"Hat’s Off To Sewing"

2013 4-H Clothing Revue
Friday, May 3, 2013
Avoca Central School
7:30 p.m.

Everyone is Welcome!

Area Evaluations are scheduled for 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 10 - North Cohocton Methodist Church
Wednesday, April 17 - 4-H Office, County Office Building, Bath

PLEASE NOTE TIMES FOR ARRIVAL:
Seniors: 6:30-6:45 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 17 - Clothing Evaluations, CCE Office, 3:00-5:00
April 20 - New York Ayrshire Club Calf Scholarship deadline
April 20 - Cow College 1-3 p.m., Ed Soporowski (Bill People’s Farm), Addison
April 20 - Bath Rod and Gun Club cleanup
April 20 - State Horse Bowl Contest @ Cornell
April 20 – 4-H Cub Pig Sale – Country Crossroads Feed Store, Andover NY 4:00 p.m.
April 26-28 - NYS Invitational State Shoot
April 27 – NYS 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest, Cornell University
April 28 – 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 – Registration deadline for NYS 4-H Forestry Weekend, May 31-June 2, Camp Owahta, Cortland County
May 3 - 4-H Clothing Revue, Avoca Central School, 7:30 p.m.
May 4 – NYS Animal Crackers (Rabbit and Horse), Cornell University
May 4 – Cow College 1-3 p.m. Taylor’s in Lawrenceville, PA
May 8-19 Tractor Supply Spring Paper Clover fundraiser
May 11 – County Dairy Judging Contest – 10 a.m. Don and Kathy Bossard, 10055 Freiner Hill Road, Canaseraga
May 11 - Twin Tier Club Poultry Auction
May 18 – NYS 4-H Public Presentation Contest, Cornell University, Morrison Hall
May 22 - NYS 4-H Horse In-Service at Cornell
May 23 - Steuben County Dairy Festival “Old Barn” Photo Contest Deadline
May 24 Registration is due to 4-H Camp Wyomoco for the Western NY Regional 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor/Jr. Instructor Workshop
May 26 – Bath Trailblazers 4-H Club Open Horse Show, Bath Fairgrounds at 9:00 a.m.
May 26 – Steuben County 4-H Riding evaluations, Bath Fairgrounds, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
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
May 31-June 2 The Western NY Regional 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor/Jr. Instructor Workshop at 4-H Camp Wyomoco, Varysburg, NY
May – TBD Mandatory make up meeting for all Livestock Members planning to show at the 2013 Steuben County Fair.

June

June 1 – Pet Show at Dairy Festival – County Fair Grounds
June 1 – Ownership Deadline for Grade Beef Heifers, Market Goats, Market Hogs and Market Lambs
June 1 Steuben County Dairy Festival
June 3 – Roseland Waterpark ticket orders due to the CCE office.
June 14 – Grade Dairy ID Forms and Dairy and Dairy Goat Leasing forms due to CCE Office
June 14 – ID forms due for Grade Beef Heifers, Market Goats, Market Hogs and Market Lambs.
June 15 – Steuben County 4-H Qualifying Horse Show (Open to all NYS 4-H horse members)
June 24 – Rabbit and Poultry Clinic Registration Form due to CCE Office
June 28 – July 13 Horse Qualifying Show Entries due to CCE Office by 4:30 p.m.

July
July – 4-H Junior Award Trip (TBA)
July 1 – 4-H Poultry and Rabbit Clinic Steuben County Fairgrounds, 5 p.m.
July 2nd – Finger Lakes Dairy Judging Contest Alfred State College
July 7-13 Citizenship-Washington Focus Trip
July 8 – ALL FAIR ENTRIES DUE TO BY 4:30 P.M.
July 8 – Garden Visit Form due to CCE Office
July 8 – ALL FAIR ENTRIES DUE TO FAIRGROUNDS BY 4:30 P.M.
July 13 – Steuben County 4-H Horse Qualifying Show (Open to all NYS 4-H horse members)
July 21 – Bath Trailblazers Open Horse Show, Bath Fairgrounds
TBA Horticulture Workshop registration form due to CCE Office by 4:30 p.m.

