

# 4-H Steubenite



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## 2026 Spring Tractor Supply



## 4-H Paper Clover Campaign

**April 17 – May 3, 2026**

**Bath, Hornell, Painted Post TSC Stores!**

Stop by your local TSC to purchase a paper clover or roundup at checkout during the Spring Tractor Supply Co. Paper Clover Campaign. Funds support local youth learn important life and leadership skills.



# Calendar of Events

## April – Dog Obedience – every Tuesday 5 – 6 p.m. @ Howard

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 YQCA Training 5 pm-Woodhull	4
5	6	7 Tractor Safety 9am- 3pm	8 Tractor Safety 9am-3pm	9	10	11 District Public Presentations  Cornell Vet School Open House
12 YQCA Training 3pm- Bath Shotgun 1p-4p	13	14	15	16	17	18 Spring Garden Meeting @ 10am
19 Pottery Series Session 1 Shotgun 1p-4p	20	21	22	23 Volunteer Appreciation	24 Premium Book Cover Contest entries due	25 Pancake Fundraiser 8a-10a
26 Marketing Series Class	27 Tractor Safety 6-8pm	28	29	30		

## May – Dog Obedience – every Tuesday 5 – 6 p.m. @ Howard

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <b>NEW 4-H MEMBERS ENROLLMENT DEADLINE</b>  CVI's CAN BEGIN for SUMMER SHOWCASE	2 Animal Crackers @ Cornell  <b>Cloverbud Day</b>  <b>Horse Clinic/Camp (Tentative)</b>
3 Pottery Series Session 2 <b>Archery 1p-4p</b>	4	5	6	7	8	9 Tractor Safety 9am-1pm
10 <b>Archery 1p-4p</b>	11	12	13	14	15	16 Tractor Safety 9am-3pm
17 Capital Pottery Series Session 3	18 Days	19 Marketing Series 6-8pm	20	21 YD PAC @ 5:30	22	23
24 31	25 <b>MEMORIAL DAY! Office Closed</b>	26 Food Safety Class-CCE Office	27	28	29 <b>Horse Certificates, Rabies, Coggins</b> Equine Educational Requirement, June Horse Show Entry Deadline	30 <b>Livestock Clinic- Canisteo NY</b>

**June - Dog Obedience – every Tuesday 5 – 6 p.m. @ Howard**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Ownership Deadline for Beef Breeding, Market Beef Jr. Prospect Calf, Feeder Dairy Steer Class 1, Prospect Beef Calves, Feeder Beef Heifer, Sheep, Swine & Meat Goats	2	3	4	5	6 <b>June Horse Show</b>
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15  Ownership Deadline for Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Poultry, Rabbit & Cavy	16	17	18	19 <b>Juneteenth</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> ID Forms & Leasing Forms DUE for Dairy Cattle, Grade Dairy Cattle & Dairy Goat ID, Market Hog, Market Lamb & Markey ID DUE-Leasing forms for Livestock Breeding Animals DUE -Class 1, Sheep, Swine & Meat Goats, Beef ID (Registration papers must accompany registered animals)	20
21 Father's Day	22	23 Food Safety Class- Howard	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

**July - Dog Obedience – every Tuesday 5 – 6 p.m. @ Howard**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		← Career Explorations @ Cornell	1 <b>ALL</b> <b>Showcase</b> <b>Entries &amp;</b> <b>YQCA</b> <b>Training Due</b>	2 →	3  <b>Office Closed</b>	4 <b>INDEPENDENCE</b> <b>DAY!</b>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 YD PAC @ 5:30	17	18
19	20	21	22	23  ← 4-H	24 <b>Summer</b>	25 <b>Showcase</b> →
26	27	28	29	30	31	

### **GETTING SIGNED UP!**

ENROLLMENT FEES FOR 2025-2026: \$10 per individual membership (1-time annual fee to Steuben County 4-H Program), \$75 per family to include: memberships, Steubenite Mailing, Fairbook Mailing, participation in County Fundraiser Optional. The Steubenite mailing option will remain at \$15 and the Showcase Premium Book mailing option will remain at \$5 additional to the cost for those who enroll with the individual enrollment fee (\$10).

### **FIND US ON FACEBOOK!**

Steuben County 4-H has a page on Facebook! Be sure to like us and receive updates on what is going on! [www.facebook.com/steuben4h](http://www.facebook.com/steuben4h)

### **Checking The Web!**

It is very important that everyone is checking the web site, [www.putknawledgetowork.org](http://www.putknawledgetowork.org) 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.

**Steuben 4-H Showcase Premiums will be withheld for the following reasons:**

- 1. Failure to turn in one complete record per species shown by deadline.**
- 2. Removing exhibits, including animals, from showgrounds before release time or without written consent.**
- 3. Adults preparing 4-H exhibits that the youth will be exhibiting. This includes any preparation of animal exhibits excluding: “Parents or supervising adults may assist only to the extent necessary to ensure the safety of the exhibitor or the exhibit.”**
- 4. Not adhering to the “Code of Conduct” and “Overnight Policy” which includes sleeping in 4-H appropriate, adult supervised areas only.**



# SHOWCASE PREMIUM BOOK COVER CONTEST

Would you like to see your drawing or digital artwork featured on the cover this year's Steuben County 4-H Showcase Premium Book!? We are asking any 4-Her interested to submit their creation (one per member please) to the CCE Office by April 24 to be considered for the contest. We will need your name, age, and what club you are a member of or if you are an independent member. Stuck on what to design? Some things to think about: What does 4-H mean to you? What are some of your favorite things about 4-H? Be sure to think of ALL that 4-H has to offer! The winner's drawing will be published on the 2026 Steuben County 4-H Showcase Premium Book and be congratulated in the next Steubenite!

## Upcoming Events

### Animal Crackers Program

May 2, 2026

All Creatures Great & Small

**When/Where:** All Creatures Great and Small featuring Horse, Sheep, Swine & Dog! To take place in-person on the Cornell Campus on Saturday, May 2, 2026.

**Who:** The program is geared to 4-H members involved in animal science projects. Youth are strongly encouraged to attend with their parents or chaperones. Suggested age range is 8-12, however, all youth 8 and up are welcome.

**Why:** This is a unique opportunity for youth to experience hands-on activities, explore career options in animal science, and expand their knowledge through scientific inquiry.

- **How:** Registration is handled through county 4-H offices. **Registrations must be completed by April 22 by 5 p.m. The online registration form can be found by visiting [www.putknowledgegetowork.org](http://www.putknowledgegetowork.org).** Cost: \$30/ Youth and \$30 per adult/chaperone. Lunch will be provided for youth and chaperones. Please indicate on the registration any dietary needs. Steuben County will use TSC Paper Clover funds to cover all registration fees so Steuben 4-Her's can go for free!



For more information, including workshop descriptions and tentative schedule please visit [Animal Crackers | CALS \(cornell.edu\)](http://AnimalCrackers|CALScornell.edu)

If you have any questions, contact Steph Waters at 607-664-2571 or at [sah399@cornell.edu](mailto:sah399@cornell.edu)

### NYS 4-H Capital Days

The 90<sup>th</sup> annual 4-H Capital Days Program will be held May 17 - 19, 2026. 4-H Capital Days gives youth an opportunity to meet and interact with legislators and tell their 4-H story. 4-H Capital Days creates awareness of career opportunities in New York State government, better understand state government, and network with delegates from other counties. Delegates are chosen by their county 4-H program.

The objectives of the 4-H Capital Days program are:

- To achieve a better understanding of the New York State policy process.
- To gain a better understanding of state and local government connections.
- To provide delegates the opportunity to meet with legislators and tell their 4-H stories.
- To create an awareness of career opportunities within the New York State Government and Public Service.
- To meet and exchange experiences with delegates from other counties.
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Steuben County 4-H can send 2 delegates ages 14 and up to Capital Days. For more information and if you are interested in applying to attend, please complete the application by April 15<sup>th</sup>:

### 2026 State Teen Action Retreat

September 18-20

STAR, also known as the State Teen Action Retreat, is an annual weekend experience for 4-H teens (ages 13 - 18) from across New York State to get together to build leadership skills as well as network with peers and adults from across the state.

