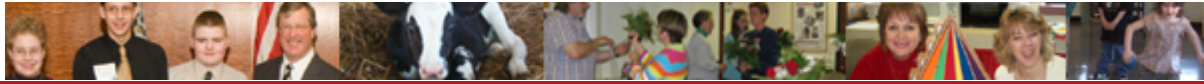


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Wildlife shows, exhibitors and seminars!

The third annual Southern Tier Outdoor Recreation Exposition to be held on October 10 and 11 at Wilkins RV, Inc. in Bath has something to offer both outdoorsmen and the entire family. Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County's two-day event provides education on how increased participation in outdoor activities helps to promote environmental stewardship and enhance quality of life.

The event will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. both in the showroom and service area of the spacious Wilkins RV, Inc. facility in Bath, New York on Route 415 between I-86 Exits 38 and 37, and outside on several acres of surrounding land, which includes a pond. It will be a great way to spend a day. Food vendors will offer everything from pork to chicken BBQ to deep fried cookies as well as breakfast both days.



Read more below....

Take the whole family to the Outdoor Show Oct 10 & 11 in Bath!

Free seminars to be offered on the hour include:

- The New York Black Bear by New York State Department of the Environment Wildlife Technician Greg Fuerst.
- Code 3 Game Calls, LLC and Precision Shooting Equipment Prostaffer Mike Deschamps has been truly blessed to bow hunt around the world and he will share his bow hunting experiences. From a minus 62 degree tangle with a polar bear to a 114 degree scorcher in a quest for the elusive Coues whitetail in old Mexico and everything in between. Then the hunt of a lifetime for the king of beasts on the dark continent.
- Come learn about the Finger Lakes Trail through a photo review.
- Gary Socola from the New York Bowhunters will provide a session on How to Hunt Small Properties.

- The Finger Lakes Chapter of Deer Search will offer two sessions one on Following a Blood Trail and the other on what their organization is all about.
- Dr. Randall Gilbert of Buckhunter Publications will discuss the hunter influences on whitetail perception and movement direction in Funnels, Pinch Points and Bottlenecks: If You Build It They Will Follow."
- Fly Fisherman Dusty Wissmath will offer a Fly Fishing in Montana slide show.
- Energy Educator Nancy Reigelsperger will offer a session on home energy saving tips.

Shows available throughout both days include:

- Meet Big Mama, the Eagle Owl, Largest Owl in the World, and Navaar, the rare black African Augur Buzzard in the Talons, Birds of Prey interactive show. Two shows daily.
- The Bwana Jim Wildlife Show consists of three performances per day including actual "hands on" alligator displays. They focus on education in the show and the importance of knowing and understanding wildlife.
- Jim Beverly specializes in training, clinics, seminars and the Companion Hunting Retriever. He will be offering Water Hunting for Youth activities on the pond and Hunting over Water for adults.
- The Dusty Wissmath Fly Fishing show lasts up to an hour followed by public participation. Try fly casting out for yourself at the pond. All equipment provided.
- The Back Country 4-Wheelers will put on demonstrations.

The new interactive activity this year is the Bowhunter Challenge, a 3-D turn-key, bow hunting event offering a competitive real-woods experience. The nine moving 3-D targets simulate the multitude of decisions that bow hunters must deal with to achieve success. Visitors ages 14 and older can bring their own bow to the show to compete for prize packages valuing up to \$500. Those over 18 may use show equipment.

Safari Club International (SCI) is will score trophy animals for the record books FREE of charge to show attendees. The SCI Record Book of Trophy Animals uses SCIs unique all-inclusive record keeping system, the most used system in the world, to document our hunting heritage. Trophies (all animal species) should be brought to the Code 3 Game Calls, LLC, booth #36, during the show for scoring by SCI Official Trophy Measurers and Code 3 Game Calls, LLC. owners, Kelly and Brett Hayes.

There will be over 100 exhibitors at the show including taxidermists, outfitters, bowhunting, charters, dog trainers, outdoor equipment, ATV activities, game meat seasonings, wind power, camping, trailers, trapping products, wine tasting, boats, and more.

The outdoor show, hosted by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County; WETM-TV; Backyard Broadcasting; Gatehouse Media, including The Leader, The Courier and The Evening Tribune; and Wilkins RV, Inc. drew thousands of people to its first two shows. Admission is \$5.00 per car and parking is free.

