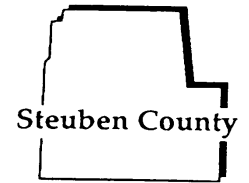




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4-H Steubenite



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Steuben County 4-H Spring Garden Meeting Held

Thirty-two 4-H members along with parents and leaders, attended the 4-H Spring Garden Meeting held on April 20th at the Civil Defense Building, Bath. Al Mason, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County Master Gardener, shared his expertise on seed starting, transplanting tomatoes and recycled material. Willis Barney, Bath, shared his expertise on preparing vegetables to exhibit at the county fair and Tom Cortright, Corning, shared his expertise on preparing flowers to exhibit at the county fair.



4-H members received seeds and door prizes. Thank you to the following businesses and individuals for their donations: from **L-R: Tom Cortright & Michael Brown** Avoca: Mitchell Farms; from Bath: Bath Building Co., Dean's Greenhouse, M. J. Ward & Son, Inc., and Wheeler Homestead Farms; from Buffalo: Stoke's Seeds, Ltd., from Corning: Aaah Flowers by Cortright; from Harrison: Fred C. Gloeckner Co.; from Hornell: Al Mason; from out of state donations: Lake Valley Seed, Inc., CO and Rohrer Seeds, PA.



The 4-H members that attended were: **Austin Harvey, Kylie Harvey; Benjamin Knoll, Blaine Knoll, Brandon Knoll, Byron Knoll, Lisa Lathrop, Paul Lathrop, Samantha Lathrop, Ariana Peisher** - Country Bunch; **Jeffrey Batchen, Nathan Burley, Thomas Heidrick, Corey Orcutt, Matthew Parody, Thomas Shuboney, Joseph Stefko, Leslie Welch, Richard Williamson** - Four Winds; **Carmen Coppola, Harriett Hughes** - Hill and Valley Club; **Brett Rosko, Joel Rosko, Megan Rosko** - Outsiders 4-H Club; **Abbie Presher, Allen Presher, Anna Presher** - Prattsburgh Pioneers; **Jeffrey Kurtz, Sean Schubmehl** - Southern Tier Livestock; **Michael Brown, Jessika McCombs** - Town and Country; **Brianna Sick** - Willing Workers



Upcoming Events

May

- May 25 – NYS 4-H Horse Inservice, Cornell University
- May 27 June Horse Show entries due to the CCE Office by 4:30 p.m.
- May 29 – Bath Trailblazers 4-H Club Open Schooling Horse Show, Bath Fairgrounds at 9:00 a.m.
- May 29 – Steuben County 4-H Riding evaluations, Bath Fairgrounds, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
- May 30 – Memorial Day, CCE Office Closed
- May 30 – Saddle Log begins

June

- June 1 – Six Flags/Darien Lake ticket orders due to the CCE office.
- 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.
- June 3 – 4-H Goat Clinic registration due to CCE Office

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
- Virginia Venator-Groen.....Prattsburgh
- Barb Hull.....Atlanta
- Jan Lyons.....Campbell
- Teresa Lyons.....Addison
- Paula Quanz.....Wayland
- John Schubmehl.....Wayland
- Legislative Representatives:
 - Dewitt (Doc) Baker.....Corning
 - Robert Nichols.....Addison
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 - Laura Mullen, 4-H Program Assistant
 - Loree Symonds, 4-H Program Assistant
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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 6 – Garden visit 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 11 – Steuben County 4-H Goat Clinic, Steuben County Fairgrounds. Time TBA

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

June 15 – Ownership requirements for dairy cattle, dairy goats, breeding meat 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 27 – Rabbit Clinic, Poultry Clinic and Horticulture Workshop registration forms due to CCE Office

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

July

July 1 – July Horse Qualifying Show Entries due to CCE Office by 4:30 p.m.

July 1 – Central Dairy Judging Tour, SUNY Morrisville

July 4 – Independence Day - CCE Office Closed

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

July 9 – Steuben County 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operators Contest, 10:30 a.m.

July 12 – Poultry Clinic, Bath Fairgrounds, 6:00 p.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 19 – 20 – 4-H Junior Award Trip, Niagara Falls area

July 30 & 31 – Region II Horse Show

August

August 1 – Entries due to the CCE Office for flower arranging, vegetable art, creative place setting and cake decorating contest

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 15 – Western District Dairy Judging Contest, 9:30 a.m., Erie County Fairgrounds, Hamburg

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 10 – Western NY 4-H Meat Animal Show and Sale

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 7 – Keystone Stockman’s Contest, Harrisburg, PA

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 5 – Finger Lakes District Leader Forum, Jordan Hall, Geneva, 9:15 – 1:00 p.m.

November 11 – Veteran’s Day, CCE Office Closed

November 24-25 – CCE Office Closed for Thanksgiving

Empire Spring Classic Youth Sheep Show and Sale

The dates of the **Empire Spring Classic** are **May 21st** and the event will be held at the **Cobleskill Fairgrounds**, Cobleskill, NY. The event will be held at the **Cobleskill Fairgrounds** on at the event.

Anyone interested in the **Empire Spring Classic Youth Sheep Show on Saturday, May 21st** should contact the 4-H Office at the Cobleskill Fairgrounds, 576 T. Goblet, 576 T. 7188. Please call 518-355-7188. Please call 518-355-7188.

This event has been cancelled...
To make arrangements for picking up your Andrea Walsh Memorial Raise-A-Lamb Project applications, contact:
Don Otterness at 518-355-5722

for your past and future interest.

Empire Spring Classic Youth Sheep Show and we urge any youth interested to contact Jim and Lois Otterness at 518-355-7188 or info@4hny.org or (518)295-7188. Thanks again

Discount Passes to Six Flags Darien Lake – July 30 or August 2

This year the 4-H Office will be offering the opportunity to purchase discount passes to **Six Flags/Darien Lake** in Darien Center, NY. The amusement ride/waterpark has something for everyone from fabulous thrill rides, cooling water attractions, Hollywood-style stunt shows, species rides for small children, and much, much more!

Tickets are available for 4-H members, family and friends for **\$15.00**—a 50% savings off the regular admission price. 4-H members who completed a public presentation should have received a letter from our office with the

opportunity to purchase tickets for \$10.00. An order form for tickets is enclosed in this issue of the Steubenite and is available on the CCE website. **The deadline for ordering is June 1. We will be placing our ticket order on that date and no extra tickets will be available after June 1.** We are excited about the opportunity to offer an outing to Six Flags/Darien Lake. **Tickets will allow you to choose between two dates – Saturday, July 30 or Tuesday, August 2.** Get ready for fun at Six Flags/Darien Lake!

Steuben County 4-H Dairy and Meat Goat Clinic

There will be a 4-H Goat Clinic to be held on **Saturday, June 11 from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. at the Steuben County Fairgrounds, Livestock Judging Pavilion, Bath.** The topics will include:

- Clipping and hoof trimming
- Showmanship techniques
- There will also be showmanship contests at the clinic for dairy and meat goats evaluating the 4-H members on their showmanship skills.
- Breed Standards
- Parts of the Goat
- Record Keeping
- Fair Entries

You will be able to bring your dairy or meat goat to the clinic to use for the showmanship contest if you adhere to the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Health Requirements which are required to exhibit at the Steuben County Fair and include bringing the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection which can be issued from an accredited veterinarian on or after May 1 of the current year. The goats do not need to be clipped for the clinic showmanship contest since the 4-H members will be evaluated on their showmanship skills and not the fitting of their goat for the clinic. 4-H members who are not able to bring their goats to the clinic are still encouraged to attend the clinic.