STAR encompasses the best of team building activities, youth community action & youth adult partnerships in one fun-filled, fast-paced weekend. Participants gain new skills and knowledge by attending workshops of their choice, learning how to “make the best better” and participating in awesome community services activities! Please join us for an exciting opportunity to gain new skills and knowledge all while making new friends and having FUN!

This even is limited to the first 150 participants, with program choices filled on a first come, first served basis. So, sign up early to ensure you get into the tracks you want.



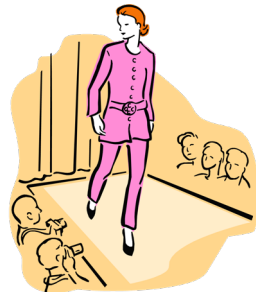
Registration fee: \$200 (Steuben 4-H members can attend for a reduced cost or free!) More information available soon!

## 4-H Clothing Revue

Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> @  
Atlanta N. Cohocton  
Firehall

Clothing Evaluations:  
April TBA

Contact: Jenny Groen, 607-664-2576 or [jmg422@cornell.edu](mailto:jmg422@cornell.edu) with questions or to register for either evaluations or the revue!



## Steuben 4-H Fundraiser for Instructional and Competition Equipment



Come join us for a  
**Pancake Breakfast**



Date: April 25, 2026

Time: 8a-10a

Where: Hornell Applebee's

1006 State Route 36, Hornell, NY 14843

Price: \$10 per person

Preorder required:



Pancakes, Bacon,  
juice and coffee



## 2026 4-H Career Explorations



Hosted annually by the NY State 4-H Office, nearly 500 NYS 4-H youth and chaperones attend the action-packed, three-day event, **June 30-July 2**, to immerse themselves in exploring their future education, career opportunities, and to experience Cornell University and campus life! The purpose of this program is to provide youth with exposure to various academic fields and potential career options, develop leadership skills, provide hands-on experience in a college setting and introduce youth to Cornell University.

Cornell faculty and graduate students conduct engaged-learning workshops in two age-specific tracks:

- UNIVERSITY U (8<sup>th</sup> grade and up as of fall of 2026)
- FOCUS FOR TEENS (10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade as of fall of 2026)

Workshop choices for Focus for Teens participants and additional program information (event schedule) will be available soon on the event website: <https://nys4-h.org/career-explorations>.

A limited number of youth scholarships (full and partial) are available through the NYS 4-H Office.

Registration is due to Steph by **April 30** if you are applying for a scholarship or **May 14** if you are not applying for a scholarship. Programs fill extremely fast, be sure to register ASAP!

Steuben County 4-H members can participate for a reduced rate based on his/her 2025 completion of their Sr. Summary Report Form. If the 4-H member completed and submitted a Sr. Summary Report by

the deadline and sold \$75 during the Fall Fundraiser or paid the \$75 Family Enrollment, CCE Steuben will pay for the full registration fee! If the 4-H member did not sell \$75 during the Fall Fundraiser or pay the \$75 family enrollment, they will need to pay \$75 of their registration unless they apply and are selected for a NYS 4-H scholarship.

If a 4-H member is interested in attending, but did not complete a 2025 Sr. Summary, but did sell \$75 during the Fall Fundraiser or pay the \$75 family enrollment, Steuben 4-H will pay a portion towards your registration fee. Youth in this case should also apply for a full or partial scholarship through the NYS 4-H Office.

If a 4-H member is interested in attending, did not complete a 2025 Sr. Summary, did not sell \$75 during the Fall Fundraiser or pay the \$75 family enrollment, Steuben 4-H will pay \$50 towards the registration fee. Youth in this case should also apply for a full or partial scholarship through the NYS 4-H Office.

**Please note: In the event a 4-H member registers for a trip but then decides after the registration deadline not to attend, the 4-H family will be responsible for reimbursing Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County any money that CCE has paid toward the trip. A documented emergency would receive consideration for excuse from this rule.** Cancellations by May 31<sup>st</sup> will not be charged. Cancellations after May 31<sup>st</sup> are still responsible for a \$100 cancellation fee. Same program replacements are allowed, but need to be registered before arrival at the conference. **No shows are charged the \$350 in full and will not be refunded.**

Registration form will be available soon on our website: <http://putknowledgetowork.org/4-h-youth/4-h-trips> Complete your registration and return it to Steph Waters at the CCE-Steuben Office or [sah399@cornell.edu](mailto:sah399@cornell.edu) or fax at 607-776-9103 as soon as possible! **Space is limited in the various program areas and the programs fill up on a first come first serve basis. Registrations MUST be done through a CCE Staff Member, Individuals CANNOT register themselves.**

## DOG OBEDIENCE CLASSES FOR YOUTH

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County's 4-H Program offers dog obedience classes!

### Howard Classes:

**When?** April- August Every Tuesday

5:00pm – 6:00pm

**Where?** Howard Community Building, 7481 Hopkins Road-Howard, NY

**Instructor:** Jackie Knoll



### **Who can participate?**

- Any youth 5-18 years old as of January 1, 2026 enrolled in the Steuben County 4-H Program
- Not a 4-H member? Enroll by May 1, 2026 by filling out the 4-H enrollment form @ <http://putknowledgetowork.org/4-h-youth/4-h-program-areas>

### **What to bring to the first class?**

- Participating members need to bring their dog with a correction collar & a 6-foot leash

### **What paperwork is needed on file at the CCE Office in order to attend?**

- Fill this Registration Form out completely [4-H New Dog Policy](#)
- Provide a copy of the CURRENT Rabies Vaccination Certificate
- And Dog Must be at least 6 months old

### **4-H Dog Show @ 4-H Showcase:**

- Youth must be an enrolled 4-H member BY May 1, 2026 to be eligible to enter your dog or other projects in the 4-H Showcase.

- They must also attend at minimum 6 4-H Dog Obedience Classes to be eligible to show at the Showcase.
- Dogs must be AT LEAST six months old to be exhibited at the 4-H Showcase or the NYS Dog show and the attend Obedience Classes.
- **More details to follow regarding the show!**

### **Other Information:**

- Youth 5-7 years old must have an experienced adult on the lead at all times
- Participants should be prepared to clean up after their dog as necessary
- **A dog in season must not be brought to 4-H events including Dog Obedience classes, the 4-H Showcase or the NYS Dog Show**
- This is a great opportunity to have fun with your dog and learn about being a responsible dog owner!

**For more information contact Steph Waters at 607-664-2571 or via email [sah399@cornell.edu](mailto:sah399@cornell.edu).**

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## New York Farm Bureau is offering FREE Student\*

### Memberships for 4-H and FFA members

#### Student Member Opportunities:

- Develop Leadership Skills
- Network With Other Agriculturalists
- Community Service Through NYFB's Partnership With Feeding America's "Harvest For All" Program
- Promote Agriculture in Your Community
- Compete in State & National competitive events through our Young Farmer program\*\*
- Membership & leadership look great on your resume!!

Become part of the State's Top organization protecting the rights of farmers, land owners and ag professionals across New York!

Joining Is Easy! Visit [NYFB.org/membership](http://nyfb.org/membership) (scroll down to "special student membership") and fill out the form.

Give us a call or check us out on-line for more information! <http://nyfb.org> • 1.800.342.4143



## 4-H Families Help is Requested Tractor Supply Spring Paper Clover Fundraiser April 17 – May 3, 2026

4-H families are needed to help sell Paper Clovers. Customers at local Tractor Supply can support 4-H by purchasing paper clovers for \$1. Funds raised during this event help support various activities in

Steuben's 4-H Program such as: 4-H Camp Scholarships, Capital Days trip, Career Exploration trip, curriculum, etc. Having more 4-Hers in stores during the event helps raise more money for the Steuben County 4-H Program and/or your 4-H Club. Remember, pair it up with a bake sale, petting zoo, or other activity to help get donations for your club too! As an added incentive this year, Steuben County 4-H program will give \$50 to the club that sells the most Paper Clovers during this Spring Sale. Besides helping raise money for your local 4-H Program, you can also be entered into Tractor Supply's Paper Clover Sweepstakes, ask the store manager for more info!

