"Sewing Masquerade"

2014 4-H Clothing Revue
Friday, May 2, 2014
Avoca Central School
7:30 p.m.

Everyone is Welcome!

Area Evaluations are scheduled for 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 9 - North Cohocton Methodist Church
Wednesday, April 23 - 4-H Office, County Office Building, Bath

PLEASE NOTE TIMES FOR ARRIVAL:
Seniors: 6:40-7:00 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
April 5 - Cow College 1-3 p.m., Don and Kathy Bossard, Canaseraga
April 8 – Small Animal Committee meeting – CCE Office @ 6 pm
April 8 – 4-H Livestock Committee meeting Empire Livestock @ 7 p.m.
April 9 - Clothing Evaluations, North Cohocton Methodist Church  3:00-5:00
April 10 Dog Obedience Classes 6-8:00 p.m., at Hillside Children’s Center, 7320 Snell Hill Road, Bath
April 11-13 – STARR, NYS Fairgrounds
April 12 – State Horse Bowl Contest @ Cornell
April 13 – 2nd Annual Koegel Show Pigs Sale – Country Crossroads Feed Store , 3186 County Rte 61, Andover, NY  1:00 p.m.
April 19 - Steuben County Dairy Judging Tour, 10 a.m. Jerry Stewart, Dansville
April 23 – Clothing Evaluations, CCE Office, 3:00-5:00
April 23 – May 4 Tractor Supply Spring Paper Clover fundraiser
April 24 – Dog Obedience Classes 6-8:00 p.m., at Hillside Children’s Center, 7320 Snell Hill Road, Bath
April 26 – NYS 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest, Cornell University
April 27 – Hargrave Farms Feeder Pig Sale, Hargrave Farms, 3759 State Route 21, Wayland, NY  2:00 p.m.

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 2013 County Fair
May 1– May 4 Tractor Supply Spring Paper Clover fundraiser continued
May 2 - 4-H Clothing Revue, Avoca Central School, 7:30 p.m.
May 3 – NYS Animal Crackers (Dairy and Poultry), Cornell University
May 9 - New York Next Generation Jersey Sale at 5 pm at the Steuben County Fairgrounds
May 10 - Twin Tier Club Poultry Auction
May 15 – 4-H Program Committee Meeting 7 p.m. CCE Office
May 17 – NYS 4-H Public Presentation Contest, Cornell University, Morrison Hall
May 17 – NYS 4-H Horse Communications Contest, Cornell University, Morrison Hall
May 25 – Steuben County 4-H Riding evaluations, Bath Fairgrounds
May 28 – June 15 Horse Show Entries due to CCE Office by 4:30 p.m.
May 28 – Horse Certificates, Rabies, Coggins due to CCE Office by 4:30 p.m.
May 28 – Horse Educational Requirement Deadline to show

June
June 1 – Ownership Deadline Market Goats, Market Hogs and Market Lambs
June 1 – Ownership Deadline for Beef Breeding Heifers, Breeding Sheep, Breeding Swine
June 1 - Fairbook Cover Contest Entries Due
June 6 – Roseland Waterpark ticket orders due to the CCE office.
June 7 – Steuben County Dairy Festival, Steuben County Fairgrounds
June 14 – Steuben County 4-H Qualifying Horse Show (Open to all NYS 4-H horse members)
June 16 – Grade Dairy ID Forms and Dairy Cattle and Dairy Goat Leasing forms due to CCE Office
June 16 – ID forms due for Commercial Beef Heifers, Commercial Breeding Meat Goats, Grade Ewes, Market Goats, Market Hogs and Market Lambs.
June 17 – Small Animal Committee meeting – CCE Office @ 6 p.m.
June 23 – Rabbit and Poultry Clinic Registration Form due to CCE Office
June 30 – Jr. Dairy Leader Program Application due
July
TBA – Horticulture Workshop
TBA – 4-H Junior Award Trip
TBA – Finger Lakes Dairy Judging Contest Alfred State College
July 1-3 – NYS 4-H Career Exploration Trip, Cornell University
July 2 – 4-H Poultry and Rabbit Clinic Steuben County Fairgrounds, 5 p.m.
July 3 – July 13 Horse Qualifying Show Entries due to CCE Office by 4:30 p.m.
July 6 -12 Citizenship-Washington Focus Trip
July 7 – ALL FAIR ENTRIES DUE TO FAIRGROUNDS BY 4:30 P.M.
July 7 – July 19th Horse Show entries Due to CCE Office by 4:30 P.M.
July 7 – Garden Visit Form due to CCE Office
July 19 – Steuben County 4-H Horse Qualifying Show (Open to all NYS 4-H horse members)

August
August 10-4-H Youth Building non-animal exhibits **must** be brought to the 4-H building on **Sunday only**.
10:00 am-4:00 pm
  - Non-animal Clover Bud judging – 1-3 on **Sunday Only**
August 11 -Youth building Judging Day beginning at 9:00am
August 17– 4-H youth building release time 7:00pm

September
Sept. 8 – Livestock Records due for all State Fair Exhibitors.
September 8 – 4-H PROJECT RECORDS THAT ARE REQUIRED DUE TO CCE OFFICE
September 8 – PROJECT COMPLETION FORMS and Project Champion Nominations From Leaders Due to CCE Office!
September 8 – 4-H On Display and Community Service Reports Due to CCE Office.
September 8 – 4-H Jr. and Sr. Activity Report Forms Due to CCE Office

**Office News**

**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.

Upcoming Events

Fairbook Cover Contest
Would you like to see your drawing featured on the cover the 2014 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 2014 Steuben County Fairbook and be congratulated in the next Steubenite!

