



Upcoming Events

December

December 25 - Happy Holidays, CCE Office Closed

December 31 - CCE office Closed for New Year!

January

4-H Skillathon Program Practice Sessions, CCE Learning Center, TBA

January 1 - 4-H members must own their steers

January 3 - 4-H Steer ID/Ownership Forms Due to the CCE Office by 4:30 p.m.

January 5 – 4-H Horse Leaders Advisory Committee Meeting, CCE Learning Center, 7:00 p.m.

January 6 – 4-H Dairy Advisory Committee Meeting, CCE Learning Center, 1-3p.m.

January 7 - 4-H Tractor and Machinery Certification registration due to CCE Office

January 9 - 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl Practice Session, County Office Building, 2-4 p.m.

January 12 – 4-H Livestock Advisory Committee Meeting, CCE Learning Center, 7 p.m.

January 13 – 4-H Awards Committee Meeting, CCE Learning Center, 7 p.m.

January 16 - 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl Practice Session, County Office Building, 2-4 p.m.

January 17 – Martin Luther King Day, CCE Office Closed

January 17 - 4-H Tractor and Machinery Certification Course, 7:45 p.m. - 9:45 p.m., County Office Building

January 23 - 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl Practice Session, County Office Building, 2-4 p.m.

January 24 - 4-H Tractor and Machinery Certification Course, 7:45 p.m. - 9:45 p.m.,

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- Virginia Venator-Groen.....Prattsburgh*
- Barb Hull.....Atlanta*
- Jan Lyons.....Campbell*
- Teresa Lyons.....Addison*
- Paula Quanz.....Wayland*
- John Schubmehl.....Wayland*
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 - Nancy Torp, 4-H Program leader*
 - Kimberly S. Randall, 4-H Agent, Animal Sciences*
 - Laura Mullen, 4-H Program Assistant*
 - Loree Symonds, 4-H Program Assistant*
 - Cindy Loucks, 4-H Program Assistant*

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County Office Building

January 21 - Regional 4-H Exhibits at the Arnot Mall and sleepover

January 29 – 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Practice Session, 1-3 p.m. location TBA (tentative)

January 30 - 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl Practice Session, County Office Building, 2-4 p.m.

January 31 - 4-H Tractor and Machinery Certification Course, 7:45 p.m. - 9:45 p.m., County Office Building

February

February 4 - Public Presentation Registration Forms due to CCE Office

February 5 – Cow College (Dairy Judging Session), 1-3 p.m., location TBA (tentative)

February 6 - 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl Practice Session, County Office Building, 2-4 p.m.

February 7 – 4-H Tractor and Machinery Certification Course, 7:45 p.m. - 9:45 p.m., County Office Building

February 12 - Public Presentations, County Office Building, Bath, 9 a.m. – noon and 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

February 12 – 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Practice Session, 1-3 p.m., location TBA (tentative)

February 13 - 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl Practice Session, County Office Building, 2-4 p.m.

February 14 – 4-H Tractor and Machinery Certification Course, 7:45 p.m. - 9:45 p.m., County Office Building

February 15 – Registration due for Sheep Shearing School at Cornell's Teaching and Research Center, Harford, NY to lambshop@hutchtel.net

February 19 – Cow College (Dairy Judging Session), 1-3 p.m., location TBA(tentative)

February 20 – 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl Practice Session, County Office Building, 2:00 p.m. – 4 p.m.

February 21 – President's Day, CCE Office Closed

February 21 –4-H Tractor and Machinery Certification Course, 7:45 p.m. - 9:45 p.m., County Office Building

February 26 – 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Practice Session, 1-3 p.m., location TBA (tentative)

February 27 – 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl Practice Session, County Office Building, 2:00 p.m. – 4 p.m.

February 28 –4-H Tractor and Machinery Certification Course, 7:45 p.m. - 9:45 p.m., County Office Building

March

March/April - Cookie Sale Fundraiser

March 1 Logo designs and /or phrases for the Empire Market Hog Project are due to Nancy LaTourette

March 5 – 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Practice Session, 11a.m. - 12:45 p.m., location TBA (tentative)

March 5 – Cow College (Dairy Judging Session), 1:15 - 3 p.m., location TBA(tentative)

March 5 & 6 –Sheep Shearing School, Cornell's Teaching and Research Center, Harford, NY

March 6 – 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl Practice Session, County Office Building, 2:00 p.m. – 4 p.m.

March 7 - 4-H Tractor and Machinery Certification Course (written test), 7:45 p.m. - 9:45 p.m., County Office Building

March 7-8 – New York State 4-H Capital Days Award Trip, Albany

March 12 – Dog Madness, Adult and Teen Leader Training, Cornell University

March 12 – Fashion Focus, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Canandaigua Middle School

March 12 - 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Practice Session, 1-3 p.m., location TBA (tentative)

March 13 – 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl Practice Session, County Office Building, 2:00 p.m. – 4 p.m.

March 18 & 19 - Cornell Swine School and Trade Show

March 19 – Region II 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl and Hippology Contests, Penn Yan Middle School

March 19 – Finger Lakes District 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest, Penn Yan Middle School

March 26 (tentative) – Cow College (Dairy Judging Session), 1-3 p.m.

April

Clothing Evaluations specific dates, locations, and times to be announced

4-H Spring Garden meeting TBA

April 1 – 4-H Horse members must be enrolled in a designated horse club by this date including the enrollment fee paid to be eligible to show at the 4-H Horse Shows

April 1 & 2 - Dairy Discovery Award Trip, Cornell University

April 2 - Region II 4-H Horse Communications Contest and Finger Lakes District Public Presentations, Canandaigua Middle School (tentative)

April 2 (tentative) – Cow College (Dairy Judging Session), 1-3 p.m.

April 16 - NYS Pork Producers Feeder Pig Consignment Sale

April 17-20 – New York City Award Trip

April 22 – “Be Aware of New York Agriculture” Contest entries due to Cornell University

April 22-24 STARS (State Teen Actions Reps), NYS Fairgrounds

April 23 – State Dairy Quiz Bowl

April 30 – State Dairy Judging Clinic

May

Steuben County 4-H Dog Obedience Classes TBA

Steuben County Dairy Judging County Tour TBA

May 2 – 4-H members must be enrolled including the enrollment fee paid by this date to be eligible to participate in the Steuben County Fair. (Note: Horse members must meet other requirements and be enrolled by April 1 to show)

May 6 - Clothing Revue Avoca School

May 7 – Animal Crackers at Cornell University for Horses and Goats

May 27 (tentative) June Horse Show entries due

May 30 – Memorial Day, CCE Office Closed

May 30 – Saddle Log begins

June

June 1 - Ownership deadline for horse, market lambs, market hogs, market goats and other livestock breeding animals

June 1 – 4-H Horse Certificates, Rabies and Coggins due to CCE Office by 4:30 p.m. (tentative)

June 6 - Leasing forms due to the CCE Office for Livestock Breeding animals

June 6 – Market Hog, Market Lamb, and Market Goat Identification/ownership form due to CCE Office by 4:30 p.m.

June 6 – Grade Beef Heifer Identification forms due to CCE Office

June 11 (tentative) – Steuben County 4-H English Horse Qualifying Show

June 12 (tentative) – Steuben County 4-H Western Qualifying Horse Show

June 15 – Ownership requirements for dairy cattle, dairy goats and rabbits

June 15 - Grade Dairy Certificates due to the CCE Office by 4:30 p.m.

June 15 - Leasing forms for Dairy Cattle and Dairy Goat due to the CCE office by 4:30 p.m.

June 28-30 – New York State Career Exploration Trip, Cornell University

July

July – Poultry Clinic

July – 4-H Junior Award Trip

July 1 (tentative) – July Horse Qualifying Show Entries due

July 1 – Central Dairy Judging Tour

July 4 – Independence Day - CCE Office Closed

July 9 - Rabbit Clinic, Steuben County Fairgrounds 9-11 a.m. (tentative)

July 16 – Horticulture Workshop, Steuben County Fairgrounds 1 p.m. (tentative)

July 16 (tentative) – Steuben County 4-H Western Horse Qualifying Show

July 17 (tentative) - Steuben County 4-H English Horse Qualifying Show

July 18 – STEUBEN COUNTY FAIR 4-H ANIMAL ENTRIES DUE TO CCE OFFICE BY 4:30 PM.

July 18 – SPONSORSHIP FORM AND FEES DUE FOR MARKET STEERS, MARKET LAMBS, MARKET HOGS, AND MARKET GOATS BEING CONSIGNED TO THE 4-H LIVESTOCK SALE DUE TO CCE OFFICE BY 4:30 P.M.

July 18 – HORSE PROJECT RECORD FOR EACH HORSE TO BE SHOWN AT COUNTY FAIR DUE TO CCE OFFICE BY 4:30 P.M.

July 30 & 31 – Region II Horse Show

August

August 10 - County Fair Clean-Up Day

August 14 – weigh market animals at Empire Livestock enroute to fairgrounds 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

August 15 – 4-H exhibits must be on the grounds by noon

August 15 - County Fair Judging Day of most 4-H Youth Building Exhibits

August 16 - 21 - Steuben County Fair, Bath

August 19 - Annual Steuben County 4-H Livestock Sale

August 25-September 5 - New York State Fair, Syracuse

August 28 - Take Steuben County youth building exhibits and Teen Leaders to State Fair

August 29 – September 1- Steuben County Youth Building Exhibits and Teen Leaders at State Fair

September

September 5 – Labor Day - CCE Office Closed

September 5 – Saddle Log Ends

September 12 - PROJECT COMPLETION FORMS and Project Champion Nominations FROM LEADERS DUE TO CCE OFFICE!

September 12 – 4-H PROJECT RECORDS THAT ARE REQUIRED DUE TO CCE OFFICE

September 12 – 4-H On Display and Community Service Reports Due to CCE Office

October

October 7 (tentative) – 4-H Achievement and Leader Recognition Program

October 10 – Columbus Day, CCE Office Closed

October 17 - Jr. Activity/Sr. Summary Reports due to CCE Office by 4:30 p.m.

October – Cuba Cheese Sale Fundraiser

October 20 and 21 - ABC Award Trip, Cobleskill, NY

November

Royal Winter Fair Award Trip

4-H Horse Banquet

4-H Dairy and Livestock Award Programs

November 11 – Veteran’s Day, CCE Office Closed

November 24-25 – CCE Office Closed for Thanksgiving



4-H Staff Email Addresses:



The 4-H Staff has email and if you would like to contact us through email below are our addresses:

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Cornell Cooperative Extension Name Change

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County's new name is Cornell University Cooperative Extension of Steuben County (CUCE).



Enrollment for 2004-2005

Enrollment forms for members re-enrolling were due to the CCE Office by **December 1**. The enrollments for your club should come in to the office as a club and not one at a time. Please update information (address, phone, etc.) and projects for **RE-ENROLLING MEMBERS**. Please be particularly aware of updating phone numbers on members who may now have the "585" area code. **NEW MEMBERS** need to complete an enrollment form (front and back of form). Also, please update leader information and have new leaders complete a volunteer application form. Also, please check to see that **all leaders are listed** on the re-enrollments.

