



Steuben County

4-H Steubenite



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January/February/March 2011

4-H Clothing Revue



2011 4-H Clothing Revue
Friday, May 6, 2011
Avoca Central School
7:30 p.m.
Everyone Is Welcome!



Area evaluations are scheduled for 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 6 - North Cohocton Methodist Church
Wednesday, April 20 - 4-H Office, County Office Building, Bath

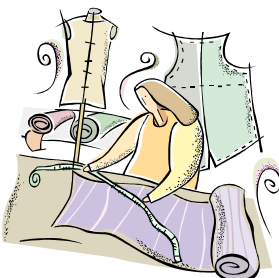
Please Note

Times for Arrival:

Seniors: 6:15 - 6:45 p.m. - Arrival for re-evaluation

Juniors: 7:00 p.m. to get registered

Clothing Revue begins at 7:30 p.m.



Friends and Family are encouraged to attend!!!!



Upcoming Event

January

- January 1 – Ownership Deadline for Market Beef and Dairy Steers
- January 3 – Happy New Year, CCE Office Closed
- January 4 – Prior 4-H Members must be re-enrolled to participate in the 2011 Steuben County Fair.
- January 4 – Dairy Quiz Bowl and Dairy Judging interest form due to the CCE Office
- January 4 – Horse Bowl & Hippology practices begin, dates TBD
- January 7 – Registration due for the 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Program
- January 10 - Market Beef and Dairy Steer I.D./Ownership Forms due to CCE Office by 4:30 p.m.
- January 17 - CCE Office Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- January 17 - 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m., County Office Bldg
- January 24 - 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m., County Office Bldg
- January 31 - 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program, County Office Bldg, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

February

- February 1 – Entries due to NSR and to CCE Office for NSR Swine Picture Judging Contest.
- February 7 - 4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program, County Office Bldg, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
- February 11 – Lincoln’s Birthday, CCE Office Open
- February 11 – Registration Due for Ag Careers Camp on February 26, in Ontario County
- February 14 - 4-H Tractor & Machinery Operation Certification Program, County Office Bldg, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
- February 15 – NYS 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Deadline – www.nys4hfoundation.org

- February 17 – 4-H Fair Committee Meeting 7 p.m., CCE Learning Center
- February 17 – 4-H Program Advisory Committee Meeting, 7:45 p.m., CCE Learning Center
- February 18 – Public Presentation registration due for February 26
- February 20 – JP’s North Tack Auction and Sale., Empire Livestock, Bath, NY 1:00 p.m.
- February 21 – CCE OFFICE CLOSED
President’s Day
- February 21 - 4-H Tractor & Machinery Operation Certification Program, County Office Bldg, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
- February 25 - 27 – NYS 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training, Saratoga County
- February 26 - General Public Presentations, County Office Bldg, Bath 9-noon & 1:00-4:00, Horse Public Presentations, County Office

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

4-H Program Committee

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Loree Symonds, 4-H Program Educator
Cindy Messinger, 4-H Program Educator

Bldg, Bath 1:00-4:00

February 26 – Ag Careers Camp, Into the Laboratory
in Ontario County

February 26 & 27 – Horse Expo Award Trip,
Harrisburg, PA

February 28 - 4-H Tractor & Machinery Operation Certification Program, County Office Bldg, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

February 27 – March 2 – NYS Capital Days Award Trip, Albany

March

TBA – Hoard’s Dairyman Judging Contest Deadline

March 1 – Registration due for Ag Careers Camp on April 9th.

March 6 or 13 TBA 4-H Tractor & Machinery Operation Certification Program, (driving test) location,
1 - 4 p.m.

March 7 or 14 - 4-H Tractor & Machinery Operation Certification Program, Written Test, County Office Bldg,
7:30 -9:30 pm

March 11 – Pheasant Chick Order Due to CCE Office

March 12 -4-H Expo, Mid Lakes School, Phelps/Clifton Springs School District 9:00-2:00.

March 13 – 19 – National Ag Week <http://www.agday.org>.

March 15 – Entry and payment NYS 4-H Shooting Sports Championship Registration Due

March 17 – 4-H Fair Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m. CCE Learning Center

March 17 – 4-H Program Advisory Committee meeting, 7:45 p.m. CCE Learning Center

March 19 – March Dog Madness, www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/dogs/MarchDogMadness/index.html

March 19 – Finger Lakes District Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest, CCE Ontario, Canandaigua

March 19 – Region II Horse Extravaganza, Mid Lakes School, Phelps/Clifton Springs School District

March 21-25 - National Ag Week and New York Ag Literacy Week

March 25-26 – Dairy Discovery Award Trip, Cornell University

March 26 – District Public Presentations and Region II Horse Communications at Livonia

April

TBA – 4-H Spring Garden Meeting

April 6 - Clothing Evaluations, North Cohocton

April 9 – Ag Careers Camp, Cornell University

April 15 – 17 – STARR Retreat

April 15 -17 – NYS 4-H Shooting Sports Championship, Broome County

April 20 – Clothing Evaluations, CCE Office

April 22 – Earth Day

April 30 – NYS 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest, Cornell University

TBD Market Chicken Orders Due to CCE Office

May

May TBD– NYS Animal Crackers @ Cornell University

May 1 – First day to get Animal Health Certificates for all NYS Fairs including Steuben County

DO NOT WAIT!

May 2 – **New Members** must be enrolled to participate in 2011 County Fair

May 2 – Registration Due for Ag Careers Camp on May 14

May 6 - 4-H Clothing Revue, Avoca

May 14 – NYS Animal Crackers (Horse and Goat), Cornell University

May 14 – Tentative County Dairy Judging Tour

May 14 – Ag Careers Camp, Environmental Science, Livingston County

May 27 – Coggins, Rabies, Horse Certificates, and June Horse Show Entries Due to CCE OFFICE by 4:30 p.m.

May 27 – 2011 Steuben County Horse Show Educational Requirement Deadline

May 30 – Memorial Day – CCE Office Closed

Office News

New in 2011:

All Steuben County Fair Premiums will be withheld for the following reasons;

- 1. Removing exhibits, including animals, from fairgrounds before release time or without written consent.**
- 2. Adults preparing 4-H exhibits for that the youth will be exhibiting. This includes any preparation of animal exhibits. Please note previous 4-H policy, (Preparation of all 4-H exhibits is expected to be done by the 4-H member. “Parents or supervising adults may assist only to the extent necessary to insure the safety of the exhibitor or the exhibit.”**
- 3. Not adhering to the “Code of Conduct” and “Overnight Policy” which includes sleeping in 4-H appropriate, Adult supervised areas only.**
- 4. If exhibits are not picked up by 11:00 a.m. on Monday following the Fair.**

Please Note 4-H 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.

