



4-H Steubenite



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

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



Steven Quanz, a 10 year member of the Southern Tier Livestock 4-H Club and Willing Workers 4-H Club, will be a member of the New York State 4-H Livestock Skillathon Team that will compete at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, KY.

Steven, the son of Tom and Paula Quanz of Wayland is a junior at Wayland-Cohocton Central School. Steven has completed 10 years in the Steuben County 4-H Program. He has completed extensive projects in dairy, swine, food and nutrition, sewing and public presentations. Steven has also been active in dairy judging, dairy quiz bowl, livestock judging, and livestock skillathon. Steven is one of twenty-six members from across New York State selected as a member of the 2008-2009 NYS Junior DAIRY LEADER (Leadership, Education, Analysis, Development, Experience and Reasoning) Program. He is also an active participant in the Allegany-Steuben Jr. Holstein Club.

Erica Freeman, a 6th year member of the Bath Trailblazers 4-H Club, is the daughter of Bill and Cindy Freeman, and is a sophomore at Corning West High School. Erica will be a member of the NYS Team that competes in the National Hippology Contest at the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup in Louisville, KY November 6-9. To earn this position, Erica placed 5th in the New York State hippology contest after the scores were tallied for stations, identification, judging and a written test. Erica placed 3rd in the stations, 4th in identification and 3rd on the written test. Erica has been active in the Horse Bowl and Hippology Contests and the Horse Shows.



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



Upcoming Events

October

October 13 - Columbus Day CCE Office Closed

October 15 – Jr./Sr. Activity Report Due

October 24 - Cheese Sale Ends

October 25 – Insectapalooza '08, Cornell University - www.entomology.cornell.edu/public/insectapalooza.html

October 27 – Cheese Orders Due to CCE Office

October 31 - Public Presentation Registration due for Nov. 8

November

TBA – 4-H Awards Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.

November 1 - 4-H Awards Program, 6:30 p.m. Haverling High School Cafeteria, Bath

November 8 - Public Presentations at N. Cohocton 9 a.m. - noon

November 11 – Veteran’s Day, CCE Office Closed

November 12 – 4-H Award Trip Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.

November 20 – 4-H Cheese arrives pick up between noon-6 p.m.

November 20 – 4-H Program Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.

November 21 – NYS Farm Bureau Agricultural Youth Scholarship Due

November 27-28 – CCE Office Closed for Thanksgiving

December

December 1 – Payment for cheese orders due to CCE Office

December 24 and December 25 – Happy Holidays, CCE Office Closed

January

January 1 – Ownership Deadline for Market Steers

January 1 – CCE Office Closed. Happy New Year

January 2 – **Members must be Re-enrolled to participate in 2009 Steuben County Fair**

January 5 – 2009 Dairy Judging and Dairy Quiz Bowl Interested Form Due to CCE Office

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

January 12 – Registration due for the 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Program

January 12 – Market Steer Identification/Ownership Papers due to CCE Office by 4:30 p.m.

January 17 – Dairy Quiz Bowl Practice 1-3 p.m. Tentative Location TBA

January 19 – CCE Office Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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4-H Program Committee

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January 19 - 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
County Office Building, F1

January 24 - 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Practice, 1-3 p.m. Location TBA

January 26 - 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
County Office Building, F1

January 30 - Public Presentations Registration due to 4-H office

January 31 – 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Practice, 1-3 p.m. Location TBA

February

February 2 - 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program, County Office Building, F1, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

February 7 - General Public Presentations, County Office Building, Bath 9-noon
Horse Public Presentations, County Office Building, Bath 1:00-4:00

February 7 – Dairy Judging, Cow College 1-3 p.m. Location to be announced

February 9 - 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program, County Office Building, F1, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

February 15 – NYS 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Deadline

February 16 - 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program, County Office Building, F1, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

February 16 - President’s Day, CCE Office Closed

February 23 - 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program,
County Office Building, F1, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

March

TBA - Dairy Discovery Award Trip, Cornell University

TBA – NYS Capital Days Award Trip, Albany

March 2 - 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program,
County Office Bldg, F1, 7:30 –9:30 p.m.

March 14 - 4-H Expo at Canandaigua Middle School 9:00-2:00

March 9 - 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program, Written Test,
County Office Building, F1, 7:30 -9:30 p.m.

March 9 – Pheasant Chick Order Due to CCE Office

March 16-20 - National Ag Week and New York Ag Literacy Week

March 21 – 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Practice, Location TBA, 1-3 p.m.

