

# 4-H Steubenite



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# Upcoming Events

## February

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. Howard Church

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](mailto:lambshop@hutchtel.net)

February 17 – 4-H Program Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.

February 19 –Livestock Skillathon practice 9 – 11 a.m.

February 19 – Cow College (Dairy Judging Session), 1-3 p.m., John and Teresa Lyons, Addison

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., Howard Church

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

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

## March

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. Alfred State College Farm Classroom

March 5 – Cow College (Dairy Judging Session), 1:15 - 3 p.m., Alfred State College Farm

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

*The Cornell Cooperative Extension Office is located on the first floor of the Steuben County Office Building, 3 East Pulteney Square, Bath, NY 14810  
Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday Phone: 607-664-2300*

### **4-H Program Committee**

Vicki Dockstader.....Bath  
Barb Hull.....Atlanta  
Jan Lyons.....Campbell  
Teresa Lyons.....Addison  
Paula Quanz.....Wayland  
John Schubmehl.....Wayland  
Virginia Venator-Groen.....Prattsburgh

### *Legislative Representatives:*

Dewitt (Doc) Baker.....Corning  
Robert Nichols.....Addison

### *Association President*

Paul Wolcott.....Cohocton

### *4-H Program Staff*

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

March 7 – Steuben County 4-H Livestock Advisory Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.

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., Howard Church

March 14 – Cookie and Candy Bar Orders DUE!!

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

March 14 – 4-H Cookie and Candy Bars Orders due to CCE Office by 4:30 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 21 – Animal Crackers Registration DUE to CCE Office

March 24 Hoard’s Dairyman Picture Judging Contest entries due to CCE Office and to Hoard’s Dairyman

March 25 – PA Beef Expo – Beef Skillathon

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

## **April**

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

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

April 5 - Clothing Evaluations, North Cohocton

April 6 – Cookie and Candy Bars delivery date

April 7 – 4-H Program Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.

April 8 – 4-H Spring Garden Meeting Registration due to CCE Office

April 15 – New York Spring Dairy Carousel Youth Judging Contest, 1 p.m. NYS Fairgrounds

April 16 - NYS Pork Producers Feeder Pig Consignment Sale

April 16 – Vet School Open House, Cornell University, NYS College of Veterinary Medicine

April 16 – NYS 4-H Horse Bowl Event

April 17-20 – New York City Award Trip

April 19 - Clothing Evaluations, Bath

April 20 – 4-H Spring Garden Meeting, Civil Defense Building, Bath, 6:30 p.m.

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 30 – State Dairy Quiz Bowl

## **May**

Steuben County 4-H Dog Obedience Classes 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 7 - Steuben County Dairy Judging County Tour

May 14 – NYS Dairy Judging Clinic on Oral Reason, Morrisville

May 25 – NYS 4-H Horse Inservice, Cornell University

May 27 June Horse Show entries due

May 29 – Bath Trailblazers 4-H Club Horse Show

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 8 – 4-H Program Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.

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

June 12 – 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 – 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.

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

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

July 17 - Steuben County 4-H English Horse Qualifying Show

July 17-23 – CWF Award Trip, Washington

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 1 – NYS 4-H Public Presentation Event, Morrison Hall, Cornell University

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 & 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

### **National 4-H Photography Contest**

National 4-H Council needs winning photos from your state and county fairs (2000 2004) to create the 2007 4-H Calendar. Thirteen photographs will be selected. These original photographs will be gallery mounted and framed and a brass plate engraved with the photographer's name will be attached. The

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winning photos will be on display at the National 4-H Conference Center from September 2005 through November 2005 and also posted on our web site, [www.4-hmall.org](http://www.4-hmall.org).

We will return all submissions, if not selected, by late August 2005. Winning photographs will be returned no sooner than December 10, 2005. After final selection we will notify the winners and ask them for a signed release to use the photo in the 2007 4-H Calendar. Both the photographer and parent/guardian must sign the release. We will also request a second photo to display at the National 4-H Conference Center.

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 (for UPS delivery and USPS 1st Class mail).
4. Telephone number.
5. List of awards that 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" x 10", in color, and in a horizontal format. Vertical shots will be accepted only if they can be cropped to fit the horizontal format of the calendar. 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.
9. E-mail Address (if applicable).

The deadline for submissions is March 1, 2005. Please submit photos to:

2007 4-H Calendar  
National 4-H Supply Service  
7100 Connecticut Avenue  
Chevy Chase, MD 20815



### **Pheasant Chick Project**

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is distributing day-old pheasant chicks for rearing and release projects to qualified 4-H Youth. Parents, leaders, or other volunteers who are willing to oversee and assist youth with this project would be expected to first become familiar with the DEC's **Pheasant Rearing Guide and video, How to Raise Ring-necked Pheasants**. The video can be loaned from the CCE Office and the CCE office can provide you with a copy of the guide.

The rearing and release of pheasant requires a great deal of responsibility by 4-H members and a substantial time commitment.

Why raise pheasants?

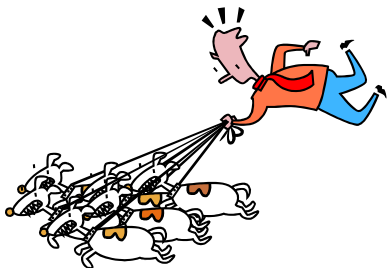
- Rearing pheasants is enjoyable, challenging and teaches youth responsible behavior
- People enjoy seeing and hearing pheasants
- Released pheasants offer fall hunting opportunity

For those interested in starting a pheasant rearing program, there are a number of responsibilities the person overseeing the project should plan on. You would be responsible for reviewing program requirements, discuss rearing techniques, and explain project expectations with those youth that you are overseeing. You would also be responsible for inspecting rearing facilities and evaluate the release site before approving participating 4-H members to ensure proper

rearing and release condition for the birds. Youth and the adult volunteer usually monitor progress together and share their experiences with other participants at 4-H meetings. The number of pheasants released is recorded at the end of the project.

In addition to the actual rearing project, leaders may choose to integrate other wildlife management strategies. Pheasants could be banded and released at different ages and on different sites to monitor mortality and survival. With landowner permission, habitat at the release site could be improved to benefit pheasants and other wild life. Assistance from organizations such as Pheasants Forever is available to improve habitat. There are many opportunities to expand the rearing and release program to include additional wildlife conservation activities. Including these activities is left to the discretion of the project leaders. Cooperative ventures between local sportsman's clubs and 4-H youth are encouraged and at times may help reduce program costs.