Checking The Web!

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

International Dinner

Steuben County 4-H families are invited to participate with Chemung, Schuyler, and Tioaga County in the International Dinner **Saturday, January 15th, 6:00pm at the 4-H building at the Chemung County Fairgrounds, Horseheads, NY.** Bring your favorite dish from another country. Share information about that country and dish. Please RSVP to Chemung County CCE Office by Monday, January 10th at 607-734-4453 or email Bernadette Raupers at bir2@cornell.edu.

Food, Land and People Training

Food, Land & People is a nonprofit organization committed to helping people of all ages better understand the interrelationships among agriculture, the environment, and people of the world. Food, Land & People's science- and social sciences-based curriculum, *Resources for Learning*, currently serves Pre-K to 12th grade students throughout the United States. The curriculum consists of 55 hands-on lessons, developed and tested by more than a thousand educators. The subjects range from environmental science and stewardship to human populations and land use issues. 20 of the lessons are available in Spanish. FLP's mission is to develop citizens literate about the relationships between agriculture, the environment, and human populations. As of 12/31/06, 30,292 educators have been trained to use Food, Land & People's lessons in twenty-seven states. It is estimated that they have reached over 6.5 million students since 1998. Food, Land & People has pioneered an innovative dissemination model based on state coalition building and facilitator training workshops. Twenty-seven state coalitions are currently introducing Resources for Learning to educators. Food, Land & People's goal is to have coalitions formed in all 50 states by 2008. New York Agriculture in the Classroom is the state affiliate agency for Food, Land, and People in New York. We have aligned the 55 lessons with New York State Learning Standards in all curriculum areas.

Food, Land & People Trainings coming up in January.

Date: January 20th

Location: Chemung County CCE
425 Pennsylvania Ave
Elmira, NY

Time: 4:30pm – 9:00pm

Contact: Elaine Noble
607-743-4453
emn9@cornell.edu

Date: January 25th

Location: Wayne County CCE
1581 Route 88N
Newark, NY

Time: 9:00am-2:00pm

Contact: Barb Sturm
585-343-3040 (ext. 122)
bbs28@cornell.edu

I hope that some of you can attend these fun, hands-on workshops. Remember you will walk away with:

- The FLP CD-ROM – 55 lessons aligned to NYS Learning Standards
- 5 hours NYS Professional Development Credit
- LOTS of other materials from NYAITC.

Learn more about FLP at www.nyaged.org/aitc/resources/flp.htm



Winter Regional 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Trainer Workshop February 25-27, Saratoga County

The New York, Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey and Vermont 4-H Shooting Sports Programs' Annual Winter Workshop will certify volunteer leaders as 4-H Shooting Sports Instructors. The workshop will be held on **Friday, February 25 at 6 p.m – Sunday February 27 at 2:30 p.m.** The workshop will be held at the **Saratoga County 4-H Training Center**, 556 Middle Line Road, Ballston Spa, NY. **Registration is due to Saratoga County by February 21, 2011.** For a registration form contact CCE-Steuben or www.putknoughtowork.com. The Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County 4-H van will be used to carpool.



The workshop will feature the following disciplines (based on a minimum enrollment of five participants): **Air Pistol, Archery, Air Pistol, Archery, Coordinator, Living History, Muzzle Loading, Rifle, and Shotgun.** Adults will be certified to teach the applicable discipline to youth participating in formal 4-H Shooting Sports Programs and in camp situations. Each state maintains its own standards for certification that may exceed those established by the National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee. Participants will be able to complete requirements in only one discipline. All equipment will be supplied. The workshop adheres to all National 4-H Shooting Sports curriculum standards.

Shooting is one of the safest recreational activities and a lifetime hobby. Each participant works to become more proficient by setting their own standards for excellence. Most of all, shooting is fun for the whole family. A major focus of the workshop will be club development.

The workshop is for those currently involved in 4-H Shooting Sports and those interested in becoming instructors. Teen leaders are welcome and will be recognized as Junior Leaders in this project area. Steuben County youth must have completed one of the Steuben County 4-H Youth Archery Courses and be recommended to become a Jr. Instructor. For more information contact the CCE-Steuben office. We encourage participation, regardless of gender or physical challenges. Our goal is to involve people who are interested in teaching young people how to shoot safely and to help them learn about our natural environment. This workshop will certify that individuals are trained to be an instructor. A volunteer application must be on file with the CCE-Steuben office in order to attend this training.

A minimum of 14 hours training will be done the 4-H way- "**Learning By Doing**".

Cost: The registration fee is \$75.00 for 4-H volunteers and 4-H camp staff. All other costs are supported through the efforts of the New York State 4-H Shooting Sports Committee and supportive donors. Registration includes materials and meals. Lodging is on your own; however, overnight accommodations may be available for those traveling from out of the area. County/regional teams are the first priority. There may be items to purchase and one of the highlights of the workshop is the Saturday evening auction. You are encouraged to bring one or more auction items!

For more information, contact William M. Schwerd, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Saratoga County, at (518) 885-8995 or by e-mail at wms4@cornell.edu. Additional information may also be obtained from John Bowe at (518) 623-3291 or by e-mail at jfb32@cornell.edu. Visit us online at www.NYS4HShootingSports.org



New York State 4-H Shooting Sports Championship

The **2011 New York State 4-H Shooting Sports Championship** will be held in **Broome County on April 15th, 16th, & 17th, 2011**. For more information including the rules and entry form for the 2011 NYS 4-H Shooting Sports Championship Shoot contact Kim at the CCE Office. Registration with payment is due by March 15.

Agricultural Career Camp

This series of Saturday meetings are aimed for any young adult, 7th - 12th grade, who is interested in knowing more about the agricultural industry and careers in the industry. Cost is \$10.00 per session, with lunch and snacks provided. Start time is 9:00 a.m. and we will be finished by 3:00 p.m. Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H Programs in the five county region are sponsoring a series of one-day agricultural career 'camps'. Additional details will be provided after your registration is received.

