



4-H Steubenite



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Soaking up some fun at the fair



Makenna Harris age: 14



Upcoming Events

July

July 11 - 4-H Dog Obedience Graduation including State Fair Selection and Grooming and Handling State Fair Selection, Steuben County Fairgrounds, 1 p.m.

July 11- Horticulture Workshop, Steuben County Fairgrounds, 1 p.m.

July 13 – Entries due to the CCE Office for 4-H YOUTH BUILDING EXHIBITS except Dept. Y Section Section I, II, III, V, VI. No later than 4:30p.m.

July 13 – County Fair Animal Science Entries and Quality Assurance Pledges due to CCE Office

July 13– Entries due to the CCE Office for flower arranging, vegetable art, creative place setting and cake decorating contest including cloverbuds. No later than 4:30 p.m.

July 13 – Steuben County Fair Snapshots of the County entries due to CCE Office by 4:30 p.m.

July 13 – Horse Project Record due to CCE Office for all horses to be exhibited at the Steuben County Fair

July 15 – Junior Award Trip

July 16 – 4-H Program Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

July 17 – State Fair Horse entry forms due to CCE Office

July 19 – Bath Trailblazers Open Horse Show, Fairgrounds

July 20 – NYS 4-H Dog Photography Contest entries due and NYS 4-H Dog Young Poets Writing Challenge entries due

July 21 – Allegany County Fair 4-H Dairy Judging Contest, 2:30 p.m.

July – Allegany County 4-H Livestock Judging Contest, 2:00 p.m.

July – Ontario County Fair, Livestock Judging and Skillathon Contest, 10:00 a.m.

July 27 – NYS Fair 4-H Animal Science Entries are due to CCE Office.

August

August 3– County Fair Volunteer Registration form due

August 3– County Fair Junior Judges/Teen Assistants Return form due to CCE Office

August 3 - Western District Dairy Judging Contest Cattaraugus County Fairgrounds, Little Valley, 8:30 a.m.

August 9 - County Fair Clean-Up Day, 9:00 a.m. – Noon and BBQ lunch

August 13 – NYS 4-H & FFA Tractor Operator’s Contest, Empire Farm Days, Seneca Falls, 9 a.m.

August 16 – 4-H Youth Building will be open from 1:00-4:00 p.m. for youth building exhibits only

August 17 – weigh market animals at Empire Livestock enroute to fairgrounds a.m. –p.m.

August 17 – 4-H Animal Exhibits arrive at the fairgrounds 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

August 17 – All 4-H Youth Building exhibits must be on the grounds by noon

August 17 - County Fair Judging Day of most 4-H Youth Building Exhibits

August 18 - 23 - Steuben County Fair, Bath

August 21 - Steuben County 4-H & FFA Livestock Sale, 5:30 p.m.

August 22 – Steuben County 4-H Fair Awards Program, Beef Barn, 8:00 p.m.

August 22 – 4-H Pizza Party, Beef Barn, 8:30 p.m.

August 23 – 4-H Building Exhibits released 7:00-9:00 p.m. (Also Monday, August 24 from 9:00-11:00 a.m.)

August 27-September 7 - New York State Fair, Syracuse

September

September 3- Take Steuben County youth building exhibits, Steuben County State Clothing Revue 4-H members, and Teen Leaders to State Fair

September 4– September 7 - Steuben County Youth Building Exhibits, Steuben County State Clothing Revue 4-H members, and non-animal science teen Leaders at State Fair

September 7 – Labor Day - CCE Office Closed

September 12–NY 4-H Meat Animal Show and Sale, Pavillion

September 13 – Steuben County Twin Tier Poultry Club Show, Fairgrounds

September 14- PROJECT COMPLETION FORMS and Project Champion Nominations FROM LEADERS DUE TO CCE OFFICE!

September 14 – 4-H PROJECT RECORDS THAT ARE REQUIRED DUE TO CCE OFFICE

September 14 – 4-H On Display and Community Service Reports Due to CCE Office

September 17 – 4-H Program Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

September 19 Bath Trailblazers open Horse Show, Bath, Fairgrounds

September 19 Twin Tier Poultry Club Auction, Fairgrounds

September Big E Award Trip

September 19-21 - Cornell Caprine Outing at the 4-H Camp Owahta, Solon, Cortland

September 26 – Steuben County Farm City Day, Drumm Farm, Route 75, Pulteney
www.steubencountyfarmday.com

October

October – Cuba Cheese Sale Fundraiser

October TBA - ABC Award Trip, Cobleskill, NY

October 2– Keystone Stockman’s Contest, Harrisburg, PA

October 12 – Columbus Day, CCE Office Closed

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

October 15 – 4-H Program Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

November

November 7 – 4-H Achievement Night Awards Program, Tentative

November 11 – Veteran’s Day, CCE Office Closed

November 26-27 – CCE Office Closed for Thanksgiving

2009 Livestock Records

Records are available at the 4-H Office for all livestock. Records must be turned in by September 14, in order to be able to show in 2010. **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT EVERY LIVESTOCK RECORD CONTAIN THE YELLOW PROJECT CHAMPION SELECTION CRITERIA FORM AND THAT IT IS SIGNED BY THE LEADER.** Parent’s signatures on the project completion form do not count unless the parent is a documented leader of the club. **LEADER’S - PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR THESE SHEETS AT THE END OF THE PROJECT YEAR SO THAT YOUR MEMBERS GET THE CREDIT THEY DESERVE.**

2009 Achievement Night Awards Program

On November 7, Steuben County 4-H members will be recognized for their outstanding accomplishments for the 2007-2008 project year. 4-H is the youth development and educational program of Cornell Cooperative Extension. 4-H members have compiled an impressive list of accomplishments on the local, district, state and national levels. Through 4-H Programs participating youth have the opportunity to gain valuable skills and to develop positive attitudes.

Your support is needed to provide 4-H members with appropriate recognition for their accomplishments. The 4-H Program relies heavily upon individuals, local businesses and organizations for sponsorship of year-end awards. Sponsorship of a single award is \$20 and additional sponsorships are \$15 each. All sponsors are listed in the awards program and are announced when the sponsored award is presented. Sponsors also receive a copy of the awards program and a thank you certificate. **The Annual Achievement Night Awards Program will be held Saturday, November 7.**

Please watch the website and the Steubenite for further details.

Behind the Scenes Award

This award is sponsored by the Steuben County Farm Bureau and is presented to a 4-H member in the Dairy and Livestock Program during the Achievement Night Awards Program. This award is presented to a 4-H member that has done a lot of work “Behind the Scenes”, and may not have received recognition. This is not only for work done at the County Fair but throughout the 4-H project year. **If you would like to nominate a 4-H member please send your nominations to the CCE Office by Friday, October 16.** Please indicate why you think the 4-H member deserves this award.

Keystone Stockman's Contest

The Keystone Stockman's Contest is an event held at the Keystone International Livestock Exposition and sponsored by the Pennsylvania Livestock Association in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and the Pennsylvania Farm Show Commission. Its purpose is to provide youth and volunteers with experience in evaluation and decision making, exposure to top quality animals from across the nation, experience with evaluation of retail meat cuts and a chance to discuss quality assurance, health and safety management issues that are important in the livestock industry today.