If we don't have enrollment forms and the \$5.00 per member fee, 4-H members will be deleted from the mailing list and therefore will not be receiving future mailings. They will also not be covered under 4-H insurance. Thank you for your cooperation! If you have any questions about enrollment for 2004-2005, please contact the CCE office.

County Fair 4-H Premium Awards

If you exhibited a project in the 4-H Youth Building or entered an animal project that was eligible for premium awards based on it's placing at the 2004 Steuben County Fair and

you have not received the money, please have someone pick it up at the CCE Office.

State Fair 4-H Premium Awards

If you exhibited a 4-H project at the New York State Fair or you were a teen leader and you have not received your check, please have someone pick it up at the CCE Office. State Fair checks must be cashed by December 28 or they may not be able to be cashed. Thank you for your cooperation.

4-H Awards Committee

The 4-H Awards committee will meet on **Thursday, January 13 at 7 p.m.** at the County Office building to choose 4-H members for the Capital Days, Career Exploration Trip, Citizenship-Washington Focus Trip, Agribusiness Career Trip based on the 4-H members Senior Summary Reports. The awards committee meets once a year. If you are not already on the committee and are interested in serving on this committee contact the CCE Office.



4-H Exhibit and Arnot Mall Sleep-Over

All Steuben County 4-H'ers are invited to the **4th Annual 4-H Exhibit and Mall Sleep-over on January 21-22, 2005**, sponsored by Chemung County 4-H. Interactive 4-H County, Club, and Independent Exhibits will be featured from 5 pm to 9 pm on Friday the 21st. Chemung County will reserve a space for you.

You must participate with a club or county exhibit on Friday evening. The expectation is that Steuben County must have, at the very least, a county 4-H manned display by Steuben

County 4-Her's and adult(s) and that a ratio of one adult chaperone for every six 4-H'ers. Everyone must also bring a snack to share with all. There will be breakfast available for purchase on Saturday morning and depart by 9:30. More details will follow. If you are interested in receiving more information contact Kim Randall at 607-664-2306 or at ksb3@cornell.edu.



Fall Fundraisers

The 2004 Fall Fund Raisers featured the Cuba Cheese Products and the Seneca Ceramic Products. The Fall Fund Raisers help to support the 4-H activity Fund, which provides the funds for the many trips and awards that benefit 4-H members. Individual 4-H Club treasuries also benefit from all the hard work and dedication of the 4-H Club members and the independent 4-H members receive a voucher to order items. We had a great sale in 2004! Congratulations to everyone for your hard work! A special "Thank You" to all the leaders and parents who helped to motivate, collect money, sort products, transport 4-H members and products. Thank you very much to Vicky Dockstader, Joe Noto, Phyllis Rathbun, Bea Flint, Keri Clements, and Jon Sterlace for helping to sort the cheese on November 17. The Top Sales People will be listed in the February/March issue.

Junior Leadership

All 4-H members' 13 years and over are eligible and encouraged to become Junior Leaders. 4-H needs teens that are willing to assume leadership roles in the 4-H program and the community.

Some indications of leadership include:

- ability to get along with people in a close age group and in other age groups.
- making suggestion in meetings.
- developing skills that can be shared.
- enthusiasm.
- interest in others and organizational ability.

Opportunities for Junior Leaders in a club are numerous!!

1. Determine needs
2. Explore resources
3. Set goals – short & long term
4. Choose a specific goal – plan a timetable
5. Carry out the plan over a given time period
6. Share your learning – with other groups, 4-H groups, 4-H news, community newspapers.
7. Evaluate:
 - Was the goal achieved?
 - What did I learn?
 - What could I have done differently?
 - Was I successful?

Leadership is a continuous process in which we grow into. Call the 4-H office to find out more about being a junior leader and to receive a project record. **Leadership project records are due to the CCE Office by September 12, 2005 to receive project credit and to be eligible for leadership project champion.**

Adapted from "Teens Take the Lead" project.



4-H Recruiters Wanted!!!

Wouldn't you, as an individual, or as a club, like to be a recruiter? No. Not a Navy or Army Recruiter, but a **4-H RECRUITER!!**

The job is not difficult. You've been in 4-H and have learned new skills and techniques, made new friends, and enjoyed activities. All you have to do is share these experiences by telling classmates about them and letting them know that 4-H is for "All Youth" regardless of where they live.

Tell them to contact Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County at 607-664-2300.



Five Reasons for Submitting 4-H Club News to Newspapers

- To inform citizens of worthwhile 4-H activities, "Making the Best Better."
- To give a public "pat on the back" to hard working club members and volunteer leaders.
- To build pride in 4-H clubs and Cornell Cooperative Extension.
- To build community support for our strong 4-H Program.
- To attract new members and leaders to the 4-H family.

Source: Cornell Cooperative Extension of Westchester County, 4-H July/August 2000

Call for National 4-H Camp/Conference Memories: Tell National 4-H Headquarters your Stories!

Dear Colleagues,

Did you know that the first National 4-H Conference was in 1927 and was called National 4-H Camp? Delegates slept on cots in tents, supplied by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. From the earliest days, participants visited Capitol Hill as part of this annual event. In the 1940's and 1950's, the

event was held at various locations around Washington where delegates no longer slept in tents. In 1957, the Camp became known as National 4-H Conference. Since 1959, the National 4-H Conference (operated by our private partner, National 4-H Council) has been held at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

In 2005, the National 4-H Headquarters, located within Families, 4-H and Nutrition at USDA's Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service, will sponsor the 75th National 4-H Conference!

To celebrate this historic moment, National 4-H Headquarters is collecting stories from past National 4-H Camp/Conference participants. Participants of all ages are invited to share their fondest National 4-H Camp/Conference memories. A selection of stories, with participants' permission, may later be shared on the National 4-H Conference website or other Conference materials. Contact information is requested for the sole use of National 4-H Headquarters, USDA, for follow-up regarding entries.

Share your stories at <http://www.4-h.org/2005conf>.

Delegates of the 74th National 4-H Conference (March 2004) are also invited to visit <http://www.4-h.org/2004conf> to tell National 4-H Headquarters about Delegates' follow-up actions conducted back home as a direct result of National 4-H Conference. Stories collected so far include presentations to groups about lessons learned at Conference and efforts to replicate a program/process learned at Conference.

Please share this information with everyone you know who has ever attended National 4-H Camp/Conference!

Questions about National 4-H Conference? Contact me at National 4-H Headquarters, USDA, at 202-720-8857 or mparisi@csrees.usda.gov.

Thanks for your stories, and for your help distributing this "call for memories!"

Maria



Public Presentations



Public Presentations

4-H members who wish to give Public Presentations and who did not do so in November, are invited to participate in this year's **Public Presentation Day!** ALL 4-H members are strongly encouraged to participate in the public presentation program. Public Presentations will be held **Saturday, February 12, 2005**. Presentations will be held at the **Steuben County Office Building, in Bath from 9:00 a.m.–noon and then from 1:00-4:00p.m.** **Attention Members Giving Horse Presentations: Public presentations given on Horse related topics will only be given from 1-4 p.m.**

No presentations will be given between noon-1:00 p.m. This will be the judges lunch time!

Remember, a 4-Her's total involvement in 4-H is considered when selecting for most awards and trips.

New for 2005 for Horse Members – Horse members must attend at least 50% of club activities from time of enrollment and **participate in one county level or beyond Horse Educational Event** (*i.e.* *Public Presentations, Horse Quiz Bowl, Hippology, or*

Horse Judging) **to be eligible to participate in any Steuben County 4-H Horse Shows.**

All members except cloverbuds giving presentations at the county level will be considered for district level presentations.

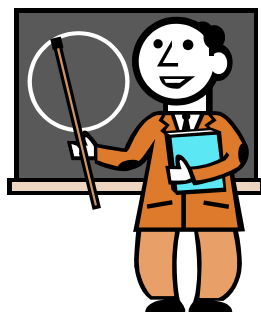
Presentations can be given on any topic. Here are just a few of the many possible topics.

- How to set a table
- How to make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich
- How to make a fruit salad
- How to play your musical instrument
- How to make a craft
- How to make muffins
- Show box supplies
- Supplies you need to go fishing
- Choosing a location to fish
- Care of a newborn animal
- Breeds of a particular species
- Parts of an animal
- Parts of a saddle
- Nutrition for your animal
- Grooming horses
- Mastitis
- How to read a DHI report
- Safety around your animal
- Farm Safety
- Grooming dogs
- Care of the ewe and lamb
- Preparing a steer for a show
- How to make a rope halter
- Types of feeds and forages
- Parts of a bridle
- How to read a pedigree
- Animal diseases
- Vaccinations
- Basic Pet Care
- Horse jumps
- Cuts of beef, lamb or pork
- De-horning dairy calves

Please complete the registration form in this issue of Steubenite and mail it to the CCE Office by Friday, February 4, 2005 or email Kim at ksb3@cornell.edu or call her at 607-

664-2306 to register for your Public Presentation. Begin preparing and practicing your presentation **NOW!!**

“Before a group you speak with ease, you can put ideas across, it’s a breeze. Because you have learned to organize what to do and say, planned ahead and practiced before the big day. With poise and self confidence you smile at the evaluator. It’s a public presentation you have done, and it’s a life skill you have won!”(Resource: Cornell Cooperative Extension of Cayuga County)



Why Give a 4-H Presentation

An important part of 4-H is the annual Public Presentation Program. Booklets that introduces a 4-H member to the basics of public presentations are available at the CCE Office.

The 4-H Public Presentation Program is considered one of the strongest methods available to develop poise, confidence and leadership abilities in youth.

It does not matter what award you receive. **Everyone who gives a presentation emerges a winner.** Those who have given public presentations find that:

- They speak with ease before groups of people.
- They can get ideas across more easily because they have learned to organize what they want to say.
- They can tell people what they have learned in 4-H.

- They have learned a great deal more about the subject they have chosen.
- They learn to think ahead and develop skills.
- They learn poise and self-confidence.

• They are helped in their school work. As well as being an investment in both your immediate and near future, **doing a public presentation will give you project completion and make you eligible for our Public Presentation Award Trip in the summer.**

The best presentations are those in which the 4-H members themselves (with needed/age appropriate guidance) pick a topic that they enjoy. Many of the best presentations are on show and tell topics, which can be easily handled by first and second year members.

Participate in the Public Presentation Program on February 12, 2005 and it's a life long skill you have won.

Public Presentation Tips:

A common question asked about 4-H Presentations is their length. Presentations should be 5-15 minutes for most presentations. Those giving an impromptu presentation should be 3-8 minutes. Cloverbud presentations can be 3-5 minutes.

*** Please note there are specific time requirements for horse members considering Regional competition. Refer to the NYS 4-H Horse Educational Rule Book or contact the CCE Office.**

4-H members who wish to give a team public presentation can get together with another 4-H member to plan and organize their presentation. A team public presentation should be a minimum of 10 minutes.