To register for the goat clinic return the registration form, email Kim at ksb3@cornell.edu, or contact the CCE Office by Friday, June 3.

Dairy Goats MUST BE DEHORNED to be eligible to be exhibited at the clinic or the County Fair.

County Fair Animal Entries including Goat entries are due to the CCE Office by Monday, July 18 at 4:30 p.m.

New 2005 Meat Goat Information

Meat Goats do not have to be dehorned if the horns are less than 4 inches long. However, if the horns are over 4 inches long then the horns **MUST BE TIPPED!** If you are interested in exhibiting pygmy goats, please be advised that pygmy goats are meat goats and not dairy goats. Enter them accordingly if you will be showing them at the fair and fill out the market goat identification/ownership certificate if you are using a pygmy goat as a market goat project.

Reminder to Market Goat exhibitors

The Market Goat Identification/Ownership Certificate is due to the CCE Office by **Monday, June 6, 2005** to be eligible to exhibit your market goats at the Steuben County Fair.

Goat Resources For Loan

The CCE Office has the Goat Learning Laboratory Kit available to loan for a \$25.00 refundable deposit. Two videos “Dairy Goat Grooming and Showmanship Beginner and Intermediate” and “Texas A&M – Ag

Communication Show Goats Video” are available to loan from the CCE Office. Contact the CCE Office for more information.



Garden Visits

Garden visits are recommended for 4-H members who plan to have a garden project this year. A 4-H volunteer will stop by and talk with you about your garden. The volunteer will assist you with any questions you may have about your garden. Visits will be made in July or early August. The 4-H volunteer will telephone you in advance to arrange a time for the visit. The 4-H member and an adult must be present for the garden visit. **To register for a Garden Visit complete the Garden Visit Return Form in this issue of the Steubenite or visit our website at www.cce.cornell.edu to get the form and return it to the CCE Office by Monday, June 6.**

4-H Project Records are due to the CCE Office by Monday, September 12, 2005 to receive project credit and to be eligible for project champion awards. The Vegetable Garden Records have been revised for 2005. If you need a Flower and/or Vegetable Garden Record contact your 4-H leader or stop at the CCE Office to pick up the appropriate record.



Congratulations Graduating Seniors

The years have passed quickly and now you are finishing high school. What wonderful memories you will have! We wish you the best of luck as you make your way in the world. It is a time to look forward. Strive to be the best at whatever you do!

The CCE Office would like to take the opportunity to recognize the graduating High School Senior 4-H members in an upcoming Steubenite. If you would like to be recognized please mail or email Kim at ksb3@cornell.edu **by Monday, June 13** the following information. Include your name, parent’s name(s), current high school, your future plans, if you will be attending college, university or military include that information and the major. Please include what opportunities 4-H has given you and how 4-H has influenced your career decision or your future plans?

We look forward to your continued interest in the 4-H Program. Some college's offer Collegiate 4-H clubs/programs. You can also be tomorrow's judges, leaders and committee members. It is our hope that the foundation of 4-H in Steuben County will prove to be beneficial. The best of luck and good wishes to you always!



2005 Free Fishing Days June 25-26

In an effort to connect more people to the sport of fishing, New York State has designated June 25-26, 2005 as Free Fishing Days. During these days, the general public can tap into the fun and relaxation of fishing, without the need of a license- especially those who might not otherwise get the chance. All anglers are encouraged to take a friend fishing. With all that the sport has to offer, some are bound to get hooked. Youth age 16 and over are required to have a fishing license to be able to fish except for on June 25 and 26.

Fishing Resources and Projects for 4-H members

“Fishing for Adventure” The 4-H Sportfishing materials will take you on a journey that includes the old time favorites of developing angling skills and creating fishing tackle, to aquatic education and the dynamics of people and fish (angling, fisheries management and folkways). This comprehensive curriculum is designed to develop life skills while providing information and motivation to youth and adult audiences interest in sportfishing and aquatic resource stewardships. For grades 3-12.

Level 1 – Take the Bait
Level 2 – Reel in the Fun
Level 3 – Cast Into the Future
Helper’s Guide

There is a \$3.00 charge for each book.

“Getting Started A Beginner’s Guide to Freshwater Fishing” is a great teaching resource from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. This manual is designed to give beginning fisherman of all ages an understanding of fish, freshwater fishing, and the need for clean waters. It includes: What makes a fish a fish?, What do fish eat?, Basic Fishing Tackle, Fishing Techniques, What to do with the fish I’ve just caught?, What can I catch? Common freshwater fish of New York, fisheries management, conservation and ethics, fishy activities, getting a license and visit a New York State fish hatchery.

"Lets Go Fishing" is a national favorite. This 32 page information bulletin introduces fishing tackle and basic technique. It includes information on natural baits and care of the catch.

"Basic Fly Tying" includes color plates showing some fly tying materials and sample flies. The author covers basic tying techniques, including hooks and thread. Streamer, bucktail, spiders, variants, bivisible, hackle, wet, winged dry, nymphs, hair wing, hair body dry, bass and panfish bugs are described and shown, in detail, so you can make them yourself.

"Guide to Freshwater Fishes of New York" is a 140 page, pocket-size field guide that helps identify more than 100 fish found in north-eastern waterways. It gives identifying features such colors, patterns, markings and location of fins. Life cycles and preferred foods and habitat are described. It can help avoid misidentification resulting in a violation of regulations.

To receive any of these publications contact the CCE Office.

County Fair Fishing Related Projects

4-H members who participate in a fishing project have the option of entering several different types of projects at the County Fair such as a mounted display of five flies or a poster display showing experiences as part of 4-H "Lets Go Fishing" project, or any display relating to fisheries and aquatic resources, under Department Z, Section 1 Environmental Education, Class 3.



Corning Parks Program

Each year, the City of Corning Parks Program invites Steuben County 4-H members to do public presentations at various summer parks in the city. The presentations are approximately 30-45 minutes in length. The Corning Parks Program operates from the first week in July through the second week of August. Any 4-H members interested in participating in this program should contact Laura Mullen at the CCE Office for further details. Laura's phone number is 607-664-2312 and her email is lcm10@cornell.edu.

The presentations can be on virtually any topic. For example, in the past, 4-H members have done presentations with their project animals, provided a craft project, or led a science project. The CCE Office can assist with transportation and supplies if needed. 4-H members participating in the Corning Parks Program will receive public presentation credit for their efforts. Why don't you take an afternoon and share what you have learned in 4-H with other children?

Rabbit Clinic

There will be a rabbit clinic on **Saturday, July 9 at 9-11 a.m** at the Steuben County Fairgrounds Livestock Judging Pavilion. Please use the Chestnut Street entrance. Instruction will be given on Fitting and Showmanship and there will be a practice showmanship contest. Rabbits must have a permanent tattoo in their left ear to be able to show at the Steuben County Fair. 4-H members may bring their rabbits to the clinic where they can be tattooed for free. The tattoo number must be on the County Fair entry form. At the clinic there will also be information available on the parts of the rabbit, how to determine the gender of your rabbit, clipping your rabbits nails and teeth, record keeping, and information about the NYS Fair 4-H Rabbit Science Decathlon. The Rabbit Science Decathlon is described on the Department of Animal Science website at www.ansci.cornell.edu.

