



# 4-H Steubenite



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Don't miss out on the chance to celebrate your 4-H pride this year with National 4-H Week, and put your club in the spotlight!

Research has proven that participation in 4-H has a significant positive impact on young people. Recent findings from the Tufts University *4-H Study of Positive Youth Development* indicate that, when compared to their peers, young people in 4-H are:

- Nearly 4 times more likely to contribute to their communities,
- Two times more likely to pursue healthy behaviors like, and
- Two times more likely to engage in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) programs in the out-of-school time.
- 4-H, the largest youth development organization in the world, is a community of seven million young people across the globe learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills. In the U.S., 4-H programs are implemented by the 109 land grant universities and the Cooperative Extension System through their 3,100 local Extension offices across the country. Overseas, 4-H programs operate throughout more than 50 countries.
- Learn more about 4-H at [www.4-H.org](http://www.4-H.org), find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/4-H](http://www.facebook.com/4-H) and Twitter at <https://twitter.com/4H>.

## 4-H On Display

**Each club is being asked to set up a 4-H Club Display during National 4-H Week October 5-11.** Once again this year, we will have staff look at the displays and decide which one is an outstanding display and that club will be recognized with a special award at Achievement Night. Impact, visibility, and accuracy will all be considered when evaluating the displays. Please let Jenny know where your club's display is set up will be by October 6: [jmg422@cornell.edu](mailto:jmg422@cornell.edu) or 664 -2300 and ask for Jenny.

## Tractor Supply Fall Paper Clover Fundraiser October 8 – 19 to support 4-H

Tractor Supply Fall Paper Clover Fundraiser will be held October 8-19. Customers at local Tractor Supply can support 4-H by purchasing paper clovers for \$1 or more at checkout. Invite friends and family to support 4-H by donating \$1 at check out when they are done shopping. 100% of each dollar goes to the 4-H. 70% of all funds collected support local and state 4-H programs right where you live! Having more 4-Hers in stores during the event helps raise more money, so contact your local store/store manager to request a presence and to schedule a time and indicate your needs. See how your club can get involved to help raise funds for the Steuben County 4-H Program and/or your 4-H Club. 4-H clubs can set up displays (4-H on display) and help sell paper clovers. Clubs can have bake sale (must make sure to complete fundraiser request form and hand into the CCE office). You can visit the toolkit website at [www.4-H.org/paper-clover-toolkit](http://www.4-H.org/paper-clover-toolkit) and username is [paperclover@4-H.org](mailto:paperclover@4-H.org) and password is paperclover.



## *Upcoming Events*

### **October**

October 5-11 – National 4-H Week – Get those 4-H Displays up!!!

October 7 4-H Livestock Advisory Meeting 7 p.m. Empire Livestock

October 8 – 19 Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Campaign – Contact a store manager to get involved!!

October 10 – Friend of 4-H Nominations Due to CCE Office

October 11 – 12 - Southern Tier Outdoor Show – Wilkins RV, Bath, NY

October 13 – Columbus Day – CCE Office Closed

October 20 Favorite Leader, Behind the Scenes Nominations Due to CCE Office

October 23 4-H Dog Obedience classes at Hillside Children’s Center, Snell Farm, Bath 6-8 p.m.

October 24 – Cheese and Maple orders due to CCE Office by 4:30 p.m.

October 25 – Insectapalooza, Cornell University, Ithaca, Comstock Hall 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

### **November**

TBA 4-H Dog Obedience classes at Hillside Children’s Center, Snell Farm, Bath 6-8 p.m. on various Thursdays

November 1 - 4-H Awards Program, 6:30 p.m. – Avoca Central School

November 8 – General Public Presentations, 9:00-noon, North Cohocton

November 11 – Veteran’s Day, CCE Office Closed

November 15 – NYS Farm Bureau Agricultural Youth Scholarship Due [www.nyfb.org](http://www.nyfb.org)

November 19 – 4-H Cheese arrives pick up between noon-6 p.m.

November 20 – 4-H Program Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

November 27 and 28 – CCE Office Closed for Thanksgiving

### **December**

TBA 4-H Dog Obedience classes at Hillside Children’s Center, Snell Farm, Bath 6-8 p.m. on various Thursdays

December 8 – Payment for cheese orders due to CCE Office

December 25 – Happy Holidays, CCE Office Closed

### **January**

TBA 4-H Dog Obedience classes at Hillside Children’s Center, Snell Farm, Bath 6-8 p.m. on various Thursdays

January 1 – Ownership Deadline for Market Beef and Dairy Steers

January 1 – CCE Office Closed. Happy New Year

January 5 – **Members must be Re-enrolled to participate in 2014 Steuben County Fair**

January 5 - Market Beef and Dairy Steer I.D. Forms due to CCE Office by 4:30 p.m.

