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We are entering our busiest season. I hope that you will come to some of our county competitive events. Watch the newsletter closely for dates and places that they will be held. And, as always please call, email or come by if you have questions about any events!

Talks, Talent & Fashion

The talks (speeches and demonstrations), talent contest (vocal, instrumental, or dance) & our fashion revue (constructed & purchased) is on **Saturday, March 5, at 1 p.m. at Birchtree Auditorium.**

For details go to:

http://www.kidsarus.org/go4it/Activities_Events/event_packet/default.htm - scroll down to where

you see ***O-Rama: Regional Competitive Activities***. The different categories and rules are there.

To get to Birchtree Auditorium: On the access road before you get to the fairgrounds, turn between the BP station and Holland Chapel Baptist Church on Airplane Drive. Go nine tenths of a mile, you will come to a sharp left curve – follow this around and you will be on Mary Kaye Blvd. You will see the building on the left about one-tenth of a mile down. Please let us know if you need help writing your speech. We will work with you every step of the way.

4-H Poultry Chain Deadline – Feb. 25

The 4-H Foundation gives you 25 baby chicks that you raise. You must agree to bring back 3 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 will arrive on approximately **April 11**.

It is time to place your order for the chicks. They are Bovan Brown pullets. Let me know if you want to participate in this project. You **must be sure** that you want to participate when you place your order!

If you do not bring birds to the fair to sell, you will be invoiced for the average selling price for three birds after the fair.

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



***Teen Leaders & PALS (Parents & Leaders) meeting will be at the
EXTENSION OFFICE on
Tuesday, February 22 at 6:30 p.m.***

Congratulations to Baley F.
and Jess B. for placing in
the State 4-H Essay
contest! Good job!!

4-H is Online!

If you haven't already done so, please go online and register as a 4-H member in Saline County. To do this, please go to: <https://arkansas.4honline.com>. This will allow you to register for state and eventually county activities online as well as pay online by echeck or credit card. Let us know if you have any questions about this process. Please do this soon so we can be ready for camps this summer.

State Camp Details Enclosed

In this newsletter you will find a spreadsheet (front and back) detailing the different camps offered at the state level. All of these except for Forestry and Wildlife Camp must be signed up for online.

Beekeeping Essay – due Feb. 21!

The topic for the 2011 essay is "*U.S. Honey: A Taste for Every Preference*". The taste and color of honey varies according to the flowers where the nectar originates. Different types of plant will yield honey with a different taste. The same plants, growing in different soils and climates, can yield different honey. 4-H'ers are encouraged to investigate the local/regional honeys of the U.S. and see how they differ in taste and color. Is a honey dark with a rich flavor, or light in color and mild-tasting? Actual access to the honey for tasting is not required – just find out about some of the characteristics and write about them.

Sources are important. Good leads for research include school and public libraries, local beekeepers (we have some names you can contact), county Extension agents, local or state beekeepers associations and the beekeeping professor at Arkansas' agricultural college. The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees website is www.honeybeepreservation.org, which also has links to other sites. **There are more rules, so please email us if you are interested in receiving these!** The national prize is \$750 for first place. Well worth the effort. Few people enter this contest so email me for details. It is 750-1000 words. Entries must be emailed to gstudebaker@uaex.edu by Feb. 21, 2011.

Poster Art Contest - HURRY

Saline County Farm Bureau is sponsoring a countywide **Safety Promotion Poster Contest**. The theme for the poster should be related to some aspect of safety, such as: farm machinery, chemicals, home, fire, bus, tornado, poisoning, ATV's etc.

Farm Bureau will award a \$20 prize to the first TWO 4-H CLUBS WHO SUBMIT 5 posters for the contest! Kids who enter must be in the 1-6 grade. Bring them to the Extension Office.

Each entry must be prepared on poster board not exceeding 25 inches by 35 inches. The student's name, address, grade, school, county and parents' names and telephone numbers must be written on the back of the entry. Posters without proper identification will be disqualified.

Congratulations to our Dairy Recipe Contestants!

Main Dish

- 1) Austin R. – *“Super Bowl Alfredo”*
- 2) Joann S. – *“Quiche JoAnn”*
- 3) Kelsey C. – *“The Lady Cheese Mac”*
- 4) Lily W. – *“Lily’s Potato Leek Soup”*
- 5) Savannah C. – *“Broccoli Cheese Soup”*

Party Idea

- 1) Jared M. – *“Cheese Log”*
- 2) Addison J. – *“Hot Ham and Cheese Dip”*
- 3) Tiffany A. – *“Oranges”*
- 4) Luke R. – *“Cheese Burger Twist”*
- 5) Keyona A. – *“Cheesecake”*

The overall winner was Austin R. who will go on to compete in the state Dairy Foods Contest!

The Cloverbud who competed was Julia M. Participation ribbons went to LaZanee M. and Jess B.

Saline County 4-H Golf Tournament

The Teen Leaders are hosting a golf tournament on Friday, April 8, at Longhills Golf Course. If you would like to enter a team to golf, please email Angie for a form. We would love your support! Forms will be mailed out soon and flyers will be at local businesses.

Saline County 4-H Club Meetings

Club Name	Time	Location	Leader
Davis Clovers	1 st Monday at 3:30	Davis Elementary	Barbie McDaniel bmcdaniel@bryantschools.org
Freedom Reins Horse Club	3 rd Thursdays at 6:30	Fairgrounds	Susan Crossland
Haskell	2 nd Monday at 6:30	Harmony Grove Cafeteria	Sandy White sandywhite@birchtree.org
Helping Hands	2 nd & 4 th Fridays at 2:00	Extension Office	Penny Hammond 519-1624
Livestock Club	2 nd Tuesday at 6:30	Fairgrounds	Mollie Wright Wright36@hotmail.com
PALS (Parents and Leaders)	4 th Tuesday at 6:30	Extension Office	Angie Freel afreel@uaex.edu
Paron Lion's Pride	1 st and 3 rd Wednesdays at 6:00	Paron Community Center	Candy Webb Lilysmom0606@yahoo.com
Magic Clovers	3 rd Tuesday at 6:30	Fairgrounds	Nanette Webb nwebb@uaex.edu
Salem Superstars	1 st Thursday at 6:30	Salem United Methodist Church	Becky McPeake 501-794-4898 or rmcpeake@uaex.edu
Shining Stars	2 nd and 4 th Mondays at 6:30	Johnson Street Church of Christ	Virginia McClure 501-317-1741
Shooting Sports	Practice starts in January	Competitions in Spring & summer	Ron Matlock rmatlock@uaex.edu
Teen Leader Club	4 th Tuesday at 6:30	Extension Office	Angie Freel afreel@uaex.edu
Wiggles and Wags Dog club	March 14 – 6:30 – every Monday after that is training	Fairgrounds	Barbara Laule blaule@aol.com

February Calendar

February 11-13 – Entrepreneur and Advanced Entrepreneur Camp

February 18-19 Ambassador Workshop – 4-H Center

February 22-24 – Journal Judging – 4-H Center

February 25 – Poultry Chain Orders Due

February 26 – WHEP practice – Beebe



March 5 – Talks, Talent & Fashion – Birch Tree Auditorium – 1:00 p.m.

April 2 – BBQ Chicken Contest – Fairgrounds

April 8 – 4-H Golf Tournament

April 16 – Master Gardener Show and Sale

April 16 – Teen Leader Yard Sale

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County Extension Agent – 4-H

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.