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### November

November 7 - Achievement Night Dinner and Awards - tentative
November 11 - Veteran’s Day, CCE Office Closed
November 26-27 - CCE Office Closed for Thanksgiving
Interest in learning about Pack Goats and the Goat Obstacle class

Are you interested in learning more about and training your goat for the Pack/Obstacle Goat Class at the Fair? Dairy and Meat Goats are eligible to participate. Does and wethers of any breed and age are eligible to participate. Meat goat bucks under 12 months are eligible. Goats can be trained using treats but cannot be shown in the ring with treats. If this is the only goat you will be bringing to the fair you will be required to also show it for dairy goat or meat goat showmanship depending on its respective breed. Come Tuesday’s starting July 7 from 6:00 pm. – 7:30 p.m. to Hillside Children’s Center, Snell Farm, 7320 Snell Hill Road, Bath to learn more and practice with your goat. For more information or to verify if they are still holding the class due to the weather contact Lorri Dennis at lorridennis48@gmail.com or 607-794-0332.

Dog Obedience Graduation - July 18 at 4 p.m. in Arkport

4-H member’s (8-18 years old as of January 1, 2015) who wish to be considered to attend the NYS Fair 4-H Dog Show or 4-H members who are taking dog obedience classes privately (non 4-H classes) and want to show at the Steuben County Fair 4-H Dog Show must attend Dog Obedience Graduation on Saturday, July 18 at 4 p.m. at the Old Arkport Cycles 3 Main Street in Arkport.

The Steuben County Fair 4-H Dog Show is Monday, August 17 at 11 a.m. in the 4-H Horse Show Ring across the track. County Fair Entries are due to the CCE Office by Monday, July 13. If bringing in person, please bring to the 4-H building on the fairgrounds between 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

The NYS Fair 4-H Dog Show Wednesday, September 2 for Obedience and Agility classes and Thursday, September 3 for Rally and Grooming and Handling Classes.

If you have any questions contact Kim at ksb3@cornell.edu or 607-583-3185 or your 4-H Dog Obedience Instructor.

Among the organizations taking part this year are Cohocton Valley Chapter NWTF, Canisteo Valley Chapter NWTF, Southern Tier Chapter of Whitetails Unlimited, Towlesville Craft and Shaft, Mountaintop Trapping. Activities will include, Firearm Safety, The NRA Eddie Eagle Program, Skeet, .22 Rifle, Trapping, Archery, Muzzleloader, Mountain Man, and BB Gun. A light lunch of hot dogs, chips, cookies and water will be served at approximately noon.

Other activities may be added if volunteers are available to share their skills. If you have an idea for an activity, please contact Jim McGlynn at 607-776-6263. Donations of time, ammo, food, supplies, etc. are gratefully accepted.

National Wild Turkey Federations JAKES Conservation Field Day

There will be a JAKES (Juniors Acquiring Knowledge, Ethics and Sportsmanship) Conservation Field Day held on Saturday, July 18 The Bath Rod & Gun Club: 7771 Telegraph Road, Bath, NY 14810. This is a fun-filled day for ages 17 and under, along with their families to learn more about outdoor activities. There is no charge for anyone to attend any of the activities. Registration will begin at 8:00 am with the outdoor activities starting at 9:00 am.
NYS Fair Teen Leadership Opportunities

If you are interested in a teen leader or teen assistant position at the NYS Fair please visit: http://nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/events/Documents/2014%20State%20Fair/2014Just%20for%20Teens.pdf or contact Kim at the CCE Office by July 15.

These are a great way for teens to learn basic job skills, make new friends and to have a leadership role in 4-H. There are three Teen Leader opportunities:

1. **County Booth:** Teens work with activities in our county booth that engage the public. On the State Fair website you can sign up for activities that have support (funds or supplies) - described in article above.

2. **Teen Evaluators:** Teens assist judges with the evaluation of projects in Food, Clothing, Home Environment, Communication and Expressive Arts, Horticulture, Art Objects, Visual Arts and Photography and Science and Technology.

3. **Teen Leaders Program:** These teens assist with activities in the following areas: Geospatial, Press Corps, Shooting Sports, Poultry Science, Fashion Revue, 4-H Foundation, STEM (ie: Robotics, Sustainable Energy) and Cynology (Dog), Horticulture, and Animal Science.

**Teen Leaders participate during Steuben County's time period and must be nominated online by an Educator (teens may not nominate themselves).** Further information can be found in the State Fair Handbooks.