Basic Guidelines

- If using note cards they need to be used

appropriately. They are to be used as an outline, not to be read from or depended upon. Do not let them interrupt the flow of your presentation. You do not need note cards if you have posters.

- Look at your audience and stand straight as you talk to them. Get their attention by being friendly and by being enthusiastic about your topic.
- Speak clearly and be sure everyone can hear you.
- Be neat and dress properly for the presentation you are going to give.
- Arrange your work area so the audience can see what you are doing at all times.
- When using posters or models, be sure everyone in the audience can see and read them.
- Avoid unnatural long pauses.
- The sources of your information must be given. If you mentioned it in your introduction or body of your presentation, it needs to be restated in the conclusion. If you used the internet, you need to share the website. To say "The Internet" is similar to saying the library; we would want to know what book.
- Show the finished product to your audience.
- Presenters with special limitations or challenges are encouraged to inform the evaluators so they can appreciate the effort that was needed for completion of this task.
- **SMILE!!** The evaluators are nice people and understand that public speaking is not easy. They are there to help and encourage you not to criticize you.

During the *introduction* remember to:

1. Greet your audience
2. Tell what you are going to present and why

During your *summary* remember to:

1. Restate or briefly repeat the main points.
2. Give sources of information, if you have not given them during your presentation.
3. Give the audience the opportunity to ask questions.



The 5 P's of Presenting:

#1 PARTICIPATE - say "yes, I **will** do a presentation." Think of something you enjoy doing and want to share with others.

#2 PLAN - How will you tell and show others what you know? Think about your topic and plan what you want to say, how you will show the audience "how-to". Follow the three part format which includes: *Introduction, Body, and Summary.*

#3 PREPARE - After you have selected the topic, gather the materials and resources you will need for your presentation. Think about how you will present the topic. Prepare a poster, various steps of the finished product, or other visuals that will help you do an effective presentation.

#4 PRACTICE - Practice, practice, practice! Ask a few people to be an audience, practice through your entire presentation in front of them. Check yourself on enunciation and projection. Practice until you are confident. The more you "run through" your presentation, the easier it will be on the actual presentation day.

#5 PRESENT - Present your 4-H Presentation on **February 12, 2005 in Bath!**

SCORE with Public Presentations!

Speak loudly and smile.

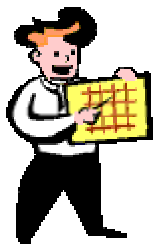
Clearly pronounce your words.

Organize your thoughts into an introduction, body and conclusion.

Remember and Know the main ideas, do not just memorize.

Enjoy yourself.

Visuals are an important part of the presentation. Elaborate and expensive posters and visuals are not advised for beginning presenters. Simple poster board or sturdy paper will work just fine. The benefit of visuals are that they give the 4-Her a "prompt" if they "forget" part of their presentation. Judges take into account the age and experience level of each presenter.



When Should I use a Poster or Chart?

Knowing when to use a poster or chart can be tricky. The main purpose of a poster or chart is to make it easier for the audience to understand your topic. A chart is used when a picture, such as a graph, best explains your topic. A poster is most useful when you want your audience to remember important facts or steps. Posters and charts should not be used to show the obvious

SCORE With Your Posters:

Simple
Colorful
Organized
Readable
Educational

- Write in **LARGE** print on your posters.
- Use a broad tip pen because it will be easier to read and easier for you to use when lettering.
- Use color for variety and emphasis. **Black letters on yellow background are easiest to read. Black on white is good, too.**

- Use plain, vertical letter style except where emphasis or emotional impact is desired.
- Illustrations should be at least 1/4 the size of the overall area unless they are extremely simple.
- Margins should be larger on the bottom and equal on the other three sides.
- Get out your poster board and design a presentation to show something you have learned in 4-H. Have some fun telling others what you have learned!

Contact the CCE Office or your leader for further information or assistance in preparing a public presentation. Public presentation member and leader guides are available at the CCE Office.



Public Presentation Tips for Parents

You, as a parent, are a key person in making your child's 4-H membership a successful and rewarding experience. One of the times in 4-H when your child needs extra support is during the Public Presentation Program. Your son or daughter will be spending a great deal of time in the coming weeks getting ready.

There are several things you can do to help:

1. Show an interest.
2. Suggest topics: allow your child to choose a topic. If he or she is having trouble, offer some suggestions of things you know your child has an interest in.
3. Give generously of your support and encouragement which will help build confidence and excitement in your 4-Her. You may have to eat fruit salad for three

weeks or listen to an illustrated talk on the anatomy of a horse a dozen times.

4. Be patient. A great deal of practice is needed before a child feels prepared and confident to go before an audience. Encourage your child to practice and offer to be an audience. You can help by listening carefully and offering constructive criticism and PRAISE.
5. Attend Public Presentations on **Saturday, February 12, 2005 at the County Office Building in Bath.** Come with your child. Stay and watch other public presentations. Your smiling face in the audience usually will have a calming effect on your child.
6. Help make the experience meaningful. Together review the evaluation sheet with your child after the presentation. **PRAISE THE THINGS THAT WERE DONE WELL** and help him/her to understand and develop a plan for improving aspects that need improvement "TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER".

Thank you for your interest in the Public Presentation Program and the Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H Program.

4-H Public Presentations

Fifty one Steuben County 4-H members recently participated in the Fall Public Presentations that were held in North Cohocton, and Bath. Although there were many shaking hands and knees during presentations, everyone did a super job! Public Presentations are a great opportunity to develop self-confidence and the lifelong skill of speaking in front of a group and in public.

Those who participated were:

Country Bunch: Kylie Harvey, Austin Harvey, Ben Knoll, Blain Knoll, Brandon Knoll, Bryon Knoll

Country Workers: Jessika McCombs

Dairy Characters: Grace Franklin, Wade Franklin, Brian Gowiski, Kassidy Kramer, Jordan Kramer, Joshua Kramer, Jessica Lanze

Independent Members: Mira Belanger, Adam Brewer, Kayla Emo, Lindsay Emo and Chelsea Colz

Willing Workers: Laura Becker, Dan Clawson, Cassie Dyckman, Marisa Dyckman, Amy Fairbrother, Kyle Fitzwater, Michael Fitzwater, Skye Bertrand/Gascon, Andrea Gilman, Luke Gilson, Adrianna Gricius, Nicole Hartzell, Vanessa Howard, Adrienne Kiesel, Haley Kimmel, Joshua Ladd, Kelsea McAllister, Alycia Mehlenbacher, Brandon Mehlenbacher, Taylor Morse, Karli Mulford, Ashley Parks, Brad Parks, Samantha Rathbun, Kirsten Schenk, Brianna Sick, Brad Sick, Nicole Traphagen, Sara Traphagen, Megan Weidman, Rusty Weidman, and Sarah Wolcott.

A big **Thank You to the judges,** Judy Fullerton, Stacey Gilson, Sue Schwingel, Phyllis Rathbun and Grace Brown. Thank you also to the North Cohocton Methodist Church for the use of their facilities.



***Technology &
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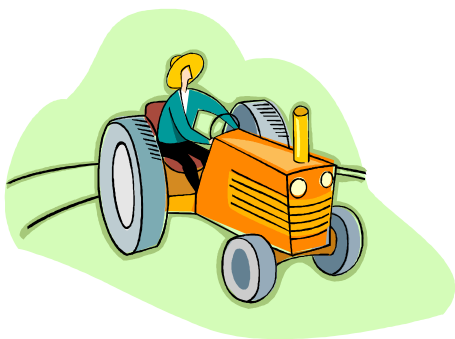
4-H Tractor and Machinery Certification Course Offered

Youth who are 13 and over can take the course for certification. Certificates will not be distributed to the 13 year old participants until their 14th birthday. Participants who want to earn their certification must pass both the written exam and the driving test. **The cost for this course is \$7.00 to cover the cost of the student manual and is payable to CCE by Friday, January 7th with the enclosed registration form.** Non 4-H members are eligible to take this course but in addition they will need to complete a 4-H enrollment form as

an independent member by Friday, January 7 and pay the \$5.00 4-H enrollment fee.

The Hazardous-Occupation Order for youth under 16 makes it unlawful to hire or even permit without pay any youth under the age of 16 to participate in any work activities listed as hazardous, unless:

1. The youth is working on a farm owned and operated by the youth's parents or legal guardian, or
2. The youth has a training certificate which provides an exemption from certain hazardous work activities, or
3. The youth is employed under a cooperative student-learner program in which there is a written agreement between the employer and the school.



The Tractor and Machinery Training and Certification Program allows for youth under the age of 16 who successfully complete the program to engage in agricultural work activities that below if they are 14 - 15 despite the fact the activities are listed as "agricultural work activities classified as hazardous for youth under 16".

1. Tractor Operation - This training allows youth who successfully complete requirements to operate a tractor over 20 PTO horsepower. This includes connecting or disconnecting equipment or any equipment parts to or from a tractor. Youth must complete **14 hours of instruction**.
2. Equipment Operation - This allows youth who successfully complete requirements to operate or assist to operate the following

equipment: hay mower, hay baler, forage harvester, forage blower, unloading mechanism of a non-gravity-type dryer, cotton picker, power post-hole digger, power post driver, a non-walking type rotary tiller, potato digger, or mobile pea viner. This includes starting, stopping, adjusting, feeding, or any activity involving physical contact associated with the operation of the equipment listed. Youth must have satisfied all the requirements for the Tractor Operation Certificate and must have completed an **additional 10 hour training program**

The schedule for the course is as follows:

There will be three Sunday Sessions from 1-4 p.m. with the locations to be announced. Two of the sessions will be for more hands on learning and the last session will be for the driving test.

Monday, January 17

7:45 - 9:45 p.m.

Steuben County Office Building

Monday, January 24

7:45 - 9:45 p.m.

Steuben County Office Building

Monday, January 31

7:45 - 9:45 p.m.

Steuben County Office Building

Monday, February 7

7:45 - 9:45 p.m.

Steuben County Office Building

Monday, February 14

7:45 - 9:45 p.m.

Steuben County Office Building

Monday, February 21

7:45 - 9:45 p.m.

Steuben County Office Building

Monday, February 28

7:45 - 9:45 p.m.

Steuben County Office Building

Monday, March 7 (written test)

7:45 - 9:45 p.m.

Steuben County Office Building

Sunday in March to be announced (driving test) location to be announced 1- 4 p.m.



Attention: 4-H members who are interested in Wood Science Projects

Woodworking Plans Available

The plans for the following woodworking projects are available at the CCE Office.

Note: These are only the plans listing the materials that will be needed to make the project and the directions explaining how to make the project. Each 4-H member will be responsible for obtaining their own materials needed to construct these woodworking projects.

If you are interested in receiving the plans for any of the following woodworking projects, contact the CCE Office.

All of these projects will be eligible for the County Fair.