August
August 11-4-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 12 – Youth building Judging Day beginning at 9:00am
Aug. 17 – All livestock records due to 4H building at 1:00 pm, (unless going to State Fair).
August 18 – 4-H youth building release time 7:00pm

September
Sept. 9 – Livestock Records due for all State Fair Exhibitors.
September 9 – 4-H PROJECT RECORDS THAT ARE REQUIRED DUE TO CCE OFFICE
September 9 – PROJECT COMPLETION FORMS and Project Champion Nominations From Leaders Due to CCE Office!
September 9 – 4-H On Display and Community Service Reports Due to CCE Office.
September 9 – 4-H Jr. and Sr. Activity Report Forms Due to CCE Office

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](http://www.facebook.com/steuben4h)
Timely information about the Steuben County 4-H Livestock Program can also be found on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/pages/CCE-Steuben-County-4-H-Livestock-Program](http://www.facebook.com/pages/CCE-Steuben-County-4-H-Livestock-Program)

Community Pet Show Fundraiser
The Small Animal Committee is sponsoring a Community Pet Show open for everyone to enter and attend. This event will be held during the 2013 Dairy Festival at the Steuben County Fairgrounds. Cost to enter is $2 per pet. Some of the categories will include: Largest Pet, Smallest Pet, Most Tricks, etc. 5 Grand prizes will be awarded to the winner of each category of the show, everyone receives a ribbon! The costume class will cost an additional $5 per pet entered. Costume class will have 3 grand prize winners! Pre-registration required. Please contact Jenny Guarino for registration and questions jmg422@cornell.edu; (607) 664-2312.

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

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

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

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

Please Note 4-H Office Policy!!!!

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

Checking The Web!

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.
Parks. Classes at Hillside Children’s Center, Bath will be held in the brown Morton Building. Classes will also be offered in Howard on Mondays at 4:30 p.m. starting April 22 at Jackie Knoll's house except there will not be class on Monday, May 6th and in Arkport on Thursdays at 6 p.m. starting on May 2 at Christina Brokaw's house.

Youth participants age 8-18 years old as of January 1, 2013 must be enrolled in the Steuben County 4-H Program. 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, 2013 to be eligible to enter your dog or other projects in the 4-H division of the 2013 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 2013 Steuben County Fair. Any 4-H member who is interested in trying to qualify for State Fair must attend graduation. The date of graduation is still to be finalized and will be held at the Steuben County Fairgrounds

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.

Pig Sales

April 20, 2013 - 1st Annual Koegel Show Pigs Sale - Location: Country Crossroads Feed store, 3186 County Route 61, Andover, NY 14806 Approx. 80 club pigs will be auctioned at this sale. Sale begins at 4:00 and doors open at 2:00 for preview. For directions contact Country Crossroads at 607-478-8858 or email koegelshowpigs@yahoo.com

Hargrave Farms will be holding the second feeder pig sale on Sunday, April 28, 2:00PM at their farm: 3759 State Route 21, Wayland, NY. They are offering some new genetic lines with the addition of some Ohio-bred sows. Quite a few AI litters from Purple Power sires. Several are purebreds. The pigs at each sale will be 8-10
weeks old and good for July and August Shows. For directions or information call (585)-534-5382 or (585)-519-8781.

**Community Service Opportunity on April 20th at Bath Rod and Gun Club**

Help is needed on Saturday, April 20 starting at 8 a.m. to help clean up the Bath Rod and Gun Club in preparation for the NYS State Shoot. **Any 4-H member interested in helping must be accompanied by an adult.** In order to receive Community Service Credit the 4-H Community Service report needs to be completed by Monday, September 9, 2013.

**4-H Clothing Revue Reminder:**

4-H Clothing Revue  
Friday, May 3, 2013  
Avoca Central School.  
7:30 p.m.  
Everyone is Welcome!

Area Evaluations are scheduled for 3:00-5:00 p.m.  
Wed., April 10 @ North Cohocton Methodist Church  
Wed., April 17 @ 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

**Animal Crackers Program**  
May 4, 2013  
Registration begins at 9am  
Horses and Rabbits

*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 billed directly to Cornell county accounts 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.anisci.cornell.edu/4H/crackers/index.html](http://www.anisci.cornell.edu/4H/crackers/index.html).

**2013 Steuben County 4-H Annual Dairy Judging Tour Saturday, May 11, 2013**

This is a family judging contest, we will be awarding prizes on May 11th 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 Don and Kathy Bossard, 1055 Freiner Hill Road, Canaseraga. 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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Hot dogs, milk, yogurt and possibly string cheese will be provided for lunch. Please bring lawn chairs if you wish.

Directions: From Canaseraga: Head toward Swain and take the 1st left onto Freiner Hill Road, go over the railroad tracks and go approximately 2 ½ miles up the hill. The farm will be on your right.

To register for the Annual County Dairy Judging Tour return the enclosed form or contact Kim Randall by **Friday, May 3** at the CCE Office at 607-664-2306 (leave a message anytime) or at [ksb3@cornell.edu](mailto:ksb3@cornell.edu).