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 12. DOORS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 10:00AM - 4:00PM For more information visit http://www.vet.cornell.edu/openhouse/

I ♥ NY Agriculture Art and Writing Contest

New York Agriculture in the Classroom is proud to announce this year's I ♥ New York Agriculture Art and Writing contest! The contest is open to students in Pre-K through Sixth Grade and winners receive various prizes. Winning projects will be on display at the New York State Fair in August in the FFA Exhibit Building. To see the artwork of past winners or to find out more about the contest and how to enter, please visit the NYAITC http://agclassroom.org/ny/programs/contest.htm

Submissions are due April 25, 2014.
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 2014 Pinwheels and Promises Campaign for more information go to http://steubencony.org/Files/Documents/YouthBureau/pinwheels2014.pdf

For two different sets of directions to make pinwheels or a Pinwheel Coloring sheet go to http://steubencony.org/Files/Documents/YouthBureau/pinwheel_directions.pdf

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

2014 4-H Career Explorations at Cornell University July 1-3 the Registration is Open

UNIVERSITY U (8th and 9th grade as of fall of 2014)

FOCUS FOR TEENS (9th grade as of fall of 2014 if attended University U in 2013 or 10th – 12th grade as of fall of 2014)

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 607-664-2303 or call and leave a message 607-664-2306 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/CareerEx.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 2013 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 $175.00 if the awarded 4-H member sold a minimum of $50 worth of Cuba Cheese products/ Maple Products for the 2013 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 $215 plus transportation. **A limited number of youth scholarships are available (Full Scholarship $190 and partial scholarship is $105) through the NYS 4-H Office. The scholarship application must be submitted to the State 4-H Office before April 15 and must have Kim Randall’s signature, 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 10th will not be charged. Cancellations after June 10th are still responsible for a $100 cancellation fee. No shows are charged the $215 in full and will not be refunded.** Same gender, same program, same roommate youth substitutes are allowed.
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.
Become part of the State’s top organization protecting the rights of farmers, landowners and ag professionals across New York.

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. Classes will be held in Bath on Thursday evenings from 6-8:00 p.m., at Hillside Children’s Center, Snell Farm, 7320 Snell Hill Road, Bath on April 10 and April 24, the Thursday in May to be announced and tentatively in June moved to the Steuben County Fairgrounds. These classes are instructed by Penny Smigiel, Tony Smigiel, and Sharon Parks. Classes at Hillside Children’s Center, Bath will be held in the brown Morton Building. Classes will also be offered in Howard starting in April dates and times to be determined at Jackie Knoll’s house and Christina Brokaw will be the instructor in Arkport on Saturdays at 6 p.m. starting the beginning of May specific dates and locations to be determined.

Youth participants age 5-18 years old as of January 1, 2014 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.com. Youth must be an enrolled 4-H members by May 1, 2014 to be eligible to enter your dog or other projects in the 4-H division of the 2014 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 2014 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.

Dogs can be any breed. 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, parovirus 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 607-664-2303.** 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 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 Cornell Cooperative Extension at 607-664-2306 or email Kim at ksb3@cornell.edu.**

**Feeder Pig Sales**

April 13, 2014 – 2nd Annual Koegel Show Pigs Sale - Location: Country Crossroads Feed store, 3186 County Route 61, Andover, NY 14806 Approx. 100 club pigs will be auctioned at this sale. Sale begins at 1:00 and doors open at 10:00 for preview. Food will be available to purchase. All pigs originate from PEDv free herds. For directions contact Country Crossroads at 607-478-8858. Consignors Koegel Show Pigs 607-329-2216 or email koegelshowpigs@yahoo.com; Rattlesnake Mt. Farms (Mark’s Cell) 814-574-3274, and John H. Stierly IV Genetics 607-742-5860

April 27, 2014 – Hargrave Farms will be holding their feeder pig sale at 2:00PM at their farm: 3759 State Route 21, Wayland, NY.

They are offering some of their top genetic lines with the addition of some Pennsylvania-bred pigs. They will be selecting from 12 litters for the sale, with quite a few AI litters from Top Cut sires. The pigs at each sale will be 8-12 weeks old and good for July and August Shows. Pigs from their farm were Champions at Allegany, Genesee, and Steuben County Fairs last year. For directions or information call (585)-534-5382 or Mike’s cell at (585)-519-8781.

**New York Next Generation Jersey Sale**

Get your Jersey heifer or young cow 4-H projects on May 9th! There will be many different ages to choose from…PLUS you will have an early start on training them to lead for the fairs all summer long!!!

**Plan now to attend the New York Next Generation Jersey Sale on May 9th at 5 pm at the Steuben County Fairgrounds, Bath NY.** Catalogs will be available in early April and you can see pedigrees online too!