**\*New this year: Demo Day on April 25<sup>th</sup>.** Tractor Supply is hosting a Demo Day, which is a hands on event, where customers can visit their local TSC and test drive riding mowers around an obstacle course. We are encouraging 4-H Clubs to participate in this day. If you wish to participate in this specific day.



Please contact Jenny or Steph at the CCE Office so we can make sure we have representation at all three stores and also contact the specific Tractor Supply Store manager to notify them that you will be coming and make any necessary arrangements - Bath Store: 607-664-1222, Hornell Store: 607-324-9434, and Painted Post Store: 607-962-2606. If there are other times 4-H Clubs would like to set up a display at their store you can also contact them. Clubs would receive 4-H on Display credit if they set up a display and complete the display record.

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### Bake Sale Fundraiser Info:

The NYS Health Department office will no longer be issuing food permits for bake sales when the baked goods are prepared in private homes.

They recommend that the baked goods be prepared in a regulated kitchen.

However, you may still hold a bake sale with baked goods prepared in private homes providing that:

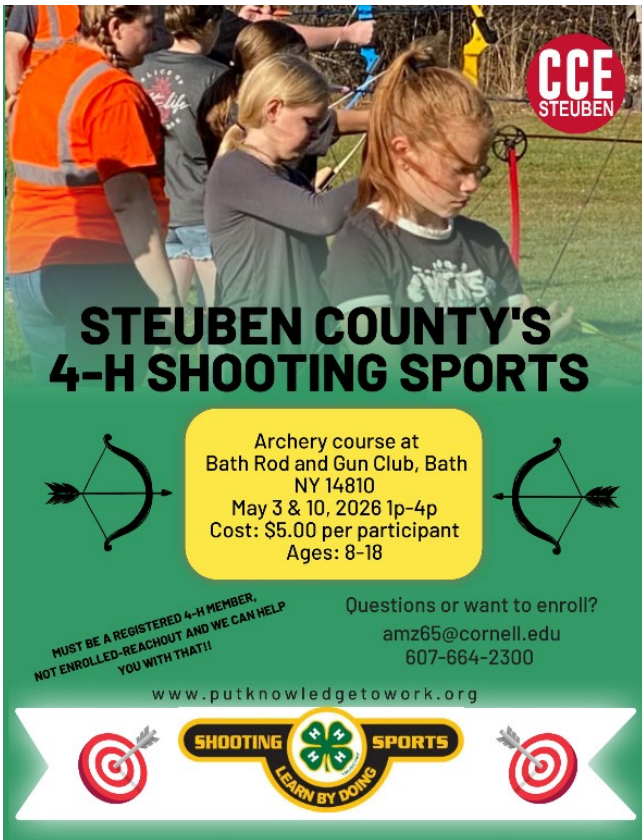
- The bake sale is held by a religious, fraternal or charitable organization.
- You sell only non-potentially hazardous baked goods such as cookies, cakes and pies that do not require refrigeration.

In addition, they recommend that you post a clearly visible placard at your bake sale informing consumers that food has been prepared in a kitchen that is not subject to regulation and inspection by the Health Department. For a sample placard contact the CCE Office.

They also recommend that the members of your organization avoid bare hand contact with the baked goods. This can be accomplished by using utensils, napkins, plastic gloves or similar methods.



## 4-H Shooting Sports Classes



**CCE STEUBEN**

### STEUBEN COUNTY'S 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS

Archery course at  
Bath Rod and Gun Club, Bath  
NY 14810  
May 3 & 10, 2026 1p-4p  
Cost: \$5.00 per participant  
Ages: 8-18

MUST BE A REGISTERED 4-H MEMBER,  
NOT ENROLLED-REACHOUT AND WE CAN HELP  
YOU WITH THAT!!

Questions or want to enroll?  
amz65@cornell.edu  
607-664-2300

www.putknowledgegetowork.org

SHOOTING SPORTS  
LEARN BY DOING



**CCE STEUBEN**

### STEUBEN COUNTY'S 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS

Shotgun course at  
Bath Rod and Gun Club, Bath  
NY 14810  
April 19 & 26, 2026 1p-4p  
Cost: \$15.00 per participant  
Ages: 12-18

MUST BE A REGISTERED 4-H MEMBER,  
NOT ENROLLED-REACHOUT AND WE CAN HELP  
YOU WITH THAT!!

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### Archery

Register at:

<https://form.jotform.com/260603678875166>

### Shotgun

Register at:

<https://form.jotform.com/260535085408154>

Youth must be a current registered 4-H member and age for discipline.

Questions? Or want to register? Reach out to Anne at [amz65@cornell.edu](mailto:amz65@cornell.edu) or call 607-664-2568

## 2026 Free Fishing Days

June 27-28, September 26, November 11



In an effort to connect more people to the sport of fishing, each year, there are several opportunities to fish free in New York State! During those four days, anyone can fish New York State waters, and no fishing license is required (normally required for anyone 16 years and older). The general public can tap into the fun and relaxation of fishing, especially those who might not otherwise get the chance. All anglers are encouraged to take a friend fishing. With all that the sport has to offer, some are bound to get hooked. Since no license is required, it is the perfect time to take a friend or relative fishing.

In addition to the June Free Fishing Days weekend, there are a number of "Free Fishing Events/Clinics" held in various locations across the state. Free Fishing Events are DEC sponsored events (such as family fishing clinics) where participants can learn about fish identification, fishing equipment and techniques, fisheries management, angling ethics and aquatic ecology. Each of DEC's nine regions can sponsor up to four free fishing events per year. Most free fishing events occur during the period from April through October. For more information visit <https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/89821.html>



## Fishing Related Projects

4-H members who participate in a fishing project have the option of entering several different types of projects at the 4-H Showcase such as a mounted display of five flies or a poster display showing experiences as part of 4-H "Let's Go Fishing" project, or any display relating to fisheries and aquatic resources, in the Showcase Premium Book under Environmental Education. For more information or for resources related to fishing, contact the CCE Office.

## Steuben County Twin Tier Poultry Club Auction

The Steuben County Twin Tier Poultry Club Spring Auction will be held at the Steuben County Fairgrounds on Saturday, May 9, 2026. For more information contact Keith Orfanides at (607) 769-6641 visit: <https://www.twintierpoultryclub.org/>  
This fall, September 12 & 13, 2026 the Twin Tier Poultry Club will be hosting their annual show!



## Poultry Classes



Whether you're just starting, looking for some tips and pointers, or just want to come talk chickens, we're here! We have 3 dates with different topics - we hope you'll join us for all 3, but drop-ins for just the topic(s) your interested in is fine too! These are free workshops that will have a hands-on activity each night!

Register at: <https://form.jotform.com/260115435723147>

**TOPICS:**

- **February 15:** Introduction to Incubation & Chick Starting 1-3 @ CCE
- **April 26:** Housing & Predator Protection 12-2 @ CCE
- **June 30:** It's showtime! Show prep and showmanship pointers. 5-7 p.m. Location TBD

**4-H Animal Science entries for the 4-H Summer Showcase including the poultry entries are due by Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup>.** If you are unsure which class to enter your poultry in, please call the office or plan on attending this clinic.

## Rabbit and Cavy Clinic

**4-H members must own their rabbits by June 15 to be eligible to show them at the 4-H Summer Showcase.** Rabbits must be at least 3 months of age to be exhibited. Rabbits' ages are computed as of the opening day of the Showcase, Thursday, July 23, 2026.

**When: June 30<sup>th</sup> 5 – 7 p.m.**

**Where: TBA - watch Monday Memos for updates!**

**Why:** Instruction will be given on Showmanship and there will be an opportunity to practice showmanship contest. Rabbits must have a permanent tattoo in their left ear to be able to show at the 4-H Showcase. 4-H members may bring their rabbits to the clinic where they can be tattooed for free. The tattoo number must be on the Showcase Entry. Cavies do not need a permanent tattoo but do need an ear clip which will also be available at the clinic. There will also be information available on the parts of the rabbit and cavies, how to determine the gender of your rabbit, clipping your rabbits nails and teeth, record keeping, and information about the NYS Fair 4-H Rabbit Science and Cavy Decathlon. The Rabbit Science and Cavy Decathlon is described on the Department of Animal Science website at [www.ansci.cornell.edu](http://www.ansci.cornell.edu).