**Dairy & Beef Camps and Exploring Veterinary Science in Massachusetts**

Here is the link: [http://mass4h.org/programs/animal-science-camps](http://mass4h.org/programs/animal-science-camps) on the MA 4-H website to the brochures for the Dairy, Beef and Veterinary Science Camps registration is due May 1st. The Dairy and Beef Camps occur May 18-19 and the Veterinary Science Camp May 25-26. For more information contact Carrie Chickering-Sears, Director of Community Education in Animal Agriculture, University of Massachusetts Amherst, 111 North Maple Street, Hadley, MA 01035, email [ccsears@umext.umass.edu](mailto:ccsears@umext.umass.edu), Phone 413-549-3257, Fax 413-577-0760
Tractor Supply Spring Paper Clover Fundraiser May 8-19

Tractor Supply Spring Paper Clover Fundraiser will be held May 8-19. Customers at local Tractor Supply can support 4-H by purchasing paper clovers for $1 or $5 at checkout that will have a bounceback coupon at the bottom as a “thank you” for the donation. All funds raised will be donated to 4-H, and over 70% will remain at the county and state level where the store is located. Having more 4-Hers in stores during the event helps raise more money, so contact your local store manager to see how your club can get involved to help raise funds for the Steuben County 4-H Program and/or your 4-H Club. The toolkit website is www.4-H.org/paper-clover-toolkit and username is paperclover@4-H.org and password is paperclover.

Steuben County Dairy Festival “Old Barn” Photo Contest

Rules:
- Barn must be located in Steuben County
- Photo must be “8x10”
- Photo must be labeled with the location of the Barn on the Back of the Photo.
- Photos will not be returned. All photos will be donated to the Steuben County Historical Society after the Dairy Festival.
- Photo must be post marked or received by Thursday, May 23, 2013
- Mail to: P.O. Box 116, Kanona, N.Y. 14856-0116
- Label Photo: DO NOT BEND
- Prizes:
  1. First Prize $25
  2. Second Prize $10
  3. Third Prize $5

The Western NY Regional 4-H Shooting Sports Workshop
May 31-June 2, 2013

The NYS 4-H Shooting Sports Program Regional Workshop will certify volunteers as 4-H Shooting Sports Instructors. The workshop will feature the following disciplines (based on a minimum enrollment of five participants): Archery, Rifle, Shotgun, Hunting and Muzzle Loading. Participants will be able to complete requirements in only one discipline. Training begins at 6:45 p.m. on Friday, May 31 and concludes at noon. on Sunday, June 2 at Camp Wyomoco, Varysburg, NY (Wyoming County) Participants must contact Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County at 607-664-2300 to become an approved registered volunteer. Registration is due by May 24, 2013 to 4-H Camp Wyomoco. There is a $75 registration fee per person. For a registration form or more information contact the CCE Office, visit www.putknowledge2work.com or visit www.nys4Hshootingsports.org

NRA Rifle certification is also being offered for those that are interested. There will be an additional fee of $90 each for a total fee of $165. In addition, those who complete NRA Rifle certification will be charged an additional $13.50 for NRA members and $21 for non-NRA fee to become certified with checks going directly to NRA with their applications.
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 Cindy at cll38@cornell.edu by Monday, June 17 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!

2013 Free Fishing Days June 29-30

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 29 & 30, 2013. 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 "Lets Go Fishing" project, or any display relating to fisheries and aquatic resources, under Department Z, Section 1 Environmental Education, Class 3. For more information or for resources related to fishing, contact the CCE Office.
NYS 4-H Forestry Weekend

Join youth from across the state for a weekend of forestry activities, games, and competition during the 2013 4-H Forestry Weekend May 31-June 2, 2013 at Camp Owahta, Cortland 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 2013 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 May 1, 2013. 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-hforestry.htm

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 13, 2013.

There will be a rabbit and cavy clinic on Monday, July 1 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 Decathalon. The Rabbit Science and Cavy Decathlon is described on the Department of Animal Science website at www.ansci.cornell.edu

4-H Animal Science entries for county fair including the rabbit and cavy entries are due to the CCE Office by Monday, July 8 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 Friday, June 21.
**Poultry Clinic**

There will be a poultry clinic on **Monday, July 1 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 CCE Office by **Monday, July 8 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 **Friday, June 21.**

**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 11, 2013 and Saturday, September 14, 2013. For more information contact Mary Learn at 607-776-7992 or visit [http://www.steubencountyfair.org/poultry.htm](http://www.steubencountyfair.org/poultry.htm)

**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 [www.putknowledgetowork.com](http://www.putknowledgetowork.com) go the link for the NYS Animal Science Website or go to [http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/dogs/index.html](http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/dogs/index.html)

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

**Steuben County Twin Tier Poultry Club Show**

The Steuben County Twin Tier Poultry Club Show will be held at the Steuben County Fairgrounds on Sunday, September 8, 2013. For more information contact Bob Whitney at 607-776-2500 or visit [http://www.steubencountyfair.org/poultry.htm](http://www.steubencountyfair.org/poultry.htm)
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 or email Kim at ksb3@cornell.edu or call 607-664-2306 return it to the CCE Office by Monday, July 8.