Cannot make it on the 9th? No problem, you can see the heifers online and even bid from home! Just call ahead and reserve a number. Details will follow in upcoming newsletters and at the JMS (Jersey Marketing Service) website at usjersey.com.

The following volunteer members of the NY sale committee are available to answer questions. They are: Jerry Stewart – Chairman – 607-382-8442; Eric Hanson – 716-225-0696; Nathan Chittenden – 518-330-3865; Meghan Moody – 814-574-4817; George Wilson – 607-287-8476; Keith Evans – 607-226-1274; and Charlie Luchsinger 315-382-4354

You can also contact Sally Stine at 614-322-4473, Erica Davis at 614-361-9716 or your AJCA-NAJ Area Representative, Sara Barlass at 614-256-6502 or email JMS@usjersey.com.

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Wed., April 23 @ 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

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**Animal Crackers Program**  
May 3, 2014

Registration begins at 9am  
Dairy & Poultry

*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) from 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. Participants will get to meet Cornell faculty and students, learn about different aspects of animal care, interact and exchange information with professional producers, industry experts, and more! Hands-on workshops are planned for each species group.

**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 your county 4-H office for details and registration. Registration is handled through county 4-H offices.

**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.** 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](http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/crackers/index.html).
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://www.ansci.cornell.edu/prodairy/jdl/index.html](http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/prodairy/jdl/index.html) Applications are due June 30, 2014.

The 30th annual runway show of the Cornell Fashion Collective
WHEN: Saturday, April 12, 8pm
WHERE: Barton Hall, Cornell University
COST: $12 in advance; $15 at the door

Tickets are available at: [http://www.cornellfashioncollective.com/#/tickets](http://www.cornellfashioncollective.com/#/tickets)
To read more: [www.cornellfashioncollective.com/#/the-show](http://www.cornellfashioncollective.com/#/the-show)

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?

4-H Families Help is Requested
Tractor Supply Spring Paper Clover Fundraiser April 23- May 4

Tractor Supply Spring Paper Clover Fundraiser will be held April 23-May 4. 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](http://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.

Tractor Supply Company Requesting a 4-H Club have a Bake Sale during their following events: Demo Days on 4/26 and 4/27 and Purina days bake sale 9/20

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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.

Steuben County 4-H Annual Dairy Judging Tour Saturday, April 19, 2014

This is a family judging contest, awards will be given at a later date for the top individuals, Mother/Daughter, Father/Daughter, Mother/Son, Father/Son and little britches (youth under 8 years old) so bring your family and have them prepared to judge!

We will be visiting Jerry Stewart’s, 6167 Moose Hill Road, Dansville. The contest will be held regardless of weather so dress accordingly – we plan to judge outside. Remember to bring paper and pen for the judging.

Schedule for the day:

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Bring your lunch. Milk and yogurt will be provided for lunch. Please bring lawn chairs if you wish.

Directions: From Arkport – Take Route 36 towards Dansville. Route 36 turns into Route 63 in Dansville. Turn right onto Main Street. At the last light take a right on State Route 256 go about 1 mile to the top of the hill and take a right onto Reeds Corners Road. Go about 2 miles up the hill and take a right onto Moose Hill Road. The farm is on the right hand side of the road.

To register for the Annual County Dairy Judging Tour contact Kim Randall at the CCE Office at 607-664-2306 (leave a message anytime) or at ksb3@cornell.edu with the number attending by Monday, April 14.
Equine & Dairy 101 at Morrisville State College June 7 and 8

Equine & Dairy 101 at Morrisville State College. AWESOME Equine and Dairy 101 will provide 4-H youth ages 13-19 years an opportunity to learn about the science behind the animals they love so much. Youth from New York State will be exposed to hands-on "college classes" that will provide knowledge of equine and dairy nutrition, anatomy, physiology, and reproduction. Youth choose between the Equine tracts or the Dairy tracts. Participants spend the night on campus in the dorms, eat at the college cafeteria, enroll in classes, and spend two days as a college student! Cost is only $100 for youth and $75 for chaperones (chaperones not required). This program was developed to give youth an opportunity for hands-on learning of animal science while exploring a college campus atmosphere.

For more information contact Kristi Cranwell, CCE Oneida County:(315) 736-3394 ext.122 or kac292@cornell.edu


2014 Dairy Festival and Photo Contest

The Steuben County Pomona Grange has hosted the annual Steuben County Dairy Festival and Parade to honor America's dairy industry since 1957. The 2014 Dairy Festival Parade will be held June 07, 2014 at the Steuben County Fairgrounds in Bath. The theme is Dairyland Heroes. 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.

The subject of the 2014 Photo Contest is "Antique Farm Machinery and Tractors"
- Photo must be taken in Steuben County
- Photo must be "8x10"
- Photo must be labeled with the location on the Back of the Photo.
- Photos will not be returned but will be donated to the Steuben County Historical Society after the Dairy Festival.
- Photo must be post marked or received by: Thursday, May 22, 2014

Label Photo: DO NOT BEND Mail to: Photo Contest, P.O. Box 116, Kanona, N.Y. 14856-0116

Prizes: First Prize - $ 50.00 and a ribbon, Second Prize - $ 25.00 and a ribbon, Third Prize - $ 10.00 and a ribbon.