January 12 – 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., County Office Building  
January 19 - CCE Office Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
January 19 – 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., County Office Building  
January 26 - 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., County Office Building  
January 30 – National Swine Picture Judging Entries Due

## **February**

TBA 4-H Dog Obedience classes at Hillside Children’s Center, Snell Farm, Bath 6-8 p.m. on various Thursdays  
February – 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program, Driving Session – Date/Location - TBA  
February 2 - 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program, County Office Building, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
February 9 - 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program, County Office Building, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
February 13 – Public Presentation registration due for February 28  
February 23 - 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program, County Office Building, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
February 16 - President’s Day, CCE Office Closed  
February 28 - General Public Presentations, County Office Building, Bath 9-noon & 1:00-4:00, Horse Public Presentations, County Office Building, Bath 1:00-4:00

## **March**

TBA 4-H Dog Obedience classes at Hillside Children’s Center, Snell Farm, Bath 6-8 p.m. on various Thursdays  
March 1-3 - 4 - NYS Capital Days Award Trip, Albany  
March 2 – Registrations due for 4-H Garden Meeting  
March 2 – 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program, County Office Building, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
March 7 - Tentative Region II Horse Extravaganza (Horse Bowl & Hippology contests), Midlakes School  
March 7 – Tentative Finger Lakes District Dairy Bowl Contest – Midlakes School  
March 9 – 4-H Tractor Machinery Certification Course – Driving Test 1 – 4  
March 10 – 4-H Tractor Machinery Certification Course – Written Test 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
March 10 – Pheasant Chick Order due to CCE by 4:30  
March 18 – 4-H Spring Garden Meeting, Steuben County Fairgrounds, Masonic Building, Bath  
March 16-20 - National Ag Week and New York Ag Literacy Week  
March 21 – March Dog Madness, Cornell University – Tentative  
March 27-28– Dairy Discovery  
March 28 - District Public Presentations/Region II Horse Communications Contest  
March 30 – Market Chick 4-H Orders Due to CCE Office



## Office News

### 4-H Office Policy!!!

**Any items, (Awards program, Fair items, etc.), left in the 4-H Office over 60 days from the date you are notified will be disposed of as the 4-H Staff deems reasonable. You will receive one phone call or email notification. It will be noted on each item the date that you were notified. Please make sure items are picked up, for you or your club, in a timely manner.**

### Checking The Web!

It is very important that everyone is checking the web site, [www.putknowledgetowork.org](http://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.

### Steuben County 4-H Facebook Page

A Facebook page has been created for Steuben County's 4-H Program. Like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/steuben4H!!!](http://www.facebook.com/steuben4H!!!)



### Choose Health Officer

Remember to elect a Choose Health Officer in your 4-H Clubs this fall! The Choose Health Officer will keep the Health-H front and center in your club and encourage the members to be physically active all through the year. This can also be used for independent families. How-to booklets for the leader (parent) and Choose Health Officer are available to help club or independent members be active and eat healthier. Contact Loree for more information.

### “Choose Health for Food, Fun, and Fitness” Food Project

The *Eat Smart New York* nutrition educators are available to do a foods project for your club or a group of 4-Hers from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up. This would be a series of six 60-90 minute sessions. Each session would include a cooking activity, a nutrition activity and a physical activity. A facility with a kitchen and table space is needed if you want to cook. For those near Bath the CCE learning center would be available. Contact Loree for more information.

### 2014 4-H Awards Program

**ALL** 4-H members, leaders and parents are cordially invited to attend the 2014 4-H Awards Program. Leaders will also be recognized for their volunteer support and dedication and County Fair premium money will be distributed.

**WHEN:** Saturday, November 1, 2014  
**Social Time** Distribution of County Fair premium money – 6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
**Awards Ceremony** – 7:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Avoca Central School Auditorium  
23 Oliver Street, Avoca, NY 14809

**Each club is asked to bring: A wrapped gift** to be used as a door prize which we will be selling tickets that night for.

All 4-H families have a role in making this year's annual awards program a success! Sponsorships are vital to the continuation of our 4-H programs. Please consider sponsoring an award for a deserving 4-H member at this year's award program and contact Kim at 607-664-2300 or [ksb3@cornell.edu](mailto:ksb3@cornell.edu) or return the enclosed form by **Monday, October 20**. Your support is greatly appreciated and allows us to be able to continue to offer quality programming to our youth.

All members, leaders and parents are encouraged to attend and recognize the achievements of 4-H members and leaders!

## Friend of 4-H Award Nominations

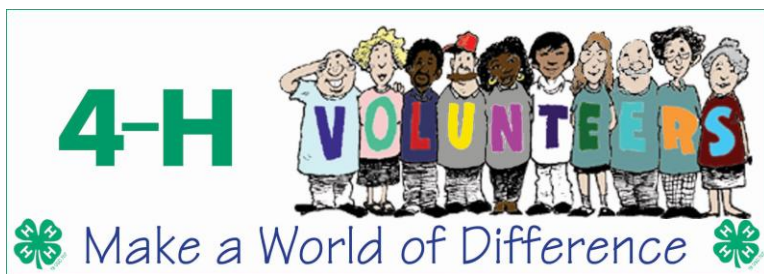
The Steuben County 4-H Program recognizes at the 4-H Awards Program an individual and business to be selected as Friends of 4-H for excelling in their dedication to the Steuben County 4-H Youth Development Program through the years and have earned the respect of 4-H families and leaders, as well as the community. **If you would like to nominate an individual or business please send your nominations to the CCE Office by Friday, October 10.** Please indicate why you think this individual or business deserves this award.