4-H members must own their rabbits by June 15 to be eligible to show them at the Steuben County Fair.

4-H Animal Science entries for county fair including the rabbit entries are due to the CCE Office by Monday, July 18 at 4:30 p.m. If you are unsure which class to enter your rabbit in or if you need help completing the county fair entry form plan on attending this clinic.

Please note: If you are exhibiting a rabbit at the 2005 Steuben County Fair, a project record must be turned into the CCE Office by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, September 12, 2005 to be eligible to exhibit a rabbit at the 2006 Steuben County Fair.

To register for the rabbit clinic return the enclosed registration form to the CCE Office by Monday, June 27.



Poultry Clinic

There will be a poultry clinic on **Tuesday, July 12 at 6 p.m.** at the Steuben County Fairgrounds Livestock Judging Pavilion. Please use the Chestnut Street entrance. 4-H members, leaders and parents are encouraged to attend. Instruction will be given on Fitting and Showmanship and there will be a practice showmanship contest. There will also be instruction on poultry judging and a few classes to practice judging. Information will also be given about anatomy and the NYS Fair 4-H Poultry Science Contest.

Pullorum testing will start at 7:00 p.m. and is free. Poultry (except waterfowl) from a NY origin must test negative for Pullorum within 90 days of the county fair or originate from a US Pullorum typhoid clean flock or a flock which has had a negative official test in the previous 2 years.

4-H Animal Science entries for county fair including the poultry entries are due to the CCE Office by Monday, July 18 at 4:30 p.m. If you are unsure which class to enter your poultry in or if you need help completing the county fair entry form plan on attending this clinic.

To register for the poultry clinic return the enclosed registration form to the CCE Office by Monday, June 27.

Attention Poultry and Waterfowl Exhibitors

Now is the time to start purchasing your projects for the fair. If you are looking for exhibition birds contact Bob Whitney at 607-776-2500 and he will give you some suggestions of people to contact. If you are ordering birds from a local feed dealer request to receive the certificate that the birds originate directly from a US pullorum-typhoid clean flock (waterfowl are exempt and do not require this certificate). The birds you order from your local feed dealer are commercial birds that should be entered in the meat and egg production classes in the fair. Waterfowl must have a leg band to be exhibited at the Steuben County Fair.

Horticulture Workshop

The 4-H Horticulture Workshop will be held at the Steuben County Fairgrounds Livestock Judging Pavilion on **Saturday, July 16 at 1 p.m.** There will be two different projects that 4-H members will be able to participate in.

Hypertufa – the use of Portland cement, sand and peat moss to make various size and shapes of containers for planting all kinds of plants. This project will start at 1:00 and the cost to participate in this project is \$3.00 and is to be brought with you to the workshop.

Terrariums/dish gardens/miniature garden in a box – This project will start at approximately 2 p.m. and participants need to bring with them their own container to use and small plants.

Tom will also demonstrate and discuss the techniques of flower arranging and what he looks for when he judges the flower arranging contest at the county fair. The flower arranging contest at the Steuben County Fair will be held on Tuesday, August 16 with cloverbuds from 6-6:30 p.m., juniors from 6:45-7:30 p.m. and Sr. from 7:30 - 8:15 p.m. **Pre-entry for the Flower Arranging Contest is required to the CCE Office by Monday, August 1st by 4:30 p.m.** Look for the registration form in the July/August issue of the Steubenite and on our website at www.cce.cornell.edu/steuben

You will need to bring \$3 per participant on August 16 to cover the materials.

Bring any questions you have about entering horticulture exhibits at the fair to the workshop.

To register for the horticulture workshop complete the enclosed registration form by Monday, June 27.

Revised 4-H Vegetable Garden Records

The 4-H Vegetable Garden Records have been revised for 2005. There are two different records depending on the 4-H member's age. There is a record for members 8-11 years old as of January 1 of 2005 and a different record for members 12 and over as of January 1, 2005. To receive a record visit our website at www.cce.cornell.edu/steuben, contact your

4-H leader or stop at the CCE Office to pick up the appropriate record. **Project records are due to the CCE Office by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, September 12, 2005** and are required to receive project credit and to be eligible for Project Champion Awards.

Flower and Vegetable Garden Seeds Available

There are a variety of Flower and Vegetable Seeds that have been donated. If you are interested in any stop into the CCE Office between 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. to look through what we have.

2005 Vegetable Varieties List and websites

The 2005 selected list of vegetable varieties for home garden use in New York State is available online at www.gardening.cornell.edu/vegetables/vegvar2005.pdf or contact the CCE Office for a copy.

There is a new Vegetable Varieties for Gardeners website at www.cce.cornell.edu/veg. This site makes it easy for gardeners to compare more than 2,000 varieties, read ratings and reviews by fellow gardeners, and offer their own observations of which perform best in their gardens.

5th Annual JAKES Conservation Field Day

There will be a JAKES (Juniors Acquiring Knowledge, Ethics and Sportsmanship) Conservation Field Day sponsored by the Canisteo/Cohocton Valley Chapter of the National wild Turkey Federation on August 6, 2005 at Farmer Phil's Cabins in Howard, NY exit 35 off I-86 and watch for signs. Registration for the event will start at 8 a.m. with the events starting at 9 a.m. sharp and will end at 4 p.m. The event is for youth 17 years and younger. A fun-filled day of outdoor activities is planned and included many "hands on" experiences. Attendance may be limited. **Pre-registration is encouraged by July 25.** Parents must sign a registration/release form for children to attend. For more information, details, and a registration release form contact Phil or Lois at 607-324-4024.



Office News

Attention Clubs With Cloverbud Members

Penn State and Pennsylvania 4-H have an excellent website which offers a variety of downloadable cloverbud projects on various topics related to Science and Technology, Community Expressive Arts, Healthy Living, Environmental Science, Personal Development, Citizenship, Family Science, and Plants and Animals. Check out their website online at <http://pa4h.cas.psu.edu/Curricula/online.html>. Look for the “Cloverbud” section. You are going to like what you see!!



Revised 4-H Dairy Calf/Yearling Project Records

The 4-H Dairy Calf/Yearling Project Records have been revised for 2005. **Project records are due to the CCE Office by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, September 12, 2005.** If you are exhibiting a 4-H dairy animal at the 2005 Steuben County Fair, a project record must be turned into the CCE Office by September 12, 2005 to be eligible to exhibit a 4-H dairy animal at the 2006 Steuben County Fair. Contact your leader or stop at the CCE Office to pick up a record.



2005 New York State 4-H Horse Show Rule Books

If anyone would like a copy of the 2005 New York State 4-H Horse Show Rule Book, please contact the CCE Office. Copies are available for \$2.00 or can be sent to you via email.

Nutrena Club Support Program

Nutrena Feeds has implemented a “Club Support Program” to provide 4-H clubs the opportunity to earn financial support for event sponsorship, awards, educational supplies, etc. Clubs submit proofs of purchase for Nutrena Feeds and pet foods. Each proof of purchase has a specific monetary value. To learn more about this program and receive a copy of the guidelines and redemption form, please contact the CCE Office at 607-664-2300. This information given herein is for educational purposes only. Reference to commercial products or trade names is

made with the understanding that no discrimination is intended and no endorsement by Cornell Cooperative Extension is implied.



