Dear 4-H’ers:

October is 4-H promotion month and it provides us an opportunity to let others in the community know what 4-H is all about. This year’s theme is “#4HGrown.” 4-H youth from across the nation will celebrate National 4-H Week October 2-8. Each club is encouraged to plan some type of special 4-H promotion activity. As you are planning and participating in the activity, please include the news media and tell everyone about 4-H.

4-H ONLINE ENROLLMENT

The annual 4-H membership rollover in 4-H Online began September 1. All active and pending enrollments are set back to inactive. This allows 4-H families to re-enroll for the 2016-2017 4-H year. Please take time to enroll now at: https://arkansas.4honline.com. Arkansas 4-H Online is a web based event registration system that is used to enroll in 4-H as well as register for statewide events and activities. All 4-H members and leaders should enroll. 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. For more information, call the Extension Office at (870)946-3231 or (870)673-2346.

4-H APPRECIATION COFFEE

The Annual 4-H Appreciation Coffee for all those that support 4-H will be held on Tuesday, October 11 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the Arkansas County Courthouse in DeWitt. Everyone is welcome to stay and assist. Also, we will need several 4-H’ers available for a picture at 9:30 a.m. with Judge Eddie Best signing the 4-H Proclamation. Please call the Extension Office and sign-up to assist with this event. (4-H Leaders: Please remember to bring refreshments to the courthouse by 8:30 a.m.)

4-H HAMBURGER SUPPER

The 4-H Hamburger Supper is scheduled for Thursday, October 20 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Arkansas County Fairgrounds in DeWitt. Please help make our event successful by selling tickets. Tickets are available to pick up at the Extension Office in DeWitt. The 4-H member to sell the most tickets will receive a $10 cash prize. Ticket money or tickets not sold must be turned in to the Extension Office by Friday, October 14.

We need everyone to help, members, leaders and parents. Please be at the fairgrounds at 4:30 p.m. We will begin serving at 5 p.m. Members will take orders, while adults will do the cooking. 4-H members and family working are asked to eat after 6 p.m. This should better accommodate our customers. It will be fun, so please plan to come be a part! Call the County Extension Office now to pre-register to participate.

Visit our website at: http://www.uaex.edu/counties/arkansas.
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**One Day of Service -**

Arkansas 4-H’s "One Day of Service" is any day in October 2016 that you and your 4-H’ers choose! 4-H Promotion month is a perfect time to promote 4-H – by serving others. 4-H One Day of Service can be any service project that makes a difference in your community. It can be as simple as mowing the lawn of a homebound person, picking up trash in an "adopt-a-highway" area or surveying your community needs and then creating a service project to help with one of those needs later. Please help us complete the 4-H Day of Service Survey for Arkansas County Projects by answering the following questions:

- **Date of your 4-H Day of Service**
- **Name of your 4-H Club**
- **Name of person reporting service**
- **What did you do?**
- **How many people did you serve?**
- **How many 4-H’ers and 4-H leaders were involved?**
- **How many non 4-H’ers were involved?**
- **Please tell us some details of your service project.**
- **Who did the 4-H’ers partner with in the community?**
- **Tell us anything else about the learning experience that we might share with others**

**4-H NYSD Experiment -**

The 2016 National Youth Science Day (NYSD) is dedicated to engaging kids with science through a hands-on science experiment. On October 5, 2016 this year’s experiment – Drone Discovery – will teach youth a wide variety of topics related to unmanned flight including flight dynamics, aircraft types, safety and regulations, remote sensing and flight control. Drones are revolutionizing the way we work and play, whether you are a filmmaker looking for the perfect aerial shot, a rescue worker mapping damage from natural disaster or a farmer determining how to increase crop yield. As drones play an increasingly important role in the world around us, 4-H National Youth Science Day 2016 introduces youth to the burgeoning field of drones in a hands-on, interactive design challenge. Programs like 4-H NYSD offer youth an opportunity to learn about science in a fun, dynamic way and spark their interest in all areas of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). Conducting the experiment on October 5th is NOT mandatory. However it is recommended that the event be held during the month of October. For more information visit: [http://4-h.org/media/youth-to-explore-drones-in-worlds-largest-youth-led-engineering-design-challenge/](http://4-h.org/media/youth-to-explore-drones-in-worlds-largest-youth-led-engineering-design-challenge/)

**4-H COUNTY CONVENTION**

4-H County Convention is a citizenship activity where we go through the process of electing a 4-H County Council. 4-H members nominate themselves for an office (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter) on the junior or senior council. Only one member of each club may run for each office. Campaign speeches are given and each community 4-H club will have two voting delegates. These delegates cast their votes after discussing the candidates with the rest of their club members.