**If you are interested in this program you need to contact the CCE Office by Friday, March 11 to request the quantity of chicks you would like.** The chicks will be delivered to Bath. Kim Randall will contact those who ordered chicks with a delivery time and date in the past it has been a weekday afternoon towards the end of May or the first week in June.



## **New York State 4-H March Dog Madness Adult and Teen Leader Training**

All interested adult and teen volunteers are invited to attend this one day information packed program. Please watch for information and registration forms on the NYS 4-H Dog

program website at: [www.ansci.cornell.edu](http://www.ansci.cornell.edu) , click on 4-H programs, then click on dogs. Workshop topics will focus around an “Ethics” theme and include – How to Make the Best Dog:Child Match, More Positive Reinforcement Training, How to Teach Advanced Obedience, How to Teach Novice Agility, How to Teach Grooming and Handling, How to Teach Rally Obedience, Special Guests and Panel members to inspire you, and a resource room with more teaching tools than you ever imagined! Some workshops will have space restrictions. Pre-registration deadline is March 3.

**March 12, 2005** – Cornell University

Time: Approximately 9am – 3pm

To cover the cost of lunch and program materials, March Dog Madness Program is \$15.00 per person. Additional \$25 fee for People:Dog training partners. Checks can be made out to Cornell University with 4-H March Dog Madness in the memo.

If you are interested in attending and do not have web access contact Kim at the CCE Office at 607-664-2306 and she will send you the registration packet when it comes available from Cornell.



## **2005 4-H Cookie and Candy Sale**

The cookies and candy are coming!! Calling all cookie (and candy bar!) *monsters*... it's that time of year for delicious 4-H cookies and candy bars!

The annual Cookie and Candy Sale is an important fundraiser for both 4-H clubs and the County 4-H Program. Profits are split between clubs and the county 4-H Activity Fund. Club profits can be used for club projects, field trips, recreational events, awards, etc. The cookie sale (along with the cheese sale in the fall) helps to support the county Activity Fund. The Activity Fund helps to pay for the cost of award trips such

as Capital Days, New York City Career Exploration Trip, Citizenship-Washington Focus, Royal Winter Fair Trip, Agri-Business Career Trip, Public Presentation Trip, Career Exploration at Cornell University, Junior Award Trip, and others.

4-H Clubs and independent members must participate in one of the Steuben County fundraisers either in the fall or spring each year. If a 4-H members does not participate in one of the county fundraisers and they are chosen for an award trip they will be expected to pay 50% of the cost of the trip except for the Junior Award Trip and the Career Exploration trip to Cornell University where they will be expected to pay 100% of the cost of the trip.

Clubs and independent members can participate in on the cookie and candy sale by placing a order with the CCE Office by **March 14**. You can take orders and pre-sell cookies and candy bars and then place your order by the case or you can estimate how many cases and varieties you want to sell. Unsold cases of cookies and candy bars cannot be returned.

4-H cookies and candy bars will be delivered on **Wednesday, April 6** at the Steuben County Office Building (where the Cornell Cooperative Extension Office is located), Bath. Volunteers are needed to help unload the truck in the morning. If you are able to help out, please contact the CCE Office. Cookies and candy will be distributed from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. **ALL ORDERS MUST BE PICKED UP BY 6:00 p.m. ON April 6!**

4-H organizational leaders and independent members will receive Cookie and Candy Sale information the beginning of February. To request the number of brochures you need contact the CCE Office. All 4-H clubs and independent members are encouraged to participate in the annual 4-H Cookie and Candy Sale. .

Clubs and independent members will be assessed a 5% penalty per month for late payments.

## **Reminder**

If an independent member or a club has an outstanding balance from a previous 4-H Fundraiser then you will not be allowed to participate in the 2005 Cookie and Candy Bar Fundraiser until your balance is paid in full.



## **Tree Seedlings**

Steuben County Soil and Water Conservation District is offering 4-H members the opportunity to order tree seedlings and wildlife packets.

All orders, including payment, must be received by Friday, March 25 to Steuben County Soil and Water Conservation, 415 West Morris Street, Bath 14810.

Trees and wildlife packets must be picked-up on Friday, April 15 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or on Saturday, April 16 between 9:30 a.m. and noon at the Soil and Water Conservation Storage Building (blue pole barn) located on County Route 113, across from the county jail, Bath.

Be sure to mark your calendar for pick-up dates. Members are responsible for arranging for pick-up of their orders.

**To receive an order form contact the CCE Office or Soil and Water Conservation at 776-7398, Ext. 3.**

## **District Public Presentations**

Finger Lakes District Public Presentations will be held on **Saturday, April 2** at the Canandaigua Middle School in Canandaigua. 4-H members will be selected to represent Steuben County by the judges from the November and February Public Presentation

Days. 4-H members that are selected will be receiving detailed information about District Presentations in the near future.

Look for a full report on District Public Presentation in a future Steubenite issue.



## 4-H Spring Garden Meeting

All 4-H members, leader and parents are invited to attend the annual 4-H Spring Garden Meeting

**Date: Wednesday, April 20**

**Time: 6:30 Seed Distribution 7:00- 8:30 p.m. Program**

Location: Civil Defense Building Route 54, Bath

Please plan to attend the annual spring 4-H garden meeting. Tips will be presented on both flower and vegetable gardening. Tom Cortright will present information on flowers, Al Mason will present information on transplanting and Willis Barney will give instruction on Vegetable Gardening. They will also be available to answer questions. Door prizes will also be awarded to 4-H members. Free seeds will also be given out to 4-H members.

In addition, you will be able to have the pH of your soil tested. If you would like the pH of your garden tested, you need to bring a **SMALL** amount (2 oz. ) of **air-dried soil** from your garden. In order to get an accurate sample, take soil from four or five places in your garden, mix it all together, let it dry thoroughly and put about 2 oz. in a bag. Please label the bag with your name and phone number. The soil sample will be tested at the CCE Office and you will be notified of the results. The soil sample will tell you the pH balance of your garden plot.

Garden visits are recommended for 4-H members who plan to have a garden project this year. A 4-H volunteer will arrange a time to visit your garden and talk with you about your

garden project. The 4-H volunteer will answer questions you have, help you with any problems you may be encountering, and may offer additional suggestions. The garden visits will be made in July and August. The 4-H volunteer will telephone you in advance and set-up a time for the visit. 4-H members can sign up for a summer garden visit at the Spring Garden Meeting.

