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Your Guide to Provincial, District & Club 4-H News

Speech for the Top!

2016 marks the return of the **Young Speakers for Agriculture Competition** during 4-H Day at Old Home Week on Wednesday, August 17th. Thanks to generous support from **PEI Credit Unions**, senior members from PEI can demonstrate their superior public speaking skills to compete for a spot at the 2016 national **Young Speakers for Agriculture Competition**, held in Toronto as a part of the Royal Winter Fair and receive \$1000 to help pay for their travel expenses. In Toronto, a total of nine cash prizes will be awarded to the top speakers, ranging from \$150 - \$1000. But wait, there's more! All members who participate in the 2016 competition will be considered to have completed their Communications requirement for the upcoming 2016-2017 club year!

Melanie Wood of the North River 4-H Club was the 2014 winner, with her speech on the subject of: "Why I'm Choosing a Career in Agriculture." **Deadline for entries is Friday, July 15th.** Eligibility criteria, the list of 2016 topics and entry information are available on the Provincial 4-H website at: pei4h.ca.



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2016

July 1	Canada Day - Office Closed
July 8	Judging Day at Old Home Week: Projects must be delivered by 11am
July 15	Travel Acceptance Forms Due
July 15	Animal Entries Due
July 15	Deadline to sign up for the Provincial 4-H Judging Competition.
July 15	Application deadline for Young Speakers for Agriculture Competition
July 15-17	EastGen Conference— <i>Truro</i>
July 29-31	4-H Junior Camp
July 28	Exhibition: Projects must be delivered to Alberton by 12:00pm
July 29	Alberton Exhibition—4-H Day
July 29	Exhibition: Projects must be delivered to Crapaud by 11am
July 30-31	Crapaud Exhibition
August 8	Old Home Week Projects must be delivered to Eastlink Centre by 11am
August 8	2016-2017 FCC Club Grant Application submissions begin via 4-H Canada
August 12	Old Home Week begins! 4-H PEI Exploration Centre open everyday!
August 17	4-H Day at Old Home Week (including Judging & Young Speakers for Ag)
August 25	Exhibition: Projects must be delivered to Dundas by 11am
August 26-28	Dundas Plowing Match
September 2	Exhibition: Projects must be delivered to the 4-H Room, Exhibition Grounds, Abram's Village on Thursday, September 1, between 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.
September 3	L'Exposition Agricole et le Festival Acadien - Abram Village
September 8	4-H Rural Youth Fair on Boomer! <i>Volunteers needed!</i>
September 8	Exhibition: Projects must be delivered to Alberton between 6:00pm & 8:00pm
September 10	4-H Rural Youth Fair - Alberton
September 13	Royal Beef & Dairy Team Meetings— <i>Charlottetown</i>
October 3	Nominations for National 4-H Volunteer Leader of the Year open
October 6	Travel Prep Meeting for National Members Forum Delegates
October 31	Deadline for FCC Club grants via 4-H Canada
November 2-6	4-H Canada National Members Forum
November 6-15	Royal Agricultural Winter Fair— <i>Toronto</i>

4-H CANADA IS GOING GLOBAL and will be hosting a new travel opportunity in June 2017! The **Global 4-H Summit** will be an opportunity for youth, leaders and delegations from 70 countries around the world, representing 7 million youth worldwide, to gather in Ottawa while celebrations are underway for Canada's 150th birthday.

NEW: This special event will incorporate the **National Leadership Summit** and the **National Members Forum** for 2017. Due to the special nature of programming in 2017, PEI will be able to send 10 youth and 12 adults to the Global Summit. The cost of the program (including travel, meals and accommodation) will be \$800 per delegate (with a possible subsidy program — to be confirmed). **Deadline for applications is September 15.** For more information and applications, visit the PEI Provincial website at: pei4h.ca.

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Old Home Week 2016



4-H PEI will once again have a strong presence at Old Home Week this year, from August 11th - 20th. In an effort to further promote the 4-H program and recruit new members & volunteer leaders the "4-H Drop-In Centre" has been renamed the **4-H Exploration Centre!**

The **4-H Exploration Centre** will be open from 12:00pm until 9:00pm daily and staffed by 4-H members who will guide visitors through displays of members' Home Ec projects from across the Island as well as hands-on activities directed at promoting rural safety awareness for all ages.

