



4-H Steubenite

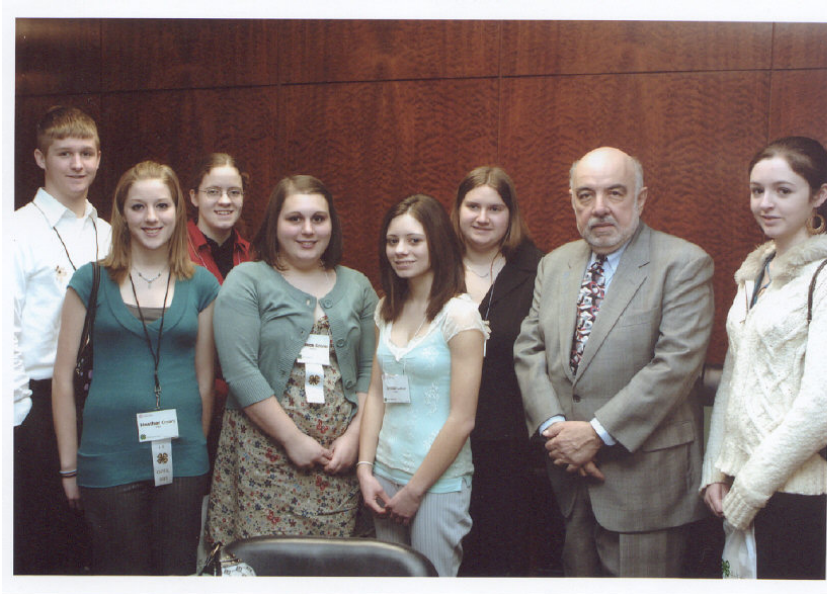


A Publication of Cornell Cooperative Extension - Steuben County
www.putknowledgetowork.com

April/May/June 2007

NYS 4-H Capital Days Trip

Submitted by Catherine VonHagn and Raymond Thielges



On March 4th two members from Steuben County traveled to Albany to participate in the 72nd annual 4-H Capital Days. Catherine VonHagn and Raymond Thielges were the two delegates sent to the New York State Capital.

On the first day of the trip the delegates traveled to the Empire Plaza, where the capital building is located. We were led to the Assembly Chamber, and met with Assemblyman Paul Tonko. Delegates were allowed to ask questions, and we learned how a bill becomes a law. We also received

group tours of the Capital. Delegates also visited the state Museum, finding many interesting exhibits. 4H-ers were also allowed to visit the tallest building in New York outside of NYC – the Corning tower, which is 42 storied up with an incredible view!

On the second day of the trip, 4H-ers were given the opportunity to eat breakfast with their Legislators. Representative Jim Bacalles met and talked with us. We asked him questions and told him our 4-H stories. We then visited State Senator George H. Winner Jr. in his office. We also asked questions and told him our 4-H stories. After meeting with our Legislators we went to the NYS Court of Appeals, and learned about the history and functions of the court.

The trip to Albany helped us to better understand our NYS government. We learned about different career opportunities and how to become involved without government. We also were allowed a rare opportunity to meet with both of our legislators. Albany is a beautiful city, with many spectacular buildings and sites. The State Museum and the Corning Tower were both great sites we were able to see on our trip. Delegates met other 4H-ers too, and exchanged experiences. The 4-H Capital Days Trip was both rewarding and educational for all who attended. We thank CCE for the opportunity to participate in this wonderful experience!



Upcoming Events

April

- April 21 NYS 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl, Cornell University
- April 28 NYS 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl, Cornell University
- April 30 - Registration due for Market Chicken Informational Meeting

May

- May 4 – Clothing Revue, Avoca Central School
- May 4 – Orders due to CCE Office for Market Chicken projects if unable to attend meeting on May 6
- May 6 – Market Chicken Meeting Steuben County fairgrounds 2-3 p.m. and orders due for market chicken projects
- May 7 – 4-H Small Animal Advisory Committee Meeting 7 p.m. County Office Building, Bath
- May 12 – Steuben County 4-H Dairy Judging Tour
- May 12 – Twin Tier Poultry Club Consignment Auction, Steuben County Fairgrounds, 9:30 a.m.
- May 25 –Horse show entries for June 9 & 10 show due to CCE Office by 4:30 p.m.
- May 27 – Bath Trailblazers 4-H Club Open Horse Show, Bath Fairgrounds at 9:00 a.m.
- May 27 – Steuben County 4-H Riding evaluations, Bath Fairgrounds, 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.
- May 28 – Memorial Day, CCE Office Closed

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*
- Becky Painter..... Woodhull*
- Teresa Lyons.....Addison*
- Julee Acomb.....Dansville*
- John Schubmehl.....Wayland*
- Legislative Representatives:**
 - Robert Nichols.....Addison*
 - John Walsh.....Bath*
- Association President**
 - Chris Brown.....Hammondsport*
- 4-H Program Staff**
 - Kimberly S. Randall, 4-H Educator, Animal Sciences*
 - Laura Mullen, 4-H Program Assistant*
 - Loree Symonds, 4-H Program Assistant*
 - Cindy Messinger, 4-H Program Assistant*

Sections:

- Office News..... Page 5*
- Small Animal..... Page 9*
- Horticulture..... Page 11*
- Horse..... Page 12*
- County Fair..... Page 13*
- Past..... Page 19*
- Club News..... Page 22*
- Community Service..... Page 23*
- Honor Secretaries..... Page 24*

May 31 – Pick up market chickens that were pre-ordered by May 6th deadline at the Steuben County Fairgrounds 5-6 p.m.

