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RANDOLPH COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



Valentine's Painting Workshop

Come and paint your own canvas and learn new painting techniques! This creative workshop will be held Saturday, February 22nd at the Garden Place in Red Bud from 10am-12pm. There is not any cost to this workshop and is open to the public. Ages 10-18. There are limited spots available so please call the Extension Office if you are interested!

Upcoming Second Livestock Committee Meeting

The next Livestock Committee Meeting will be held on February 20th at the Randolph County Extension Office at 6:30pm. Any 4-H member who is showing livestock in upcoming shows must have a representative for this meeting. Kids are welcome!

Livestock Quiz Bowl

Test your knowledge in Livestock! Youth will be tested on types of feed, species, identifying farm equipment, and an overall test of livestock knowledge. Prizes will be awarded to the top three in each age category. There is not any cost for this event. The event will be held at Bigham Farms on February 17th from 9am-12pm. A lunch will be served from 11:30am-12pm.

Upcoming Events:

- Beef Weigh-In: February 15th
- Livestock Quiz Bowl: February 17th
- YQCA Training: February 18th
- Pancake Day Meeting: February 18th
- Second Livestock Meeting: February 20th
- Valentine's Painting Workshop: February 22nd
- Federation Meeting: February 26th



YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) & QAEC (Quality Assurance and Ethics Certification)

Any 4-H member wishing to exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, and dairy goats must be certified through the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) program. This is an annual program that can be completed via online modules (\$12) or in-person training (\$3). The next in-person training will be held on Tuesday, February 18th from 6-7pm at the Randolph County Extension Office. Perry County Extension Office will be holding their in-person training on February 13th from 6-7pm.

Any 4-H member showing livestock for the first time must also complete the Quality Assurance and Ethics Certification (QAEC). Visit this link to complete the training:
<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>

St. Patrick's Day Cupcake Decorating Workshop

Come decorate and take home St. Patrick's Day themed cupcakes! Learn about entrepreneurship and starting your own company from a local baker and entrepreneur. This workshop will be held at the Sparta Extension Office Wednesday March 4th from 5pm-6:30pm. Ages 8-18. Limited spaces available so please call the Extension office if you are interested!



OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

It's 'udderly' amazing February 29 | East Peoria

You don't need a cow. You don't need to like milk (though you should REALLY like milk). You don't need to be taking a dairy project. All you need to compete in the State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest is a desire to do it. (You would probably do better if you study, too.)

The state contest is Saturday, Feb. 29 at the Embassy Suites, East Peoria Riverfront Hotel & Conference Center, 100 Conference Center Drive, East Peoria. Registration is prior to the quiz bowl test which begins at 11:30 a.m. The contest rounds begin at 1 p.m., and the contest will be completed by 5:00 p.m. Participants will need to pay for their group lunch at hotel OR they can go (with adult supervision) across parking lot to Steak 'n Shake. County Extension staff must register participants before Feb. 14.

Questions will cover all aspects of dairy production and marketing. Study reference sources include the Illinois 4-H dairy manuals plus Hoard's Dairyman Reference Books, IL Extension Livestock E-Quiz website, Holstein Foundation website, and Virginia 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl study materials online.

Teams of four may compete, or individuals can be added to other groups to form a team. The State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl team will be selected from the eligible 4-H members participating at this state contest. Youth 15 to 18 are eligible for the national team.





Explore a future in agriculture

March 6 | Decatur

Teens can learn about careers in agriculture at the Women Changing the Face of Agriculture Conference March 6 at Richland Community College in Decatur. Applying online @ <https://womenchangingthefaceofagriculture.com/>. Presenters include some of the most successful women in agriculture. Their stories demonstrate the potential careers available to any young woman considering an agricultural career.

YES! You can!

College students can put their 4-H experience to work while they develop their professional skills in youth development, group facilitation, critical thinking, and program management as a Project Youth Extension Service (YES!) intern. Project YES! Interns provide educational activities for youth of military families. This is a 12-month internship for college juniors, seniors, and graduate students and runs June 2020 – May 2020. Interns must attend the mandatory orientation, currently scheduled for May 22-30, 2020 as well as additional training throughout the year (as required). Following orientation, interns may work 1-2 weekends a month, however interns must commit to a minimum of one weekend per month (Fri-Sun) for the duration of the internship. Additional opportunities may be presented during the summer months and throughout the year. Applications will be accepted through Feb. 29. Apply @ www.projectyouthextension.com

Be a true leader in service

April 25 | Nationwide

Join 4-H members and clubs across Illinois and the nation on Saturday, April 25 as part of True Leaders in Service! 4-H clubs serve their communities all year long however the month of April has been selected as a time for ALL 4-H clubs to join together to roll up their sleeves in service to local communities. This could mean helping a person or family in need doing yard work or minor home repairs, cleaning up streets or parks, planting trees or gardens, supporting your local food pantry or any other project that supports a local need.

Make your plans now on how you'll help others. Find resources @ go.illinois.edu/4Hdayofservice. Later in 2020, you can register your projects there! The goal of the 4-H True Leaders in Service day is to encourage 4-H members in every county to make a positive difference. Service projects can be done by individuals, by 4-H clubs, or as a countywide service project. No matter what the project is, this will be a day to make a difference.

"I pledge my head to clearer thinking."