Plans

- Cutting Board
- The Shifting Pyramid Game
- 4-H Book Ends
- Half Moon Wall Shelf
- Sturdy Footstool
- Book and Magazine Storage
- 4-H Member Sign Board

- 4-H Shoe Rack
- Tool Box
- Small Tool Kit
- Show Box
- Sheep Trimming Stand
- Saddle Rack
- Heifer Hay Rack
- Memo Pad Holder
- 4-H Boot Jack
- Wall Type Memo Pad Holder
- Key Holder
- Sign Board
- Portable Napkin Holder
- Bird House
- Bird Feeder
- Small Miter Box
- 4-H Knife Rack
- Utility Tray
- Wooden Trivet
- Utility Stool
- Paper Towel Holder
- Chair Stool
- Easel



2005 4-H Animal Crackers:

The 2005 Animal Crackers workshop will take place **Saturday, May 7, 2005**, on the Cornell Campus. Featured this year will be Horse and Goats.

There will be a registration fee that participants youth and adults will need to pay. Registration will be limited. If you think you are interested in attending contact Kim at ksb3@cornell.edu or at 607-664-2306 at the CCE Office. More details and the registration packet from Cornell will be sent to the CCE Office in January. Participants are responsible for providing their own transportation to and from Cornell. The 4-H van will be available to use if there is a volunteer willing to drive. Watch for final

details and registration materials to be coming in the near future!



Reminder: Members that received Horse, Dairy or Livestock Awards

All 4-H members or 4-H clubs who received awards at the recent award programs are reminded to write thank you notes to your sponsors if you have not already done so. The sponsor's addresses and thank you notes were attached to the Horse awards and in the Award's Sponsor List. If you need an Award's Sponsor List for the Dairy and Livestock Awards Program contact the CCE Office or visit the Steuben website at <http://www.cce.cornell.edu/steuben> and look at the more information box and click on local news. It is extremely important to write a thank you note to your award sponsor. Support from award sponsors is vital to the continued success of the Award Programs.



March Dog Madness Adult and Teen Leader Training

Mark your calendars.
Saturday, March 12, 2005
Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
9 a.m. – approximately 3 p.m. Topics may range from Advanced Obedience Training and How to Teach Grooming and Handling to Rally O, and current Nutrition and Health Topics. If you are interested contact Kim at 607-664-2306 or at ksb3@cornell.edu to receive more information when it becomes available.



New Rule for 2005 for Horse Members

Horse members must attend at least 50% of club activities from the time of enrollment **and participate in one county level or beyond Horse Educational Event (i.e. Public Presentations, Horse Quiz Bowl, Hippology, or Horse Judging) to be eligible to participate in any Steuben County 4-H Horse Shows.**

4-H Horse Quiz Bowl

All 4-H Horse Members are invited to participate in this year's horse quiz bowl program. An orientation, sign-up, and first practice session will be held **Sunday, January 9 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. in South Conference, F1 and G1 at the County Office Building in Bath.** Please register at the front counter in the CCE Office. All members who wish to participate in Horse Quiz Bowl should attend this session. **If you are unable to attend this session but are interested in participating in Horse Quiz Bowl, please contact the CCE Office at 607-664-2300 by Friday, January 7.** The more practices you attend, the better your chances are for being on a team. Members can receive credit for quiz bowl by attending county practices even if they don't compete on a regional team. If you want to attend practices, but don't wish to compete at regionals, please be sure to notify your coach or the CCE Office. Quiz Bowl practices will also help you prepare for Hippology.

We need volunteers to help at the contest on March 19 to help with various tasks such as scoring, registration, and in the holding room. If you are willing to volunteer, please contact Kim Randall at the CCE Office at 607-664-2306 or Laura Mullen at 607-664-2312.

Age of contestants is as of January 1, 2005. **NOVICE:** 1st year junior participant in the event, or a youth eight or nine years old for the regional contest. **JUNIOR:** Under 14 years of age. **SENIOR:** Senior contestants must be 14-

18 years of age and must never have been a member of an official Horse Bowl Team representing New York State at an Out-of-State Horse Bowl Contest, nor have participated in a National 4-H Horse Bowl Contest.

Preparation sessions will be held as listed below. All sessions will be held at the County Office Building, Bath from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 9 (South Conf., F1, G1)

Sunday, January 16 (Learn Ctr., F1, G1)

Sunday, January 23 (Learn Ctr., F1, G1)

Sunday, January 30 (Learn Ctr., F1, G1)

Sunday, February 6 (Learn Ctr., F1, G1)

Sunday, February 13 (Learn Ctr., F1, G1)

Sunday, February 20 (Learn Ctr., F1, G1)

Sunday, February 27 (Learn Ctr., F1, G1)

Sunday, March 6 (Learn Ctr., F1, G1)

Sunday, March 13 (Learn Ctr., F1, G1)

Our county can send two novice, junior and senior teams to the regional contest. **The regional contest will be held Saturday, March 19 at Penn Yan Middle School, Penn Yan. The NYS contest will be held in April at Cornell University (date to be announced).** The Top 12 Juniors and Seniors from the regional contest are eligible for the State Contest. **If you have committed to participating in the regional contest and have a legitimate reason for not attending, you must notify your coach or the CCE Office prior to the event. Failure to attend the regional contest will result in not being able to participate in this event the following year.**

4-H Horse Leaders have prepared a resource guide with accompanying question sets to support the quiz bowl program. Members will be able to sign out the question set notebooks. There will be a \$5.00 charge for members who do not return the question set notebook. Members will also be able to sign out a resource guide. There is a \$10.00 deposit on the resource guide. The deposit will be returned when the guide is returned.



4-H Public Presentations

All 4-H Horse Club Members are encouraged to give a Public Presentation on **Saturday, February 12, 2005**, at the Steuben County Office Building, Bath, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. **To register, complete the form that will be found in the December 2004/January 2005 Steubenite by February 4, 2005 or contact the CCE office at 607-664-2300.**

Hippology

The Regional Hippology Contest will be held on **Saturday, March 19, 2005 at the Penn Yan Middle School, Penn Yan.** This contest will be running simultaneously with the Regional Horse Quiz Bowl Contest.

There are three divisions – Novice, Junior and Senior. The qualifications for these divisions are the same as for Quiz Bowl listed above.

Attendance at Quiz Bowl practices is not required for hippology. However, attendance is recommended to help you better prepare for the contest.

You do not need to be a member of a team to participate. **Parents and leaders are needed to volunteer at the Regional Contest with various tasks.** Contact Kim Randall to see how you can assist.

National 4-H Horse Contests

The Horse Judging and Hippology Contests were also held in Louisville, Kentucky during the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup. There were a total of 341 4-H youth from 26 different states that participated in the Eastern Nationals 4-H Horse Roundup.



Back Row: Vicki Bolton

Front Row (second from left): Cathy Walker

Cathy Walker, Loon Lakes Raiders, was a member of the NYS Hippology Team. **Vicki Bolton** was the NYS Hippology Coach. The primary objective of the Hippology contest is to provide an opportunity for youth enrolled in 4-H horse projects to demonstrate the breadth of their knowledge and their reasoning ability in subject matter related to equine science and management in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail. The New York State Hippology Team placed 1st overall. It was also the 1st team in the Written Phase and the Stations Phase. The New York State Tea was 2nd in the Team Problems. Congratulations Cathy for representing Steuben County and New York State. Thank you to Vicki for coaching the team.

Jenny Groen, Prattsburgh Pioneers, was a member of the NYS Horse Judging Team. The primary purpose of the Horse Judging contest is to recognize 4-H horse project members with outstanding knowledge of equine conformation and performance and also with outstanding skill in the presentation of oral explanations of their evaluation of the equines used in the contest. Congratulations Jenny for representing Steuben County and New York State.

Steuben County Annual 4-H Horse Banquet

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County's 4-H Horse Program held its annual awards banquet on November 12, 2004, at Haverling High School, Bath. Approximately 150 members, leaders, and parents attended the dinner. The awards were as follows: Thirty-four members received recognition for completing one or more levels of the Clover Program. The Clover Program was developed by the Steuben County 4-H Horse Leaders to provide a standard curriculum and activity guide. Members move through the program at their own pace and are competency tested at each level. First Year Project Record Awards were given to Meghan Applebee, Erica Freeman and Thomas Von Hagn, Bath Trailblazers; Becky Bidlack, Kali Covert, and Elizabeth Stewart, Loon Lake Raiders; Courtney Cornell, J-T Rough Riders; Allen Presher, Prattsburgh Pioneers; Kaylee Parulski and Hayley Scharbach, Steuben Star Gazers. Jesse Wallenburg of the Prattsburgh Pioneers received the Farm Credit Record Award for completing the best 4-H horse record. Thirty-two members received awards for completing project records that were rated superior or excellent. Awards were given to fifteen horse show helpers in appreciation of their efforts. Twenty-one awards were presented to members who participated in Regional and State Hippology.



Cathy Walker, Loon Lake Raiders, was recognized for her participation in National Hippology. Four members received awards for County and State Horse Communications.



Forty-one awards were presented for participating in County, Regional and State Horse Quiz Bowl. Three members were recognized for participating in State Horse Judging. Jenny Groen, Prattsburgh Pioneers, was recognized for her participation in National Horse Judging. Engraved glass picture frames were awarded to the twelve 4-H'ers who participated in the 4-H Horse Show at New York State Fair.



Kristen Schehr, Hammondspport, sponsored the winner of the Saddle Log Award. Tara Silsbee, Bath Trailblazers, was the winner riding 221 hours from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Tyler Calkins, J-T Rough Riders; and Becky Travis, Loon Lake Raiders, logged over 150 hours. Members logging over 100 hours were Becky Bidlack and Justine Burnett, Loon Lake Raiders; Jenny Groen, Prattsburgh Pioneers; and Hannah Smith and Catherine Von Hagn, Bath Trailblazers. Members logging over 75 hours were Sheri Bidlack, Jenna Brokaw and Shannon Peterson, Loon Lake Raiders; and Brittany Geffers, Bath Trailblazers. Honorable mention saddle log awards were given to Meaghann Anger, Kali Covert, Kyle Covert, Elisha Myers and Marcy Myers, Loon Lake Raiders; and Allen Presher, Prattsburgh Pioneers. Cloverbud recognition was given to Saddle Log Participants

Gregory Thomas, Little Rascals; and Abbie and Anna Presher, Prattsburgh Pioneers. Club sponsored awards were given for Most Improved Rider and Sportsmanship. Receiving Most Improved Rider awards were Erica Freeman, Bath Trailblazers; Kaitlin Luta, Little Rascals; Elizabeth Stewart, Loon Lake Raiders; and Jesse Wallenburg, Prattsburgh Pioneers. Sportsmanship Awards were presented to Brittany Geffers, Bath Trailblazers; Annaliese Ross, Little Rascals; Sheri Bidlack and Kyle Covert, Loon Lake Raiders; and Jenny Groen, Prattsburgh Pioneers. Year-End High Point Awards were presented to the following members: Walk/Trot Western High Point – Kali Covert; Walk/Trot Western Reserve High Point – Kaylee Parulski; Novice Western High Point – Justine Burnett; Novice Western Reserve High Point – Brittany Wheeler, Prattsburgh Pioneers; Junior Western High Point – Hannah Smith; Junior Western Reserve High Point – Morgan Ostrander, Bath Trailblazers; Senior Western Special Award – Caryn Norton, Bath Trailblazers; Senior Western High Point – Erica Standish, Loon Lake Raiders; Senior Western Reserve High Point – Rachael Ostrander and Catherine Von Hagn (tie), Bath Trailblazers; Western Pony High Point – Christine Rizzon, Bath Trailblazers; Western Pony Reserve High Point – Becky Travis;