What: The 32nd annual stockman's contest will be held during the Livestock Exposition scheduled for September 28 - October 4, 2009.

When: Contest to be held, Friday, October 2 at 9:00 a.m..

Where: Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg, PA

Participants will receive a ticket for lunch to be used in the Food Court only.

How: The Stockman's Contest is open to all 4-H and FFA members who are 13 years old and have not reached their 19th birthday as of January 1, 2009. Steuben County members that have participated in the Steuben County Livestock Judging Program or the Livestock Skillathon Program may be invited to attend.



Just a Friendly Reminder

Fair time is approaching and we want to take the opportunity to remind everyone of our office policy. Any items, Achievement Night items, Banquet items, 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.

Policy for Using 4-H Equipment

There is a policy in place for individuals or clubs using 4-H equipment. There is going to be a **refundable 50% deposit**, provided the equipment comes back in clean, usable condition. **This is a 10% per day rental fee on the following items:** Stewart Sheermaster Sheep Shears value \$245; Oster Clipmaster Clippers \$215; Oster Animal Clippers, small pair, \$45; Small Remington Clippers, \$35; Large Animal Tattoo Kit, \$30; Goat Tattoo Kit, \$30; Rabbit Tattoo Kit, \$25; Ear Notcher, \$20; Cattle Grooming Chute, \$700; and Sheep Trimming Stand, \$250. There will be a 50% deposit for the learning lab kits, replacement cost approximately \$300. Rental fee is waived if used by a club. Rental fee for non-4-H individuals or groups is 10% per day if kept over two weeks.



4-H Summer Assistant Hired

Amber Tietje of Campbell has returned as our 2009 4-H summer assistant. Amber was home-schooled and then attended Corning Community College where she earned her liberal arts degree. She also attended Davis College in Binghamton for a year of bible classes and is involved in ministries in her church. Amber has decided to pursue a career as a Sign Language Interpreter. She is now a junior in the interpreter training program at RIT in Rochester.

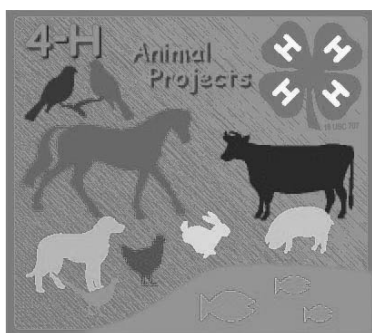
Amber says she loved being home-schooled because it provided time to be together as a family. She is part of a large family and often does projects with her younger siblings. The family was part of a home school co-op where Amber assisted with teaching some of the classes. She says it will be similar to the work she will do this summer as a 4-H assistant. I love working with kids, she says. There are always kids at the house. I really liked doing the hands-on projects. It gives me a chance to work with kids and see their excitement. She is also looking forward to county fair week. Amber has enjoyed working with CCE for the past couple of summers and is thrilled to be back this year.

Amber was involved in the Steuben County 4-H Program as an independent member. Most of her work centered around the county fair. She raised rabbits and participated in workshops. She was familiar with the additional resources offered by Cooperative Extension such as nutrition recipes and gardening information because her family came to the office for information for school projects.

Ambers' hobbies include two miniature horses and knitting.

4-H Project Records Due Monday, September 14

To be eligible for year-end awards and to receive project credit, 4-H members are required to complete records for **animal science, clothing, flower gardening, vegetable gardening, junior leader, and citizenship.** Also check the website at www.putknoweldgetowork.com and click on 4-H youth Development for these records. To obtain your 4-H Animal Science Project Record contact your 4-H leader or stop at the CCE Office or call us at 607-664-2300. The dairy cattle, dairy goat, rabbit, poultry, waterfowl and dog records are on the web.



Project Record Requirement for 4-H Members Who Exhibit Animals at the 2009 County Fair

All 4-H members who exhibit an animal project in the 4-H Division at the 2009 Steuben County Fair are required to turn into the CCE Office at least one record on their project animal(s) per species by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, September 14, 2009 to be eligible to exhibit that species at the 2010 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 & FFA Livestock Sale must turn in a market animal project record to be eligible to identify a market animal in 2010 and show in the 4-H division at the 2010 Steuben County Fair.

End-Of-Year Completion and 4-H On Display and Community Service Reports

4-H organizational leaders and independent members will be receiving a mailing end of July containing End-Of-The-Year Completion sheets for club members and Project Champion nomination forms. These forms are essential for your club members to receive a completion certificate at the Achievement Program or for Project Champion. **DO NOT DISAPPOINT THE MEMBERS OF YOUR CLUB BY NOT COMPLETING THEM!** Please complete and return these forms to the CCE Office by **4:30 p.m. on Monday, September 14, 2009.** Also **4-H on Display and Community Service Reports** listing the names of the 4-H members who participated are also due to the CCE Office by **4:30 p.m. Monday, September 14, 2009.**

Senior Recognition

Name: Brett Rosko

Parents: Kevin and Regena Rosko

School: Campbell-Savona

Future plans: Accepted at Finger Lakes Community College for Environmental Studies

Opportunities 4-H has given: Develop skills in leadership, citizenship, healthy lifestyles, record keeping, judging, meeting new people, working in groups

Project areas: Horticulture, GPS, foods and nutrition, home environment, photography

Chance to travel through award trips to: Cornell, Albany, Washington and Syracuse to the State Fair as well as Junior Award Trips

How 4-H has influenced future plans: Two years ago when I went to Career Exploration in the Natural Resources program, I loved everything about it. I decided then that I wanted to work in the field of conservation. That 3-day experience was the beginning of thoughts that have led me to want to work for the DEC as a forest ranger.

Senior Summary and Junior Activity Reports

Senior Summary and Junior Activity Reports are due Thursday, October 15, 2009. Senior Summary report forms are to be completed by 4-H members in grades 7 and higher (as of fall 2009). The Senior Summary report is intended to be a cumulative report with members changing the front page and the 4-H story pages each year. Everything else is just updated to reflect the current year. Please note: The Sr. Summary Reports are not being mailed to every 4-H member in 7th grade and above. 4-H members in grades 7 and up can pick up the Senior Summary Report at the CCE Office, request a senior summary report be mailed to them

or it can be downloaded from the CCE Steuben County website at www.putknowledgetowork.com and click on 4-H youth Development.

The Junior Activity Report is to be completed by 4-H members in grades 3-6 (as of fall 2009). Cloverbud members are not required to complete a Junior report. However, 4-H members who wish to be considered for the Junior Award Trip should complete this report regardless of whether or not they are a cloverbud. This report is also available on the CCE website at www.putknowledgetowork.com and click on 4-H youth Development. The Jr. Activity reports were returned to those members who completed a 2008 form.

Both of these forms are used by the 4-H Awards Committee to select 4-H members for trips and awards such as the Junior Award Trip, Washington Focus, and Career Exploration in addition to other award trips. These reports are not difficult to complete! **All reports are due to the CCE Office by Thursday, October 15, 2009.** If you need additional forms, contact the CCE Office or check our website.