NYS Fair Junior Superintendents

If you are interested in applying contact Kim by July 7 - Qualified Teens Should Apply NOW

Positions filled as applications are received and are due no later than July 15.

These positions, previously known as "Teen Assistants," are designed for older 4-H members (who have reached the age of 16 during 2015) who wish to be involved in a much deeper State Fair leadership experience. There are Youth Building Junior Superintendents who work for 1 or 2 weeks and also animal science positions. While 15-year olds can apply they will be considered only if there are not enough older teens. First year Junior Superintendents will only be scheduled for 1 week.

A premium of $40 per day will be paid to Jr. Superintendents. These youth should be highly motivated to serve and be the most responsible/hardest working members that counties have! Their roles will be key to the day-to-day success of 4-H activities at the fair. More specifics are in the State Fair Handbook and the application procedures are on the NYS State 4-H website at http://nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/events/Documents/2014%20State%20Fair/2014Just%20for%20Teens.pdf

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.
Tractor Supply Fall 4-H Paper Clover Promotion
4-H Clubs/Families help is requested

4-H Clubs/families are needed to help sell 4-H Paper Clover
October 7-18 at all three Tractor Supply Company (TSC) Stores in Steuben County. 4-H Paper Clovers are paper representations of the 4-H Clover that are sold for $1 by TSC store team members and prominently displayed in the store. 70% of the funds go to state and county 4-H Programs (60-65 % to the county) and 30% to National 4-H Council. For more details visit http://www.4-h.org/paper-clover-toolkit/ Clubs can have a display of their projects, bring animals, bake sale, have an activity for the public, etc. One idea that went over well at the Hornell Store when a family from the Country Bunch Club assisted during the Spring Paper Clover Promotion was that if someone purchased a paper clover they received a cookie/brownie.

Please contact Kim or Jenny at the CCE Office regarding either of these events so we can make sure we have representation at all three stores. Also please contact the specific Tractor Supply Store Manager to arrange with them what day and time you will be coming and make any necessary arrangements: Bath store – Josh at 607-664-1222, Hornell store – Anne at 607-324-9434, and Painted Post store – Gerry at 607-962-2606.

2015 National Youth Science Day

Announcing the 2015 National Science Experiment: Motion Commotion

National 4-H Council and 4-H National Headquarters are pleased to announce the 2015 4-H National Youth Science Day Experiment, Motion Commotion. Motion Commotion will enable youth to explore the physics of motion and distracted driving.

Developed by Oregon State University Cooperative Extension, this exciting activity will combine a speeding car collision and a distracted driving demonstration in a simulated activity that investigates the physical and human factors of motion.

The two-part experiment will test young people’s knowledge of science, speed and safety by:

- Constructing a simulated runway to analyze the speed, momentum and kinetic energy of a car in motion, and will explore the science behind the car’s collisions

- Leading an experiment that uses the same physics principles to demonstrate the consequences of distractions in everyday life

This annual youth science experiment will be held on Wednesday, October 7, 2015, and will bring 4-H'ers together from all around the nation to complete this single, innovative activity. Get your experiment kit and plan your local event!

The 2015 National Science Experiment kit is currently available for pre-sale on the 4-H Mall website. Pre-order now through June 1 for exclusive savings: www.4-HMall.org

The new and improved 4-H National Youth Science Day website will launch on June 4, 2015! Please visit to find fun and engaging STEM content, register your local 4-H NYSD event, and access resources and materials: www.4-H.org/NYS
**2015 Achievement Night Awards Program**

On November 7th, Steuben County 4-H members will be recognized for their outstanding accomplishments for the 2014-2015 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 7th.

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**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 16th.** Please indicate why you think the 4-H member deserves this award.

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**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.

**Naturalist Outreach STEM video series**

Have you checked out the **Naturalist Outreach STEM** video series where Cornell University students reveal the secrets of nature recently? There is now a list of **20 short videos** websites at [http://origin.library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/1116857724747-24/2014+Naturalist+Outreach+Video+List.pdf](http://origin.library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/1116857724747-24/2014+Naturalist+Outreach+Video+List.pdf) about different aspects of biodiversity, ecology, and behavior aimed for elementary and middle school students. Many star young women who are clearly enthusiastic about biology, and all emphasize learning more. Check out the 'naturalistoutreach' channel on youtube and the Naturalist Outreach website (blogs.cornell.edu/naturalistoutreach) where we have posted topic guides, worksheets, and suggested games related to the topics.
4-H Project Records Due Monday, September 14!