Walk/Trot English High Point – Kali Covert; Walk/Trot English Reserve High Point – Jenna Brokaw, Loon Lake Raiders; Novice English High Point – Justine Burnett; Novice English Reserve High Point – Brittany Wheeler; Junior English High Point – Hannah Smith; Junior English Reserve High Point – Morgan Ostrander; Senior English High Point – Rachael Ostrander, Bath Trailblazers; Senior English Reserve High

Point – Caryn Norton and Abby Sick, Loon Lake Raiders (tie); Pony English High Point – Christine Rizzon; Pony English Reserve High Point – Kaitlin Luta; Driving High Point – Katherine Pruyn, Loon Lake Raiders; Driving Reserve High Point – Jenny Groen; Walk/Trot Games High Point – Kali Covert; Walk/Trot Games Reserve High Point – Becky Bidlack; Novice Games High Point – Justine Burnett; Novice Games Reserve High Point – Tyler Calkins; Junior Games High Point – Nathan Silsbee; Junior Games Reserve High Point – Kaitlin Luta; Senior Games High Point – Tara Silsbee;



Senior Games Reserve High Point – Gabrielle Luta, Steuben Star Gazers; Junior Versatility High Point – Hannah Smith; Junior Versatility Reserve High Point – Morgan Ostrander; Senior Versatility High Point – Caryn Norton; Senior Versatility Reserve High Point – Erica Standish; Pony Versatility High Point – Christine Rizzon; Pony Versatility Reserve High Point – Kaitlin Luta; Dressage High Point – Erica Standish; Dressage Reserve High Point – Abby Sick; and Most Improved Over Fences – Jesse Wallenburg. Each year the Sunny Award is given to a horse that has been ridden by several 4-H members as a good beginner horse. This year's recipient was Blondy Salty Rose ridden by Tyler Calkins. The Spunky Anniversary Running With Spirit Memorial Award is given to the horse that has a true love of gaming competition. This year's recipient was Ima Hot Cowboy ridden by Tara Silsbee.

Special appreciation is extended to everyone who sponsored an award and to the leaders and parents who give many hours to the 4-H Horse Program. Many thanks to Haverling High School for allowing us to use their facility. This year's sponsors were Vicki Bolton, Cohocton; Jack and Betty Bossard, Canisteo; Dean and Christina Brokaw, Hazel View Farm, Hornell; Pauline Burnes, Canisteo; Bridget Calkins, Troupsburg; Cellular One, Bath; Shane Coon Farrier Service, Bath; Corning Construction, Painted Post; Country Crossroads Feed and Seeds, Andover; Art and Tonya Covert, Wayland; Steve Dennis and Family, Jasper; Edward and Helen Dickson, Bath; Florence Dickson, Bath; Eastview Veterinary Clinic, Penn Yan; Jim Emo, Briar Hill Farm, Canisteo; Empire Telephone Corporation, Prattsburgh; Farm Credit of Western New York, Hornell; John and Kathy Fordham, Keuka Krest Stables, Hammondsport; Paul and Gay Frame, Greystone Stables, Dansville; Bonnie Harrison, Rocky Road Stables, Bath; Stub Hartman, Canisteo; Allen, Gail and Angela Havens, Havens Stocking Creek Morgans, Bath; Hynes Feed Service, Cohocton; JP's North, Greenville; Beverly Lawrence, Wayland; Luta Farms, Bradford; Vanessa Mullen, Wine Country Miniatures, Hammondsport; Dana Myers, Cohocton; Cindy and Mark Ostrander, Wild Pine Stable; Bath; Roger and Diana Parulski, Mt. Washington Stables, Bath; Marybeth Peterson, Hornell; The Powells, Tumbling Springs Farm, Troupsburg; Barbara Radigan, Belgrove Farm, Prattsburgh; Kenneth Reimels, DVM, Wayland; Rizzon Farms, Bradford; Joseph and Doris Robbins, Robbins Racing Stable, Avoca; Scott and Cate Root, Cornerstone Training Stable, Addison; Bob and

Margaret Ross, Savona; Rugs-2-Go, Hammondspport; Ted and Kathy Scott, Ka-ti-Jory Stables, Dansville; Shirley's Do It Best Lumber, Bath; Lynn Sick, Cohocton; Vic and Barb Sick, Wayland; Thundering Hooves Tack Shop, Judy Silsbee, Bath; Carol Smith and Kristen Schehr, Hammondspport; Don and Lena Smith, Bath; Nancy Standish, Wayland; Steuben Veterinary Clinic, Bath; Carol and Jeff Von Hagn, Bath; Donna Walker, Wayland; Mark and Sue Walker, Wayland; Westbrook's Tack Shop, Naples; Scott and Tracy Wheeler, Singing Springs Farm, Prattsburgh; and Paul and Sue Wilson, Lake Country Estates. Our sincere thanks to the following 4-H members from the Loon Lake Raiders 4-H Club who helped at the banquet. Charlie Coley and Garret Brokaw led the Pledge of Allegiance. Kali Covert and Becky Bidlack led the 4-H Pledge. Meaghann Anger, Sheri Bidlack, Jenna Brokaw, Justine Burnett, Kyle Covert, Lindsay Emo, Marcy and Elisha Myers, Hilary Mitchell, Jessica and Shandelle Pipe, Angella Salerno, Tim Scott, Erica Standish, and Elizabeth Stewart, shared master of ceremonies duties for the evening. Thank you to the J-T Rough Riders for the centerpieces, the Bath Trailblazers for the favors, and the Prattsburgh Pioneers for selling door prize tickets. Congratulations to everyone on your accomplishments this year!

Dairy & Livestock

National 4-H Livestock Contests Results

On November 14, 2004, **Megan Loucks, Amy Quanz**, and **Andrew Schubmehl** all of the Southern Tier Livestock 4-H Club, **Whitney Dennis**, Dairy Characters 4-H Club, along with **Cindy Loucks**, New York State 4-H Livestock Skillathon coach, **Bryan Wilson**, New York State 4-H Livestock Judging coach, and **John Schubmehl, Paula and Tom Quanz** traveled to Louisville, Kentucky for the National Livestock Contests. Thank you to Dana Palmer and Judy

Sherwood who helped coordinate the trips and assisted with the fund raising efforts.

The National 4-H Livestock Skillathon competition was held on November 15th and included Retail Meat Identification, Livestock Feed Identification, Breed Identification (beef cattle, swine, sheep and goat), Equipment Identification, Retail Cuts Meat Judging, Hay Judging, Wool Judging, Livestock Industry Quiz, Quality Assurance Quiz, Feeding and Performance Questions, and animal breeding or marketing. This is the third year that New York State has participated in this contest and it is only the fifth National Contest. There were 38 teams with 71 participants. **Congratulations to Amy and Whitney for representing Steuben County and New York State on the New York State Skillathon Team.**



The Livestock Judging competition was held on November 16th included judging ten classes of livestock (four beef, three swine and three sheep). Questions were asked on one of the sheep classes and one of the swine classes. Participants gave reasons on two beef, one sheep and one swine class. There were 121 participants representing 31 teams. Megan Loucks placed 48th individual in sheep. **Congratulations to Andrew and Megan for representing Steuben County and New York State on the New York State Livestock Judging Team.**

Dairy and Livestock Awards Program

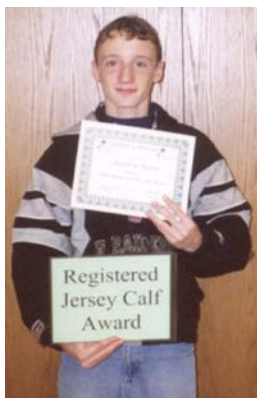
156 4-Hers, their leaders and parents gathered recently for the 4-H Dairy and Livestock Program, sponsored by Cornell Cooperative

Extension of Steuben County. It was a time for all those businesses, organizations and individuals that support young agriculturists to make their presence known by providing awards for successful participants.

Kate Hargrave, who recently completed her eighth year as a member of the Southern Tier Livestock 4-H Club, was the recipient of the Farm Credit Award. The award goes to the member completing the best overall animal science project. Kate's winning record was based on her Swine Breeding project.



Austin Koperczak received the Paul Emo Memorial Award. The Paul Emo Memorial Award is presented to a 4-H member who has been active in the 4-H dairy program. It is for a person who continues to display dedication and perseverance, demonstrates sportsmanship and is always willing to lend a helping hand. Austin has completed his fourth year as a member of the Outsiders 4-H Club.



Andrew Kurtz, received a registered Jersey heifer calf donated by Rainbow End Farm, Wayne King and Family of Avoca. Andrew has completed his

eighth year as a member of the Cream of the Crop 4-H Club.

Ninety-seven members were recognized for completing excellent records. Amy Quanz, Southern Tier Livestock 4-H Club, received the special dairy record award; Hollee Schwingel, Southern Tier Livestock 4-H Club received the special market steer record award; Brad Gessel, received the special beef breeding record award; Isaac Oman of Outsiders 4-H Club, received the special sheep breeding record award; Denise Schubmehl, Southern Tier Livestock 4-H Club received the special market lamb record award;

Kate Hargrave of Southern Tier Livestock 4-H Club received special record award for swine breeding and Steven Quanz, Southern Tier Livestock 4-H Club received special record award for market swine; Sean Schubmehl of Southern Tier Livestock 4-H Club received special record award for dairy goat; Raymond Thielges, Southern Tier Livestock 4-H Club received special record award for meat goat breeding; and Aleasha Gessel, Independent member, received special record award for market goat; Jenny Groen of Prattsburgh Pioneers 4-H Club received the special rabbit record award and the special poultry record award; Austin Harvey, Country Bunch 4-H Club, received the special record award for waterfowl. Austin Harvey was the recipient of the Twin Tier Poultry Club Award.



Awards were presented to fifty-nine 4-Hers who completed their first year animal science projects.



Sixty-eight members received awards for exhibiting Champion and Reserve Champion animals at the County Fair.



Greg Dickson received Genex/CRI Awards for exhibiting a beef animal, at the fair sired by Genex/CRI bulls. Additional Genex/CRI awards were presented to those exhibiting dairy cattle sired by the firm's bulls: Bryan Coryea, Makenna Harris, Austin Koperczak, Jared Koperczak, Kyle Lowery, Emily Lyons, Traci Lyons, Heather McFall, Amy Quanz, Steven Quanz, Raymond Reed, Rhuben Reed, Rebecca

Seager, Berry Tucker, Kyle Warner, Jim Wright and Jill Whiting.

