July

July 1 – 4-H Rabbit/Cavy & Poultry Clinic, Steuben County Fairgrounds, 5:00 p.m.

July 2 - Finger Lakes Dairy Judging Contest, Alfred State College, 9:30 a.m. registration, 10 a.m. Contest

July 4 - Independence Day - CCE Office Closed

July 5 – CCE Office Closed

July 7 – 13 - CWF 4-H Award Trip, Washington

July 8 – Garden Visit Form due to CCE Office

**July 8 – Steuben County Fair 4-H Fair Entries Due To CCE Office By 4:30 p.m.** If bringing in person, please bring to the 4-H building on the fairgrounds between 9a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**July 8 – Cloverbud Animal Entries and Cloverbud youth building contest entries are due to CCE Office.** If bringing in person, please bring to the 4-H building on the fairgrounds between 9a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**July 8 - Entries due to the CCE Office for County Fair flower arranging, vegetable art, creative place setting and cake decorating contest including cloverbuds, and Snapshots of the County.** If bringing in person, please bring to the 4-H building on the fairgrounds between 9a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

July 13 - 4-H Qualifying Show – Open to all NYS 4-H members

July 14 - 4-H Dog Obedience Graduation, 2 p.m Steuben County Fairgrounds, Sheep/Swine Barn

July 15 – Steuben County Livestock Judging Practice Session at the Allegany County Fair 8:00 a.m.

July 15 – Allegany County Fair Livestock Judging Contest 2:00 p.m.


July 16 – Allegany County Fair Dairy Judging Contest, 2:30 p.m.

July 17 - 4-H Junior Award Trip

July 18 - 4-H Program Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

July 21 - Bath Trailblazers Open Horse Show, Bath Fairgrounds

July 26- Steuben County 4-H and J-T FFA Tractor and Machinery Operators Contest, Jasper Athletic Field

**July 29 – County Fair Volunteer Registration form due**

**July 29 – County Fair Junior Judges/Teen Assistants Return form due to CCE Office**

**July 29 – County Fair General Public or Produced In New York Presentations return form due**
July 29 – County Fair Wednesday or Friday Youth Days Activities return form due

August

August 4 - County Fair Clean-Up Day and Barbecue 9:30 a.m. - noon

August 11- 4-H **Youth Building** non animal exhibits **must** be brought to 4-H building on **SUNDAY ONLY**.
Open 10:00-4:00
Cloverbud judging - 1-3pm on **SUNDAY ONLY**.

August 12 - Weigh market animals at Empire Livestock enroute to fairgrounds 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Please note change in time

August 12 - County Fair Judging Day for 4-H Youth Building Exhibits

August 13 - 18 - Steuben County Fair, Bath

August 16 - Annual Steuben County 4-H Livestock Sale, 5:30 Poultry and Rabbits, 6:00 Steers

August 17 – If you have questions on completing a Beef, Sheep, Swine and Meat Goat Project Record come to the Youth Building at County Fair between 1 and 3:30 p.m.

August 17 – Beef, Sheep, Swine and Meat Goat Project Records are Due to the County Fair Youth Building by 4 p.m. except for those species that members are exhibiting at the New York State Fair

August 22 – Sept 2 – New York State Fair, Syracuse

August 22 – Sept. 25 – Steuben County Youth Building Exhibits on display at NYS Fair

September

September 2 – Labor Day - CCE Office Closed

September 7 – Buffalo & WNY Poultry Club Show, Steuben County Fairgrounds

September 8 – Steuben County Twin Tier Poultry Club Show, Steuben County Fairgrounds

September 9 - PROJECT COMPLETION FORMS and Project Champion Nominations FROM LEADERS DUE TO CCE OFFICE!

September 9 – Jr. Activity and Senior Summary Reports are due to CCE Office.

September 9 - 4-H PROJECT RECORDS THAT ARE REQUIRED DUE TO CCE OFFICE

September 9 - 4-H On Display and Community Service Reports Due to CCE Office

September 9 – Club 4-H Public Presentation Forms due to CCE Office

September 17 - Twin Tier Poultry Club Auction, Fairgrounds

September 20-22 – Caprine Outing, 3 day workshop series for goat enthusiasts at Camp Owahta, Solon, NY in Cortland County
September 21 – Leader Training 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, 4-H Office Building, S. Conference (Tentative)

September 28 - Steuben County Farm City Day, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Palmer Farms, Howard

October

October 10 – 11 – Agribusiness Career Conference, SUNY Cobleskill

October 12-13 – Southern Tier Outdoor Show, 7520 State Route 415, Bath, SouthernTierOutdoorShow.com

October 14 - Columbus Day, CCE Office Closed

October - Cuba Cheese Sale Fundraiser

November

November 2 - Achievement Night Dinner and Awards - tentative

November 11 - Veteran’s Day, CCE Office Closed

November 28-29 - CCE Office Closed for Thanksgiving

JAKES Conservation Field Day

There will be a JAKES (Juniors Acquiring Knowledge, Ethics and Sportsmanship) Conservation Field Day held on Saturday, July 20 at the Bath Rod and Gun Club, 771 Telegraph Road, Bath. The JAKES Conservation Field Day is sponsored by the Cohocton Valley Chapter and the Canisteo Valley Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation and the Bath Rod and Gun Club. The event is FREE to the public. The JAKES Conservation Field Day is open to youth 17 years and younger and adults are encouraged to take part in the event with their child. Registration will start at 8 a.m. with the events starting at 9 a.m. and will end at approximately 2 p.m. Activities will include turkey calling, Civil War re-enactors, camp, trapping, archery, shotgun and rifle. A light lunch will be provided FREE of charge. A fun-filled day of outdoor activities is planned and includes many “hands on” experiences. Pre-registration is encouraged by completing the registration/release form. Parents must sign a registration/release form in order for youth to attend. For more information and to register, contact Jim and Karen McGlynn at 607-776-6263.

NYS Dog Photography, Young Poets Writing Challenge and Dog Video Contests

Entries must be postmarked by July 15 and mailed to Kathi Chambliss in Alfred Station. For specific entry requirements and an entry form visit http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/dogs/index.html.

New Statewide policy - Goats are Prohibited in Petting Zoos

- Because of the potential for exposure to rabies there should be no contact between the 4-H goats and the general public. We ask that the general public not pet the 4-H goats.

- Public contact with goats is prohibited so no goats in petting zoos.
NYS Fair Handbook and Teen Leader Roles

State Fair is looking for Teen Leaders and Teen Assistants.

If you are interested in a teen leader or teen assistant position at the NYS Fair please visit: http://nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/events/Pages/StateFair-InfoforStaff.aspx or contact Kim at the CCE Office by July 15.