June

June 1 –Six Flags Darien 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 5 - Leasing forms due to the CCE Office for Livestock Breeding animals

June 5 – Market Hog, Market Lamb, and Market Goat Identification/ownership form due to CCE Office by 4:30 p.m.

June 5 – Grade Beef Heifer Identification forms due to CCE Office

June 5 – Garden visit forms due to CCE Office

June 5 – 4-H Livestock Advisory Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.

June 9 – Steuben County 4-H Horse Western Qualifying Show

June 10 – Steuben County 4-H English 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 25 – Rabbit Clinic, Poultry Clinic and Horticulture Workshop registration forms due to CCE Office

June 22 – July Horse Qualifying Show Entries due to CCE Office by 4:30 p.m.

June 26-28 – New York State Career Exploration Trip, Cornell University

July

TBA – Steuben County 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operators Contest

July – 4-H Junior Award Trip (TBA)

July 4 – Independence Day - CCE Office Closed

July 6 – Finger Lakes Dairy Judging Contest, Alfred State College

July 7 - Rabbit Clinic, Steuben County Fairgrounds, 9-11 a.m.

July 7 – Steuben County 4-H English Horse Qualifying Show

July 8 - Steuben County 4-H Western Horse Qualifying Show

July 8-14 – CWF Award Trip, Washington

July 8 – Horticulture Workshop, Steuben County Fairgrounds, 1 p.m.

July 11 – Poultry Clinic, Bath Fairgrounds, 5:00 p.m.

July 16 – STEUBEN COUNTY FAIR 4-H ANIMAL ENTRIES DUE TO CCE OFFICE BY 4:30 PM.

July 16 – 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 16 – HORSE PROJECT RECORD FOR EACH HORSE TO BE SHOWN AT COUNTY FAIR DUE TO CCE OFFICE BY 4:30 P.M.

July 24 – Junior DAIRY LEADER applications due to Cornell University

July 28 – Region II Horse Show (Huntseat & Saddleseat), Palmyra

July 29 – Region II Horse Show (Western), Palmyra

July 30– Entries due to the CCE Office for flower arranging, vegetable art, creative place setting and cake decorating contest

August

August 8 - County Fair Clean-Up Day

August 13 – weigh market animals at Empire Livestock enroute to fairgrounds 7 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

August 14 – 4-H exhibits must be on the grounds by noon

August 14 - County Fair Judging Day of most 4-H Youth Building Exhibits

August 14 - 19 - Steuben County Fair, Bath

August 17 - Annual Steuben County 4-H Livestock Sale, 6:00 Poultry and Rabbits, 6:30 Steers

August 22 - Take Steuben County youth building exhibits, Steuben County State Clothing Revue 4-H members, and Teen Leaders to State Fair

August 23 –August 26 - Steuben County Youth Building Exhibits, Steuben County State Clothing Revue 4-H members, and non-animal science teen Leaders at State Fair

August 23-September 3 - New York State Fair, Syracuse

September

September 3 – Labor Day - CCE Office Closed

September 8 –NY 4-H Meat Animal Show and Sale, Pavillion

September 10 - PROJECT COMPLETION FORMS and Project Champion Nominations FROM LEADERS DUE TO CCE OFFICE!

September 10 – 4-H PROJECT RECORDS THAT ARE REQUIRED DUE TO CCE OFFICE

September 10 – 4-H On Display and Community Service Reports Due to CCE Office

October

October 6 – Keystone Stockman’s Contest, Harrisburg, PA

October 8 – Columbus Day, CCE Office Closed

October 12 (tentative) – 4-H Achievement and Leader Recognition Program

October 15 - Jr. Activity/Sr. Summary Reports due to CCE Office by 4:30 p.m.

October – Cuba Cheese Sale Fundraiser

October TBA – ABC Award Trip, Cobleskill, NY

November

Royal Winter Fair Award Trip

November 2 – Tentative 4-H Horse Banquet

November 10 – Tentative 4-H Dairy and Livestock Award Programs

November 12 – Veteran’s Day, CCE Office Closed

November 22-23 – CCE Office Closed for Thanksgiving



Office News

Leader and Member Volunteers Needed for Community Service

Adult and teen volunteers are needed to help our 4-H parent organization - Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County - with their fundraising efforts this summer. We have signed up to provide hospitality volunteers for four Watkins Glen races on the following weekends: Grand Prix - June 8-10, IRL - July 6-8, NASCAR - Aug 9-12 and Zippo - Sept. 7-9. We are asked to provide servers who are age 18 and above and runners who are age 15 and above to help set up and cater lunch activities for the race sponsors' guests. This year we are also on the list for guest services, ticket taking and ushering. It is relatively easy work and puts you right on the racetrack during these exciting events. Please help CCE-Steuben by donating time to one or more of this year's fundraisers. Call Carla at 664-2313 for more information.

Hidden Valley 4-H Camp Scholarships

The Steuben County 4-H Program sponsors scholarships for Steuben county 4-H members to attend 2007 Hidden Valley 4-H Camp this summer. These scholarships are need based and are on a first come first served basis. For more information about the scholarships and an application contact Cindy Messinger at cll38@cornell.edu or at 607-664-2561.