**Watch for Clinic registration information in future Monday Memos!**

**4-H Animal Science entries for the 4-H Summer Showcase including the rabbit and cavy entries are due Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup>.** If you are unsure which class to enter your rabbit or cavy in plan on attending this clinic.



**YQCA** | **YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS**

All animal exhibitors ages 8 - 18 will be REQUIRED to successfully complete the YQCA Certification course to exhibit at the 2026 Steuben County 4-H Showcase. This includes all animal species - rabbit, cavy, poultry, swine, goat, sheep, cattle, dog and horse.

What is YQCA training you may ask? YQCA is an annual (one hour training) education and certification program focused on food safety, animal well-being and character awareness for youth ages 8 to 21 producing and/or showing pigs, beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, goats, rabbits, and poultry. This training is to ensure that animals that 4-Her's are raising are taken care of and are safe for consumption.

**OUR Next Trainings will be held:**  
**April 3, 2026 at the Woodhull Town Hall-1585 Academy Street @ 5pm**  
**April 12, 2026 at First Presbyterian Church-Bath, NY @ 3pm**

Please register for the class @ [www.yqcaprogram.org](http://www.yqcaprogram.org)  
 Question? Contact Steph at [sah399@cornell.edu](mailto:sah399@cornell.edu) or Call 607-664-2571



**You must pre-register @ [www.yqcaprogram.org](http://www.yqcaprogram.org) for the in-person class.**  
**The \$3 will be refunded for the In-Person Classes!**

**In Person Classes:**  
 (Only need to attend one)

**April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00pm**

Location: Woodhull Town Hall Gym-Woodhull, NY

**April 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm**

Location: First Presbyterian Church-Bath, NY



You must complete this course and submit the certification to the 4-H Office by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026. If you are unable to attend the in-person, the class is available online at your expense of \$12. Any questions contact Steph at [sah399@cornell.edu](mailto:sah399@cornell.edu) or call 607-664-2571

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## 2026 Tractor Safety Course

We are excited to partner with GST BOCES to bring the Tractor Safety Course to youth ages 14-16 years old.

Youth ages 14-15 that complete the course will be legally allowed to drive tractors and farm equipment off their family farms and can get hired on a farm. The course will provide the skills you need to operate farm machinery safely and responsibly.

Cost of the course is \$50/4-H Member  
 Questions please contact Steph at 607-664-2571 or [sah399@cornell.edu](mailto:sah399@cornell.edu)

Please Register by April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

For More Information and to register click the link below: <https://form.jotform.com/260694176125157>

**Steuben County 4-H Tractor Safety Course**

SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THIS COURSE (CLASSROOM & DRIVING) PROVIDES TRACTOR AND MACHINERY CERTIFICATION FOR YOUTH 14 YEARS AND OLDER. THIS CERTIFICATION ALLOWS YOUTH 14 AND UP TO LEGALLY OPERATE TRACTORS AND MACHINERY WHILE OFF THE FAMILY FARM. FARM SAFETY AWARENESS IS A MAJOR FOCUS!

**Tentative Schedule:**  
 April 7th: 9am-3pm  
 April 8th: 9am-3pm  
 April 27th: 6-8pm  
 May 9th: 9-1pm  
 May 16th: 9-3 Test Day

YOUTH MUST BE 14 YEARS OF AGE BY JAN. 1ST, 2026 AND ENROLLED IN STEUBEN COUNTY 4-H  
 COST: \$50/4-H MEMBER  
 NOT A 4-H MEMBER?  
 JOIN FOR JUST \$10/YOUTH

Questions? Contact Steph  
 @ [sah399@cornell.edu](mailto:sah399@cornell.edu) or  
 607-664-2571




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## 2026 Spring Garden Class

This year's Gardening Class is Scheduled for **April 18<sup>th</sup> @ 10am @ Dormann Library, West Morris Street Bath, NY**

This event will provide participants with the opportunity to learn gardening techniques through creating a mini greenhouse that will fit on a windowsill. Participants will also learn how to propagate houseplants and take home a new plant. Whether you're an experienced gardener or a first-time grower, this class is the perfect opportunity to dig in, learn new skills, and have fun in the great outdoors. Participants will leave with seeds to start their own gardens, taking home the tools and knowledge needed to cultivate their own green spaces.

Which we hope to see some of these fruits or vegetables entered in the youth building at the 4-H Showcase!. To sign up please register at <https://form.jotform.com/260713601822146>



**Spring Gardening Class**

- ✓ April 18th
- ✓ 10am-12pm
- ✓ Dormann Library  
101 W. Morris Street Bath, NY 14810
- ✓ Open to all 4-H Youth  
Not enrolled? Ask how to join today!

In this class we will be making our own mini greenhouses to take home to kick off gardening season. We will also be learning about how to propagate houseplants and take a new plant home.

**Register Today!**

Questions? Email Steph at [sah399@cornell.edu](mailto:sah399@cornell.edu)

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## 4-H Flower & Vegetable Garden Records

H Project Records are due to the CCE Office by **Monday, September 21, 2026** to receive project credit and to be eligible for project champion awards.

You can get your Flower or Vegetable records at <http://putknowledgetowork.org/4-h-youth/4-h-records> ask your leader, or stop by the office.

## Pottery Series

This spring, 20 youth will have the opportunity to participate in a **free 3-part pottery series** where they'll learn the history of pottery, discover different types of clay (including clay found in our own backyards), and practice hands-on techniques like **wheel throwing, trimming, hand building, and glazing**. Youth will create their own unique pottery pieces while learning the art of working with clay! This opportunity is made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Regrant program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature and administered by The ARTS Council of the Southern Finger Lakes. Registration is full, but to be put on a waiting list please email Steph at [sah399@cornell.edu](mailto:sah399@cornell.edu)


## Pottery Series

3 SESSION SERIES OPEN TO 4-H YOUTH AGES 8-18. YOUTH MUST BE ABLE TO ATTEND ALL 3 SESSIONS.

- 🍷 **April 19th**  
*Intro to Pottery, Wheel Throwing*
- 🍷 **May 3rd**  
*Trimming and Hand Building*
- 🍷 **May 17th**  
*Glazing*

**GROUP 1: 10AM-12PM**  
**GROUP 2: 1PM-3PM**

The heART Studio

  
110016 Welty Rd  
Lindley, NY 14858

[www.heartstudiofx.com](http://www.heartstudiofx.com)

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## 2026 Sunflower Growing Contest


Steuben County 4-H is having a sunflower growing contest! Prizes will be awarded in each category. Care instructions are also available.  
2026 Steuben County 4-H Sunflower Growing Contest Official Rules:


Categories:


 The Largest Sunflower Head will be measured as the diameter of the seed head. The yellow petals will not be measured or required. The measurement will be taken across the head containing the sunflower seeds. Flower head will into to be pictured in the journal with youth in the picture.


 The Most Colorful Flower A picture of the flower must be added to the journal. A panel of judges will decide on a winner

 The Tallest Sunflower Stock will be measured from the soil line to the base of the head. A picture with the youth in it will need to be in their journal. A measuring tape should be in picture as well and then a close up picture of the measurement

 Must Register by June 10th (to let us know you will be participating)

 Sunflower must be grown by the youth

 Any variety of sunflower is allowed, seeds don't have to be supplied by the 4-H office

 A photo of the youth with their sunflower should be taken monthly is required to be in their journal that will be due September 21,2026.



### From Project to Premium: Marketing Workshop

In March, we kicked off our Marketing Series Workshop. During this three-part workshop, youth

who plan to sell livestock or baked goods in our Showcase Market Sale on July 25 will learn about budgeting, what marketing is, effective ways to communicate, how to write a bidder letter, and how to build confidence when talking with potential bidders. They will also have the opportunity to meet with past buyers and bidders. The goal of this workshop is not only to help youth have a successful sale, but also to provide life skills that will benefit them in the future.