2013 Livestock Records

Records are available at the 4-H Office for all livestock. Records must be turned in by August 17, 2013 in order to be able to show in 2014 (except those members attending NY State Fair). **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT EVERY LIVESTOCK RECORD CONTAIN THE BLUE PROJECT CHAMPION SELECTION CRITERIA FORM AND THAT IT IS SIGNED BY THE LEADER.** Parent’s signatures on the project completion form do not count unless the parent is a documented leader of the club. **LEADER’S - PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR THESE SHEETS AT THE END OF THE PROJECT YEAR SO THAT YOUR MEMBERS GET THE CREDIT THEY DESERVE.**

2013 Achievement Night Awards Program

On November 2, Steuben County 4-H members will be recognized for their outstanding accomplishments for the 2012-2013 project year. 4-H is the youth development and educational program of Cornell Cooperative Extension. 4-H members have compiled an impressive list of accomplishments on the local, district, state and national levels. Through 4-H Programs participating youth have the opportunity to gain valuable skills and to develop positive attitudes.

Your support is needed to provide 4-H members with appropriate recognition for their accomplishments. The 4-H Program relies heavily upon individuals, local businesses and organizations for sponsorship of year-end awards. Sponsorship of a single award is $20 and additional sponsorships are $15 each. All sponsors are listed in the awards program and are announced when the sponsored award is presented. Sponsors also receive a copy of the awards program and a thank you certificate. **The Annual Achievement Night Awards Program will be held Saturday, November 2.**

Please watch the website for further details.

Behind the Scenes Award

This award is sponsored by the Steuben County Farm Bureau and is presented to a 4-H member in the Dairy and Livestock Program during the Achievement Night 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 Friday, October 11.** Please indicate why you think the 4-H member deserves this award.
Office News

Just a Friendly Reminder

Fair time is approaching and we want to take the opportunity to remind everyone of our 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.

Policy for Using 4-H Equipment

There is a policy in place for individuals or clubs using 4-H equipment. There is going to be a refundable 50% deposit, provided the equipment comes back in clean, usable condition. This is a 10% per day rental fee on the following items: Stewart Sheermaster Sheep Shears value $245; Oster Clipmaster Clippers $215; Oster Animal Clippers, small pair, $45; Small Remington Clippers, $35; Large Animal Tattoo Kit, $30; Goat Tattoo Kit, $30; Rabbit Tattoo Kit, $25; Ear Notcher, $20; Cattle Grooming Chute, $700; and Sheep Trimming Stand, $250. There will be a 50% deposit for the learning lab kits, replacement cost approximately $300. Rental fee is waved if used by a club. Rental fee for non-4-H individuals or groups is 10% per day if kept over two weeks.

4-H Project Records Due Monday, September 9

To be eligible for year-end awards and to receive project credit, 4-H members are required to complete records for animal science, clothing, flower gardening, vegetable gardening, junior leader, and citizenship. Also check the website at www.putknowledgegetowork.org and click on 4-H/Youth Development and Forms for these records. To obtain your 4-H Animal Science Project Record contact your 4-H leader or stop at the CCE Office or call us at 607-664-2300. The dairy cattle, dairy goat, rabbit, poultry, waterfowl, dog and horse records are on the web.

Project Record Requirement for 4-H Members Who Exhibit Animals at the 2013 County Fair

All 4-H members who exhibit an animal project in the 4-H Division at the 2013 Steuben County Fair are required to turn into 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. Market animal exhibitors, the rules will remain the same as in previous years and every 4-H member who sells a market animal through the 4-H & FFA Livestock Sale must turn in a market animal project record to be eligible to identify a market animal in 2014 and show in the 4-H division at the 2014 Steuben County Fair.
End-Of-Year Completion and 4-H On Display and Community Service Reports

4-H organizational leaders and independent members: don’t forget to fill out and hand in the End-Of-The-Year Completion sheets for club members and Project Champion nomination forms. These forms are essential for your club members to receive a completion certificate at the Achievement Program or for Project Champion. **DO NOT DISAPPOINT THE MEMBERS OF YOUR CLUB BY NOT COMPLETING THEM!** Please complete and return these forms to the CCE Office by **4:30 p.m. on Monday, September 9, 2013.** Also **4-H on Display and Community Service Reports listing the names of the 4-H members who participated are also due to the CCE Office by 4:30 p.m. Monday, September 9, 2013.** These forms are available on our website: www.putknowledgetowork.org

Senior Summary and Junior Activity Reports

**Senior Summary and Junior Activity Reports are due Monday, September 9, 2013.** Senior Summary report forms are to be completed by 4-H members in grades 7 and higher (as of fall 2013). The Senior Summary report is intended to be a cumulative report with members changing the front page and the 4-H story pages each year. Everything else is just updated to reflect the current year. Please note: The Sr. Summary Reports are not being mailed to every 4-H member in 7th grade and above. 4-H members in grades 7 and up can pick up the Senior Summary Report at the CCE Office, request a senior summary report be mailed to them or it can be downloaded from the CCE Steuben County website at www.putknowledgetowork.com and click on 4-H youth Development.

The Junior Activity Report is to be completed by 4-H members in grades 3-6 (as of fall 2013). Cloverbud members are not required to complete a Junior report. However, 4-H members who wish to be considered for the Junior Award Trip should complete this report regardless of whether or not they are a Cloverbud. This report is also available on the CCE website at www.putknowledgetowork.org. The Jr. Activity reports were returned to those members who completed a 2012 form.

Both of these forms are used by the 4-H Awards Committee to select 4-H members for trips and awards such as the Junior Award Trip, Washington Focus, and Career Exploration in addition to other award trips. These reports are not difficult to complete! **All reports are due to the CCE Office by Monday, September 9, 2013.** If you need additional forms, contact the CCE Office or check our website.

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, September 14, 2013. For more information contact Keith Orsanides at 607-776-5078.
Buffalo & Western NY Poultry Club AND Steuben County Twin Tier Poultry Club Show Weekend!

The Buffalo & WNY Poultry Club will hold their show Saturday, September 7th and the Twin Tier Poultry Club will hold their show on Sunday, September 8th.

Details:

- There will be a total of six judges. Two judges will work one show, two different judges will work the other show. The final two judges will work both shows but will not judge the same breeds both days. Judges to be announced.

- Entry fee's will be $2.50 open class for each show and $2.00 for junior for each show.

- The Show hall will be available for coop in on Friday September 6th from 2pm to 8pm.

- Breed club meets and specials will be separate each show.

- Can enter either or both shows!