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.putknowledgetowork.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 2015 County Fair

All 4-H members who exhibit an animal project in the 4-H Division at the 2015 Steuben County Fair are required to turn into the CCE Office at least one record on their project animal(s) per species by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, September 14, 2015 to be eligible to exhibit that species at the 2016 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 2016 and show in the 4-H division at the 2016 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 14, 2015. 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 14, 2015. These forms are available on our website: www.putknowledgetowork.org.

Senior Summary & Junior Activity Reports

Senior Summary and Junior Activity Reports are due Monday, September 30, 2015. Senior Summary report forms are to be completed by 4-H members in grades 7 and higher (as of fall 2015). 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. 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.org 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 2015). 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.

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 30, 2015.
County Fair

Fairbooks and entries can be downloaded at [www.putknowledgetowork.org](http://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 13, 2015 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.org](http://www.putknowledgetowork.org). 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 16th, 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. 2nd or any day after that at the 4-H office (open Monday through Friday 8:30-4:30).

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 19, 2015. For more information contact Keith Orsanides at 607-776-5098.

Buffalo & Western NY Poultry Club AND Steuben County Twin Tier Poultry Club Show

The Buffalo & WNY Poultry Club Show will be held on Saturday, September 12th, 2015 and the Twin Tier Poultry Club Show will be held at the Steuben County Fairgrounds on Sunday, September 13th, 2015.

Details:
- There will be a total of six judges. Judges to be announced.
- Entry fee's will be $2.50 open class for each show and $2.00 for junior for each show.
- 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.

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The Steuben County Twin Tier Poultry Club Auction will be held at the Steuben County Fairgrounds on Saturday, September 19, 2015. For more information contact Keith Orsanides at 607-776-5098.
**County Fair 4-H Office**

Adult volunteers (parents, leaders, grandparents, 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.org 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 the shifts are from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 2 - 6 p.m. and 6 - 10p.m. On Sunday the shift is from 10a.m to 2p.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 many opportunities this year to get involved! Sign up to be a Junior Evaluator or 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 17th, you can be a judge’s assistant and help with the judging and arranging of exhibits. **Receive a County Fair Teen Leader sticker on your year-end Certificate.**

**Be a Teen Assistant any day!** (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.**

**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 **county credit**. Follow the guidelines for general public presentations from your leader or the web: www.putknowledgetowork.org 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.
What’s Happening in the Youth Building This Year?

“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.

A ribbon will be awarded based on performance. Entries from the Produced in NY contest maybe invited to present at the NYS Fair.

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 are being done in the county. It can involve 4-Hers of all ages (5-19), leaders and adults! (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.

**2014 District Public Presenters:** Those that were selected for district presentations are invited to do the presentations that they did at the county level and repeated at District Presentations A certificate of participation will be given.

**4-H Show Case:** Special Interest Groups- robotics, bunny jumping, GPS, crafts, weaving, crafts, scrapbooking. 4-H members, parents and/or leaders can work together. 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.
We also need your assistance with a variety of animal shows, events. Refer to list below. Please contact Kim at 607-583-3185 or at ksb3@cornell.edu if you can assist or complete the volunteer return form by Monday, July 13.

**Monday, August 17**
Dog Show – Horse Show Arena

**Tuesday, August 18**
Dairy Goat Show – 9 a.m.
Swine Show – 9 a.m.
Meat Goat Show – 1 p.m. or conclusion of swine show
Cavy/Rabbit Show 1:00 p.m. – Clerk (Record results and staple ribbons/remark cards), Announcer, writer for judge, getting members and rabbits on deck for the next class

**Wednesday, August 19**
Poultry Presentation & Poultry Science Contest 9 a.m.
Beef Show – 10 a.m.
Dairy Judging Contest – 1 p.m. Scorekeeper(s) and Leadsman
Livestock Judging Contest – 5 p.m. Scorekeeper(s) and Leadsman

**Thursday, August 20**
Sheep Show – 10 a.m.
Dairy Showmanship– 8:30 a.m. – announcer, clerk, coordinator for next class
Dairy Show – 10:30 a.m. announcer, clerk, coordinator for next class

**Friday, August 21**
Horse Show – English & Western Classes – 9 a.m. – announcer, gates (In/Out), Ring Steward
Rabbit Showmanship – 9:30 a.m.
Animal Photos – Assist with paperwork and identifying 4-H members 10-noon and noon - 2
4-H Animal Costume Contest – 2 p.m.