Project Animal Ownership Requirements for County Fair

Animal Science 4-H members who plan to exhibit animals at the 2005 County Fair are reminded to plan ahead to satisfy the ownership requirements. All animals must be owned or leased by the 4-H member. 4-H project animals must meet the following ownership schedule:

June 1 – Horse Certificate, Rabies and Coggins due to CCE Office

June 1 – ownership deadline for swine, sheep, market goat, and beef breeding

June 6 – Market hog, market lamb, and market goat identification/ownership form due to CCE Office by 4:30 p.m.

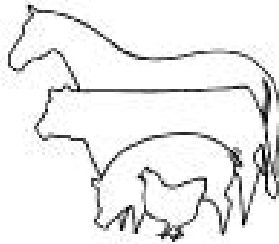
June 6 – Grade Beef Identification Form due to CCE Office by 4:30 p.m.

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

June 15 – Ownership deadline for dairy cattle, dairy goats, breeding meat goats, and rabbits

June 15 – Grade Dairy Identification Form due to CCE Office by 4:30 p.m.

For more information or to receive the appropriate forms contact the CCE Office.



Leasing Show Animals For County Fair

The non-ownership policy allows 4-H members to designate as their 4-H project animal one non-owned animal per species. The 4-H member shows this designated animal in its corresponding conformation class.

The philosophy of Non-Ownership is to give a youngster the opportunity to experience the responsibility of caring for, and showing an animal (that he/she may not otherwise have.)

Non-Ownership is **not** available to youth already owning an animal of that species.

Youth are limited to **one** non-owned animal per species. The leasing agreements are between the owner of the animal and the 4-H member.

These non-owned animals **must** meet all regulations (i.e. registration, health, etc.) pertinent to that species. In addition, exhibitors must supply a non-ownership certificate that is available at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Office.

This certificate must be filled out, have all the proper signatures and be on file at the CCE Office by the specified deadline.

Animal Non-Ownership forms are due by the following dates:

- Sheep - June 6
- Swine - June 6
- Beef Breeding – June 6
- Dairy Cattle - June 15
- Dairy Goat - June 15

For the 4-H member to receive project completion and to be eligible to exhibit at the 2006 Steuben County Fair, the 4-H member must fill out a project record and return it to the CCE Office by Monday, September 12, 2005.

Attention Goat and Sheep Members

All Goats and Sheep must be identified by a legible registration tattoo or a USDA approved official identification tag. Official tags can be obtained from an accredited veterinarian or by contact USDA at (518) 453-0187.

Attention County Fair Animal Exhibitors

County Fair Animal Entries Are Due July 18

Entries are due to the Cornell Cooperative Extension Office by **Monday, July 18 at 4:30 p.m. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED!!** County Fair books will be distributed to your leader and sent to independent members. Contact the CCE Office you need an extra entry form.

A separate entry form is required per species and are color coded for different species. For example, do not fill out one entry form if you are showing dairy cattle and beef cattle. A separate entry form is needed for your dairy entries and a separate entry form is needed for your beef entries.

- Beef Cattle – Lemon**
- Dairy Cattle – Gray**
- Dairy Goat – Bright Pink**
- Meat Goat – Orange**
- Dog – Blue**
- Horse – Green**
- Poultry – Salmon**
- Rabbit – Goldenrod**

Sheep – Lilac
Swine - Pink

NEW FOR 2005–

All meat goats with horns over 4” long must have the horns tipped.

All market animals must be weighed in at Empire Livestock on SUNDAY ONLY! Animals will not be weighed in on Monday.

All poultry must have a numbered identification leg band and that number must be included on the entry form. Entries that come to the office without the leg band information will not be entered.

All market swine must either have ear notches or a green 4-H Tag. NO market hogs will be accepted at Empire for weigh in with metal tags. Also, SWINE must be clean. Hogs that come to weigh in that are dirty will be turned away.

ALL eartags must, absolutely, be attached to the animal. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!!!! If any market hog, sheep, or goat come to weigh in without the proper identification in the animal, that animal will not be weighed and therefore, will be sent home.

Livestock Health Requirements

Please make sure you know the 2005 Health Requirements. **Read the Health Requirements on the CCE website or read the requirements on pages 5-7 of the County Fair Book for health regulations for each specie. It is your responsibility to meet the health regulations. The regulations will be enforced for the protection of all exhibitors. If you have questions contact the CCE Office. All cattle, sheep, swine, and goats exhibited at County Fair must have a valid certificate of Veterinary inspection (CVI). The CVI can be issued on or after May 1 of the current year. There are no exceptions. Contact your veterinarian to arrange for health papers.**

All sheep or goats exhibited at the Steuben County Fair, must be identified with a legible scrapie identification number.

All animals consigned to the Livestock Sale must comply with all drug withdrawal requirements. Notify your veterinarian that your animal is consigned to the sale before starting any drug treatment.

Below are some highlights.

For New York State Animals the CVI must be issued by an Accredited Veterinarian on or after May 1 of the current year. Each animal must be individually and positively identified on the health chart.

Fair Inspection Procedures for the 2005 Fair Season

County fair officials are responsible for reviewing all “certificates of veterinary inspection” (CVI) for compliance with state regulations and for verifying individual identification of exhibited animals presented on a valid CVI. A CVI is required for cattle (beef and dairy), goats, sheep, and swine.

Your CVI **must accompany** the animal upon arrival to the Steuben County Fairgrounds. Do not drop your animal off at the fairgrounds without the CVI with the animal. Send your CVI with your trucker if you are arriving after your animals.

For the 2005 Steuben County Fair the following individuals will be checking the CVI (commonly referred to as your health papers):

Sheep and Swine - Karen and Mike Hargrave

Cattle - Robert Whitney

Goat – Diane Stuart

Please have your CVI convenient for them to be checked. **Also it would be extremely appreciated if the 4-H member was available to present your animal to the person inspecting your CVI.** The person inspecting your animal must match your animal's identification (ear tag or tattoo) to the CVI. The CVI will be collected by these individuals and will be returned to you after the NYS Veterinarian or veterinary technician conducts an animal health inspection of your animals. The initial inspection will be conducted at or shortly after the arrival of your animals.

Soremouth in Sheep and Goats

Sheep and goats with lesions characteristic of Soremouth are not allowed to be exhibited. Any sheep originating from the same flock are considered exposed and must be removed from the grounds. The fair is responsible for cleaning and disinfecting the pens immediately after removal. The CVI used for entrance of the sheep is immediately invalid for subsequent fairs. A statement to that effect will be written on the CVI. In order to exhibit at later fairs, a new CVI will be required including the complete flock inspection.

Animal Identification:

It is very important that each animal is properly identified. Individual identification is necessary under New York State Animal Requirements. All animals must carry positive individual identification such as an official ear tag, ear notch or tattoo. Each goat or lamb exhibited must have legible scrapie identification.

PLEASE READ YOUR FAIR BOOK:

Your Fair Book includes very important information regarding County Fair. The fair book has been completely revised to include the points system. Please read it thoroughly, as many departments and sections have changed or been deleted and many classes have been moved, added or deleted.

It is your responsibility to ensure that your exhibits are entered correctly.

Attention 4-H Animal Exhibitors at the 2005 Steuben County Fair

Please read changes carefully so that you can arrange for transport of animals accordingly.

NO ANIMALS ARE TO ARRIVE AT THE FAIRGROUNDS ON SATURDAY!

Dairy, livestock, poultry, rabbits, and goats may be brought to the Fairgrounds from 12:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday of Fair Week and anytime Monday of Fair Week until 12:00 noon.