**To register for the 4-H Spring Garden Meeting** please return the enclosed registration form, email Kim at [ksb3@cornell.edu](mailto:ksb3@cornell.edu) or call 607-664-2306 by **Friday, April 8.**

**Mark your calendars for an informative and fun-filled evening on Wednesday, April 20.**

Vegetable and Flower Garden records are required to be completed by Monday, September 12, 2005 to receive project credit and to be eligible for county project champions.



## We Need You and Your Ideas for the 4-H Clothing Revue

The **2005 4-H Clothing Revue** has been scheduled for Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at Avoca Central School. If you have an idea for a theme for this year's revue or suggestions about the Revue or **if you are an adult or teen and would like to serve on the planning committee**, please contact Loree at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Office! The planning committee will be getting together in February or March to get everything started. The committee meets only one other time and that is in April just before the revue to get everything finalized.

## Clothing Evaluations and Revue

The 2005 4-H Clothing Revue is scheduled for: **Friday, May 6 at Avoca C. School**

If any leader, parent or senior 4-H member is interested in helping to plan the revue, please call the 4-H office. There will be a meeting in March to plan the revue and a meeting in April after the evaluations to finalize the night.

Clothing evaluation locations and dates are:

**Tues, April 5<sup>th</sup> North Cohocton Methodist Church.**

**3:00-5:00 p.m.**

**Tues. April 19<sup>th</sup> CCE Office @ Steuben County Office Building, Bath**

**3:00-5:00p.m.**

**Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> Clothing Revue at the Avoca Central School in Avoca. Times for arrival: Seniors: 6:15-6:45 p.m. to get reevaluated and registered. Juniors: 7:00p.m. to get registered. Clothing Revue begins at 7:30.**

More details will be sent to 4-H leaders in the near future. If other evaluation sites would be helpful, please contact Loree at the CCE Office.

## **2005 4-H Animal Crackers: Horses and Goats**

Mark your calendars now. Animal Crackers 2005 will focus on Horses and Goats. The theme this year is "pulling together". The annual workshop will be held at Cornell University on **May 7, 2005**. The Animal Cracker's program provides hands on science oriented learning experiences on animal science topics which feature the unique facilities and staff of Cornell University. The horse track will include a basic and intermediate knowledge loop.

Registration will be taken on a first come-first serve basis. Registration is open to the first 5 kids per workshop per county. One adult must accompany each workshop group. The cost is \$5.00 per person. **To Register return the enclosed registration form and registration fee by Monday, March 21, 2005.** 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.



## *Office News*

### **Fall Fund Raisers**

The 2004 Fall Fundraisers featured Cuba Cheese products and Seneca Ceramics. The fundraisers help to support the 4-H Activity Fund, which

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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 4-H club members.

Each 4-H member who participated in the fundraisers helped the 4-H Activity Fund and their club treasuries.

Congratulations to the following 4-H: members who were recognized as the top sellers.

### Top Sellers Cheese Sale

First (\$50.00) – Barry Tucker, Canisteo Valley, \$1,060.00

Second (\$30.00) – Hallie Hoad, Independent, \$940.75.

Third (\$25.00) – Cassie Joslyn, Howard Hillbillies, \$657.25

Fourth (\$20.00) - Matt Slayton, Howard Hillbillies, \$615.50

Fifth – (\$15.00) – Ryan Rodbourn, Howard Hillbillies, \$603.00

Sixth – (\$10.00) - Kristine Gessner, Southern Tier Livestock, \$579.00

Since the Steuben County 4-H Program sold over \$7,000 Cuba Cheese donated \$150.00 of the prize money to the top salespeople. Thank you Cuba Cheese Shop.

### Top Sellers Seneca Ceramics Sale

First (\$50.00) – Kristine Gessner, Southern Tier Livestock, \$210.00

Second (\$30.00) – (Tie) Brandie O'Dell, Animal Admirers, and Rachael Passarettis, J-T Rough Riders, \$90.00

Third (\$25.00) – Nicky Hoodlet, Independent, \$85.00

Fourth (\$20.00) – (Tie) David Dodds, Cohocton Country Hicks, and Maria Lehman, (Town and Country), \$80.00

\* These top sellers were calculated based on seller sheets returned by 4-H leaders.

Congratulations to all for your hard work! A special "Thank You" to all leaders and parents who helped to motivate, collect money, sort products, and transport products and 4-H'ers.



### **4-H Youth Development Summer Assistant Part Time Position**

**Location: Steuben County, Bath, NY**

This 20 hour per week position provides support and assistance to Cornell Cooperative Extension's 4-H Youth, Family and Community Development Program in Steuben County. This position is for 10 weeks in June – August (start and end date are negotiable depending on schedule). The 4-H Youth Development Summer Assistant assists in the development and delivery of a variety of educational programs for youth. Teach concepts through hands-on activities at summer parks education programs, 4-H clubs, and other venues as identified. Assist in the preparation of letters, promotional materials, and newsletter articles, and in the management of 4-H activities at the Steuben County Fair. Assist in the recruitment of youth members and adult volunteers into the 4-H Program. Represent Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County to the public in conjunction with program responsibilities.

The primary audience is youth ages five to eighteen.

**Qualifications:** High School diploma or equivalent plus experience working with youth, preferably in an educational setting. Must be able to meet the travel requirements of the position. Highly desirable: computer word processing skills (Microsoft Word); the ability

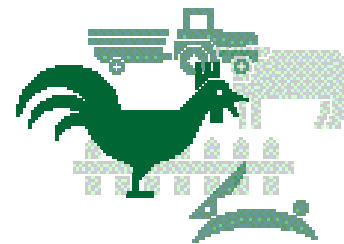
to work in a team setting; demonstrated flexibility; demonstrated willingness to learn; good communication and organizational skills. Experience in 4-H highly desirable.

**Salary:** Contact CCE Office

**Apply: Applications are due by Friday, April 29.** Applications available at Cornell Cooperative Extension, 3 East Pulteney Square, Bath, NY 14810. Phone 607-664-2300 or contact [ngt3@cornell.edu](mailto:ngt3@cornell.edu).

### **2005 4-H Program Committee**

The 4-H Program Committee consists of seven very dedicated volunteers who help staff to shape, guide and make recommendations about the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County 4-H Program. The CCE 4-H Program Committee members are **Paula Quanz**, Wayland; **John Schubmehl**, Wayland; **Jan Lyons**, Campbell; **Teresa Lyons**, Addison; **Vicky Dockstader**, Bath; **Jini Groen**, Prattsburgh, and **Barb Hull**, Atlanta. You can contact any of the CCE 4-H Program Committee members or the CCE Office with your ideas, thoughts and concerns about 4-H in Steuben County.