4-H Project Records are due to the CCE Office by Monday, September 9, 2013 to receive project credit and to be eligible for project champion awards. You can get your Flower or Vegetable records at www.putknowledgetowork.com or contact the CCE Office.

Horticulture Workshop – Corsage Making

The 4-H Horticulture Workshop will be held at the Steuben County Fairgrounds date and times still to be determined look for more information in a future Monday memos.

Tom Cortright will teach participants how to make corsages.

Bring any questions you have about entering horticulture exhibits at the fair to the workshop.

4-H Flower and Vegetable Garden Records

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 2013 and a different vegetable record for members 12 and over as of January 1, 2013. To receive a flower or vegetable record visit our website at www.putknowledge2work.org and go under 4-H and forms contact your 4-H leader or stop at the CCE Office to pick up the appropriate record. Project records are due to the CCE Office by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, September 9, 2013 and are required to receive project credit and to be eligible for Project Champion Awards. The records were updated for 2013 with the Skills for Life Wheel and a question relating to the wheel.

2013 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/vvfg-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 2013 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 2013 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.anisci.cornell.edu/4H/horses/index.html.

Riding Evaluations

Any 4-H horse members who did not exhibit at the 2012 Steuben County 4-H Horse Shows, 2012 Walk/Trot riders, 2012 Novice riders, 2012 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 26 from 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at the Bath Trailblazers Open Horse Show. You do not have to be participating in the Bath Trailblazers Open Horse show to be able to have the evaluation done. 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 Tuesday, May 28th. 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 15, entries are due Tuesday, May 28. The July show is July 13 and entries are due Friday, June 28. Mark these on your calendar!

ALL County Fair entries will be due on Monday, July 8, 2013. If you show your equine at the County Fair, you MUST turn your project record in by Monday, September 9, 2013. 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 9, 2013 to be eligible to show at the 2014 Steuben County Fair. Any 4-H horse club members who are 12 years and older should include the Horse Essay Question with their horse project record. All of these items were mailed to your leader with the horse show packet in March and are available online!

NYS 4-H Horse Program In-service

A wonderful program is planned once again!! With timely topics and outstanding speakers!!

The in-service is open to CCE staff, volunteers, teen leaders, and the general public!

DATE: June 2, 2012 – Saturday
TIME: 9:00 AM Registration

PLACE: Cornell University, Morrison Hall, Ithaca, NY

Registration and $20 4-H registration fee plus parking if needed is due by May 21st to Cornell University. More information will be on the Department of Animal Science web site/NYS 4-H Horse Program page at: http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/horses/inservice/index.html

County Fair

ALL 4-H YOUTH BUILDING EXHIBITS MUST ARRIVE AT THE FAIRGROUNDS ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 11 BETWEEN 10:00 A.M. AND 4:00 P.M.

CLOVERBUD JUDGING OF YOUTH BUILDING EXHIBITS (no animals) WILL BE AUGUST 11TH 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 14. 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 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 8 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
2013 Steuben County Fair Cloverbud Animal Science Projects

Animals: Dog, Dairy Goats, Meat Goats, Poultry, Rabbit, Swine, Sheep, Dairy Cattle, Beef Cattle, Horse

Must complete the Cloverbud Acknowledgement of Risk Form found at http://sp.nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/staff/Documents/CloverbudAcknowledgmentofRiskForm.pdf

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 8. Please bring to Fairgrounds if bringing in person.

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.

Meat Goat 4 p.m. – Check in Tuesday a.m. and leave after show Can only be 3 ½-4 months old as of opening day of fair. Must be on leadline.

Wednesday

**Beef** — Must have an experienced adult on the lead at all times so attach a nylon lead rope in conjunction with the lead on the halter. Beef Calves **must** be Junior Heifer calves, or Prospect Steers, *calved on or after April 1, 2013 – June 1, 2013*.

**Calves cannot be part of a cow calf pair and cannot be bull calves.**

Steers and heifers only, no bull calves allowed. May be dairy steers or beef heifer or beef steer.

10 a.m. Sheep – Arrive on Monday and released on Sunday

4 p.m. Swine – Arrive on Monday and released on Sunday

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 livestock, (Beef, Sheep, Swine or Meat Goats), must complete an animal record and turn it in at the 4-H Building at the Fair Saturday, August 17, 2013, to be eligible to show in 2014.
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 2013 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 14 – 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 14 – Market hog, market lamb, and market goat identification/ownership form due to CCE Office by 4:30 p.m. Please note that this year ID forms will NOT be accepted without correct identification filled in and leader signatures. ID forms do not enter your animal in the fair. ID forms must contain the OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION ONLY. Green tags will be given out after ID forms come in.