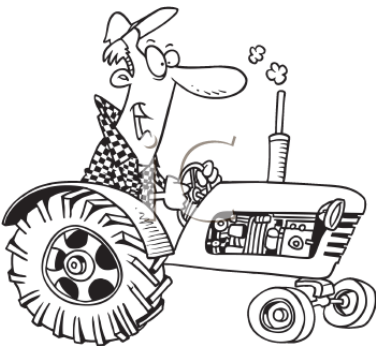
3rd Session, February 5, 2011 hosted by Wayne County but held in Genesee County -Greenhouse and Gears

4th Session February 26 in Ontario County – Into the Laboratory

5th Session April 9, 2011 Cornell University Vet School Open House, Department Tours

6th Session May 14, 2011 - in Livingston County – Environmental Science Register by May 2nd.

4-H Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Program Offered



Youth who will be 14 and over as of March 1, 2011 can take the course for certification. Participants who want to earn their certification must pass both the written exam and the driving test. The cost for this course is \$15.00 for 4-H members to cover the cost of materials and is payable to CCE by Friday, January 7th with the enclosed registration form or the registration form that can be found on the website at www.putknowledgetowork.com and click on 4-H Youth Development and then click on other programs or by contacting Cornell Cooperative Extension at 607-664-2300.

Non 4-H members are eligible to take this course but in addition they will need to complete a 4-H enrollment form as an independent member by Friday, January 7 which is found on the above website and pay the \$5.00 4-H enrollment fee.

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

1. The youth is employed, either with or without compensation, by their parents or legal guardian, or
2. The youth 14-15 years old has a training certificate which provides an exemption from certain hazardous work activities.

3. The Tractor and Machinery Operation Program allows for youth under the age of 16 who successfully completes the program to engage in agricultural work activities below if they are 14-15 despite the fact the activities are listed as "agricultural work activities classified as hazardous for youth under 16".

Tractor Operation - This training allows youth who successfully complete requirements to: operate a tractor over 20 PTO horsepower, or connect or disconnect an implement or any of its parts to or from such a tractor.

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

The schedule for the course is as follows:

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

Mondays, January 17, 24, 31 - 7:30 p.m.– 9:30 p.m., Steuben County Office Building

Mondays, February 7, 14, 21, 28 - 7:30 p.m.– 9:30 p.m., Steuben County Office Building

Monday, March 7 (written test) or March 14 (written test date if one of the above sessions end up being cancelled due to weather) 7:30 – 9:30 p.m., Steuben County Office Building

Tentative Sunday March 6 or 13 TBA (driving test) location to be announced 1- 4 p.m.



Dairy Quiz Bowl

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

Age of contestants is as of January 1, 2011.

Novice Contest

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

Junior Contest

9 years to 13 years old

Senior Contest

14 years to 18 years old.

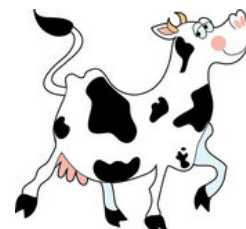
Dairy Quiz Bowl Schedule Location TBA – Jan. – March (5 practice sessions)

Saturday, March 19 Finger Lakes District Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest, CCE Ontario County, Canandaigua

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

If you are interested in participating in Dairy Quiz Bowl please return the interest form found on the web at www.putknowledgetowork.com by Tuesday, January 4, 2011. If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering as a coach please contact Kim at 607-664-2306 or at ksb3@cornell.edu.

Many 4-H dairy members have enjoyed Dairy Quiz Bowl so plan to be a part of the 2011 Dairy Quiz Bowl.



Dairy Judging

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

Who can attend cow college? Any 4-H member and their parent, grandparent, leader, etc. who is interested in learning how to dairy judge. Please NOTE: **Cloverbud members 5-7 years old** (as of January 1, 2011) who are interested in learning how to dairy judge may participate **only if they are accompanied at all times by a responsible adult who is at least 21 years old who will be staying with them the entire time.**

Where is cow college held? Cow college is held in the barn at different farms around the county (dress warm and wear appropriate foot wear because you will be in the barn or at times outside depending on the weather!)

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

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

What happens after the five (5) cow colleges? There is a county dairy judging tour in May (Tentatively May 14). 4-H families (4-H members including cloverbuds and adults) are encouraged to judge. There will be several judging trips throughout the summer that selected 4-H members will be invited to attend. 4-H members can participate in the Dairy Judging Contest at the Steuben County Fair. There is the State Dairy Judging Contest at the NYS Fair where 4-H members (8-18 years old) will be selected as members of the 3 possible Steuben County Teams:

A Team – 4-H members will need to give oral reasons as part of the contest.

B Team – 4-H members will not give oral reasons as part of the contest.

C Team – youth 8-10 as of January 1, 2011 or any youth 13 and under as of January 1, 2011 who have not previously competed in the dairy judging contest at the State Fair. 4-H members will not give oral reasons as part of the contest.

Dairy Judging Schedule Dates and Locations to be announced (5 Saturdays 1-3 p.m. Feb. – April)

Many 4-H members have enjoyed dairy judging so plan to be a part of the 2011 dairy judging program.

If you are interested in participating in Dairy Judging please return the please return the interest form found on the web at www.putknowledgetowork.com by Tuesday, January 4, 2011.

4-H Horse Quiz Bowl & Hippology

If you are interested in participating as a member or a coach in either or both programs please contact Jenny Groen at jmg422@cornell.edu or at 607-664-2312.



4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest – deadline February 1, 2011

Open to 4-H members. The topic is: “U.S. Honey: A Taste for Every Preference” Entries are due by February 1, 2011 to **CCE 4-H Youth Development, ATTN: BEEKEEPING ESSAY CONTEST, 340 Roberts Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853**. Essays will be judged on Scope of research, accuracy, creativity, conciseness and logical development for the topic. For more information visit www.putknowledgetowork.com

Maple Weekend

For a perfect family outing the NYS Maple Producers Association presents the 15th Annual Maple Weekends on Sat. March 19 and Sun., March 20, 2011 and on Sat., March 26 and Sun., March 27 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Please check with individual producers for specific dates. For detailed maps and information go to www.mapleweekend.com Weather plays a large part in the making of maple syrup. Maple Weekend will take place regardless of the weather. Please dress accordingly; it will be muddy at many of the sugar houses; come and enjoy the day.