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

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

Fairbooks and entries can be downloaded at www.putknowledgetowork.org. IF YOU NEED A HARDCOPY FROM THE 4-H OFFICE THEY ARE $5.00. Copies of fairbook pages are .15 per one sided copy and .25 for two sided.

Please read your fair book before you come to the fair because there are MANY changes including important dates, departments, sections and classes have been revised. It is your responsibility to ensure that your exhibits are entered correctly. The 4-H Judging Schedule is printed on page 2. Unless otherwise announced, judging will be according to the schedule. The schedule also notes the order for classes/divisions for many of the shows.

Please keep your fair book handy during the week and feel free to ask the 4-H staff or your leaders if you have questions or need additional information.

County Fair Youth Building Entries:

4-Hers need to enter their youth building exhibits (baking, food preservation, sewing, woodworking, home environment, electric, small shop, art, farm crops, photography, etc.) on the appropriate form and turn into the 4-H office no later than July 8, 2013 at 4:30p.m. The only exception to this is Department Y Section I
vegetables; section II largest vegetable; section III potatoes; section V fruits; section VI classes 1-14 ornamental horticulture. These can be entered in advance on the form and the blue cards will be printed or the blue card can be filled out by the 4-Her at fair time. Blue cards can be picked up at the 4-H office anytime. Please read the fair book for additional information and for new classes that are available. If you have any questions, call the 4-H office at 607-664-2300.

As you fill out your entry form for the 4-H youth building exhibits, enter everything you think you will be bringing to the fair. The entry form is included in the fair book, and on the 4-H website www.putknowledgetowork.com. Make as many copies as you need. You will no longer be making out the blue cards for these exhibits. The day you bring your exhibits to the youth building,(Sunday, August 11th), you will receive a packet with preprinted cards that YOU will attach to your exhibits or pick them up at Fair Clean-up day, Aug. 4th or any day after that at the 4-H office (open Monday through Friday 8:30-4:30).

We Need Your Help!

County Fair 4-H Office

Adult volunteers (parents, leaders, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and friends) are needed to help at the 4-H Office in the County Fair Building in the evening and on the weekend. It's lots of FUN... you'll meet lots of new people for just a few hours of your time! Duties include answering questions and phone, watching exhibits, and monitoring the building. Fair passes will be given to those helping in the 4-H Office, so sign-up today. A sign-up sheet is enclosed in this issue and is on the web at www.putknowledgetowork.com or contact the CCE Office.

From Tues.-Fri. there will be two evening shifts, one from 4-7 p.m., one from 7-10 p.m. On Saturday and Sunday the shifts are from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 2 - 6 p.m. and 6 - 10 p.m.

County Fair Bake Sale

All of the 4-H Food exhibits entered at the County Fair are sold on Monday at the 4-H Bake Sale. The proceeds from the Bake Sale go to the 4-H Activity Fund. Two to three youth and/or adults are needed to run the Bake Sale for the following shifts:

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m.

If you would like to help at the Bake Sale, please let the CCE Office know by contacting us at 607-664-2300 or by filling in the appropriate section on the County Fair Volunteer Form found on the web or on the form enclosed in this Steubenite. Be sure to stop by the bake sale and get some yummy goodies to take home (or to the barns) to enjoy!

What’s Happening in the Youth Building This Year?

Want to be more involved in the Youth Building at the County Fair? There are more opportunities this year to get involved than ever before! Sign up to be a Teen Assistant during the week. See below for details. For all youth building activities fair entry tickets will be provided for those over 12 that don’t have passes.
Be a Junior Evaluator/Judge’s Helper on Monday (See insert to sign-up)
First of all on Judging Day, Monday, August 12th, you can be a judge’s assistant and help with the judging and arranging of exhibits.

Be a Teen Assistant on Tuesday, Aug. 13th; Wednesday, Aug 14th; Thursday, Aug.15; Friday, Aug. 16. or Saturday, Aug. 17. (See insert to sign-up)
Teen Assistants duties will be to welcome fairgoers visiting the youth building and answer questions about 4-H. Other jobs will depend on the activities taking place. It may be arranging exhibits, answering the phone, helping with the contests and activities, taking pictures, keeping the exhibits and building looking nice. Receive a County Fair Teen Leader sticker on your Year-end Certificate for being an Evaluator and/or Teen Assistant.

General Public Presentations: Wed. 10:00 am- noon (See insert to sign up)
Did you miss giving a public presentation during the 4-H year? Now is your last chance to do one for the year and receive credit. Follow the guidelines for general public presentations from your leader or the web: www.putknowledgetowork.com. A demonstration or an illustrated talk would be a good type of presentation for the fair. You will be judged in an informal setting in the youth building on Wed. between 10:00-noon. A ribbon will be awarded based on performance.

“Produced in New York” Public Presentation Program: Wed. 2:00-4:00pm. (See insert to sign up)

a. This is open to all 4-H youth 8-19.

b. Without saying a word (Silent Presentation), share a favorite recipe that includes at least one featured ingredient that is produced in New York State. Some suggestions are: apples, grapes, cherries, maple syrup, honey, any vegetable that is grown in your garden. The presenter should have a poster with the name of the recipe, ingredients, directions and the origin of the recipe.

c. Participants are encouraged to use recipes with lower amounts of sugar, fat, sodium, and increased amounts of fiber. Consider using those ingredients that add nutritive value, such as vegetables, fruits, nuts, whole grains.

d. Participants will have access to only electricity at the county fair. All equipment is the responsibility of the presenter.

e. The presenter has up to 30 minutes to complete his/her demonstration. However no samples may be distributed.

f. Participants are encouraged to use a variety of demonstration skills- measuring wet and dry ingredients, chopping, mixing etc.

g. The finished product will be displayed upon conclusion of the presentation. The finished product may be prepared and brought from home OR may be the result of the demonstration itself.

h. Recipes should come from a 4-H curriculum, an original family recipe or an original recipe of the participant. No recipes are permitted from copyrighted cookbooks. Recipes that are based on a recipe from a cookbook must have at least three changes or modifications made (Example: slightly more cinnamon, omission of salt, use of honey or maple syrup in place of sugar or applesauce to replace the fat.

i. At the end of the demonstration, the participant will indicate verbally “this concludes my presentation; are there any questions or comments?” At this time audience members and the evaluator can ask questions or make comments the recipe. Copies of the recipe can be handed out. The 4-H office can make copies if needed.

j. Demonstrations must follow 4-H guidelines on giving a food demonstration. Ask your leader or Contact the 4-H office or on the web: www.putknowledgetowork.com. Look under Public Presentations.

Entries from the Produced in NY contest maybe invited to present at the NYS Fair.

