Breads Workshop a Success!

A large group of members participated in the annual Breads Workshop, held on Feb. 24. The supplies for the workshop were donated by the King Arthur Flour Company through their Learn, Bake and Share program. The participants made cinnamon rolls to take home. They also baked thirty loaves of bread and delivered it to the local Bread of Life Soup Kitchen. Thanks to all the Teen Leaders for assisting!

Bread and Cookie Contest

The Bread and Cookie Contest for this year will be held on March 17 at the EH house. Please drop off your entries by 6:15 P.M. and return at 7:30 for awards. You will receive a letter with all the information and categories. Please call the Extension Office to sign up if you would like to participate!

Broiler BBQ Contest

This year’s contest will be held on March 24 at 1:00 P.M. at the EH House. The deadline to register is March 18. You must sign up to participate.
**TALKS AND DEMONSTRATIONS, TALENT AND FASHION REVUE CONTESTS**

These contest will be held on **March 31 at 5:30 P.M.** at the EH House. You may compete in talks and demonstration, talent, fashion revue, or multiple events. We encourage you to participate! Call the office for more information and to sign up if you plan to attend. The deadline is **March 27.**

**STATE CAMP COUNSELOR APPLICATIONS**

Are you interested in being a camp counselor at a state 4-H summer camp? Applicants must have attended the Camp Counselor Training before applying. An additional Advanced Camp Leadership Workshop will be help for those chosen as counselors. Counselors do not pay registration fees for the camp or workshop. Applications are due **April 1.** Call the office for more information.

**4-H ACHIEVEMENT BANQUET**

Plans are being made for the annual 4-H achievement banquet which will be held on **April 4.** This year the banquet will be formal. A nice church dress or a party formal dress is appropriate for the girls. Boys should wear a suit, if possible, but a shirt and tie with dress slacks will be acceptable. The theme is “Putting on the Ritz to Celebrate 4-H.”

**4-H YOUTH & FAMILY 5K TRAIL RUN/WALK**

4-H youth and adults are invited to participate in a 4-H Youth and Family 5K Trail/Walk event. It will be held **Saturday, April 12 at the 4-H Center in Ferndale.** Registration starts at 7:30 a.m. The Run/Walk begins at 9:00 a.m. Awards will be held at 11:00 a.m. The cost: advance entries- youth $5, adults $15. Day of Race entries- youth $10 or adults $20. Contact Shannon Caldwell at **501-821-6884** for more information.
**Dairy Contests**

The Dairy Contest will be held on **Monday, April 28 at 6:30pm**. The categories are Dairy Party Idea and Dairy Main Dish. You may enter two dishes but they must be in different categories. The main ingredient for each dish should be dairy. The overall winner of the Dairy Contest will have their recipe submitted to the state competition for a chance to compete there. Be looking for that special recipe!

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**SUMMER PROGRAMS**

Plans are being made for fun summer activities! More information will be in the upcoming newsletters. If you have any ideas or suggestions, let us know!

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**THE BLUE RIBBON POEM**

There once was a boy who won ribbons, mostly blue, He came home from the fair with a big trophy, too. With a voice glad and proud he said to his dad, “Tis the very best year that I’ve ever had.”

Said his very wise dad, “Son, I’d like to hear, Why you think that this was such a very fine year.”

“Why, Dad, you well know all the prizes I’ve won; How I’ve come out on top in most things I’ve done. Just look at the ribbons that hang on my wall, And think of the money I’ve made since last fall. From premium checks and a big auction price, You can’t help but think cash and ribbons are nice.”

But the man said, “My son you’re not thinking quite right, Blue ribbons ‘tis true are better than white; But ribbons will fade and trophies grow old, Money’s soon spent and fame soon grows cold. The important things, son, are not ribbons or pins, And sometimes it’s really the loser who wins. Now here are the things most important, it’s true, Your 4-H experience has accomplished for you.

You’ve seen how a business meeting is run. This knowledge will help you in years to come. You’ve conquered the fear of addressing a crowd, You’ve learned how to stand up and talk nice and loud. Patience you’ve learned in your projects too, As well as your skills that will always help you. You’ve learned the fine feeling it gives you to lend A glad helping hand to a stranger or friend. You’ve learned to cooperate with majority rule, To give in with grace and not be a fool Who must always have his very own way, Be it in club work, in school, or at play. You’ve learned how to lose without making a beef, You know the judge judges to his best belief. You’ve learned how to win without boasting too loud; A kid can lose friends if he’s overly proud. These are the things most important to you. You’ll remember and use them all your life through. They’ll help you become a mighty fine man, They’ll do more for you than a prize ever can.”

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**SAVE THE DATES...COUNTY EVENTS**

**Breads Contest** - March 17  
**Broiler BBQ Workshop/Contest** - March 24  
**Talks, Fashion Revue, Talent** - March 31  
**Dairy Contest** - April 28  
**B-Day** - May 8

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*All dates and/or times for events may be changed.*

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All meetings and activities announced in this newsletter are open to all youth between the ages of 5 and 19 without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, gender, disability or any other legally protected status. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (large print, audiotapes, etc.) should notify the county Extension office as soon as possible prior to the activity.

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*Sincerely,*  
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County Extension Agent-Staff Chair

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*Sherry Beaty-Sullivan*  
County Extension Agent-Agriculture

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