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 img422@cornell.edu by Monday, June 16 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!
2014 Free Fishing Days June 28-29

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 28 & 29, 2014. 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

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 "Let's 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 9-11, 2014 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 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. Cost $40 per person: includes food, materials, and cabin lodging. (A $95 value!). Space is limited, so register now! The registration deadline is before April 30, 2014. 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://counties.cce.cornell.edu/orange/4-HForestryWeekendRegistration2014.pdf
**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 12, 2014.

There will be a rabbit and cavy clinic on **Wednesday July 2 at 5 p.m.** at the Steuben County Fairgrounds Livestock Judging Pavilion. Please use the Chestnut Street entrance. 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. At the clinic 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](http://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 7 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.

Cloverbud members are encouraged to come to the clinic. **To register for the rabbit clinic return the registration form to the CCE Office by Monday, June 23.**

**Poultry Clinic**

There will be a poultry clinic on **Wednesday, July 2nd at 5 p.m.** at the Steuben County Fairgrounds Livestock Judging Pavilion. Please use the Chestnut Street entrance. 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. There will also be instruction on poultry judging and a few classes to practice judging. 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 7 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.

Cloverbud members are encouraged to come to the clinic. **To register for the poultry clinic return the registration form to the CCE Office by Monday, June 23rd.**

**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 10, 2014 and Saturday, September 13, 2014. For more information contact Keith Orfanides at (607) 769-6641 visit [http://www.steubencountyfair.org/calendar.html](http://www.steubencountyfair.org/calendar.html)
Buffalo & Western NY Poultry Club AND Steuben County Twin Tier Poultry Club Show

The Buffalo & WNY Poultry Club Show will be held on Saturday, September 6th, 2014 and the Twin Tier Poultry Club Show will be held at the Steuben County Fairgrounds on Sunday, September 7th, 2014.

For more information concerning the Buffalo & WNY Poultry Club Show contact Rick Hare at 716-592-0766.

For more information concerning the Steuben County Twin Tier Poultry Club Show contact Bob Whitney at 607-776-2500.

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

Entries are due Monday, July 15 visit 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.

Horticulture

Kanona Fire Department Pumpkin Contest

The Kanona Fire Department will be having a giant pumpkin contest on Saturday September 27, 2014. Here are the basic rules for our contest. No pre registration is needed before the event. Two age groups: 16 and under and 17 and up. 3 places in each age group. Can only enter one pumpkin. Pumpkin must be a variation of orange and have a green stem no longer than 4 inches. Pumpkins must be at the fire hall by 12:30 pm. Weigh in will start approximately 1 pm. Judges decisions are final. There will also be a smallest pumpkin contest which will be open to all ages. For the smallest pumpkin contest the pumpkin also has to be a mature pumpkin, but can be any color and must have a green stem. There will be refreshments available including a chicken BBQ. They are working on having other activities going on such as a flea market. For more information contact kanonafiredept@yahoomail.com.

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 volunteer will assist you with any questions you may have about your garden. Visits will be made before County Fair. The 4-H volunteer will telephone you in advance to arrange a time for the visit. 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 7 or email Kim at ksb3@cornell.edu or call 607-664-2306.

4-H Flower and Vegetable Garden Records

4-H Project Records are due to the CCE Office by Monday, September 8, 2014 to receive project credit and to be eligible for project champion awards. You can get your Flower or Vegetable records at www.putknowledge2work.com and go under 4-H and forms contact your 4-H leader or stop at the CCE Office to pick up the appropriate record. There are two different 4-H vegetable records depending on the 4-H member’s age. There is a vegetable record for members 8-11 years old as of January 1 of 2014 and a different vegetable record for members 12 and over as of January 1, 2014.
2014 Horticulture Websites

- Vegetables varieties list for New York Growers: http://blogs.cornell.edu/hort/2012/12/13/vegetable-variety-list-for-new-york-gardeners/
- Visit the Garden-Based Learning website at http://www.gardening.cornell.edu/
- There is a Vegetable Varieties for Gardeners website at: http://blogs.cornell.edu/garden/get-activities/signature-projects/veg-varieties/vvg-about/

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.

View ratings and reviews
Search or browse to see detailed descriptions of more than 5,000 vegetable varieties and how other gardeners have rated many of them.

Review varieties
Share your own opinions. Create a garden profile and let your fellow gardeners build on your experiences of what worked and what did not work in your garden. If you have already created a profile, login to submit variety reviews.

About Vegetable Varieties for Gardeners (VVfG) Citizen Science
What varieties will grow best in my garden? No doubt gardeners have been asking their fellow gardeners this question for centuries. Today’s gardeners ask the same question. But now 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.

The VVfG citizen science project also provides an opportunity for researchers to involve knowledgeable and motivated citizens in meaningful scientific research. Research on the performance of vegetable varieties is often limited to commercial production for many reasons. Home and community gardens may be overlooked, in part, because visiting thousands of home gardens to collect data would be an overwhelming task. Asking gardeners to partner with researchers by collecting and sharing their own observations via the web could prove to be a winning combination for all.

With a multitude of gardener observations at their finger tips, 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 will be mailed in April, and postcards sent to members. The 2014 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 2014 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.