A certificate of participation will be presented to each participant
Other Activities for Wed. & Friday 2:00 to 4:00 PM (See insert to sign-up)
Wednesday and Friday are Youth Days at the Fair. In the afternoon from 2:00-4:00 4-H will be showcasing some of the projects and activities that we do. It will take 4-Hers of all ages (5-19), leaders and adults to get involved! (See insert to sign-up) Fair Entry tickets for those over 12 will be provided so you can get in free.

Here are some ideas:

Make It Take It Table:  
Do you have a craft or other project that you did in your club this year that takes only about 5-10 minutes to make? How about a few members of your club and a parent or leader showing the public how to make this project and then assisting them in making it? A certificate for the club or individual(s) will be presented. Assistance for supplies is available.

2013 District Public Presenters: Those that were selected for district presentations will be invited to do the presentations that they did at the county level and repeated at District Presentations in April. This will be on Friday afternoon from 2:00-4:00. A certificate of participation will be given

4-H Show Case - Share 4-H Skill: In an informal setting show a skill or talent that you have learned in 4-H. 4-H members, parents and/or leaders can work together. Examples: crocheting, knitting, tie dying, GPS, robotics, crafts, weaving, scrapbooking, stamping, spinning, fiber dyeing, soapmaking, pressed flowers. A certification of participation will be presented to each participant.

Mannequin Modeling: Show the clothing outfit that you made to the public by mannequin modeling in the youth building. Even if you have entered it in the fair, you can take it off the display, model it, and put it back. It’s fun to fool people into thinking you’re a store window model! This is an activity that is done at the NYS Fair. A certificate of participation will be presented to each participant.

Overnight Chaperones

Chaperones are also needed nights for the Cement Dairy Barn, and Sheep and Swine Barn. Chaperones must be 21 years of age and have completed the 4-H volunteer application/background check which can be found on the web or contact the CCE Office. 4-H members will not be allowed to stay if we do not have a qualified chaperone. We don't guarantee a "Serta", but you'll get lots of satisfaction by helping out! Fair passes will be given to those serving as chaperons. Sign-up today by completing the form enclosed in this issue and is on the web at www.putknowledgeatwork.org or contact the CCE Office.

Animal Science

We also need your assistance with a variety of animal shows, events. Refer to list below. Please contact Kim at 607-664-2306 or at ksb3@cornell.edu if you can assist

Monday, August 12
Dog Show – Horse Show Arena
**Tuesday, August 13**
Dairy Goat Show – 9 a.m.
Dairy Judging Contest – 1 p.m. Scorekeeper(s) and Leadsman
Meat Goat Show – 1 p.m.
Cavy/Rabbit Show 1:30 p.m. – Clerk (Record results and staple ribbons/remark cards), Announcer, writer for judge, getting members and rabbits on deck for the next class
Livestock Judging Contest – 5 p.m.

**Wednesday, August 14**
Poultry Showmanship 9 a.m.
Poultry Judging Contest 9 a.m.
Livestock Costume Contest 10 a.m. – judges
Beef Show – 12 p.m.
Dairy Showmanship – 6 p.m. announcer, clerk, coordinator for next class

**Thursday, August 15**
Sheep Show – 10 a.m.
Dairy Show – 11 a.m. – announcer, clerk, coordinator for next class
Swine Show – 3 p.m.

**Friday, August 16**
Horse Show – English & Western Classes – 9 a.m. – announcer, gates (In/Out), Ring Steward
Rabbit Showmanship – 9:30 a.m.

**Saturday, August 17**
Horse Show – Showmanship, Dressage, Trail – 9 a.m. – Ring crew
Livestock Skillathon – 10 a.m.

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**Fair Clean-Up Day - Sunday, August 4th 9:30 am - noon**

All hands are needed to help “spruce-up” the 4-H building, 4-H bathrooms, and barns, at the County Fairgrounds. We need volunteers to help clean and disinfect the rabbit cages and goat pens. Parents, leaders, members, and friends are all welcome to help! **IF YOU HAVE 4-H MEMBERS WHO ARE EXHIBITING AT COUNTY FAIR, YOUR CLUB IS EXPECTED TO SEND AT LEAST 2 PEOPLE TO CLEAN UP DAY.**

**Please call the CCE Office by Mon., July 29th to sign up for Fair Clean-up Day**

The annual clean-up day is scheduled for **Sunday, August 4, 9:30 a.m. – noon.** A thank-you lunch will be provided by the CCE Office.

**Also bring your club banner to hang in the youth building.**
Open Class Entries for Steuben County Fair are available on the web.

If you wish to enter in open class for the Steuben County Fair you need to download an open class book and entries at the Steuben County Agricultural Society website: www.steubencountyfair.org. Open classes are available for meat goat, beef, dairy, poultry, sheep, swine, rabbit, food and nutrition, clothing and textiles, art, flowers and vegetables, needlework, farm products, etc. Contact the Agricultural Society at 607-776-4801 if you have any questions after July 4.

How Can You Help Your Child Get Ready For The Fair?

1. Volunteer to assist your child and the 4-H leaders in your club.
2. Transport your child to and from the fairgrounds.
3. Encourage your child to become involved and to grow through 4-H fair experiences.
4. Read the Steubenite and make sure your child understands what is in it. Help your child plan his/her participation.
5. Encourage your child as he/she prepares their exhibit.
6. Read the County Fair Book and help your child enter the exhibits. Please note specifications for certain types of exhibits. (Example: Carrots - 3 specimens, any variety, tops off to approx. 1 inch)

Cloverbuds At County Fair

Cloverbud 4-H members are eligible, encouraged and welcome to exhibit at the County Fair!

Cloverbuds are eligible to participate in the following contests in the youth building: vegetable art, flower arranging, creative place setting and creative giant cookie decorating. Refer to pages 54, 56, 58 of your fair book and enter on the cloverbud entry form by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, July 8. The form can be found on the web at www.putknowledgetowork.com and click on 4-H Youth Development and then click on County Fair, in the fairbook or contact the CCE Office.

Each Cloverbud member is eligible to enter five projects at the County Fair and may exhibit one project made as a group. All Cloverbud projects are entered in Department X, Section VI of the County Fair Book on page 53. Please use the the Green Cloverbud entry tags that will be available at the fair or from the CCE Office. Attach these entry tags securely with pins, tape, string, etc.

Cloverbuds will meet individually to present their five entries and club project to the judge on Sunday, August 11 between 1:00 and 4:00 ONLY, bring non animal entries to the 4-H building. There will be a special display area in the youth building for the Cloverbud projects. Cloverbud projects will not receive premiums, but will receive special ribbons. If you have questions, please contact your leader or the CCE Office.
**Cloverbuds may exhibit 1 ANIMAL ONLY** (dog, dairy goat, meat goat, poultry, rabbit, swine, sheep, dairy cattle, beef cattle, or horse). All Cloverbud animals must follow all health regulations that are in the 4-H Fairbook. Please read all health rules and regulations. **Cloverbud Animal Entries** are due to the CCE Office by Monday, July 8 at 4:30.