ALL LIVESTOCK, NON MILKING DAIRY CATTLE, POULTRY, RABBIT, AND GOAT entries must be in place BY 12:00 noon, Monday of Fair Week and all MILKING DAIRY CATTLE by 8:00 p.m.

***HEALTH AND REGISTRATION PAPERS MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR ANIMALS UPON ARRIVAL AT THE FAIRGROUNDS. ANIMALS CANNOT BE UNLOADED WITHOUT THEM!**

New 2005 Meat Goat Information!

Meat Goats do not have to be dehorned if their horns are less than 4” long. However, if they have horns over 4” long then the horns **MUST BE TIPPED!**

If you are interested in exhibiting pygmy goats, please be advised that they are meat goats and not dairy goats. Enter them accordingly if you will be showing them at the fair and fill out the correct id forms if you are using a pygmy as a market goat project.

Project Record Requirement for 4-H Members Who Exhibit Animals at the 2005 County Fair

All 4-H members who exhibit an animal project in the 4-H Division at the 2005 Steuben County Fair is required to turn in to the CCE Office at least one record on their project animal(s) per species **by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, September 12, 2005 to be eligible to exhibit that species at the 2006 Steuben County Fair.** For example: If you exhibit 5 poultry you will be required to turn in 1 poultry record. If you show 2 dogs you will be required to turn in 1 dog record. If you show 1 dairy heifer and 1 dairy cow you will be required to turn in at least 1 dairy record with a calf or a cow record. This is the same for **all animal species** exhibited. Market animal exhibitors, the rules will remain the same as in previous years and every 4-H member who sells a market animal through the 4-H Livestock Sale must turn in a market animal project record to be eligible to identify a market animal in 2006 and show in the 4-H division at the 2006 Steuben County Fair.

Note: To obtain your 4-H Project Record contact your 4-H leader or stop at the CCE Office to sign for your record.

Horse members and leaders please note: In addition to the above requirement, **a horse project record must be turned in with your County Fair entry form by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, July 18, 2005** for every equine you enter at the County Fair to be eligible to show.



New 2005 Steuben County Fair Classes for Eggs

Department T-1, Section 18

All eggs must have been produced on the exhibitor’s farm. Eggs will be judged on exterior and interior quality and the judge has the right to open one or more eggs of each display. Any exhibit containing one or more inedible egg(s) will be disqualified. A 3x5 card must be included with the entry describing the breed and age of birds laying

the exhibits. All eggs must be uniform in size and shape. There will be classes for white, brown, green (araucana), and duck eggs.



New 2005 Steuben County Fair Horticulture Class

Department Y Section VII Class 2 - Special Outdoor Green Places for 4-H Youth – An opportunity for a young person to appreciate and learn more about a real natural or landscaped outdoor place that is special to him/her and to share his/her observations with others. * Using poster board or similar material approximately 22x28 inches, exhibitor will create a visual map of his/her own special outdoor place. Images will tell a story about the real outdoor place that the youth has had an experience with. Where it is? What does it look like? What makes it special? What do you do there? * Exhibit may be created in pencil, charcoal pencil, felt tip pen, stick charcoal, crayon, color chalk or pastel brush and ink, oil, water color, acrylics, mix media, photos, digital images or any combination of the above. All work must have been created by exhibitor during the current 4-H Program year. * Exhibit should include but is not limited to a title, a description of the location and a list of at least three qualities about this place that make it special to you (e.g. quiet or secret). You may supplement your exhibit with a statement, poem, story or other item that helps express why this place is special to you.

Miniature Garden In A Box 4-H Project

Size: 6x10 inches to 14 X 20 inches by 4 inches deep

Materials: box (wooden, plastic, heavy cardboard, etc.), liner (can be a plastic bag), soil, small gravel (such as aquarium gravel, pebbles), small sea shells optional, small sized plant material live or artificial (no more than 30% artificial)

Create a miniature garden or landscape in a box. Line your box and be sure there is a small amount of drainage. Fill the box with soil and place gravel/rock/sea shells as walks or patios. Use the plant material to make hedges and grass. Use artificial material for color if you wish. You can use toy furniture for patio. Be creative and have fun.

All projects will be judged at the county fair under Department Y, Section V, Class 18 and a special award will be given out for the best: “Miniature Garden In A Box” exhibited at county fair by Tom Cortright, AAAH Flowers By Cortright.

If you have any questions about this project you can contact Kim at the CCE Office or Tom at 607-962-1311 in the afternoons.

CLUB BANNERS

Lots of 4-H clubs decide to make banners for their club. They can be displayed at club meetings, carried in a parade to identify the club and displayed in the 4-H Youth Building at the Steuben County Fair. If you club is newly formed **OR** if your club has never made a banner **OR** if you want to make a new banner, here are some tips.

Fabric: The banner should be 3 ft. by 4 ft. A 3" casing is needed on top to put a dowel in to hand the banner. Please cut fabric with an extra 3 ½" in length to make the casing. Just about any fabric will do, although if it is too lightweight, it may blow too much in the wind and/or too much light will shine through it making it difficult to read. Felt is easy because the edges do not have to be finished. If it will be used a great deal, it probably should be machine washable. Keep this in mind when choosing the fabric and also when deciding on what decorations to add to it.

Words and shapes are easy to do with felt or fabric appliques or outline with yarn, embroidery, or fabric paints. Decorations can be added with ball fringe, tassels, rickrack, nail heads, rhinestones, ribbons—use your imagination! Some helpful hints:

1. Before you start decorating, you need to get the banner ready. On both sides of the banner, turn the fabric to the wrong side ¼" and then ¼" again. Pin and stitch in place.
2. On the top edge, turn the fabric the wrong side ¼" and then 3", pin in place and stitch close to the fold line. This makes a casing to slip a pole/dowel rod through to hang or carry the banner.
3. On the bottom edge, turn the fabric to the wrong side, similar to the edges of the banner. You may want to insert a length of chain into a larger casing in the bottom edge; the extra weight will help prevent the banner from blowing in a breeze. Be sure to hand stitch both ends of the chain in place.
4. Plan your banner decorations before you begin sewing, gluing, painting, etc.
5. Make a fairly accurate sketch of where things will go on the banner. Stand back and look at it to make sure letters are large enough to read, the designs are centered or evenly spaced and so on. Chalk is good to use because it is easy to brush it away when done.
6. Choose colors for your designs that are in contrast to the background so they can be seen easily.
7. If you want to use yarn to make letters or outlines or for fabric appliques, they can be attached by using fabric glue, fusible web, zigzag stitch or hand stitching.

There is a County Fair class for club banners in the clothing section of the fairbook. Only new banners made since the close of last year's fair are eligible for judging/premiums. Please have banners (with dowel rods) ready to hang by **Monday, August 15.**



State Fair

Updated 4/17/05*****NY State Fair Meat Goat Classes

The big changes for 2005 are 1) that meat goats with horns will be permitted, 2) the dress code has changed a little and 3) we have added a new class for meat goat does, 2 yrs and older. If the horns are longer than 4 inches they must be tipped (the tips cut off and smoothed). Please remember that horns are NOT ALLOWED on goats showing in the 4H dairy goat show. We are no longer requiring solid colored shirts. Instead, the dress code for meat goat exhibitors now reads "dark pants and nice, neat shirts". Please remember that sandals, sleeveless shirts, T-shirts, herd names, and herd logos are not allowed.