*NEW CLOVERBUD CLASSES*
For the 2014 we will be offering more 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 2013 Steuben County 4-H Horse Shows, 2013 Walk/Trot riders, 2013 Novice riders, 2013 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 Sunday May 25th 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.

Reminders:
Your project equine(s) must be registered with the county by Friday, May 30th. 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 30. The July show is July 19 and pre-entries are due Monday, July 7. Mark these on your calendar!
ALL County Fair entries will be due on Monday, July 7, 2014. If you show your equine at the County Fair, you MUST turn your project record in by Monday, September 8, 2014. 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 8, 2014 to be eligible to show at the 2015 Steuben County Fair. All horse member must fill out the record insert using the 4-H Wheel with their horse project record to receive record completion credit. All of these items were mailed to your leader with the horse show packet in April and are available online!
ALL 4-H YOUTH BUILDING EXHIBITS MUST ARRIVE AT THE FAIRGROUNDS ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 10 BETWEEN 10:00 A.M. AND 4:00 P.M.

CLOVERBUD JUDGING OF YOUTH BUILDING EXHIBITS (no animals) WILL BE AUGUST 10TH 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 13. 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 7 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

2014 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.

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 7. Please bring your entry form to 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
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, 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, 2014 – June 15, 2014. Dairy Goats must be dehorned.

**Tuesday, 1 p.m. Meat Goat show** — Cloverbud Meat Goats must be born on January 1, 2014 – June 15, 2014. Meat goats can be either registered or crossbred.

**Wednesday, noon Beef** — Must have an experienced adult on the lead at all times. Beef Calves must be Junior Heifer calves, or Prospect Steers, calved on or after January 1, 2014 – June 1, 2014. Calves cannot be part of a cow calf pair and cannot be bull calves. If a cloverbud member brings their beef animal on Monday, August 11 it will have to stay until Sunday, August 17. If the cloverbud member brings their animal on Wednesday, August 13 then they can take their animal home after the show.

**Thursday, 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.

**Thursday, 3 p.m. Swine Show** — Cloverbud pigs arrive on Monday and released on Sunday. Pigs can be either registered or crossbred gilts or barrows between 2 1/2 and 3 months as of opening day of the fair.

**Friday, 9 a.m. Dairy Showmanship** — Cloverbud dairy cattle must be a junior heifer calf born March 1, 2014-June 15, 2014. Cloverbuds must have an experienced adult on the lead at all times.

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 8 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 for County Fair**

Animal Science 4-H members who plan to exhibit animals at the 2014 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 16 – Grade Dairy Identification Form and/or dairy leasing form due to CCE Office by 4:30 p.m. The Grade ID form or the leasing form does not enter your animal in the fair.

June 16 – Market hog, market lamb, and market goat identification/ownership form due to CCE Office by 4:30 p.m. ID forms do not enter your animal in the fair.

June 16 – Commercial Beef Breeding, Commercial Meat Goat Breeding, Grade Ewe, Identification Forms due to CCE Office by 4:30 p.m. ID forms do not enter your animal in the fair.

June 16 – Leasing forms due to CCE Office for Livestock Breeding animals

For more information go to www.putknowledgetowork.org on the 4-H forms page or contact the CCE Office.

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.

This certificate must be filled out, have all the proper signatures and be on file at the CCE Office by the specified deadline.

Animal Non-Ownership forms are due by the following dates:
   Sheep - June 16
   Swine - June 16
   Beef Breeding – June 16
   Dairy Cattle - June 16
   Dairy Goat - June 16

For the 4-H member to receive project completion and to be eligible to exhibit at the 2015 Steuben County Fair, the 4-H member must fill out a project record and return it to the CCE Office by Monday, September 8, 2014.
Attention Goat and Sheep Members

If you are purchasing sheep and goats to use as projects, they must be purchased with the scrapie tag already in the ear. All Goats and Sheep must be identified by a legible registration tattoo or a USDA approved scrapie tag. Official tags can be obtained by contacting the USDA at (518) 453-0187.

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 7 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

County Fair Animal Entries Are Due July 7 (with registration papers if showing registered animals), and leader signature.

Entries are due to the Cornell Cooperative Extension Office by Monday, July 7 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 are also available on the web. Entry forms are 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. Gilt 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 ear tags 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.

Meat Goat Information!
Meat Goats do not have to be dehorned if their horns are less than 4” long. However, if they have horns over 4” long then the horns MUST BE TIPPED AND TAPEd! 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 blundt 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.

2014 Animal Health Requirements for Admission to NYS and County Fairs

2014 Animal Health Requirements for Admission to NYS and County Fairs can be found at http://www.agriculture.ny.gov/AI/AI-202_FairAnimalHealthRequirements_2014.pdf and the interstate health requirements at http://www.agriculture.ny.gov/AI/InterstateHealthRequirements_FairAnimals_2014.pdf or contact NYS Department of Ag. and Markets at 518-457-5302 or contact your local veterinarian. Please make sure you know the 2014 Health Requirements. Read the Health Requirements on the CCE website or read the County Fair Book for health regulations for each specie. 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 health chart. There are no exceptions. Contact your veterinarian to arrange for your CVI.

ALL CATTLE (beef and dairy) 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 a legible scrapie identification number.