## Behind the Scenes Award

This award is sponsored by the Steuben County Farm Bureau and is presented to a 4-H member in the animal science program during the Awards Program. This award is presented to a 4-H member that has done a lot of work "Behind the Scenes", and may not have received recognition. This is not only for work done at the County Fair but throughout the 4-H project year. **If you would like to nominate a 4-H member please send your nominations to the CCE Office by Monday, October 20.** Please indicate why you think the 4-H member deserves this award.

## Favorite Leader Contest Nominations

How many times have you thanked your leader for the things he/she has done for you? Think about the times they have put aside their own plans to help club members with presentations, fair events, a field trip or with a project. You can thank your 4-H leader(s) by nominating one of them for the "Favorite Leader Contest". Write a short essay for you to read on Saturday, November 2 at the 4-H Awards Program within the two minute limit. Keep the essay brief, but write enough information so we can see how much your leader does for you. All nominees' will be recognized at the Awards Program. More than one club member can get together and write the essay, and then one member can read it or you can take turns reading parts of it. **If you would like to nominate a leader please contact Kim by mail, email at [ksb3@cornell.edu](mailto:ksb3@cornell.edu) or call her at her 607-664-2300 and leave a message by Monday, October 20** with the leader's name you are nominating, and the name(s) of who will be reading your nominations.





## 2014 N. Y. Junior Beef Producers Fall Festival

The New York Junior Fall Festival is holding its 19<sup>th</sup> annual event at SUNY Cobleskill, October 10-12. Day of contest entries will be accepted for the Youth Challenge, although, pre-registrations are appreciated. For questions contact NY Beef Producer's Association rep, Jeanne White at [jeanne@SimmeValley.com](mailto:jeanne@SimmeValley.com) or 607-423-4888. <http://www.nybpa.org/youthprograms.htm> and then click on Fall Festival Entry Form.

### Fall Festival Youth Challenge

The NY Fall Festival is again happy to offer a fun and educational program for all youth interested in the beef industry. In order to participate in the Challenge, participants must be members of the NY Junior Beef Producers. You can join by sending in \$10 with your entry, or \$25/ family. There will be Pee Wee Division – 8 and under, Junior Division 9–13, Intermediate Division 14-17, and Senior Division - 18-21. (Age as of 1-1 of current year)

### \*Meats Identification and Evaluation 5:00 pm on Friday

Contestants will judge meat cuts and carcasses. Since this may be a new experience for some people, there will be a brief overview of what you should look for, and an explanation on how to evaluate and place a class of meat cuts. Identification of beef cuts will be a component of this contest as well.

### \*Cattle Judging Contest 8:30 am on Saturday

Judge 3 groups of cattle. Reasons to follow on one class for Intermediates and seniors.

### \*Beef Practical Challenge Contest 9:30 am – 11:30 am Saturday

Written quiz on general Knowledge of the beef industry. Multiple choice and True/False questions. Pee Wee division will have approximately 10 oral questions. Topics with visual aids will be tested based on knowledge used every day on the Farm. Pee Wee division will be oral questions.

### \*Team Marketing - 6:30 .pm Saturday. Groups of 3(all from same age group)

will market one of their animals to a set of judges. Rules will be sent out.

### \*Team Fitting – 8am Sunday. Groups of 3 (all from DIFFERENT age group)

**Challenge Awards will be presented following the sale, Team marketing Awards presented on Sunday morning.**

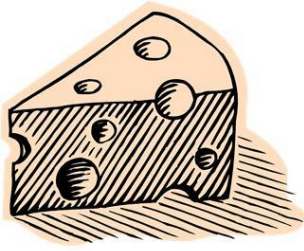


## Insectapalooza

Insects will be on display at Cornell University during the 8th annual Insectapalooza Insect Fair on **Saturday, Oct. 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Comstock Hall on the Cornell University campus.** The cost is \$3 per person children 3 and under free.

The annual, one-day insect fair is hosted by the Department of Entomology at Cornell. Insectapalooza is an interactive, hands-on experience that features hundreds of live insects, spiders, and other fascinating arthropods. Popular favorites include the Butterfly room and Arthropod Zoo. Insectapalooza is fun and educational for children, teens, and adults of all ages. The annual insect fair reflects the countless ways that insects interact with people and impact our lives - for better or for worse.

