



4-H Steubenite



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Congratulations to Steven Quanz, Jenna Kurtz and Erica Freeman, Steuben County 4-H Members, Who Will be Representing New York State and Steuben County at Three National 4-H Contests.

Steuben County 4-H Members have earned a chance to represent New York State and Steuben County at National 4-H Contests this fall.

Erica Freeman, a 7th year member of the Bath Trailblazers 4-H Club, is the daughter of Bill and Cindy Freeman, and is a Junior at Corning West High School. Erica will be a member of the NYS Team that competes in the National Horse Bowl Contest at the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup in Louisville, KY November 5-8. To earn this position, Erica placed 1st in the New York State Horse Bowl contest in May. Erica has been active in the Horse Bowl and Hippology Contests and the Horse Shows.



Jenna Kurtz, an 11 year member of the Southern Tier Livestock 4-H Club and Willing Workers 4-H Club, will be a member of the New York State 4-H Livestock Skillathon Team that will compete at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, KY.

Jenna, the daughter of Gerald and Julie Kurtz of Atlanta is a freshman at Hartwick College in Oneonta . She has completed extensive projects in sheep, food and nutrition, sewing and public presentations. Jenna has also been active in livestock judging, and livestock skillathon.

Steven Quanz, an 11 year member of the Southern Tier Livestock 4-H Club and Willing Workers 4-H Club, will be a member of the New York State 4-H Livestock Judging Team that will compete at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, KY.

Steven, the son of Tom and Paula Quanz of Wayland is a senior at Wayland-Cohocton Central School. Steven has completed 11 years in the Steuben County 4-H Program. He has completed extensive projects in dairy, swine, food and nutrition, sewing and public presentations. Steven has also been active in dairy judging, dairy quiz bowl, livestock judging, and livestock skillathon. He is also an active participant in the Allegany-Steuben Jr. Holstein Club.



Congratulations Erica, Jenna and Steven for your accomplishments. Great Job!!!!



Upcoming Events

October

- October 12 - Columbus Day CCE Office Closed
- October 15 – Jr./Sr. Activity Report Due to CCE Office
- October 15 – 4-H Program Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- October 22 – 4-H Awards Committee Meeting, 4 p.m.
- October 24 – PAWS UNITED Fundraising Dog Walk, Corning, www.uwst.org
- October 26 – Cheese Orders Due to CCE Office by 4:30 p.m.

November

- November 6 - Public Presentation Registration due for Nov. 14
- November 6 – Registration due for 4-H Awards Program
- November 7 - 4-H Awards Program, 6:30 p.m. Haverling High School Cafeteria, Bath
- November 11 – Veteran’s Day, CCE Office Closed
- November 14 – General Public Presentations at N. Cohocton 9 a.m. – noon
- November 18 – National GIS Day Celebration at Glenn H. Curtiss Museum, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- November 19 – 4-H Cheese arrives pick up between noon-6 p.m.
- November 19 – 4-H Program Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- November 20 – NYS Farm Bureau Agricultural Youth Scholarship Due www.nyfb.org
- November 21 – Cooperative Expo, County Office Building, Bath 9 a.m.
- November 26 and 27 – CCE Office Closed for Thanksgiving

December

- December 7 – Payment for cheese orders due to CCE Office
- December 17 – 4-H Program Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm
- December 25 – Happy Holidays, CCE Office Closed

January

- January 1 – Ownership Deadline for Market Beef and Dairy Steers
- January 1 – CCE Office Closed. Happy New Year
- January 4 – **Members must be Re-enrolled to participate in 2010 Steuben County Fair**
- January 8-10 PA Farm Show Award Trip
- January 8 – Registration due for the 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Program
- January 11 - Market Beef and Dairy Steer I.D./Ownership Forms due to CCE Office by 4:30 p.m.
- January 18 - CCE Office Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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January 18 - 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m., County Office Building, F1
January 23 - Tentative 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Practice, 1-3 p.m. Location TBA
January 25 - 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m., County Office Building, F1
January 29 – AITC Teacher of the Year Nominations Due
January 30 – Tentative 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Practice, 1-3 p.m. Location TBA