**Flower Arranging, Vegetable Art, Creative Place Setting and Creative Cake/Cloverbud Giant Cookie Decorating Contests**

If you are interested in participating in the:

- **Vegetable Art Contest**: Tuesday, August 13, at 6:00 or 7:00 p.m.
- **Creative Place Setting Contest**: Saturday, August 17th at 1:00pm
- **Creative Cake/Cloverbud Giant Cookie Decorating Contest**: Saturday, August 17th at 1:00pm
  
  **2:00 pm Cloverbud contest**
  **2:30 pm Junior contest**
  **3:00 pm Senior contest**

- **Flower Arranging Contest**: Saturday, August 17th at 4:30 pm

You must register for these contests by **Monday, July 8 by 4:30pm**. Use the youth building registration form on the web at [www.putknowledge2work.com](http://www.putknowledge2work.com). Refer to pages 54, 56, and 58 of the county fair book for more information. Cloverbud members are eligible for these contests. Use the cloverbud contest entry form insert or on the web.

**The “Most Creative Cake Contest” is sponsored by the Cratsley Family**

One cake/cookie will be awarded the “most creative cake” in each class: Cloverbud(Cookie), junior (cake), or senior (cake). So… be sure to register for the contest and get the creative juices flowing! A cash prize will be awarded the day of the contest.

**Cake/Giant Cookie Silent Auction**

Do you participate in the cake decorating/giant cookie contest at the County Fair? Are you tired of trying to find a home for your cake after the contest. Well, we have come up with a solution.

Donate your decorated cakes/giant cookie, from the contest to the silent auction. The silent auction will be held outside (weather permitting) the 4-H Exhibit Building at the conclusion of the cake decorating contest on Saturday, August 17th. Proceeds from the silent auction will benefit the Steuben County 4-H Activity Fund.
Tips on Baking for the County and State Fair

Mixing/Baking
- Always use fresh ingredients, such as baking powder, oil, whole grain or regular flour.
- Date your containers when you buy them.
- Overmixing causes a tough product with large holes or tunnels or a top which is peaked.
- Undermixing causes streaks of flour and uneven rising.
- Make sure dry ingredients are sifted together and liquid ingredients are well mixed.
- No paper liners are allowed for muffins.
- Dust raisins lightly with flour so they don't stick together or sink to the bottom.
- No toppings are allowed.
- Additions of dry cereals, raisins and nuts help to disguise problems of overmixing, especially in muffins and quick breads.

Cookies
- Do not place cookies too close together on baking sheet.
- Measure dough for each cookie using a small scoop or measuring spoon, so that size is equal.
- Trim outer edge away from bar cookies before cutting into squares. Use a ruler to measure so that size is equal.

Storage/Freezing
- Avoid recipes that do not keep or travel well in hot, humid weather.
- Cool product completely on racks before storing.
- Use proper wrapping - freezer containers, wrap and foil.
- Wrap each item separately.
- Bake extras and bring with you to judging in case of upsets and WHOOPS accidents!

Recipes
- Recipes must be on a 3 x 5 card typed or in ink. You may use a computer printout and securely tape to the card. Put your name on the card.
- Make writing legible.
- Include the complete recipe including yield - ingredients first, then instructions. Include each step - ie: if you grease top of bread before baking, etc.
- If you reduce the amount of an ingredient(s), Indicate original amount of reduced ingredient(s) and then the reduced amount on the recipe card.
- Place recipe card in a small plastic bag to protect them.

General
- Judges expect the recipes to match age and ability - don't use same recipes from year to year.
- Use a large enough plate to display items. A paper plate is satisfactory if it is firm. Foil covered cardboard is also good. Do not use a plate that must be returned. Enclose everything in a large plastic bag - recipe and product.
Attention 4-H Members Exhibiting Clothing Projects

Did you know that a garment that gets a blue award at Clothing Revue might get a red award the County Fair and still be judged correctly? It is important that members, leaders and parents understand this.

At Clothing Revue the garment is judged on the member as part of a costume. The appearance of the member and the quality of workmanship are both considered. At the County Fair, the garment is not worn. Therefore, only the quality of workmanship can be evaluated.

Youth Building Exhibit Removal

Please be aware that the exhibits in the 4-H Youth Building at County Fair are NOT able to be removed until 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 18. This time release is set by the State Department of Agriculture and Markets and the Steuben County Agricultural Society. If exhibits are removed before 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 18, premium money will be forfeited by the exhibitor.

If you are picking up your exhibits on Sunday evening you will not be able to drive your vehicles down to the 4-H building until after the grandstand show. Also do not drive your vehicles through the livestock judging pavilion.

If you are unable to pick-up on Sunday from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., the 4-H building will be open on Monday, August 19 from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. All exhibitors with exhibits still remaining after 11:00 a.m. on Monday, August 19 will forfeit exhibit premiums!!

If you are not able to get these exhibits on Sunday night or Monday morning, please contact your leader or another member of your club to pick them up for you! It is not the responsibility of the CCE staff to remove your exhibits. If you have any questions about exhibit removal, please contact the CCE Office.

Selecting & Preparing Vegetables for Exhibit

Harvest your Crop, with Care.
1) Loosen root crops with a spading fork before pulling. Avoid tearing the flesh or stems.
2) Pick off all tomato stems so they will not poke holes in other tomatoes.
3) A sharp knife is helpful in harvesting peppers, eggplant, the vine crops and many leafy vegetables.

Harvest Enough to Make Your Exhibit.
1) Gather several times as many good specimens as you think you will need.
2) Select the most uniform ones for your exhibit.
3) Harvest lettuce, endive, escarole and chard the morning of exhibition day because they wilt quickly.
4) Harvest onions 7-10 days before the fair and dry them in the sun. When properly cured, the tops can be easily cut off.
**Trim Correctly.**
1) Cut off the tops of all root crops about 1” above the roots.
2) Trim the tap root so they are all the same length.
3) Remove the small fine roots on carrots and beets.
4) Trim any excess stump from cabbage, lettuce and other leafy vegetables. Do not cut off all the outer leaves from cabbage. Husks can be trimmed off one side of sweet corn or taken all the way off but have all ears the same.

**Exhibit the Right Number.**
Plan to exhibit the exact number of vegetables called for. Check the Fair Book, as the number may differ with various fairs.