For more information visit <http://entomology.cals.cornell.edu/news-events/insectapalooza>



## 4-H Fall Fund Raiser: 4-H Cuba Cheese & Henning's Trout Creek Farm Maple Products



- **By Friday, October 24** Leaders consolidate individual member orders into one club order and complete the form showing **all members** that sold and the **total amount each sold** and mail or deliver to the CCE Office to reach us by 4:30 p.m. October 24. **NO PHONE OR FAX ORDERS ACCEPTED**
- **Wednesday, November 19** Delivery of Cuba Cheese and Henning's Trout Creek Farm Maple Products will be delivered Wednesday, November 19 to the County Office Building, Bath. We will unload the truck and sort the cheese and maple products by item. Volunteers and extra hands are needed for unloading and sorting. **Leader or club representative will pick up your club order** at the County Office Building, Bath, and **will sort your own club order from Noon - 6:00 p.m.**
- Final payment information will be mailed to you prior to pick-up. You will need to sign a copy of the invoice (Organization Leaders sign for the club and parents sign for independent members) and return it when you pick-up your products. You may also call to see if your order is ready for pick-up prior to Noon.
- **NOTE:** If the leader is not able to come to Bath by 6:00 p.m., they must send a representative (parents, etc.). No Returns Products may not be returned to the CCE Office.
- 4-H Clubs and Independent Members who do not pay the \$50.00 family enrollment must participate in the Steuben County Cuba Cheese and/or Henning's Trout Creek Farm Maple Products Fundraiser and sell at least \$50.00 per 4-H member to be eligible for reduced rates on 4-H Award Trips. If a 4-H member does not sell \$50.00 worth of product and they are chosen for an award trip they will be expected to pay 50% of the cost of the trip except for the Junior Award Trip and the Career Exploration trip to Cornell University where they will be expected to pay 100% of the cost of the trip.

**For more information including order forms and brochures contact the CCE Office**

### **New York Farm Bureau Offers Scholarships To Students Who Plan An Ag-Related Future.**

New York Farm Bureau is encouraging high school seniors who have been involved with agriculture and plan on continuing studies in this field to apply for the New York Farm Bureau Agricultural Youth Scholarship sponsored by the New York Farm Bureau Promotion and Education Committee. Scholarship awards are \$1,500 for first place, \$1,200 for second, and \$1,000 for third place. The first place winner will be invited to present their essay at a NYFB Spring event.



Students applying must have a family Farm Bureau membership or a Student Farm Bureau membership (a membership application may be included with scholarship enclosures). Students are required to submit a brief essay answering the question, "If you had the power to change something in your community or on your farm, what would you change and why?"

At the District level, a personal interview and essay presentation may be scheduled at the discretion of the District Representative. The county winner will be the applicant scoring the highest for each county. The

District winner will be overall highest county winner. The District winners will have an opportunity to make minor changes (i.e. grammar, spelling, additional awards etc.) to their applications prior to the February 1<sup>st</sup> final deadline, at which time all applications must be into New York Farm Bureau for the state judging. The State competition is based solely upon the application and attachments.

**The application submission deadline is November 15, 2014. For scholarship information and the application visit <http://www.nyfb.org> or contact Sandra Prokop at [sprokop@nyfb.org](mailto:sprokop@nyfb.org) or 1-800-342-4143.**



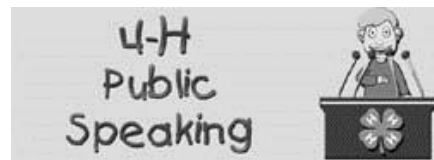
### **Placemat Community Service Opportunity for 4-H members**

The Institute for Human Services, Inc. is asking for help from 4-H members to decorate placemats to be distributed to home delivered meals (meals on wheels) recipients to accompany their Thanksgiving meal. The placemats can be on the provided paper from the Institute of Human Services (if you need a sample contact the CCE office) or on construction paper and can be either 8 ½ x 11, 8 ½ x 14 or 11 x 17. 4-H members can make more than one. The placemats need to be delivered back to CCE-Steuben by November 21 at the latest to be able to distribute to the Institute of Human Services to give to the home delivered meals agencies. If you have specific questions about this project you can contact Tess McKinley at the Institute of Human Services, Inc. at 776-9467 ext. 217 or [McKinleyT@ihnet.org](mailto:McKinleyT@ihnet.org). 4-H members can receive community service project credit by completing the community service form.

### **4-H Awards Trip Committee**

The 4-H Awards Trip committee will be meeting in October at the County Office Building to choose 4-H members for the following award trips based on the 4-H members completed Senior Summary Reports: Capital Days; STARR; Career Exploration Trip, Cornell University; Agribusiness Career (ABC) Trip, Cobleskill; and Citizenship-Washington Focus. The awards trip committee meets once a year and will be meeting in October. If you are interested in serving on this committee contact Kim Randall at the CCE Office at 607-583-3185 or at [ksb3@cornell.edu](mailto:ksb3@cornell.edu).

### **Public Presentations for 2014/2015**



When former members of 4-H are asked what helped them the most in preparing for their adult years, the answer was doing public presentations. The reason for this is that it prepared them to organize information and be able to get up in front of a group at work, in the community or at a club meeting and feel comfortable. With this in mind the 4-H Program Committee decided that everyone in 4-H should do a presentation each year whether it is at the county or club level.