2010 Farm Bureau Agricultural Youth Scholarship

Farm Bureau Agricultural Youth Scholarship is sponsored by The New York Farm Bureau Promotion and Education Committee. This scholarship is open to High School Seniors who will continue their education to prepare for a career in some way connected to the diverse agricultural industry. Candidates may live or work on a farm or be involved with agriculture via any avenue. Family Farm Bureau membership or Student Farm Bureau membership is required but can be found at www.nyfb.org. **The application with a school photo, not computer image, (wallet size head and shoulder shot) is due in November 2009 to the New York Farm Bureau.** Scoring will determine the County Winners as well as the District Winner. Check the following website for an application: www.nyfb.org and on the left hand side go under Farm Bureau and click on Promotion and Education or call NYS Farm Bureau at 1-800-342-4143 or visit www.putknowledgetowork.com for an application or contact the CCE Office.

2009 Steuben County Dairy Royalty Crowned

Kate Brown of Hammondsport was crowned the 2009-2010 Steuben County Dairy Princess at the May 26th Dairy Pageant in Bath, NY. Kate is the sixteen year old daughter of Bill and Cindy Brown. The family owns Stone Rise Dairy, which is home to a 60 cow registered Holstein herd. Kate is a sophomore at Hammondsport Central School where she is active in soccer, band, and baseball stats. Outside of school she is a member of the Allegany Steuben Jr. Holstein Club and 4-H. Kate has been a member of the Steuben County Dairy Princess Program for 4 years. Kate owns several dairy cows and has competed for many years at local and regional dairy cattle shows.



The Steuben County Dairy Promotion Committee welcomed four new Dairy Ambassadors to the program this year.

Paige Demun is the 11 yr. old daughter of Keith and Lisa Demun of Troupsburg, NY. Her Family's farm consists of registered Holsteins, Ayrshires, Jerseys and 1 Brown Swiss. Paige attends Jasper-Troupsburg Elementary School where she is actively involved in: Band, Marching Band, Chorus, Basketball, Fall Soccer,

and the Indoor/Spring travel soccer league. Paige is a member of the Dairy Dreamers 4-H club. She is a Jr. member of the NYS Holstein Association. Paige enjoys showing her cows at the Allegheny/Steuben Holstein Club shows and the local county fair. She also enjoys participating in 4-H Dairy Judging and NYS Holstein Association Quiz Bowl.

Rebekalynn Joris is the 12 year old daughter of Crystal (Burgess) Hoffman and Ken Joris. Beka is a sixth grader at Addison Tuscarora Elementary School. Beka is consistently on the High Honor Roll at school. She is a member of Girl Scout Troop 920, and Micro Solutions Softball Youth Team. She participates in the Reading group, Drama club, Middle School Band, Chorus and All County Chorus. Her grandparents, David and Diana Burgess of Cameron Mills own and operate Double D Dairy.

Melissa Panaccione is the sixteen year old daughter of Robert and Cynthia Zillinski. She is a sophomore at Hammondsport Central School. Melissa is originally from New Jersey and moved to Hammondsport in 2005. She currently serves as a member of Student Council at Hammondsport and sings in the school's choir. She is an active cheerleader on Soule Allstarz.

Morgan Pierce is also new to the Dairy Ambassador program. Morgan is the 11 year old daughter of Terry Pierce and Mitzy Loscig-Pierce. Morgan attends Addison Tuscarora Elementary School. Morgan is a member of Hill & Valley and M&M 4-H clubs. Morgan owns one heifer and is looking forward to competing at the Steuben County Fair.

Kate takes the reigns from her older sister Carlie, who served as the 2008 Steuben County Dairy Princess. Special thanks to Carlie for all her hard work over the last several years.

The primary role of the Dairy Princess and her court is to increase the consumption and sale of fluid milk and dairy products through public appearances, public education, and providing nutrition information to consumers. If you are interested in having the Dairy Princess or a member of her court attend an event please contact Kate at 607-346-1159. The Dairy Princess is available for school programs, farm tours, farm meetings and other promotional events.

The dairy princess program is overseen by the Steuben County Dairy Promotion Committee. For more information on joining the program or events please contact Kerri Bartlett, Extension Educator with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County, at 607-664-2311.



Please Read Your Fair Book!

Please read your fair book before you come to the fair because there are MANY changes including important dates, departments, sections and classes have been revised. It is your responsibility to ensure that your exhibits are entered correctly. The 4-H Judging Schedule is printed on page 2. Unless otherwise announced, judging will be according to the schedule. The schedule also notes the order for classes/divisions for many of the shows.

Please keep your fair book handy during the week and feel free to ask the 4-H staff or your leaders if you have questions or need additional information.

County Fair Youth Building:

To keep the youth building exhibits entries the same as the rest of the fair entries, 4-Hers need to enter their youth building exhibits (baking, sewing, woodworking, home environment, electric, small shop, art, farm crops, photography, etc.) on the appropriate form and **turn into the 4-H office no later than July 13, 2009 at 4:30p.m.** The only exception to this is Department Y Section I vegetables; section II largest vegetable; section III potatoes; section V fruits; section VI classes 1-14 ornamental horticulture. Those sections of Dept Y will continue to fill out the blue cards. These can be picked up at the 4-H office anytime.

Please read the fair book for additional information and for new classes that are available. If you have any questions, call the 4-H office at 607-664-2300.

As you fill out your entry form for the 4-H youth building exhibits, enter everything you think you will be bringing to the fair. The entry form is included in the fair book, and on the 4-H website www.putknowledgetowork.com . Make as many copies as you need. You will no longer be making out the blue cards for these exhibits. The day you bring your exhibits to the youth building, either Sunday, August 16th or Monday, August 17th, you will receive a packet with preprinted cards that **YOU** will attach to the exhibits you have brought.

HELP!

We Need Your Help!

County Fair 4-H Office

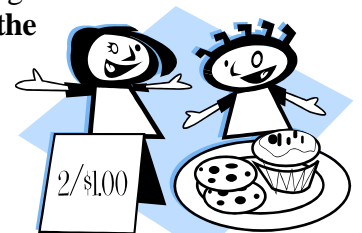
Adult volunteers (parents, leaders, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and friends) are needed to help at the 4-H Office in the County Fair Building in the evening and on the weekend. It's lots of **FUN**... you'll meet lots of new people for just a few hours of your time! Duties include answering questions and phone, watching exhibits, and monitoring the building. Fair passes will be given to those helping in the 4-H Office, so sign-up today. A sign-up sheet is enclosed in this issue and is on the web at www.putknowledgetowork.com or contact the CCE Office.

The hours in the evening will be two shifts, one from 4-7 p.m., one from 7-10 p.m. Weekend shifts are from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 2 - 6 p.m. and on Sat. 6 - 10 p.m.

Teen Assistants in the Youth Building

Members 12 and older can serve as Junior Judges/Teen Assistants on Monday, August 17th. If you are willing to be a teen assistant, help arrange exhibits in the youth building on Monday, August 11 in the afternoon or Tuesday morning **complete the sign-up sheet that was enclosed in this issue, is on the web at www.putknowledgetowork.com or contact the CCE Office.**

County Fair Bake Sale



All of the 4-H Food exhibits entered at the County Fair are sold on Monday at the 4-H Bake Sale. The proceeds from the Bake Sale go to the 4-H Activity Fund. Two to three youth and one adult are needed to run the Bake Sale for the following shifts:

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m.