March 28 – Region II Horse Extravaganza (Horse Quiz Bowl Contest & Hippology),
Canandaigua Middle School

March 28 – Finger Lakes District Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest, CCE-Ontario County, Canandaigua

March 31 – National 4-H Photography Contest Deadline

April

April - Clothing Evaluations (dates to be announced)

April 4 - District Public Presentations at Canandaigua Middle School

April 4 – Region II Horse Communications Contest – Canandaigua Middle School

April 4 - Dairy Judging, Cow College 1-3 p.m. Location to be announced

April 17-19 - STARR Retreat

April 22 – Earth Day

May

May 1 – **New Members** must be enrolled to participate in 2009 County Fair

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

May - 4-H Clothing Revue (date to be announced)

May 2 Tentative – NYS Animal Crackers (Horse & ?), Cornell University

More Than You Ever
Imagined!

4-H CUBA Cheese Fundraiser

The 2008 Fund Raiser features the Cuba Cheese Products. This Fund Raiser helps to support the 4-H activity Fund, which provides the funds for the many trips and awards that benefit 4-H members. Individual 4-H Club treasuries also benefit from all the hard work and dedication of the 4-H Club members and the independent 4-H members receive a voucher to order items. A special “Thank You” to all the leaders and parents who help to motivate, collect money, sort products, transport 4-H members and products. **The cheese orders are due to the CCE Office by Monday, October 27 and the cheese will be arriving November 20.** The Top Cheese Sales People will be listed in a future issue after all the money has been collected.

Insectapalooza 2008 The Bizarre & Wonderful World of Insects!

Cornell University's Department of Entomology will host Insectapalooza 2008 on Saturday Oct. 25 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM in Comstock Hall on the Cornell campus. Comstock Hall is opposite Barton Hall (the large gymnasium) on Garden Avenue and neighbors Teagle on the south side. Come visit the legendary Insect Zoo and this year's new Butterfly Room. Take part in the Roach Races. Tour through the world famous Cornell Insect collection and see samples of the more than 5,000,000 specimens that it is home to. Learn about mutations in insects, how insects impact human and animal health, invasive species, genetically modified organisms and biological control. Meet the Entomology faculty, students and staff who study insects in order to find better ways to protect our food, health and biodiversity. Bring your insects and spiders to be identified by our experts or just come and enjoy the displays and exhibits. **Fun for adults and children who want to learn more about insects and there is no cost for admission.** They would love to give you an introduction to insect and spider diversity, and the rare chance to view some of the six and eight legged treasures housed here at Cornell. More information can be found at: <http://www.entomology.cornell.edu/public/Insectapalooza.html>



Kids Growing Food Grant

2008-2009 School Year Deadline - Nov. 28, 2008

Goals:

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

Kids Growing Food (KGF) participants agree to:

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

What's Involved?

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

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

For an application and more information visit <http://www.nyaged.org/aic/kgf.html>



NYAITC Bluebird project Mini Grant

Deadline Nov. 28, 2008

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

4-H Awards Trip Committee

The 4-H Awards Trip committee will be meeting on Wednesday, November 12 at 7 p.m. at the County Office Building to choose 4-H members for the Citizenship-Washington Focus, Capital Days, Career Exploration Trip, Agribusiness Career Trip, and the Big E Trip based on the 4-H members Senior Summary Reports. The awards trip committee meets once a year. If you are not already on the committee and are interested in serving on this committee contact Kim Randall at the CCE Office or at ksb3@cornell.edu.

The New York Farm Bureau Agricultural Youth Scholarship 2009

Sponsored by The New York Farm Bureau Promotion & Education Committee
Application and information at www.nyfb.org

Criteria:

1. Scholarship open to High School Seniors who will continue their education to prepare for a career in some way connected to the diverse agricultural industry.

2. Candidates may live or work on a farm or be involved with agriculture via any avenue.
3. Family Farm Bureau membership or Student Farm Bureau membership is required.

Application via:

1. Nomination
2. Request
3. The NYFB web site - www.nyfb.org

Process and Procedure:

1. Completed application packets will be returned to New York Farm Bureau (NYFB) in Albany. **Deadline of November 21, 2008 postmark.**
2. The State Promotion & Education Representative will arrange a District level competition with support from the District counties. Scoring will determine the County winners as well as the District Winner. You will be contacted regarding date, time, and location. The judging event may necessitate a personal interview and essay presentation or may be based solely upon the application and attachments. The judging will take place prior to January 20, 2009.
3. The County winner (to receive their county's usual award) will be the individual with the highest scoring from each particular group of county applicants. The overall highest score of all the candidates will be the District winner.
4. The District Winners will be eligible for the Scholarship (1st of \$1,500, 2nd of \$1,200 and 3rd of \$1,000.) They will be judged based upon the application and attachments. After selection as a District Winner, the student will have two weeks in which to update any part of the application submitted. The final application **MUST BE** postmarked by two weeks from date of selection or the student will not be eligible.
5. The application may be reproduced. No hand written applications will be accepted.