STARR (State Teen Action Rep Retreat)

The **State Teen Action Rep Retreat** is a three-day fun-filled event where 4-H teens, ages 13 – 19, participate in a variety of workshops and activities meant to challenge, excite and further develop life skills. STARR Program is open to all NYS 4-H Teens and their adult chaperones. STARR will be held **April 15-17, 2010 at the New York State Fair/4-H Youth Building, Syracuse, NY**. Lindsey Draper, Independent member, and Rachael Draper are members of the 2011 STARR Planning Committee. A maximum of four Steuben County youth will be selected to attend the 2011 STARR as an award trip but other teens may attend if they pay the registration fee. **The registration fee is \$75 per person which covers lodging, meals, and workshop supplies and will need to be paid to CCE-Steuben in March with your workshop choices. If you are interested in participating contact Kim at ksb3@cornell.edu or at 607-664-2306 (messages can be left after hours)** so that when more information is available she can get it to you. The CCE-Steuben 4-H van will be used for to provide transportation if there is enough interest. Kim will need to complete your online registration including your top four workshop choices and online registrations. It is encouraged to have delegates spread out so that each county has teens/adults in a variety of workshops, rather than having everyone from one county sign up for all the same workshops. If you think about it, taking part in a variety of workshops provides a powerhouse of teens and adults prepared to return to the county to share skills ad knowledge gained at STARR.

Expectations for Youth and Adults:

- Every county planning to send teens will be expected to provide Adult chaperone(s)
- Everyone (youth and adults) is expected to participate in all activities.
- There will be some adult/teen specific workshops.
- Adults will be expected to assist with activities and events throughout the weekend.

- Individual county groups are asked to provide nutritious snacks and bottled water for distribution throughout the event. (e.g. fruit, carrots, celery, peppers, chips and salsa, cheese & crackers)
- Individual counties are asked to create a Banner or Poster to present during County Roll Call as part of Opening Assembly. Banner or Poster will be displayed through the STARR event.

For more information check out the website: <http://sp.nys4h.cce.cornell.edu/events/Pages/STARR.aspx>

2011 Spring Tree Sale

Steuben County Soil and Water Conservation District is offering an opportunity to order tree seedlings and transplants. These Bare Root Plants are offered for Conservation Planting.

All orders, including payment, will be due the end of March TBA and must be received to Steuben County Soil and Water Conservation, 415 West Morris Street, Bath 14810.



Trees and wildlife packets must be picked-up mid April TBA on at the District Maintenance Building located on Mt. Washington (County Route 113), Bath. Members are responsible for arranging for pick-up of their orders.

To receive an order form or for more information contact Soil and Water Conservation at 776-7398, Ext. 3.

Dog Obedience & Rally Show ‘N Go

On **Saturday, January 1, 2011 from 11 a.m – 2 p.m.** there will be a Dog Obedience and Rally Show ‘N Go hosted by the Ontario County Canine Companions 4-H Club as a community service project, with the proceeds to be donated to the Ontario County Humane Society. The show will be held at the **Boom Towne Canine Campus, Farmington, NY**. In the Training Arena. Please enter through the single glass door on the right, not through the main reception lobby for the boarding facility. The phone number is 55-39-3647 and the website is www.boomtowne.com All show & go arrangements are being handled by the Ontario County Canine Companions 4-H Club. Please do not contact Boom Towne other than for direction or in case of emergency. \$7 first run for each dog and \$5 each additional run with same dog and \$3 additional sits & downs. 4-H youth discount: \$3 each run. Get the new year off to a good start – have some fun with your dog! There will be 3 rings for obedience and 1 rally ring with nested courses. The judges include utility: Sue Pettie, Open and Novice: TBA, Beginners: 4-H leaders and Rally: Penny Haynes. The Ontario County Canine Companion 4-H members will be ring stewards. There is room for crating inside. Non-crumby food & toys allowed in the ring.

Complimentary coffee, tea & cocoa will be provided. Think Green - please bring your own refillable mug! Snacks and lunch will be available at a nominal price.

Driving directions:

From the west: NYS Thruway to Exit 44 Canandaigua. Drive south on Route 332 and at the 2nd light turn left (east) onto Route 96. At the 1st light turn right onto Beaver Creek Road then right into Boom Towne.



From the east: NYS Thruway to Exit 43 Manchester/Shortsville. Bear to the right, going south on Route 21 for

approx. 100 yards. At the light turn right (west) onto Route 96. Drive approx. 8 miles, the 1st light after Finger Lakes race track/gaming will be Beaver Creek Road. Turn left onto Beaver Creek then right into Boom Towne.

For registration form or more information go to www.putknowledgetowork.com under dog. Pre-registration is encouraged as they will assign everyone 10 minute time slots, but they will accept day of registrations. Any questions contact Susan Clickner at sclickner_dw@hotmail.com.

March Dog Madness Adult and Teen Leader Training

All interested adult and teen leaders are invited to attend this one day information packed program on **March 19, 2011 at Cornell University from 9 am – 3 pm**. Registrations will be taken on a **first-come-first served basis** with the registration fee. **There will be a limit of 20 people per concurrent workshop**. If you are interested in attending contact Kim at ksb3@cornell.edu or at 607-664-2306 (leave a message even after hours) and when the information becomes available she will let you know. Information and registration forms will be on the NYS 4-H Dog program website at <http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/4H/dogs/MarchDogMadness/index.html> after the 1st of the year.

The 111th Christmas Bird Count

Citizen Science in Action

Tuesday, December 14, 2010 to Wednesday, January 5, 2011

From December 14, 2010 through January 5, 2011, tens of thousands of volunteers throughout the Americas will take part in an adventure that has become a family tradition among generations. Families and students, birders and scientists, armed with binoculars, bird guides and checklists will head out on an annual mission - often before dawn. For over one hundred years, the desire to both make a difference and to experience the beauty of nature has driven dedicated people to leave the comfort of a warm house in the middle of winter.

Each of the citizen scientists who brave snow, wind, or rain, to take part in the Christmas Bird Count make an enormous contribution to conservation. Audubon and other organizations use data collected in this longest-running wildlife census to assess the health of bird populations - and to help guide conservation action.

From feeder-watchers and field observers to count compilers and regional editors, everyone who takes part in the Christmas Bird Count does it for love of birds and the excitement of friendly competition -- and with the knowledge that their efforts are making a difference for science and bird conservation. Find www.birdsource.org and click on Christmas Bird Count.

The Great Backyard Bird Count

The Great Backyard Birds Count is **February 18-21, 2011**. This annual four-day event engages bird watchers of all ages in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of where the birds are across the continent. Anyone can participate, from beginning bird watchers to experts. It takes as little as 15 minutes on one or more of the count days or you can count for as long as you like each day of the event, anywhere they like. It's free, fun, and easy—and it **helps the birds**. **Then they enter their counts on the Great Backyard Bird Count web site**. For more information visit www.birdsource.org/gbbc The Great Backyard Bird Count is lead by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and National Audubon Society, with sponsorship from Wild Birds Unlimited. As tallies pour in from around the United States and Canada, everyone can watch the results in real time. Visit their special page for kids.



