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National Future Farmers of America Week

By Rep. Ann Flood

SLATE BELT - Happy Future Farmers of America (FFA) Week! This week is all about celebrating the heart and soul of agriculture. Let's use this week to celebrate the past, present and future of agricultural leaders, fostering a love for the land and a commitment to the future of farming.

Each year, all 700,000 FFA members spend the weeklong holiday developing their potential for leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education in creative and innovative ways in their various local FFA chapters. During the week, FFA members will take part in agricultural, leadership and service-based activities across the country.

The organization hosts Career Development Events or Courses contests in which student members compete to test the skills they learned through

agricultural education instruction from the program.

National FFA WEEK

Poll Worker Training for the 2024 Presidential Election

By Brittney Waylen

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY- The Northampton County Office of Elections and Voter Registration will be conducting over 25 mandatory training classes for each of the approximately 800 poll workers in Northampton County for 2024. This training is required for all Judges of Election, Majority and Minority Inspectors, Machine Operators, and Clerks. The training will be held over three weeks in March for Judges and Machine Operators and will continue for an additional week in April for Inspectors and Clerks.

Each role will be given a two-hour intensive training module for their job specific duties. Poll workers are compensated for their training time in addition to their Election Day compensation.

Training for Judges of Election: March 4 – March 21, 2024

Training for Machine Operators: March 4 – March 21, 2024

Training for Inspectors & Clerks: April 3 – April 10, 2024

Registered voters interested in becoming poll workers in your community, email the Northampton County Elections Office at election@norcopa.gov or call 610-829-6260.

Student Art Contest Raises Lyme Disease Awareness

By Senator Rosemary Brown MONROE COUNTY - Pennsylvania has one of the highest counts of Lyme disease cases in the nation. Symptoms often initially include fever, headache, and extreme tiredness. If the disease is untreated, the infection can spread to joints, the heart and the nervous system.

As you may know, I have worked extremely hard to build education and prevention in the state with Lyme disease and other Tick



Borne Illnesses, I helped established Pennsylvania's FREE Tick Testing for Pennsylvania residents. If you find a tick on yourself or a loved one, you may send in the tick for testing of the most common diseases. This is a tool meant to be used in conjunction with your primary care physician.

First- through sixth-graders can help spread the word about preventing this tick-borne illness by entering the Pennsylvania Department of Health Lyme Art Contest. They are encouraged to submit a poster or video showing how to avoid exposure to ticks, check for ticks and/or remove ticks safely by March 15 at 5 p.m.

Find more information, including how to apply, here https://pasen.us21.list-manage.com/track/click ?u=ad42733add2d5dc5f4866819b&id=7b69e5eba1&e=e033a225ee



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This week the Easter Bunny will make his appearance.