2007 July/August/September Steubenite Cover and 2008 4-H County Fair book Cover Design Contest

Do you like to draw? Draw your favorite things about the Steuben County Fair. Draw what makes the County Fair special for you!



The 4-H program is sponsoring a contest for all 4-H members to design a cover for the Steuben County Fair issue of the Steubenite. Use your imagination! **The design should be sent or dropped off in the CCE Office no later than Monday, June 25 at 4:30 p.m.**

Please use a standard 8 ½ x 11 inch sheet of white paper and black ink, (**NO PENCIL**). Leave at least two inches on the top and bottom of the paper and leave at least 1 inch and left margins.

The winning design with the artist's name will appear on the cover of the July/August/ September Steubenite and the 2008 4-H County Fair Book Cover.

Discount Passes to Six Flags Darien Lake – July 9 – July 15, 2007

Cornell Cooperative Extension will be offering discounted passes to Six Flags Darien Lake during 4-H Days – **July 9 – July 15, 2007**. 4-H members who have completed a public presentation during the 2006-07 4-H year will be offered tickets for **\$10.00**. The cost for guests, 4-H leaders and those 4-H members who did not complete a public presentation is **\$15.00**. 4-H members who completed a presentation will receive notice of their discount ticket offer through the mail. All others wishing to purchase tickets should access the order form via the web at www.putknnowledgetowork.com. The deadline for ticket orders is **June 1st**. Take advantage of this offer for a fun-filled trip to Darien Lake!



Sewing is Heaven in 2007

The 2007 4-H Clothing Revue, will be held on Friday, May 4, at Avoca Central School. The revue begins at 7:30. The Seniors should arrive between 6:15 and 6:45 for reevaluation. Juniors should arrive at 7:00. Punch and cookies will be served after the revue. Each club is asked to provide 3 dozen cookies (homemade is preferred). Friends and Family are encouraged to attend.

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.putknnowledgetowork.com to get the form and return it to the CCE Office by Tuesday, June 5.**



4-H Project Records are due to the CCE Office by Monday, September 10, 2007 to receive project credit and to be eligible for project champion awards. You can get your Flower or Vegetable record at www.putknowledgetowork.com



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 4** 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!

2007 Free Fishing Days June 23-24



In an effort to connect more people to the sport of fishing, New York State has designated June 23-24, 2007 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, (normally required for anyone 16 years and older), 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.

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. No Cost

"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. No Cost

"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. No Cost

"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. Cost \$3.25

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 July – August from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. 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. Why don't you consider taking an afternoon and sharing what you have learned in 4-H with other children?

7th 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 **Saturday, August 4, 2007** 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 26.** 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.

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!!

Dairy Ambassadors Sought for Steuben County

The Steuben County Dairy Promotion Committee is looking for Dairy Ambassadors to assist with dairy promotions within the county. Candidates must be a resident of Steuben County between the ages of 11 and 16, never been married, nor had a child. She must be the daughter of a dairy farmer, farm employee, agribusiness employee or be personally affiliated with the dairy industry through 4-H or FFA.

The primary role of a Dairy Ambassadors is to assist the dairy princess in her efforts to increase the consumption and sale of fluid milk and dairy products through public appearances, public education, and providing nutrition information to consumers. The ambassador position is a non-competitive position, anyone interested in participating will be welcome.

If you are interested in becoming a Dairy Ambassador and want more information please contact Kerri Bartlett at 607-664-2311 or the current Dairy Princess Shannan OBrien at 607-225-4413.

Small Ruminant Pasture Walk

Bear Farm, Burdett, NY, April 28, 2007, 10:00am – 12:00pm

Mark and Carole Harth own and operate Bear Farm in Schuyler County. They lamb approximately 145 Corriedale and Corriedale-Dorset cross ewes in late March/early April. Mark and Carole have spent the last few years establishing perimeter fencing and individual paddocks to maximizing grazing. The Harths sell wool yarn from their sheep and sell a small amount of lamb for freezer trade. Check out their website at www.bearfarmyarns.com to learn more about the Harths and their sheep!

Please join us for this educational and fun sheep and goat pasture walk. We will discuss grasses for pasture, establishing and maintaining small ruminant pastures, fencing requirements for sheep and goats, and pasture watering systems. John Wickham, Schuyler County Soil and Water Grazing Advocate will discuss grazing programs and incentives available to sheep and goat producers.

The pasture walk will be held from 10:00am to Noon, with a light lunch provided. There is no charge to attend. However, we ask that you do register for this event by April 27th. To register contact CCE at 607-664-2300.

Directions: Bear Farm is located at 4860 Satterly Hill Road in Burdett. Take State Route 79 to Burdett, at the only 4 way stop, go North onto Satterly Hill Road. Bear Farm is located 3.4 miles north on Satterly Hill Road.



Small Animal

2007 4-H Market Chicken Projects

New for 2007: Steuben County 4-H members will have an opportunity to raise market chickens to be consigned to the Steuben County 4-H Small Animal Auction to be held on Friday, August 17 at 6 p.m. at the Steuben County Fairgrounds. The new class in the Steuben County Fair 4-H Poultry Division will be Market Chicken Consigned. 4-H members will be allowed to exhibit 2 per class but will be allowed to sell only 1 or 2 per class through the sale depending on the sale size. Animals can not be entered in both market classes and breeding classes. **4-H members interested in exhibiting and consigning market chickens must place their order through the Steuben County Cooperative Extension Office.**

Market Chickens Informational Meeting on May 6:

There will be a 4-H Market Chicken Informational Meeting at the Steuben County Fairgrounds on **Sunday, May 6 from 2-3 p.m.** Please return the enclosed **4-H Market Chicken Project Informational Meeting Registration Form by Monday, April 30** indicating if you will be attending or unable to attend but interested in ordering chickens.