Essay topic:

1. "How Agriculture Affects My Life, My Community, My World".
2. At the District level, oral presentation of the essay may be part of the selection process. There is a limit of 5 minutes for the presentation.

Additional requirements (as noted on the application):

1. A school photo, not computer image, (wallet size head and shoulders shot) is required and will become the property of NYFB. Applicant's signature will authorize consent to use this photo for news releases and exhibit purposes.

District Winners Receive:

1. A \$100 check from the Promotion & Education Committee.
2. A certificate and a gift.
3. The opportunity to compete for one of three statewide scholarships.

The three NYFB scholarship winners will be invited to attend the Spring Conference on March 27, 2009 at the Holiday Inn, Auburn N.Y. as a guest of the NYFB Promotion & Education Committee, the first place winner to present their essay before the conference.

Please Note:

Application deadline is November 21, 2008 (postmark)

District Judging Results @ NYFB - January 20, 2009

Notification to Scholarship Recipients – on or before March 1st.

All applications should be sent to:

New York Farm Bureau

Attn: Scholarship Committee

P.O. Box 5330

Albany, NY 12205- 0330

Questions? Call 800-342-4143 Extension 5633



4-H Expo

4-H Expo, a day of workshops and activities for 4-H leaders, parents and club members of all ages is coming in March. **The date has been set for Saturday, March 14, 2009 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Canandaigua Middle School.** There are workshops in all 4-H project areas such as natural resources, environmental education, nutrition and foods, animal science, horse, dog, textiles and clothing, crafts, and club management. The workshops are assigned a learning level so the classes will be fun for the age it was intended. The levels are: Cloverbuds (5-7 years), level A (8-12 years), level B (13-19 years) or level C (4-H leaders). 4-H leaders can attend any workshop so they can gain new project ideas. Participants will be informed as to what supplies are needed for each project or if the supplies are being provided by the instructor and the cost that will be charged.

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

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

February 2009 Public Presentation Day for General and Horse

4-H members who wish to do a Public Presentation and did not do so in November, are invited to participate on **Saturday, February 7, 2009 at the Steuben County Office Building.** **ALL 4-H members are strongly encouraged to participate in the public presentations program. General presentations and horse will be done on the same day. Check below for more information.**

General Presentations: All topics except horse. Time: 9:00 a.m. to Noon only.

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

4-H members will only receive public presentation credit for giving a presentation at a county event either November 2008 or February 2009.

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

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

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

To register your club, please complete the form for the General Presentations and/or the one for the Horse Presentations. Please complete either or both of the registration forms found in this issue of the Steubenite, or on the Steuben website at www.putknowledgetowork.com and mail, email or fax (607-664-2303) it to the CCE office by **Friday, January 30, 2008.**

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



New York State 4-H Opportunity Scholarship

The NYS 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Program is for youth between 17 and 21 years of age. The applicant must be enrolled in or planning to enroll in an accredited NYS University, College or technical school. Two scholarships are available for youth attending out of state colleges. **The deadline for the application is February 15, 2009.** The application is on the NYS 4-H Foundation website at <http://www.nys4hfoundation.org> There is also a link to the 4-H Foundation website on the Steuben County website at www.putknowledge2work.com

Please note that a Steuben County 4-H staff person must review and sign all scholarships applications that are submitted from Steuben County youth. If you have been an active 4-H member for at least one year or more, you may be eligible for one of the many different scholarships that are available. If you applied last year or this is your first time, we encourage you to take the time to fill out the application forms.

National 4-H Photography Contest



The deadline for submissions is March 31, 2009

For an entry form visit www.4-Hphotocontest.org

National 4-H Council needs winning photos from your state and county fairs (2004-2009) to create the 2011 4-H Calendar. The winning photos will be on display at the National 4-H Conference Center from September 2009 through November 2009 and also posted on our web site.

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

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

We will return all submissions, if not selected, by late August 2009. Winning photographs will be returned no sooner than December 10, 2009. After final selection we will notify the winners and ask them for a signed release to use the photo in the 2011 4-H Calendar. Both the photographer and parent/guardian must sign the release. We will also request a second photo to be kept at the National 4-H Conference Center.

Please submit photos to:
2011 4-H Calendar
National 4-H Supply Service
6931 Arlington Road Suite T-400
Bethesda, Maryland 20814

The deadline for submissions is March 31, 2009



4-H Office Policy!!!

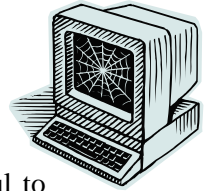
Any items, (Awards program, Fair items, etc.), left in the 4-H Office over 60 days from the date you are notified will be disposed of as the 4-H Staff deems reasonable. You will receive one phone call or email notification. It will be noted on each item the date that you were notified. Please make sure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

Summer Youth Program

Amber Tietje, 4-H Summer Assistant, did various activities and projects with 206 youth from area summer recreation programs including Corning, Addison, Woodhull, Wayland.