**Saturday, August 22**
Horse Show – Showmanship, Dressage, Trail – 9 a.m. – Ring crew
Livestock Skillathon – 10 a.m.
Fair Clean-Up Day - Sunday, August 2nd 10:30 – 1 p.m.
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 27th to sign up for Fair Clean-up Day**

The annual clean-up day is scheduled for **Sunday, August 2nd, 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.** A thank-you lunch will be provided by the CCE Office.

*Also bring your club banner to hang in the youth building.*

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**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](http://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.

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**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, of your fair book and enter on the cloverbud entry form by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, July 13. The form can be found on the web at: www.putknowledgetowork.org 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 54. Please use 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 16 between 1:00-3:00 pm, 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 13 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 18th, at 6:00 or 7:00 p.m.
- Creative Place Setting Contest: Saturday, August 22nd at 1:00pm
- Creative Cake/Cloverbud Giant Cookie Decorating Contest: Saturday, August 22nd
  2:00 pm Cloverbud contest
  2:30 pm Junior contest
  3:00 pm Senior contest
- Flower Arranging Contest: Saturday, August 22nd at 4:30 pm

You must register for these contests by Monday, July 13th by 4:30pm. Use the youth building registration form on the web at www.putknowledgetowork.org. Refer to pages 55, 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”
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 22nd. 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.
- Under-mixing 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 - i.e: 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 at 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 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 23. This time release is set by the State Department of Agriculture and Markets and the Steuben County Agricultural Society. If exhibits are removed before 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 23, 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.

If you are unable to pick-up on Sunday from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., the 4-H building will be open on Monday, August 24 from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. All exhibitors with exhibits still remaining after 11:00 a.m. on Monday, August 24 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!!!

NEW FOR 2015

The Steuben County Agricultural Society will no longer be supplying any bedding for any exhibitors this year.

2015 4-H Steuben County Fair Animal Photo Request

Nancy Reigelsperger will be available to take personal pictures of you and your animal on Friday, August 21 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. by/in the sheep/swine barn, rabbit barn or 4-H horse show ring. Swine pictures will be taken with the swine in their pens. They will be available in 2 sizes this year 4x6 for $5 or 5x7 for $8 and both sizes will be in a mat. For convenience on August 21st, we request you complete the enclosed form with payment of cash or check made payable to Nancy Reigelsperger and return with the request form to Nancy on August 21st. The request form is an insert in this Steubenite or can be found on the web at www.putknowledgetowork.org Time permitting, photos will be returned to the 4-H Fair Office by Saturday, August 22 for you to pick up.

It would be appreciated and extremely helpful if you could let us know at the exhibitors meeting on Monday, August 17 if you want a personal picture of your animal(s) so Nancy knows how many to expect and of what species. A Volunteer(s) are needed to assist Nancy Reigelsperger with paperwork and identifying 4-H members for the 4-H Animal Pictures from 10 a.m. – noon and/or noon - 2 p.m. if you are available to help please complete the County Fair 4-H Volunteer Return form by Monday, July 26.
Attention Animal Exhibitors showing registered animals

If showing registered animals a copy of the registration paper must accompany the County Fair Entries due on July 13. If bringing in person on July 13, please bring to the 4-H building on the fairgrounds between 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Market Animals Quality Assurance Pledge Form Due July 13

All exhibitors of Market Animals must complete and return a copy of the 4-H Quality Assurance Pledge with their county fair entries, July 13, 2015. If bringing in person, please bring to the 4-H building on the fairgrounds between 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

For 2015 Market Animals 4-H Green Tags

- Market Steers will not have 4-H green tags in their ears for 2015.
- Market hogs, market lambs, and market goats will have a 4-H green ear tag put in their ear at weigh in at Empire.

Market Animal Weigh In

All market animals must be weighed in at Empire Livestock on Monday, August 17 between 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

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 ear tags must, absolutely, be attached to the animal. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!!!! If any market steer, market hog, market sheep, or market 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 including Cloverbud Animals

Please make sure you know the 2015 Health Requirements. Read the Health Requirements on the CCE website or read the requirements in the County Fair Book for health regulations for each species. It is your responsibility to meet the health regulations. The regulations will be enforced for the protection of all exhibitors. If you have questions contact the CCE Office.

All cattle, sheep, swine, and goats exhibited at County Fair must have a valid certificate of Veterinary inspection (CVI). The CVI can be issued on or after May 1 of the current year. Each animal must be individually and positively identified on the CVI.

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 2015 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 or in some cases legible tattoo) 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. All goats or sheep exhibited must have legible scrapie identification.

Attention 4-H Animal Exhibitors At The 2015 Steuben County Fair!