Market Chicken Orders - Due May 6

4-H members must place their orders for either Red or Black Straight Run Broilers by May 6th. These Red or Black Broilers (take 9-10 weeks to grow) and are similar to Cornish Rocks (which take 6-8 weeks to grow). Refer to attached order form.

Delivery of Market Chickens Ordered is May 31

You will need to pick up your Broilers you ordered at the Steuben County Fairgrounds on **Thursday, May 31 from 5-6 p.m.**

Refer to the 2007 Steuben County 4-H Small Animal Sale Rules and Regulations

The rules are included and also on the web at www.putknowledgetowork.com

Rabbit Clinic

There will be a rabbit clinic on **Saturday, July 7 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 16 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 2007 Steuben County Fair, a project record must be turned into the CCE Office by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, September 10, 2007 to be eligible to exhibit a rabbit at the 2008 Steuben County Fair. You can download a record at www.putknowledgetowork.com or contact the CCE Office.

To register for the rabbit clinic return the enclosed registration form to the CCE Office by Monday, June 25.

Poultry Clinic

There will be a poultry clinic on **Wednesday, July 11 at 5 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 and Avian Bowl Contests.

Pullorum testing will start at 5:00 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 16 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 25 or found at www.putknnowledgegetowork.com.



Horticulture

Horticulture Workshop

The 4-H Horticulture Workshop will be held at the Steuben County Fairgrounds in the 4-H building on **Saturday, July 8 at 1 p.m.**

- Tom Cortright will show teach participant a hands-on project that has not been decided on yet. If you have suggestions contact Kim at 607-664-2306 or ksb3@cornell.edu.
- 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 Saturday, August 18 at 1 p.m.** You will need to bring \$3 per participant on August 18 to cover the materials. **Pre-entry for the Flower Arranging Contest is required to the CCE Office by Monday, July 30 by 4:30 p.m.** and is in this issue of the steubenite or on our website at www.putknnowledgegetowork.com



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 or found at www.putknnowledgegetowork.com by Monday, June 25.

4-H Flower and Vegetable Garden Records

There are two different 4-H vegetable records depending on the 4-H member's age. There is a vegetable record for members 8-11 years old as of January 1 of 2007 and a different vegetable record for members 12 and over as of January 1, 2007. To receive a flower or vegetable record visit our website at www.putknnowledgegetowork.com, 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 10, 2007** and are required to receive project credit and to be eligible for Project Champion Awards.

2007 Vegetable Varieties List And Websites

The 2007 selected list of vegetable varieties for home garden use in New York State is available online at www.gardening.cornell.edu/vegetables/vegvar.pdf or contact the CCE Office for a copy.

There is also a Vegetable Varieties for Gardeners website at <http://vegvariety.cce.cornell.edu> This site makes it easy for gardeners to compare more than 3,000 varieties, read ratings and reviews by fellow gardeners, and offer their own observations of which perform best in their gardens.



Junior DAIRY LEADER

The “Junior DAIRY LEADER” (Leadership, Education, Analysis, Development, Experience and Reasoning) program is intended to reach youth between the ages of 16-19 who have interest in exploring careers in the dairy industry and would like to gain hands-on experience. Applications and two letters of recommendations must be submitted **by July 24, 2007** to Deborah Grusenmeyer at Cornell University. For more information and an application go www.putknowledgetowork.com



Horse

4-H HORSE PROGRAM INFORMATION

4-H Horse Show Rule Books

The 4-H Horse Show Packets for 4-H members in a designated 4-H Horse Club were mailed on March 1, 2007. If you did not receive your packet, please contact Laura Mullen at 607-664-2312 or email to lcm10@cornell.edu. The 2007 New York State 4-H Horse Show Rules should be available on the NYS Animal Science website shortly. To access the Show Rules, go to www.putknowledgetowork.com. Click on “4-H Youth Development.” Then click on “NYS Animal Science.” Then click on “Horses.” You will see a listing for the Horse Show Rule Books and Horse Knowledge Contest Rule Books.

Horse Careers Camp

Ontario County is hosting a camp on **Careers In The Equine Industry from June 28 – July 1 at 4-H Camp Bristol Hills, Canandaigua, NY**. The program is targeted for middle school youth who are thinking about a career in the equine industry. Cost for the 4-day camp is \$100.00 if registered by May 1st. For more information, please contact Amy Morrissey at Ontario County Cornell Cooperative Extension at 585-394-3977 ext. 429 or email her at alm72@cornell.edu.

Horse World Expo

The New York Horse World Expo will take place May 11-13, 2007 at the Empire Expo Center at the New York State Fairgrounds, Syracuse, NY. Check out their website at www.horseworldexpo.com to view the list of clinicians available. Tickets are available online at this same web address. This is an exceptional educational opportunity for horse enthusiasts of all ages.