February

February 1 - 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program, County Office Building, F1, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
February 6 – Tentative Dairy Judging, Cow College 1-3 p.m. Location to be announced
February 8 - 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program, County Office Building, F1, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
February 13 - Tentative 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Practice, 1-3 p.m. Location TBA
February 15 - President's Day, CCE Office Closed
February 15 - 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program, County Office Building, F1, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
February 17 – NYS 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Deadline – www.nys4hfoundation.org
February 19 – Public Presentation registration due for February 27
February 20 - Tentative Dairy Judging, Cow College 1-3 p.m. Location to be announced
February 22 - 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program, County Office Building, F1, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
February 27 - General Public Presentations, County Office Building, Bath 9-noon & 1:00-4:00, Horse Public Presentations, County Office Building, Bath 1:00-4:00
February 28 – March 2 - NYS Capital Days Award Trip, Albany

March

TBA - Dairy Discovery Award Trip, Cornell University
TBA - Pheasant Chick Order Due to CCE Office
TBA – March Dog Madness, Cornell University
TBA – Hoard's Dairyman Judging Contest Deadline
March 1 - March 2 - NYS Capital Days Award Trip Continues, Albany
March 1 - 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program, County Office Bldg, F1, 7:30 –9:30 p.m.
March 6 - Tentative 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Practice, 1-3 p.m. Location TBA
March 7 or 14 TBA 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program, (driving test) location TBA, 1- 4 p.m.
March 8 - 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program, Written Test, County Office Bldg, F1, 7:30 -9:30 pm
March 13 - 4-H Expo at Canandaigua Middle School 9:00-2:00
March 13 – Tentative 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Practice, Location TBA, 1-3 p.m.
March 14-20 - National Ag Week and New York Ag Literacy Week
March 20 – Region II Horse Extravaganza (Horse Quiz Bowl Contest & Hippology), Canandaigua Middle School
March 20– Finger Lakes District Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest
March 27 – District Public Presentations and Region II Horse Communications at Canandaigua Middle School
March 27 – Tentative Dairy Judging, Cow College 1-3 p.m. Location to be announced
March 31 – National 4-H Photography Contest Deadline

April

April - Clothing Evaluations (dates to be announced)

April 3 - Tentative Dairy Judging, Cow College 1-3 p.m. Location to be announced

April 7 – 4-H Spring Garden Meeting, Civil Defense Center, Bath

April 10 - Dairy Judging, Cow College 1-3 p.m. Location to be announced

April 16-18 - STARR Retreat

April 22 – Earth Day

April 30 – Market Chicken Orders Due to CCE Office

May

May 1– NYS Animal Crackers (Dairy and Sheep and Beef), Cornell University

May 1 – First day to get Animal Health Certificates for all NYS Fairs including Steuben County DO NOT WAIT!

May 3 – **New Members** must be enrolled to participate in 2010 County Fair

May 7 - 4-H Clothing Revue (Tentative)

May 15 – Tentative County Dairy Judging Tour

May 28 – June Horse Show Entries Due to CCE Office

May 31 – Memorial Day – CCE Office Closed



4-H CUBA Cheese Fundraiser

The 2009 Fund Raiser features the Cuba Cheese Products. This Fund Raiser helps 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. A special “Thank You” to all the leaders and parents who help to motivate, collect money, sort products, transport 4-H members and products. **The cheese orders are due to the CCE Office by Monday, October 26 and the cheese will be arriving November 19.** The Top Cheese Sellers will be listed in a future issue after all the money has been collected.

