



## SALINE COUNTY GREEN & WHITE NEWS

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Congratulations to Molly W. who saw her birth date in the newsletter last month and claimed her \$5.

Another reminder about our newsletter—we are sending your newsletter hard copies to your 4-H leaders, and they will pass them out at your meetings. The newsletters are posted on our website at <http://www.uaex.edu/saline/newsletters> and are there by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month. So, you can always go there to see what is going on during the month. If you truly love getting your newsletter via snail mail, we will be glad to send you a hard copy; simply call us and let us know. We will also be emailing everyone a copy at the first of the month. So, if we do not have your email, please call us with it or email me at [afreel@uaex.edu](mailto:afreel@uaex.edu), and let me know. This will save us so much paper, postage and time! Thank you for your support!

**PALS**

There is a Parent and Leader Meeting (PALS) at 6:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds on Tuesday, April 22, 2008. Any parent or leader involved in our 4-H program is urged to attend.

### Teen Leader Meeting

The next Teen Leader Meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds on Tuesday, April 22, 2008. If you are 12 - 19 and would like to come have a fun time with good friends while learning and serving your community, please come!

### ETIQUETTE CLASS

Do you want to know which fork to use for what food? How to introduce yourself to someone? If so, please sign up for 2 upcoming etiquette classes to be held at the EHC kitchen on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> and May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. You must be ages 14 – 19 to participate. After you learn how to be a lady or a gentleman, you will be treated to a fancy dinner at the Peabody Hotel in Little Rock! Hurry, space is limited! Call Penny Hammond to sign up today at 316-1533.

## New 4-H Club Formed

**SOAR-Seeking Outdoor Adventure and Recreation** - This club meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at the armory building at the fairgrounds. That is the 2<sup>nd</sup> building on the right as you drive into the fairgrounds. The next meeting is April 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. You will be sure to have a lot of fun though as you learn about the great outdoors such as camping, hiking, biking, ATV safety, etc.... For more info, contact Sharon Sloan (501) 594-5257.



## STEER WEIGHT GAINABILITY CONTEST

The Saline County Cattlemen's Association will once again sponsor the Weight Gain ability contest.

The rules are:

You must weigh your steer on scheduled date

Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008 from 9 - 12 (Call office, if you plan to come.)

Then reweighed on Tuesday September 3<sup>rd</sup>, opening day of the

County fair (steers will be weighed after 6:00 p.m.)

The steer that has gained the most weight during this time frame

will win \$100.00 from the Cattlemen's Association

## Talks and Talent Contest

Do you have a talent that you would like to showcase at our talent contest? What about an excellent speaking skill or maybe a fun demonstration that shows how to do something that you're passionate about? Well, your chance is here! Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 1 - 3 p.m. at Birchtree Auditorium in Benton. Call me today to find out which category your skill fits into. We will also be glad to help write your speech and work with you on posters and demo skills.

## FCS Camp

**Dates** – Monday, July 7 through Friday, July 11; applications are due May 1.

**Where** – U of A – Fayetteville

There are scholarships available! If you get the scholarship the cost is \$250. You can learn so much about the Family and Consumer Science profession at this wonderful camp.

**Ages** – 15 – 18

## Big "B" Day

Big "B" Day was cold and rainy, but we still had several 4-H'ers show up!

This included: BBQ Chicken cooking contest, Bicycle, Bait casting, Reel into Sport fishing, as well as BB shooting.

Results for BBQ - 1<sup>st</sup> - Mark S., 2<sup>nd</sup> - Hollie W., 3<sup>rd</sup> - Jennifer S., 4<sup>th</sup> - Molly E. & 5<sup>th</sup> - Tanner N. All five contestants are eligible to compete in the district BBQ contest at the 4-H Center in Ferndale on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Results for Bicycle Contest - Olivia M. - overall winner for Juniors. Results for BB Shoot - Seniors - 1<sup>st</sup> - Mark S., 2<sup>nd</sup> - Ryan K., 3<sup>rd</sup> - Kaleb W.

Juniors - 1<sup>st</sup> - Molly W., 2<sup>nd</sup> - Jennifer S., 3<sup>rd</sup> - Jessica B., 4<sup>th</sup> - Shelby R., 5<sup>th</sup> - Olivia M.

Results for Baitcasting Contest were: Seniors: 1<sup>st</sup> - Mark S., 2<sup>nd</sup> - Ryan K., 3<sup>rd</sup> - Kaleb W.

Juniors - 1<sup>st</sup> - Jennifer S., 2<sup>nd</sup> - Mollie E., 3<sup>rd</sup> - Molly W., 4<sup>th</sup> - Shelby R., 5<sup>th</sup> - Olivia M. & Jessica B. (tie).

