Dear 4-H’ers:

Back to school means it’s time to get back to 4-H! Remember to check out the 4-H News section of this newsletter for information about upcoming 4-H club meeting dates. For more information contact the club leader or the County Extension Office.

4-H LEADERS/OFFICERS MEETING

The 4-H Leaders/Officers Meeting will be held on Monday, August 22 at 5 p.m. at the Extension Office in DeWitt.

ARKANSAS COUNTY FAIR

We are looking forward to the Arkansas County Fair and know that it will be lots of fun for the whole family. Fair dates are September 12-17 and this year’s fair theme is “The Circus Is Back In Town!!”

4-H Poultry Chain -- Remember you are required to bring four of your best pullets to the County Fair for judging. Check-in is Sunday, September 11, 1:00-3:30 p.m. or Monday, September 12, 8:00-10:00 a.m. Some of your chicks may be laying eggs. If so, eggs may be entered in the Horticulture Division on Monday, September 12, 12:30-5:30 p.m. Note: A silent auction will be conducted in the livestock barn area beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 14. Bid sheets will be attached near the cages for entering bids. (Bids will be placed on a pen of 4 chickens.) The auction will close on Friday, September 16 at 4 p.m. Winning bidders will be notified and may pick up their chicks on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. Proceeds from the auction are used to purchase chicks for 4-H members the following year.

Educational Booths -- Educational booths must be completed by Sunday, September 11 at 4:00 p.m.

Giant Pumpkins & Watermelons -- “Green thumb” 4-H’ers who are growing giant pumpkins and watermelons should enter them in the County Fair on Monday, September 12, 12:30-5:30 p.m.

4-H’ers are reminded to enter Individual Entries in the County Fair. Enter art, photography, crafts, food, horticulture, and field crops on Monday, September 12 from 12:30-5:30 p.m.; livestock on Sunday, September 11 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. or Monday, September 12 from 8:00-10:00 a.m. and poultry, waterfowl and rabbits on Sunday, September 11 from 1:00-3:30 p.m. or Monday, September 12 from 8:00-10:00 a.m.

Parade -- The Arkansas County Fair Parade will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 15, with line-up at 3:15 p.m. at the old DeWitt Middle School location, 301 N. Jackson, DeWitt.

Children’s Pet Show -- The Children’s Pet Show will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 17 at the Arkansas County Fairgrounds.

For more information about the Arkansas County Fair refer to the fair tabloid. Tabloids are available at the County Extension Office.

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS: All premium checks, exhibits and individual entries must be picked up on Sunday, September 18 between 1:00 pm. and 3:00 p.m. No exceptions will be made to this notice.

Visit our website at: http://www.uaex.edu/counties/arkansas.
POULTRY TESTING CLINIC
The 2016 Arkansas County Fair is just around the corner and in preparation all poultry (New this year: includes 4-H Poultry Chain birds) must be tested before they can enter the fairgrounds on September 11-12. A Poultry Bleeding Clinic is scheduled for Thursday, September 1. It will be held at the Arkansas County Extension Office from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
All poultry (New this year: includes 4-H Poultry Chain birds), which includes domesticated game birds, turkeys, pheasants, guineas, and quail, must be tested for Pullorum-Typhoid within 90 days of the exhibition. Ankle bands will be attached once the bird is tested and the number on the band will be recorded. These bands must remain on the bird for entry into the fair.
If you have questions, or if transporting your birds to the Extension office on this date presents a problem, please contact our office at 870-946-3231 or 870-673-2346 so other arrangements can be made.

4-H VOLUNTEER U MULTI-STATE CONFERENCE
4-H Volunteer U Multi-State Conference will be held November 11-13 at the C.A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center. Fulltime Registration will be between $175 - $195; part-time will be $65 - $75. To register, go to: https://www.regonline.com/2016volunteerumultistate
Registration will close October 21. Sessions will include 4-H club management and Volunteer Best Practices, Positive Youth Development 4-H Science (STEM) programs, Healthy Living programs and Citizenship/Leadership programs, fun shops, and more. The program is for 4-H volunteers, parents, and Extension Agents wanting to learn fun, creative and innovative techniques for fostering positive youth development.

STATE 4-H O’RAMA
Nearly 500 teenagers participated in Arkansas State 4-H O’Rama in Fayetteville on Aug. 2-5. Arkansas 4-H members had the opportunity to display their talents in performances and competition, and enjoy the company of their 4-H peers. Congratulations to Will on 2nd place in Entomology Talk at State 4-H O’Rama!

ARKANSAS 4-H RICE QUIZ BOWL
The first Arkansas 4-H Rice Quiz Bowl was held at the 2016 Rice Expo on August 10 at the Grand Prairie Center in Stuttgart. Five teams competed with each team consisting of four members from 9 to 19 years old. Congratulations to the Arkansas County Quiz Bowl Team for receiving 2nd place!
Team members participating were: Will, Rob, Connor, and Rachel.

RICE EXPO 4-H VOLUNTEERS
Chloe, a member of Clover Kids 4-H Club volunteered in the Living Well with Rice Cooking Demonstrations held at The Rice Expo on August 10 at the Grand Prairie Center in Stuttgart.