PAWS UNITED

A Fundraising Dog Walk to benefit United Way of the Southern Tier on **Saturday, October 24** from 9 a.m. – noon at Denison Park, Corning, in the pavilion near the pond. Come take our dog on a one-mile walk in support of United Way. Then, dress your dog in a Halloween costume to compete in a contest following the walk. Prizes will be awarded to the best dressed. Registration begins at 9 a.m. The fee is \$15 per person. Register by visiting www.uwst.org or calling 607-974-5483. All money raised will go to United Way of the Southern Tier. Local pet vendors will also be at the event, including: Happy Tails, Pet Tracks, and others. Breakfast will be provided.

Steuben County 4-H members can receive community service credit for 2009—2010 for participating in this event if you contact the CCE Office so we know that you participated.

Kids Growing Food Grant and Kids Growing Food II: Continuation Grant

2009-2010 School Year Deadline - Nov. 27, 2009

Goals:

The main goals of Kids Growing Food are to increase appreciation and understanding of agriculture, nutrition and the food system by getting students involved in food gardening at school and to create "garden classrooms" that provide authentic experiences and help educators meet state and national Learning Standards.

Kids Growing Food (KGF) participants agree to:

- Make links to agriculture, food systems and good nutrition
- Integrate the garden into the core curriculum
- Grow mostly food-producing plants
- Involve the school and community
- Attend one Spring workshop
- Publicize the garden
- Produce a Final Report
- Actively participate in the KGF Network

What's Involved?

Annually, teachers are invited to submit garden mini-grant proposals. Schools receive a cash award to help them establish or maintain a food garden. Additionally, grant recipients are offered workshops at two or three sites each year. They are provided education and gardening materials and become part of the Kids Growing Food Network. Schools are welcome to join the network without receiving a grant.

Now in its 11th year, Kids Growing Food has awarded over 300 garden grants in New York. It is estimated that Kids Growing Food teachers involved over 50,000 students in hands-on food gardening educational experiences in 2005. Funding sources currently include New York Ag in the Classroom funds through the NYS Department of Ag & Markets, the Ag Tech Prep Program, private donations, and specialty agriculture license plate fees.

For an application and more information visit <http://www.nyaged.org/aitc/award/index.htm>



NYAITC Bluebird project Mini Grant

Deadline Nov. 27, 2009

NY Ag in the Classroom (NYAITC) Bluebird Project mini grants will be awarded to teachers for up to \$500. Awards are given to provide an educational program and hands-on experience in which students will learn about New York's state bird, develop a relationship with a local farmer to learn about how farms preserve open space for wildlife, visit the farm to install the bluebird boxes, and maintain communication throughout the year to learn about local agriculture. The funds can be utilized to bring John Rogers to your school. Mr. Rogers is an expert on bluebirds, and will offer school presentations and conduct a hands-on build-your-own-bluebird-box project, with all tools and materials provided. For more information and the application visit <http://www.nyaged.org/aitc/award/index.htm>

NYAITC Teacher of the Year

Deadline January 29, 2010

Each year, New York Agriculture in the Classroom recognizes an outstanding teacher who weaves agricultural lessons into his/her curriculum. The award is given to a teacher who best demonstrates how NYAITC, including *Kids Growing Food* gardens, Bluebird Project, Be Aware of Agriculture and other programs, has positively impacted his/her students. We will be evaluating applicants on the collaborative efforts with our major partners such as Farm Bureau, Cornell Cooperative Extension and Agribusiness in your communities.

The 2010 recipient will be provided with registration, transportation, and accommodations for the national AITC conference in **Baltimore, Maryland June 24-26, 2010**. He or she will also receive a trophy and \$100 cash award, as well as recognition at Farm Bureau's annual meeting and in NYAITC Quarterly Newsletter and website.

To apply, please fill out and return the application form from www.nyaged.org/aitc or request an electronic copy by email at hed24@cornell.edu. Hand-written applications are acceptable.

Please feel free to nominate yourself or other educators who you feel are deserving. Do you know a teacher who would be a good candidate? Please encourage him or her to apply! AITC is looking forward to receiving and reviewing this years rounds of applications.