### FROM PROJECT TO PREMIUM: A 4-H MARKETING SERIES

**3 CLASSES:**  
**MARCH 22: 2-4PM**  
**APRIL 26: 2-4PM**  
 CCE OFFICE  
 20 E. MORRIS ST  
 BATH, NY 14810  
**MAY 19: 6-8PM**  
 CIVIL DEFENSE  
 STATE ROUTE 54  
 BATH, NY

**2026 INCENTIVE:**  
**ANY YOUTH WHO ATTENDS ALL 3 CLASSES WILL BE ENTERED TO WIN A \$50 GIFT CARD TO A STORE OF THEIR CHOICE.**

Want a more successful sale of your project animal or baked good? This series covers auction marketing basics, including who can be a bidder, writing buyer letters, and communicating with past supporters. Build confidence to talk with potential bidders and prepare for sale day success.

**QUESTIONS:**  
 sah399@cornell.edu or 607-664-2571

## Congratulations Graduating Seniors!

The years have passed quickly and now you are finishing high school. What wonderful memories you will have! We wish you the best of luck as you make your way in the world.

The CCE Office would like to take the opportunity to recognize the graduating High School Senior 4-H members in an upcoming Steubenite. If you would like to be recognized please mail or email Jenny at [jmg422@cornell.edu](mailto:jmg422@cornell.edu) by **Friday, June 12th** the following information. Include your name, parent's name(s), current high school, your future plans, if you will be attending college, university or military



include that information and the major or, if your plans include directly entering the workforce. Please include what opportunities 4-H has given you and how 4-H has influenced your career decision or your future plans?

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

## 4-H Horse Show Rule Books

The 2026 Steuben County Horse Packet is available on the web! Go to <http://putknowledgetowork.org/4-h-youth/4-h-program-areas/horse>. A copy of the 2026 New York State 4-H Horse Show Rulebook is available by request to the CCE Steuben 4-H Staff.

## Helmet & Concussion Safety

NYS 4-H Horse Program has been working on implementing more helmet awareness and concussion protocol. For more information please visit:

<http://4h.ansci.cornell.edu/helmet-safety-and-concussion-awareness/>  
and  
[www.cdc.gov/HEADSUP](http://www.cdc.gov/HEADSUP)

## Riding Evaluations

Any 4-H horse members who has not exhibited at Steuben County 4-H Horse Shows, riders who will be moving up from their last level exhibited (Cloverbud to walk/trot, walk/trot to novice, novice to Jr/Sr/Pony), first year drivers, and new horse/driver combinations will be required to have a riding/driving evaluation before they exhibit at the Steuben County Qualifying Shows or Showcase. **Riders/drivers will need to be evaluated PRIOR to your arrival at your first show with your approved riding evaluation - must be completed by 2 knowledgeable horse people who are not a parent/guardian. Please contact [jmg422@cornell.edu](mailto:jmg422@cornell.edu) if you have any questions regarding evaluations.**



## Horse Reminders:

Your project equine(s) must be registered with the county by **Friday, May 30th**. All the appropriate forms are included in the horse packet available online. Horses cannot participate at the shows unless this form has been submitted!

The Qualifying Horse show is **June 6**, pre-entries are due Friday, May 29. **Mark these on your calendar! ONLINE ENTRY FOR ALL SHOWS in 2026!**

**ALL 4-H Summer Showcase entries will be due on Monday, July 1, 2026.** If you show your equine at the 4-

H Summer Showcase, you ***MUST*** turn your completed project record in by Monday, September 15, 2026 to receive your 2026 4-H Showcase Premiums for your horse project. If you wish to exhibit your record for Showcase, please remember to enter it by July 1<sup>st</sup> and bring your record on Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> to the Youth Building with the rest of your Youth Building Entries. **One (1) 4-H Life Skills Wheel must be completed by each 4-H member to receive record completion credit – record is available online or by contacting the 4-H Office!** <http://putknowledgetowork.org/4-h-youth/4-h-records>

## Showcase

### ATTENTION 4-H SHOWCASE EXHIBITORS

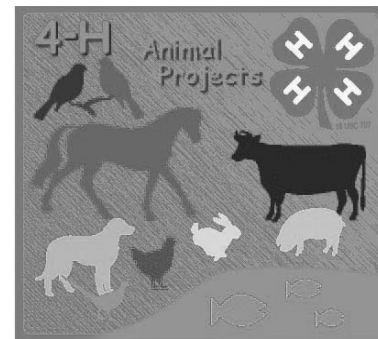
**NOTE: ALL ENTRIES WILL BE DONE ONLINE FOR 2026. 4-H STAFF WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST BY APPOINTMENT.**

### YOUTH BUILDING

- **ALL 4-H YOUTH BUILDING EXHIBITS MUST ARRIVE AT THE SHOWCASE ON TUESDAY, JULY 21<sup>ST</sup> BETWEEN 10:00 A.M. AND 6:00 P.M.**
- **CLOVERBUDS: JUDGING OF YOUR YOUTH BUILDING EXHIBITS (no animals) WILL BE JULY 21<sup>ST</sup> FROM 4:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY.**
- **Each Cloverbud Member is allowed to exhibit 5, 6 or 7 exhibits in the 4-H Youth Building (corresponds with age 5-year-old can bring 5 exhibits, 6-year-old 6 exhibits, etc.)**

## 2026 Steuben County 4-H Showcase Cloverbud Animal Science Projects

- Animals: Dog, Dairy Goats, Meat Goats, Poultry, Rabbit, Cavy, Swine, Sheep, Dairy Cattle, Beef Cattle, Horse
- Cloverbud Members ages 5 & 6 can exhibit 1 animal.
- **Cloverbud members that are 7 years old (as of January 1, 2026) can exhibit 1 large (hooved) and 1 small (non-hooved) animal at the Showcase.**
- Cloverbuds do not have to personally own their animal they can make arrangements to borrow one.



**Entries are due Online by Wednesday, July 1st.** There needs to be someone designated on the entry form who is at least 16 years of age or older to be with the Cloverbud at all times while at the Showcase and while caring for the animal or whenever an animal is being removed from its pen or stall. A parent or guardian must accompany a Cloverbud during the show.

Cloverbuds will show in ONE class and receive a Cloverbud ribbon. Cloverbuds are not eligible for premiums.

**Thursday, July 23, Poultry Show** – Poultry or Waterfowl can be any breed and should have mature plumage and feathering.

**Thursday, July 23, Horse Show**- Exhibitors must have done a Riding Evaluation to be eligible to show at the Showcase. Leadline and Walk/Jog-Walk/Trot

**Thursday, July 24, 4-H Dog Show**- The Cloverbud member and dog must have participated in the 4-H Dog Obedience classes. Dogs can be purebred or mixed and must be at least 6 months old. There must be an experienced adult on the lead with them at all times.

**Friday, July 24, Dairy Goat Show**-Cloverbuds dairy goats must be purebred or recorded grade Does. Wethers, bucks and non-recorded grade Does are not eligible. Cloverbud Dairy Goats must be born on January 1- June 15 of the current year. Dairy Goats must be dehorned - Dairy Goats with horns will not be permitted to show.

**Friday, July 24, Swine Show** – Cloverbud pigs can be either registered or crossbred gilts or barrows born between May 1<sup>st</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year and must be weaned.

**Friday, July 24, Sheep Show**- Cloverbud lambs can be either registered or commercial ewe lambs. Cloverbud ewe lambs must be born on January 1 – June 1 of the current year.

**Friday, July 24, Beef Show**- Beef Calves must be Junior heifer calves, feeder steers, or feeder heifer calves calved on or after January 1 – June 1 of the current year. Calves cannot be part of a cow calf pair and cannot be bull calves. Calves can be either registered or commercial.

**Friday, July 24, Meat Goat Show** – Cloverbud Meat Goats can be does or wethers and must be born January 1 – June 1 of the current year. Bucks are not eligible to be shown by Cloverbuds. Meat goats can be either registered or crossbred.

**Friday, July 24, Dairy Showmanship** – Cloverbud dairy cattle must be a junior heifer calf born March 1 - June 15 of the current year.