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. Any sheep originating from the same flock are considered exposed and must be removed from the grounds. The fair is responsible for cleaning and disinfecting the pens immediately after removal. The CVI used for entrance of the sheep is immediately invalid for subsequent fairs. A statement to that effect will be written on the CVI. In order to exhibit at later fairs, a new CVI will be required including the complete flock inspection.

Negative BVD tests must be shown to allow entry to the fairgrounds for all dairy and beef cattle.

**EXTREMELY IMPORTANT!!!!!!! All CVI’s MUST BE SIGNED BY THE VETERINARIAN THAT HAS PHYSICALLY INSPECTED THE ANIMAL. STAMPED VETERINARIAN SIGNATURES WILL NOT BE ADMISSABLE ON CVI’s.**

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.

**Animal Identification**

It is very important that each animal is properly identified. Individual identification is necessary under New York State Animal Requirements. All animals must carry positive individual identification such as an official eartag. Each goat or lamb exhibited must have legible scrapie identification.

**Attention 4-H Animal Exhibitors at the 2014 Steuben County Fair**

Please read changes carefully so that you can arrange for transport of animals accordingly.

**NO ANIMALS ARE TO ARRIVE AT THE FAIRGROUNDS ON SUNDAY!**

ALL ANIMALS must be brought to the Fairgrounds from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Monday of Fair Week.
HEALTH AND REGISTRATION PAPERS MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR ANIMALS UPON ARRIVAL AT THE FAIRGROUNDS. ANIMALS CANNOT BE UNLOADED WITHOUT THEM!

NOTE: All 4-H animals must be removed from the fairgrounds no earlier than noon, but no later than 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 17th. The Program Committee approved that if an animal is left after 7 p.m. then the 4-H member will lose ALL of their 4-H County Fair Premium money, award trips and possibly the right to show that species at the County Fair the following year.

Project Record Requirement for 4-H Members Who Exhibit Animals at the 2014 County Fair, (INCLUDING HORSE).

All 4-H members who exhibit an animal project in the 4-H Division at the 2014 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 8, 2014 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 2015 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

2014 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. To be considered for a scholarship the application must be completed and submitted to the CCE-Steuben office by Monday, May 12, 2014. Applicants will be notified by Monday, May 19 as to the status of their application.

2014 Farm Credit East, ACA Scholarship

Deadline April 11

2014 Farm Credit East, ACA Scholarship is due April 11 to be submitted online at www.FarmCreditEast.com 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 11

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 11 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 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:

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Steuben County 4-H Members Excel in 2014 Finger Lakes District 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contests

On March 1, 2014 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.

(Ian Stewart; Paige Demun; Connor Nesbitt, Genesee County)
In the Novice Division Jade Atherton, Blue Ribbon Roundup 4-H Club member, placed 2nd individually. The Steuben County Novice team placed 4th consisting of Jade Atherton, and Dairy Dreamers 4-H club members, Natalie Cornell, Lauren Ross, and Kelli White. The team was coached by Jennifer Ross.

In the Junior Division the Steuben County team placed 5th consisting of Alicia Lawson, Nathan Lawson both of Country Bunch 4-H Club, Megan Ross, Dairy Dreamers 4-H Club, and Justin Bennett, Forever Farmers 4-H Club. Individually Alicia Lawson placed 5th, Justin Bennett placed 9th and Nathan Lawson placed 10th. The team was coached by Julie Lawson.

In the Senior Division individually Ian Stewart, Independent 4-H member, placed 1st, Paige Demun, Dairy Dreamers 4-H Club member, placed 2nd, and Ashlynn Bennett, Forever Farmers 4-H Club, placed 8th. The Steuben County B team placed 2nd which consisted of Paige Demun, Priscilla Helgerson, Rachel Hoffer, and Megan White all from the Dairy Dreamers 4-H Club. The Steuben County Senior A team placed 4th consisting of Ian Stewart, Ashlynn Bennett, and Dairy Dreamers 4-H Club members Alyssa Ross and Meg Rogers. The Sr. teams were coached by Marlaina Bennett and Lisa Demun.

Jade Atherton was selected to represent the Finger Lakes District Novice Team at the New York State Dairy Quiz Bowl Novice Invitational held during the NYS Fair. Alicia Lawson was selected as an alternate to represent the Finger Lakes District Jr. Team and Ian Stewart and Paige Demun were selected to represent the Finger Lakes District Sr. Team at the New York State Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest on April 26th at Cornell University, Ithaca. The Finger Lakes District Dairy Quiz Bowl Sr. Team will be coached by Kathy Stewart and Lisa Demun.

Greg Fox, Forever Farmers 4-H Club, and Troy Stewart and Matt Stewart, Country Bunch 4-H Club members, participated in the Dairy Quiz Bowl Program at the County Level.

Area 4-Hers Return Home from the State Capital

Brad Sick and Flynn Scheib

Madeleine Gurecki with Assemblyman Palmassano and Senator O’Mara

Bradley Sick from Cohocton and a member of the Willing Workers 4-H Club, Flynn Scheib from Painted Post and a member of the Hill and Valley 4-H Club, Madeleine Gurecki from Bath and a member of the Galloping Grapes and Outsiders 4-H Clubs recently returned from the state capital for the 79th Annual New York State 4-H Capital Days Program for a trip. Brad and Flynn were selected for this Steuben County Award trip based on their 2013 4-H Sr. Summary Report Form. Madeleine was selected to represent the NYS STEM and Schuyler County Regional Robotics Program.