Send it back! Return completed hard copy applications and any enclosures to:

**NYAITC Teacher of the Year 2010
Cornell University
Department of Education
106 Kennedy Hall
Ithaca, NY 14853**

All NY State School teachers who have been involved with the AITC program including *Kids Growing Food*.

Questions? Contact Ag in the Classroom Coordinator, Heather Davis: (607) 255-9253 or e-mail: hed24@cornell.edu

4-H Awards Trip Committee

The 4-H Awards Trip committee will be meeting on Wednesday, October 22 at 4 p.m. at the County Office Building to choose 4-H members for the PA Farm Show Trip, Capital Days, STARR, Career Exploration Trip, Agribusiness Career Trip, and Citizenship-Washington Focus are based on the 4-H members Senior Summary Reports. The awards trip committee meets once a year. If you are not already on the committee and are interested in serving on this committee contact Kim Randall at the CCE Office or at ksb3@cornell.edu.

4-H Expo

4-H Expo, a day of workshops and activities for 4-H leaders, parents and club members of all ages is coming in March. **The date has been set for Saturday, March 13, 2010 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Canandaigua Middle School.** There are workshops in all 4-H project areas such as natural resources, environmental education, nutrition and foods, animal science, horse, dog, textiles and clothing, crafts, and club management. The workshops are assigned a learning level so the classes will be fun for the age it was intended. The levels are: Cloverbuds (5-7 years), level A (8-12 years), level B (13-19 years) or level C (4-H leaders). 4-H leaders can attend any workshop so they can gain new project ideas. Participants will be informed as to what supplies are needed for each project or if the supplies are being provided by the instructor and the cost that will be charged.

Instructors are needed for the 1 hr. classes/workshops for all ages. If anyone has ideas to share and/or would like to teach a class, please contact Loree at the 4-H office by the end of November.

The brochure with the class descriptions and sign up sheet will be available sometime in January, so watch for it on the web or in the mail.



Public Presentations for 2010

When former members of 4-H are asked what helped them the most in preparing for their adult years, the answer was doing public presentations. The reason for this is that it prepared them to organize information and be able to get up in front of a group at work, in the community or at a club meeting and feel comfortable. With this in mind the 4-H Program Committee decided that everyone in 4-H should do a presentation each year whether it is at the county or club level.

ALL Regular 4-H members ages 8 and up are required to participate in the public presentation program beginning this year. Cloverbuds are strongly encouraged to do a presentation but it is not mandatory. In addition to the County presentations there will another option this year and that is presenting at a Club Meeting and being “judged” by one of the leaders of the club. This will have a different judging form and different guidelines.

Information on preparing for presentations was given to leaders in the registration packet for the 4-H year and is also on the web. **If an individual or a club would like help with any part of the public presentation process, please contact the 4-H office. Arrangements can be made to give you or your club the help that is needed.**

Fall General Public Presentation Day -

Fall Public Presentations will be held in North Cohocton Methodist Church on Saturday, November 14, 2009 from 9:00am – Noon. Registrations are due to the 4-H office on Friday, November 6, 2009.

If you are a new club or new to 4-H, you are welcome to come to N. Cohocton and watch the presenters.

Winter General and Horse Public Presentation Day -

The next opportunity to do public presentations will be on **Saturday, February 27, 2010 at the Steuben County Office Building. General presentations and horse will be done on the same day. Check below for more information.**

General Presentations: All topics except horse. Time: 9:00 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 pm-4:00 pm.

Horse Presentations: All presentations with a horse topic. Time 1:00-4:00 only.

Summer General Public Presentation Day -

The summer General public presentation event will be in the **Youth Building at the Steuben County Fair on Wednesday, August 18, 2010**. This will also include “Produced in New York” presentations.

All members except cloverbuds giving presentations at the county level in November or February will be considered for district level presentations. Also club presentations do not give award trip status to members.