### **National Ag Day**

National Ag Day, the first day of Spring, kicks off National Ag Week. The National Ag Day program believes that every American should understand how food and fiber products are produced, value the essential role of agriculture in maintaining a strong economy, and appreciate the role agriculture plays in providing safe, abundant and affordable products. For more information about celebrating National Ag Day, go to <http://www.agday.org/>. The site includes fun facts, links to other sites, resources, and

planning guide. If you haven't already received a planning guide, it will need to be downloaded from the site, as they are no longer available to order. Let us know about your Ag Day celebrations and we will share your stories.



## **STARR ? ?**

The **State Teen Action Rep Retreat**, formerly known as the **Statewide 4-H Teen Ambassador Retreat**, began as a three-day event where teens took part in a variety of workshops to gain communication and leadership skills. Teens worked on marketing projects, and networked during recreational activities. Themes and topics for workshops and activities came from ideas and suggestions of the teens who served on the planning committee. This very active youth/adult planning committee relied on the input and effort of a diverse group of teens to insure that the Retreat remains contemporary, fresh and in tune with the youth of today.

With the addition of team building activities, multiple opportunities for teens to work in partnership with a variety of adults and organizations, and a semi-formal dinner and dance where teens could practice social skills, the program continued to grow and nurture leaders. In 2003, teens expressed the desire to open the event to all teens. Teen planning committee members felt that the skills gained during the retreat could benefit all teens, not just Teen Ambassadors. Although the Retreat was advertised as an event that was open to all teens (not just Teen Ambassadors) it was primarily Teen Ambassadors who were taking advantage of this opportunity.

In 2004, based on a group vote of teens attending the event, the decision was made to change the name of the event to reflect the new direction and program emphasis of the retreat. *Steubenite – February / March 2005*

Teen participants would continue to learn the skills necessary to communicate effectively, and to market the program, but now they would also be challenged to identify ways in which they might use newly learned skills to move beyond traditional program efforts to more active citizenship and involvement. Teen efforts would demonstrate to stakeholders and funders that all those years of investment in time and money, nurturing young lives, has come to fruition. 4-H youth have developed a sense of mastery, independence, generosity and belonging and are ready to give back and make a difference in their communities. They truly represent a 'youth community action' team.

These teens felt that with this most recent change, they are finally at the place where they most want to be, and recognizing that there are other teens across the state in a similar situation, they wanted to open their retreat to all active teens who are willing to represent their counties at this annual leadership event. These are the New York **4-H STAR's (State Teen Action Reps)** . . . . .

And **STARR** (the **State Teen Action Rep Retreat**) is the place for teens to be April 22nd, 23rd, and 24th!

On-line registration form can be found at: <http://www.cce.cornell.edu/4h/events/eventsta.htm>

## **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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## *Scholarships*

**American Horse Publications** offers a cash award of \$1000 and an all-expenses-paid trip to their annual seminar to a student pursuing a career in equine publishing. As an award winner, you'll get an intensive three-day short course in equine publishing; meet, mingle and participate with publishers, editors, advertising, circulation and production managers; and have an opportunity to discuss your talents and potential with those who do the hiring. If you are a senior in high school or an undergraduate college student during the 2004-05 school year, with at least one semester remaining before graduation, you are eligible to apply for this award. **All entries must be postmarked by March 15, 2005. Applications are available at the CCE Office or online at [http://americanhorsepubs.org/students/student\\_award/index.html](http://americanhorsepubs.org/students/student_award/index.html).**

### **NYS Association of Agricultural Fairs (NYSAAF) and the NYS Show People's Association Scholarship (NYSSSA)**

The purpose of this scholarship is to provide financial assistance to those in high school and college students who intend to pursue or are pursuing higher education in agriculture or an agricultural-related field. The NYSAAF and the NYSSA annual scholarships are available to all students who are currently or have previously been active in a member fair without discrimination as to race, color, creed, gender or

disability. Applicants must be residents of the State of New York, be sponsored by a member Fair of this Association and attend or plan to attend an accredited institution of higher learning. Five \$1000 scholarships will be awarded annually. Applicants will be judged on Scholastic Standing (25%), Citizenship and Leadership(25%), Fair Participation (20%), Field of Study (how it relates to agriculture and your career)(15%), Financial Need (10%), and Presentation of Application (5%). Applications, 2 letters of reference, and transcript must be submitted by a member Fair of the New York State Association of Agricultural Fairs. **The deadline for submitting your application to a Member Fair is by the second Saturday in April.** Steuben County applications are to be sent to **Robert Whitney, 8000 Mt Washington Road, Bath, NY 14810.** Applications are available at [www.nyfairs.org/scholarship.htm](http://www.nyfairs.org/scholarship.htm) or from the CCE Office.

### **DeNise Scholarship Fund of the New York State Grange**

Mr. and Mrs. Howard DeNise, who were long-time agriculturalists and Grange members in Western New York, established the DeNise Scholarship Fund, with the New York State Grange as the administer. A maximum of four awards will be made annually and the applicants will be notified in June. High School seniors and current college students are eligible to apply. These scholarships may be used in any recognized accredited institution of higher learning. These scholarships are intended to serve those who are interested in the pursuit of a career in the agricultural industry, and strong emphasis in awarding these scholarships is also placed on need of the applicant. The criteria for these scholarships are: Both two year and four year degree programs may be pursued; Public and Private institutions may be attended within or outside of New York State; Scholarship assistance is available to undergraduate students only; and courses of study should entail a major within the field of agriculture. **The original of all application materials plus three copies of everything must be returned to the New York**

**State Grange no later than April 15, 2005.** Final selection for the recipients will be made by a committee appointed by the New York State Grange. To receive an application contact the CCE Office.

### **NY Holstein Association, Inc. Calf Scholarship**

The New York Holstein Association, Inc. is having a Calf Scholarship. The purpose of the Calf Scholarship Award is to select a youth who is worthy of the award -a fine pedigreed calf with the potential to develop into a future brood cow. The program offers such a calf to a youth who has demonstrated the interest and ability to develop the calf to her fullest potential and who will grow through this project.

Applicants for this award must meet the following specifications:

1. Age limit --12-15 years of age (as of January 1,2005)
2. Housing facilities -youth must have the facilities to raise a calf, must live or work on a working dairy farm including milking facilities, and the herd must be on or be willing to participate in official test and classify , when the animal freshens and is eligible to participate in these programs. The calf must be housed in New York State.
3. Junior Holstein Membership --applicants do not necessarily have to be Junior members, but must be willing to join the New York Junior Holstein Association. Applicant must be a resident of New York State.
4. Farm visits --youth must welcome periodic farm visits.
5. Show calf --winner must be willing to show the calf at appropriate shows.

