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**Special Clinic Available for 4-H and FFA
 County Fair Animals**

Dr. O'Neill will open the Country Vet Clinic in Farmington on Tuesday, August 2 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. for health papers and vaccine for cattle. He was able to get vaccine and de-wormer donated, so Dr. O'Neill's and his staff's services will be free of charge. Health papers should take your animals through the state fair and any other Arkansas show they want to attend.

For more information, contact the Country Vet Clinic at 267-2685.

State Broilers

State broilers will be available for the Arkansas State Fair, Little Rock. Each batch of 30 pullet chicks is \$15 and will arrive August 30. Register by August 8 and make check payable to: Agriculture Development Council.

County 4-H Incentive Program

Earn recognition for all the hard work you do during the year. All 4-H members who participate in club and county activities are encouraged to participate in the Washington County 4-H Incentive Program. Points are based upon the individual 4-H member's involvement in club and county activities. These forms are due at the Extension office by August 11, 2011. 4-H members can work towards receiving a

Certificate of Recognition or t-shirt. Additional forms can be found online at <http://www.uaex.edu/washington/4H/> or requested from the Extension office.

Petting Zoo

Anyone that is interested in having your animals at the Petting Zoo and all clubs interested in working a shift, call Fannie Davenport, at 479-445-3287, by noon on August 12 to sign up. At least two adults and 4–6 youth are needed per shift.

Day	Date	Shift	Club
Tues.	Aug. 30	4:00-6:30 p.m.	
		6:30-9:00 p.m.	
Wed.	Aug.31	9:00 a.m.-noon	
		12:00-3:00 p.m.	
		3:00-6:00 p.m.	
Thur.	Sept. 1	4:00-6:30 p.m.	
		6:30-9:00 p.m.	
Fri.	Sept. 2	4:00-6:30 p.m.	
		6:30-9:00 p.m.	
Sat.	Sept. 3	10:00 a.m.-noon	
		noon-3:00 p.m.	
		3:00-6:00 p.m.	
		6:00-9:00 p.m.	

Washington County 4-H Cookbook

Missed sending in your recipe? Email Anna Goff at agoff@uaex.edu or call 444-1755 to have your recipe included.

Order Forms will be available soon, and details will be provided to all clubs on how much money your club will earn per cookbook sold. Watch your mail and email.

Club Honors and Scrapbooks

August 11, 2011 is the due date for all County Honor Club, State Honor Club and Scrapbook Honor applications to be submitted to the Extension office for the 2010-2011 4-H year.

County 4-H Clubs will be recognized at the Incentive Awards Program. These honors include Scrapbook Honors, County Honor Club and State Honor Club.

Scrapbook honors are awarded to new clubs or clubs submitting a scrapbook for the first time. These clubs must include the following items in their scrapbook: pictures of club officers and leaders; and pictures of members at three or more of the following (club activities, county activities, state activities, community service projects, fairs, or receiving awards at 4-H activities).

The County Honor Club guidelines are online at: http://www.kidsarus.org/go4it/Activities_Events/event_packet/awards_recognition/county_honor_club.pdf.

The State Honor Club guidelines are online at: http://www.kidsarus.org/go4it/Activities_Events/event_packet/awards_recognition/state_honor_club.pdf.

Copies of the Honor Club forms may also be requested from the Extension office.

Art of Farming Contest

The first “Art of Farming” Art and Photography contest, sponsored by the Arkansas 4-H Foundation, is here! Information was sent out in the July mailing to all 4-H families. This information is available on the county 4-H website and can be requested at 479-444-1755. Youth may enter as many items as they want in this contest. Entries are to be received at the Arkansas 4-H Center between August 1 and September 28. Please review the contest guidelines and submit your entries.

Southern Region 4-H Volunteer Forum

Arkansas is hosting the Southern Region 4-H Volunteer Forum for 4-H adult leaders and parents October 6-9 at Ferndale. Thirteen southern region states will be there. Registration fee of \$250 is due in Little Rock with application by Wednesday, August 31. Options are available for pre-conference and part-time registrations. Some financial assistance may be available. Contact Anna at for more information or an application.

County Fair Clean Up

The county fair is just around the corner. One of the reasons for the good appearance is the exhibitors’ interest in keeping the grounds looking nice. The work day has been set for Saturday, August 20 with gates to open about 7:30 a.m.

There will be plenty to do. Bring your weed trimmers, shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows, brooms and water hoses, and get ready for the best fair ever.

Washington County Fair Reminders

Table Setting:

Junior and Pee Wee exhibits may be placed by individuals or a group. Exhibits will be set up Saturday, August 27. Participation is limited – register at the Extension office.

Adult exhibits limited to 10 with setup on Saturday, August 27.

