Hazardous-Occupation Order for youth under 16 makes it unlawful to hire or even permit without pay any youth under the age of 16 to participate in any work activities listed as hazardous, unless:

1. The youth is employed, either with or without compensation, by their parents or legal guardian, or
2. The youth 14-15 years old has a training certificate which provides an exemption from certain hazardous work activities.
3. The Tractor and Machinery Operation Program allows for youth under the age of 16 who successfully completes the program to engage in agricultural work activities below if they are 14-15 despite the fact the activities are listed as "agricultural work activities classified as hazardous for youth under 16".

**Tractor Operation** - This training allows youth who successfully complete requirements to: operate a tractor over 20 PTO horsepower, or connect or disconnect an implement or any of its parts to or from such a tractor.

**Equipment Operation** - This allows youth who successfully complete requirements to operate or assist to operate the following equipment: hay mower, hay baler, forage harvester, forage blower, feed grinder, crop dryer, auger conveyor, the unloading mechanism of a non-gravity type self-unloading wagon or trailer, corn picker, cotton picker, grain combine, power post-hole digger, power post driver, a non-walking rotary tiller, potato digger, or mobile pea viner. This includes starting, stopping, adjusting, feeding, or any activity involving physical contact associated with the operation of the equipment listed. Youth must have satisfied all the requirements for the Tractor Operation and must have completed a total of at least 24 hours of instruction including classroom instruction and hands on learning driving a tractor. Participants who want to earn their certification must pass both the written exam and the driving test.

**Seven Steuben County 4-H members consisting of Joseph Compton, Shelby Hammond, Nathan Payne, Matt Smith, Matt Stewart, Abigail Wright, John Wright, Jr. and Sam Stewart, Schuyler County 4-H member, successfully completed the course.** Thank you to John Lyons and Dave Dockstader who instructed the class and to our guest speaker: Glenn Osterhout from the NY Center of Agricultural Medicine and Health. Thank you to Doyle Vineyards, Hammondsport for their assistance with the course. Also thank you to the other volunteers who assisted with the course: Doug Reed, Mark Payne, Walter Wright, Jereme Bottum, David Dockstader, Jr., Alison Dockstader, Zach Kashmer, Bill Lyons, Raymond Reed and Rhuben Reed.

Abigail Wright states that during the course “I learned how to think before you do because if you don't think then you will regret it. In the tractor course we didn't just learn tractor safety they taught us about life and what not to do. If you don't do the right thing and you don't have common sense you will get hurt. For example, we watched and listened to stories about people that put themselves in a bad position and some never got out.”

For more information about the Steuben County 4-H Program contact Cornell Cooperative Extension at 607-664-2300 or visit us on the web at [www.putknowledgetowork.org](http://www.putknowledgetowork.org)
Youth Corner

Have a club member who likes to write? Has your club been out and about in the community? 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! Need an idea of how to get started? Look below for a piece provided from the Howard Hillbillies Club.

Youth Conservationist Program Recipient 2014
Hello my name is Shelby Hammond and I was fortunate enough to be selected through the Youth Conservationist Program to receive my Scottish Blackface Ewe. The Youth Conservationist Program is set up to help youth who are interested in raising sheep get started with maybe a breed you wouldn’t see every day. After submitting an essay I was happily picked. I traveled to The Sheep and Wool Festival in Maryland in 2014 and along with other students was awarded a heritage breed sheep. I have shown her at the local Steuben County Fair, at The New York State Fair, have taken her wool to a spinner, I have traveled to Cobleskill, NY where I found a registered ram in hopes that I will have lambs within the next month (keep your fingers crossed) and have spoken at a couple outings to promote this program. I think this is a wonderful program offered to youth who maybe want to start their own flock, I have really enjoyed receiving Rosalee, my Scottish Blackface ewe, and encourage any youth between the ages of 9-18 yrs. old who enjoy sheep and agriculture as much as I do to apply.

Submitted by Shelby Hammond