Garden Websites of interest

Visit the Garden-Based Learning website at www.hort.cornell.edu/gbl for the resources for volunteers and parents working with children and youth. Visit www.thebulbproject.org for creative activities to teach science, art, history, math and more.



2011 Vegetable Varieties List and Websites

The 2011 selected list of Vegetable Varieties for Gardeners in New York State is available online at <http://www.gardening.cornell.edu/vegetables/vegvar.pdf> or contact the CCE Office for a copy. Vegetable varieties listed in this report should be well adapted for New York State home garden use, offer relatively high quality, be dependable, possess disease and insect resistance when possible, and have a relatively long harvest period. It is recognize that varieties not listed here may be satisfactory or even perform better under certain conditions.

Vegetable Varieties for Gardeners in New York State Website

Visit <http://vegvariety.cce.cornell.edu/> for detailed descriptions and seed sources of more than 5,000 vegetable varieties including those listed in Vegetable Varieties for Gardeners in New York State List. Compare varieties, read ratings and reviews by fellow gardeners. And offer your own observations of which varieties perform best in your garden.

Choose Health Update

Did your club choose a **Choose Health Officer** for the year? If you didn't you can still do it. See the insert in this issue for each month's theme and challenge for 4-H families. This insert will also be on the 4-H website under the "Choose Health" section.

January's family challenge: Have more un-plugged fun by limiting screen time! Be a Healthy Family! Look for ways your family can have active unplugged fun together!

February: Enjoy Winter Fun by playing outside at least once a week. Bundle up to take advantage of our winter wonderland!

March: Take a walk with a buddy every week! The family that walks together really goes places.

4-H Expo

4-H Expo, a day of workshops and activities for 4-H leaders, parents and 4-H members of all ages is being held on Saturday, March 12, 2011 at Midlakes Central School from 9:00-2:00. There will be workshops in many 4-H project areas such as natural resources, environmental education, nutrition and foods, animal science, horse, dog, textiles and clothing crafts, and club management. The workshops are assigned a learning level so the classes will be fun for the age it was intended. 4-H leaders can attend any workshop so they can gain new project ideas. The brochure with the class descriptions and sign-up sheet will be sent to each club organizational leader and independent families in January, so watch for be watching for it. It will also be posted on the web.

Public Presentation Workshop

Steuben County 4-H families are invited to participate with Chemung, Schuyler, and Tioaga County **Saturday, January 15th 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm at the 4-H building at the Chemung County Fairgrounds, Horseheads, NY**. Learn the ins and outs of public presentations. After the workshop, stay for the International Dinner. Please RSVP to Chemung County CCE Office by Monday, January 10th at 607-734-4453 or email Bernadette Raupers at bir2@cornell.edu.



February 2011 Public Presentations

When former 4-H members are asked what helped them the most in preparing for their adult years, the answer was doing public presentations. The reason for this is that it prepared them to organize information and be able to get up in front of a group at work, in the community or at a club meeting and feel comfortable. With this in mind the 4-H Program Advisory Committee decided that everyone in 4-H should do a presentation each year at the club or county level. Remember, a 4-Her's total involvement in 4-H is considered when selecting for certain award and award trips.

ALL 4-H members (non-cloverbud) ages 8 and up as of January 1, 2011 are required to participate in the public presentation program either at the club level or the county level. Cloverbud members are strongly encouraged to do a presentation but it is not mandatory. **To receive club level credit you will be presenting at a club meeting and one of your leaders in the club will need to complete the club level presentation evaluation. A club level presentation does not qualify you to attend the public presentation award trip status and does not make a 4-H member eligible to be selected to participate in district presentations. Independent members are still required to give a public presentation and it can be given to relatives and friends and have a parent complete the club level presentation evaluation form. You must complete a county presentation to be eligible to attend the public presentation award trip and to be eligible to be selected to participate in district public presentations.**

If you do not give a public presentation at the club or county level then you do not receive a project completion sticker on your year certificate AND the club does not receive 100% completion.

County Presentations will be held on Saturday, February 26, 2011, Steuben County Office Building

General Presentations: All topics except horse. Time 9 a.m. – Noon & 1:00-4:00 pm

Horse Presentations: All presentations with a horse topic. Time 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. only

Registrations are due Friday, February 18, 2011 and a registration form is included in this issue or visit the web at www.putknnowledgetowork.com or contact the CCE Office.

Information on preparing a public presentation and the evaluation forms for the various types of presentations was given to leaders in the registration packet and is also on the web at www.putknnowledgetowork.com. If an individual or a club would like help with any part of the public presentations process please contact the CCE office. Arrangements can be made to give you or your club the help that is needed.

Horse Members please note – Horse members must participate in one county level or beyond Horse Educational Event (i.e. Public presentations, Horse Quiz Bowl, Hippology, or Horse Judging). Club level presentations are accepted if you turn in an outline of your presentation with your evaluation sheet (**Horse members will only receive credit towards showing if they give a public presentation on a horse related topic**); or attend alternate “educational” events (i.e. Animal Crackers, Cornell University on May 14, 2011) and do a one-page written report on what they saw and learned to receive educational **credit to be eligible to participate in any Steuben County 4-H Horse Show.**

Summer General Public Presentation Day – The summer public presentation event will be in the Youth Building at the Steuben County Fair on **Wednesday, August 17, 2011 on any topic**. This will also include the “Produced in New York” presentations. You will receive county credit for this but you will not be eligible for the Public Presentation Award trip since tickets would already have been ordered and you would not be eligible to be selected for the district contest since it would have already occurred.

“Before a group you speak with ease, you can put ideas across, it’s a breeze. Because you have learned to organize what to do and say, planned ahead and practiced before the big day. With poise and self confidence you smile at the evaluator. It’s a public presentation you have done, and it’s a life skill you have won!” – Source Cornell Cooperative Extension of Cayuga County.

Remember the four “P” of presenting:

P#1 – Plan – Select a topic about something you are interested in telling people about or learning more about. Think about your topic and plan what you want to say, how you will show the audience “how-to” if it is a demonstration .

P#2 – Prepare – After you have selected a topic, think about how you will present the topic. Prepare a poster (unless it is a public speaking), various steps of the finished product or other visuals that will help you explain your topic to give an effective presentation.

P#3 – Practice - Practice, practice, practice! The more you “run through” your presentation, the easier it will be on the actual presentation day.