**ALL Regular 4-H members ages 8 and up are required to participate in the public presentation program to receive project completion. Cloverbuds are strongly encouraged to do a presentation but it is not mandatory. In addition to the County presentations there is another option, that of presenting at a Club Meeting and being “judged” by one of the leaders of the club. The Club Presentation is meant to be just a stepping stone for a year or two, then the member needs to attend at the county level.**



Information on preparing for presentations was given to leaders in the registration packet for the 4-H year and is also on the web. **If an individual or a club would like help with any part of the public presentation process, please contact the 4-H office. Arrangements can be made to give you or your club the help that is needed.**

#### **Fall General Public Presentation Day -**

Fall Public Presentations will be held in North Cohocton Methodist Church on Saturday, November 8, 2014 from 9:00am – Noon. Registrations are due to the 4-H office on Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

If you are a new club or new to public presentations, you are welcome to come to N. Cohocton and watch the presenters.

#### **Winter General and Horse Public Presentation Day -**

The next opportunity to do public presentations will be on **Saturday, February 28, 2015 at the Steuben County Office Building. General presentations and horse will be done on the same day. Check below for more information.**

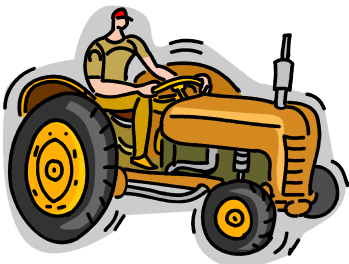
**General Presentations: All topics except horse. Time: 9:00 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 pm-4:00 pm.**

**Horse Presentations: All presentations with a horse topic. Time 1:00-4:00 only.**

#### **Summer General Public Presentation Day -**

The summer General public presentation event will be in the **Youth Building at the Steuben County Fair on Wednesday, August 19, 2015.** This will also include “Produced in New York” presentations.

**All members except cloverbuds giving presentations at the county level in November or February will be considered for district level presentations. Also club presentations do not give public presentation award trip status to members.**



#### **4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program Offered**

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

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

The 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**.

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

**A Sunday Session in January and February TBA** 1-4 p.m. Location to be announced hands on learning session

<b>Mondays, January 12, 19, 26</b>	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Steuben County Office Building, South Conference
<b>Mondays, February 2, 9, 16, 23</b>	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Steuben County Office Building, South Conference
<b>Monday, March 2</b>	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Steuben County Office Building, South Conference
<b>Sunday, March 8 (driving test)</b>	Location to be announced 1- 4 p.m.
<b>March 9 (written test)</b>	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Steuben County Office Building, South Conference



*Livestock*

### **2015 Market Beef Steer, Market Beef Heifer, Dairy Steer Identification Forms and Information**

Market Beef Steers, Market Beef Heifers and Dairy Steers must be owned by January 1, 2015. Market Beef Steers, Market Beef Heifers, and Dairy Steer Identification Forms are due to the CCE Office **by Monday, January 5, 2015 no later than 4:30 p.m.** **Market Heifers shown in market beef classes are not eligible for beef breeding classes. Market heifers must follow the same rules and regulations as market steers.** 2015 Market Beef Steer/Market Beef Heifer Identification Form, Dairy Steer Identification Form, and 2015 Market Animals Rules and Regulations are included as an insert in this issue and are available on the web at [www.putknowledgetowork.org](http://www.putknowledgetowork.org)

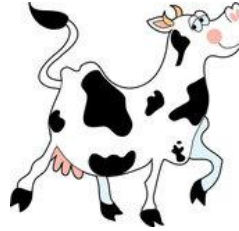
*Please note that the Identification forms do not enter your animal in the Steuben County fair but is one of the steps in order to be eligible to enter them.*

## 4-H Livestock Advisory Committee

Anyone interested in being a member of the 4-H Livestock Advisory Committee are invited to attend the reorganizational meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 7 at 7 p.m. at Empire Livestock and will include the election of officers. All CCE volunteers including Advisory Committee members will need to be an approved current volunteer including having a current volunteer application completed along with the background check which has been approved within the last 3 years. The 4-H Livestock Advisory Committee will meet approximately 7 times a year (October, January, March, June, July, August, September) on a Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. at Empire Livestock except for the August meeting is the Monday evening of the fair at the fairgrounds.



*Dairy*



### Dairy Quiz Bowl

The *primary objective* of 4-H Dairy Bowl Contests is to provide an opportunity for youth enrolled in a 4-H dairy project to demonstrate their knowledge of dairy related subject matter in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail. It is also hoped that these contests will prove to be an educational experience for both participants and spectators. The Dairy Bowl Program is designed to encourage youth to increase their dairy knowledge through study and preparation for the contest. Youth learn life skills as they prepare for contests - critical thinking, decision-making, problem solving, communication skills, listening skills, speaking skills and independent thinking. They experience the value of teamwork, character building, and goal setting. Youth gain knowledge in dairy nutrition, milk quality, herd health, breeding and genetics, marketing, dairy foods, calf raising and all cattle breeds.