**Wash or Brush the Vegetables.**
1) Select and harvest only clean vegetables if you can. Cleaning will not harm any vegetable if it is done carefully.
2) Clean peas, beans, cucumbers and muskmelons with a very soft brush.
3) Use a soft damp cloth for fruit with a waxy surface such as eggplant, pepper, tomatoes, and watermelons.
4) Root crops may need washing. Use lots of water and your hands to wash root crops.
5) Do not wash head lettuce, endive, cauliflower, or cabbage. Trim off the soiled leaves, but don’t scalp them.

**Select for Size, Shape and Color.**
1) Select those that are alike. The first ripe tomatoes or carrots you pull from your garden will seldom be alike in size, shape and color. A good way to select a plate of vegetables is to place them in a row on a table or on the floor with the big ones at one end and the small ones on the other. Then select on the basis of shape and color.
2) Avoid carrots and potatoes with greening caused by exposure to sunlight. Check the seed catalog for examples of “typical shape”.

**Storage Before Fair.**
1) After you have harvested and prepared your vegetables, it may be necessary to store them for a day or overnight.
2) Keep root crop, leafy vegetables, sweet corn and peas at low temperature (40°-45°F). Mom’s refrigerator usually gives these conditions. Before placing leaf vegetables in the refrigerator, place them in a plastic bag.
3) Potatoes, tomatoes, eggplant, peppers and the vine crops will keep well for a day at medium temperatures (60°-70°F).

**Wrap, Pack and Display Correctly.**
1) Wrap your exhibit before taking it to the fair. You may have an excellent plant but damage while transporting can easily make it unworthy.
2) Newspaper is a good wrapping material. Wrap each vegetable separately and then wrap the five or twelve, etc., that go together in one bundle.
3) Pack them firmly in a strong container. Always pack the firm vegetables on the bottom. Don’t pack cabbage, pumpkins, watermelons, etc., on top of tomatoes, eggplant, peppers, etc.
4) Label every exhibit carefully on the double entry blue card with your name, department, section, class number, kind, variety and age as of January 1 and years in project area.
Attention County Fair Animal Exhibitors
A copy of the registration paper must accompany the County Fair Entries due on July 8.

All Animal Exhibitors must complete and return a copy of the 4-H Quality Assurance Pledge with their county fair entries, July 8, 2013.

Market Animal 4-H Green Tags
Market Steers will need to have a 4-H green tag in their ear before arriving at the fair. If you still need a 4-H green ear tag please contact Kim at the CCE Office at 607-664-2306.

Market hogs, market lambs, and market goats will have a 4-H green ear tag put in their ear while they are at the fair.

MARKET ANIMAL WEIGH IN
All market animals must be weighed in at Empire Livestock on Monday, August 12 between 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. only. If an emergency arises please contact Terri Stewart at 607-382-9651.

Also, all market animals must be clean and dry. Hogs that come to weigh in that are dirty will be turned away.

Market Lambs that come to Empire must have no more than 1” of wool and must be dry.

ALL eartags must, absolutely, be attached to the animal. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!!!! If any market steer, 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
Please make sure you know the 2013 Health Requirements. Read the Health Requirements on the CCE website or read the requirements on pages 3-6 of 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). The CVI can be issued on or after May 1 of the current year. There are no exceptions. Contact your veterinarian to arrange for health papers.

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 and signed by a Category 2 Accredited Veterinarian on or after May 1 of the current year. Each animal must be individually and positively identified on the CVI.

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

State Veterinarians or assigned officials 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 (dairy and meat), 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.

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) to the CVI.

**Soremouth in Sheep and Goats**

If evidence of soremouth (contagious ecthyma) is found on any sheep or goat, the entire exhibit including the affected animals shall immediately be removed from the fair premises with the holding pens cleaned and disinfected immediately after removal.

**Animal Identification:**

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

**PLEASE READ YOUR FAIR BOOK:**

Your Fair Book includes very important information regarding County Fair. Please read it thoroughly, as many departments and sections have changed or been deleted and many classes have been moved, added or deleted.

It is your responsibility to ensure that your exhibits are entered correctly.

**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.

All animal exhibitors must sign a Quality Assurance pledge before being allowed to show.
**NO ANIMALS ARE TO ARRIVE AT THE FAIRGROUNDS ON SUNDAY!**

Market Animal weigh in at Empire Livestock is only on **Monday, August 13th from 8 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Dairy, livestock, poultry, rabbits and goats must be brought to the Fairgrounds **Monday, August 13th from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.** No animals may be unloaded or put in cages or barns until health papers have been checked. **There will be no veterinarians on the fairgrounds after 5:00 p.m. on Monday so please plan accordingly.**

*HEALTH AND REGISTRATION PAPERS MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR ANIMALS UPON ARRIVAL AT THE FAIRGROUNDS. ANIMALS CANNOT BE UNLOADED WITHOUT THEM!*

**Attention All Animal Exhibitors**

**IF YOU ARE SENDING ANIMALS TO THE FAIRGROUNDS BY A TRUCKER, HEALTH PAPERS MUST, MUST, MUST ACCOMPANY THE ANIMALS ON THE TRUCK OR THE ANIMALS WILL BE SENT HOME. WE WILL NOT BE WAITING FOR YOU TO ARRIVE WITH THE HEALTH PAPERS, YOUR ANIMALS WILL BE SENT HOME.**

Some Tips on Assuring Your Animal is Not Sent Home

Here are some comments made by Dr. Pepi Leids on possible reasons for sending animals home from the Fair.

1. Make sure you have the necessary paperwork and vaccinations found in the Steuben County Fairbook on pages 3-6 and on the CCE website at [www.putknowledgeatwork.org](http://www.putknowledgeatwork.org)

2. Make sure that all the identification matches and is legible.

3. **Warts** – even one little wart will warrant your animal being sent home.

4. **Ringworm**

5. **Mucus** – Any mucus from the nose that is yellow, white or green

6. **Hairy Hoof Warts** or any sign of limping or sore feet

7. **Any resemblance to Pink Eye** – even a bruise from trucking that could be pink eye – the worst will be assumed.

8. **For Sheep and Goats - any lesions characteristic of soremouth** and any sheep or goats originating from the same flock are considered exposed and must be removed from the grounds. Goats and sheep without proper scrapie identification.
Some other tips include make sure you clip your animal before going to the fair. This gives you a good chance to thoroughly check your animals for any abnormalities. While at the fair, DO NOT share brushes, feed pails, water buckets or any other equipment. Sharing is good in certain areas, but it is a very good way to contract unwanted diseases so don’t use others equipment.

If anyone has questions about the health requirements contact the CCE Office. If you have questions about a particular animal you can contact Pepi at 607-776-9721. She really does not like sending animals home and a little preparation avoids a lot of problems.