The 4-H Meat Goat Show will be Tuesday, August 30th. Most of the Empire Market Kid Competition activities are on Monday, August 29th. **Meat goats need to arrive either by 9:30 am August 25th or else between 7:00 and 9:30 am on August 28th and depart on August 30th.** Youth can show up to two goats in the market kid class and in each of the doe classes but are limited to one goat in the showmanship class. All goats shown must have been quality endorsed by a CCE youth educator or other authorized representative. If you do not have a meat goat competition at your county fair, remember that the kid can be shown and evaluated at an Empire State Meat Goat Producers Association show or sanctioned Boer Goat Show prior to the NY State Fair. If needed, Tatiana Stanton or a regional ESMGPA director may be able to look the kid over. Entry forms and Premium books (contain the class list, health regulations, etc) will be available from your county Cornell Cooperative Extension office. Please check them for entry deadlines, ownership and lease deadlines, and to double check rules and schedules. All goats must be cared for by the youth exhibitor no later than June 15th, 2005. Project record books for a variety of 4-H meat goat projects are available on the web at <http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/meatgoats/meatgoat4H.htm>.

The meat goat breeding stock classes are: 1) doe kids under 1 year, 2) yearling does, never kidded, 3) yearling does, kidded, and 4) Does, 2 yrs and older must have kidded before. **Does in these classes do not need to be registered but need current scrapie identification, rabies shots, proper health papers.** If the doe is registered and does not have a scrapie eartag identification, please be sure that her registration papers accompany her so that we can use her tattoo as her official scrapie identification. **Doelings that show in the breeding stock classes can not be enrolled in the Empire Market Kid Competition.**

Youth who show kids in the market kid class at the NY State Fair must enroll one market kid in the Empire Market Kid Competition. This competition includes 1) the market kid class, 2) performance in the showmanship class, 3) project record book review, 4) written exam on meat goat health and management, 5) oral interview on meat goat conformation and marketing. These activities sound scary but are actually pretty fun (especially if you try to get your market kid to answer the questions for you). For youth who can't bring their goats to the NY State Fair we also have a competition based only on their project record book, exam and interview. The 4-H Skills for Life Meat Goat Activity Guides available from the National 4-H Cooperative Curriculum System at <http://www.n4hccs.org/shop/products.asp?action=list&cat=5&subcat=44&l=L1> and the NY 4-H fact sheets are good to study from. **Market kids must be wethers or doelings under 1 year of age (no bucks please) and need current scrapie identification, proper health papers, rabies shots.**

Other State Fair 4-H activities such as Goat Bowl and Goat Product Identification will be of interest to both meat and dairy goat youth. If you are interested in volunteering to help out with the 4-H Meat Goat Show or Empire Market Kid Competition, please contact Dr. Tatiana Stanton, Rm 114 Morrison Hall, Cornell

University, Ithaca, NY 14853, ph: 607-254-6024, email:tls7@cornell.edu. Your suggestions for future NY State Fair 4H meat goat activities are also appreciated.

2005 New York State Fair Horticulture Contest

Friday, August 26, 2005

10:00 a.m.

The Horticulture Contest is one way to strengthen one's knowledge of the most common (and some not so common) plant materials used in routine gardening practices including vegetables, fruits and nuts, flowers and ornamentals. The contest will be made up of four sections: judging, identification, written, and team problem solving.

Contest Eligibility:

- Contestants must be 9 by September 30, 2005 and not have reached their 19th birthday by December 31 of the current year.
- Each county may enter one beginner, one intermediate and one advanced team. Teams must consist of not more than four contestants. Individuals may participate in cases where full teams cannot be obtained or for practice if counties have more participants than eligible for team selection. Team representatives from each county may be chosen in any manner satisfactory to the county 4-H Program.
- Suggested Guidelines:
 - Beginner – 1-3 years in the 4-H Plant Science Program
 - Intermediate – 3-6 years in the 4-H Plant Science Program
 - Advanced – 5 or more years in the 4-H Plant Science Program
- To be eligible for selection as a member of the state team, contestants must have participated in the advanced contest and must be at least 15 years of age by December 31 of the current year.

Specifics on the contest subject matter can be obtained from the New York State Horticulture Study Guide for Youth which you can purchase from the CCE Office or there is information on the following website at <http://www.hort.cornell.edu/4hplants/Index.html>

If you are interested in possibly participating in this contest, contact Kim at the CCE Office or at ksb3@cornell.edu



Past

Steuben County Clothing Revue

The sewing machines have been humming. Seventy-one members had their sewing project evaluated at the North Cohocton or the Bath evaluation day. The annual Steuben County Clothing Revue was held at the Avoca Central School on Friday, May 6. The theme was "Sewing.com". Jeff Kurtz, alternate for the New York City Career Exploration Award Trip, welcomed everyone. Sara Flint and Andrew Schubmehl, the New York City Career Exploration Award Trip Participants, were the commentators for the evening. Adrianna Gricius lead the pledge to the American flag and Jessika McCombs and Leah Flint lead the 4-H Pledge. The following Junior members modeled at the clothing revue: Austin Harvey, Kylie Harvey, Ben Knoll, Blaine Knoll, Brandon Knoll, Bryon

Knoll, Ariana Piesher, COUNTRY BUNCH; Jessika McCombs, COUNTRY WORKERS; Kyle Warner DAIRY DYNAMITES; Carmen Cappola, HILL AND VALLEY; Patrick Acomb, SOUTHERN TIER LIVESTOCK; Amelia Flint, Leah Flint, Maria Kaniewski, Ashley Russell, TOWN AND COUNTRY 4-H CLUB; Laura Becker, Katie Bligh, Katie Clawson, Kyleigh Cotter, Andrea Gilman, Lucas Gilson, Vanessa Howard, Adrienne Kiesel, Haley Kimmel, Kelsea McAllister, Cassie Moore, Jordain Moore, Madison Moore, Karli Mulford, Samantha Rathbun, Denise Schubmehl, Brad Sick, Brianna Sick, Megan Weidman, Sarah Wolcott, WILLING WORKERS.

Senior members modeling their sewing projects were Maureen Flint, TOWN AND COUNTRY; Sara Flint, DAIRY DYNAMITES/HILL & VALLEY; Emily Lyons, Traci Lyons, Ashley Warner, Sarah Warner, Jill Whiting DAIRY DYNAMITES; Amy Fairbrother, Adrianna Gricius, Katie Hargrave, Nicole Hartzell, Whitney Hull, Jeff Kurtz, Jenna Kurtz, Amy Quanz, Steven Quanz, Kirsten Schenk, Andrew Schubmehl, Sean Schubmehl, Raymond Thielges, WILLING WORKERS. **The seven members chosen to represent Steuben County at the New York State Fair in 2005 are Maureen Flint, Katie Hargrave, Nicole Hartzell, Whitney Hull, Jeff Kurtz, Steven Quanz, Sarah Warner. Alternates chosen were Ashley Warner, Kirsten Schenk, Emily Lyons and Amy Quanz.**



Chosen for NYS Fair



Alternates for NYS Fair

Escorts for the evening were David Dodds, Kyle Lowrey, Jeff Lyons and Barry Tucker. The judges for the area evaluation sites were Grace Brown, Stacy Gilson, Gwen Gottschall, Phyllis Rathbun, and Sue Schwingel. The re-evaluation for senior members at the clothing revue was Gwen Gottschall and Mary Louise Gottschall. The photographer was Debbie Dodds, Dan Clawson manned the spotlight, and the ushers were the members of Town and Country 4-H Club, Barb Hull and Sue Schwingel organized the refreshments. Members of the Clothing Revue Committee who planned and organized the show were: Grace Brown, Debbie Dodds, Karen Flint, Maureen Flint, Adrianna Gricius, Katie Hargrave, Whitney Hull, Traci Lyons, Jessika McCombs, Phyllis Rathbun, Hollee Schwingel, Sue Schwingel, Jessica Thielges, Raymond, Thielges, Vicki Thielges and Jill Whiting. Thanks to all who made this a great success! For information about the Clothing 4-H Program in Steuben County, contact Cornell Cooperative Extension at (607) 664-2300.