NO ANIMALS ARE TO ARRIVE AT THE FAIRGROUNDS ON SUNDAY!

Market Animal weigh in at Empire Livestock is only on Monday, August 17th from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Dairy, livestock, rabbits and goats must be brought to the Fairgrounds Monday, August 17th from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. No animals may be unloaded or put in barns until the CVI has been checked for dairy, livestock, and goats and rabbits are not allowed in cages until the rabbit has been inspected. There will be no veterinarians on the fairgrounds after 5:00 p.m. on Monday so please plan accordingly.

PLEASE READ YOUR FAIR BOOK:

Your Fair Book includes very important information regarding County Fair. Please read it thoroughly, as some 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 All Animal Exhibitors - Some Tips on Assuring Your Animal is Not Sent Home

If Dr. Pepi Leids thinks that an animal looks "sick", she will take their temperature and perform a physical exam. It doesn't matter what might be wrong with an individual animal; if it looks sick or looks like it MIGHT have a contagious disease, then she has the right to not allow it in the barn or have it removed once the fair has started. It is the same with any contagious disease. She doesn't have to PROVE that an animal has one disease or another. She can make her decision on the SUSPICION of an infectious disease. This has been the case for as long as she has been a regulatory veterinarian with responsibilities at the county and State fairs. Nothing has changed.

1. Make sure you have the necessary paperwork and vaccinations found in the Steuben County Fairbook and on the CCE website at [www.putknowledgetowork.org](http://www.putknowledgetowork.org)
2. Make sure that all the identification matches and is legible.
3. No Warts – even one little wart will warrant your animal being sent home.
4. No 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 will be sent home.

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 Dr. Pepi Leids 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 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.

NEW for 2015 - The 4-H Exhibitor Overnight Fair Application with the permission slip and medical release/code of conduct is due to the CCE office by Monday, July 13 or if bringing in person on July 13 to the 4-H Fair Building.

Boys and girls can sign up to stay in either the sheep/swine barn or the cement 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.

Your bedding (cots, air mattresses, etc.) 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 13, 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, including those staying in campers, 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.** 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 or vice versa.

**IT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE 4-H PROGRAM COMMITTEE THAT 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 ALL THEIR 4-H COUNTY FAIR PREMIUM MONEY, AWARD TRIPS AND POSSIBLY THE RIGHT TO SHOW AT THE COUNTY FAIR THE FOLLOWING YEAR.**

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**NEW For 2015 County Fair Overnight Camping Application DUE JULY 13**

The Fair Board has allocated 4-H camping sites for this year’s Fair. The sites will be along the fence behind the 4-H bathrooms and along the fence by the Dairy Barn. The sites are for 4-H families and leaders with animals involved in the Fair. Only campers will be allowed. No tents are allowed. **4-H families wishing to camp on the grounds MUST complete the camping request form by Monday, July 13. NOTE: This is the same date as the 4-H County Fair Entries are due. If bringing in person on July 13, please bring to the 4-H building on the fairgrounds between 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.** If the information on your request form changes, you need to notify the CCE Office or you risk losing your spot. There is a $40 fee due to the Steuben County Agricultural Society if you are given a camper spot. For more information or if you need an application contact the CCE office or visit [www.putknowledge2work.org](http://www.putknowledge2work.org)

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**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.

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**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 13 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.** Class size may be limited due to time and number of entries. 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.

If PEDv is SUSPECTED during the fair the entire swine barn will be sent off the grounds and the barn will be closed! It will be Dr. Pepi Leids decision as to the possibility of a disease "outbreak" and she will handle it as necessary. She would likely get help from her colleagues in the Albany office if that were the case.

If this occurs it would be up to the 4-H family to make arrangements for where to take their pigs since they cannot stay on the fairgrounds. Please note: If the swine are removed from the fairgrounds before the Livestock Sale on Friday then NO Market Hogs WILL be sold but the other species will continue to be sold.

Therefore it will be extremely important for you to prevent your hog(s) from having diarrhea at the fair. Due to the potential threat of spreading PEDv, if any hog shows severe diarrhea that could be suspected as PEDv any time after they arrive ALL the pigs in the barn must be removed from the fairgrounds.

We know that many hogs have diarrhea after they get to the fair when they are perfectly healthy due to stress, change in diet, or change in water. PLAN TO CARRY YOUR WATER FROM HOME.