**COUNTY FAIR 4-H EXHIBITOR OVERNIGHT POLICY**

The 4-H Program Committee approved the following overnight policy:

Only exhibitors of animals at the Steuben County Fair can stay overnight and they must have parental approval to stay overnight on the grounds and must sign the permission slip and medical release form/code of conduct form. Please review the information below before completing your overnight fair application.

4-H Animal Science Exhibitors will also receive a separate letter that will include the overnight fair application. The overnight fair application must be turned in by 8:30 p.m. on Monday, August 12.

Boys and girls can sign up to stay in either the sheep/swine barn or the cement dairy barn (previously known as the open class dairy barn). Chaperones will be provided for these buildings and since these are co-ed the boys will be on one side and girls on the other side and there will be two chaperones(one for the boys and one for the girls.) Overnight accommodations will be on a first come-first serve basis, with priority given to youth needing to stay the night previous to a show.

**4-H members staying overnight, even if you are exhibiting in open class are subject to 4-H Rules.**

All 4-H members must be in the overnight housing by 10:00 p.m. 4-H members must be settled and quiet by 10:30 p.m. when lights will be out. If 4-H members will be attending special events in the grandstand in the evening or midnight madness (teens only) the curfew permission slip for special events needs to be completed by the parent/guardian. The form must be signed at the 4-H Fair Office by the parent/guardian and the member and a wristband will be issued that is to be worn until the 4-H member returns to the designated overnight housing. The 4-H member agrees to be in the designated housing 15 minutes after the event is over if the event runs past 10 p.m. The cots in the barns must be picked up at 9:00 a.m. each morning. 4-H members must be courteous to chaperones, adults, and members. The barns will not be open until 6 a.m. Youth cannot leave their designated overnight housing before 6:00 a.m.

4-H members are not allowed to stay overnight if the required chaperons are not available. Chaperones are needed please complete the County Fair Volunteer Return Form by July 29, found in this issue or on the web or contact the CCE Office. Persons between 19 & 20 are permitted to serve as chaperones provided they are under the supervision of a chaperone at least 21 years of age. Chaperones must have an approved volunteer application/background check on file with the CCE office.
4-H members will not be allowed to stay overnight in the pole type beef barn, rabbit barn or the goat barn (yellow barn). However, adult volunteers will be asked to serve as night watch people for the barn to monitor animals and property.

Members who decide not to stay overnight after filing an overnight permission form must submit a written note from their parents to the 4-H Fair Office indicating that they are taking them home for the night or if the 4-H member is moving from the barn to a camper space.

ANYONE DISOBEYING THESE RULES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STAY OVERNIGHT AND WILL BE SENT HOME AT THE 4-H FAMILIES EXPENSE, ALSO THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SHOW AND WILL FORFEIT THEIR PREMIUMS.

County Fair Showmanship

All 4-H members showing animals are required to show in a showmanship class unless you have won Master Showman for that species. Exceptions may be granted by the 4-H staff or the staff's designated representative for extenuating circumstances and for the safety of exhibitors. If you do not show in a showmanship class and have not been excused from showing in showmanship you will forfeit your premiums for that species. You must show your own animal in showmanship.

Non-Owner Showmanship Classes

****4-H members participating in Non-Owner showmanship must have an entry form on file and it must have been entered by the fair deadline of July 8 in order to participate in this class.****  Non-Owner showmanship is open to 4-H members who do not have an owned animal of that species on the grounds and therefore does not enter any other showmanship class for that species. 4-H members entering non-owner showmanship must show an animal other than their own. Previous winners of non-owner showmanship are ineligible to compete for that species again for 3 years. There will be a limit of 10 participants in the Non-owner swine showmanship on a first come first serve basis. Cloverbuds cannot show in Non-Owner showmanship classes.

Attention Swine Exhibitors (including Cloverbuds)

Exhibitors should not wear shorts or sandals while showing their swine. Clothing must be 4-H appropriate.

Attention Sheep Exhibitors (including Cloverbuds)

Exhibitors should not wear shorts or sandals while showing their sheep. Exhibitors of sheep should wear a white shirt and black pants or jeans. Clothing must be 4-H appropriate.

Attention Market Lamb, Market Goat and Market Swine Exhibitors

Lambs that are shown in the market lamb classes CANNOT be shown in the breeding sheep classes. Gilts shown in market classes CAN NOT be shown in breeding classes. Goats that are shown in the Market Goat Class CANNOT be shown in the breeding classes.
Attention Dairy Cattle Exhibitors (Including Cloverbuds)

It is recommended that all 4-H dairy cattle exhibitors at the Steuben County Fair participate in the 4-H dairy judging contest on Tuesday, August 13 at 1:00 p.m. in the livestock judging pavilion.

Whites are required for Dairy Showmanship. Also make sure you have a neck strap or properly fitted halter to secure your animals in the barn for the safety of everyone. NO sandals are to be worn while showing Dairy. Clothing must be 4-H appropriate.

Attention Dairy Goat Exhibitors (Including Cloverbuds)

Whites are required for Dairy Goat Showmanship. NO sandals are to be worn while showing goats. Clothing must be 4-H appropriate.

Dairy goats with horns will not be permitted to show.

Attention Meat Goat Exhibitors (including Cloverbuds)

Blue Jeans and an acceptable shirt are to be worn in showing Meat Goats. NO shorts or sandals are to be worn. Whites are discouraged when showing meat goats. Clothing must be 4-H appropriate.

Meat goats do not have to be dehorned if their horns are less than 4” long. However, if they have horns over 4” long then the horns MUST BE TIPPED!

If you are interested in exhibiting pygmy goats, please be advised that they are meat goats and not dairy goats.

Fair Orientation Meeting for Animal Exhibitors

There will be a Fair orientation meeting for 4-H animal exhibitors (except horse and dog) in the livestock-judging pavilion on Monday, August 12 at 8:30 p.m. This is an important meeting for ALL animal exhibitors.

4-H and FFA Livestock Sale

The 41st Annual 4-H and F.F.A. Livestock Sale will be held on Friday, August 16. Market Poultry, and Rabbit will be sold at 5:30 p.m. and the Steers will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by the market goats, market lambs, and market hogs. Please help promote the sale and the efforts of members developing animals for the sale. For more information contact Dave and Karen Bottom at 607-359-3424 or Tom Quanz at 585-728-5637.