New York State 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl

Four Steuben County 4-H members participated on a Region 2 Team that participated in the New York State Horse Quiz Bowl Contest held at Cornell University on April 16. In the Jr. Division the Region 2 Team 1 that Erica Freeman, Bath Trailblazers 4-H Club, and Shannon Peterson, Loon Lakes Raiders 4-H Club, were members of placed 1st. They are invited to participate at the New York State Fair Horse Bowl Invitational on August 29. In the Sr. Division, the Region 2 Team 2 that Annaliese Ross, The Little Rascals 4-H Club, was a member of placed 1st. Jenny Groen, Prattsburg Pioneers 4-H Club, was a member of the Region 2 Team 1 that also participated in the contest. Congratulations.

New York State 4-H Horse Communications Contest

Four Steuben County 4-H members participated in the New York State Horse Communications Contest held at Cornell University on May 7. In the Sr. Division, Katherine Pruyun, Loon Lakes Raiders 4-H Club, placed 1st out of 31 participants with her presentation, “The

American Saddlebred”. Katherine was selected to participate at the NYS Fair Communications Invitational and was selected to represent New York State at the Eastern national 4-H Horse Roundup in Louisville, KY in November. Annaliese Ross, The Little Rascals 4-H Club, also participated in the Sr. Division with her presentation, “Saddleseat.” In the Jr. Team Division Jenna Brokaw and Justine Burnett of the Loon Lake Raiders 4-H Club placed 3rd with their presentation, “Bits and Pieces.” Congratulations.



Katherine Pruyun

Dairy Discovery

This year's Dairy Discovery workshop focused on "Calf and Heifer Production Management". Replacements heifers are an investment in the future of a dairy. The heifer enterprise represents the second largest cost on a dairy farm second only to dairy feed. The average age at first calving for Holsteins in New York is 26 months with a body weight post calving of 1170 lbs. This extended age and low body weight increases the herd cost of production. For every month that the Age at First Calving is delayed beyond the 22-month target, the cost to producers is about \$100 per animal, primarily because of lost milk production opportunity and a loss in the number of days in an animal's productive life. A quality dairy replacement system is a management system that consistently generates quality heifers. Calving practices and newborn calf care play a critical role in the management of a heifer-raising program. Technical and analytical skill development in the areas of: calf delivery, newborn calf care, colostrum management, and monitoring growth are necessary for assessing and optimizing the heifer raising programs potential.

Below is the summary of the trip written by Jim Wright

“This year Steuben County 4-H members Josh Oman, Amy Quanz, Jill Whiting and Jim Wright and chaperone Rich Rawleigh traveled to the Cornell T & R Center in Dryden for an interesting day.

For our first workshop sessions we had "The National Animal Identification System and you-" where we were given a hands on view of how important it is for our nation to have an animal Identification system in place. Then we went to "Proper Calving Procedures and Techniques-" where they demonstrated how to clean the cow before birth. Then we practiced tube feeding newborn calves. After that we went on to "Analyzing the Heifer Program -Growth, BCS, Height & Weight-" where we got to use a heart girth tape, hipometer, and a height stick and learned how much a healthy heifer should weigh.

We then had a pizza lunch. They had all different kinds of pizza for us.

After our break we had "Calf Autopsy and Diagnosis of Illness". I know this sounds wierd but this was really interesting. Dr. Bill Stone dissected a dead baby calf and showed us what types to things to look for that could go wrong and cause a calf to die, such as pneumonia. He sliced sections of the lungs to see if there was fluid. He checked the heart to see if it had been punctured by a wire or a nail (hardware disease). He sliced the liver in several places to see if it was abscessed.

Next was "Colostrum Management & Analysis of Passive Transfer" where we learned how to tell the difference between good colostrum and colostrum you might not want to give your calf if you don't have to. We also learned how to take a blood sample by doing one. Next we went on to "Heifer Economics 101-" where we learned how to manage work time on a farm and ways that time could be saved .

It was very interesting and I was glad I was chosen to participate.”

2005 Hoard’s Dairyman Judging Contest

The results from the 2005 Hoard’s Dairyman contest have been compiled. This Dairy Judging Picture Contest is an annual nationwide event and the total possible score was 500 points. Each participant is required to judge five classes of dairy cattle, one from each of the major breeds: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein and Jersey. Listed below are the 2005 Steuben County Top 10 Results:

SENIORS:

1.	Julie Bossard	464	
2.	Julie Dickson	446	
3.	Chelsea Didas	416	
4.	Trevor Harris	412	
5T.	Josh Stone	398	
5T.	David Dockstader	398	
7.	Kyle Lowery	392	
8.	Matt Swan	390	
9.	Kyle Kilmer	388	
10T.	Whitney Dennis		384
10T	Austin Koperczak	384	
10T	Daniel Stewart	384	

JUNIORS:

1.	Makenzie Bush		432
2.	Andy Gregory	426	
3T	Ryan Rodbourn		422
3T.	Matt Slayton	422	
5.	Grace Franklin		404
6.	Jacob Williamson	398	
7.	Stewart Johnson	390	
8T	Kyle Warner	388	
8T	Shannon Harrington	388	
8T	Carson Tyler	388	

ADULTS:

1.	Sherry Zigenfus		438
2T.	Michael Bossard	428	
2T.	Roger Fillmore		428
4.	John Lyons	422	
5.	Karen Bottum	418	
6.	Jeff Rodbourn	410	
7T.	Laurie Harvey	404	
7T.	Kim Kramer	404	
9.	Lyle Koperczak		402

10T.	Janet Sherer	398
10T.	Becky Painter	398

CLUBS: (Top 4 Scores count for club total)

1. Howard Hillbillies #1

Total Score: 1692

Makenzie Bush	432
Ryan Rodbourn	422
Matt Slayton	422
Chelsea Didas	416

2. Dairy Characters #1

Total Score: 1654

Julie Bossard	446
Grace Franklin	404
Jacob Williamson	398
Kyle Kilmer	388

3. Dairy Dynamites

Total Score: 1604

Julie Dickson	446
Kyle Lowery	392
Kyle Warner	384
Kayla Beers	382

4. Outsiders

Total Score: 1578

Andy Gregory	426
Carson Tyler	384
Shannon Harrington	384
Austin Koperczak	384

5. Howard Hillbillies #2

Total Score: 1562

David Dockstader	398
Josh Stone	398
Daniel Stewart	384
Crystal Didas	382

6. Kane's Dairy Kids

Total Score: 1528

Trevor Harris	412
Matt Swan	390
Berry Tucker	366

Makenna Harris 360

7. Dairy Characters #2

Total Score: 1518

Whitney Dennis 384

Kelsey Warriner 382

Matt Dobell 380

Luke Williamson 372

8. Howard Hillbillies #3

Total Score: 1506

Darien Olesen 380

Nick Kowalcyk 378

Rachel Burdin 376

Cassandra Joslyn 372

9. Canisteo Valley 4-H Stars

Total Score: 1484

Stewart Johnson 390

Olivia Eden 376

Kelby Fillmore 372

Kaylene Hale 346

10. Howard Hillbillies #4

Total Score:

Matt Burdin 372

Anna Stewart 372

Seth Westbrook 366

Abbey Westbrook 364

The Hoard's Dairyman National Contest recognized Julie Bossard as High Honorable Mentio, and Kim Bossard was 12th in the Senior Division. Julie's family team which included her mom, Kim; dad, Dave; brothers Michael and Ben; her grandmother, Beulah; and herself also received High Honorable Mention. Lavern Warriner also received Honorable Mention in the Sr. Division. Congratulations on your high placings!