**Saturday, July 25, Rabbit Showmanship**-Rabbits can be any breed and must be at least 3 months old as of opening day of the Showcase

**Saturday, July 25, Cavy Show** - Cavies can be any breed and must be at least 4 months old as of opening day of the Showcase.

**Cloverbuds that show animals must complete the Cloverbud animal project record and turn it in to the CCE Office by Monday, September 21 to be eligible for project completion and receive recognition at Achievement Night.**

## Project Animal Ownership Requirements & ID Form Due Dates

- 4-H members who plan to exhibit animals at the 2026 4-H Showcase are reminded to plan ahead to satisfy the ownership requirements.
- All animals MUST be owned or leased by the 4-H member.

**March 31**-Market Turkey

**May 16** – Market Chicken

**June 1** – Ownership deadline for Beef Breeding, Market Beef Jr. Prospect Calves, Feeder Dairy Steers (Class 1), Prospect Beef Calves, Feeder Beef Heifer, Sheep, Swine & Meat Goats

**June 15** – Ownership deadline for dairy goat, dairy cattle, rabbit, cavy, poultry

**June 20** – Market hog, market lamb, and market goat identification– Class 1, Sheep, Swine and Meat Goats Beef Identification entries & leasing forms for Livestock Breeding animals are DUE. (Registration papers must accompany registered animals) & Grade Dairy Identification Form, Dairy Cattle leasing form, and Dairy Goat leasing forms are DUE

**July 1**- ALL animal entries MUST be entered Online for the 4-H Showcase with a YQCA Certificate



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## 2026 Animal Identification

It is very important that each animal is properly identified as individual identification is necessary under NYS Animal Health Requirements <https://agriculture.ny.gov/animals/fair-health-requirements>

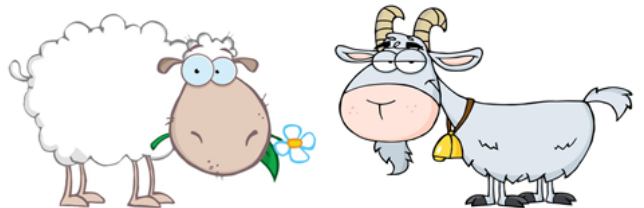
- All animals must carry positive individual identification by USDA approved Official Identification
- All cattle and swine must be identified by official USDA 540 RFID ear tag
- All sheep and goats must be identified by official scrapie identification
- LIVESTOCK MARKET ANIMALS: Will need both the Steuben County 4-H tag & the RFID or scrapie tag
- All forms of animal ID should be included on the CVI (Certificate of Veterinary Inspection) form
- **NEW THIS YEAR: HPAI test for each lactating dairy heifer/cow**
- If you have questions, contact Steph Waters at [sah399@cornell.edu](mailto:sah399@cornell.edu) or 607-664-2571

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## Attention Goat and Sheep Members

**If you are purchasing sheep and goats to use as projects, they must be purchased with the scrapie identification already in the ear.** All Goats and Sheep must be identified with a USDA approved scrapie tag OR by a legible registration tattoo for goats OR a legible USDA approved flock tattoo and individual animal ID number for sheep OR a legible USDA approved herd tattoo and individual animal ID number for goats OR electronic ID for sheep and goats if the animal is enrolled in the Scrapie Flock Certification Program and/or the electronic ID is

recorded on the goat's registration paper. Please find further information on how to obtain you're a scrapie tag for your own flock contact the USDA at (518) 858-1424.



## 2026 Market Animal Rules & Regulations

Please find the updated rules & regulations on [our website!](#)

### Leasing Show Animals for the 4-H Showcase

**\*\*\* Leasing forms do not enter your animal in the Showcase. \*\*\***



The non-ownership policy allows 4-H members to designate as their 4-H project animal one (beef, sheep, swine), or two (dairy cattle, goat) non-owned breeding animals. **Market animals are not eligible to be leased.** This allows the 4-H member to show the non-owned/leased animal(s) in its corresponding conformation class.

- The philosophy of Non-Ownership is to give a youngster the opportunity to experience the responsibility of caring for, and showing an animal (that he/she may not otherwise have.)
- Non-Ownership is **not** available to youth already owning an animal of that species. Youth are limited to **one (beef breeding, sheep breeding, swine breeding,) and 2 (dairy cattle, goat.)** non-owned animal(s) per species. The leasing agreements are between the owner of the animal and the 4-H member. *Please note: For beef breeding A leased cow/calf pair is considered to be one animal. Dual designation of one animal is not permitted for dairy cattle and dairy goat. It is also recommended that for dairy and goat leased animals that they are not in the same age class so that the 4-H member can show both of them. Youth who do not own any goats are permitted two non-owned goats. Non-ownership is also available to youth already owning meat or dairy goats but is limited to one (1) leased animal of the other type. E.g. If you own a dairy goat, you may*

*lease one (1) meat goat. If you own a meat goat, you may lease one (1) dairy goat.*

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

**This certificate must be filled out, have all the proper signatures and be on file at the CCE Office by June 20 for beef, sheep, swine, meat goat, dairy cattle and dairy goat.**

**Leasing forms do not enter your animal in the Showcase.**

To obtain the leasing form visit the forms page at [www.putknowledgetowork.org](http://www.putknowledgetowork.org) or contact the CCE office.

For the 4-H member to receive Showcase premiums, project completion and to be eligible to for project champion, the 4-H member must fill out a complete project record and return it to the CCE Office by Monday, September 21, 2026.

## **2026 Animal Health Requirements for Admission to New York State Fair**

A link to the 2026 Animal Health Requirements and interstate health requirements for Admission to NYS and County Fairs can be found at [Animal Health Requirements \(ny.gov\)](https://www.nysagriculture.gov/Animal-Health-Requirements) on our website or contact NYS Department of Ag and Markets at 518-457-3502 or contact your local veterinarian.

Please make sure you know the 2026 Health Requirements. **Read the Health Requirements on the [CCE website](#) or read the Showcase Book for health regulations for each species. 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 the Showcase must have a valid Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI). For New York State Animals the CVI must be issued by an Accredited Veterinarian on or after May 1 of the current year. Each animal must be individually and positively identified on the CVI. **There are no exceptions.** Contact your veterinarian to arrange for your CVI.**



**ALL CATTLE (beef and dairy), llamas and alpacas** regardless of age that will be exhibited at New York State Fair **must be negative to an approved test appropriate to detect BVD-PI (Bovine Viral Diarrhea persistent infection).** The testing veterinarian is responsible to make sure the proper test is conducted. This is a once in a lifetime test that must be reported on the required certificate of veterinary inspection. The issuing veterinarian is responsible for verifying the validity of the test, the identification of the animal and recording the test date on the CVI. If a previous test is not verifiable the test must be repeated.

**All sheep or goats exhibited at the 4-H Showcase, must be identified with USDA approved individual scrapie program identification.**

**All animals consigned to the Market Animal Sale must comply with all drug withdrawal requirements. If your market animal does not adhere to the proper withdrawal time when the market animal arrives to be weighed in then the market animal will not be allowed to be exhibited in its 4-H market class. *Notify your veterinarian that your animal is consigned to the sale before starting any drug treatment.***

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

Your CVI **must accompany** the animal upon arrival to the 4-H Showcase grounds. Do not drop your animal off at the grounds without the CVI with the animal. Send your CVI with your trucker if you are arriving after your animals. **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 to the CVI.

### **Soremouth in Sheep and Goats**

Sheep and goats with lesions characteristic of Soremouth are not allowed to be exhibited. If evidence of soremouth is found on any sheep or goat, the entire exhibit including the affected animals shall immediately be removed from the grounds with the holding pens cleaned and disinfected immediately after removal.

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## **Project Record Requirement**

**All 4-H members who exhibit a project in the 4-H Division at the 2026 4-H Showcase are required to turn into the CCE Office at least one record on their project by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, September 21, 2026, to be eligible to receive 2026 Showcase Premiums for that project. If you fail to meet the September 21<sup>st</sup> deadline or the record is incomplete, Showcase premiums will NOT be awarded for that project.** For example: If you are showing a market lamb and a breeding ewe then you must complete the market lamb record AND breeding ewe record to be eligible to receive your Showcase Premiums for each project. If you show 2 dogs you will be required to turn in 1 dog record. This is the same for **all project, animal and non-animal.** Note: To obtain your 4-H Project Record [visit the web](#), or contact your 4-H leader, or stop at the CCE Office.