The calf will be awarded at the 2005 New York Spring Dairy Carousel, Syracuse, New York during the NY Spring Junior Holstein Show.

If you are interested in applying for this award contact the CCE Office for an application. Along with the application a letter of recommendation from a 4-H agent, Junior Holstein Club Advisor, State Holstein Director or FF A Advisor must be attached. Applications must be **postmarked no later than February 20, 2005.**

### **Fann Credit of Western New York Announces Agriculture Scholarships Available**

Fann Credit of Western New York ACA will award three \$1,000 scholarship (\$500 for two semesters) for the 2005-2006. Applicants must be enrolled in or matriculating in an agricultural college or university that offers an associate's degree in agriculture or a bachelor's of science degree. Applicants must be pursuing a course of study in agriculture or closely related field and reside in one of the 16 counties served by the association, including Steuben, Livingston, and Allegany Counties. Applicants must complete an application and a brief essay (no more than 200 words). For more information an application go to [www.fanncreditwnv.com](http://www.fanncreditwnv.com), the information will be available in March and the deadline is April. Click on 2005-2006 Scholarship Program or contact the CCE Office.

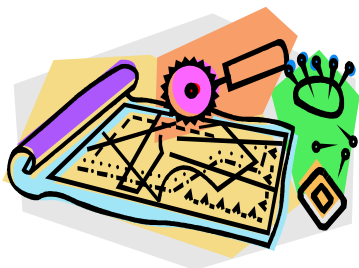


### *Home Economics*

### **March is National Nutrition Month**

March is National Nutrition Month, so why not celebrate by completing a 4-H Foods and Nutrition Project! There are many different projects ranging from beginner to advance. We have a four-part foods project called "Six Easy Bites" with four experience levels, A, B, C, and D. The "Cooking up Fun Series" has "Yeast Breads", "A Pyramid of Snacks" and "Muffins and More". There is also the "In Touch Science: Foods and Fabric Project. We also

have "Let's Fill the Cookie Jar" which has a large selection of nutritious cookies. If you have an interest in foods and nutrition, now is the time to see what 4-H has to offer! Contact the Corneal Cooperative Extension Office for foods project information.



### McCall's / Butterick Patterns

Once again McCall's has made available a number of **current** patterns to 4-H members and leaders at a reduced price. These are easy and fun patterns such as shorts, pants, skirts, tops and fashion accessories. The cost for the patterns is \$.95 but there is a minimum order of five patterns, so consider ordering as a club. If you would like pattern information, contact the CCE Office. This offer is good through June 2005.

### 4-H Clothing Project Resources

Now is the time to start thinking about 4-H Clothing Projects and the CCE Office has resources to help you. Check out the following resources:

- ◆ "Let's Sew - Beginner's Sewing Guide" by Nancy Zieman (1 free per club; fee for each additional)
- ◆ "Fun with Clothes" – Cloverbud materials, sewers ages 6-9
- ◆ **Unit I** "Adventures in Clothing" - for beginner sewers ages 9-12
- ◆ **Unit II** "Challenges in Clothing" - for intermediate sewers ages 12-15
- ◆ **Unit III** "Strategies in Clothing" - for advanced sewers ages 15 and over

**NOTE:** For Units 1-3, there is 1 leaders guide for all three units.

The above are free one set free to each club.

There are other sewing resources that can be purchased or borrowed. Come to the 4-H office and look through each curriculum and decide which "fits" your club.

Be sure to utilize these helpful resources to enhance your 4-H Clothing projects!

### Clothing Project Idea: Make It With Wool Contest

Each year there is a New York State Make it Yourself with Wool Contest. It is scheduled for early in November. As you are choosing your clothing project for this year, you may want to choose something that will fit this contest.

There are five divisions

Pre-teens, age 12 and under

Juniors, ages 13-16

Senior, ages 17-24

Adult are 25 years and older

(Age as of Dec. 31, 2002)

Made for others (any age)

The contest has three parts: modeling the outfit, garments judged on and off the participant. Garments can be sewn, knitted (by hand or on a knitting machine), crocheted, or felted from fiber that is more than 60% wool. This contest has proven to be fun, educational and all participants walk away with a prize.



*Horse*

### Attention 4-H Members With Horses

All 4-H members who wish to show their horses at any Steuben County 4-H Horse Show, including the Steuben County Fair, or the Region II 4-H Horse Show or the New York State Fair 4-H Horse Show **must be enrolled in a designated Steuben County 4-H Horse Club by April 1<sup>st</sup>, attend at least 50% of club activities from the time of enrollment, and participate in at least one 4-H Horse**

**Educational Event (i.e. Public Presentations, Horse Quiz Bowl, Hippology, or Horse Judging) at the county level or beyond.** 4-H Horse Club members 8-18 as of January 1, 2005 are eligible to participate in the Steuben County 4-H Horse Shows after meeting the Steuben County 4-H Horse Show Rules. 4-H Horse Club members who are age 7 or 8 as of January 1, 2005 have the option of participating in the Cloverbud Leadline classes offered at our Qualifying Shows. 4-H families with members 8 and older enrolled in a horse project will be receiving an information packet about the 2005 4-H Horse Shows. The packet will include: the 4-H Horse Certificates, horse eligibility requirements, a calendar of dates, Steuben County 4-H Horse Show rules, class listings for the Steuben County Qualifying shows, entry forms for the Steuben County Qualifying Shows, point system, saddle log program, and information on protective helmets. If you have any questions, please contact the CCE Office.