P#4 – Present – Present your 4-H Presentation at the club level or at the County Level on February 26 or August 17 in Bath

District Public Presentations

Finger Lakes District Public Presentations will be held on **Saturday, March 26th** at the Livonia Central School in Livonia, NY. 4-H members will be selected to represent Steuben County by the judges from the November and February Public Presentation Days. 4-H members that are selected will be receiving detailed information about District Presentations after the February 26th.

Look for a full report on District Public Presentation on the Web site.

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

The **2011 4-H Clothing Revue** has been scheduled for Friday, May 6th at Avoca Central School. If you have an idea for a theme for this year's revue or suggestions about the Revue or **if you are an adult or teen and would like to serve on the planning committee**, please contact Loree at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Office! The planning committee meets only two times, once the last of March to get the night planned and in April just before the revue to get everything finalized.



2011 Clothing Evaluations and Revue

It's time to get out your sewing machine, choose your clothing project, and get sewing! The clothing revue will be here before you know it. Here are the important dates.

Clothing evaluation locations and dates are:

Wednesday, April 6th, North Cohocton Methodist Church, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 20th, 4-H Office, County Office Building, Bath, 3:00-5:00p.m.

Friday, May 6st, Clothing Revue at the Avoca Central School in Avoca, NY

Times for arrival: Seniors: 6:15-6:45 p.m. to get reevaluated and registered.

Juniors: 7:00 p.m. to get registered.

Clothing Revue begins at 7:30.

Family and friends are welcome to attend.

Organizational leaders, project leaders and independent families will be sent a packet with more information in January. The information will also be posted on the 4-H web site. If you have any further questions, please contact Loree at the CCE Office.



Clothing Project Idea: Make It With Wool Contest

Each year there is a New York State "Make it Yourself with Wool

Contest". The dates are October 15th and 16th and is held at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck, NY. As you are choosing your clothing project for this year, you may want to choose something that will fit this contest.

There are five divisions

Pre-teens, age 12 and under

Juniors, ages 13-16

Senior, ages 17-24

Adult are 25 years and older

(Age as of Dec. 31, 2005)

Made for others (any age)



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

This contest is held at the New York State Sheep and Wool Festival in Rhinebeck, NY. For more information: <http://www.sheepandwool.com/index.asp> or contact the 4-H office.

National Agricultural Week and National Agricultural Day

National Agriculture Week is March 13-19, 2011. National Agricultural Day is March 15, 2011. National Ag Day is a day to recognize and celebrate the abundance provided by agriculture. Every year, producers, agricultural associations, corporations, universities, government agencies and countless other across America join together to recognize the contributions of agriculture.

What Is Ag Day All About?

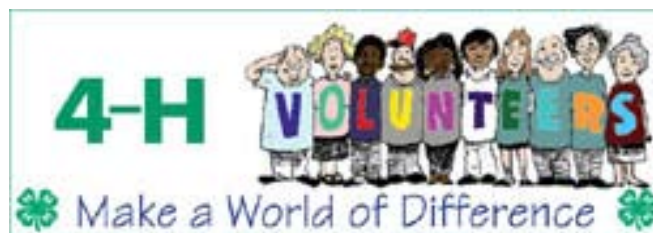
Ag Day is about recognizing - and celebrating - the contribution of agriculture in our everyday lives. The National Ag Day program encourages every American to:

- Understand how food and fiber products are produced.
- Value the essential role of agriculture in maintaining a strong economy.
- Appreciate the role agriculture plays in providing safe, abundant and affordable products.

Why Celebrate Agriculture?

Agriculture provides almost everything we eat, use and wear on a daily basis. But too few people truly understand this contribution. This is particularly the case in our schools, where students may only be exposed to agriculture if they enroll in related vocational training. By building awareness, the Agriculture Council of America is encouraging young people to consider career opportunities in agriculture. Each American farmer feeds more than 144 people ... a dramatic increase from 25 people in the 1960s. Quite simply, American agriculture is doing more - and doing it better. As the world population soars, there is an even greater demand for the food and fiber produced in the United States.

Join us in 2011 as we honor agriculture for providing safe, abundant and affordable products, a strong economy, a source of renewable energy, and a world of job opportunities. For more information about celebrating National Ag Day, go to <http://www.agday.org/>. The site includes fun facts, links to other sites, resources, and planning guide. Let us know about your Ag Week/Ag Day celebrations and we will share your stories.



NY Ag Literacy Week – Volunteers & Donors Needed

New York Agriculture in the Classroom is pleased to announce Ag Literacy week **March 21 – 25, 2011** in support of its mission of fostering awareness, understanding, and appreciation of agriculture and the food and fiber system. **March 21 – 25, 2011** volunteers through the state will go into elementary classrooms to read a book with an agricultural theme and talk to students about agriculture. **This year we will be highlighting the NY Poultry Industry with the book *Chicks & Chickens*, by Gail Gibbons.** Students will also benefit from hands-on lessons and receive follow up activities. The book will be donated to the school library with a special bookplate recognizing the donor and NY Ag Literacy Day. Volunteers are needed to be readers for this event and donors are needed as sponsors. If you are interested in being a volunteer or a donor contact Kim at ksb3@cornell.edu. For more information about the New York Agriculture in the Classroom Program, Ag Literacy Resources, and Lessons visit www.nyaged.org

National Ag Day Essay Contest

Contact: Beth Buchanan (816) 584-8444; bbuchanan@mccormickcompany.com

National Ag Day Essay Contest Announces February 4 Deadline

Students may submit written essay and/or video on 2011 theme:

“American Agriculture: Your Food. Your Farmer.”

The Agriculture Council of America (ACA) calls on ninth- to 12th-grade students to submit an original, 450-word essay **or** a two-minute video essay about the importance of agriculture. This year’s theme is “American Agriculture: Your Food. Your Farmer.” and the deadline is Feb. 4, 2011. The ACA asks teachers and parents to encourage student participation.

The theme – “American Agriculture: Your Food. Your Farmer.” – presents an opportunity for students to address how the agriculture industry continues to feed a growing population. Entrants may choose to either write an essay and/or create a video that acknowledges the many ways today’s growers are providing a safe, stable food supply and sustaining the significant role agriculture plays in everyday life.

“CHS believes in the mission of Ag Day,” says Linda Tank, vice president, marketing and communications, CHS Inc. “The company is proud to help support the 2011 essay and video contest for students. Today’s youth are vibrant and resourceful. We want to recognize their ability to help communicate agriculture’s ever-important role in keeping our nation’s food, fiber and energy systems strong. We truly look forward to reviewing the written and video essays that students develop around the theme, “American Agriculture: Your Food. Your Farmer.”