June 14 – Grade Beef Identification Form due to CCE Office by 4:30 p.m. Please note that this year ID forms will NOT be accepted without photos attached, correct identification filled in and leader signatures. ID forms do not enter your animal in the fair.

June 14 – Leasing forms due to CCE Office for Livestock Breeding animals

June 15 – Ownership deadline for dairy cattle, dairy goats, breeding meat goats, and rabbits

For more information or to receive the appropriate forms 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 non-owned animal per species. The 4-H member shows this designated animal 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** non-owned animal 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 14
- Swine - June 14
- Beef Breeding – June 14
- Dairy Cattle - June 14
- Dairy Goat - June 14

For beef, sheep, swine, and meat goat: for the 4-H Livestock member to receive project completion and to be eligible to exhibit at the 2014 Steuben County Fair, the 4-H member must fill out a project record and return it to the CCE Office by Saturday, August 17, 2013, unless exhibiting at State Fair and State Fair entries have been received in the office.

For all other animals: for the 4-H member to receive project completion and to be eligible to exhibit at the 2014 Steuben County Fair, the 4-H member must fill out a project record and return it to the CCE Office by Monday, September 9, 2013.

**NEW for 2013 Dairy Cattle Non-Ownership/Leasing**

Starting in 2013 NYS Dairy Program has made a change that will allow youth registering non-ownership dairy animals will be allowed to identify two animals. Although youth are allowed to register two non-ownership animals, they still will only be allowed to **show one of these animals per youth fair, youth exhibition, or 4-H show/exhibition. This applies to the county and state level.**

**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 8 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

County Fair Animal Entries Are Due July 8 (with registration papers if showing registered animals), and leader signature.

Entries are due to the Cornell Cooperative Extension Office by Monday, July 8 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.

There will be a Best Fleece Award in the 4-H building for anyone exhibiting fleeces.

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 HEALTH FORMS. EARTAGS MUST BE RECEIVED AND INCLUDED ON THE MARKET SWINE ID FORMS. There are now classes included for pairs of market hogs. Judges look for uniformity in pair classes.

There is now a class for Crossbred breeding swine. Boars are not eligible for these classes. Market hogs 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 and must have the GREEN 4-H EARTAG ATTACHED TO THE ANIMAL!!!
Meat Goat Information!
NEW IN 2013 – ONLY MEAT GOATS WILL BE ACCEPTED IN MEAT GOAT CLASSES, NO DAIRY CROSSES.
Meat Goats do not have to be dehorned if the 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 blunted 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.

All market swine must have an OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION TAG. Also, SWINE and their EARTAGS must be clean. Hogs that come to weigh in that are dirty will be turned away. Market animals must have green ear tags attached before they come to weigh in.

ALL ear tags must be attached to the animal. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!!!! If any market hog, sheep, or goat come to weigh in without the proper identification in the animal, that animal will not be weighed and therefore, will be sent home.

Livestock Health Requirements
For information on Animal Health requirements for Admission to NYS and County Fair visit the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets website at http://www.agriculture.ny.gov/AI/AIHome.html and scroll down the page until you find the section State and County Fair information and then click on AI-202 Fair Animal Health Requirements and if applicable the Interstate Health Requirements for Fair Animals or contact NYS Department of Ag. and Markets at 518-457-5302 or contact your local veterinarian.

Please make sure you know the 2013 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.

**New for 2013:**
- **All cattle must be identified by USDA approved official eartag.** This is a change for some cattle breeds that have not commonly applied eartags.
- **The minimum age for rabies vaccination** where required (required for dairy cattle) is 4 months.
- **Category 2 veterinary accreditation** is required for fair related veterinary work. Veterinarians in large or mixed animal practice should have this status.

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.**

Below are some highlights.

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.

**Fair Inspection Procedures for the 2013 Fair Season**

*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.

For the 2013 Steuben County Fair the following individuals will be checking the CVI (commonly referred to as your health papers):

**Sheep and Swine** - Karen and Mike Hargrave

**Cattle** - Robert Whitney

Please have your CVI convenient for them to be checked. **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 (eartag or tattoo) to the CVI. The CVI will be collected by these individuals and will be returned to you after the NYS Veterinarian or veterinary technician conducts an animal health inspection of your animals. The initial inspection will be conducted at or shortly after the arrival of your animals.

**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.

**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 2013 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 18th. 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 2013 County Fair, (INCLUDING HORSE).

All 4-H members who exhibit an animal project in the 4-H Division at the 2013 Steuben County Fair (with the exception of 4-H Livestock Animals), 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 9, 2013 to be eligible to exhibit that species at the 2014 Steuben County Fair. For example: If you exhibit 5 poultry you will be required to turn in 1 poultry record. 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 with 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.