### **2005 Horse Record Question Insert for 4-H Members 12 and Older**

4-H members who are 12 and older are required to answer a question along with completing their horse project record. If you are planning on showing your horse at the 2005 Steuben County Fair Horse Show, the horse record must be turned into the CCE Office **by 4:30 p.m. on July 18<sup>th</sup> with your County Fair entry form.** Your horse project record can also be entered in the County Fair. A horse project record must be turned into the CCE **Office by Monday, Steubenite – February / March 2005**

**September 12<sup>th</sup>** to receive project credit or to be eligible to show your horse at the 2006 County Fair if you showed your horse at the 2005 County Fair. The record question for 2005 is: **If you were going to cross two breeds to make your dream horse, what two breeds would you choose? Why? What advantages/disadvantages? What would the horse look like? Behave like?**

### **Horse Quiz Bowl & Hippology Contests**

All 4-H Horse Club members are invited to participate in this year's quiz bowl and hippology programs. This year's practices are being held on **Sundays from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Steuben County Office Building, Bath.** Remaining practices for this year's contests are as follows:

- Sunday, February 13 (Learning Center, F1 and G1)**
- Sunday, February 20 (Learning Center, F1 and G1)**
- Sunday, February 27 (Learning Center, F1 and G1)**
- Sunday, March 6 (Learning Center, F1 and G1)**
- Sunday, March 13 (Learning Center, F1 and G1)**

The Regional Contests for these events will be held on **Saturday, March 19 at Penn Yan Middle School, Penn Yan.** Registration is at 8:30 a.m. The contests begin at 9:00 a.m. Please remember that for 2005, Horse Club 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.**



## *Dairy & Livestock*

### **Dairy Quiz Bowl and Dairy Judging**

**4-H members must be 8 years old as of January 1, 2005 to participate in Dairy Quiz Bowl or the Dairy Judging Program. Remember you are a guest at the places you are visiting so be on your best behavior. You are expected to be respectful to the volunteers assisting with the Dairy Program.**

#### **Dairy Quiz Bowl**

Age of contestants is as of January 1, 2005.

#### **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 yrs to 13 yrs old

#### **Senior Contest**

14 yrs to 18 yrs old

Stacey Deebes will be the coach for the Steuben County Novice Team. Michael Bossard will coach the Junior Team and John Seager will coach the Senior Team. Parents are invited to assist with the Dairy Quiz Bowl sessions. We will need volunteers for the contest on March 19<sup>th</sup> so please contact Kim at 607-664-2306 or one of the coaches by February 26 if you are willing to assist.

#### **Dairy Quiz Bowl Schedule of practices remaining**

Saturday, February 12

Howard Church, 1-3 p.m.

Saturday, February 26

Howard Church, 1-3 p.m.

Saturday, March 5

**Alfred State College Farm Classroom,  
11:00 a.m. -12:45 p.m.**

Bring a Bag Lunch if staying for Cow College

Saturday, March 12

Howard Church, 1-3 p.m.

Saturday, March 19

Finger Lakes District Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest, Penn Yan Middle School, 9:30 a.m.

The Finger Lakes District will send a junior and a senior team to the state competition at Cornell University on April 30. The Finger Lakes District junior and senior teams will be composed of the top four individuals with the 5<sup>th</sup> place as the alternate in each division.

#### **Dairy Judging**

No, cows do not go to college, at least not for grades and diplomas. However, you are invited to attend this year's Cow Colleges to learn more about 4-H dairy judging. Dairy judging is different, fun, and challenging all at the same time.

The fun part comes from making new friends and learning about dairy cattle. After you gain some experience in judging dairy cattle, you will have the opportunity to travel around the state and possibly be selected for the County Teams that go to State Fair each year. Several Steuben County 4-H members have even followed dairy judging to national events. Like any trip, dairy judging starts with the first step. The first step for 2005 is to attend the Cow Colleges. Instruction for all experience levels will be given at each session and ribbons will be awarded. Dairy Judging is open to members 8 – 18 years old.

#### **Dairy Judging Schedule of remaining practices**

February 19

John and Teresa Lyons, Addison, Cow College, 1-3 p.m.

March 5

Alfred State College Farm, Alfred State College, Cow College 1:15-3 p.m.

Thursday, March 24

Hoard's Dairyman Picture Judging Contest entries due to Hoard's Dairyman and a copy sent to the CCE Office for county contest. If you need the reprints and entry form contact the CCE Office

March 26

Bill Vanskiver, Jasper, Cow College, 1-3 p.m.

April 2

Dan Carl, Troupsburg, Cow College, 1-3 p.m.

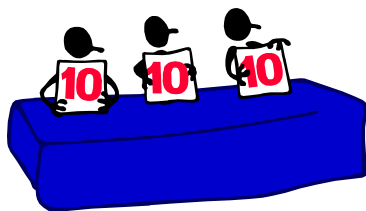
May 7

County Dairy Judging Tour, various farms to conclude at Allegany-Steuben Holstein Club, Canisteo (registration information will be sent at a later date)

May 14

New York State Dairy Judging Clinic on Oral Reasons, Morrisville College

Many 4-H dairy members have enjoyed Dairy Quiz Bowl and Dairy Judging so plan to join this year's program.



## Hoard's Dairyman Dairy Judging Contest

The 2005 Hoard's Dairyman Dairy Judging Contest booklets have been mailed from Hoard's Dairyman. If your club has participated in the past two years and have not received a booklet with the classes and you wish to participate in the 2005 contest, *Steubenite* – February / March 2005

please contact the CCE Office. If anyone else would like to participate in the contest and needs the booklet with the classes and the entries, contact the CCE Office. The deadline for entries is postmarked by **March 24, 2005. Participants need to send the original to Hoard's Dairyman for the National Contest and a copy of their entry to the CCE Office for the County Contest.**

## Skillathon Workshop Topics and Dates:

February 2005 – Steuben County Office Bldg.

**February 5** Informational Mtg 9:00 – 9:45

**Break 9:45 – 10:00**

**Second Rotation 10:00 – 11:00**

Novice: Breed Identification

Juniors: Breed Identification

Senior: Livestock Equipment Identification

**February 19 1<sup>st</sup> Rotation 9:00 – 9:45**

Novice: Breed Identification

Juniors: Equipment Identification

Seniors: Meat Identification

**Break 9:45 – 11:00**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Rotation**

Novice: Equipment Identification

Juniors: Meat Identification

Seniors: Breed Identification

**March To Be Determined**

**March 25 Pennsylvania Beef Expo – Beef Skillathon**



## Andrea Walsh Memorial Raise-A-Lamb Project Application

The Andrea Walsh Memorial Raise-A-Lamb Project is sponsored by the Empire Sheep Producers in memory of Andrea Walsh, daughter of Tom and Jean Walsh. The project provides animals through the application process to 4-H members who might not otherwise be able to afford lambs. Applications are due before the Empire Sheep Classic Sale held at the Cobleskill Fairgrounds on May 21, 2005. Breeding lambs and market lambs are awarded. For an application go to <http://www.sheep.cornell.edu/sheep/links/espa/andreawalsh/index.html> or contact the CCE Office.

## Barnyard Fun Day

The Cornell Block and Bridle Club will be hosting Barnyard Fun Day for local students, 4-H members and elementary and middle-school aged children throughout NY State on **Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** in the Livestock Pavilion on the Cornell Campus, Ithaca.