2007 NYS 4-H Horse Program Inservice

Cornell University will be hosting the 2007 NYS 4-H Horse Program Inservice on May 23, 2007 at Morrison Hall. Keynote speaker will be Dr. Clint Depew, Louisiana State University. His topics include "Using The Horse To Teach Life Skills" and "Horse Behavior and Progressive Training Techniques." In addition, Dr. Robert Scrafford, NYS Ag & Markets, will speak on "NYS Equine Health Requirements." 4-H Mounted Games will also be a topic of conversation.

Cost for the Inservice is \$20.00. Registrations are due to Cornell by May 16th. For further information, contact the CCE Office at 607-664-2300.



Riding Evaluations

All 4-H horse members who did not exhibit at the 2006 Steuben County 4-H Horse Shows, 2006 Walk/Trot riders, 2006 Novice riders, 2006 Walk/Stop riders, 2006 Leadline riders, first year drivers, and new horse/driver combinations will be required to have a riding evaluation before they exhibit at the Steuben County June or July Qualifying Shows. **There will be Riding Evaluations on Sunday, May 27 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the dog show ring by the sheep/swine barn. You do not have to be participating in the Bath Trailblazers Open Horse show on May 27 to be able to have the evaluation done. If you are unable to participate in this evaluation, you will need to be evaluated at either the June or July qualifying shows at 8:00 a.m. Your parent or legal guardian needs to be present for the evaluation and you need to bring the evaluation form with the first page filled out including your parent/guardian signature with you.**

REMINDERS:

Your project equine(s) must be registered with the county by June 1st. All the appropriate forms were included in your horse packet. Horses cannot participate at the shows unless this form has been submitted!

Horse show dates are June 9 & 10 and July 7 & 8. Mark these on your calendar!

County Fair entries with your horse project record will be due on Monday, July 16, 2007. If you do not show your equine at the County Fair, you can turn your project record in by Monday, September 10, 2007. Any 4-H horse club members who are 12 years and older should include the Horse Essay Question with their horse project record. All of these items were mailed with your horse show packet on March 1st!



County Fair

Project Animal Ownership Requirements for County Fair

Animal Science 4-H members who plan to exhibit animals at the 2007 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 5 – Market hog, market lamb, and market goat identification/ownership form due to CCE Office by 4:30 p.m.

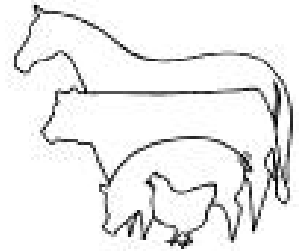
June 5 – Grade Beef Identification Form due to CCE Office by 4:30 p.m.

June 5 – 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.

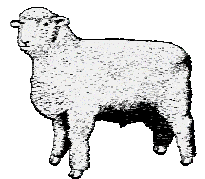
These non-owned animals **must** meet all regulations (i.e. registration, health, etc.) pertinent to that species. In addition, exhibitors must supply a non-ownership certificate that is available at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Office.

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 5
- Swine - June 5
- Beef Breeding – June 5
- 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 2007 Steuben County Fair, the 4-H member must fill out a project record and return it to the CCE Office by Monday, September 10, 2007.



Attention Goat and Sheep Members

If you are purchasing sheep and goats to use as projects, they must be purchased with the scrapie tag already in the ear. All Goats and Sheep must be identified by a legible registration tattoo or a USDA approved scrapie tag. Official tags can be obtained by contacting the USDA at (518) 453-0187.



Attention County Fair Animal Exhibitors

County Fair Animal Entries Are Due July 16

Entries are due to the Cornell Cooperative Extension Office by Monday, July 16 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

FOR 2007–

All market lambs must be sheared with no more than 1” of wool.

All market animals *must* be weighed in at Empire Livestock on Monday ONLY! Animals will not be weighed in on Sunday. All animals must be clean and DRY!

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 2007 Health Requirements. **Read the Health Requirements on the CCE website or read 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 2007 Fair Season

EXTREMELY IMPORTANT!!!!!! All CVI's MUST BE SIGNED BY THE VETERINARIAN THAT HAS PHYSICALLY INSPECTED THE ANIMAL. STAMPED VETERINARIAN SIGNATURES WILL NOT BE ADMISSABLE ON CVI's.

State Veterinarians 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 2007 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

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 (eartag 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 eartag, 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 revised. 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 2007 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 SUNDAY!

ALL ANIMALS must be brought to the Fairgrounds from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Monday of Fair Week.

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

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 AND TAPED!** **Tipping involves cutting off the point of the horns so that they are no smaller than the diameter of a dime. Then duct tape is used to cover the blunt ends.**

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 2007 County Fair

All 4-H members who exhibit an animal project in the 4-H Division at the 2007 Steuben County Fair are 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 10, 2007 to be eligible to exhibit that species at the 2008 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 2008 and show in the 4-H division at the 2008 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 16, 2007** for every equine you enter at the County Fair to be eligible to show.

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 VI, 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.

4-H Club Banners Are Needed for the Steuben County Fair

Club Banners are needed for the Youth Building at the County Fair! If your club has a banner please bring it to the fair to be displayed. The banners are placed around the building to “dress it up” for the week of the fair. If possible get it to the 4-H office by the clean up day. It’s easier to hang them when the building is empty. If you are a new club or your banner is old and needs redoing, follow the directions below. Remember if the banner is new this year it can be entered in the fair for judging/premiums.

Club banners make a nice way to identify your 4-H 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 updated 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. Be sure to incorporate the 4-H clover in your design. There is now a class at the State Fair.