Age of contestants is as of January 1, 2015.

#### Novice Contest

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

#### Junior Contest

9 years to 13 years old

#### Senior Contest

14 years to 18 years old.

#### Optional Dairy Bowl Practice Sessions

Steuben County Office Building, Bath Saturdays 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. in the South Conference Room, upstairs(3<sup>rd</sup> floor) October – February

October 4, 11, 18, 25

November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

December 6, 13, 20, 27

January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

February 7, 14, 21

Please note on October 11, October 25 and November 8 South Conference is not available so you will be meeting in F1 on the ground floor

Please contact Kim at [ksb3@cornell.edu](mailto:ksb3@cornell.edu) or 607-583-3185 to notify her if you will be attending any of these sessions.

### Other Dairy Quiz Bowl Practice Sessions Dates and Locations TBA

TENTATIVE Saturday, March 7- Finger Lakes District Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest, Midlakes School  
The Finger Lakes District will send a junior and a senior team to the state competition at Cornell University in April. The Finger Lakes District junior and senior teams will be composed of the top four individuals with the 5<sup>th</sup> place as the alternate in each division.

**If you are interested in participating or receiving more information about Dairy Quiz Bowl please return the enclosed interest form by Monday, October 20, 2014. If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering as a coach please contact Kim at 607-583-3185 or at [ksb3@cornell.edu](mailto:ksb3@cornell.edu). Coaches will need to be approved volunteers consisting of having their background check approved.**

Many 4-H dairy members have enjoyed Dairy Quiz Bowl so plan to be a part of the 2015 Dairy Quiz Bowl.

## Dairy Judging



**What is Cow College?** Cow College is another name for Dairy Judging.

**Who can attend cow college?** Any 4-H member and their parent, grandparent, leader, etc. who is interested in learning how to dairy judge. Please NOTE: **Cloverbud members 5-7 years old** (as of January 1, 2015) who are interested in learning how to dairy judge may participate **only if they are accompanied at all times by a responsible adult who is at least 21 years old who will be accompanying them the entire time.**

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

**When is cow college?** Cow colleges will be scheduled during November - April. Each session will be approximately 2 hours tentatively from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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

**What happens after the cow colleges?** There is a county dairy judging tour in May. 4-H families (4-H members including cloverbuds and adults) are encouraged to judge. There will be several judging trips throughout the summer that selected 4-H members will be invited to attend. 4-H members can participate in the Dairy Judging Contest at the Steuben County Fair. There is the State Dairy Judging Contest at the NYS Fair where 4-H members (8-18 years old) will be selected as members of the 3 possible Steuben County Teams:

A Team – 4-H members will need to give oral reasons as part of the contest.

B Team – 4-H members will not give oral reasons as part of the contest.

C Team – youth 8-10 as of January 1, 2015 or any youth 13 and under as of January 1, 2015 who have not previously competed in the dairy judging contest at the State Fair. 4-H members will not give oral reasons as part of the contest.

Dairy Judging Schedule Dates and Locations to be announced (November – April)

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

**If you are interested in participating or receiving more information about Dairy Judging please return the enclosed interested form by Monday, October 20, 2014**



*Horse*



## 2015 Horse Show Requirement

**4-H Members Participating in the Horse Project Please Note:** Members must **participate in one county level or beyond Horse Educational Event** (i.e. Public presentations, Horse Quiz Bowl, Hippology, or Horse Judging) or attend alternate “educational events” and do a one-page written report on what they saw and learned to receive educational credit **to be eligible to participate in any Steuben County 4-H Horse Shows.**

**Public Presentation Credit** - Horse members will receive credit towards showing if they give a public presentation on a horse related topic at the county event or by completing a club level presentation and turning in the evaluation form with a summary/outline of the presentation.

**County Level Credit for Horse Bowl or Hippology** - For a Horse member to receive county level credit for Horse Bowl or Hippology they **must attend at least 3 of the practice sessions.**

**Regional Credit** – To receive regional credit 4-H members must participate in the regional contests.



*Past Events*

## 2014 Career Exploration

Fourteen Steuben County members and three chaperones attended Career Explorations July 1-3 at Cornell University. The purpose of this program is to provide youth with exposure to academic fields and career exploration, to develop leadership skills, to provide hands-on experience in a college setting and to introduce youth to Cornell University. The event is made up of two grade specific tracts: University U for youth entering grades 8 - 9 and Focus for Teens for youth entering grades 10-12.

Participating in the “Chemical and Biomedical Engineering – Nanoparticles in My What?” tract was



Gabriel Barone, Kacey Scheib, and Samantha Towner; in the Veterinary Science Discovery tract Charlie Coley, Greg Fox, Anna VonHagn, Rachel VonHagn, and Ashley Woedy; in the Information Technology - Career Ex Hack Jam tract was Justin Bennett; in the Landscape Architecture tract was Madeleine Gurecki; and in the A Writer's Alchemy – Building a Community of Leaders tract was Peter Kelly.