Whitney Dennis, Dairy Characters 4-H Club, received a \$100 savings bond for exhibiting the Best Bred and Owned Colored Breed Animal at the Steuben County Fair. Forty-five additional dairy awards were presented that evening.

4-H members were recognized for their State Fair accomplishments as follows: Second Place Swine Youth Livestock Scholarship, First place Swine Youth Scholarship, First place Senior Showmanship, First place Pen of Market Hogs, and Champion Duroc Gilt – Kate Hargrave; Fifth place Empire Market Hog Senior, Fifth place Swine Youth Scholarship, Second place Light Weight Market Hog and Sixth place Senior Swine Showmanship - Andrew Schubmehl; Third place Empire Market Hog, Second place Swine Youth Third place Junior Showmanship – Sean Schubmehl; Sixth place Empire Market Hog, Eighteenth place Swine Youth Scholarship, Third place Lightweight Market Hog, Seventh place Junior Showmanship – Denise Schubmehl; Sixth place Empire Market Hog, Sixth Place Swine Youth Scholarship, Sixth place Senior Showmanship – Amy Quanz; and Second place Empire Market Hog, Eighth place Swine Youth Scholarship, and Second place Junior Showmanship - Steven Quanz were also recognized.



Miranda Mitchell-Neu exhibited Second place Shorthorn Junior Heifer, and First and Third place Cow/ Calf, Champion Cow/Calf, Second place Junior Prospect Calf, Seventh place Showmanship; Brad Gessel exhibited First Place Shorthorn Summer Yearling Heifers; Reserve

Champion Shorthorn Heifer, First place Shorthorn Junior Heifer, Second Cow Calf and Reserve Champion Cow/Calf; and Brandon Matthews exhibited Third Place Junior Yearling Hereford Heifer Second Place Junior Showmanship at the New York State Fair.

In the sheep division: Kate Hargrave exhibited the Fourth and Fifth place Junior Ewe Lamb, Third place Junior Ram Lamb, Third place Jr. Flock, First place Senior Sheep Showmanship, First place Sheep Quiz Bowl Team; Greg Seager exhibited the Fifth place Junior Ewe Lamb, Second place Mature Ewe, Third place Novice Showmanship; Rebecca Seager exhibited the Fourth and Fifth place Yearling Ewes, Eighth place Novice Showmanship.

In the Dairy Division Whitney Dennis exhibited the First place Winter Heifer Calf, Second place Showmanship; Rebecca Seager exhibited the First place Brown Swiss Dry Cow; Greg Seager exhibited the Second place Brown Swiss Winter Yearling.

In the Rabbit Division: First place Netherland Dwarf Smoke Pearl and Third place Broken Rex exhibited by Tyler Calkins; Two First and two Reserve Best of Variety, Third and Fourth place were exhibited by Jenny Groen;



First place Novice Division and Fifth place Team in Rabbit Science Decathlon were presented to Jill Whiting.

In the Poultry Division: Jenny Groen exhibited the First Place Crevacour, Fifth and Seventh Blue Silkies, Third and Fourth Bearded Blue Silkies and Fourth Golden Seabright.

In the Meat Goat Division: Tyler Matthews exhibited the Grand Champion Meat Goat Doe, Third place Empire Market Goat Contest Junior Division, Fourth place Meat Goat Showmanship, Second place Market Kid. Brandon Matthews exhibited the Second place Meat Goat Fitting and Showmanship, Second place Empire Market Goat, Third place Meat Goat Market Kid.

Novice Dairy Quiz Bowl Awards were presented to: Josh Kramer, Rebecca Seager, Byron Knoll, Kyle Warner, Jordan Kramer. Junior Dairy Quiz Bowl Awards were presented to: Katrina Dickson, Samantha Sullivan, Steven Quanz, Emily Lyons, Sarah Warner, Jared Koperczak.. Senior Dairy Quiz Bowl Awards were presented to: Sara Flint, Joe Dickson, Jill Whiting, Berry Tucker, Austin Koperczak, Jessica Ellison, Traci Lyons, Josh Oman, Amy Quanz, Greg Dickson. State Dairy Bowl Participants Steven Quanz, Jessica Ellison, Sara Flint were recognized.

Hoard's Dairy Judging Contest Awards went to: Curtis Zigenfus, High Jr.; Jessica Ellison and Joe Dickson, High Sr., and the High Team Award went to Dairy Dynamites Team One.

National Swine Picture Judging Contest awards went to: Steven Quanz, High Jr.; Kate Hargrave, High Sr. and High Team Award went to Southern Tier Livestock Team One.

Members of the Steuben County Dairy Judging teams were also rewarded. A Team members Ashley Warner, Whitney Dennis, Ben Bossard, and Amy Quanz; B Team members Matt Dobell, Berry Tucker, Emily Lyons, Kyle Lowery. Awards also went to Livestock Judging Team members that participated at the New York State Fair. A Team members Megan Loucks, Jeff Kurtz, Amy Quanz, and Andrew Schubmehl; B-1 Team members Sean Schubmehl, Steven Quanz, Denise Schubmehl, and Joshua Oman; B-2 Team members Raymond Thielges, and Jessika McCombs. State Livestock Judging Team members Megan Loucks and Andrew Schubmehl received an award. The Skillathon Team received certificates for their participation. Megan Loucks, Andrew Schubmehl, Jeff Kurtz, Amy Quanz, Steven Quanz, Jeff Lyons, Sean

Schubmehl, Denise Schubmehl, Jessika McCombs, and Raymond Thielges. State Skillathon Team Members Whitney Dennis and Amy Quanz received awards as did Kate Hargrave, John Schubmehl, and Jim Lyons who assisted with the Skillathon Teams.

Awards for the Keystone Stockman's Contest were presented to Kate Hargrave, Amy Quanz, Sean Schubmehl, Whitney Dennis, Andrew Schubmehl, Jeff Kurtz, Jeff Lyons, and Megan Loucks.

Special appreciation was extended in behalf of the 4-Hers to all of the award sponsors, as well as to the leaders and parents who give many hours to the 4-H dairy and livestock programs.

Sheep Shearing School

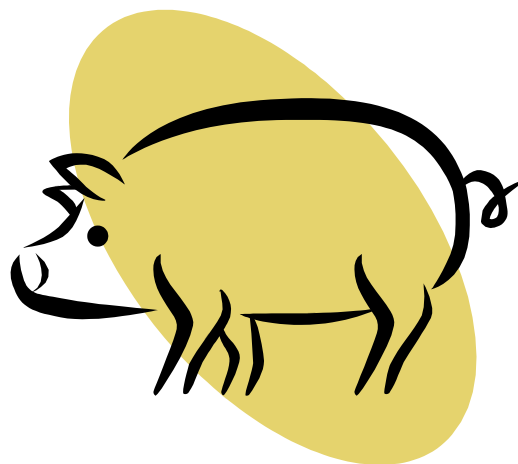
There will be a Sheep Shearing school at Cornell's Teaching and Research Center, Harford, NY on March 5 & 6. Registrations are due February 15, 2005. The instructor will be Doug Rathke. For complete details see: <http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/sheep/calendar/shearingschool/index.html>

If you have any questions or to register contact Doug directly at 320-587-6094 or email him at lambshop@hutchtel.net

Empire Market Hog Project Logo Design Contest

The Empire Market Hog Project Committee will offer an award and recognition to the youth that develops the best logo for the Empire Market Hog Project. If possible, please send a paper copy and an electronic copy. Logo designs and/or phrases must be received **prior to March 1, 2005** and should be sent to:

Nancy LaTourette
7908 County Highway 27
Sidney Center, NY 13839
e-mail – richnanlato@frontiernet.net



Cornell Swine School and Trade Show

The 2005 Cornell Swine School and Trade Show will be held on March 18 and 19 at Cornell University in Morrison Hall and the Livestock Pavilion. The program on Saturday is designed for small farms, youth and people with an interest in swine production. On Saturday the topics include marketing, natural production, basic swine herd health, hands on swine management and tour of Cornell swine barn. For registration and other information please contact James Patros at 315-568-2750.



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4-H Fashion Focus

Mark Saturday, March 12th on your calendar! The Finger Lakes District has set the date of Saturday, **March 12, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for 4-H Fashion Focus. It will be held at the Canandaigua Middle School on Granger Street in Canandaigua.**

This is a day of workshops especially designed for 4-H members, cloverbuds, junior leaders, leaders, and parents. The workshops will all relate to clothing, textiles and personal or home fashions. Look for a list of workshops in the next Steubenite along with a sign up sheet.



***Award
Trips***

**Agri-business Career (ABC) Award
Trip**

On October 21 and 22, **Traci Lyons**, Dairy Dynamites 4-H Club; **Megan Loucks**, Southern Tier Livestock 4-H Club; and **Josh Oman**, Outsiders 4-H Club, attended the Agri-business Career Trip to S.U.N.Y. Cobleskill. Thank you to Teresa Lyons for chaperoning the trip. Participants were chosen based on their Senior Summary Report Form.

There was a panel discussion about 2 year colleges verses 4 year colleges, Mini-Tours, a trip to Howe Caverns, a tour of the Cobleskill campus, and campus study sessions held at S.U.N.Y. Cobleskill. The mini tours to choose from were: Tract 1 - Speaking with a Vet and Guernsey Nursery (tree Farm); Tract 2 - Sap Bush Hollow and Emanuel Horse Farm; Tract 3 Taravale Border collies and I.L. Richer Feeds; Tract 4 Sharon Springs Farm Equipment and Maple Hill; Tract 5 – Mastitis Lab and Schoharie Valley Farms. Traci attended track 1, Megan attended tract 2 and Josh attended tract 3. The Campus Study Sessions to choose from included Agriculture Business; Floriculture, Nursery Management and Landscape Development; Soils/Crops/Turf/Recreation and Sports Area Management; Aquaculture; Agriculture Engineering; Dairy Production; Livestock Studies; and Equine Studies & Thoroughbred Management.



ABC Trip

Submitted by: Traci Lyons

We (Megan Loucks, Josh Oman, Reed Heidemann, from Orleans County, and I) recently went on the annual ABC (Agribusiness Conference) trip. It was a 3 hour trip up and we made it there in plenty of time for the conference. After we were all registered we heard our first speech, it was about the pros. and cons. about 2 year and 4 year colleges. It was actually kind of fun because they gave us candy for listening and participating. At this point we broke off into smaller groups that they called tracks. I went onto track 1 where we first went and listened to a vet. We found out that the best kind of vet to be is a “chicken doctor”. Next we went to a tree farm. We all met back up after this at Howe caverns. It was lots of fun there because we got to go on a tour of the caves and go on a river boat ride. The food at dinner that night was very good! Our last speech of the day came after dinner where we learned that it takes almost an entire room full of people to make even 1 apple go from a seed to your home. The next day we started our day out with a very good breakfast at the college where we took a tour of after we all got a chance to eat. This day we also broke down into smaller groups to listen to many speeches. The two I went to were about Agribusiness in general and we (the other people in my group and me) went up to the dairy barn and talked about how to properly care for calves. This trip was lots of fun and I would say to any one in 4-H that wants to get in the agricultural business or even if you don’t that you should go on this trip!