Past

Five Steuben County 4-H members have been selected as NYS 4-H Shooting Sports Teen Ambassadors

Congratulations to Garret Brokaw, Loon Lake Raiders 4-H Club; Bethany Draper, Independent member; Lindsey Draper, Independent member; Jonathan Gritzacher, 4 Clovers 4-H Club; and Jon Palmer, Howard Hillbillies 4-H Club who have all been selected as NYS 4-H Shooting Sports Teen Ambassadors. These 4-H members have also been trained as Jr. Instructors in various disciplines.

4-H Teen Ambassadors inspire others to learn through 4-H opportunities. Dependent on local and state needs, Teen Ambassadors may be called on to give presentations, work at local or state events or assist with educational programs. They represent the ‘voice’ of 4-H & 4-H Shooting Sports. They share their 4-H & shooting experiences in a safe, supportive & positive manner. They provide visibility as to the value of the 4-H Youth Development & 4-H Shooting Sports Programs. They serve as a role model for 4-H, in both safe handling of firearms, bows, and equipment and for the general 4-H program through community service. They help recruit other youth and adults to join 4-H as members or volunteers.

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

On March 2 Steuben County 4-H members participated in the Annual Finger Lakes District 4-H Dairy Cattle Quiz Bowl Contests held at Midlakes Jr./Sr. High School, Phelps, NY.

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

In the Novice Division the Steuben/Genesee combo team placed 3rd. Steuben Novice Team members included Alicia Lawson and Troy Stewart both of the Country Bunch 4-H Club, and Nolan Bennett, Forever Farmers 4-H Club. Individually Alicia Lawson placed 1st and Troy Stewart placed 9th. The team was coached by Julie Lawson.

In the Junior Division the Steuben County B team placed 2nd consisting of Jessica Lawson, Country Bunch 4-H Club, Alyssa Ross and Margaret Rogers both of the Dairy Dreamers 4-H Club, and Alex Lubberts, an Independent member. The Steuben County Junior A team placed 5th consisting Nathan Lawson and Matt Stewart both of the Country Bunch 4-H Club and Justin Bennett, Forever Farmers 4-H Club. Individually Jessica Lawson placed 1st, Justin Bennett placed 5th and Matt Stewart placed 10th. Julie Lawson, Lisa Demun and Jennifer Ross coached the Jr. teams.

In the Senior Division the Steuben County A team placed 2nd which included Ian Stewart, Independent member, Ashlynn Bennett and Greg Fox, Forever Farmers 4-H Club members, and Blaine Knoll, Country Bunch 4-H Club. The Steuben County Senior B team placed 4th consisting of Paige Demun, Priscilla Helgerson, Rachel Hoffer, and Tylor Trumbul all from the Dairy Dreamers 4-H Club. Individually Ian Stewart placed 1st and Paige Demun placed 2nd. The Sr. teams were coached by Kathy Stewart, Marlaina Bennett and Lisa Demun.

Alicia Lawson 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. Jessica Lawson and alternate Justin Bennett were selected to represent the Finger Lakes District Jr. Team at the New York State Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest on April 27th at Cornell University, Ithaca. Ian Stewart and Paige Demun were selected to represent the Finger Lakes District Sr. Team at the New York State Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest and will be coached by Kathy Stewart and Lisa Demun.
Area 4-Her Returns Home From the State Capital

Joel Rosko from Campbell and a member of the Outsiders 4-H Club recently returned from the state capital for the 78th Annual New York State 4-H Capital Days Program for a trip of his lifetime. 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 2013 Capital Days Program. During the program Joel 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 Stephen Hawley discussed the legislative process with the 4-H members. They observed a working session of the state legislature. Assemblyman Stephen Hawley discussed the legislative process and “How a Bill Becomes a Law”. Assemblyman Peter Lopez highlighted ways youth could make a difference in their communities through Civic Engagement. During the legislative breakfast, Joel Rosko along with his chaperone, Regena Rosko, met with Assemblyman Philip Palmesano who was pleased to see a 4-Her from his area of the state. Hope Engel, Public Information Officer, informed participants about the NY State Court of Appeals.

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. Joel’s agency tour was the Department of Health and Regena’s agency tour was the Department of Environmental Conservation. Participants also toured the Capitol and visited the Corning Tower and New York State Museum.

Joel enjoyed the atmosphere of the NYS 4-H Capital Days Program allowing him to communicate easily with the other 4-H members and adults from across the state. Joel says “Some of the life stories told were very catching, especially a very impressive story about one man who grew up in poverty as a child and worked and worked to achieve his goal of standing in our states capital. Learning about how many job opportunities there are in the Health Department of New York was very reassuring for me, but also the possibilities of jobs as well especially” in Public Health for a specific area. One of the greatest highlights was talking about wrestling including the New York State Championship with Assemblyman Palmesano. This just goes to show that it’s a small world after all.