Focus Assistants (FAs) are vital to the success of the Conference. They play essential leadership and support roles to all participants and Conference Coordinators. Three Steuben County members applied and were accepted as FA's. There were Ashlynn Bennett, Information Technology - Career Ex Hack Jam; Bethany Draper, Biomedical Engineering - Crafting the Human Body; Joel Rosko, Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering - Lego Robotics and Beyond. Serving as chaperones were Regena Rosko, Landscape Architecture; Rachael Draper, Biomedical Engineering - Crafting the Human Body; and Marlaina Bennett, Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering - Lego Robotics and Beyond.

## **2014-2015 New York State 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Winner From Steuben County Announced**

Congratulations to Joel Rosko, Outsiders 4-H club member, who was one of seven recipients out of 30 applicants to be selected to receive a NYS 4-H Foundation Opportunity Scholarship for the 2014-2015 academic year. Joel was one of the three winners selected to receive a \$2,000 scholarship. Joel is a 13 year Steuben County 4-H member. Joel has participated in 4-H projects in Food and Nutrition, Gardening, and Livestock. He has served as 4-H Club Co-President, Club teen leader, Judge's Assistant for Foods and Nutrition, and participated in STARR, and Career Exploration. Joel was selected to be on the Capital Days Planning Committee and represented Steuben County during *Citizenship-Washington Focus* in July.



Joel earned the "I Dare You" Leadership Award, various Steuben County achievement awards, and has held many offices outside of 4-H, such as Co-captain of the wrestling team, and Vice President of his school Parent Teacher Student Organization. Joel is also very active in community service. Joel is on the wrestling team this fall at Clarion University, while studying Athletic Training and Nutrition.

Recipients attended a reception and award ceremony at Cornell University on July 1st. They were presented certificates by New York State 4-H Youth Development Program Leader, Andrew Turner, and introduced at the opening ceremony of Career Explorations where more than 600 4-H'ers from across the state applauded their accomplishments.

## 2014 Citizenship-Washington Focus Trip

Joel Rosko, Outsiders 4-H Club member, attended the 2014 Citizenship-Washington Focus Trip (C.W.F.) on July 6-12, 2014. Thank you to Regena Rosko for serving as her chaperone. CWF is a week-long 4-H citizenship program for youth ages 14-19 that takes place at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center just miles from Washington, DC. CWF provides 4-H youth with opportunities to explore, develop, and refine their community and civic engagement skills to be outstanding leaders in their communities. Through hands-on educational workshops, and sightseeing tours in



the “living classroom” of Washington, D.C., youth learn about the history of our nation, the leaders who have shaped it, and how they can apply the leadership and citizenship skills they learn during CWF when they return home. Every summer, thousands of young people participate in the program, which provides opportunities for them to:

- strengthen their communication, leadership, and citizenship skills on a national level
- understand the importance of civic and social responsibilities as they relate to the development of better citizens and leaders
- exchange ideas, practice respect, and form friendships with other youth from diverse backgrounds.
- experience hands-on learning using the historical backdrop of Washington, DC.

Here is Joel’s account of the trip: “On July 6-12, I had the pleasure of representing Steuben County and attending Citizenship Washington Focus in Washington, D.C., as my final 4H trip. My mom, Regena, served as my chaperone and chauffeur which made it fun to share that last trip. CWF is held at the National 4H Youth Conference Center just north of our nation’s capital. It is a citizenship program conducted by the National 4H Council designed to bring together delegations of 14-19-year-olds across the country. Delegates practice skills that promote “Better Citizens Today, Better Leaders Tomorrow” by participating in workshops, committees, field trips and social events highlighted by a trip to Capital Hill to meet with state senators and representatives.

Since I was a delegation of one, Kim hooked me in with the New Jersey delegation of 30 other 4Hers. They were a friendly group and made us feel welcomed from the very beginning. We traveled with them on our field trips to Mount Vernon, the National Cathedral, Arlington National Cemetery including the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the many national memorials. One of my favorite trips was Twilight Tattoo, a military pageant presented by the US Army at Fort Myer. They presented the many wars our country has fought in displaying uniforms and weapons used during that time period. After the presentation, we were able to talk to the soldiers, and I got to hold several different weapons including a machine gun and a bayonet. Another great outing was Cultural Heritage Evening. We got all dressed up and went to Toby’s Dinner Theatre to watch the Pirates of Penzance. It’s a really cool concept because the actors are also the waiters, and the floor where the food was served in buffet style was also where the play was performed. My mom’s

table was so close to the floor that she could hear the actors breathing and feel the air move as props were swishing by her.