Checking The Web!

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



NEW – www.steuben4h.blogspot.com

This is a great resource where you can ask questions and get information quickly. It can also be helpful to 4-Hers so that you can help each other. Check it out. Blogging is fun!

4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program Offered

Youth who will be 14 and over as of March 1, 2009 can take the course for certification. Participants who want to earn their certification must pass both the written exam and the driving test. **The cost for this course is \$10.00 for 4-H members to cover the cost of materials and is payable to CCE by Monday, January 12th with the registration form that can be found on the website at www.putknowledgetowork.com and click on 4-H Youth Development and then click on other programs or by contacting Cornell Cooperative Extension at 607-664-2300.**

Non 4-H members are eligible to take this course but in addition they will need to complete a 4-H enrollment form as an independent member by Monday, January 12 which is found on the above website and pay the \$5.00 4-H enrollment fee.

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

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

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

The schedule for the course is as follows:

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

Monday, January 19

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

Monday, January 26

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

Monday, February 2

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

Monday, February 9

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

Monday, February 16

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

Monday, February 23

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

Monday, March 2

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

Monday, March 9 (written test)

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

Tentative Sunday March 8 (driving test) location to be announced 1- 4 p.m.

2009 Steer Identification Forms and Information

Steer Identification Forms are due to the CCE Office **by Monday, January 12, 2009 no later than 4:30 p.m.**

2009 Steer Identification Forms and Information are now available on the web at

www.cce.cornell.edu/steuben/4hyouthdevelopmenthome

Dairy Quiz Bowl

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

Age of contestants is as of January 1, 2009.

Novice Contest

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

Junior Contest

8 years to 13 years old

Senior Contest

14 years to 18 years old.



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

* confirmed

Saturday, January 17

Saturday, January 24

Saturday, January 31

Saturday, February 14

Saturday, February 28

Saturday, March 21

* Saturday, March 28

Finger Lakes District Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest, CCE-Ontario County, Canandaigua

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

Many 4-H dairy members have enjoyed Dairy Quiz Bowl so plan to be a part of the 2009 Dairy Quiz Bowl.

If you are interested in participating in the 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Program please complete the interest form found in this issue of the steubenite or on the web at www.putknowledgeatwork.com and return it by Monday, January 5.

Your opinion could change the course of our programs!

This is your opportunity to vote for which programs are the most critical for Cooperative Extension of Steuben County to focus on in the next three years. To encourage you to participate in our strategic planning process, we are offering a \$250 gas card in a drawing for those who participate in the survey.



Win a \$250 Gas Card

Enter survey at this web address 

Vote soon... Survey closes Nov 4

To qualify for the drawing, you must be a Steuben County resident, and you must fill out the name and address section at the end of the survey. One entry per person. Multiple entries will disqualify you from the drawing. CCE-Steuben employees and their immediate families are ineligible to participate.


 Cornell University 3 E. Pulteney Square
 Cooperative Extension Bath, NY 14810
 Steuben County 607-664-2300

WWW.PUTKNOWLEDGETOWORK.COM

Dairy Judging

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

Who can attend cow college? Any 4-H member ages 8-18 (as of January 1, 2009) and their parents

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

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

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

What happens after the five (5) cow colleges? There is a county dairy judging tour in May where you travel to three different farms to judge two classes of four animals each. 4-H families (members and adults) are encouraged to judge. There will be several judging trips throughout the summer that selected 4-H members will be invited to attend.

Dairy Judging Tentative Schedule

February 7 – Cow College 1-3 p.m. Location to be announced

February 21– Cow College 1-3 p.m. Location to be announced

March 7– Cow College 1-3 p.m. Location to be announced

March 14– Cow College 1-3 p.m. Location to be announced

April 4 – Cow College 1-3 p.m. Location to be announced



Many 4-H members have enjoyed dairy judging so plan to be a part of the 2009 dairy judging program.

If you are interested in participating in the 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Program please complete the interest form found in this issue of the steubenite or on the web at www.putknnowledgetowork.com and return it by Monday, January 5

2009 Horse Show Requirement

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

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

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

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

Special Recognition From the NYS Fair

When exhibits in the youth building at the New York State Fair go above and beyond “excellent”, they receive special recognition. Those from Steuben County that were purple rosette winners were: Denise Schubmehl in foods with her garlic parmesan bread sticks; Austin Harvey in home environment with a Dragon quilt; Anna Presher in horticulture with a dried wall basket arrangement of roses and apples; and Emily Lyons in clothing with a prom dress that she designed. Brett Rosko received a special award in the category of 4-H Geospatial Science. Congratulations to all!



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