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

4-H Expo 2013

More than 200 youth (ages 8-19), leaders and parents from the nine counties in the Finger Lakes 4-H Region, attended the 4-H Expo at Midlakes High School Saturday, March 9\textsuperscript{th}. There were over 40 workshops offered from all areas of 4-H including arts and crafts, natural resources, gardening, food, textiles, animal science, photography, woodworking, and more. These were taught by 4-H Club leaders, volunteers and Cornell Cooperative Extension Staff. There was also a “Cloverbud Fun Day” that was filled with activities for Cloverbuds ages 5-8. Suzanne Scheib, Jon Sterlace, and Sheila Woody were workshop instructors from Steuben County.

This program is offered every March. Volunteers are always needed to teach the workshops. Watch for the date and workshop bulletin next January.

County-wide Sewing Camp at Gracies

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 Jannafer Hadsell, Alicia Lawson, Chris Abbott, Megan Abbott, Kelliann Abbott, Grace Towner, Haley Vosburg, and Matt Vosburg. The second year sewers could choose a more challenging project. Those who completed this project were Tiffany Brown, Emily Butler, Nick Ritter and Ashlee Zschoche.

The sewers will also be attending the Clothing Revue that will be held at Avoca Central School on May 3, 2013 and will receive their Certificates of Completion that night. A big thanks to Grace!

2013 Regional Horse Extravaganza

On March 2nd Steuben County had several 4-H members participate in the 2013 Regional Hippology and Horse Bowl contests held at Midlakes School, in Clifton Springs, NY. For the morning’s Hippology contest, Steuben had a 4 member Senior team compete, as well as 2 members, who combined with Yates county to compete at the Junior level. The Senior team was made up of team members Megan Bressler, Anna VonHagn, Rachel VonHagn, and Brittany Washburn. The girls placed 2nd out of 10 teams, and individually all placed in the top 14 and have qualified to compete at the State Hippology Competition, held August 25, 2013 at the New York State Fair. The combined Junior team of Steuben and Yates finished 4th for the day. Junior team members Katlin Bidlack and Paige Skinner have 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 and Brittany Washburn, finish 2nd, and the combined Junior Team of Steuben and Yates, with Steuben member’s Katlin Bidlack and 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 20th at Cornell University.
Dairy Discovery

Ashlynn Bennett, Forever Farmers and Howard Hillbillies 4-H Club, Paige Demun, Tylor Trumbul, and Darren Ross, all members of the Dairy Dreamers 4-H Club, attended the NYS Youth Dairy Discovery Workshop at Cornell University on March 22 and 23, 2013. They were selected to attend this Steuben County 4-H Award trip based on their completion of their 2012 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 2013 Dairy Discovery trip. The workshops for this year’s Dairy Discovery focused on “Maximizing the Feed Management Program.” Dairy Discovery is sponsored by: The New York State 4-H Dairy Cattle Program and developed and coordinated by: PRO-DAIRY, Cornell Animal Science Department and the Dairy Management Group.

Here is Ashlynn Bennett’s account of the Dairy Discovery Program.
“‘There was a lot to enjoy during the dairy discovery workshop, including: team building games, informational activities, and projects. The games let us meet several people and learn to work as a team. They also helped us learn how to lead, and how to follow. The workshops taught us about TMR and the effects that different feeds can have on the digestive system and growth of dairy cows. Lastly, the projects taught us how to use our information that we received about TMR, and how to apply that to fix a farm's milk production and income. The dairy discovery workshop was a very interesting and exciting trip and I would gladly go back to Cornell in order to experience it all over again.”

Here is Paige Demun, Tylor Trumbul and Darren Ross's account of the Dairy Discovery Program.
"We enjoyed our trip to Cornell and enjoyed learning about dairy cattle nutrition and how to balance rations. We enjoyed learning about the dairy cattle's parts of the stomach and getting the opportunity to be able to reach inside the rumen of the fistulated dairy cow and be able to feel the different layers of the stomach.” Paige adds, " I also enjoyed being able to interact with other 4-H members from across the state that I knew but do not see very often.”

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 April 6 at Midlakes School. All eleven Steuben County 4-H members received an excellent. Representing Steuben County were: Katlin Bidlack, Loon Lake Raiders 4-H Club; Michal Eckler, Rachel Eckler, Hannah Patterson all of the Country Bunch 4-H Club; Raven Foote, 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; Flynn Scheib, Hill and Valley 4-H Club. There were approximately 90 presentations. Those selected in the top 30 presenters were:
Katlin Bidlack, Raven Foote, Caleb O’Dell-Oriend, and Vicky Kelly. Those selected for judges choice awards were Alyx Uhl, Rachel Eckler and Caleb O’Dell-Oriend. Thank you also to Sue Schwingel, Johanna Schwingel and Penny Kephart for being evaluators at the event. Also thank you to Betty Holden for listening to a few of the presentations to help the members prepare before the contest. Also thank you to the Steuben County Room Hostesses, Raven Foote, Hannah Patterson, and Alyx Uhl.