Remember, that PEDv usually affects piglets causing them to die when they are very young. Older animals may show diarrhea, but usually recover. If any of the pigs have diarrhea at the home farm, then no pigs should come to the fair from that farm. A veterinarian should be called to examine any sick animals on any farm and let the decision whether to have the pigs tested for PEDv be that of a veterinary professional.

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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 Wednesday, August 19 at 1:00 p.m. in the 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.

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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.

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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!

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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.

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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. Goats that are shown in the Market Goat Class CANNOT be shown in the breeding classes. Gilts shown in market classes CAN NOT be shown in breeding classes.

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Fair Orientation Meeting for ALL Animal Exhibitors

There will be a Fair orientation meeting for 4-H animal exhibitors (except horse and dog) in the livestock Show ring on Monday, August 17 at 8:30 p.m. This is an important meeting for ALL animal exhibitors.
4-H and FFA Livestock Sale

The Annual 4-H and F.F.A. Livestock Sale will be held on Friday, August 21. Market Poultry and Rabbit will be sold at 5:30 p.m. and the Steers will begin at 6:00 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.

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 Friday, September 4th -September 7th. 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 September 3rd and for the return on Monday, Sept. 7th. 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 3rd and the NYS Fair Youth Livestock book and entries can be found at http://4h.ansci.cornell.edu/events-2/nys-fair/forms-information/** 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 Saturday, July 18 starting at 4 p.m. Old Arkport Cycles, 3 Main Street in Arkport. 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.

**For more information about these contests contact the CCE office or visit the web http://4h.ansci.cornell.edu/events-2/nys-fair/forms-information/** Consider taking part in one of these contests as it will let you spend time at the fair, and you may be eligible to add points to your project champion selection criteria. State fair will be made available for those participating in a 4-H Contest at the NYS Fair but the number available for other family members may be limited.

**DAIRY CATTLE** – Dairy Challenge – Thursday, August 27 registration at 12:30 and Contest 1:00 p.m. Pre-Entry is required to CCE-Steuben by Monday, August 3. Novice, Junior and Sr. Division.

Dairy Judging – Friday, August 28 8:30 a.m. Day 1 and Thursday, September 3 at 8:30 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.
GOAT
4-H Goat Products Identification – Thursday, August 27 at 1:00 p.m.
Goat Knowledge Olympics Contest – Thursday, August 27 2:30 p.m.
4-H Goat Bowl – Friday, August 28 at 10 a.m.
Goat Judging Contest - Tuesday, September 1 11 a.m.
Meat goat oral interviews/meat goat project notebook competition – Friday, August 28 4 p.m., 6 p.m., and continuing Saturday 1 p.m. if needed
Meat Goat Written Knowledge Exam – Sunday, August 30 at 5 p.m.
Refer to this link for information on the contests

SHEEP – 4-H Sheep Quiz Bowl – Saturday,
August 29 at 5:30 p.m. – Youth Building stage

SWINE – Youth Swine Quiz Bowl – Tuesday, September 1 6:00 p.m.

2015 Empire Swine Youth Scholarship Participants
Empire Market Hog Contest B Division – Sunday, August 30 2:00 p.m. records due and 3:00 p.m. contest interviews. Monday August 31 10 a.m. Scholarship Contest and basic Knowledge Review (written test) Youth must have done a market hog project at County Level and completed a record. For more information and to download the youth guideline book visit
http://www.newyorkpork.org/NewsAndEvents/1596/NewYorkStateFairEmpireYouthSwineScholarship.aspx#

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 28, 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, August 28, 6:00 p.m. Jr. youth building stage and Sr. immediately following. Pre-entry due to CCE Steuben by August 1 Refer to Cornell University Animal Science Website

Rabbit Science Decathlon & Cavy Science Decathlon – Sunday, September 6, 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 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 30, 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, September, 2, Youth Arena – 7:30 a.m. registration; contest starts at 8 a.m. Contact the CCE Office by August 1st if you are interested in participating.
Outgoing Members

Morgan Pierce, the daughter of Terry Pierce and Mitzi Pierce-Loscig will be graduating from Addison High School, June 2015. She will be attending Corning Community College in the fall to become a social worker, with plans to graduate from Corning next May.

Morgan has been a lifelong member of The Canisteo Valley 4-H Stars Club and many unique opportunities have been provided by this. “Through 4-H I have learned responsibility; I have learned how to teach myself to be a better person. When I first started showing cows it opened up an entire new world to me. I love the animals and the joy they bring just by being around them. As a member of 4-H so many opportunities have been opened up to me and I have been more then thankful for that. 4-H is a wonderful program that I am so glad to have been a part of. I encourage any younger children to join as it is something you will always be thankful for. I plan to stay involved in any way that I can.”