If you would like to help at the Bake Sale, please let the CCE Office know by contacting us at 607-664-2300 or by filling in the appropriate section on the County Fair Volunteer Form found on the web. Be sure to stop by the bake sale and get some yummy goodies to take home (or to the barns) to enjoy!

What's Happenin' in the Youth Building this Year?

Want to be more involved in the Youth Building at the County Fair? There are more opportunities this year to get involved than ever before.

Volunteer to be a Teen Assistant

First of all on Judging Day, Monday, August 17, you can be a teen assistant and help with the judging and arranging of exhibits. There are State Fair Exhibits and Art Exhibits still to be arranged on Tuesday, August 18(see insert to sign up.)

Other Great Volunteer Activities for Wed. & Friday

Wednesday and Friday are Youth Days at the Fair. In the afternoon 4-H will be showcasing some of the projects and activities that we do. It will take 4-Hers of all ages (5-19), leaders and adults to get involved! Fair Entry tickets for those over 12 will be provided so you can get in free.

Here are some ideas:

Make It Take It Table:

Do you have a craft or other project that you did in your club this year that takes only about 5-10 minutes to make? How about a few members of your club and a parent or leader showing the public how to make this project and then assisting them in making it? **A certificate for the club or individual(s) and cash assistance for the supplies will be given.**

Public presentations: Want to get a head start on your presentation for next year or do something different to get experience in an informal setting? And possibly get invited to present at the NYS Fair the last of August?

***“Produced in New York”* Public Presentation Program:**

- a. This is open to all 4-H youth 8-19.
- b. Without saying a word (Silent Presentation), share a favorite recipe that includes at least one featured ingredient that is produced in New York State. Some suggestions are: apples, grapes, cherries, maple syrup, honey, any vegetable that is grown in your garden. The presenter should have a poster with the name of the recipe, ingredients, and directions.
- c. Participants are encouraged to use recipes with lower amounts of sugar, fat, sodium, and increased amounts of fiber. Consider using those ingredients that add nutritive value, such as vegetables, fruits, nuts, whole grains.
- d. Participants will have access to only electricity at the county fair. All equipment is the responsibility of the presenter.

- e. The presenter has up to 30 minutes to complete his/her demonstration. However no samples may be distributed (health reasons).
- f. Participants are encouraged to use a variety of demonstration skills- measuring wet and dry ingredients, chopping, mixing etc.
- g. The finished product will be displayed upon conclusion of the presentation. The finished product may be prepared and brought from home OR may be the result of the demonstration itself.
- h. Recipes should come from a 4-H curriculum, an original family recipe or an original recipe of the participant. A poster with the recipe and directions would be helpful for the presenter and the audience.

No recipes are permitted from copyrighted cookbooks. Recipes that are based on a recipe from a cookbook must have at least three changes or modifications made (Example: slightly more cinnamon, omission of salt, use of honey or maple syrup in place of sugar or applesauce to replace the fat.

- i. **At the end of the demonstration, the participant will indicate verbally “this concludes my presentation; are there any questions or comments?”** At this time audience members and the evaluator can ask questions or make comments. A poster with the recipe and the origin of the recipe should be used. Copies of the recipe can be handed out. The 4-H office can make copies if needed.
- j. Demonstrations must follow 4-H guidelines on giving a food demonstration. Ask your leader or Contact the 4-H office for a copy

PRIZES: A certificate will be presented to each participant and cash prize will be given.

2009 District Public Presenters: Those selected for district presentations will be invited to do the presentations that they did at the county level and repeated at District Presentations in April. This will be on Friday afternoon from 2:00-4:00. **A certificate and a cash prize will be given at the county fair.**

Community Service Projects: On-going Wednesday through Friday.

Each 4-Her needs to complete a community service project each year. Some ideas for sewing projects will be ready to go. Come in, sit down and sew for awhile, cut out projects or sit and stuff. Leaders can get ideas for next year.

Overnight Chaperones

Chaperons are also needed nights for the Cement Dairy Barn, and Sheep and Swine Barn. Chaperons must be 21 years of age and have completed the 4-H volunteer application which can be found on the web or contact the CCE Office. We don't guarantee a "Serta", but you'll get **lots** of satisfaction by helping out! Fair passes will be given to those serving as chaperons. Sign-up today by completing enclosed in the April/May/June issue and is on the web at www.putknowledgetowork.com or contact the CCE Office.

Animal Science

We also need your assistance with a variety of animal shows, events. Refer to list below. Please contact Kim at 607-664-2306 or at ksb3@cornell.edu if you can assist



Tuesday, August 12

Dairy Goat Show – 9 a.m.

Dairy Judging Contest – 1 p.m.

Rabbit Show 2 p.m. –Clerks, Announcers, and others with jobs to be assigned at show.

Wednesday, August 13

Dairy Show 9 a.m.- Colored Breed and Holstein Rings

Poultry Showmanship 9 a.m.

Poultry Judging Contest

Dairy Showmanship Practice 8 p.m.

Thursday, August 14

Dairy Showmanship 9 a.m.

Friday, August 15

Rabbit Showmanship – 9:30 a.m.

Livestock Costume Class - Noon

Fair Clean-Up Day



All hands are needed to help “spruce-up” the 4-H building, 4-H bathrooms, and barns, at the County Fairgrounds. We need volunteers to help clean and disinfect the rabbit cages and goat pens. Parents, leaders, members, and friends are all welcome to help! **IF YOU HAVE 4-H MEMBERS WHO ARE EXHIBITING AT COUNTY FAIR, YOUR CLUB IS EXPECTED TO SEND AT LEAST 2 PEOPLE TO CLEAN UP DAY.**

The annual clean-up day is scheduled for **Sunday, August 9, 9:30 a.m. – noon.** A thank-you lunch BBQ will be provided by the CCE Office.

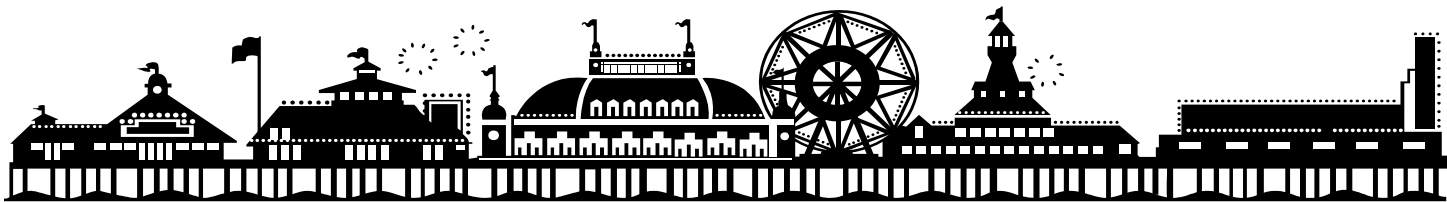
Please call the CCE Office to register by August 7 so that we will know how much food to cook.

Bring your club banner to hang in the youth building.

Open Class Entries for Steuben County Fair

If you wish to enter in open class for the Steuben County Fair you need to request an open class book and entries by contacting the Steuben County Agricultural Society at 607-776-4801 or by writing them at 15 East

Washington Street, Bath, NY 14810. You can call them July 6. Open classes are available for beef, dairy, poultry, sheep, swine, rabbit, food and nutrition, clothing and textiles, art, flowers and vegetables, needlework, farm products, etc.