Another new initiative this year will be our collaboration with the **PEI Women's Institute** where handicraft demonstrations and associated "learn to do by doing" activities in both the Exploration Centre and upstairs in the Women's Institute section of the building. The schedule and list of activities will be released with 2016 Old Home Week publications.



2016 Judging Competition at 4-H Day

For the second year, the 4-H PEI member **Judging Competition** will be a part of 4-H Day at Old Home Week on **Wednesday, August 17th**. The competition will begin in the Main Ring, following the 4-H livestock classes. Members who register to participate will be asked to judge: four classes of livestock, three classes of home economic projects and a mystery class! **This activity is open to 4-H members province wide regardless of whether or not you have experience with livestock** as it's meant to be a fun learning experience, so we don't expect anyone to be an expert judge!



Pizza will be served following the competition. There will be cash prizes for the winners in each category, as well as a prize for the highest club participation. Finally, the top senior 4-H member (age 17-21 years old) will be chosen to represent PEI in the Canadian National 4-H & Youth Judging Competition at Agribition - an event held annually in Regina, SK. **Register by calling the Provincial 4-H Office at: 902-368-4833 by July 15th!**

CONGRATULATIONS to **Joan Gardiner**, Overall Leader of the **Lot 16 4-H Club** for being chosen as PEI's **2016 National Volunteer of the Year** winner! Other provincial winners are:

- Susy Chung-Smith (BC)
- Les and Bert Botten (AB)
- Mary Ann Carson (SK)
- Barb Marginet (MB)
- **Wayne MacDonald (ON) - National Winner**
- Erin Scoble (QC)
- Lori Hall (NB)
- Leslie Kapstein (NS)
- Shirley Barnable (NL)

The 2016 Exhibition book is now available online! www.pei4h.ca



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How will we sustainably feed over 9 billion people by the year 2050?

Journey 2050 is an interactive online game offered to 4-H members through a partnership between **4-H Canada** and **Agrium** which allows youth to explore world food sustainability and see how our decisions impact social, economic and environmental factors locally and globally as we strive to feed a growing population.

Are you up for the challenge?!

You can play for FREE at www.journey2050.com



2050 is a key moment in time - the world's population will be 9 billion. Food production needs are expected to rise by 60% and changing agronomic conditions will put pressure on agriculture yields.

Journey 2050 is an agriculture education program that challenges participants to answer the question "How will we sustainably feed 9 billion people by the year 2050?"

The players **experience the lives of three farm families in Kenya, India, and Canada**. As the player interacts with each family they learn the role of best management practices in feeding the world, reducing environmental impacts and in improving social performance through greater access to education, medical care and community infrastructure. Our Journey to feeding the world has started.



4-H Impact on Youth Survey

Share your voice and have your say! May 1st - September 30th

In partnership with the **Positive Youth Development Lab at Carleton University**, 4-H Canada has begun a study to measure the impact of the 4-H program on youth members. Members across Canada are being encouraged to complete the 4-H Impact on Youth Survey and share their 4-H experiences as a part of this important research.

We want to know how 4-H has shaped you! To complete the survey member families can either go online to the 4-H Canada website (4-h-canada.ca) or the ask your 4-H Specialist for a paper copy of the survey. The survey is anonymous and confidential. **Participants who complete the survey will automatically receive 10% off at the 4-H Canada online store!**

It's anticipated that results from the data collected will help illustrate the effectiveness of the 4-H program, and its positive impact on youth across Canada as a way of attracting and retaining funders, stakeholders and new 4-H families and leaders. This survey will help youth share their thoughts, needs and why 4-H is relevant to them. The final report will also include province-specific data that will help provinces see the needs, gaps, successes and opportunities identified by provincial members. Just a few reasons why participation in the survey is so important. We hope you think so too and that your family chooses to complete the survey—with our thanks!



The 66th 4-H RURAL YOUTH FAIR

Keeping it Local!

The Rural Youth Fair is the “biggest 4-H provincial event of the year: and an opportunity to celebrate everything we love about 4-H on PEI!

This year’s Rural Youth Fair will be held in **Alberton at the Prince County Exhibition Grounds**, with West Prince taking on the role of “Host District.” The event will kick-off with a delicious homemade breakfast served by the members and leaders of the **Ellerslie 4-H Club**. Lunch will be prepared by members and leaders from the **Elmsdale 4-H Club** with a menu including: hotdogs, sausages, corn-on-the cob and chili. In support of our theme “Keeping it Local!” you can be sure that, as much as possible, the food being served will be from a local source! We are also excited to have the “Cavendish Fry Truck” return to RYF this year - the **O’Leary Explorers Club** will be serving fries and canteen items from 11am until 3pm.