The show is sponsored by Heartland Recreational Vehicles LLC, Bank of the West, Five Star Bank, Chempace, Elmira Savings Bank, B.C. Consultants, Finger Lakes Wine & Spirits, Fix Spindelman Brovitz & Goldman, J.D. Chapman, Pizza Delite, Steuben Sporting Goods, Sprague Insurance, Lamb & Webster, Tops Market, and the Bath Chamber of Commerce. For more information on sponsorship, exhibition space or the show schedule contact Cornell Cooperative Extension at 607-664-2300 or visit www.SouthernTierOutdoorShow.com.

4-H is fostering a passion in science...

National 4-H/Week is October 4-10, 2009

National Science Day Oct 7, 2009

This is the day young people across the nation will get a chance to examine one of the most important issues facing our nation today - energy. Youth will discover, learn and have a blast exploring alternative fuels through Biofuel Blast, the National Science Experiment.

Developed in conjunction with the University of Wisconsin-Madison Extension and Wisconsin 4-H, the experiment is designed to spark an early interest in the sciences - all part of 4-H's bold goal to engage a million new young people in science, engineering and technology programs by 2013.

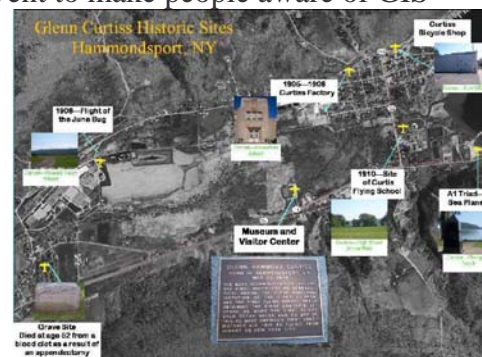
You can find everything you need to participate in 4-H National Youth Science Day online at: www.4-H.org/nysd. The site has lots of useful information, including the experiment facilitator's guide, interactive tools, event planning kits and much more. So join the experiment and have a blast!



Nov 18, 2009 is GIS Day

Join Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County's 4-H/Youth Development team on Wednesday, November 18, for a special GIS program at the Glenn H. Curtiss Museum in Hammondsport from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Details will be given on our website at www.putknawledgetowork.com as they develop. GIS Day is held each year on the Wednesday of National Geographic Society's Geography Awareness Week (Nov. 16-20, 2009) as a global event to make people aware of GIS technology and the important contributions it makes in the field of science, technology, information and the humanities.

Although you may not be aware of it, GIS touches our lives daily. It is used throughout the world to solve problems related to the environment, health care, land use, businesses efficiency, education and public safety. The power supply to homes, the patrol cars and fire trucks that keep neighborhoods safe, and the delivery trucks on the road all function more efficiently because of GIS. This technology can also help businesses place ATMs and restaurants at more convenient locations, allow people to pull maps of the Internet, and help farmers grow more crops with less chemicals.



4-H Annual Cheese Sale is underway

The Annual 4-H Cheese Sale is currently underway. Profits from the cheese sale are used to support the 4-H Activity Fund. The Activity Fund makes it possible for 4-H youth to participate in educational, career-oriented trips and activities. Brochures of available Cuba Cheese products and order forms are available at the Cooperative Extension office or contact a Steuben County 4-H member and can be ordered until Monday, October 26 at 4:30 p.m. Cheese will be delivered on Thursday, November 19 at which time payment is due. For brochures and/or order blanks or more information please contact Cornell Cooperative Extension Office at 607-664-2300. Thank you for your support of the Steuben County 4-H Youth Program.



October Gardening Activities...

Here are Stephanie's tips for this month!

1. Fall Garden Clean Up Time! Once your garden has stopped producing any vegetables it is time to prep for the winter months. Remove all of the plant material. Throw away any diseased material (especially those potatoes and tomatoes) and compost the rest. By cleaning up the plant material you will reduce your risk of carrying over diseases into next season!

2. Remember what and where everything was planted in your garden. A garden map is a great way to keep track of your garden. This helps with proper crop rotation next season.



3. Now is also a great time to start planning for next year. Get a head start by checking out the vegetable variety website <http://vegvariety.cce.cornell.edu>

Join our free cooking class...