Educational Club Exhibits: This division is open on a first-come, first-serve basis to 4-H Clubs, FFA and FCCLA groups (one per school). Booths will be set up Saturday, August 27. Reserve your space at the Extension office with a \$5 check, payable to: Washington County Fair Association.

Hobby and Collectibles: Entries to be set up Saturday, August 27 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Stop by the Extension office and reserve your spot for \$5.

New This Year – Change for Rabbit Barn:

Following the show, after exhibits are moved to the rabbit barn, no other rabbits are to be within 100 feet of the rabbit barn – per Dr. Tim O’Neill.

New This Year – Poultry Blood Testing:

All poultry must be tested for Pullorum-Typhoid, this includes all chain birds. There is a charge of around \$1 per bird to help cover expenses. Clinics will be held at Elkins School, Saturday, July 30, 6:00 p.m.; West Fork Agri Building, Tuesday, August 2, 6:30 p.m.; and Farmington School, Saturday, August 13, about 6:00 p.m. If you cannot take birds on these dates, call Ashley Kyle Wallis (799-8802), Barbara Lewis after 5:00 p.m. (530-4924), or Amanda Cox (530-4965). If they don’t answer, leave a message.

For Turkeys and Broilers only: Testers will set up under shade trees in front of the fairgrounds on Sunday, August 28, at 4:00 p.m.

Broiler and Turkey Chain Participants: Please pick up your birds Saturday night, September 3. Check with superintendent for release time.

Youth Talent Contest: The talent contest will be held on Saturday, September 3 at 6:00 p.m. at the Latta Stage. This event is open to any Washington County youth from ages 10-20. Category winners qualify to attend the talent show at the state fair. Cash prizes are awarded to the top three acts. To enter, contact the Extension office by Thursday, August 25. Only the first 25 acts are accepted.

County Fair Premium Sale: If you have a market animal, now is a great time to visit some potential buyers. Take them a picture of your animal and tell them how you have been taking care of it this summer. Might pay off come fair time.

Farm Bureau – Sew with Cotton: The Farm Bureau Sew with Cotton class is for 100% cotton fabric garments with thread and trim of cotton or cotton blend. Bring a swatch of fabric from the garment entered in the Sew with Cotton Contest at the Washington County Fair. Different winners may be selected in each contest category: Cotton Suit, Cotton Dress, and Cotton Sportswear. If you win age category 14-19 in any of the three areas, Washington County Farm Bureau will sponsor your trip to the state competition at Little Rock in early December. Details are in fair catalog.

Incentive Awards and Party

New This Year – We are having an awards program for club awards and members that have submitted their County 4-H Incentive Program application. After the awards, there will be several games and activities for everyone to participate and enjoy. This is on Saturday, September 10, 9:00-11:00 a.m. and lunch will be served starting at 11:00 a.m. at the Extension office.

Please call 444-1755 by September 7 with number attending to ensure there is enough food. Clubs are encouraged to bring a door prize. Families are asked to bring desserts, side dishes and drinks. The main dish will be chicken sandwiches.

2011-2012 Club Enrollment and 4-H Adult Volunteer Training

All adult volunteer leaders need to attend the training session at the Extension office on Saturday, September 10, 10:15 – 11:00 a.m. to pick up club packets for the new 4-H year. You are invited to stay for lunch, which will be served starting at 11:00 a.m. Please call 444-1755 by September 7 with number attending to ensure there is enough food. Contact

Anna to make arrangements if you will not be able to attend this training.

Parent and Adult Leaders Meeting

All officers are required to attend and all parents, volunteers and adult leaders are invited to attend the meeting on Monday, September 19, 5:00 p.m., at the Extension office.

County 4-H Council Officer Elections

The annual 4-H County Council officer elections will be Monday, September 19, at 6:00 p.m., at the Extension office. Everyone is encouraged to arrive by 5:50 p.m. with your potluck items to share. The meeting starts promptly at 6:00 p.m. with 4-H'ers running for Council Officer positions giving 2-3 minute speeches, followed by potluck and business meeting. Points will be given based upon the officer candidate's traits, such as responsibility, dependability, leadership skills, honesty, character, dedication and teamwork.

According to the 4-H Council Policies and Guidelines that were voted on September 2010, each club or project group with elected officers will have one voting delegate. If the voting delegate is NOT the club president, the 4-H main leader will provide the Extension office with the name of the designated voting delegate by Friday prior to the scheduled election. Voting delegates will rate candidates on specific traits listed above and these votes will count as 25% of the total score.

An interview committee will conduct an interview with each candidate and evaluate their application plus resume submitted, starting at 7:00 p.m. on September 19. This total score will count as 75%, and the committee will provide recommendations regarding which 4-H member should be selected for the individual officer positions. Candidates will receive written notification of the results of the elections. Come meet the candidates at the Incentive Awards & Party on September 10.