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 2014 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. During the legislative breakfast they met with Assemblyman Philip Palmesano and Senator Thomas O’Mara. At the legislative breakfast there was the hockey robot display and demonstration which Assemblyman Palmesano and Senator O’Mara played robot hockey against each other.

The participants learned about speaking to their legislators and career opportunities in government as they toured state agencies, participated in discussion sessions, and visited with Legislators. Bradley’s agency tour was the Department of Environmental Conservation. Bradley enjoyed learning about what the DEC does as a whole and what topics concern people all over NYS. Flynn’s agency tour was the Department of Education and he learned about many of the educational issues they are tackling in New York. Flynn particularly enjoyed this because he plans to go into education and it was very helpful to see what happens on the State level. Madeleine’s agency tour was the Department of Health which included about how health care has changed each decade over the last 100 years. Then an MD from the Department of Health discussed tobacco products and obesity, the two leading preventable causes of death. Participants also toured the Capitol and visited the Corning Tower and New York State Museum.

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.putknowledgetowork.org](http://www.putknowledgetowork.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.

**County-wide Sewing Camp**

During the month of February and March, Grace Brown opened up her home to 4-Hers who wanted to do a sewing project. This county-wide event gave anyone in the county a chance to learn a new skill. The sewing project for first year sewers was a sweatshirt. 4-Hers who completed this project were: Aubrie Laverty, Alexa Owens, and Bailey Owens. Second year sewers who made lounge pants were Chris Abbott, Megan Abbott, Grace Towner, Haley Vosburg. The third year sewers choose to make sundresses. They were Tiffany Brown, Emily Butler.

Those who sewed will also be attending the Clothing Revue that will be held at Avoca Central School on May 2, 2014 and will receive their Certificates of Completion that night.  _A big_ thanks to Grace!

**2014 Regional Horse Extravaganza**

On March 1st Steuben County had several 4-H members participate in the 2014 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 3 Senior members compete, as well as 1 Junior member. Steuben County members Megan Bressler, Anna VonHagn, Rachel VonHagn, were combined onto teams with other counties. Megan Bressler’s combined team with Yates earned 1st place team and she placed 5th individually. Anna and Rachel VonHagn’s combined team with Wayne placed 5th and individually Rachel placed 10th and Anna was in 12th. Since they individually all placed in the top 14, they have qualified to compete at the State Hippology Competition, held August 24, 2014 at the New York State Fair. Paige Skinner’s combined Junior team of Steuben, Wayne and Yates finished 2nd for the day. Junior team member Paige Skinner finished in 9th and also individually qualified for the State Hippology Competition.

The afternoon’s Horse Bowl Competition had the combined Senior Team of Steuben and Yates, with Steuben members Megan Bressler finish 2nd, and the combined Junior Team of Steuben, Wayne and Yates, with Steuben member’s Paige Skinner, also finished 2nd. Individually, members from both teams qualified as alternates for their respective levels for the State Horse Bowl competition held April 12th at Cornell University.

Dairy Discovery

Ashlynn Bennett, Forever Farmers and Howard Hillbillies 4-H Club; Jessica Lawson, Country Bunch 4-H Club; Steven Leach, Canisteo Valley 4-H Stars; Paige Demun, Priscilla Helgerson, Meg Rogers, and Alyssa Ross, all members of the Dairy Dreamers 4-H Club, attended the NYS Youth Dairy Discovery Workshop at Cornell University on March 28 and 29, 2014. They were selected to attend this Steuben County 4-H Award trip based on their completion of their 2013 Senior Summary Report Form and their active involvement in the Steuben County 4-H Dairy Program. Thank you to Keith and Lisa Demun for chaperoning the 2014 Dairy Discovery trip. The workshops for this year’s Dairy Discovery focused on “Dairy Herd Health and Management Program.” Dairy Discovery is sponsored by: The New York State 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 29 at Midlakes School. All twelve Steuben County 4-H members received an excellent with a score of 90 or above. Representing Steuben County were: Megan Abbott, Avoca Kountry Kritters; Megan Bruce, Hill and Valley 4-H Club; Rachel Eckler and Gabrielle Orcutt, Country Bunch 4-H Club; Hannah Stewart, Independent member; Raven Foote, Rachel Joseph, Samantha Towner, and Alyx Uhl all of the Willing Workers 4-H Club; Peter Kelly and Vicky Kelly, Country Critters 4-H Club; Caleb O’Dell-Oriend, Blue Ribbon Roundup 4-H Club. There were approximately 89 presentations. Those selected in the top 31 presenters having a score of 98-100 were: Megan Abbott, Megan Bruce, Rachel Joseph, Vicky Kelly, Hannah Stewart, Samantha Towner, and Alyx Uhl. Those selected for judges choice awards were Peter Kelly and Rachel Eckler. 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, and Alyx Uhl.
Twenty-eight 4-H members along with parents and leaders participated in the 4-H Spring Garden Meeting that was held on March 18, 2014 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, seed potatoes were donated and members were challenged to us different growing techniques and soils such as straw, compost, sawdust, rows, etc. Bethany Draper explained how the 4-H Life Skills Wheel relates to the 4-H Gardening Project. Soil samples were collected for the Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners to test.