New Class Starting in October: **Cooking Together For Family Meals:** Want to spend more one on one time with your child cooking together and learning new cooking skills? If you have a child age 8 and up this is for you. Join us for this two hour Fun, Hands-on Class. A light dinner will be prepared and served each week for six weeks. Join this new class starting in October. A central location will be chosen according to those interested. Contact Jon or Loree at 607-664-2300. No Cost

Three sessions left in the Financial Pyramid series this fall!

Once we have cash and credit management under control and understand insurances, we are ready to go through the financial planning process. Why is it important? Who should you have on your team? All this will be covered in the fourth session of the financial pyramid series continuing on Tuesdays through October 20 entitled The Pyramid Approach to Financial Health. The sessions are free and will be offered from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Southeast Steuben County Library, Civic Center Plaza, Corning.

The fourth block of the six-tier pyramid to be covered Tuesday, October 6 is entitled Financial Planning. Sarah Dewing, from the Corning Credit Union, will cover some of the common questions about financial planning.

The six-week series will continue the next two Tuesday evenings with sessions on Estate Planning and Asset Protection. Each building block relies on the strength and stability of the personal finance strategies used in the blocks below it.

Partners offering these workshops include Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County, Corning Credit Union, Tri County Housing, USDA Rural Development, and Attorney Patrick Roth.

Participants can attend one or all of these free informational workshops. Registration is requested by calling Cornell Cooperative Extension at 607-664-2300.



Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate?

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County is offering a new workshop entitled *Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate?* - A guide to passing on personal possessions. It will be held Oct 23, 2009 from 12:30 - 3:00 p.m. at the Hornell Senior Center. \$15 includes workbook.

Whether planning ahead or making decisions when someone dies, the workbook offered in this class will help you and your family members recognize the sensitivity of the issue, determine what you want to accomplish, decide what's fair for the family, understand belonging have different meanings to different individuals, consider distribution options and consequences, and agree to manage conflicts if they arise.

To register for the class, call 607-664-2300.



Save Energy Save Dollars!

As we approach the coldest temperatures of the year, it is not too late to be energy smart. In fact, now is the time to learn how to make a few changes and keep those hard-earned dollars in your pocket. The next Save Energy Save Dollars Program will be held October 5 at the Dormann Library in Bath or October 19 at the Hornell Senior Center in Hornell from 6:00-8:00 p.m. This workshop is free!



Cornell Cooperative Extension Financial and Energy Educator Nancy Reigelsperger wants the public to know there are low-cost and no-cost ways to save energy and reduce your energy bills this heating season. Cooperative Extension offers these ongoing programs to teach people how to afford energy efficient improvements with subsidies, low-interest loans, or free services to qualifying households. Participants will receive a free energy kit, including weatherstripping, shrink window insulation, faucet aerator, outlet and light switch gaskets and more.

For more information or to register for this workshop, please call Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County at 607-664-2300.

Upcoming Agriculture workshops...

Crop Insurance for Pasture and Hayland using the Rainfall Index and Feeding for Milk Production in 2010 will be held October 27 from 11:00am - 2:00pm, at the Bath Civil Defense Center

Crop Insurance for Pasture and Hayland using the Rainfall Index and Pasture and Hay Management for 2010 from 6:30 - 8:30pm at the Bath Civil Defense Center.

What to Look for in Health Insurance- Ag Service Agency - Transitioning Your Farm on November 19 from 11:00am - 2:00pm at the Bath Civil Defense Center

4-H offers shooting sports

The 4-H Shooting Sports Program teaches life skills through the disciplines of the shooting sports. Six disciplines are available: Archery, Muzzleloading, Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, and Hunting.

All disciplines are taught by National or State Certified Instructors, who teach youth development skills through the knowledge, responsibility, and recreational value of shooting sports.

Why a 4-H Shooting Sports Program?

- To help young people develop self-confidence, personal discipline, responsibility, teamwork, self esteem and sportsmanship. The discipline and self-control required for responsible firearms use carries over into many other aspects of life.

- To promote safe and ethical firearm use

- To continue the tradition of family involvement in Hunting and Shooting

Instructors are needed for this program! The winter workshop for Shooting Sports Instructors will be offered Feb. 19-21, 2010, and then in late spring there will be a course at Camp Wyomoca in Wyoming County.