County officers serve an important role. County officers meet with 4-H leaders and plan county activities as well as have fun. Now is the time for 4-H’ers to consider running for office. County Convention will be held on Monday, October 17 at the Arkansas County Courthouse in DeWitt. Registration will be from 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. and the convention will begin at 6:00 p.m.

To show our 4-H spirit, roll call will be answered with club 4-H cheers so get your club together and start practicing. 4-H’ers are also encouraged to wear 4-H t-shirts to show their spirit.

Remember that only one member of each club may run for each office. Officers are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Reporter for both Junior and Senior Council. Each candidate should be prepared to present a 2 or 3 minute speech in support of his/her candidacy. Campaign cards may be distributed to other clubs and members. **No posters or candy will be allowed.** Because the convention will be held in a public facility, each club should be responsible for the proper disposal of its candidate’s campaign materials. Each club is allowed two votes, providing they meet the requirements for a club. (The Arkansas 4-H Policies Book states that in order to be considered an organized club they must have six club members with elected officers, at least two non-related trained volunteer leaders, provide leadership and citizenship/community service opportunities and conduct planned programs and meet a minimum of 6 times throughout the year which should include a minimum of 15-hours experiential learning.) These delegates cast their votes, after they caucus with the rest of their club members. We would encourage each club to have a member run for each office. Deadline for filing your application to run for office is Thursday, October 13. Please contact your club leader and fill out an application and return it now. (Applications are enclosed.) Clubs will need to designate two members as voting delegates.

The 4-H Adult Council will hold a brief meeting during the club caucus to elect officers.
Assignments are - Registration: Will; Mistress of Ceremonies: Emily, Hailey; Pledge Leaders: Autumn, Sarah; Roll Call and Page: Will. Everyone is asked to help with clean-up.

**4-H FALL FESTIVAL**

Take a break and join some family fun for a good cause at the C.A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center, 1 Four-H Way, Little Rock (Ferndale) on Saturday, October 29 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Admission is free.

Chili lunch -
$10 adults, $5 children under 18.
Includes drink and dessert.

Shooting Sports -
Adults and youth ages 14 and up can test their skills at archery or trap shooting.
- Entry fee – Shotgun: 10 shots, two per station, each round $20 – (unlimited entries)
- Entry fee – Archery: 5 arrows $10 – (unlimited entries)

Family Fun -
- Canoeing
- Fishing
- Pumpkin decorating
- Fun with robots
- 3D doodle pens
- B-B shooting and
- Make your own smoothie by riding a bicycle!

Silent Auction -
All proceeds benefit the Arkansas 4-H Foundation, which supports the operation of the C.A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center and scholarships for Arkansas 4-H members.

**A-STATE AG DAY**

4-H and Arkansas State Red Wolves Football Agriculture Day will be held Saturday, September 24 at 6 p.m. at Centennial Bank Stadium. 4-H members can access a private pre-game tailgate, courtesy of the A-State College of Agriculture & Technology. More information is available at: [www.AStateRedWolves.com/agday](http://www.AStateRedWolves.com/agday).

**4-H DAY WITH THE RAZORACKS**

4-H Day with the Razorbacks is Saturday, October 1 at 11 a.m. at War Memorial Stadium in Little Rock. For more information call the Extension Office.

**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/2016volunteerumultistate4hconference](https://www.regonline.com/2016volunteerumultistate4hconference). 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.

**MISS ARKANSAS COUNTY RICE**

September is National Rice Month and a time to honor our local rice farmers. Rice is a small but mighty grain that has captivated Americans’ hearts and stomachs for more than 300 years. Nearly 85% of the rice consumed in the United States is grown right here on family farms across the six rice-producing states: Arkansas, California, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Texas. Torri continues to work promoting interest in rice cookery and focus the attention of the general public on the importance of the rice industry to the economy of our state. Anyone interested in scheduling an appearance may contact the Cooperative Extension Service in Arkansas County at (870)946-3231 or (870)673-2346.