Royal Winter Fair Award Trip

On November 13 and 14, **Kate Hargrave** and **Jeff Kurtz** both from the Southern Tier Livestock 4-H Club; and **Rachel Ostrander**, Bath Trailblazers 4-H Club, attended the Royal Winter Fair Trip to Toronto. Thank you to Cindy Ostrander for chaperoning the trip. Participants were chosen based on their Senior Summary Report Form.

Royal Winter Fair Trip

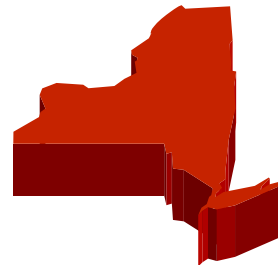
Submitted by: Jeff Kurtz

In spite of numerous setbacks in traveling we did manage to see a lot of neat things on the Royal Winter Fair trip in Toronto. Although we were not able to stop at the CN tower we did pass it many times and it is very tall. At the Royal Winter Fair we saw many things like the world's largest piece of fudge that weighed three thousand and ten pounds. We also saw the horse show where we watched things like the six horse hitch, carriage racing and jumping. On Sunday, we went to the Ontario Science Center where we saw many exhibits. One of the main events was the robot games, where the robots did various events. We also saw an Omnimax movie on the coral reef. Except for a few small problems, it turned out to be a fun and interesting trip.

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Scholarships & Grants



New York State 4-H Opportunity Scholarship

The NYS 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Program is for High School Seniors and students currently enrolled in college. **The deadline for the application is February 11, 2005.** The application is on the NYS 4-H Foundation website at

<http://www.cce.cornell.edu/4h/Foundation/Scholarships.htm>

If you have been an active 4-H member for at least one year or more, you may be eligible for one of the many different scholarships that are available. The 4-H Foundation recognized the outstanding 4-H achievements of 15 New York State 4-H members, granting \$18,000 in scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$5,000. If you applied last year or this is your first time, we encourage you to take the time to fill out the application forms.

Careers in Agriculture Scholarship

The Careers in Agriculture scholarship program sponsored by Agrilience and CROPLAN GENETICS annually awards \$1,000 scholarships to 50 high school seniors interested in livestock or agronomy-related studies.

Candidates should:

- be a high school senior planning to enroll in a two- or four-year livestock or agronomy-related curriculum in the fall following high school graduation;

- demonstrate leadership and academic performance; and
- write an essay describing why he or she is interested in an agricultural career.

Applications are available at the Agriliance website:

<http://www.agriliance.com/4Careers/scholarship.s.asp>. Applications will be due March 1, 2005.

Here are some grants and other opportunities one deadline is coming right up.

IGNITING CREATIVE ENERGY CHALLENGE

Deadline: February 19, 2005

Johnson Controls and the National Energy Foundation (NEF) educational competition designed to encourage students to learn more about energy and the environment. Students are asked to submit entries that reflect the competition theme, Igniting Creative Energy, and demonstrate an understanding of what an individual, family, or group can do to make a difference in their home, school, or community in the form of science projects, essays, stories, artwork, photographs, music, video, or website projects. The Challenge is open to all students in grades K-12 in the U.S. and Canada, excluding Quebec.

<http://www.ignitingcreativeenergy.org/>

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS AWARDS

Deadline: February 14, 2005

A hands-on science competition for middle school students that encourages community partnerships. Participating in the Christopher Columbus Awards program is a cross-curricular activity that meets science education standards. Students work in teams with the help of an adult coach, to identify an issue they care about and use science and technology to develop an innovative solution. Eight finalist teams will receive an all-expense-paid trip to Disney World to attend National Championship Week, plus a \$200 grant to further develop their ideas. Two teams will receive a \$2,000 U.S. Savings Bond and a plaque for each team member along with a

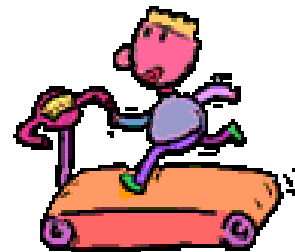
plaque for their school. One team will receive the \$25,000 grant as seed money to help bring its idea to life in the community. <http://www.christophercolumbusawards.com>

VOLVO ADVENTURE AWARD

Deadline: January 31, 2005

In collaboration with the United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP), the Volvo Adventure Award is an opportunity for 10-16 year olds, working in groups of two to five, and actively involved in devising and managing existing and new environmental action projects. This year there is a North American regional competition open to any environmental project working with young people. Projects can involve improving the situation for animals, improving water quality or using energy resources more wisely. Award includes an all expenses paid trip to Sweden to present project to an international jury and present the agenda for action to UNEP.

<http://www.volvoadventure.org/site/locationchoice.asp>



Funds For Youth Nutrition And Fitness Programs

"General Mills Champions Youth Nutrition and Fitness Initiative:

<http://www.generalmills.com/corporate/commitment/champions.aspx>". The goal of the General Mills Champions Youth Nutrition and Fitness Initiative, a partnership of the General Mills Foundation, the American Dietetic Association Foundation and the President's Challenge, is to improve youth nutrition and fitness across the U.S. The Initiative will award 50 grants of \$10,000 each to community-based groups that develop creative programs to help youth (ages 2-20) adopt a balanced diet and physically

active lifestyle. Grants will be awarded to programs that demonstrate significant potential impact on youth groups that are at-risk or that have an impact on large populations of youth. Nonprofit organizations, government agencies, schools/school districts, and Native American tribes throughout the U.S. are eligible to apply. The application deadline is **February 1, 2005**.



Girls Going Places College Scholarship Program

Girls Going Places College Scholarship Program is The Guardian Life Insurance Company's annual initiative designed to help women create, invest and protect wealth by rewarding the enterprising spirits of girls ages 12 to 18. Guardian awards college scholarships to 15 girls who demonstrate budding entrepreneurship; are taking the first steps toward financial independence; and make a difference in their school and communities. Scholarship prizes totaling \$30,000 are awarded among three top winners and 12 finalists each year. The nomination period for the Girls Going Places Scholarship Program begins September and ends February. Winners and finalists are announced in May. Scholarships are presented to each winner and finalist in her community among her peers. http://guardianlife.com/womens_channel/girls_going_places/

Entries must be postmarked by February 25, 2005 and received no later than March 4, 2005. Sponsor is not responsible for lost, late, illegible, incomplete, mutilated, damaged, misdirected or postage-due mail/entries.

Action for Nature Young Eco-Hero Awards

Deadline: February 28, 2005

Action for Nature (AFN) is seeking applications from students 8-16 for its 2005 Young Eco-Hero Awards program. The Young Eco-Hero Awards Program recognizes the individual accomplishments of young people who have carried out environmental action projects. Projects must concern environmental advocacy & health, protection, or research. Winners will receive a cash award.

<http://www.actionfornature.org/eco-hero/>

Youth Service Award

Youth Service America, the U.S. Department of Justice and National Partners announce the availability of over 400 mini-grants in support of National Youth Service Day 2005, to take place April 15 - 17, 2005. See below - over 400 mini-grants are available to support Youth Lead Activities in support of National Youth Service Day.

The National Youth Court Center at the American Probation and Parole Association

Constitutional Rights Foundation/Constitutional Rights Foundation Chicago

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America

Phi Alpha Delta Public Service Center

The Disney Corporation

Youth Venture

Youth Leaders for Literacy

National Educational Association

National Youth Court Center at the American Probation and Parole Association and the U.S. Department of Justice/OJP/OJJDP - 60 Mini-Grants (Now Available) to support National Youth Service Day 2005. The National Youth Court Center will award up to sixty mini-grants of \$250 each for the purpose of providing youth Court programs with funds to conduct a service

project in support of National Youth Service Day on April 15 - 17, 2005.

Fifteen (15) of the mini-grants have been designated to fund projects that are related to traffic safety issues (including underage drinking). The remaining forty-five mini-grants will be awarded for any project that meets a community need.

For more information, please visit www.youthcourt.net. Applications can be downloaded at http://www.youthcourt.net/NYSD/2005_NYSD_info.htm

Phi Alpha Delta Public Service Center Mini-Grants (Now Available) – 25 mini-grants now available to support National Youth Service Day 2005.

The Phi Alpha Delta Public Service Center invites Pre-Law and Law School Chapters to participate in National Youth Service Day, April 15-17, 2005. As a National Youth Service Day Partner, Phi Alpha Delta Public Service Center will sponsor twenty-five mini-grants of \$200 each to support violence prevention. For more information about this grant and how to apply, please visit www.pad.org and click Public Service Center.

The Constitutional Rights Foundation and Constitutional Rights Foundation Chicago Mini-Grants (Now Available) - 150 mini-grants available to support National Youth Service Day 2005. The Constitutional Rights Foundation (CRF) and The Constitutional Rights Foundation Chicago (CRFC) classes across the nation to participate in peer-to-peer learning through the Second Annual Constitutional Rights Foundation Teach-In.

One-hundred and fifty grants of \$150 each will be available to middle and high school classes to develop a lesson that focuses on curricular devoted to security, justice, liberty, and equality in coordination with National Youth Service Day, April 15 - 17, 2005. Applications can be

downloaded at <http://www.crfc.org/yfjteach-in2205.html>

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America Mini-Grants (Now Available) - 125 mini-grants available to support National Youth Service Day.

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, Inc. (FCCLA) and FCCLA STOP the Violence program will support National Youth Service Day by offering one hundred and twenty-five grants of \$200 each to FCCLA local chapters to support STOP the Violence projects on National Youth Service Day, April 15 - 17, 2005!

For more information, please visit www.fcclainc.org and information about this grant will be located under the STOP the Violence resource section.



***Parent/Leader
Focus***

What Is A Project?

A 4-H project is a planned series of learning experiences through which a youth develops knowledge, skills and/or attitudes. For instance, a member enrolled in a woodworking project might learn the safe and most effective way to use basic hand tools and gain experience in the selection of hardware and finishing materials while making a bird house. The knowledge and skills learned can be applied when making other wooden items in the future. It is this transferable knowledge and skill that is the essence of the project – not the finished product.

4-H projects teach the "why's" as well as the "how". Some 4-H projects such as first aid or citizenship do not result in the production of a tangible item, but are just as important to the overall growth and development of the youth.

A “well-rounded” 4-H club program will include both tangible and intangible projects.

Projects are Sequenced

Each area of 4-H project work (foods, woodworking, horticulture, technology, science, etc.) includes many individual projects that are designed for children of different ages and levels of experience. A “Beginner” project introduces the most basic information and skills in a particular project area. Each succeeding project should build on what was learned in the previous one. Thus, an eight or nine year old member interested in woodworking might make a simple wooden game that requires only the sanding and finishing of a flat piece of wood. The next project would introduce the use of one or two hand tools; the next, some construction techniques, and so on. If that member continues to take woodworking projects he/she will probably be able to design and build a piece of furniture by age 16. However, another 16 year-old who has never before used a tool could not begin by making furniture. Successful completion of any project is dependent on that project’s appropriateness to both the age and experience of the particular member. It is success that builds self-confidence, develops a positive self-concept and creates the motivation to take on a more challenging project. Generally speaking, experience is more important than age – no matter how old you are, you must start at the beginning. However, older children can progress more quickly than younger ones – older children can learn a large number of new things in a shorter time without becoming frustrated. Also, older children have a longer attention span.