Steuben County 4-H Spring Garden Meeting Held

Thirty-seven 4-H members along with parents and leaders participated in the 4-H Spring Garden Meeting that was held on April 9, 2013 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. 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.

The 4-H members who attended were from Avoca Kountry Kritters – Chris Abbott, Megan Abbott, Haley Vosburg, Matthew Vosburg, and Tyler Woodward; Country Critters – Ashlee Zschoche; Country Bunch – Ben Chapin and Joseph Chapin; Country Workers – Tiffany Brown, Emily Butler, and Kendra Loucks; Four Clovers – Megan Cratsley, Jenna Mochol, and Kassie Mochol; Four Winds – nine members; Galloping Grapes 4-H Club – Onyx Anderson, and Gabriel Barone; Independent members - Bethany Draper, Daniel Jackson, Teghan Jackson, Tylor Jackson, Kansas Knight, Hannah Makitra, Sarah Makitra, Emma Preston, Melaney Preston, Jacob Tietje, Joshua Tietje, and Jessica Yeoman.

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; BK Boutique and Florist, Canisteo; Tom Cortright, VanEtten; M.J. Ward & Son, Inc., Bath; Oopsie Daisy Floral and Gift Shop, Addison; Joan Tichenor, Bath; VanScoter Florist and Greenhouse, Bath; 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 2012 and February 2013. 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; Lauran Barrett, Cameron; Jini Groen, Prattsburg; Betty Holden, Hornell; Penny Kephart, Addison; Ilean Schultheiss, Cohocton; and Sue Schwingel, Atlanta.

Presentations were given by members of the Avoca Kountry Kritters – Christopher Abbott, Megan Abbott, Grace Towner, Haley Vosburg, Matthew Vosburg, Tyler Woodward; Bath Trailblazers – Kameryn Comstock; Blue Ribbon Roundup 4-H Club – Jade Atherton, Kayla Atherton, Koralee Dininny, Kaleb Dininny, Caleb O’Dell-Oriend, Maeve Robarge, Vivien Robarge, Katie Siranni, Kevin Siranni, Thomas Sirianni; Country Bunch 4-H Club – Avery Brandow, Michal Eckler, Rachel Eckler, Alicia Lawson, Jessica Lawson, Nathan Lawson, Sarah Lawson, Arielle Parsels, Bailey Parsels, Michelle Parsels, Hannah Patterson, Samuel Patterson, Arlynn Robbins, Ainsley Robbins, Matt Stewart, Troy Stewart; Country Critters – Peter Kelly, Victoria Kelly, Ashlee Zschoche; Four Winds 4-H Club – William Benteen, Anfernee Bonham, Timothy Burke, Jacob Carnibucci, Zachary Cox, Robert Hoernes, Devin Keihle, Dylan Kennedy, Dylan Kincaid, Jon McStay, Nate Parsons, Andy Rainess, Donald Rakes, James Roberts, Jeremy Ward, Justin Willett, Ryan Wisniewski; Galloping Grapes 4-H Club-Gabriel Barone; Hill and Valley 4-H Club – Meghan Bruce, Flynn Scheib, Kacey Scheib, Ashley Woedy; Independent members – Connor Stewart, Hannah Stewart; Loon Lake Raiders 4-H Club - Katlin Bidlack, Charlie Coley, Caleb Miller,
Evelyn Miller, Rose Miller; Prattsburg Pioneers – Alyssa Hudson; Willing Workers 4-H Club – Lanie Coley, Madison Conrad, Theanna Dieter, Ashley Feely, Emily Feely, Claire Ferro, Raven Foote, Molly Fox, Stephanie Fox, Abby Gleason, Madison Gray, Greta Huber, Rachel Joseph, Katie Matthews, Katie McAllister, Karli Mulford, Cheyanne Ritchey-Yeoman, Brad Sick, Samantha Towner Alyx Uhl, Colin Wager, Kaitlyn Wager.

Steuben County 4-H Members Complete the 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 our 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.

Thank you to John Lyons and Dave Dockstader who instructed the class and to our guest speakers: Art Jones from Rural Health Community Systems, Inc. and Glenn Osterhout from the NY Center of Agricultural Medicine and Health. Also thank you to Bill Lyons for assisting with the hands on driving and the driving test.

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4-H members earning their certificates were: Garret Emo, Tyler Gregorius, Madeline Gurecki, Blaine Knoll, Jon Palmer, Trevor Peterson, and Ian Stewart

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