We invite all youngsters to attend and to bring their whole families to spend a fun-filled day learning about farm animals and participating in a mock livestock show!

All activities are FREE!! Activities will include:

- A Barnyard Tour- this will be an opportunity for the kids to learn about and have hands-on time to work with sheep, goats, pigs, horses, beef and dairy heifers.

- Demonstrations- including but not limited to-- a petting zoo of baby animals, sheep shearing, cow clipping, roping a dummy, tool & animal equipment identification, seeing what's inside a sheep, and making butter.

- Barnyard Olympics- fun and games for everyone, prizes awarded for winners!

- A Livestock Show- all interested youth can participate in a mock show with the animal of their choice; all participants will receive ribbons.

- An Ice Cream Social- with crazy ice cream flavors from the Cornell Dairy!!

Please note that although there will be a lunch break, there is no lunch served, so you may want to bring a bag lunch or plan to buy one from the Dairy Bar. Event t-shirts will be on sale for approximately \$10. Also note that the following day, Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, a real livestock show for participating Cornell students will be held in the same place, spectators are welcome.

We look forward to seeing as many youth on Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup> as we can!

Please be sure to RSVP if you plan on attending, anyone is welcome to walk-in, but it helps us plan to serve you better!

For any additional information, and to RSVP, please contact:

Jami Van Dusen at [jl37@cornell.edu](mailto:jl37@cornell.edu) 607-253-7097 or 607-565-2707 (Please use email as your first method of contact if possible.)



## *Horticulture*

### **Seed Starting**

Al Mason is available to assist 4-H clubs with their seed starting projects. If you would like Al to come to a club meeting and give a presentation about seed starting contact him at 607-324-2091 or by email at [lycodad@usadatanet.net](mailto:lycodad@usadatanet.net)



## *Club News*

**Bath Trailblazers:** We met on November 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Cheese Sale and a possible trip to Cazenovia.

Our club had our Christmas party on December 31<sup>st</sup>. We will not meet in January because we will be attending Horse Quiz Bowl practices.

**Submitted by: Morgan Ostrander**

**Cohocton Country Hicks:** We met in November to pick up our cheese orders and discuss the next meeting. Our next meeting will be in December making potpourri bowls with lights. We will be working on Public Presentations at our January meeting for February. We met on December 11<sup>th</sup> and had a fun time putting together our potpourri bowls.

**Submitted by: Jim Wright**

**Country Bunch:** The Country Bunch 4-H group had their Christmas party on December 6<sup>th</sup> at the home of Linda Sherer.

Fun games were played. We had lots of food and exchanged gifts. There were nine members and three guests present. The next meeting will be January 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Our January meeting was cancelled due to bad weather.

**Submitted by: Bryon Knoll**

**Country Workers:** We finished our stained glass picture frames and foster care bags on December 8<sup>th</sup>. This was a hard meeting because we had so much to get done. On December 23<sup>rd</sup>, we made felt decorations and had a small Christmas party.

**Submitted by: Michael Brown**

**Dairy Dynamites:** Our club did not meet in December.

**Submitted by: Jessica Ellison**

**Hazel View Hicks:** Our club met three times in November. We met on November 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> to study for Dog Quiz Bowl and also talked about possible activities for winter. On November 14<sup>th</sup>, we made crafts and got ready to go to the Humane Society.

On December 14<sup>th</sup>, the Hazel View Hicks took a trip to the Hornell Humane Society. Every year we go to the Humane Society. Members attending were Justine Burnett, Jenna Brokaw, Shannon Peterson, Makenzie Smith, Abbey Westbrook, Garret Brokaw and our leader Christina Brokaw. We donated pet products, cleaned cat and dog kennels, and fed the animals. We got our picture in front of their tree. We can't wait to go back next year! Afterwards we went to our leader's house for a Christmas party. On December 12<sup>th</sup>, we worked at the Hornell Humane Society Open House.

**Submitted by: Justine Burnett**

**Hill and Valley:** The Hill and Valley 4-H Club met at our leader's house, Ruth Stafford, on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Three members were present along with three helping moms. There was one visitor, Morgan, who is planning on joining our club shortly, bringing our member total to nine. A few leftover records were handed out and then our club began having fun with glitter. The projects planned were snowman light bulbs and string angels. The fun part was covering bulbs with glue and glitter. It was a challenge not to lose count when making the string angels. It was also fun getting to know each other. Our club has several new members. A community service project was discussed as well as future projects. Hopefully, we will be making fleece scarves soon. Happy Holidays!

**Submitted by: Sara Flint**

**Howard Hillbillies:** Our club met on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of November to plan projects. We are going Christmas caroling on December 17<sup>th</sup> to the Maryville Home for Adults and around Howard. We will meet at the fire hall for cookies and cocoa.

**Submitted by: David Dockstader**

**Kane's Dairy Kids:** Hi! We are a new 4-H group. We had our first meeting in December and conducted election of officers. Makenna Harris is our President, Trevor Harris is Vice President, Michael Swan is Secretary, Matt Swan is Treasurer, and Berry Tucker is News Reporter. We met at the Swan's to discuss what we would like to do. We had a bake sale in December at Walmart. We made all of the baked goods ourselves. We met again in January at Jeff Harris's house to discuss upcoming events. Jeff is our 4-H leader with Ed and Mary Swan helping him when needed. We

will continue to do woodworking session at the Swan's when the weather permits. Our next meeting will be February 4<sup>th</sup> at Berry Tucker's house.

**Submitted by: Michael Swan**

**Outsiders:** On November 19<sup>th</sup>, we worked on comparing nutritional values and the cost of homemade cookies versus ready-made cookies. We tasted to see if we could see the difference. Our 4-H group made a poster and basket for the annual 4-H meeting. We also had three people do presentations. Elizabeth Parker and Cassie Thompson did one on Oreo balls. Nathan Gardner did his on his collection of knives. In December, we went caroling at McDonalds Tree Farm. Then we came back to Lyons' house for a business meeting. We donated stuffed animals to the Hugs of Hope for our community service project. We decorated cookies, made Christmas baskets and did cow judging.

**Submitted by: Heather Gauss**

**Prattsburgh Pioneers:** We had a busy November and are planning on lots of community service projects for December. Our pet care group met on November 10. The Horse Banquet was November 12. We made a Thanksgiving wreath and turkey treat at our November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. The horse group met on November 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. The rabbit group learned about basic rabbit care on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. We made gingerbread houses on November 30<sup>th</sup>.