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. Now there is also a class at State Fair. 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 when they are brought to the fair



Past

4-H Expo

What a great day! Fourteen 4-Hers, parents and leaders from Steuben County made the trip to Canandaigua for 4-H Expo. 4-H Expo is a regional event that is held every year in March. There were over 40 workshops & activities designed for everyone from Cloverbuds to 4-H members to Teen leaders to Leaders and Parents. There were two workshops that had instructors from Steuben County. Jon Sterlace, a nutrition educator, did a food workshop “Making the Most of Your Microwave” and Loree Symonds did a food preservation workshop for beginners “Jelly JAMBoree”. These classes were both hands-on so 4-Hers and adults got experience in these areas.



Region II Hippology Contest Held

The Region II Hippology Contest took place on Saturday, March 17, 2007 at Canandaigua Middle School, Canandaigua, NY as part of the 2007 4-H Horse Extravaganza. The purpose of the hippology contest is to provide 4-H youth the opportunity to demonstrate the breadth of their knowledge and their reasoning ability in subject matter related to equine science and management. Ninety participants from Cayuga, Genesee, Livingston, Ontario, Monroe, Seneca, Steuben and Wayne counties participated in this event.

Placing in the Top 20 from Steuben County in the Novice Individual Contest was Abbie Presher, Prattsburgh Pioneers (15th). Charlie Coley, Loon Lake Raiders, also participated. The Steuben/Genesee Novice Combo Team with Abbie Presher and Charlie Coley placed 3rd overall.

Placing in the Top 20 from Steuben County in the Junior Individual Contest were Ashley Warriner, J-T Rough Riders (3rd); Angella Salerno, Loon Lake Raiders (4th); Tyler Calkins, J-T Rough Riders (9th); Lexi Fairbrother, Little Rascals (10th); Megan Warriner, J-T Rough Riders (12th); Emily Anger, Loon Lake Raiders (14th); and Courtney Lewis, Loon Lake Raiders (15th). Also competing from Steuben County were Kelsey Farrell, Bath Trailblazers; Anna Presher, Prattsburgh Pioneers; and Becky Bidlack, Courtney Knudsen and Kali Covert, Loon Lake Raiders. The Steuben II Junior Team of Tyler Calkins, Ashley and Megan Warriner and Anna Presher placed 2nd overall. The Steuben III Junior Team of Lexi Fairbrother, Kelsey Farrell, Courtney Knudsen and Angella Salerno placed 4th overall. The Steuben I Junior Team of Emily Anger, Kali Covert, Becky Bidlack and Courtney Lewis placed 6th overall.



Placing in the Top 20 in the Senior Individual Contest were Catherine VonHagn, Highland Riders (1st); Erica Freeman, Bath Trailblazers (5th); Nicole VonHagn, Bath Trailblazers (14th); and Shannon Peterson, Loon Lake Raiders (17th). The Steuben I Senior Team of Erica Freeman, Shannon Peterson, Nicole VonHagn and Catherine VonHagn placed second overall. The Steuben/Wayne Senior Combo Team with Elisha and Marcy Myers placed 9th overall.

Individuals placing 1-16 from the Junior and Senior divisions are invited to compete at the State Contest at State Fair. Individuals placing 17-20 are alternates. Congratulations to all of our members on their accomplishments! Many thanks to our volunteers and coaches. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!!



Region II Horse Quiz Bowl Contests Held

Canandaigua Middle School, Canandaigua, NY was the site for this year's Region II 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl Contest held on Saturday, March 17, 2007 in conjunction with the 2007 4-H Horse Extravaganza. The contest, sponsored by the Region II 4-H Horse Educational Committee and Cornell Cooperative Extension, is an educational experience for both the participants and the spectators. Steuben County sent one Novice, two Junior and one Senior team to the competition. Twenty-six teams from seven counties were on hand to compete.

Representing Steuben County were:

Steuben County Novice Team: Charlie Coley, Loon Lake Raiders; Vanessa Olin, Bath Trailblazers; Abbie Presher, Makenna Wise and Nicole Wise, Prattsburgh Pioneers. Our Novice team placed 1st out of 8 teams. Individually, Nicole Wise placed 1st, MaKenna Wise was 8th and Abbie Presher was 18th.



Steuben County Junior A Team: Emily Anger, Loon Lake Raiders; Becky Bidlack, Loon Lake Raiders; Kali Covert, Loon Lake Raiders; Lexi Fairbrother, Little Rascals; and Kelsey Farrell, Bath Trailblazers. The Steuben Junior A Team placed 3rd.

Steuben County Junior B Team: Tyler Calkins, J-T Rough Riders; Courtney Lewis, Loon Lake Raiders; Angella Salerno, Loon Lake Raiders; and Ashley and Megan Warriner, J-T Rough Riders. The Steuben Junior B Team placed 2nd. Individually, Courtney Knudsen, Loon Lake Raiders; placed 3rd; Ashley Warriner was 6th, Lexi Fairbrother was 8th, Courtney Lewis was 9th, Emily Anger was 10th, Angella Salerno was 11th, Tyler Calkins was 14th, and Kelsey Farrell was 15th.

Steuben County Senior Team: Erica Freeman, Bath Trailblazers; Shannon Peterson, Loon Lake Raiders; Nicole VonHagn, Bath Trailblazers; and Catherine VonHagn, Highland Riders. The Steuben Senior Team placed 4th overall. Individually, Erica Freeman was 3rd, Catherine VonHagn was 8th, Shannon Peterson was 13th, and Nicole VonHagn was 18th.