Washington County EHC Scholarships Available

Each year, Washington County Extension Homemakers offer financial scholarships to students seeking degrees in higher education or technical training. Applicants must be a resident of Washington County, a high school graduate and enrolled in college or technical training. Scholarships are awarded during the Washington County Fall Council meeting on October 27 at the Washington County Extension Office.

Scholarship applications are available through the Extension office. Applications are due in the Extension office on September 15. Scholarships are funded by the annual EHC scholarship bazaar held in Thompson Hall during the county fair.

Washington County 4-H Foundation Fund Drive

If your 4-H club, family or friends would like to donate to the Washington County 4-H Foundation, please call 479-444-1755. Financial support is a tax-deductible donation since this is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

4-H parents and leaders, your employer may provide financial support to a 501(c)(3) organization for your community service hours contributed or other similar programs. Please check your policies to determine if money can be donated for things you are already doing. Contact the county Extension office for assistance with any documentation needed for your company's program.

ATV Safety Classes

There is still time before school starts for your group to schedule an ATV rider course. This can be done at the Extension office or at your location if you have a nice flat spot. ATVs can be provided if you don't have your own. Contact Johnny if you are interested.

Ross Photography Entries

All 4-H members that submitted photos in the Washington County 4-H Ross Photography Contest can come to the Extension office starting August 4 to

pick them up. The four photos that were submitted to state are not back, but you can pick up a copy of your photos on a CD. There were so many awesome entries, and we are looking forward to everyone submitting them at the county fair.



Service Project Opportunities

4-H Bake Sale – Drop by items at the Farmington Tractor Supply the morning of August 6 for a 4-H bake sale. All donations will be greatly appreciated! Contact Anna if you need more information.

Westwood Health & Rehab would like for a 4-H club or 4-H members to bring a petting zoo to the home. Please contact Tori Burden at 479-756-1600.

Culpepper Assisted Living's theme for August is "Pet Therapy," and they asked if there is a 4-H group or individuals who would be willing to bring some small animals and visit with the residents. Contact Joy Mathias at 443-1908.

4th Annual Lee Creek Cleanup, Saturday, September 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is an opportunity to provide community service, keep a local creek in good shape, and have fun at Devil's Den, a local state park. Free lunch will be provided and door prize drawings will take place. For more information call John Pennington, 479-444-1755.

Arkansas 4-H State Ambassadors

Congratulations to Amanda B. for completing the recertification process and continuing to serve as an Arkansas 4-H Ambassador. New Arkansas 4-H Ambassadors are Austin H., Tandy K., Will P. and Katy T. Way to go!

Dates for your Calendar

October 29 – Ozark District Forum for 4-H Volunteer Leaders, Parents and 4-H Members, at Harrison. Fee: \$15 per person (includes lunch). Deadline to register: Monday, October 10.

October 24 – Journal Workshop for everyone (new and experienced 4-H members), 6:00 p.m., at the county Extension office.

November 28 – Officer Training Workshop for all newly elected club officers, at Pauline Whitaker Animal Science Arena at 6:00 p.m.

November 30 – Journals are due at the county Extension office by 4:30 p.m.

Reimbursement Application

The Washington County Parent and Adult Leader's Association has a request application form for fuel reimbursement for 4-H youth non-competitive activities such as camps/workshops/educational events. The application is available upon request from at the Washington County Extension Office and is to be completed and returned at least one week prior to the event. If approved, the fuel receipt is to be submitted within 30 days of returning from the activity.

Washington County Extension Office

The Extension office is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. You may call 479-444-1755 for information on this newsletter or any questions you may have on 4-H.

Facebook

Washington County has had a Facebook page for the past year. If you have a Facebook account, you can search for agoff@uaex.edu and send a request to be added as a friend.

Congratulations to everyone!

