



## SALINE COUNTY GREEN & WHITE NEWS

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Can you believe it is 2008? Let's make this the best year in Saline County 4-H. We have great clubs, great members and great leaders. We are going to offer fun workshops all year and lots of FUN learning activities.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to our program - it's worth it! Don't forget to look for your birthday to claim your \$5!

### Christmas Float Results

We had so many people who worked hard on the Christmas float. The theme this year was Jingle Bell Rock. It was beautiful! Thanks to everyone who spent their time painting, sewing, gluing, nailing, and stapling on the float and those who came to walk with the float or support the parade. All of this was led by Nanette, who spent several nights being the sleigh driver for this.

### New 4-H Club forming

**SOAR-Seeking Outdoor Adventure and Recreation** - This club will meet 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 first meeting will be February 14 at 6:30 p.m. This club is a club that you can attend in addition to a traditional 4-H club or just as a project area club. 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

## **WHEP Practice set**

The Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program Practice Session will be at ASU-Beebe on Saturday, February 16. The cost is \$6 per person attending (this includes contestants, coaches and parents). The deadline to sign up with the county office is January 28. All those interested in competing in the state contest on April 25 are encouraged to attend this practice session. It is very informative, especially for those new to the competition. For more information, contact Sharon Sloan at (501) 594-5257.

## **4-H Livestock Club**

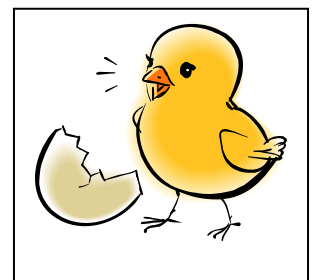
The 4-H livestock club has new leaders who will concentrate on giving fun educational meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday night at 6:30 at the fairgrounds. They will include how to take care of lots of different livestock from rabbits to chickens to grooming clinics on steers. On February 5, they will discuss the poultry chain. So, come join the fun each month!

## **Shooting Sports Team**

If you would like to learn how to shoot a gun, learn archery compass and orienteering then compete in competitions; join the Saline County 4-H Shooting Sports Club. For more information, please call Ron here at the office. Practice begins very soon so call today if you're interested!

## **Poultry Chain**

The 4-H Foundation gives you 25 chickens (or you pay a very small fee depending on which breed you prefer), which you will raise. We provide vaccinations for them along the way, but you are responsible for food, water and shelter. You must also agree to bring back three birds to the county fair in September to be sold in the Livestock Auction. The money raised from the auction goes back into the program for the next year's project. The birds arrive in April.



Soon, it will be time to place your order for the chicks. In the past, the White Leghorns were available for free. The Bovan Brown (sometimes called Cinnamon Queens or Golden Comet were available for 50¢ each). Let me know if you want to participate in this project. You must be sure that you want to participate when you place the order!

Please call me, if you have questions regarding this project. It is a lot of fun and a great learning experience. These birds lay wonderful eggs!

## **Beekeeping Essay Contest**

This annual 4-H Essay Contest is sponsored by the American Beekeeping Federation and includes cash prizes at the state and national levels. The entries will be judged at the state level and the state winner will be forwarded to the American Beekeeping Federation whose website (<http://www.abfnet.org/>) you may check for the winning national entry. All entries must be submitted to our office by February 11, and state winners will be announced by the first working day of March.

The topic for the 2008 essay is "The Results of Honey Bee Pollination in My Community." Essayists are encouraged to become familiar with honey bees' pollination activities and, then, survey their communities to see what examples they can find. Some of these will be obvious, i.e., apples on sale at the supermarket. Essayists should not overlook the benefit to farmers who are able to produce more or higher value crops as a result of pollination nor the benefits to the local population from the varied diet to which honey bee pollination contributes.

## **ATV riders wanted!!**

This year, I will be involved in a statewide ATV safety program. I will be working with AR Children's Hospital on this effort. My contact would love 4-H'ers input on a panel on February 5<sup>th</sup> in Bryant from 6-8 p.m. You will just answer questions about riding ATV's and be fed dinner and be given a VERY NICE Wal-Mart gift card for your help. You must be between the ages of 10-16 and ride ATVs. Please call John Nixon at 501-364-3300 to sign up. Make sure you tell him you're in Saline County 4-H when you call. It will be an honor to get to go to this and they are inviting 4-H members to be on the panel.  
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## **Horse Club FUN!**

The horse club meets each third Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds. Mike Jordan is their leader and has some great activities lined out. Their next meeting is

January 17, and they will have an artist come to teach the members how to draw horses and caricatures. They also are going to see the Lipizzaner show on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at Alltel arena. They are inviting all the clubs to join them for this amazing show. They will get a special treat and will receive a grooming clinic before the show. Tickets are \$16.25 for kids 2-12 and \$19.25 for adults. If you would like to go, please get your money to our office by 4:30 p.m. on January 17. Please call Mike Jordan 778-4255

## **Entre – WHAT? Camp – cheap!**

**Who:** 9-12 year olds (4-H and non 4-H) \*

**Target audience:** Students who are on free or reduced lunch program at school (any student can apply, no matter what their financial situation)

**Cost:** Only \$20 (fee covers lodging, meals, and supplies)

**When:** February 15-17, 2008

7:00 p.m. Friday through 1:00 p.m. Sunday

**Where:** C. A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center  
Ferndale (West Little Rock), AR

**What:** Learn about starting and running a business  
Using the Entre-WHAT? Curriculum

**Why:** To help students learn about business, money, financial management  
To meet new friends/have fun  
To educate non 4-Hers about what 4-H can offer them  
To bring in new campers

**Application Deadline:** January 31, 2008, or until camp is filled – this is a GREAT camp – come by today for an application, or I can email one to you. Call me at 303-5672.

## **Dairy Recipe Contest**

Our Dairy Recipe Contest will be on **Tuesday, January 29, 2008, at 6:30 p.m.** at the fairgrounds. There are two Divisions: party ideas and main dish. There must be dairy products in the recipe. Recipes will be judged on ready availability of ingredients, clearness, and accuracy of recipe, serving suggestions, and other ideas on entry recipe, originality and enhancement of the recipe by use of dairy products. **Each contestant may only enter one division.** You must write out the recipe and bring it with you to the contest. Prizes will be awarded to the winner of each division and the overall winner.

## **PALs**

We will be having a Parent and Leader Meeting (PALs) at 6:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds on Tuesday, January 22, 2008.

## **Record Book Journals Due**

Record Books are due in our office by Friday, January 18, 2008 at 4:30 p.m.

If you want to download forms to fill out Record Book Journals, go to our county website at <http://www.uaex.edu/saline/> click "4-H Youth Development" at the bottom, then click "Record Book Journal." You can then pick which form you want to download. If you need a form in Word format, just email me, and I can send it to you. There is a great deal of information to guide you through the process. If you need a new record book cover, they are available free at our office. If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to call.

## **Calendar of Events**

**January 22 – PALs Meeting 6:30 p.m. – Fairgrounds**

**January 22 – 4-H Teen Leader Meeting – 6:30 - Fairgrounds**

**January 18- Record Book Journals Due in our Office**

**January 29 – Dairy Recipe – 6:30 p.m. - Fairgrounds**

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, or disability. 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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