Horse Members please note-Horse members must **participate in one county level or beyond Horse Educational Event** (i.e. Public presentations, Horse Quiz Bowl, Hippology, or Horse Judging) or attend alternate “educational events” (i.e. Animal Crackers) and do a one-page written report on what they saw and learned to receive educational credit **to be eligible to participate in any Steuben County 4-H Horse Show. Horse members will only receive credit towards showing if they give a public presentation on a horse related topic.**

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

To register your club, please complete the form for the General Presentations and/or the one for the Horse Presentations. **The Fall Registration Form is in this issue or on the website at www.putknowledgetowork.com and mail, email or fax (607-664-2303) it to the CCE office by Friday, November 6, 2009. Forms for all the presentations were in the leader packet or are on the web.**

National GIS Day is Coming!!!

This year, for the first time ever, Steuben County will be joining the rest of the country in celebrating National GIS Day. This year’s celebration will feature speakers that will talk about the benefits of GPS/GIS and how it is important to us in our everyday life.

The event will take place on November 18, 2009, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Glenn H. Curtiss Museum in Hammondsport, NY.

During the celebration the Galloping Grapes 4-H Club from Hammondsport will be presenting the museum with a map that they created featuring famous points of interest of the late Glenn H. Curtiss.

Please plan to attend this event. Learn how your club can become involved in community map



New York State 4-H Opportunity Scholarship

The NYS 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Program is for youth between 17 and 21 years of age. The applicant must be in or planning to enroll in an accredited NYS University, College or technical school. Two scholarships are available for youth attending out of state colleges. **The deadline for the application is February 17, 2010.** The application is on the NYS 4-H Foundation website at <http://www.nys4hfoundation.org>

Please note that a Steuben County 4-H staff person must review and sign all scholarships applications that are submitted from Steuben County youth. 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. If you applied last year or this is your first time, we encourage you to take the time to fill out the application forms.

National 4-H Photography Contest

The deadline for submissions is March 31, 2010
For an entry form visit www.4-Hmall.org after November 1



National 4-H Council needs winning photos from your state and county fairs (2005-2010) to create the 2012 4-H Calendar. The winning photos will be on display at the National 4-H Conference Center from September 2009 through November 2009 and also posted on our web site.

VERY IMPORTANT - Submissions will only be considered if they meet these criteria:

1. Full NAME and AGE of person submitting photograph.
2. Affiliation with 4-H.
3. Complete return address (include UPS delivery and USPS First Class Mail).
4. Telephone number.
5. List of awards that each submitted photographs have received (county, state, 4-H or other) - If it has not received some prior award or recognition, it will not be considered.
6. The photographer's thoughts about the photograph, in 25 words or less (include title of photograph).
7. Photo submissions should be 8"x10", in color, and in a horizontal (landscape) format. Vertical shots will not be accepted. Digital photos must be high resolution files (900 x 1200). Black and white photos will not be considered for this full color calendar.
8. Please do not submit photos printed on a home printer, color photo copies, or low resolution digital prints. Have the print developed at a photo processing store or furnish a CD with a high resolution digital file (900 x 1200).
9. Email address (if applicable).

We will return all submissions, if not selected, by late August 2010. Winning photographs will be returned no sooner than December 10, 2010. After final selection we will notify the winners and ask them for a signed release to use the photo in the 2012 4-H Calendar. Both the photographer and parent/guardian must sign the release. We will also request a second photo to be kept at the National 4-H Conference Center.

Please submit photos to:
2012 4-H Calendar
National 4-H Supply Service
6931 Arlington Road Suite T-400
Bethesda, Maryland 20814

The Deadline for submissions is March 31, 2010.



4-H Office Policy!!!

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

Summer Youth Program

Amber Tietje, 4-H Summer Assistant, did various activities and projects with 279 youth from area summer recreation programs including Addison, Avoca, Campbell, Cohocton, and Corning.

