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RANDOLPH COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



Beeswax Candle Making Workshop

Come and make your own beeswax candle in this fun heritage arts workshop! Create your own unique smelling and shaped candle. There is not any cost for this workshop. This workshop will be held at the Randolph County Extension Office on January 25th from 9am-11am. Please call office if interested!

Upcoming Livestock Committee Meeting

The next Livestock Committee Meeting will be held on January 23rd at the Perry 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:

- Livestock Meeting: January 23rd
- Beeswax Candle Workshop: January 25th
- Beef Weigh- In: February 15th
- Livestock Quiz Bowl: February 17th

Randolph County Foundation Scholarship

The Randolph County Foundation is offering a scholarship to 4-H youth. Eligible 4-H members include seniors in high school and higher. Please call office for application. All applications must be turned in before January 15th for eligibilty.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

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.

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.

"Leaders aren't born. They're grown."









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.

Think summer and make plans for 4-H camp

Camping at 4-H Memorial Camp will open February 3. Spaces fill up immediately, so save the date on your calendar! There are 5 weeks of youth camp this year.

Week 1: June 2-6 Week 2: June 7-11 Week 3: June 14-18 Week 4: July 5-9 Week 5: July 26-30