Congratulations to everyone on their accomplishments! And thank you to our volunteers who assisted with the 4-H Horse Extravaganza, i.e. Vicki and Sarah Bolton, Cohocton; Jerry Duesenberry, Cohocton; Gay Fairbrother, Avoca; Jenny and Virginia Groen, Prattsburgh; Dana, Elisha and Marcy Myers, Cohocton; Cindy Presher, Prattsburgh; Ronie Salazer, Prattsburgh; Lynn Sick, Cohocton; Terry VonHagn, Bath; Jesse and Karen Wallenburg, Prattsburgh; Donna Walker, Piffard; and Deanna Warriner, Greenwood.

Region II Horse Communications Contest

Canandaigua Middle School was the site for this year's Region II Horse Communications Contest held on March 31. In the Jr. Individual Contest Kali Covert, Loon Lake Raiders placed 7th; and Courtney Lewis, Loon Lake Raiders, placed 8th. Other Junior Individual participants were Micalah Sick and Jenna Brokaw both from the Loon Lake Raiders 4-H Club. In the Sr. Team Presentations Elisha Myers and Marcy Myers, Loon Lake Raiders, placed 2nd. In the Sr. Impromptu Presentations Erica Standish, Loon Lake Raiders, placed 1st.



Finger Lakes District Dairy Quiz Bowl

Steuben County 4-H members participated in the Finger Lakes District Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest on March 17 at the Ontario County Cooperative Extension Office in Canandaigua. The novice team of Grace Franklin, and Kassidy Kramer, Dairy Characters 4-H Club members placed 1st. The Jr. Team of Josh Kramer and Jordan Kramer, Dairy Characters 4-H Club Members, and Kyle Warner, Dairy Dynamites 4-H Club, placed 3rd. Individually Josh Kramer placed 3rd, Kyle Warner placed 4th, and Jordan Kramer placed 5th. The Sr. Team of Amy Quanz and Steven Quanz, Southern Tier Livestock 4-H Club members; Emily Lyons, Dairy Dynamites 4-H Club; and Berry Tucker, Kanes Dairy Kids, placed 3rd. Individually Emily Lyons placed 4th; Amy Quanz placed 5th; Berry Tucker placed 6th and Steven Quanz placed 8th. Congratulations. Thank you to the Steuben County Coaches – Novice - Karen Warner; Junior – Kim Kramer; and Senior – Tom Quanz. Thank you to the other volunteers John Lyons and Paula Quanz.



District Public Presentations

The Finger Lakes 4-H District Educators recently held their annual Finger Lakes District Public Presentations on Saturday, March 31 in Canandaigua. Ninety-six 4-H youth participated from the following counties Cayuga, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne, and Yates.

The purpose of this program is to emphasize the importance of communications skills- building poise, self-confidence, and developing the ability to think and speak with ease in front of people; to provide the opportunity for gaining insight, reassurance about previous work accomplished, while improving speaking abilities, through another level of evaluation above the county and to be exposed to and learn different techniques used by other speakers. Each county then has the opportunity to choose 3 individuals to present at the State Public Presentations program which is held in the early fall at Cornell University.



Steuben County Presenters were: Ireland Armstrong (Food Demonstration), Timothy Bieber (20 series JDTractor Demonstration), Amelia Flint (Craft Demonstration), Leah Flint (Food Demonstration), Harriet Hughes (Craft Demonstration), Karli Mulford (Food Demonstration), Michelle Neu (Swimming Illustrated Talk), Amy Quanz (Impromptu), Debra Westfall (Horse Illustrated Talk), Nicole Wise (Horse Illustrated Talk). The following were awarded a gold 4-H medallion as a Top Presenter for District Public Presentations: Any Quanz, Nichole Wise, and Karli Mulford. Room hostesses were Amy Quanz, Michelle Neu and Leah Flint. Evaluators representing Steuben County were: Hollee Schwingel and Sue Schwingel.



Club News

Carers of Wayland/Cohocton: We met on February 1st to finish our posters and presentations. Tom Rawleigh showed us how to make fruit-kabobs for snacks. We are going to make baskets and we also talked about clothing revue.

On March 1st, we made paper jewelry and visited our cows. On March 15th, we made fortune cookies and picked out our patterns for clothing revue. On March 29th, we visited our cows and made our own recipe for rocky road yum bats (we made the name up too!).

Submitted by: Sierra Eiffert

4-Clovers: At our February meeting, we received a thank you note from Arnot Odgen 4D residents. We are still coordinating our Kanona Rest Area fundraiser. We talked about buying jackets, doing a woodworking project and completing our ceramic project. We will be participating in the Hornell St. Patrick's Day parade.

Submitted by: Brittney Cratsley

Galloping Grapes: On December 6th, we made cookies for a bake sale. We practiced our carols and made crafts. On December 20th, we visited the nursing home. We sang carols and gave ornaments to the residents.

In January we learned to spin wool and made a wool belt. We made pinecone animals and practiced our public presentations.

In February, we did a knitting project, selected sewing patterns and did a pottery project.

We had four meetings in March. We made and glazed pottery and we began our sewing projects. We cut out patterns and sewed.