Cooperative Holiday Expo is coming Nov 21

Looking for some new holiday ideas? Come and learn to make your own. Cooperative Extension is sponsoring a Cooperative Expo on Nov. 21 from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm at the Steuben County Office Building. There is going to be two different opportunities:



1. There will be one-hour workshop sessions for adults and youth 16+. Preregistration for the workshops will be required with a \$5:00 registration fee. Morning snacks and drinks will be included. For each workshop there will be an additional fee based on the cost of the project. The instructor will collect this. Some of the workshops being offered: wreath making, floral centerpieces, cake decorating, card making, holiday lighted potpourri jars, snowman penny rug (hand-stitched).

2. For Youth ages 8 and up there will be a room with "Make It Take It" projects. Youth must have a parent or another adult be with them or they will not be admitted. The projects for the "Make It Take Its" will take five to ten minutes to make and a charge for supplies will be collected at each project. These will be on-going throughout the morning so family

groups can come and go any time from 9:00-12:00. There will be no registration for these. Some of the projects are: pretzel goodies, note pads, bead earrings and other holiday projects.

Watch the web www.putknowledgestowork.com for more details.

Upcoming 4-H Scholarships and Grants

Look for these links soon on the Cooperative Extension website:

Kids Growing Food

For more information, call 336-271-0000

Deadline: Friday November 27th, 2009

This mini-grant program provides New York educators with financial start-up funds and educational tools that help integrate knowledge of the food and fiber system into the classroom.

Kids Growing Food II: Continuation Grant

Deadline: Friday November 27th, 2009

This is a continuation grant for previous recipients of the original KGF grant and aims to help maintain an already existing KGF garden.

Bluebird Grant

Deadline: Friday November 27th, 2009

NY Ag in the Classroom (NYAITC) Bluebird Project mini grants are given to provide an educational program with a hands-on experience in which students will learn about New York's state bird, develop a relationship with a local farmer to learn about how farms preserve open space for wildlife, visit the farm to install the bluebird boxes, and maintain communication throughout the year to learn about local agriculture.

2010 Teacher of the Year Award

Deadline: Friday January 29th, 2010

Each year, New York Agriculture in the Classroom (NYAITC) recognizes an outstanding teacher who has woven agricultural lessons into his/her curriculum during the previous year. We now invite applicants for Teacher of the Year 2010. The award is given to a teacher who best demonstrates how NYAITC -including Kids Growing Food gardens, the Bluebird Project, and other programs - has positively impacted his/her students.

Farm Bureau

The New York Farm Bureau is encouraging high school seniors who have been involved with agriculture and plan on continuing studies in this field to apply for the 2010 New York Farm Bureau Agricultural Youth Scholarship sponsored by the New York Farm Bureau Promotion and Education Committee. Scholarship awards are \$1,500 for first place \$1,200 for second and \$1,000 for third place. The first place winner will be invited to present their essay at the annual Spring Conference.

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

At the District level, a personal interview and essay presentation may be scheduled at the discretion of the District Representative. The county winner will be the applicant scoring the highest for each county. The District winner will be overall highest county winner. District level winners will have two weeks from the time they are notified to update any part of their applications for state consideration. The final applications must be sent to the New York Farm Bureau office in Albany, N.Y., and postmarked within two weeks of the date of notification for the student to be eligible. The state competition is based upon the application and attachments.

County Farm Bureaus are urged to utilize the talents of these young people for county events such as Earth Day and Ag Day Celebrations, special events, county Annual Meetings and Rural Urban Dinners. These young people are the future of Agriculture in NYS and a voice of hope and passion in this ever-changing environment we call home.

For more information, contact the New York Farm Bureau at 518-437-2222. E-mail: nyfb@nyfb.org or visit our website at www.nyfb.org.

The application submission deadline is November 22, 2009. To nominate someone for the scholarship or to request an application, call 1-800-342-4143 or visit <http://www.nyfb.org/promote.htm>, then scroll down to "Recognition & Awards" to Scholarship Information & Application.

The Cornell Cooperative Extension educational system enables people to improve their lives and communities through partnerships that put experience and research knowledge to work.

Be a part of Steuben County's bio-mass demonstration project! Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County is embarking on a pilot program to engage Steuben County in providing sustainability for jobs, agriculture and our local economy. The plan involves the purchase of \$300,000 in grass pelleting equipment for a grass bio-mass demonstration project in Steuben County. This working model will employ local farmers in producing grass, and provide local energy for residents. Your donation will help make this project a reality. For more information contact Tom Tomsa at 607-664-2301 or visit [our donation page](#) to contribute to the Renewable Energy Capital Campaign.

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