Brittany McNally, the daughter of Chad and Rachel Houghtaling, will be graduating from Jasper-Troupsburg School this June. If the fall, she plans to attend Alfred State College for Agriculture Technology.

Brittany has had a love for animals and wants to pursue her dreams of working in the agricultural field. She has been involved with The Canisteo Valley 4-H Stars Club and has been an officer with the FFA since 9th grade. I believe 4-H and FFA have helped Brittany be the person she is today a hard worker, passionate person with lots of personality! We couldn’t be more proud of her accomplishments and can’t wait to see what the future holds for her.

Lydia Fillmore, the daughter of Rebecca Painter and Roger Fillmore of Woodhull, NY is graduating from Addison High School in June, 2015.

She will be attending Corning Community College in the fall and looks forward to exploring her options as she decides on a major. She has been a life-long member of the Canisteo Valley 4-H Stars Club “4-H has meant a lot to me. I’ve learned so much and I’ve made so many good memories and friends!”

Thank you & best of luck to the ALL the graduating 4-H members and parents for their support of the Steuben County 4-H Program!!!

Past Events

NYS 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest

On April 25 two Steuben County 4-H members participated on the Finger Lakes District 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Teams during the NYS 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest at Cornell University in Ithaca based on their accomplishments at the Finger Lakes District 4-H Dairy Bowl Contest in March. Alicia Lawson, Country Bunch 4-H club, participated in the Junior Division and the Finger Lakes Jr. Team placed 3rd. Paige Demun, Dairy Dreamers 4-H club, placed 9th individual in the Senior Division.

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.

Thank you to Ian Stewart, Steuben County Independent 4-H member, who volunteered as a score keeper for the contest.

Steuben County members and volunteers attend the NYS 4-H STARR Program
The State Teen Action Rep Retreat (STARR) is a three-day fun-filled event where 4-H teens, ages 13-19 participate in a variety of workshops and activities meant to challenge, excite and further develop life skills. The event is planned by teens and adults serving on the youth/adult STARR Planning Committee. Rachael Draper, Christine Towner, Phil Zschoche, Bethany Draper, and Samantha Towner from Steuben County served on the 2015 STARR Planning Committee. Also attending from Steuben County were Gabriel Barone, Raven Foote, Kaitlin Matthews, Brad Sick, Anna VonHagn, and Rachel VonHagn. Ronda Sick also served as a chaperone.

Gabriel commented “STARR was great. I enjoyed meeting new people. We learned that teamwork and friendship were hand in hand”.

Steuben County Members Excel at 2015 NYS 4-H Public Presentations

Congratulations to Raven Foote, Peter Kelly, Michal Eckler, and Rachel Eckler for being selected from the Finger Lakes District to participate in the 2015 NYS 4-H Public Presentation Contest that was held on May 16 at Cornell University. Steuben had 3 presentations from the 10 presentations selected from the Finger Lakes District. Raven’s Presentation was in the speech category with her topic “Ivy League…the Best of the Best.” “Improvising on the Guitar” was presented by Peter Kelly. Michal and Rachel did a Team Dramatic Presentation “Talented Young Newcomers”. Peter and Raven received a silver seal. Michal and Rachel received a gold seal and was ranked 1st in the Dramatic Interpretation category. They have been invited to present at the NYS Fair this summer.

Steuben County Horse Program June Qualifying Show 2015

On Sunday, June 14, 2015 the first of the year’s two horse qualifying shows were held. There were 10 in attendance including Walk Trot, Novice, Pony, Junior, Senior and Mini exhibitors! Highlights included: Novice English High Point: Gwyneth Washburn, Loon Lake Raiders 4-H Club; Pony English High Point: Megan Bressler, Loon Lake Raiders 4-H Club; Pony English Reserve High Point: Katlin Bidlack, Loon Lake Raiders 4-H Club; Junior English High Point: Kelsi Bird, Loon Lake Raiders 4-H Club; Senior English High Point: Katlin Bidlack; Senior English Reserve High Point: Kameryn Comstock; Bath Trail Blazers 4-H Club; Walk/Trot Western High Point: Cheyenne Murat, Bath Trail Blazers 4-H Club; Pony Western High Point: Megan Bressler; Pony Western Reserve High Point: Katlin Bidlack; Junior Western High Point: Kelsi Bird; Senior Western High Point: Kameryn Comstock; Miniature Horse High Point: Cheyenne Murat; Walk/Trot Games High Point: Cheyenne Murat; Pony Games High Point: Megan Bressler; Pony Games Reserve High Point: Katlin Bidlack; Junior Games High Point: Kelsi Bird; Senior Games High Point: Katlin Bidlack.
Clothing Revue 2015

A lovely garden scene, including a table set for a tea party, greeted those attending the Steuben County 4-H Clothing Revue held Friday night, May 1st at Avoca Central School. This set the stage for the theme “A Garden Tea Party.” Kacey Scheib welcomed the parents and guests. Katie Matthews and Alyx Uhl were commentators for the evening. Madison Conrad, Brianna Hill and Greta Huber lead the pledge to the American Flag and the 4-H pledge.