Dairy Judging Contest held at the Spring Carousel

Steuben County 4-H members participate in the Dairy Judging Contest held at the New York Holstein Club Spring Carousel at the NYS Fairgrounds on April 15. The ages for the divisions are as of 1/1/05. In the Jr. Division, 10 years old and under, Kyle Warner, Dairy Dynamites 4-H club, placed 1st individual and was on the 1st place team and Jordan Kramer, Dairy Characters 4-H Club, placed 5th individual and was on the 3rd place team. In the Jr. Division, 11-15 years old, Steven Quanz, Southern Tier Livestock, placed 3rd individual; Emily Lyons, Dairy Dynamites, placed 11th ; Berry Tucker, Kane's Dairy Kids, placed 20th; Amy Quanz, Southern Tier Livestock; placed 20th in the placing portion; and Josh Kramer, Dairy Characters, placed 7th individual on questions. The jr. team of Steven, Emily, Berry, Amy, and Josh placed second. In the Sr. Division, 16-21, Whitney Dennis, Dairy Characters, placed 6th and Kyle Kilmer, Dairy Characters, placed 15th. The Sr. Team of

Whitney and Kyle placed 3rd. In the Collegiate Division, Ben Bossard, Dairy Characters, was 4th Individual and Mike Dobell was 10th Individual and the Alfred Sate Team that Ben and Mike were on placed 1st. Thank you to Michael Bossard and Stacey Deeks for chaperoning.

New York State Dairy Quiz Bowl

Steuben County 4-H members were on the Finger Lakes District Dairy Quiz Bowl Team that participated in the New York State Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest held at Cornell University on April 30. In the Jr. Division, Steven Quanz, Southern Tier Livestock Club, placed 6th individual; Emily Lyons, Dairy Dynamites 4-H Club, placed 12th individual and Samantha Sullivan, Dairy Dynamites 4-H Club, placed 16th individual. The Finger Lakes District Jr. Team placed 5th. Thank you to Michael Bossard for coaching the team. In the Sr. Division, The Finger Lakes District team placed 2nd consisting of Sara Flint, Dairy Dynamites 4-H Club. Congratulations.



***Community
Service***

Creative Kids: Creative Kids member Amber Moore participated in a beef-on-wick benefit dinner that benefited her cousin Andrea O'Brien on November 20, 2004. The dinner was advertised by signs, newspaper, and radio. Amber made posters and was in charge of take-outs. She learned that hard work towards something you care about results in a successful event.

Creative Kids: Amber Moore participated in a pancake breakfast and bake sale to benefit Andrea O'Brien on January 30, 2005. Her parents and other members of the community were also involved.

Creative Kids: A Chinese Auction was held as a fundraiser to help defray medical expenses for two families that were involved in a head-on car accident on January 12, 2005. The auction was held on April 30th and May 1st. We promoted it through posters, newspapers, and radio. We learned that although our town is small, people are always ready and willing to do more for members of our community. This event was a great success. We enjoyed chatting with people who are so willing to give more. Parents were involved in helping us collect donations and display the donated items. Club members involved were Paulette Adams, Stacy Campanella, and Brandi and Jamie Edwards.

Creative Kids: Machael Fry worked in the church nursery on April 17th and watched the 0 – 3 year-olds. This allows the parents to attend church services without having to worry about their children. She learned that different children act different ways around different people. She enjoyed taking care of the happy babies. The crying babies were not as enjoyable. Other teens and parents helped.



Club News

Cohocton Country Hicks: This month we had a sledding party. Everyone brought something to eat as we had a lot of fun. We also worked on the Hoard's Dairyman judging sheets. That was fun. We also got organized for our sewing projects. We will be meeting at Jim Wright's house for sewing.

Submitted by: Jim Wright

Country Bunch: The Country Bunch met at Linda Sherer's house on April 4th at 4:30 p.m. to continue working on our Know Your Trees books. There were 8 members present and we had two new members join us. We all worked hard on our books. Our next meeting is May 2nd at 4:30 p.m. We discussed the clothing projects and dog obedience.

Submitted by: Byron Knoll

Country Workers: We met twice in the Month of March to get our sewing projects done. We are all making house slippers. Some worked on other sewing projects.

Submitted by: Michael Brown

4 Winds: We elected club officers. Ricky Williamson is President, Les Welch is Vice President, Tom Hedrick is Secretary, Matthew Parody is Treasurer, George Karnick is News Reporter, Tom Shubony is Song Leader, and Rick Pike is Recreation Leader. We are in the middle of cookie and candy sales. We are designing a 4-H float and banner. We had two bull calves born in April. We will be watching them grow. Our club goes to the Hornell Humane Society twice a week to work with the hard-to-adopt dogs. The adoption rate on these dogs has increased tremendously. Come visit the shelter to adopt or see our dogs. Ten members attended the 4-H garden meeting. We would like to thank everyone who helped put on the program. A 4-Winds member has attended 3 cow colleges and will attend the County Tour.

Submitted by: Matt Parody

Howard Hillbillies: The kids of our 4-H club have just been making their projects this month. We have groups for sewing and carpentry that the kids all go into when the meeting is over. Whatever a kid is interested in, we try our best to make sure they get that they need. A friend and I have been working on a memorial for our late friend Jen Underwood.

Our club met twice in April to work on our 4-H projects. We will be doing a petting zoo at Howard's Old Fashioned Days on May 1st.

Submitted by: Becky Zigenfus

Kane's Dairy Kids: On April 1st, we met at the Swan's house. We talked about getting our cookies picked up and sorted and when the money needed to be turned in. We also started our woodworking projects for the fair. We are also making a small table that will be donated to the Erwin Child and Family Daycare for classroom use. Our next meeting will be the first Friday in May at the Swan's house at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Michael Swan

Outsiders: We had no meeting in March.

Submitted by: Heather Gauss

Southern Tier Livestock: Due to problems with scheduling, we were not able to have a March 4-H meeting. Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 14th at the church.

Submitted by: Amy Quanz

Town & Country: In the month of March, the Town & Country 4-H club had two meetings. These meetings were held on March 10th and March 24th. At both of these meetings, we worked on duck towels. Our club had five members chosen to represent Steuben County at district demonstrations. These five were Ashley Russell (Puppy Chow), Amelia Flint (Black Bean Salsa), Lauren Clark (Origami Photo Album), Maria Kaniewski (All Tied Up), and Leah Flint (Oreo Truffles).

Submitted by: Leah Flint



***Honor
Secretaries***

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