**\*\*LATE RECORDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED\*\* MARKET ANIMAL EXHIBITORS: If you sell your animal through the 2026 4-H Market Animal Sale you are required to turn in a record for that project to be able to ID a market animal the following year.**

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## *Scholarship Opportunities*

### Dr. Guy Hammond Memorial Scholarship- Steuben County 4-H

Our community lost a special member in the fall of 2022. Dr. Guy Hammond impacted the community in many ways and held great pride in giving back to the youth. Therefore, the Hammond Family will award a \$1,000 scholarship through Cornell Cooperative Extension to a deserving high school senior who is a current member of 4-H and planning to pursue a higher level of education or enter the workforce.

One of Dr. Hammond's biggest passions was helping young 4-H members. For many years he donated his services, bought animals from the annual livestock auction, and was just a friendly face to see during fair week. He understood the hard work it took to prepare 4-H projects each year and appreciated the life skills it taught the youth. The characteristics gained while participating in 4-H are carried with you throughout your life. He would be honored that this memorial scholarship will support 4-H members to become even more resilient in their future careers.

The scholarship application is due on May 31<sup>st</sup>. More information about this scholarship is available here:

[https://s3.amazonaws.com/assets.cce.cornell.edu/attachments/66693/Dr.\\_Guy\\_Hammond\\_Memorial\\_Scholarship\\_Application\\_-\\_Steuben\\_County\\_4-H.pdf?1710274590](https://s3.amazonaws.com/assets.cce.cornell.edu/attachments/66693/Dr._Guy_Hammond_Memorial_Scholarship_Application_-_Steuben_County_4-H.pdf?1710274590)

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### **2026 4-H Camp Scholarships Available**

The Steuben County 4-H Program will be sponsoring 4-H camp scholarships for Steuben County 4-H members who will be attending either Hidden Valley 4-H Camp in Watkins Glen at [www.hiddenvalley4hcamp.org](http://www.hiddenvalley4hcamp.org), 4-H Camp Bristol Hills, Canandaigua at [www.4-Hcampbristolhills.org](http://www.4-Hcampbristolhills.org) this summer. Applications can be found here: <http://putknowledgetowork.org/4-h-youth/4-h-camp>.

**To be considered for a scholarship the application must be completed and submitted to the CCE-Steuben office by Friday, April 18, 2026.** Applicants will be notified by Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> as to the status of their application. For an application visit: <http://putknowledgetowork.org/4-h-youth/4-h-camp>

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### **PURINA OFFERING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2026**

Purina Animal Nutrition – along with the Land O'Lakes Foundation – has reopened its annual scholarship program designed to assist students with experience in livestock production and animal stewardship in pursuing their passions and furthering their education.

Undergraduate students and current high school seniors who have experience raising and caring for small or large livestock, equine and/or poultry are eligible to apply for a \$3,000 scholarship. Four students will be awarded based on applications that illustrate the impact animal agriculture has had on their lives along with details on academic achievements, leadership skills, community involvement and a clear vision for their future.

Scholarship applications will be accepted through April 17, and awardees will be notified in June. Funds will be distributed for the Fall 2026 semester at their current or anticipated educational institution. The scholarship is open to all high school seniors who plan to enroll in full-time undergraduate study at an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school for the entire upcoming academic semester/term and undergraduate students enrolled in an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school.

<https://www.purinamills.com/Campaigns-and-Events/Scholarship>

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## Steuben County 4-H Market Animal Project Award



The Steuben County Market Animal Project Award will be awarded to a current 4-H member participating in the Sale Program, that are 17 or 18 years old as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. This youth will need to apply by the deadline and have met all the criteria in the application. The recipient of the Award will receive \$1000 from the Steuben County 4-H Market Animal Funds. Visit our website or Contact Steph at the office for more information. [Sah399@cornell.edu](mailto:Sah399@cornell.edu) or 607-664-2571

## Steuben County 4-H Members Participate in County Public Presentation Days

Steuben County 4-H members participated in county- wide public presentations in November 2025 and February 2026. The goal of 4-H Public Presentations is to build a young person’s confidence speaking in front of a group. This year’s participants chose from these categories: demonstration, illustrated talk including PowerPoint, impromptu, speech, dramatic interpretation and interview.

The following individuals participated:

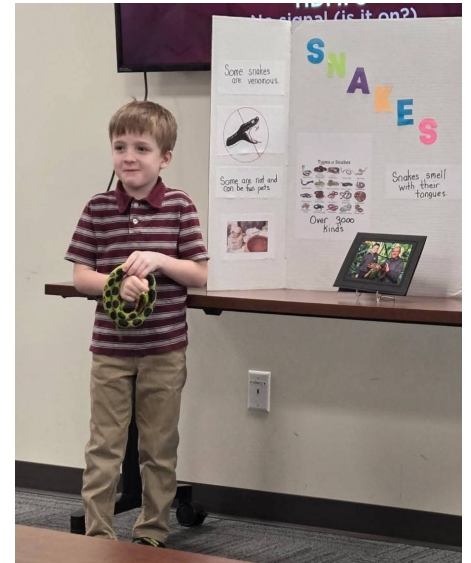
**Bath Trailblazers:** Payton Adriance, Tess Adriance, Skylar Chase, Wyatt Chase, Jason Cross, Coryn Edwards, Maggie Fodge, Matthew Grimaldi, Ruby Havron, Abigail Harrison, Adalynn McDonald, Preston McDonald, Sawyer McDonald, Ainsley Wallace, Greyson Wallace

**Boots & Clover:** Claire McKinley

**Country Bumpkins:** Wesson Campbell, Alice Gerow, Olivia O’Brien, Audrey Waters, Jan Waters

**Country Clovers:** Colton Cicon, Caitlyn McKinley, Hazel Woodcock, Skylar Woodcock

**Willing Workers:** Ella Deussenberg, Naava Gibson, Amelia Gleason, Alice Hargrave, Gwen Hargrave, Leah Hitesman, Carli McCallum, Mia McCallum, Emelia Schubmehl, Haley Smyder, Lily Smyder, Chloe Stephens, Emily Walker



**Wheeler Busy Bees:** Caroline Slayton, Madeline Slayton

Thank you to those who served as volunteer evaluators for the presentations. Evaluators were Betty Holden, Sue Schwingel, Tierney Scheltz, and Gabe Smalt.

**4-H members chosen to present at the 4-H Finger Lakes District event:**

Wyatt Chase, Coryn Edwards, Maggie Fodge, Alice Gerow, Ruby Havron, Marie Landry, Caitlyn McKinley, Claire McKinley, Olivia O’Brien, Caroline Slayton, Madeline Slayton, Audrey Waters

## Steuben 4-H at Regional Horse Extravaganza

On March 7<sup>th</sup> Steuben County had five 4-H members participate in the 2026 Regional Hippology and Horse Bowl contests held at Manor Intermediate School, in Honeoye Falls, NY.

Hippology is an activity that can enhance learning for 4-H members by letting them showcase their knowledge and understanding of equine science and husbandry in a competitive setting. Participants are able to demonstrate their experience and knowledge gained in horse judging, quiz bowl, speeches, and practical horse management. Phases of the contest include a written exam, identification of items shown on slides, nutrition, parasites & diseases, tack & equipment ID, judging, ID stations, team problems, etc.

For the Hippology contest, this year Steuben had 4 Junior members and 1 Senior member competing. Steuben's program was very well represented in both divisions in both contests. All of the participating members qualified for 4-H State Horse Bowl contest held at Cornell University in April and the 4-H State Hippology Contest held at Cortland County Fairgrounds in June.