MISS ARKANSAS COUNTY RICE
Torri was crowned “2016 Miss Arkansas County Rice”. Her rice dish is “Wild-Rice Casserole”. Torri’s responsibilities are to promote the cookery and use of rice in the county. If you would like her to come to your club and present a program, please call the Extension Office at (870)946-3231 or (870)673-2346.

HUMMINGBIRD BANDING CLASSES
Potlatch Conservation Education Center at Cook’s Lake near Casscoe will be conducting Hummingbird Banding Classes on the following Saturdays throughout the summer months: August 20 and September 3. All programs will be from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Bring sack lunch and drinks; lunch will be in classroom while you travel to South America via a PBS Nature Series video showing some of the 340-plus hummingbirds that live in South America only...won’t ever see them visiting us here in Arkansas!! The program consists of a PowerPoint covering flowers, facts about hummingbirds, banding and why band, what happens in the nest, wintering hummingbirds….“Lunch and a movie”.... banding
demonstration in the classroom under a “flex scope that projects onto our Promethean Board so everyone can see what is being done. At the end of the program volunteers will release the birds back into the “wilds” (you can actually feel the heart beat when the little bird is laid in your hand as you release it!). Please call Cook’s Lake at (870)241-3373 to register for a session…seating is limited to 36.

4-H ONLINE ENROLLMENT
All 4-H members and leaders should enroll in 4-H Online. Please take time to enroll now at: https://arkansas.4honline.com. This is very important for our office records. 4-H online enrollment is required to participate in county activities. Computer access is available at the Extension Office.

4-H RECORD BOOKS
Record keeping and completing a Record Book describing work in a member’s project is an important part of 4-H. All Arkansas County 4-H’ers are encouraged to complete 4-H Record Books. The purpose of 4-H record keeping is to report project goals and how they are completed; report what is learned and life skills developed; and report participation, community service and leadership. Through your record book, you show your accomplishments and how you have developed responsibility by keeping records. You will find your record book useful in evaluating past achievements and in making improvements in future plans throughout your 4-H career. Numerous awards are available for just turning in a completed record book and include attending the 4-H Achievement Banquet, jackets, t-shirts, pins, camp scholarships and other awards. More information is available at the County Extension Office or on our website at: http://www.uaex.edu/4h-youth/resource-library/project-books.aspx.

Community Conservation Project
Remember to continue saving aluminum cans, cell phones, and printer cartridges so you can bring them to the Extension Office for recycling. This has been a great 4-H community conservation project! Proceeds go to the Arkansas County 4-H Council.

Visit the Arkansas County 4-H Facebook Page at: www.facebook.com/Arkansas4H.arkansas.

4-H EVENTS
The following is a quick reference for upcoming 4-H state camps and events. For more information contact the Arkansas County Extension Office.

- Arkansas 4-H Foundation scholarships may be available in 4-H online to assist 4-H members who have financial need to attend camp at the C.A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center. For more information call the Extension Office.

- Remember Arkansas County 4-H Camp Scholarships are available for those qualifying whereby the County 4-H Foundation will pay 75% of the expenses for one camp per year. Call the Extension Office for more information.

August 2016 Due Dates:
31 Forestry & Wildlife Camp Registration
September 2016 Due Dates:
1 Enrollment Begins for 2016-2017 4-H Year
6 Shooting Sports Instructor Training Registration
30 4-H Day - State Fair Contest Registration

Arkansas 4-H Camps -- offers camping and training opportunities for 4-H youth 5-19 years old and adults. For more information contact the Extension Office or visit our website at: http://www.uaex.edu/4h-youth/activities-programs/camps/camp%20flyer%2016.pdf.

Forestry & Wildlife Camp: Forestry & Wildlife - Basic & Advanced (10-13 & 14-18 year olds) will be held September 23-25 at the 4-H Center, Ferndale. Registration fee is $145 and registration deadline is August 31.
Clover Kids 4-H Club met on July 18 to complete plans for a community service workshop. Clover Kids 4-H Club hosted a county-wide Community Service Workshop on July 25 with 18 youth participating. Sixty pairs of slippers were completed that will go to Shoebox Christmas gifts, 39 teaching dolls were stuffed for Children's Hospital, 33 Thank You letters were written to 4-H donors. Participants were also treated to ice breakers emphasizing meeting others and closing camp songs led by Will. A special thanks to all the adult volunteers that made this workshop a success. The next meeting will be held Monday, August 15 at 3:30 p.m. The club will be making crafts to enter at the county fair.

Prairie Angels 4-H Club will meet Monday, August 29 at 3:30 p.m. at Faith Baptist Church Gym.

Spirit of '76 4-H Club will meet on Wednesday, August 31 at 3:30 p.m. at the Extension Office.

Wildlife 4-H Club will meet on Monday, August 29 at 5:00 p.m. at Faith Baptist Church Gym.

The Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service is an equal opportunity/equal access/affirmative action institution. If you require a reasonable accommodation to participate or need materials in another format, please contact your County Extension office as soon as possible. Dial 711 for Arkansas Relay.

Sincerely,

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