Upcoming Events

March 3: 4-H Volunteer/Parent Training, 6:30 p.m., Boone County Extension Office
March 3: Fruit Tree Pruning, 10:00 a.m., Pyatt
March 8: Pesticide Applicator Training, 5:30 p.m., NW AR District Fairgrounds
March 9: State EHC Officer Training, Ferndale
March 11 & 18: Diabetes Cooking School, Senior Center
March 15: National Ag Day
March 16: Youth and Adult Leadership Ag Day
March 24: Producing Food Safely, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Durand Center
March 28: Beef Reproductive Efficiency
March 29: 4-H Poultry Chain Biosecurity Training, 6:00 p.m.
March 31: 4-H Talks, Talent, and Fashion Revue, 6:00 p.m.

April 2: The Best Care Training, 7:30 a.m., JPH Center
April 5: Pesticide Applicator Training, 1:00 p.m., NW AR District Fairgrounds
April 7: 4-H Volunteer/Parent Training, 6:30 p.m., Extension Office
April 11: Extension Homemaker Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Methodist Church, Harrison
April 19: Batesville Experiment Station Field Day
April 25: 4-H Poultry Chain Biosecurity Training, 6:00 p.m.
April 30: Show Goat Program, 9:00 a.m., NW AR District Fairgrounds

Pesticide Applicator Training

There will be two upcoming classes on pesticide Applicator Training with the first being March 8, 5:30 p.m. at the NW AR District Fairgrounds in Harrison. The next training will be at the same location but will be conducted April 5, 1:30 p.m. This class is mandatory for any farmer/rancher requiring the use of restricted use pesticides. Although this class is designed for farm use only, homeowners are welcome to monitor the class to gain knowledge in the use and safety of using pesticides.

Fruit Tree Pruning

The Boone County CES and Marion County CES will be conducting a Fruit Tree Pruning Seminar March 3, 10:00 a.m. at 12898 Hwy. 62 East, between Harrison and Yellville.
Batesville Experiment Station Field Day

The Livestock and Forestry Experiment Station in Batesville AR will be holding their annual Field Day on April 19. The program will begin at 9:00 a.m. and usually goes to approximately 3:30 p.m. The program will cover the latest research in beef cattle being conducted at the station. I will be leaving the Extension Office at 5:30 a.m. and will have room for 5 people. If interested, call 741-6168 to reserve a seat.

Beef Reproductive Efficiency

This program will cover Artificial Insemination, Synchronization, Bull Breeding Soundness, etc. This is a 3 night series of classes with the first two dates of February 29 and March 28 being classroom study starting at 6:00 p.m. The last date of April 4 is a workshop with learning how to bleed cattle for pregnancy, how the use CIDARS etc. For more information call the Extension Office at 741-6168.

Show Goat Program

On April 30, 9:00 a.m. the North Arkansas Meat Goat Association and Boone CES will be conducting a field day on selection and care of show goats. The location will be NW AR District Fairgrounds. Lunch will be served.

National Ag Day: March 15, 2016

National Ag Day is a time to recognize and celebrate the abundance provided by American agriculture. The goal for National Ag Day is to help every American understand how food, fiber and renewable resource products are produced; value the essential role of agriculture in maintaining a strong economy; appreciate the role agriculture plays in providing safe, abundant and affordable products; acknowledge and consider career opportunities in the agriculture, food, fiber and renewable resource industries.

If you would like to learn more about agriculture, ask a local farmer or rancher. Agriculture is very important to the economy of our county and state. Everyone is affected by and involved in agriculture on a daily basis because we eat (and wear clothes)! Set a goal to learn more about the agriculture industry in our county and state.

Extension Get Fit

Extension Get Fit is a community-based strength training program that is safe, structured, and affordable. It is appropriate for all fitness levels, and it offers a supportive group environment. The program is research-based, and it is fun! Here are the current program locations, date, and time in Boone County:

Boone County Senior Center: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9:00 a.m.
St. John’s Episcopal Church Class 1: Monday and Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.
St. John’s Episcopal Church Class 2: Tuesday and Thursday, 7:30 a.m.
Bergman Oregon Flat Baptist Church: Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30 a.m.
Omaha Community Building: Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00 a.m.
Valley Springs City Hall: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8:15 a.m.
4-H Poultry Chain

4-H members will have the opportunity to participate in the 4-H Poultry Chain again this year. This year’s bird will be the Amberlink. Amberlinks are a big bodied, docile bird. The fee for the project is $25.00, and participants will receive up to 25 birds. Males will be available for purchase (maximum of 5 per participant). The cost will be 40 cents each.

Please contact the Extension office by March 10 to register for the Poultry Chain project. All youth participants and an adult parent/guardian will need to attend an educational session on poultry husbandry and biosecurity. You will have 2 opportunities to attend a session: Tuesday, March 29 or Monday, April 25. The programs will begin at 6:00 p.m. Please put one of these dates on your calendar if you plan on participating in the poultry chain project. It is a requirement for everyone (even past participants) due to the recent Avian Influenza outbreaks. Target delivery dates for the chicks will be Saturday, May 7th and Saturday, May 14th.

4-H members will raise the birds and bring your best 3 to exhibit at the fair in September. Contact the Extension Office at 870-741-6168 for more information.

Boone County Quilter’s EHC Quilt Workshop

The Boone County Quilter’s EHC Quilt Workshop continues… The theme is *Traveling the Ozarks*. Workshops are each Thursday with the final day being March 10, 9:00 a.m. to noon, at the First Methodist Church Family Life Center on Bower Street. Our snow day is the 17th.

We will have demos and patterns and one vendor each week. The workshop is free but freewill collection will be taken for expenses. Come and enjoy!

Sincerely,

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If you have questions about any of the events listed in the newsletter, please contact the Extension Office. You may call us at 870-741-6168 or drop by the office at 1800 Extension Lane. We are located just past North Arkansas College, south campus off hwy. 123. You may also reach us by email.

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