The majority of the day revolves around livestock classes including: Poultry, Turkey, Rabbit, Goat, Sheep, Canine, Beef, Dairy, and Horse and Pony. In order to be eligible to compete at the Fair, members must have completed all of their project requirements, and have submitted their Exhibition Animal Entry Form by the deadline date. All submitted Life-Skill and Home Economic projects will also be on display - and will be judged for the final time at this will be the last-stop on the 2016 exhibition circuit.

A highlight of the day is the selection of the Royal Beef and Dairy Teams. 4-H PEI members (ages 13-21) who have successfully completed their Beef or Dairy project for the year (see Exhibition Book for criteria) will be eligible to compete for a chance to be on one of the teams. Those selected represent PEI at the **Royal Agricultural Winter Fair** in Toronto, a prestigious and internationally recognized event. The 4-H PEI Beef Team will compete in the **National Junior Beef Heifer Show**, while the 4-H PEI Dairy Team will compete in the **TD Canadian 4-H Dairy Classic**.

The **Skills Competition** (schedule pending) is open to both 4-H members and non 4-H members to participate in these hands-on, skill-testing events with cash prizes. Fun (and free!) activities such as Bubble Soccer, Archery Tag, Face Painting and activity tables will also be offered to everyone attending (including guests!) throughout the day.

Don’t forget to stop by the Welcome Table to fill out a ballot for a chance to win our Grand Prize of a one night’s stay at the Delta Prince Edward in Charlottetown. “Buddy Bags” will be available again this year for families who are interested in learning more about joining 4-H, so be sure to tell your friends!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for a RYF promotional appearance with Boomer on Thurs. Sept 8 as well as shifts at the Welcome Table and to assist with Livestock Classes. Please contact the Provincial Office (pei4h@gov.pe.ca) for more details!

The day’s events will come to end with a Reception and Closing Ceremony, featuring the *famous* Turkey Auction, followed by the presentation of prizes and awards. We always appreciate as much help as we can get when packing up that night! **Please Note:** All Life-Skills and Home Economic projects must be picked up and taken home by Overall Club Leaders or 4-H members who are present that day!

Please note:

- *Cascumpec Road (Rte 12) will be closed to livestock trailers (due to bridge repair) at the time of the Rural Youth Fair. Please visit the Provincial website for a list of alternate routes closer to the date of the Fair.*
- *New rules for Royal Beef & Dairy Team - See exhibition booklet*



New faces!

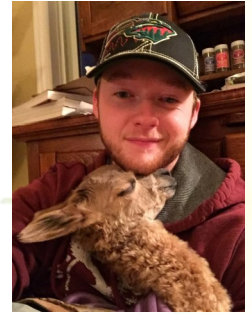


We're delighted to announce that Jena Banks has joined the 4-H PEI Team in the new role of **Office and Communications Coordinator!**

As some of you may remember, Jena previously worked within the 4-H organization as a District Officer before leaving the position to pursue a career in marketing and communications.

Jena has always held the 4-H organization in high regard. Growing up on Dundas farms and being a member of the Grand River East 4-H Club gave her a first-hand look at the wonderful benefits 4-H provides to young Islanders in the agricultural community and beyond.

You can reach her at jrbanks@gov.pe.ca or (902) 368-4833.



Please join us in welcoming our new Summer Student, Tyson McKay, to the PEI 4-H team!

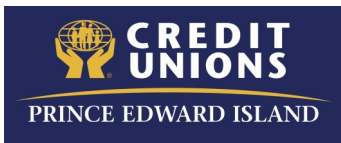
Originally from Miramichi, NB, Tyson has an Associate's Degree in Environmental Technology from New Brunswick Community College and is going into his second year of Pre-Veterinary studies at UPEI.

Tyson grew up in a smaller town surrounded by farms, including his grandparents' farm, which led to his passion for animals of all sizes and breeds, however he's hoping to become a large animal vet.

Tyson will take on the role of Camp Coordinator and all around staff helper this summer. He can be reached at: tcmckay@gov.pe.ca or (902) 368-4833.

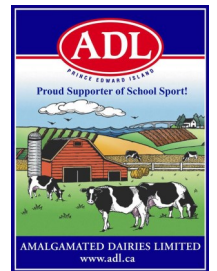
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