Projects Are “Learning by Doing”

Learning is at its best when a member is vitally interested and feels his project is supplying what he needs and wants to know. Achievement requirements for each project should be flexible and judgement may be needed on the part of the leader to adapt learning experiences to meet needs of members and the local club program.

When such flexibility is needed, it is best to have members discuss and set their own goals at the beginning of the project so they may work toward definite accomplishment. The parents should understand these goals.

The project also offers the leader one of the most effective “tools” for helping young people reach for their highest personal development.

Projects, therefore, are not an end in themselves, but a means to an end. Along with the project skills he/she is teaching, a leader is always alert to opportunities for helping members acquire values for a lifetime of changing circumstances.

Some of these values are:

- Desirable work habits
- Sense of responsibility
- Management of money
- Wise use of leisure time
- Learning to work cooperatively with others in the club situation and in family living.
- Good sportsmanship through healthy competition.
- Making wise choices and decisions through exploring various alternative actions and methods.
- Exploring projects of interest – may be the beginning of lifetime hobbies or careers.

Some Reasons to Volunteer for 4-H

- Share skills to help youth succeed.
- Become a community leader.
- Attend 4-H “Citizenship Washington Focus” or other 4-H award trips as a chaperone.
- Meet volunteers from across the country.
- Participate in county-wide events.
- Show and teach projects.
- Learn new things.
- Be a positive role model.
- Have lots of FUN with 4-H’ers!

If you are a parent and are interested in learning about the volunteer opportunities contact your 4-H member’s leader or the CCE Office.

Encouragement: Building Your Child's Confidence and Feelings of Worth

1. Encouragement is the process of focusing on your children's assets and strengths in order to build their self-confidence and feelings of worth.
2. Focus on what is good about the child or the situation. See the positive.
3. Accept your children as they are. Don't make your love and acceptance dependent on their behavior.
4. Have faith in your children so they can come to believe in themselves.
5. Let your children know their worth. Recognize improvement and effort, not just accomplishment.
6. Respect your children. It will lay the foundation of their self-respect.
7. Praise is reserved for things well done. It implies a spirit of competition. Encouragement is given for effort or improvement. It implies a spirit of cooperation.
8. The most powerful forces in human relationships are expectations. We can influence a person's behavior by changing our expectation of the person.
9. Lack of faith in children helps them to anticipate failure.
10. Standards that are too high invite failure and discouragement.
11. Avoid subtle encouragement of competition between brothers and sisters.
12. Avoid using discouraging words and actions.
13. Avoid tacking qualifiers to your words of encouragement. Don't "give with one hand and take away with the other."
14. The sounds of encouragement are words that build feelings of adequacy.
 - 👉 "I like the way you handled that."
 - 👉 "I know you can handle it."
 - 👉 "I appreciate what you did."
 - 👉 "It looks as if you worked very hard on that."
 - 👉 "You're improving."

Be generous with them.

Source: Cornell Cooperative Extension of Broome County

4-H Finger Lakes District Leaders Forum 2004

On Saturday, November 6th, Karen Flint (Town & Country), Grace Brown (Country Workers), Janet Sherer and Jacklin Knoll (Country Bunch) attended workshops at the 4-H Finger Lakes District Leaders Forum. Workshops they attended included Hypertufa, the 4-H Electrical Project, Basics of Cake Decorating, and Building a Butterfly House. This event was held at the Experimental Station in Geneva and ran from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



Resources

4-H Poultry Judging CD – The CCE Office is excited to be able to announce the acquisition of the University of Minnesota **4-H Poultry Judging CD**. This CD provides hours of practice utilizing 1200+ high quality photographs and more than 200 movies. The program is easy to navigate and will run on either Windows or Macintosh. Topics covered are poultry judging, egg candling, past egg production, ready-to-cook parts identification, ready-to-cook carcass grading and much, much more! Contact the CCE Office to borrow this valuable educational tool.

4-H Pet PALS Leader's Guide – PALS stands for People and Animals Linking Successfully. The 4-H Pet PALS Leader's Guide focuses on human-pet interaction whether in the home or on scheduled visits. This guide helps young people train and prepare their pets so that they can participate in animal-assisted activities. This can be a valuable resource for those of you who bring your project animals out before the public. Contact the CCE Office to borrow this excellent resource.



Community Service

Hazel View Hicks: On Saturday, November 6th, we distributed bags to all the houses in Main Street, Arkport. The bags are used to place canned goods in to be donated to the Salvation Army for those in need. Members participating were Jenna and Garret Brokaw.



4-H On Display

Hazel View Hicks: In October, three of our members participated in the Fall Foliage Parade in Cohocton. Jenna Brokaw, Garret Brokaw and Justine Burnett walked their dogs in the parade and wore their green 4-H shirts with the 4-H logo on them.



Club News

Bath Trailblazers: On October 3rd, we passed out cheese sales information. Then we went on a big trail ride and had pizza when the ride was done. Achievement night was October 8th. Soon the Bath Trailblazers are going to Syracuse to watch the college horses. Our cheese sale went well. Our Halloween hayride on October 24th was very good. All of us were scared.

Submitted by: Morgan Ostrander

Cohocton Country Hicks: The Cohocton Country Hicks have once again started their meetings. We met October 8th and 22nd. Our club now totals 12... We talked about cheese sales and what projects we want to do at our meetings. There are a lot of ideas flying around. We decorated cupcakes for Halloween.

Submitted by: James Wright

Country Bunch: The Country Bunch 4-H Club had a costume party on October 16th. There were lots of different costumes, fun games and good food. On November 6th, the Country Bunch met to have a business meeting and practice presentations. Six members gave presentations. We talked a little about a community service project. We will have a gift exchange at the next meeting.

Submitted by: Byron Knoll

Country Workers: The Country Workers met on October 13th and 27th. For October, we did memory books for the ones that didn't have them. Michael Brown showed the other members his book and how he put everything in it. Jessika talked about how to do a public presentation and why they are important to do.

Submitted by: Michael Brown

Dairy Dynamites: We held our monthly meeting on October 17th. During this meeting, we discussed plans for the upcoming year for club projects. We discussed glassworking, woodworking, and electrical projects that the members wanted to do. We also discussed upcoming events. On the 20th, we are going to go glassblowing at a studio in Corning. It will be a lot of fun. We elected our club officers at this meeting.

On November 17th, our club had a guest speaker come and talk about how to feed and take care of our show calves. Her name was Michelle Walker and she explained many things to do concerning calves. We covered topics in tube feeding, nutrition, and weaning. It was very interesting and we learned a lot. On November 20th, we blew glass ornaments at a glass studio in Corning. The members of the club had fun making the beautiful ornaments.

Submitted by: Jessica Ellison

Dairy Heirs: We met on October 2nd to choose a club name. We elected officers and discussed 4-H and when our meetings will be. Our community service will be collecting food for the Food Pantry and Food Services. We had 10 members present.

Submitted by: Rebecca Bieler

Howard Hillbillies: Our club met on October 1st and 15th to plan projects for the upcoming 4-H year.

Submitted by: Alison Cornish

Loon Lake Raiders: On October 30th, the Loon Lake Raiders met at the Bolton's barn. We painted pumpkins, learned how to properly wrap a horse's leg, and how to take care of proud flesh. We also learned how to wrap a horse's leg for trailering. We

practiced the “Tommy Boy” method of loading a horse into a trailer. Afterwards, we reviewed old business such as the petting zoo and how we could improve it for next year. We wrote thank-you notes to Alfred State for letting us borrow the minis and one to Mr. Walker for the calf for our petting zoo and another note to the people who gave us the pumpkins to paint. For our new business, we talked about who was going to the Horse Banquet on November 12th and how many people could go to Geneseo College on November 3rd to talk to Chiacchia, an Olympic rider. Our next meeting will be on November 13th.

Submitted by: Justine Burnett

Outsiders: The Outsiders Club met on October 29th for a business meeting and fall party. We looked at different types of fences and learned the differences. We hunted for paper pumpkins outside. We also collected eyeglasses for the Lions Club for our community service.

Submitted by: Heather Gauss

Prattsburgh Pioneers: On October 4th, our club planted the school flowerbed with mums and a scarecrow. On October 8th, we went to Achievement Night. On October 20th, we made a ghost centerpiece. The horse group met on October 27th. We are participating in the Ceramic and Cheese Sale.

Submitted by: Patricia Wallace

Southern Tier Livestock: The Southern Tier Livestock 4-H Club met on Thursday, October 14th at 7:46 at the Cohocton Church Hall. We had eighteen members present including two new members and a new cloverbud. We elected our new club officers: President – Andrew Schubmehl; Vice President – Jeff Kurtz; Secretary – Amy Quanz; Treasurer – Sean Schubmehl; News Reporter – Megan Loucks; and Song Leader – Katie Hargrave. The secretary’s and treasurer’s reports were both approved. Our next meeting is in November and the Wolcotts will run it.

Submitted by: Amy Quanz

Willing Workers Jr.: On October 10th, our cloverbuds made animal-shaped refrigerator magnets. Projects worked on by our junior members included fruit and veggie dips, sewing, making a bulletin board, making a pillow, baking apples, drop cookies, and blueberry muffins, making banana

berry smoothies and broccoli casserole, and carving small pumpkins.

On October 25th, our cloverbuds made apple brickle dip and cut up apples for snacks. Our junior members worked on Christmas ornaments, bulletin boards, pillows, fleece scarves and sand art brownies gift jars. We also baked apples and rolled cookies. Other groups made strawberry cobbler, tortilla snack strips and pumpkin bars.

Submitted by: Taylor Morse

Willing Workers Sr.: Our senior members met on October 4th. Projects included learning to make piecrust, apple and butternut crisp, and cranberry orange muffins. We also made fleece scarves.

On October 18th, we finished our fleece scarves. We also made one-crust pies with fluted edges, oatmeal cookies and chocolate muffins.

Submitted by: Whitney Hull



The following club secretaries had their October secretary’s report to the CCE Office by November 10:

- Bath Trailblazers.....Morgan Ostrander
- Cohocton Country Hicks..... James Wright
- Country Workers.....Michael Brown
- Dairy Dynamites.....Jessica Ellison
- Dairy Heirs.....Rebecca Bieler
- Howard Hillbillies.....Alison Cornish
- Loon Lake Raiders.....Justine Burnett
- Outsiders.....Heather Gauss
- Prattsburgh Pioneers.....Patricia Wallace
- Southern Tier Livestock.....Amy Quanz
- Willing Workers Jr.....Taylor Morse
- Willing Workers Sr.....Whitney Hull

The following club secretaries had their November secretary’s report to the CCE Office by December 10:

- Country Bunch.....Byron Knoll

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