Checking The Web!

It is very important that everyone is checking the web site, www.putknowledgetowork.com and then click on 4-H Youth Development on a weekly basis as new items are appearing on the web site daily. We will keep you informed of upcoming events and changes by posting them on the web site as soon as we get them.

4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program Offered

Youth who will be 14 and over as of March 1, 2010 can take the course for certification. Participants who want to earn their certification must pass both the written exam and the driving test. **The cost for this course is \$15.00 for 4-H members to cover the cost of materials and is payable to CCE by Friday, January 8th with the enclosed registration form or the registration form that can be found on the website at www.putknowledgetowork.com and click on 4-H Youth Development and then click on other programs or by contacting Cornell Cooperative Extension at 607-664-2300.**

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 8 which is found on the above website 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 employed, either with or without compensation, by their parents or legal guardian, or
2. The youth 14-15 years old has a training certificate which provides an exemption from certain hazardous work activities.
3. The Tractor and Machinery Operation Program allows for youth under the age of 16 who successfully completes the program to engage in agricultural work activities below if they are 14-15 despite the fact the activities are listed as "agricultural work activities classified as hazardous for youth under 16".

Tractor Operation - This training allows youth who successfully complete requirements to: operate a tractor over 20 PTO horsepower, or connect or disconnect an implement or any of its parts to or from such a tractor. Equipment Operation This allows youth who successfully complete requirements to operate or assist to operate the following equipment: hay mower, hay baler, forage harvester, forage blower, feed grinder, crop dryer, auger conveyor, the unloading mechanism of a non-gravity type self-unloading wagon or trailer, corn picker, cotton picker, grain combine, power post-hole digger, power post driver, a non-walking rotary tiller, potato digger, or mobile pea viner. This includes starting, stopping, adjusting, feeding, or any activity involving physical contact associated with the operation of the equipment listed. Youth must have satisfied all the requirements for the Tractor Operation and must have completed a total of at least **24 hours of instruction**.

The schedule for the course is as follows:

There will also 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.

Mondays, January 18, 25 7:30 p.m.– 9:30 p.m., Steuben County Office Building, F1

Mondays, February 1, 8, 15, 22 7:30 p.m.– 9:30 p.m., Steuben County Office Building, F1

Monday, March 1 7:30 p.m.– 9:30 p.m., Steuben County Office Building, F1

Monday, March 8 (written test) 7:30 p.m.– 9:30 p.m., Steuben County Office Building, F1

Tentative Sunday March 7 or 14 TBA (driving test) location to be announced 1- 4 p.m.

2010 Market Beef Identification Forms and Information

In 2010 both beef and beef/dairy cross steers and heifers can show in the market beef class. Heifers shown in market beef classes are not eligible for beef breeding classes. Market heifers must follow the same rules and regulations as market steers.

Market Beef Identification Forms are due to the CCE Office **by Monday, January 11, 2010 no later than 4:30 p.m.** 2010 Steer Identification Forms and Information are now available on the web at www.cce.cornell.edu/steuben/4hyouthdevelopmenthome .

Please note that this year ID forms will NOT be accepted without photos attached, correct identification filled in and leader signatures. ID forms do not enter your animal in the fair.

Dairy Quiz Bowl

The *primary objective* of 4-H Dairy Bowl Contests is to provide an opportunity for youth enrolled in a 4-H dairy project to demonstrate their knowledge of dairy related subject matter in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail. It is also hoped that these contests will prove to be an educational experience for both participants and spectators. The Dairy Bowl Program is designed to encourage youth to increase their dairy knowledge through study and preparation for the contest. Youth learn life skills as they prepare for contests - critical thinking, decision-making, problem solving, communication skills, listening skills, speaking skills and independent thinking. They experience the value of teamwork, character building, and goal setting. Youth gain knowledge in dairy nutrition, milk quality, herd health, breeding and genetics, marketing, dairy foods, calf raising and all cattle breeds.