Results:

- ☀️ Jaiden Corbitt - 1st place horse bowl individual, 1st place horse bowl team, 1st place hippology individual, 1st place hippology team
- ☀️ Maggie Fodge - 5th place horse bowl individual, 1st place horse bowl team, 4th place hippology individual, 1st place team
- ☀️ Caroline Slayton - 1st place horse bowl team, 9th place hippology individual, 1st place hippology team



☀️ Wyatt Chase - 1st place horse bowl team, 10th place hippology individual, 1st place hippology team

Senior Division -

☀️ Madeline Slayton - 1st place horse bowl individual, 2nd place horse bowl team, 1st place hippology individual, 2nd place hippology team

Steuben County 4-H Program is proud of these youth and to have them as representatives of our program! The amount of effort and practice they put forth really showcases their dedication and interest in the equine science projects.



## Hippology Workshops

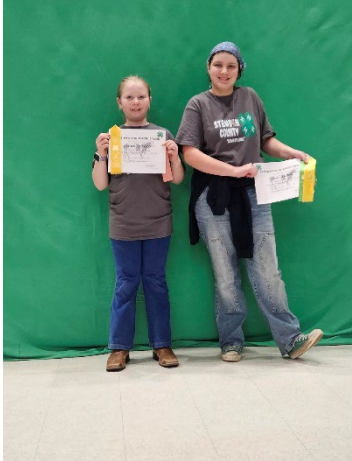
January through March had youth meeting bi-weekly to cover a wide variety of horse related topics. From the basics like breed traits and tack to more complex topics like equine health and disease where youth made their own take-home first aid kits. Youth also visited Alfred University's Bromley-Daggett Equestrian Center as part of the New York State 4-H Judging Clinic on January 31<sup>st</sup>.



## Dairy Bowl

Steuben County 4-H youth proudly represented their county at the 2026 Regional Dairy Bowl Contest held on March 7th at Manor Intermediate School, in Honeoye Falls, NY. The event, which features a Jeopardy-style team competition, allows participants to showcase their knowledge of the dairy industry, ruminant nutrition, calf health, food safety, crops, and other related fields.

In the **Beginner Division**, Steuben County's own Audrey Waters, Country Bumpkins placed 8th demonstrating a solid understanding of dairy-related topics.

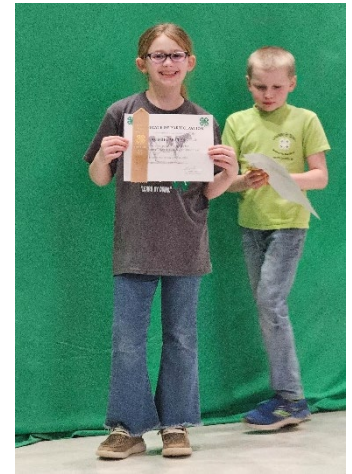


The **Junior Division** saw strong performances from Caroline Slayton 5<sup>th</sup> place and Marie Landry 6<sup>th</sup> place finishes. As a 2 member team they placed 4<sup>th</sup>.

In the **Senior Division**, Alice Gerow placed 10th individually and Madeline Slayton placed 9<sup>th</sup> individually. As a Team, they placed 5<sup>th</sup> with a 2 player team.

Each participant showed incredible knowledge and commitment, and we can't wait to watch them continue to grow in their passion for the dairy industry."

Congratulations to all the participants for their hard work and excellent performances. Steuben County looks forward to even more success at next year's Dairy Bowl Contest



## Livestock Skillathon

The 3rd Annual Finger Lakes District Livestock Skillathon took place on March 7th at Manor Intermediate School, in Honeoye Falls, NY, where 4-H members showcased their knowledge of animal science and livestock management practices. The contest allowed participants to apply skills learned in livestock judging, care, and exhibition, blending hands-on experience with theoretical knowledge.

The Skillathon gave youth the opportunity to learn about livestock ownership's impact on the economy and environment while encouraging continued learning and participation in the industry. It also promoted ethical values, good sportsmanship, and product evaluation skills.

Steuben County had representatives for each Division. **Beginner Division** Audrey Waters, Country Bumpkins 3<sup>rd</sup> place Individual and Wyatt Chase, Bath Trailblazers 4<sup>th</sup> Individual. Partnered with Yates County they were 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team

**Junior Division** Marie Landry, Independent placed 5<sup>th</sup> Individual and Caroline Slayton, Wheeler Busy Bees placed 6<sup>th</sup> Individual. Partnered with Seneca County they were on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team





**Senior Division:** Alice Gerow placed 3<sup>rd</sup> Individually and Madeline Slayton placed 4<sup>th</sup> Individually. Partnered with Cayuga County they placed 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team

A state contest will be held at the NYS State Fair. Those interested in attending can reach out to Steph Waters for more information.

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## Dairy Bowl & Livestock Skillathon Classes

From January through March, Steuben County offered a series of Dairy and Livestock Classes, providing local youth with hands-on learning experiences and valuable farm skills. A part of the program, youth got to tour Sylvester Quality Meats in Westfield, PA. Members followed the journey of beef and pork from the cooler all the way to packaging, getting a real look at the processing side of the industry. They even learned about the important paperwork that keeps everything running smoothly behind the scenes. To wrap up the visit, youth put their knowledge to the test in the retail store by participating in a meat ID activity and searching for different cuts — a fun and interactive way to connect what they learned!

Thank you to Makenzie Krisher from Country Crossroads for coming and teaching the youth about different grains, nutritional values, and some tool identification.

A huge THANK YOU to Sylvester's for providing this amazing opportunity and to all of the families and youth who joined us today. Experiences like this help bring agriculture to life!

The classes also included practical activities, allowing participants to practice essential skills needed in the day-to-day operations of a farm. These experiences helped deepen their understanding of livestock care and management while fostering interest in the agricultural industry.



## Cloverbud Day



On February 14th, we welcomed back our Cloverbud Day! This special day is designed for our youngest members, ages 5–7, with activities created just for them. Youth made birdseed ornaments, crafted yarn birds, and prepared a tasty treat to enjoy while watching birds. They also listened to the story *Bird Count* by Susan Edwards Richmond and learned how they can become Citizen Scientists.

Cloverbuds were able to take what they learned home and participate in the Great Bird Count, which took place February 13–16.

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## Ice Skating



On February 28<sup>th</sup>, some of our youth and their families got to enjoy a morning of Ice Skating at the Corning Civic Center Ice Rink. For many of the youth this was their first time and in true 4H spirit, they got right back up and kept trying. There were a few wobbles, lots of laughs, and plenty of encouragement along the way. Most importantly, memories were made and fun was had by all!

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## New Instructor and Junior Instructor for Steuben County Shooting Sports

February 20-22, 2026 2 new instructors joined Steuben County Shooting Sports. Cianna Dunning, a 4-H youth here in Steuben County, went to take the course to become a junior instructor for the shooting sports program. She will be able to assist the instructors in running a safe range and help youth learn new skills, all while having fun doing it.

Ashley Fox also joined us in taking the instructor training to help the county program grow. She has a long-time passion for archery and exploring the outdoors, which she wants to help pass along to the youth. She hopes to take more training as they come along.



## Intro to Sewing Workshop



Between February and March, we hosted an Intro to Sewing Workshop. Youth learned the basics of sewing with a sewing machine through a three-part series. In the first session, they learned the different parts of the sewing machine, how to thread the machine, wind a bobbin, took their “driver’s tests,” and made small paper heart



treat bags. In the second session, they learned about various types of fabric, which ones work best for different projects, and created hot pads. In the final session, the youth used all the skills they had learned to make drawstring bags. Their favorite part of the series was simply getting to sew!

## Science Night



On February 26<sup>th</sup> Mr. Longwell, Scott Folckemer and Rachel Hurd presented another 4-H Science Night: Chemical Reaction with our youth. They got to see what happens when you change the chemical makeup of multiple elements. They got to change a copper penny to silver and gold in color. At the end they got to explore Marshmallow Reactions and make s'mores using Bunsen burners.



## Club Corner

Have a club member who likes to write? Has your club been out and about in the community? We would like to hear from the Youth what they’ve been doing in their clubs and community! Articles/pieces do not have to be written by club secretaries, but any youth who would like to share what they’ve been doing. Please send articles to

[sah399@cornell.edu](mailto:sah399@cornell.edu) and we will get them in the next circulation of The Steubenite!

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