The national written essay winner receives a \$1,000 prize and round-trip ticket to Washington, D.C., for recognition during the Celebration of Ag Dinner held March 15 at Whitten Patio at the USDA. During dinner, the winner will have the opportunity to read the winning essay as well as join with industry representatives, members of Congress, federal agency representatives, media and other friends in a festive ag celebration. The video essay winner wins a \$1,000 prize, and the winning video will play during the Celebration of Ag Dinner.

This is the 38th anniversary of National Ag Day. The goal of the ACA is to provide a spotlight on agriculture and the food and fiber industry. The ACA not only helps consumers understand how food and fiber products are produced, but also brings people together to celebrate accomplishments in providing safe, abundant and affordable products.

The Ag Day Essay Contest is sponsored by CHS Inc., The Council for Agricultural Science and Technology, *High Plains/Midwest Ag Journal*, National Association of Farm Broadcasting, National Agri-Marketing Association, Country Living Association and McCormick Company.

All written entries should be sent to: Ag Day Essay Contest, Agriculture Council of America, 11020 King Street, Suite 205, Overland Park, KS 66210, or submitted by email to essay@agday.org. Students may upload video essays at <http://agday.leapfile.net> and follow the directions on the page, or students may choose to mail video entries to the address above on a compact disc. Visit www.agday.org or www.hpj.com/agdayessay to read official contest rules and for more details regarding entry applications.

You can download the entry application and rules at www.agday.org/media/pr4.php



Hidden Valley 4-H Camp Scholarship

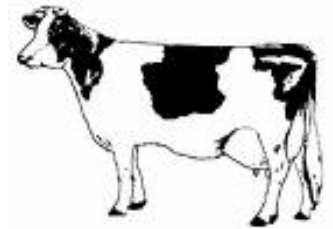
The Steuben County 4-H Program sponsors scholarships for Steuben County 4-H members to attend the 2011 Hidden Valley 4-H Camp this summer. These scholarships are based on need and are on a first come first served basis. For more information about the scholarships and an application contact Cindy Messinger at cll38@cornell.edu or at 607-664-2561.



Scholarships

2011 Holstein Calf Scholarship Award Program

Applications and all the requirements for the 2011 Holstein Calf Scholarship Award Program can be found at www.nyholsteins.com or by contacting the CCE Office or calling the NY Holstein office at 1-800-834-4644. Applicants must be 12 -15 years of age as of January 1, 2011. The purpose of the Calf Scholarship Award Program is to select a youth who is worthy of the award – A Registered Holstein calf with the potential to develop into a future brood cow. The program offers such a calf to a youth who has demonstrated the interest and ability to develop the calf to her fullest potential and who will grow through this project. The entry deadline is postmarked on or before March 1, 2011 or email to ssherman@nyholsteins.com on or before March 1, 2011. The calf will be awarded to the winner during the Spring Holstein Carousel, April 8 -12, 2011 at the NYS Fairgrounds, Syracuse.



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

Deadline: Friday, April 8, 2011

The NYSAAF and the NYSSA offer an annual scholarship program which is available to students who are New York State residents, who currently are (or have previously been) active in a fair that is a member of the NYSAAF and who be in his/her senior year of high school in New York State or already attends college and plans to attend (or already attends) at an accredited institution of higher learning in pursuit of a degree in agriculture, fair management, or the outdoor amusement business at an accredited institution of higher learning. The fair where you have been active must endorse your application and will submit it for you. Up to six \$1000 scholarships will be awarded annually. Applications will be judged on the following criteria: Essay 15%, Citizenship & Leadership 25%, Fair Participation 30%, Field of Study (Ag Related) 5%, Presentation of Application 15%, Academic Achievements 10%.

Applications, 2 letters of reference, and transcript must be submitted by a member Fair of the New York State Association of Agricultural Fairs. **The deadline for submitting your application to a Member Fair is by the April 8, 2011.** Steuben County applications are to be sent to **Bob Whitney, 8000 Mt Washington Road, Bath, NY 14810.** Applications are available at www.nyfairs.org/scholarship.htm or from the CCE Office.

New York State 4-H Opportunity Scholarship

Eligibility Requirements

- Applicant must be eligible for 4-H enrollment. Youth who have reached their nineteenth birthday before January 1, 2011 are not eligible to apply for scholarships.
- Applicant must have been a 4-H member in New York State, or participated in a Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development Program for at least one year.
- Applicant must be enrolled or planning to enroll in an accredited university, college or technical school.
- Applicant must have a current grade point average of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale unless otherwise stated for specific scholarships.

The deadline for the application is February 15, 2011. The application is on the NYS 4-H Foundation website at <http://www.nys4hfoundation.org> Applications can be sent electronically as an attached file to afd7@cornell.edu or mailed to NYS 4-H Foundation, 220 Herald Place, Syracuse, NY 13202. The application and all required materials are to be received **NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 15, 2011**. Announcement of Scholarship recipients will be at the NYS 4-H Career Explorations Program June 28-30.

Please note that a Steuben County 4-H staff person must review and sign all scholarships applications that are submitted from Steuben County youth. If you applied last year or this is your first time, we encourage you to take the time to fill out the application forms.

Selection Criteria

- Demonstrated personal growth and development through 4-H projects and activities
- Held leadership roles in 4-H and other organizations
- Active in community or public service activities
- Sense of direction in future educational goals
- Academic record



Pheasant Chick Project

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

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

Why raise pheasants?

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

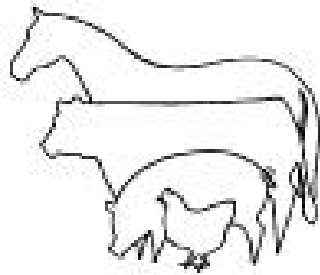
For those interested in starting a pheasant rearing program, there are a number of responsibilities the person overseeing the project should plan on. You would be responsible for reviewing program requirements, discuss rearing techniques, and explain project expectations with those youth that you are overseeing. You would also be responsible for inspecting rearing facilities and evaluate the release site before approving participating 4-H members to ensure proper rearing and release condition for the birds. Youth and the adult volunteer usually monitor progress together and share their experiences with other participants at 4-H meetings. The number of pheasants released is recorded at the end of the project.