Age of contestants is as of January 1, 2010.

Novice Contest

Team members may be 8 - 10 years old with some experience or 11 - 13 years old with no previous district contests experience.

Junior Contest

8 years to 13 years old

Senior Contest

14 years to 18 years old.

Dairy Quiz Bowl Tentative Schedule Location TBA, 1-3p.m.

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Saturday, January 23

Saturday, January 30

Saturday, February 13

Saturday, March 6

Saturday, March 13

* Saturday, March 20 Finger Lakes District Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest, Location TBA

The Finger Lakes District will send a junior and a senior team to the state competition at Cornell University. The Finger Lakes District junior and senior teams will be composed of the top four individuals with the 5th place as the alternate in each division.

Many 4-H dairy members have enjoyed Dairy Quiz Bowl so plan to be a part of the 2010 Dairy Quiz Bowl.

Dairy Judging

What is Cow College? Cow College is another name for Dairy Judging.

Who can attend cow college? Any 4-H member ages 8-18 (as of January 1, 2010) and their parents.

Where is cow college held? Cow college is held in the barn at different farms around the county (dress to be outside!).

When is cow college? Cow college is (5) five Saturdays during February, March, and April. Each session runs from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

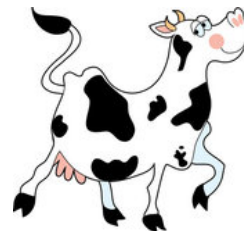
Why should I go to cow college? Cow college teaches you the essentials for being a dairy cattle judge. It will help you understand what to look for what choosing your show animal. It will also help you understand why the judge places your animal the way he does at county fair or any other dairy show.

What happens after the five (5) cow colleges? There is a county dairy judging tour in May (Tentatively May 15). 4-H families (4-H members including cloverbuds and adults) are encouraged to judge. There will be several judging trips throughout the summer that selected 4-H members will be invited to attend.

Dairy Judging Tentative Schedule

February 6 – Cow College 1-3 p.m. Location to be announced

February 20 – Cow College 1-3 p.m. Location to be announced



March 27– Cow College 1-3 p.m. Location to be announced

April 3– Cow College 1-3 p.m. Location to be announced

April 10 – Cow College 1-3 p.m. Location to be announced

Many 4-H members have enjoyed dairy judging so plan to be a part of the 2010 dairy judging program.

2010 Horse Show Requirement

4-H Members Participating in the Horse Project Please Note: Members must **participate in one county level or beyond Horse Educational Event** (i.e. Public presentations, Horse Quiz Bowl, Hippology, or Horse Judging) or attend alternate “educational events” and do a one-page written report on what they saw and learned to receive educational credit **to be eligible to participate in any Steuben County 4-H Horse Shows.**

Public Presentation Credit - Horse members will only receive credit towards showing if they give a public presentation on a horse related topic at the county event.

County Level Credit for Horse Bowl or Hippology - For a Horse member to receive county level credit for Horse Bowl or Hippology they **must attend at least 3 of the practice sessions.**

Regional Credit – To receive regional credit 4-H members must participate in the regional contests.

Special Recognition From the NYS Fair

When exhibits in the youth building at the New York State Fair go above and beyond “excellent”, they receive special recognition. Those from Steuben County that were purple rosette winners were: Foods: Luke Gilson, Fruit and Oatmeal Bars, Morning Muffins, & White Yeast Rolls; Denise Schubmehl, Morning glory Muffins; Megan Rosko, Zucchini Muffins; Horticulture: Rebecca Johnson, Pressed Flower Picture; Sarah Wolcott, White Phlox. The Galloping Grapes received special recognition for their GIS poster.

New York State Public Presentations

The State Public Presentations were held at the NYS Fair for the first time this year. Becky Bidlack was Steuben County’s representative with her horse presentation “Up and Over”. She received a silver award for her presentation. Great Job, Becky!



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