On December 5<sup>th</sup>, we made cookies and hosted the town's open house. On December 8<sup>th</sup>, the horse group met. On December 9<sup>th</sup>, we went to Corning and blew glass ornaments. On December 15<sup>th</sup>, we did a Christmas craft and treats. Seventeen of

our members provided small unwrapped gifts for the County Foster Care Christmas stockings and 23 members baked 12 containers of cookies for the local food pantry.

**Submitted by: Tricia Wallace**

**Southern Tier Livestock:** The Southern Tier Livestock's November meeting took place at 3:00 on November 21<sup>st</sup> at the Wolcott Farm. Paul Wolcott, the owner, showed us around the farm and explained how his dairy business was run. We saw all the different barns, learned about the milking parlor, and got to examine and learn about the different feeds Paul gives his animals. There were 17 members present. Our next meeting will be on a Saturday in December and the Schubmehls will run it.

**Submitted by: Amy Quanz**

**Town & Country:** The Town and Country 4-H Club had one meeting in the month of November. We made club t-shirts on the 13<sup>th</sup>. We will wear these t-shirts to meetings, field trips, and camp. Each t-shirt has Town and Country 4-H printed on the front. On the back there are symbols for head, heart, health, and hands and our last names. We used acrylic paint and fabric medium to make sure the paint would stay on. When we were done painting, we sprayed the t-shirts with dilute paint. We also made trail mix for a snack and talked about the nutrition in it. We talked about community service projects. Some of these projects included helping at the animal shelter, stockings and bags for Foster care children, and ringing the bell for the Salvation Army. It was a great meeting and everyone had a lot of fun.

**Submitted by: Leah Flint**

**Willing Workers Jr.:** We met on November 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Our craft projects included making Christmas ornaments, fleece scarves, and bulletin boards. Our cooking projects included making oatmeal blueberry muffins, maple hot chocolate, southwestern hot dogs, chocolate dipped spritz, hearty taco dip, mushroom party puffs, tacos, polka dot cookie bars, microwave apple crisp, and fancy baked potatoes.

Our group met again on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Craft projects included angel ornaments, bulletin boards, fleece scarves, and pillows. Foods projects included oatmeal raisin cookies, microwave apple crisp, double chocolate drop cookies, blueberry muffins, poppin' cereal bars, and broccoli casserole. Our cloverbuds used sewing machines and stitched on paper patterns.

Willing Workers Jr. met on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Foods projects included fruit and veggie trays, taco tater skins, orange sugar rollouts, strawberry cobbler, apple cheddar pizza, and mushroom party puffs. Craft projects included lighted potpourri vases, bulletin boards, pillows and sewing. Our Cloverbuds made corny chocolate crunch. On January 19<sup>th</sup>, our Cloverbud members made nutty cereal crunch. Craft projects included animal magnets and making soap. Food projects included chocolate chip bran muffins, maple hot chocolate, tortilla snack strips, chocolate dipped spritz, tangy fruit salad, bird's nest snacks, and cream of cauliflower soup.

**Submitted by: Taylor Morse**

**Willing Workers Sr.:** Our group met on November 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Our craft projects included making lighted potpourri vases and fleece scarves. We started working on drawstring bags for the County Foster Care

Program. Our cooking projects included pumpkin pie, sour cream cranberry bars, honey oat muffins, raspberry cornmeal muffins, sweet and sour chicken, garden vegetable stir fry, and fortune cookies.

Our December meeting was on the 13<sup>th</sup>. We finished our fleece scarves and the drawstring bags for the Steuben County Foster Care Program. Foods projects included making quick corn chowder and Irish dishes (lamb stew, boxty, Irish apple fritters and Irish cheese danish).

Willing Workers Sr. met on January 10<sup>th</sup>. Our craft project was making fragrance soap and pouring it into molds. Foods projects included corn fritters, quick paella, gazpacho sevillano, lemon crullers, baked ham and cheese sandwiches, and potato slices with taco sauce and cheese. On January 24<sup>th</sup>, we did liquid embroidery on bookmarks. Cooking projects included Creole corn, chocolate corny crunch, pizza dip, potato dumplings, German meatballs with sauerkraut and almond torte with lemon filling.

**Submitted by: Whitney Hull**



*Honor Secretaries*

The following club secretaries had their November monthly reports in to the CCE Office by December 10:

- Prattsburgh Pioneers . . . . . Tricia Wallace
- Southern Tier Livestock . . . . . Amy Quanz
- Town & Country . . . . . Leah Flint
- Willing Workers Jr. . . . . Taylor Morse
- Willing Workers Sr. . . . . Whitney Hull

The following club secretaries had their December monthly reports in to the CCE Office by January 10:

- Bath Trailblazers . . . . . Morgan Ostrander
- Cohocton Country Hicks . . . . . Jim Wright
- Country Bunch . . . . . Byron Knoll
- Country Workers . . . . . Michael Brown
- Dairy Dynamites . . . . . Jessica Ellison
- Hazel View Hicks . . . . . Justine Burnett
- Hill and Valley . . . . . Sara Flint
- Kane’s Dairy Kids . . . . . Michael Swan
- Willing Workers Jr. . . . . Taylor Morse
- Willing Workers Sr. . . . . Whitney Hull

The following club secretaries had their January monthly reports to the CCE Office by February 10:

- Country Bunch . . . . . Byron Knoll
- Kane’s Dairy Kids . . . . . Michael Swan
- Prattsburgh Pioneers . . . . . Tricia Wallace
- Willing Workers Jr. . . . . Taylor Morse
- Willing Workers Sr. . . . . Whitney Hull



## Candidates for Steuben County Dairy Princess Sought

The Steuben county Dairy Promotion Committee is looking for candidates to be the 2005-06 Steuben County Dairy Princess. Candidates must be a resident of Steuben County between the ages of 16 and 24, never been married, nor had a child. She must be the daughter of a dairy farmer or a person affiliated with agribusiness.

There are also a non-competitive Dairy Ambassador (girls ages 13-16) and Dairy Maid (girls ages 10-12) positions. Dairy Ambassadors and Maids must meet the eligibility requirements for a Dairy Princess.

There will be an orientation meeting for all interested candidates and their parents at the Steuben County Cornell Cooperative Extension office in Bath, on April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

If you are interested in becoming a Dairy Princess or Ambassador and want more information please contact Kerri Bartlett at 607-664-2311 or Stacey Deebes at 607-368-0078 or the current Dairy Princess Traci Lyons at 607-359-2826.



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