**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](http://www.uaex.edu/4h-youth/resource-library/project-books.aspx).

**4-H LEADERS MEETING**

The Arkansas County 4-H Leaders met August 22 with 9 adult leaders, and 3 youth in attendance, representing five clubs. Also attending were Grant Beckwith, County Extension Agent - Interim Staff Chair and Alta Lockley, 4-H Program Assistant. The program “4-H Financial Guidelines” was presented by Grant Beckwith.
Arkansas County Fair, September 12-17 activities were discussed. Other fair dates are: SE District Fair, September 26 - October 1 and Arkansas State Fair, October 14-23 with October 15 being 4-H Day.

Discussion was held on several events planned for 4-H Promotion Month in October.

The 4-H Donor Appreciation Coffee will be held Tuesday, October 11 to coincide with the Arkansas County Quorum Court meeting. Leaders will provide and serve snacks from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Judge Best will sign the 4-H Proclamation at 9:30 a.m. in the courtroom.

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The 4-H Hamburger Supper will be held October 20. Times will be 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Arkansas County Fairgrounds with tickets selling for $8. Charles volunteered to be head cook. Priscilla and Alta will assist with preparations.

Reports were given by: Hannah - Jr. Camp, Cindy – State O’Rama; Amanda – District O’Rama, Priscilla – Crafts Workshop, and Beth – Community Service Workshop.

September Due Dates:
1 4-H Enrollment Begins
30 4-H Day at the State Fair Registration
October Due Dates:
3 National 4-H Livestock Skillathon Contest
3 National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest
31 Ark. 4-H/Jr. Olympic Pistol Championships

October Activity Dates:
Oct 4-H Month of Service
1 New 4-H Year Begins
3-7 National 4-H Week
5 National 4-H Youth Science Day
13 State Fair, Sheep Skillathon
14 Arkansas State Fair (October 14-23)
15 4-H Day at the State Fair
Giant Pumpkin & Watermelon Weigh-in
24 4-H Wildlife Field Day

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Livestock 4-H Club would like to congratulate its winners on their ribbons for 4-H Poultry Chain chickens at the county fair. Landyn won Grand Champion. Maxee received a blue ribbon. Charlie received a red ribbon, and Chandler & Chase each received white ribbons for their chickens. The next meeting will be on Monday, October 3 at 5 p.m. at Swanky Salon, 1203 S. Whitehead Dr., DeWitt. Please bring a large flat shoe box or gift box. We discuss National 4-H week and decide on a date to promote Paper Clover Days at Tractor Supply in Stuttgart.

Prairie Angels 4-H Club met on August 29 at Faith Baptist Fellowship Hall with 8 members, 3 leaders and 3 others present. Autumn, Kaylie, Riley and Jayden all competed at District O’Rama. Ten members participated in the summer craft workshop. There were a total of 31 in attendance at the Pool Party. The club will have an educational booth in the county fair. Club members met at 2 p.m. on

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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.

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September 11. Everyone was reminded to enter their crafts in the Fair on September 12. The club voted to be in charge of the community Easter Egg Hunt. Autumn gave a talk on “A Quick Healthy Snack or Is It?” Club members enjoyed making Angry Bird bookmarks. Members were reminded to re-enroll in 4-H Online. The next meeting will be Monday, September 26 at 3:30 p.m. at Faith Baptist Church Gym.

**Shooting Sports 4-H Club** will be reorganizing soon. Watch the 4-H Notes & Quotes for more information.

**Spirit of ’76 4-H Club** members enjoyed learning about cultures of other countries at their August meeting. Mrs. Anita Trimble was their special guest who shared info and souvenirs from her many trips to destinations world-wide. She let each 4-H’er choose a coin from a foreign country to keep. The 4-H’ers also made clown faces to use in their County Fair booth. The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 21 at 3:30 p.m. at the Extension Office.

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,

Grant Beckwith
County Extension Agent - Interim Staff Chair

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