The following junior and cloverbud members modeled the garments that they made: Chelsea Abbott, Madison Conrad, Mattie Deusenbery, Ashley Feely, Emily Feely, Olivia Feely, Kaydan Feinman, Stephanie Fox, Abby Gleason, Amelia Gleason, Gwen Hargrave, Greta Huber, Rachel Joseph, Aubree Laverty, Ryleigh Laverty, Olivia Lewis, Hailey Martin, Evelyn Miller, Cheyanne Ritchey-Yeoman, Nora Schubmehl, Gabriella Sick, Noah Sick, Jackson Trieste-Gricius, Kaitlyn Wager.

Cloverbuds recognized this year were: Mattie Deusenbery, Amelia Gleason, Olivia Feely, Ashley Feely, Noah Sick, Chelsea Abbott, Hailey Martin, Gwen Hargrave, Ryleigh Laverty.

1st Year Sewers recognized this year were: Brianna Hill, Alexis Robinson, Gabi Sick, Jackson Trieste-Gricius.

Senior members modeling their sewing projects were: Hill and Valley: Kacey Scheib, Willing Workers: Molly Fox, Katie Matthews, Caleb Miller, Rose Miller, Alexis Robinson, Brad Sick, Samantha Towner, Alyx Uhl.

Those chosen to represent Steuben County at the New York State Fair in 2015 are: Molly Fox, Kate Matthews, Caleb Miller, Rose Miller, Alexis Robinson, Kacey Scheib, Brad Sick, Samantha Towner, Alyx Uhl.

Escorts for the evening were: Caleb Miller and Brad Sick. Registration was done by Vicki Thielges and Jessica McCallum. 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, Gwen Gottschall, and Jan Leathersich.

Members of the Clothing Committee who planned and organized the show were Helen Barone, Grace Brown, Jen Cratsley, Megan Cratsley, Katie Matthews, Alyx Uhl, Phyllis Rathbun, Sue Schwingel, Jessica McCallum, Vicki Thielges, Christine Towner and Samantha Towner. 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 www.putknowledgework.org for more pictures.
2015 Dairy Festival
On June 6th, Steuben County 4-H was well represented with three clubs creating floats that embodied the spirit of Steuben County 4-H and the uniqueness of each club. This year’s Dairy Festival had the theme of Dairyland History and groups were encouraged to be creative and embrace their vision of what that might be. The 3 participating clubs/floats were: Country Bunch 4-H Club; Kickin’ Kountry Kids 4-H Club; Bath Trail Blazers 4-H Club. A huge THANK YOU to youth, leaders, parents, and all the other volunteers for helping keep the image of 4-H alive and strong in our communities!

4-H Volunteers and Local Business Recognized!

Congratulations to Anne and Phil Zschoche for being selected to be honored as outstanding CCE Volunteers at CCE Steuben’s Gala held May 14, 2015 at Steuben Brewing in Pulteney. Anne and Phil Zschoche have been dedicated volunteers for the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben’s 4-H Program and have been extensively involved with the 4-H Program for over 8 years. Originally starting as volunteers when their daughter joined 4-H, they quickly became very engaged at the club, county, district and state level. They strongly support the 4-H Program and believe whole heartedly in the benefits, positive experiences and life skills that are gained and built upon in the program. Their group is active in their community and the county helping not only the visibility of 4-H but also that of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben.

Each of the Tractor Supply Company stores were also an award recipient as an outstanding business in supporting CCE Steuben, specifically the 4-H Program. Each of the three locations, Bath, Hornell, and Painted Post, have donated supplies, gift cards, and made monetary donations to help support the local county program and local clubs. Additionally, they are always happy to have clubs there to host bake sales and fundraisers and supply space for various clinics and educational activities.

All of these outstanding supporters were awarded plaques of appreciation but we would like to thank ALL of our parents, volunteers, members and other supporters!