How Can You Help Your Child Get Ready For The Fair?

1. Volunteer to assist your child and the 4-H leaders in your club.
2. Transport your child to and from the fairgrounds.
3. Encourage your child to become involved and to grow through 4-H fair experiences.
4. Read the Steubenite and make sure your child understands what is in it. Help your child plan his/her participation.
5. Encourage your child as he/she prepares their exhibit.
6. Read the County Fair Book and help your child enter the exhibits. Please note specifications for certain types of exhibits. (Example: Carrots - 3 specimens, any variety, tops off to approx. 1 inch)

Cloverbuds At County Fair

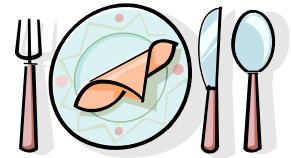
Cloverbud 4-H members are eligible, encouraged and welcome to exhibit at the County Fair!

Cloverbuds are eligible to participate in the following contests: vegetable art, flower arranging, creative place setting and creative giant cookie decorating. **Refer to pages 45, 46, 48 and 50 of your fair book and enter on the cloverbud entry form by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, July 13.** The form can be found on the web at www.putknowledgetowork.com and click on 4-H Youth Development and then click on County Fair, was in the fairbook or contact the CCE Office.

Each Cloverbud member is eligible to enter **five** projects at the County Fair and **may exhibit one project made as a group**. All Cloverbud projects are entered in **Department X, Section VI** of the County Fair Book on page 45. Please use the green entry tags that will be available at the fair or from the CCE Office. Attach these entry tags securely with pins, tape, string, etc.

Cloverbuds will meet individually to present their five entries and club project to the judges on **Monday, August 17 between 10:00 a.m. and noon**, bring entries to the 4-H building or animal entries to the Livestock Judging Pavilion. Animal projects must follow the animal Health Requirements for admission to county fairs and bring proof of vaccination with them on Monday. Example: Poultry must test negative for pullorum or originate from a U. S. Pullorum typhoid clean flock. Dogs must be vaccinated for rabies and have rabies certificate with the veterinarian's signature. There will be a special display area in the youth building for the cloverbud projects. Cloverbud projects will not receive premiums, but will receive special ribbons. If you have questions, please contact your leader or the CCE Office.

Flower Arranging, Vegetable Art, Creative Place Setting and Creative Cake/Cloverbud Giant Cookie Decorating Contests



If you are interested in participating in the:

Vegetable Art Contest at the County Fair to be held on Tuesday, August 18, at 7:00 p.m.

Creative Place Setting contest on Saturday, August 22 at 2:00pm

Creative Cake/Cloverbud Giant Cookie Decorating Contest on Saturday, August 22 at 3:00pm

Flower Arranging Contest on Saturday, August 22 at 4:30 pm

You must **register** for these contests **by Monday, July 13 at 4:30pm**. Use the registration form in the April May June issue of the Steubenite or on the web at www.putknowledgetowork.com. Refer to pages 45,46, and 48 of the county fair book for more information. Cloverbud members are eligible for these contests.

Cake Decorating/Giant Cookie Silent Auction



Do you participate in the cake decorating/giant cookie contest at the County Fair? Are you tired of trying to find a home for your cake after the contest. Well, we have come up with a solution.



Donate your decorated cakes/giant cookie, from the contest to the silent auction. The silent auction will be held outside (weather permitting) the 4-H Exhibit Building at the conclusion of the cake decorating contest on Saturday, August 22nd. Proceeds from the silent auction will benefit the Steuben County 4-H Activity Fund.

Bake the Best Better

Tips for baking for the County and State Fair



Mixing/Baking

- Always use fresh ingredients, such as baking powder, oil, whole grain or regular flour.
- Date your containers when you buy them.
- Overmixing causes a tough product with large holes or tunnels or a top which is peaked.
- Undermixing causes streaks of flour and uneven rising.
- Make sure dry ingredients are sifted together and liquid ingredients are well mixed.
- No paper liners are allowed for muffins.
- Dust raisins lightly with flour so they don't stick together or sink to the bottom.
- No toppings are allowed.
- Additions of dry cereals, raisins and nuts help to disguise problems of overmixing, especially in muffins and quick breads.

Cookies

- Do not place cookies too close together on baking sheet.
- Measure dough for each cookie using a small scoop or measuring spoon, so that size is equal.
- Trim outer edge away from bar cookies before cutting into squares. Use a ruler to measure so that size is equal.

Storage/Freezing

- Avoid recipes that do not keep or travel well in hot, humid weather.
- Cool product completely on racks before storing.
- Use proper wrapping - freezer containers, wrap and foil.

- Wrap each item separately.
- Bake extras and bring with you to judging in case of upsets and WHOOPS accidents!

Recipes

- Recipes must be on a 3 x 5 card typed or in ink. You may use a computer printout and securely tape to the card. Put your name on the card.
- Make writing legible.
- Include the complete recipe including yield - ingredients first, then instructions. Include each step - ie: if you grease top of bread before baking, etc.
- If you reduce the amount of an ingredient(s), Indicate original amount of reduced ingredient(s) and then the reduced amount on the recipe card.
- Place recipe card in a small plastic bag to protect them.

General

- Judges expect the recipes to match age and ability - don't use same recipes from year to year.
- Use a large enough plate to display items. A paper plate is satisfactory if it is firm. Foil covered cardboard is also good. Do not use a plate that must be returned. Enclose everything in a large plastic bag - recipe and product.

"Let's Fill the Cookie Jar" is a 4-H project that has wonderful recipes suitable for County Fair. Contact the CCE Office for a copy of this project.

Attention 4-H Members Exhibiting Clothing Projects

Did you know that a garment that gets a blue award at Clothing Revue might get a red award the County Fair and still be judged correctly? It is important that members, leaders and parents understand this.

At Clothing Revue the garment is judged on the member as part of a costume. The appearance of the member and the quality of workmanship are both considered. At the County Fair, the garment is not worn. Therefore, only the quality of workmanship can be evaluated.



Youth Building Exhibit Removal

Please be aware that the exhibits in the 4-H Youth Building at County Fair are NOT able to be removed until 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 23. This time release is set by the State Department of Agriculture and Markets and the Steuben County Agricultural Society. **If exhibits are removed before 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 23, premium money will be forfeited by the exhibitor.**

If you are picking up your exhibits on Sunday evening you will not be able to drive your vehicles down to the 4-H building until after the grandstand show. Also do not drive your vehicles through the livestock judging pavilion.

If you are unable to pick-up on Sunday from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., the 4-H building will be open on Monday, August 23 from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. All exhibitors with exhibits still remaining after 11:00 a.m. on Monday, August 23 will forfeit exhibit premiums!!

If you are not able to get these exhibits on Sunday night or Monday morning, please contact your leader or another member of your club to pick them up for you! It is not the responsibility of the CCE staff to remove your exhibits. **If you have any questions about exhibit removal, please contact the CCE Office.**



Selecting & Preparing Vegetables for Exhibit

Harvest your Crop, with Care.

- 1) Loosen root crops with a spading fork before pulling. Avoid tearing the flesh or stems.
- 2) Pick off all tomato stems so they will not poke holes in other tomatoes.
- 3) A sharp knife is helpful in harvesting peppers, eggplant, the vine crops and many leafy vegetables.