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

If you are interested in this program you need to contact Kim at the CCE Office at 607-664-2306 and leave a message anytime of day or by email at ksb3@cornell.edu by Friday, March 11 to request the quantity of chicks you would like. The chicks will be delivered to Bath. Kim will contact those who ordered chicks with a delivery time and date, in the past it has been early afternoon on a weekday towards the end of

NOTICE : 2011 - All work on 4-H projects, including animals, must be done by a 4-H member or members or ALL FAIR PREMIUMS WILL BE FORFEITED.

May. DEC Reynolds Game Farm is maintaining a database of people who receive birds in case a voluntary avian influenza testing program is initiated. At the time of delivery you will be asked to fill out a form listing your name, address, phone number and number of chicks you received.



Dairy & Livestock

What is Livestock Judging?

Livestock judging is the process of ranking four animals of one class top to bottom based on criteria such as bone structure, muscle, body capacity, body composition, performance.

Livestock Judging develops the following life skills: critical thinking, organization, time management, public speaking, self confidence, self motivation, team building and competition.

While all of this sounds intimidating Livestock Judging is a really fun way to learn about beef cattle, sheep, and swine. Livestock Judging allows 4-Hers to get involved, compete, and make new friends. Newcomers, no matter what age, are always welcome. So, if you are interested in giving Livestock Judging a try, please call Cindy Messenger at (607)664-2561 or e-mail her at c1138@cornell.edu. We look forward to hearing from you. A schedule of practices and competition dates will be available later.

2011 National Swine Picture Judging Contest

The NJSA Swine Picture Judging Contest is available now. Entries must be postmarked by February 1, 2011. You may also enter the contest online at www.nationalswine.com, but remember to save a copy of your placings to send to the CCE Office. Please send a copy of your placings to the CCE Office by February 4 to be eligible for the County Contest and Awards at the County Fair. For more information go to www.nationalswine.com or contact Cindy at the CCE Office.



Livestock Skillathon

If you are a 4-H member that has an interest in learning everything there is to know about beef, sheep, swine and meat goats; in a fun, interactive, learning environment, then skillathon is the place for you. For more information contact John Schubmehl at (585) 728-5264 or email at hoss2@frontiernet.net; or contact Cindy at the CCE Office at (607) 664-2561, or c1138@cornell.edu.

Past

Fall Cheese Fund Raiser

The 2010 Fall Fundraiser featured Cuba Cheese. The fundraisers help to support the 4-H Activity Fund, which provides the funds for the many trips and awards that benefit 4-H members. Individual 4-H club treasuries also benefit from all the hard work and dedication of 4-H club members.

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

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

Top Sellers Cheese Sale

First (\$50.00) – Kaden Loucks-Scuteri, Country Bunch, \$1,229.75 and Top Cloverbud Member

Second (\$30.00) – Caleb O'Dell-Oriend, Blue Ribbon Roundup, \$702.50

Third (\$25.00) – Lindsey Draper, Independent, \$686.75 and Top Senior Member

Fourth (\$20.00) – Brianna Lewis, Country Bunch, \$667.50 and Top Junior Member

Fifth – (\$15.00) – Patrick Acomb, Southern Tier Livestock, \$511.75



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

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

Horse

Attention 4-H Members With Horses

All **re-enrolling** 4-H members who wish to show their horses at any Steuben County 4-H Horse Show, including the Steuben County Fair or the New York State Fair Horse Show, **must be enrolled in Steuben County 4-H by January 4, 2011 and participate in at least one 4-H Horse Educational Event (i.e. Public Presentations, Horse Quiz Bowl, Hippology or Horse Judging) at the county level or beyond or write an educational essay.** New 4-H members must

be enrolled by May 2, 2011 in order to participate. 4-H members age 8 - 18 as of January 1, 2011 are eligible to participate in the Steuben County 4-H Horse Shows after meeting the Steuben County 4-H Horse Show Rules. 4-H club members who are age 6-8 as of January 1, 2011 have the option of participating in the Cloverbud Leadline and Walk/Stop classes offered at our qualifying shows. 4-H families with members 6 and older enrolled in a horse project will be receiving an information packet about the 2011 4-H Horse Shows. The packet will include the 4-H Horse Certificates, horse eligibility requirements, a calendar of dates, Steuben County 4-H Horse Show rules, class listings for the Steuben County qualifying shows, entry forms for the Steuben County qualifying shows, point system and information on protective helmets. If you have any questions or would like to be added to the mailing list to receive a packet, please contact the CCE Office or email Jenny Groen at jmg422@cornell.edu.



2011 Horse Record Question Insert for 4-H Members 12 and Older

4-H members who are 12 and older are required to answer a question along with completing their horse project record. Your horse project record can be entered in the Steuben County Fair. If you wish to do so, the deadline for ALL county fair entries is July 11, 2011; this includes records. **DEADLINES WILL NOT BE EXTENDED!!!** A Horse Project Record **must** be turned into the CCE Office by 4:30 p.m. on September 12, 2011 to receive project credit or to be eligible to show your horse at the 2012 County Fair if you showed your horse at the 2011 County Fair. The record question for 2011 will be included in the record in your 2011 horse packet.

Past Events

Steuben County 4-H Member Excels at National Dairy Judging Team Competition – Steven Quanz, of the Willing Workers 4-H Club and the Southern Tier Livestock 4-H Club was a member of the National Dairy Judging Team that went to Louisville, Kentucky in November. Dairy Judging requires participants to understand the concepts of dairy cow conformation and provide sets of oral reasons for choosing one cow over another. Making a decision and then defending your decision is a life skill learned through dairy judging. New York sent three different teams of youth to national and regional contests. One team **placed 5th at the Louisville, KY competition. Team members are listed below.**

KENTUCKY TEAM MEMBERS – Team placed 1st in Oral Reasons

Steven Quanz (Steuben) Wayland, NY

Cassie Stap (Orange) Pine Bush, NY

Heidi VanLieshout (Oneida) Verona, NY

Emma Andrew (Wayne) Newark, NY

NYS COACH

Jamie Flint, (Wyoming) Warsaw, NY

Tanya Nickerson, (Wyoming) Warsaw, NY

Congratulations Steven on Job Well Done!



Steuben County 4-H Member Mike Murhpy Places at NJSA Eastern Regionals in Harrisburg, PA.

Mike Murphy of the Southern Tier Livestock Club placed 4th in the Intermediate Skillathon and his Gilt placed 5th at the National Junior Swine Association, Eastern Regional Competition, held October 1 and 2, 2010 in Harrisburg, PA.