Ozark District O-Rama Results -

Washington County had one of the largest groups represented in the District! – Agribusiness Public Speaking – Jr. Sara G. 1st Place, Sr. Will P. 1st Place; Animal Science – Sr. Amanda B. 1st Place; Baitcasting and Game Fish ID – Jr. Sidney B. 4th Place, Sr. Ryan R. 5th Place; Bicycle – Jr. Cody R. 1st Place; Citizenship – Sr. Tandy K. 3rd Place; Consumer Economics – Jr. Blake R. 1st Place, Sr. Maggie F. 1st Place; Crop and Seed ID – Jr. Jacob N. 2nd place, Sr. Lauren C. 3rd place; Entomology Collection – Jr. Avery H. 2nd Place, Sr. Sammie H. 1st Place; Entomology Talk – Jr. William P. 3rd Place; Environmental Stewardship – Jr. Jared D.; Fashion Revue Constructed Casual – Jr. Laney R.; Fashion Revue Constructed Dressy – Jr. Rebecca H. 2nd Place; Fashion Revue Purchased Casual – Jr. Sydney M. 2nd Place; Fashion Revue Purchased Dressy – Jr. Allison M. 3rd Place; Food Fair – Sr. Cabrina R. 3rd Place; Forestry – Jr. Gabby L. 4th Place, Sr. Amanda R. 1st Place; Gun Safety – Jr. Asa C.; Sr. Tarren C. 1st Place; Health – Jr. Autumn G. 2nd Place; Horse – Jr. JoAnna R. 5th Place, Sr. Kayla M. 5th Place; Human Development – Jr. Hannah R. 2nd Place, Sr. Shelby L. 3rd Place; Ornamental Horticulture – Jr. Abby B. 2nd Place, Sr. Caleigh M. 4th Place; Performing Arts Dance – Jr. Katie G. 4th Place; Performing Arts Instrumental – Jr. Charles H. – 1st Place, Sr. Gerrit H.; Performing Arts Vocal – Jr. Natali H. -5th Place, Sr. Jennifer P. & Jeremiah H. 5th Place; Public Speaking – Jr. Nick P. 4th Place, Sr. Max H. 4th Place; Reel Into Sportfishing – Jr. Kinder H., Sr. Cheyenne M. 4th Place; Safety – Jr. Zoë A.; Vet Science – Jr. Colton B. 3rd Place; Wildlife – Jr. Alex B., Baylee S. 5th Place, Julia D. 4th Place, Katelynn R. 3rd Place, Keely A., Sarah H., Sr. Austin H. 5th Place, Skie H., Starr H. 3rd Place, Tiffany R.




State O-Rama – Washington County was “Leading the way through 4-H” on July 20-21 at the U of A. Kelsey H., Cabrina R. and Kallie S. received scholarships for previous state-winning journals and their 4-H work. Tandy K. was recognized as a state 4-H journal winner, receiving a medallion and trophy. Anna G. received the 2011 County Extension Agent of the Year award, sponsored by the Arkansas 4-H Adult Leaders’ Association. Special thanks to all who donated can tabs and items for the State 4-H Community Service Projects. It was a huge success!

There were 20 Senior 4-H’ers that represented Washington County at the U of A. The following individuals competed in district-qualifying events: Agribusiness Public Speaking – Will P. 1st Place; Animal Science – Amanda B. 1st Place; Baitcasting and Game Fish ID – Ryan R.; Consumer Economics – Maggie F. 1st Place; Crop and Seed ID – Lauren C. 3rd Place; Entomology Collection – Sammie H. 1st Place; Forestry – Amanda R.; Gun Safety & BB Shooting – Tarren C. 2nd Place; Horse – Kayla M.; Human Development – Shelby L. 3rd Place; Ornamental Horticulture – Caleigh M.; Performing Arts Vocal – Jennifer P., Jeremiah H.; Public Speaking – Max H.; Reel Into Sportfishing – Cheyenne M. 4th Place; Wildlife – Austin H., Starr H.

For the state-only events: Land Judging Team – Amanda B., Amanda R., Caleigh M., Shelby L. 2nd Place; Livestock Skills High Point Individual – Will P.; Livestock Skills Team – Austin H., Cheyenne M., Tandy K., Will P. 2nd Place; Livestock Skills Individual – Katy T.; Parliamentary Procedure Team – Cabrina R., Kayla M., Lauren C., Maggie F., Ryan R. – 1st Place.

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You Are Invited To The
Incentive Party & Awards
Games, activities, and lots of fun!
Saturday, September 10
9:00-11:00 a.m. at the Extension office.
Lunch will be served at 11:00 a.m.

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Blue Ribbon 4-H'ers Happen All Year Long

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- 4-H boys and girls are more important than 4-H projects.
 - Learning HOW to do a project is more important than the project itself.
 - “Learning by doing” through a useful work project is fundamental in any sound educational program and characteristic of the 4-H program.
 - There is more than one good way to do most things.
 - Our job is to teach 4-H'ers HOW to think, not WHAT to think.
 - A balanced program of work and play, geared to the individual's needs, is more important than “grooming winners.”
 - Competition is a natural human trait and should be recognized as such in 4-H work, but it should be given no more emphasis than other 4-H fundamentals.
 - Every 4-H member needs to be noticed, to feel important, to experience success and to be praised.
 - No 4-H award is worth sacrificing the reputation of a 4-H member or a 4-H leader.
 - A blue ribbon 4-H member with a red ribbon animal/project is more desirable than a red ribbon member with a blue ribbon animal/project.

Adapted from a Missouri Extension 4-H Newsletter