Harvest Enough to Make Your Exhibit.

- 1) Gather several times as many good specimens as you think you will need.
- 2) Select the most uniform ones for your exhibit.
- 3) Harvest lettuce, endive, escarole and chard the morning of exhibition day because they wilt quickly.
- 4) Harvest onions 7-10 days before the fair and dry them in the sun. When properly cured, the tops can be easily cut off.

Trim Correctly.

- 1) Cut off the tops of all root crops about 1" above the roots.
- 2) Trim the tap root so they are all the same length.
- 3) Remove the small fine roots on carrots and beets.
- 4) Trim any excess stump from cabbage, lettuce and other leafy vegetables. Do not cut off all the outer leaves from cabbage. Husks can be trimmed off one side of sweet corn or taken all the way off but have all ears the same.

Exhibit the Right Number.

Plan to exhibit the exact number of vegetables called for. Check the Fair Book, as the number may differ with various fairs.

Wash or Brush the Vegetables.

- 1) Select and harvest only clean vegetables if you can. Cleaning will not harm any vegetable if it is done carefully.
- 2) Clean peas, beans, cucumbers and muskmelons with a very soft brush.
- 3) Use a soft damp cloth for fruit with a waxy surface such as eggplant, pepper, tomatoes, and watermelons.
- 4) Root crops may need washing. Use lots of water and your hands to wash root crops.
- 5) Do not wash head lettuce, endive, cauliflower, or cabbage. Trim off the soiled leaves, but don't scalp them.

Select for Size, Shape and Color.

- 1) Select those that are alike. The first ripe tomatoes or carrots you pull from your garden will seldom be alike in size, shape and color. A good way to select a plate of vegetables is to place them in a row on a table or on the floor with the big ones at one end and the small ones on the other. Then select on the basis of shape and color.
- 2) Avoid carrots and potatoes with greening caused by exposure to sunlight. Check the seed catalog for examples of "typical shape".

Storage Before Fair.

- 1) After you have harvested and prepared your vegetables, it may be necessary to store them for a day or overnight.
- 2) Keep root crop, leafy vegetables, sweet corn and peas at low temperature (40°-45°F). Mom's refrigerator usually gives these conditions. Before placing leaf vegetables in the refrigerator, place them in a plastic bag.
- 3) Potatoes, tomatoes, eggplant, peppers and the vine crops will keep well for a day at medium temperatures (60°-70°F).

Wrap, Pack and Display Correctly.

- 1) Wrap your exhibit before taking it to the fair. You may have an excellent plant but damage while transporting can easily make it unworthy.
- 2) Newspaper is a good wrapping material. Wrap each vegetable separately and then wrap the five or twelve, etc., that go together in one bundle.
- 3) Pack them firmly in a strong container. Always pack the firm vegetables on the bottom. Don't pack cabbage, pumpkins, watermelons, etc., on top of tomatoes, eggplant, peppers, etc.
- 4) Label every exhibit carefully on the double entry blue card with your name, department, section, class number, kind, variety and age as of January 1 and years in project area.

Attention County Fair Animal Exhibitors

All Animal Exhibitors must complete and return a copy of the 4-H Quality Assurance Pledge with their county fair entries, July 13, 2009.

It is highly recommended that if you are exhibiting dairy at the Steuben County Fair, that you take part in the 4-H Dairy Judging Contest, to be held Tuesday August 18, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in the Judging Pavilion.

It is highly recommended that if you are exhibiting livestock at the Steuben County Fair, that you take part in the 4-H Livestock Judging Contest, to be held Tuesday August 18, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. in the Judging Pavilion.

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

All market animals must be weighed in at Empire Livestock on Monday! Animals will be accepted at weigh in from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. only.

All market swine must either have ear notches or a metal Tag. NO market hogs will be accepted at Empire for weigh in without metal tags or ear notches. Also, all market animals must be clean and dry. Hogs that come to weigh in that are dirty will be turned away. Market Lambs that come to Empire must have no more than 1" of wool and must be dry.

ALL eartags must, absolutely, be attached to the animal. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!!!! If any market steer, 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 2009 Health Requirements. **Read the Health Requirements on the CCE website or read the requirements on pages 3-5 of the County Fair Book for health regulations for each specie. It is your responsibility to meet the health regulations. The regulations will be enforced for the protection of all exhibitors. If you have questions contact the CCE Office. All cattle, sheep, swine, and goats exhibited at County Fair must have a valid certificate of Veterinary inspection (CVI). The CVI can be issued on or after May 1 of the current year. There are no exceptions. Contact your veterinarian to arrange for health papers.**

All sheep or goats exhibited at the Steuben County Fair must be identified with a legible scrapie identification number, metal Ag and Markets tags will not be accepted.

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 and signed 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 2009 Fair Season

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

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

For the 2009 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 – State Veterinarians

Goat – State Veterinarians

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.

ALL MARKET ANIMALS MUST BE TAGGED WITH GREEN 4-H TAGS BEFORE COMING TO EMPIRE FOR WEIGH IN. If you have not gotten your green tags, stop by the CCE Office and see Cindy or call 607-664-2561.

PLEASE READ YOUR FAIR BOOK:

Your Fair Book includes very important information regarding County Fair. 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 2009 Steuben County Fair!

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

All animal exhibitors must sign a Quality Assurance pledge before being allowed to show.

NO ANIMALS ARE TO ARRIVE AT THE FAIRGROUNDS ON SUNDAY!

Market Animal weigh in at Empire Livestock is only on Monday, August 11th from 8 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Dairy, livestock, poultry, rabbits and goats must be brought to the Fairgrounds Monday, August 17 from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. No animals may be unloaded or put in cages or barns until health papers have been checked. There will be no veterinarians on the fairgrounds after 5:00 p.m. on Monday so please plan accordingly.

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

Attention All Animal Exhibitors

IF YOU ARE SENDING ANIMALS TO THE FAIRGROUNDS BY A TRUCKER, HEALTH PAPERS MUST, MUST, MUST, ACCOMPANY THE ANIMALS ON THE TRUCK OR THE ANIMALS WILL BE SENT HOME. WE WILL NOT BE WAITING FOR YOU TO ARRIVE WITH THE HEALTH PAPERS, YOUR ANIMALS *WILL* BE SENT HOME.

Some Tips on Assuring Your Animal is Not Sent Home

Here are some comments made by Dr. Pepi Leids on possible reasons for sending animals home from the Fair.

1. Make sure you have the necessary paperwork and vaccinations found in the Steuben County Fairbook on pages 3-5 and on the CCE website at www.putknowledgetowork.com Make sure that all the identification matches and is legible including the tattoos.

2. **Warts** – even one little wart will warrant your animal being sent home.
3. **Ringworm**
- 4, **Mucus** – Any mucus from the nose that is yellow, white or green
5. **Hairy Hoof Warts or any sign of limping or sore feet**
6. **Any resemblance to Pink Eye** – even a bruise from trucking that could be pink eye – the worst will be assumed.
7. **For Sheep and Goats - any lesions characteristic of soremouth** and any sheep originating from the same flock are considered exposed and must be removed from the grounds. Goats and sheep without proper scrapie identification.