Cloverbuds participating were: Melissa E., Juanita P., Joseph H., Jared M., Julia M. & Alex N.



## County-wide Community Service Projects

Connie Lewis has graciously volunteered to be our Community Service Coordinator to allow all 4-H members access to worthy projects! Thank you Connie! Below are some projects that Connie has found:

1. The Royal Theater - They need help to clean up after the shows. You get to watch the show free. Working on any play is counted also. For more information, call Shannon Moss at 315-live (5483). You can work one night or more in the clean-up area.



2. Grace Meadows - Horse Ranch that provides lessons to kids with disabilities.

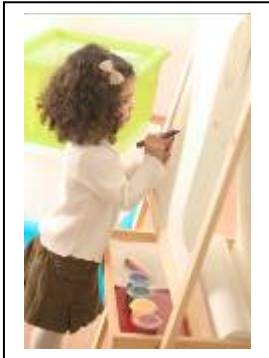
They welcome anyone to come out the first and third Saturday of each month. You will be working with other kids that are doing community service as well. This is a great opportunity to introduce others to 4-H! You will be helping Grace Meadow clean out the water troughs, feed animals, condition tack etc.... mothers, fathers or sponsors must stay with your children. (NO DROP-OFFS!) Call Mr. Flowers at 920-1901, for more details.



3. Zoo (April 26, 2008 Little Rock) - How would you like to see what the Horticulturist at the Little Rock Zoo does, as well as gain experience landscaping? Mr. Tom Frothingham is offering the opportunity to participate in beautifying the zoo. You will also get to see the real story behind all of those aquatic plants...yes they are doing a job too. Parents must sign a release. Call Connie Lewis at 501-315-4194 to sign up.

## Poster Art Contest

The 2008 poster art contest is open to all 4-H members, ages 9 - 19.



Posters should be 14" x 22" in dimension and may be horizontal or vertical. Posters may be any medium art—watercolor, ink, crayon, acrylic, charcoal, oils or collage. They cannot contain any copyrighted material such as cartoon characters and cannot have any three-dimensional items on them.

The 4-H member's name, age, county, full address and brief interpretation of art work must be affixed to the back of the poster in the upper left-hand corner. (You may use a 3" x 5" index card.) Posters should be submitted (flat, not rolled) to the County office by April 25th.

The theme is - **4-H: Wired for Success**

### **Teen Challenge 2008 – June 16-19 – 4-H Center - FREE**

Teens that go to this camp have plenty of challenges and outdoor recreation taking the Ropes Course. You'll learn CPR, the danger of driving under the influence and valuable leadership and team-building skills. Have lots of fun, stay in comfortable dorms. Your tuition can also be paid for if you are one of the first two who call me. Call Angie at the Extension office at 303-5672, if you're in the 9 - 12<sup>th</sup> grades.

## Giant Pumpkin and Watermelon Seeds



If you are in the horticulture/gardening project, you can participate in the pumpkin and watermelon contest! In order to be successful, these projects need a certain amount of adult direction and supervision. There is a \$1 charge each packet of seed. 4-H'ers are limited to one of each pumpkin and watermelon packet. We have detailed growing instructions for your use. Call or email today to reserve your seeds. The deadline is April 14<sup>th</sup>!

The top two county winners in pumpkins and watermelons will be eligible to enter the "STATE WEIGH-IN". The weigh-in will be Saturday October 11<sup>th</sup> at the Arkansas State Fair. This is a great learning experience.

## National Leadership Forum – FREE!

Students from across the country will gather at Harding University in Searcy to share experiences and information. The Farm Bureau will sponsor 2 students which is a \$120 value. Some of the speakers are: Deena Burnett, wife of Tom Burnett, a passenger on United Airlines Flight 93 who helped fight back against terrorists on September 11, 2001. John Froppé was born without arms, but he has a great perspective on life. Learn what empowers him to solve problems creatively. Call Angie at the Extension office at 303-5672, if you're in the 9 - 12<sup>th</sup> grades.

## Calendar of Events

April 10 – SOAR 4-H club meeting  
April 14 – Deadline for Pumpkin/Watermelon seed requests  
April 18/19 – Parent/Leader Conference  
April 22 – PALS and Teen Leader Meeting  
April 25 – Poster Art Deadline  
April 26 – Little Rock Zoo community service

If you have Cloverbuds (4-H'ers ages 5 - 8) make sure to jot down July 1 & 2<sup>nd</sup> on your calendar. This is our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Cloverbud Camp at Tyndall Park. It is always loads of fun and they learn a lot too!

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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