Meanwhile back at the Convention Center, there was a lot of fun and work to do during the week. The opening ceremony welcomed us to DC and included a time to shout out your state name like we do at Career Ex. Later we had a chance to socialize with the pin/item trade where we found out that I Love NY decals were a popular item. Other social events included a game-filled Derby, a talent show presented by delegates and a farewell dance.

That first night, I also started to work with one of my roommates Josh since we both signed up for the committee that was Focus on Responsibility. During the week we learned how to facilitate an action plan on a topic that was of interest to the state delegation. I felt fortunate that New York has so many state events because New Jersey doesn't, and I shared with them some of those events especially the ones I have attended. The delegates discussed their lack of state events and reasons why and spent an evening creating a plan for an all-state conference similar to our STARR. At the end of the meeting, they had completed their action plan to take back to their state as well as an invitation to my mom and me to attend!

Another important assignment was workshops. I worked with delegates from other states across the country on writing a bill dealing with developing alternative fuels and presenting it in our congressional session. I learned that there is a lot of research and discussion into writing a bill and then a certain procedure in which it is presented which also allows the public to comment.

Wednesday was probably the most important day of the week since we were scheduled to meet with our state senators and representatives. Unfortunately, Senators Kristen Gillibrand and Charles Schumer were unable to meet with us. But we were able to meet with their aides and discussed our concerns about a variety of topics such as how 4H has benefitted us and our hopes for continued support to youth programs. We were also able to meet with Representative Chris Gibson and discussed such issues as the Farm Bill since we are from an agricultural region. Our best visit was with Representative Tom Reed who spent about an hour and a half with us taking us through the Capital Building, getting us on the House floor while it was in session and quickly introducing us to Senator Gillibrand as she was passing through. He also snuck my mom and me into the Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony honoring Raoul Wallenberg who is credited with saving over 100,000 Jews during World War II. We read in the program that Senator Gillibrand was one of the scheduled speakers at the ceremony so we figured that was why she was in such a hurry.

CWF was definitely a trip of a lifetime. I learned a lot about citizenship and leadership working with 4Hers across the country and especially the delegation from New Jersey."



## **Steuben County Fair: Special Recognition from the Youth Building**

4-H Youth that received Best of Show in the youth building were: Art: Raven Foote, Rachel Eckler; Electrical-Lamp: Brandon Knoll; Woodworking: Greg Fox; Textiles and Clothing: Samantha Towner, Hannah Stewart, Evelyn Miller; Home Environment: Kylie Harvey; Foods: Megan Cratsley, Katie Matthews,

A special recognition goes to the Teens volunteers who helped with the judging and arranging exhibits in the youth building: Megan Cratsley, Bethany Draper, Molly Fox, Raven Foote, Gabriel Barone, Katie Matthews,



Joel Rosko, Alyx Uhl and Ashlee Zschoche. Without their help the exhibits would not have been ready for the public on Tuesday.

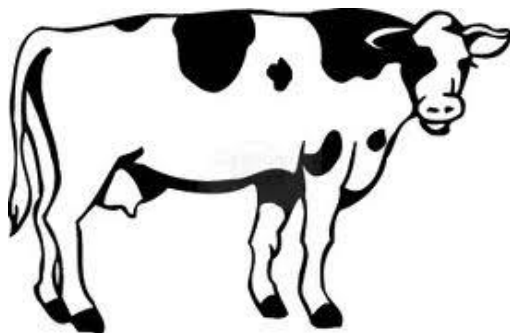
## **Special Recognition From the NYS Fair**

When exhibits in the youth building at the New York State Fair go above and beyond “excellent”, they receive special recognition. Those from Steuben County that were purple rosette winners were: Foods and Nutrition: Katie McAllister and Karli Mulford; Fine Arts: Rachel Eckler; Vegetables: Bethany Draper; STEM: Motorized Excavator, Nathan Randall.

## **NYS Fair Clothing Revue**

Those representing Steuben County were Molly Fox, Katie Matthews, Caleb Miller, Samantha Towner and Alyx Uhl. Their four days at the fair were filled with clothing revues and mannequin modelling. Samantha Towner was interviewed for a local TV show, Katie’s Closet. To view click on the link below:

<http://centralny.twcnews.com/content/765156/artists--designers-show-off-handmade-outfits-at-the-nys-fair/>



## **Steuben County Member Represents NYS at the Pennsylvania All-American 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest**

Congratulations to Paige Demun of the Dairy Dreamers 4-H Club who placed 9<sup>th</sup> in oral reasons on Day 1 and 8<sup>th</sup> overall with her Day 1 and Day 2 combined scores at the New York State Fair 4-H Dairy Judging Contest. This earned her a spot on the New York State 4-H Dairy Judging Team that competed at the Pennsylvania All-American 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest in Harrisburg, PA on September 15. The New York State Team placed 4<sup>th</sup> overall. Paige is a 9<sup>th</sup> year Steuben County 4-H member and is active in the Steuben County 4-H Dairy Program, the Jasper-Troupsburg FFA, the NY Holstein Association, the NY Ayrshire Association, and the Steuben County Dairy Princess Program.