Some other tips include make sure you clip your animal before going to the fair. This gives you a good chance to thoroughly check your animals for any abnormalities. While at the fair, DO NOT share brushes, feed pails, water buckets or any other equipment. Sharing is good in certain areas, but it is a very good way to contract unwanted diseases so don't use others equipment.

If anyone has questions about the health requirements contact the CCE Office. If you have questions about a particular animal you can contact Pepi at 607-776-9721. She really does not like sending animals home and a little preparation avoids a lot of problems.

NEW: COUNTY FAIR 4-H EXHIBITOR OVERNIGHT POLICY



The 4-H Program Committee approved the following overnight policy:

Only exhibitors of animals at the Steuben County Fair can stay overnight and they must have parental approval to stay overnight on the grounds and must sign the permission slip and medical release form/code of conduct form. Please review the information below before completing your overnight fair application.

4-H Animal Science Exhibitors will also receive a separate letter that will include the overnight fair application. The overnight fair application must be turned in by 8:30 p.m. on Monday, August 17.

Boys and girls can sign up to stay in either the sheep/swine barn or the cement dairy barn (previously known as the open class dairy barn). Chaperones will be provided for these buildings and since these are co-ed the boys will be on one side and girls on the other side and there will be two chaperones(one for the boys and one for the girls.) Overnight accommodations will be on a first come-first serve basis, with priority given to youth needing to stay the night previous to a show.

4-H members staying overnight, even if you are exhibiting in open class are subject to 4-H Rules.

All 4-H members must be in the overnight housing by 10:00 p.m. 4-H members must be settled and quiet by 10:30 p.m. when lights will be out. The cots in the barns must be picked up at 9:00 a.m. each morning. 4-H members staying in the barns will not be allowed to bring the mattresses from the girls' dorm into the barns. 4-H

members must be courteous to chaperones, adults, and members. The barns will not be open until 6 a.m. Youth cannot leave their designated overnight housing before 6:00 a.m.

4-H members are not allowed to stay overnight if the required chaperons are not available. Chaperones are needed please complete the County Fair Volunteer Return Form by Monday, August 3 found in this issue or on the web or contact the CCE Office. Persons between 19 & 20 are permitted to serve as chaperones provided they are under the supervision of a chaperone at least 21 years of age. Chaperones must have an approved volunteer application on file with the CCE office.

4-H members will not be allowed to stay overnight in the pole type beef barn, rabbit barn or the goat barn (yellow barn). However, adult volunteers will be asked to serve as night watch people for the barn to monitor animals and property.

Members who decide not to stay overnight after filing an overnight permission form must submit a written note from their parents to the 4-H Fair Office indicating that they are taking them home for the night or if the 4-H member is moving from the barn to a camper space.

ANYONE DISOBEYING THESE RULES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STAY OVERNIGHT AND WILL BE SENT HOME AT THE 4-H FAMILIES EXPENSE, ALSO THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SHOW AND WILL FORFEIT THEIR PREMIUMS.

County Fair Showmanship

All 4-H members showing animals are required to show in a showmanship class unless you have won Master Showman for that species, see pages 23-24, or for poultry page 33, or for rabbit page 36 of the 2009 Fairbook. Exceptions may be granted by the 4-H staff or the staff's designated representative for extenuating circumstances (i.e your class for dairy showmanship and sheep showmanship are at the same time) and for the safety of exhibitors. If you do not show in a showmanship class and have not been excused from showing in showmanship you will forfeit your premiums for that species. You must show your own animal in showmanship.

Non-Owner Showmanship Classes

******4-H members participating in Non-Owner showmanship must have an entry form on file and it must have been entered by the fair deadline of July 13 in order to participate in this class.******* Non-Owner showmanship is open to 4-H members who **DO NOT** enter any other showmanship class for that specie and must show animal other than their own. **Previous winners of non-owner showmanship are ineligible to compete for that species again for 3 years.** There will be a limit of 10 participants in the Non-owner swine showmanship on a first come first serve basis.

Attention Market Chicken Exhibitors regarding 4-H Poultry Showmanship

If a 4-H member is only exhibiting market chickens he/she must participate in non-owner poultry showmanship borrowing another chicken or their county fair poultry premiums will be forfeited. If you do not have access to a bird to show for non-owner showmanship there will be birds designated for non-owner showmanship on Tuesday, August 18 in the poultry barn and those 4-H members who want to practice with that bird before the showmanship contest on Wednesday, August 19 at 9 a.m. will have the opportunity to do so. The questions for non-owner showmanship will not be breed specific.

Attention Swine Exhibitors

Exhibitors should not wear shorts or sandals while showing their swine. Clothing must be 4-H appropriate.

Attention Sheep Exhibitors

Exhibitors should not wear shorts or sandals while showing their sheep. Exhibitors of sheep should wear a white shirt and black pants or jeans. Clothing must be 4-H appropriate.

Attention Market Lamb, Market Goat and Market Swine Exhibitors

Lambs that are shown in the market lamb classes CANNOT be shown in the breeding sheep classes. Gilts shown in market classes CAN NOT be shown in breeding classes. Goats that are shown in the Market Goat Class CANNOT be shown in the breeding classes.

Attention Beef Exhibitors

Grade Beef has been changed to Commercial Beef in the fair book. This change allows exhibitors of grade beef cattle to enter all of the classes that are also available to registered cattle.

Attention Dairy Exhibitors

It is recommended that all 4-H dairy cattle exhibitors at the Steuben County Fair participate in the 4-H dairy judging contest on Tuesday, August 18 at 2:00 p.m. in the livestock judging pavilion

Whites are required for Dairy Showmanship. Also make sure you have a neck strap or properly fitted halter to secure your animals in the barn for the safety of everyone. NO sandals are to be worn while showing Dairy. Clothing must be 4-H appropriate.

Attention Dairy Goat Exhibitors

Whites are required for Dairy Goat Showmanship. NO sandals are to be worn while showing goats. Clothing must be 4-H appropriate.

Attention Meat Goat Exhibitors

Blue Jeans and an acceptable shirt are to be worn in showing Meat Goats. NO shorts or sandals are to be worn. Whites are discouraged when showing meat goats. Clothing must be 4-H appropriate.

4-H members entering Market Hogs and Market Lambs

4-H members that will be exhibiting Market Hogs and Market Lambs at the Steuben County Fair, please only enter the number of animals that you anticipate exhibiting. For example if you have identified 5 market hogs but only plan on exhibiting 3 market hogs then please only enter 3 market hogs on your county fair entry form. You will not need to indicate the exact animal identification number for the market hogs and market lambs on your entry form.

Attention Goat and Sheep Members

All Goats and Sheep must be identified by a legible registration tattoo or a USDA approved official identification tag. Official tags can be obtained from an accredited veterinarian or by contacting USDA at (518) 869-9007. **Metal Ag and Markets tags can no longer be used as scrapie identification.**

Attention Swine Members

If you are exhibiting a market hog or breeding swine, pigs must be identified with a metal eartag or ear notches.

Attention County Fair Rabbit Exhibitors

Rabbit exhibitors will be assigned cages for their rabbits. Erika Fillmore will be checking your rabbits in before they are allowed to be put in their cages.