State Fair

Steuben County Exhibits and Teen Leaders at State Fair
Steuben County 4-H exhibits will be on display at the State Fair from Thursday, August 22-Sunday, August 25. The Clothing Revue participants will be attending at this time also.
Help will be needed to transport exhibits and clothing revue teen leaders to the fair August 21 and for the return on Sunday, August 25th. Chaperones are also needed at the fair to oversee the county booth and chaperone the clothing revue and other teen leaders. Each adult will receive entrance to the State Fair and a parking pass. Why not help out 4-H and stay and enjoy the State Fair? Children under 12 are admitted free to the State Fair. If you are able the help, please contact Kim at the CCE Office at 607-664-2306 or email at ksb3@cornell.edu

**State Fair 4-H Animal Science Entries**

4-H members who are interested in exhibiting their project animals at the New York State Fair cannot wait until County Fair to decide. **State Fair entries must be received at the Cooperative Extension Office by Monday, August 1st and the entries can be found at [http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/index.html](http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/index.html).** The NY State Fair book is online this year for downloading on the State Fair website at [http://www.nysfair.org/competitions](http://www.nysfair.org/competitions). You are encouraged to download the book. **There is currently a link from the Steuben County Web Site to the New York State Fair website.** If you are unable to download them copies can be made of the requested pages.

**Dog and Horse Exhibitors please note:** For dog and horse members, Steuben County 4-H members must be selected to participate in the New York State Fair 4-H Dog and Horse Show because we are limited to the number of participants that can attend. For the New York State Fair Dog Show, 4-H members will be selected to attend during Dog Obedience Graduation on Sunday, July 14 at 2 p.m. at the Steuben County Fairgrounds in the sheep and swine barn. For horse members, selection will be based on the points they have earned at the qualifying shows.

**State 4-H Livestock Contests that you can take part in that do not require you to take an animal:**

**DAIRY**

Dairy Challenge – Thursday, August 22 registration at 12:30 and Contest 1:00 p.m. Pre-Entry is required to CCE-Steuben by Monday, August 1. Novice, Junior and Sr. Division.

Dairy Judging – Friday, August 23 8:30 a.m. Day 1 and Thursday, August 29 at 9 a.m. for Day 2 Team A members selected based on Day 1. Steuben County participants for Teams A, B, and C will be selected based on the county dairy judging events held this year.

**SHEEP**

4-H Sheep Quiz Bowl – Saturday, August 24 at 5:30 p.m. – Youth Building stage

**SWINE**

**2013 Empire Swine Youth Scholarship Participants**

Empire Market Hog Contest B Division – must have done a market hog project at County Level and completed a record. Empire Market Hog project booklets are available at the CCE Office.

Consider taking part in one of these contests as it will let you spend a day at the fair, and you can add points to your project completion.
State 4-H small animal contests that you can take part in that do not require you to take an animal:

**Poultry Science** – Friday, August 23, 9:30 a.m. registration in the pole barn 9:45 contest begins. Pre-entry due to CCE Steuben by August 1

**Avian Bowl** – Friday, September 3, 3:00 p.m. Jr. youth building stage and Sr. immediately following. Pre-entry due to CCE Steuben by August 9 Refer to Cornell University Animal Science Website

**Rabbit Science Decathlon & Cavy Science Decathlon** – Sunday, September 1, 9 a.m. Pre-entry due to CCE Steuben by August 1 Refer to Cornell University Animal Science Website [http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/rabbits/index.html](http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/rabbits/index.html) for a description of subjects and topics addressed at each of the 10 stations. There are novice, junior and senior Divisions.

**HORSE Contest that you can take part in that do not require you to take an animal**

**Hippology Contest** – Sunday, August 25, Youth Arena, 7:30 a.m. registration Contest starts at 8 a.m. Participants were chosen to participate based on the Region 2 Hippology Contest in March.

**Horse Judging** – Wednesday, August 28, Contact the CCE Office by August 5th if you are interested in participating. 7:30 a.m. registration; contest starts at 8 a.m.

***Past Events***

**Clothing Revue 2013**

“**Hats Off To Sewing**” was theme of the Steuben County 4-H Clothing Revue held Friday night, May 3rd at the Avoca Central School. And “Hats Off” to those who modeled the garment they made for this years project! Hannah Patterson welcomed the parents and guests. Karli Mulford and Katie McAllister were commentators for the evening. Megan Cratsley, Jenna Mochol, Kassie Mochol and Ashlee Zschoche lead the pledge to the American Flag and the 4-H pledge.

The following junior members modeled at the revue: **Avoca Kountry Kritters**: Chris Abbott, Megan Abbott, Grace Towner, Haley Vosburg. **Country Critters**: Ashlee Zschoche, **4-Clovers 4-H Club**: Kassie Mochol, **Hill and Valley 4-H Club** Ashley Woedy, **Willing Workers**: Marissa Abbott, Madison Conrad, Ashley Feeley, Stephanie Fox, Abby Gleason, Greta Huber, Rachel Joseph, Kaitlyn Kimmel, Olivia Lewis, Calab Miller, Evelyn Miller, Rose Miller, Cheyanne Ritchey-Yeoman, Colin Wager, Kaitlyn Wager.

Cloverbuds recognized this year were: Chris Abbott, Marissa Abbott, Ashley Feely, Grace Towner. 1st Year Sewers recognized this year were: Megan Abbott, Abby Gleason, Caleb Miller, Evelyn Miller, Rose Miller, Kassie Mochol, Colin Wager, Haley Vosburg.

Senior members modeling their sewing projects were:
Country Bunch: Hannah Patterson, 4-Clovers 4-H Club: Megan Cratsley, Jenna Mochol, Galloping Grapes: Gabriel Barone, Hill and Valley: Megan Bruce, Kacey Scheib, Willing Workers: Raven Foote, Molly Fox, Lauren Kimmel, Kate Matthews, Katie McAllister, Karli Mulford, Brad Sick, Samantha Towner, Alyx Uhl.

Those chosen to represent Steuben County at the New York State Fair in 2013 are: Megan Bruce, Megan Cratsley, Raven Foote, Molly Fox, Kate Matthews, Katie McAllister, Karli Mulford, Hannah Patterson, Kacey Scheib, Brad Sick, Samantha Towner, Alyx Uhl.

Escorts for the evening were: Gabriel Barone and Brad Sick. Registration was done by Vicki Thielges and Jessica Thielges. Jessica was also the official photographer. Barb Hull and Sue Schwingel organized refreshments for the evening. Judges for the evaluations were Grace Brown, Phyllis Rathbun, Sue Schwingel, Becky Moore, Gwen Gottschall.

Members of the Clothing Committee who planned and organized the show were Helen Barone, Grace Brown, Jen Cratsley, Megan Cratsley, Karli Mulford, Phyllis Rathbun, Sue Schwingel, Jessica Thielges, Vicki Thielges. Thanks to everyone who made this revue a great success. A big thank you to the Avoca Central School for the use of the auditorium.

Check the website for pictures.