Submitted by: Hannah Ridge

Highland Riders: On March 18th, the Highland Riders had a meeting at the Smith's home. Welcome to our newest member Kameron. Kameron enjoys cooking and horses. Catherine VonHagn gave a presentation on "Worms and the Equine." Brian read his report on Equine Nutrition. We didn't go to the barn because it was too cold. We made homemade bread in a bag. We talked about yeast and how it causes the bread to rise. We shaped the loaves in different shapes and baked them in the oven. We ate the hot bread with butter and jelly. We are planning a field trip to Sayre, PA to watch an extreme trail trial. Our next meeting is April 15th.

Submitted by: Brian Patterson

Hill and Valley: We met on February 18th and made crocheted hot pads. They were made from rubber jar rings covered with yarn. Next month we will make pinecone eggs. In December, we did a community service involving Christmas cards at Founders Pavilion in Corning.

Submitted by: Carmen Coppola

Howard Hillbillies: Our February 2nd meeting was cancelled. We worked on our projects at our February 16th meeting.

Submitted by: Destiany Weatherwax

Kane's Dairy Kids: Our January meeting was at Eddie and Marcy Swan's and talked about woodworking, upcoming events, Hoard's Dairyman Contest, and going tubing and/or bowling.

Submitted by: Makenna Harris

Keuka Riders: We practiced our presentations all of January and February. Our hard work paid off because on February 3rd, our horse presentations went very well!

Submitted by: Jamie Wood

Outsiders: We had a seeing eye dog presentation at our January 12th meeting. At our February meeting, we baked pumpkin muffins and did dairy judging. We are starting to plan a June visit to Ben Patterson Inn.

Submitted by: Olivia Tyler

Prattsburgh Dairy Heirs: We met on February 10th at Kerri's house. We discussed the cookie and candy bar sale and making a club brochure. We are going to meet February 20th at Top's with our pop cans.

Submitted by: Kyle Weaver

Willing Workers Jr.: We have no regular meetings in February or March. All of our members are working on their clothing projects and come individually to sew at the leader's house.

Submitted by: Brianna Sick

Willing Workers Sr.: We have no regular meetings in February or March. All of our members are working on their clothing projects and come individually to sew at the leader's house.

Submitted by: Adrienne Kiesel



Community Service

We would like to commend all of our 4-H members who are helping make a difference in their communities through community service projects. Here's what a few of our club's have been doing –

Four Clovers: On November 29, 2006, the 4-Clovers Club delivered handmade bedstand centerpieces to the Arnot Ogden Medical Center's 4D residents. We also gave them a video of us singing a Christmas carol.

Four Clovers: The 4-Clovers Club decorated a Christmas tree with 4-H ornaments for the Canisteo Village/Town Square.

Four Clovers: On December 9, 2006, the 4-Clovers Club delivered centerpieces to the residents of McAuley Manor to bring them holiday joy.

Four Clovers: In October, Kyle and Alexis Horton helped their grandmother with bread distribution for needy families. They put food on the tables and helped pack bags. In December, Kyle and Alexis took Christmas baskets to people in the nursing home.

Four Clovers: On December 13th, 4-Clover's member Arielle Wilcox was a red kettle bell ringer for the Salvation Army.

Prattsburgh Dairy Heirs: The Prattsburgh Dairy Heirs volunteered to help at Christmas In The Park on December 8, 2006. Their duties included serving cookies and apple cider and helping with cleanup when the event was over.

Prattsburgh Dairy Heirs: On December 15th, the Prattsburgh Dairy Heirs went Christmas caroling at the homes of elderly persons in the neighborhood. We had purchased and decorated small Christmas trees for them.

Southern Tier Livestock: On February 12th, our club made Soup In A Jar gifts for the senior citizens at the community center. They were delivered for Valentine's Day.



Honor Secretaries

Honor Secretaries will be recognized at Achievement Night 2007. In order to become an **honor secretary**, you must turn in at least 6 monthly secretary reports to the 4-H Office between October 1, 2006 – September 30, 2007. These reports must be in to the 4-H Office by the 10th of the following month (i.e. January reports would be due by February 10). And how are our secretaries doing??? (We are giving a star for each report filed on time!)

- Animal Admirers / MacKenzie Krisher - (1)
- A & W / Sara Apenowich - (3)
- Carers of Wayland/Cohocton / Sierra Eiffert - (3)
- Country Bunch / Samantha Stuart - (2)
- Four Clovers / Brittney Cratsley - (2)
- Galloping Grapes / Hannah Ridge - (2)
- Highland Riders / Brian Patterson - (3)
- Hill & Valley / Carmen Coppola - (1)
- Howard Hillbillies / Keliena Weatherwax - (4)

- J-T Rough Riders / Megan Warriner - (2)
- Kane's Dairy Kids / Makenna Harris - (4)
- Keuka Riders / Jamie Wood - (1)
- Outsiders / Olivia Tyler - (4)
- Prattsburgh Dairy Heirs / Kyle Weaver - (4)
- Southern Tier Livestock / Raymond Thielges - (2)
- Willing Workers Jr / Brianna Sick - (6)
- Willing Workers Sr / Adrienne Kiesl - (6)

The following club secretaries had their April secretary's reports in to the CCE Office by May 10:

Bath Trailblazers NE . . . Debra Westfall
Country Bunch Ariana Peisher

Hill & Valley Carmen Coppola

The following club secretaries had their May secretary's reports in to the CCE Office by June 10:

Country Bunch Ariana Peisher
Hill & Valley Carmen Coppola

Kane's Dairy Kids Matthew Swan