If you are showing a purebred rabbit that has an “r” tattooed in its right ear then it is a rabbit registered with the American Rabbit Breeders Association. Therefore, you need to bring your registration paper to the fair. The registration paper must have the 4-H exhibitors name as the owner as of June 15, 2009 or before on the paper.

Meat Goat Information!

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

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

2009 Rules for Feeder Calves

Feeder “STEERS” must be born Jan. 1 2008 – June 1, 2009. Feeder Steers are not eligible for Championships.

Fair Orientation Meeting for Animal Exhibitors

There will be a Fair orientation meeting for 4-H animal exhibitors (except horse and dog) in the livestock-judging pavilion on **Monday, August 17 at 8:30 p.m.** This is an important meeting for **ALL** animal exhibitors. **Note - At this meeting you will need to hand in the list that will be in your exhibitors packet listing your classes with any scratches you may have.**

4-H Livestock Sale

The 37th Annual 4-H and F.F.A. Livestock Sale will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, August 21. Market Poultry, and Rabbit will be sold at 5:30 p.m. and the Steers will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by the market lambs, market hogs and market goats. Please help promote the sale and the efforts of members developing animals for the sale. To receive a sale brochure contact the CCE Office or visit the website at www.cce.cornell.edu/steuben and click on 4-H youth Development.

ALL MARKET ANIMALS MUST BE TAGGED WITH GREEN 4-H TAGS BEFORE COMING TO EMPIRE FOR WEIGH IN. If you have not gotten your green tags, stop by the CCE Office and see Cindy.

Attention Waterfowl Exhibitors

All waterfowl at the Steuben County Fair must be leg banded for identification purposes.

Attention County Fair Horse Exhibitors

County Fair Horse Show Schedule

Monday, August 17 at 9:00 a.m. Classes 1-37

Tuesday, August 18 at 9 a.m. Classes 38-52 (Fitting and Showmanship, Trail, Costume, and Games) will be judged. Fitting and Showmanship will be held in the practice ring. Games will start after Dressage is concluded in the horse ring. Dressage Classes 53-55 will start at 9:30 in the horse ring.

Dairy Products ID Contest

There will be a dairy products ID contest at County Fair this year. It will include dairy products from many sources and in many forms. Come and see how many products you can identify. It will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 22 in the 4-H Youth Building.

Steuben County Exhibits at State Fair

Steuben County 4-H exhibits will be on display at the State Fair from, **Friday, September 4 through Monday, September 7.**

Help may be needed to transport exhibits to Syracuse on Thursday, September 3 late afternoon and also return exhibits released on Monday, September 7. Each driver will receive entrance to the State Fair and a parking pass. Why not help out 4-H and stay and enjoy the State Fair? Children under 12 are admitted free to the State Fair. If you are able to help with transport of exhibits such as vegetables, flowers, woodworking, crafts, etc., on September 3rd or 7th, please contact Kim at the CCE Office at 607-664-2306 or email at ksb3@cornell.edu



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State Fair 4-H Animal Science Entries

4-H members who are interested in exhibiting their project animals at the New York State Fair cannot wait until County Fair to decide. **State Fair entries must be received to the Cooperative Extension Office by Monday, July 27 and the entries can be found at <http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/index.html>.** The NY State Fair book is online this year for downloading on the State Fair website at <http://www.nysfair.org/competitions>. You are encouraged to download the book. **There is currently a link from the Steuben County Web Site to the New York State Fair website.** If you are unable to download them copies can be made of the requested pages.

Dog and Horse Exhibitors please note: For dog and horse members, Steuben County 4-H members must be selected to participate in the New York State Fair 4-H Dog and Horse Show because we are limited to the number

of participants that can attend. For the New York State Fair Dog Show, 4-H members will be selected to attend during Dog Obedience Graduation on July 11. For horse members, selection will be based on the points they have earned at the qualifying shows. **4-H'ers interested in participating in the 4-H Horse Show at State Fair should turn into the CCE Office a state fair request with a State Fair entry form by July 17. These forms will be available at the July 11th & 12th Qualifying Show.**

State 4-H Livestock Contests that you can take part in that do not require you to take an animal;

GOATS

4-H Goat Knowledge Olympics
4-H Goat Products Identification Contest
4-H State Goat Bowl
4-H State Dairy Goat Judging Contest
4-H Meat Goat Project Record Review – must bring your records

SHEEP

4-H Sheep Quiz Bowl

SWINE

Empire Market Hog Contest B Division – must have done a market hog project at County Level and completed a record. Empire Market Hog project booklets are available at the CCE Office.

GENERAL LIVESTOCK – to participate in the following contest the 4-H member must have taken part in County Level activities. Information is available at the CCE Office if you are interested in these contests.

4-H Livestock Skillathon Contest
4-H Livestock Judging Contest

Consider taking part in one of these contests as it will let you spend a day at the fair, and you can add points to your project completion.

State 4-H small animal contests that you can take part in that do not require you to take an animal:

Poultry Science – Friday, September 4, 9:30 a.m. registration

Avian Bowl – Friday, September 4, 3:00 p.m. Jr. and Sr. immediately following

Rabbit Science Decathlon & Cavy Science Decathlon – Sunday, September 6, 9 a.m.

2009 Empire Market Hog Participants

The Empire Market Hog Booklets have been updated to reflect the new 2 points added for getting a sponsor. Books are available at the CCE Office.



Past Events

District Public Presentations 2009

Finger Lakes District Public Presentations were held on Saturday, April 4, 2009 in Canandaigua. One hundred 4-H youth participated from the following counties Cayuga, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne, and Yates giving presentations on a multitude of topics.

Steuben County 4-H Presenters were: Becky Bidlack, Kaitlin Bidlack, Charlie Coley, Blaine Knoll, Brandon Knoll, Danita McClure, Adam Mitchell, Meiling Norfolk, Steven Quanz, Brianna Sick, Paxton Surprenant, Samantha Towner, Brittany Washburn.



The following were awarded a gold 4-H medallion as a Top Presenter for District Public Presentations: Kaitlin Bidlack, Blaine Knoll, Adam Mitchell, Meiling Norfolk

The following were chosen for the Judge’s Choice Award: Charlie Coley, Brandon Knoll, Adam Mitchell.

Evaluators representing Steuben County were: Johanna Schwingel, Sue Schwingel and Julee Acomb

Clothing Revue 2009

“Sewing Around the May Pole” was the theme of the 2009 Clothing Revue held at the Civil Defense Center on May 1st. These are the 4-Hers chosen to attend the NYS Fair Clothing Revue and the alternates.

Front row L to R: Steven Quanz, Kyle Warner; Middle Row: Brianna Sick, Sarah Wolcott, Denise Schubmehl, Karli Mulford, Adrienne Kiesl, Laura Becker, Amy Fairbrother, Jessika McCombs; Back Row: Emily Lyons, Sarah Warner.



Check the website for more information and pictures.

2009 National Swine Picture Judging Contest

The results of the 2009 National Swine Picture Judging Contest have been announced. The contest involved judging Hampshire, Duroc, Landrace, Yorkshire, and Crossbred boars, gilts and market hogs. Listed below are the 2009 Steuben County 4-H results.

Seniors

1. Austin Harvey Country Bunch 368

Juniors

1. Kylie Harvey Country Bunch 313

2. Matt Stewart Country Bunch 275

Country Bunch 1st