Among the 4-H members who present were Megan Abbott, Chris Abbott, Gabriel Barone, Emily Butler, Bethany Draper, Braxtyn Elliott, Kaden Haight, Robert Hoernes, Billy Jones, Devin Kiehle, Andrew Kurtz, Aubrie Laverty, Ryleigh Laverty, Gabrielle Orcutt, Michael Orcutt, Alexa Owens, Bailey Owens, Jeremy Polk, Abigail Tietje, Jacob Tietje, Joshua Tietje, Grace Towner, Haley Vosburg, Matthew Vosburg, Ryan Wisniewski, Tyler Woodward.

All the participants received a certificate, seeds, and doorprizes. Thank you to the following businesses and individuals for your generous donations for the doorprizes: Bath Building Company, Bath; Tom Cortright, VanEtten; M.J. Ward & Son, Inc., Bath; Mehlendibcher Potatoes, Cohocton; Joan Tichenor, Bath; Ed Tietje Farms, Campbell; Tractor Supply Company, Bath; Tractor Supply Company, Hornell; Tractor Supply Company, Painted Post; VanScoter Florist and Greenhouse, Bath; Wades, Addison; WalMart, Hornell; WalMart, Painted Post; Wheeler Homestead Farms, Bath. A special thank you goes to Joan Tichenor for sorting and organizing the seed donations that were received from various companies.
Eighty-eight Steuben County 4-H members participated in county wide public presentations in November 2013 and February 2014. To succeed in life, one must be able to communicate effectively. Provided with opportunities to practice one’s speaking skills, we learn how to make ourselves heard as well as defend our aspirations and beliefs. Throughout its history, 4-H programs have provided these opportunities to youth, particularly through its innovative Public Presentation Program. Committed and enthusiastic about their involvement in this program, youth working alongside volunteer leaders and with help from parents, prepare for their chance to speak and be evaluated by volunteer judges. They come up with their own ideas on what to present and work out a plan making sure they have all the parts of a presentation (introduction, body, summary). 4-H youth make public speaking look easy! Helping youth gain confidence, self-esteem and speaking skills, as well as providing opportunities for youth to share their knowledge and skills with others, stimulates further learning. What better way to prepare youth for the future and the work world? The presentations were from three to fifteen minutes in length including twelve cloverbud members ages 5-7 years old. Thank you to those who served as volunteer evaluators for the presentations. Evaluators were Julee Acomb, Dansville; Jodi Hartman, Bath; Betty Holden, Hornell; Penny Kephart, Campbell; Sue Schwingel, Atlanta; and Ilean Schultheiss, Cohocton.


Madison Conrad, Ashley Feely, Emily Feely, Olivia Feely, Kayden Feinman, Raven Foote, Molly Fox, Stephanie Fox, Kim Gascon, Abby Gleason, Amelia Gleason, Gwen Hargrave, Greta Huber, Rachel Joseph, Olivia Lewis, Katie Matthews, Katie McAllister, Karli Mulford, Cheyanne Ritchey-Yeoman, Brad Sick, Gabby Sick, Noah Sick, Jackson Trieste-Griciuis, Samantha Towner, Robert Villano, Kaitlyn Wager, Colton Welch, Alyx Uhl.
**Steuben County 4-H Members Complete the 2014 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.

Nine Steuben County 4-H members consisting of Gabriel Barone, Justin Bennett, Steven Leach, Amber Loucks, Jakob O’Dell, Aaron Northup, Ainsely Robbins, Zachary Roberts, and Christen Wise 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 Lamb and Webster, Woodhull for their assistance with the course. Also thank you to the other volunteers who assisted with the course: Doug Reed, Roger Leach, David Dockstader, Jr., Bill Lyons, Jereme Bottum, and Rhuben Reed.

These are what the 4-H members who completed the course had to say: “I learned decision making, the project taught me this skill by thinking about what you’re doing and be safe around machinery. You are responsible for the actions, choices you make around equipment, most of all be safe! Overall I learned a lot about Tractor Safety.”; “I learned how to operate a piece of machinery safely and correctly.”; “One life skill I learned by this course is social skills, this helped me because I can talk in front of more people I don’t know.”; “During this course I learned personal safety.”; “I learned how to practice safe procedures when operating machinery and better conflict resolution skills and how to practice better personal safety and regarding the safety of others.”

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.

Christmas with Howard Hillbillies
On December 6th the Howard Hillbillies 4-H Club put on a Christmas party for the Howard community at the Howard Fire Hall. There were many preparations to get ready for our party. We made many different ornaments that were given away at the party, had to plan what food to have, and we had members do refreshments. We had many kids show up and enjoy the fun. We had Santa, games, crafts, and we decorated cookies donated by Betty Kay Bakery. We had baskets donated by local businesses and families that community members could buy a ticket for a win. Kids got a chance to sit on Santa’s lap for a picture and received a goody bag. We also accepted donated items to be given to the Avoca Methodist Church for their Christmas Give-Away. We would like to say “THANK YOU!” to all for your support to make our party a success. The Club members and I are very excited and can’t wait to do it again next year!

Submitted by Faith Loucks
Club Reporter