Save the Dates!

**February**
1st: Deadline to register for Dairy Foods Contest  
6th: Dairy Foods Contest  
15th: Deadline to register for Volunteer Leader Training  
22nd: Volunteer Leading Training  
26th: Fair Board Chili Supper - bring desserts  
29th: Deadline to register for 4-H Banquet  
 Deadline for Teen Star Applications  
 Deadline for state 4-H Ambassador Applications

**March**
7th: 4-H Banquet  
18th: Deadline to register for ATV Safety Rider Course  
24th: ATV Safety Rider Course

**April**
2nd: County O-Rama/Broiler BBQ

Dairy Foods Contest - February 6th

**What:** Dairy Foods Contest  
**When:** February 6, 2016, 12:15 p.m.  
**Where:** Clark County Fairgrounds Youth Building  
**Who:** 4-H Cloverbuds (5-8 years), limited to Party Ideas (non-competitive), Juniors (9-13 years), and Seniors (14-19 years).

**Divisions:**  
I. Party Ideas  
II. Main Dish

**Rules:**  
1. At least one dairy product must be included in the recipe (refer to Rule 2(e) below).  
2. Recipes judged on:
a. ready availability of ingredients  
b. clearness and accuracy of recipe  
c. serving suggestions & other ideas on entry recipe  
d. originality  
e. enhancement of the recipe by use of dairy products. (It is strongly suggested that the recipe contain at least 3 dairy products. More is better.)  

3. Contestants must bring all of their own place setting decorations.  
4. Contestants must bring their prepared product during the designated times.  
5. Full recipes (ingredients and instructions) MUST accompany each entry. The contestants name should NOT be on this recipe.  
6. Cloverbud participation will be limited to the Party Idea Division. Cloverbud recipes should be simple and not require stove top cooking or baking. Recipes to consider are dips, cheese balls, or appetizers.  
7. Juniors and Seniors may bring up to ONE entry for each division (Main Dish and/or Party Ideas)  

Other Information:  
You may bring your place setting and dish from 12:15 - 1:00 p.m. for set up. The doors will close promptly at 1:00 for judging. We will go to the EHC Kitchen for a fun activity while the judging is taking place.  
At the Clark County contest there will be a first, second, and third place winner named in each division for those ages 9-19. The two winning recipes will be sent to Little Rock for judging. The best in each division from across the state will be selected to compete in the State Dairy Recipe Contest to be held in June.  

Cloverbuds will receive a special ribbon upon successful completion of the activity.  
The registration DEADLINE for this yummy event is Monday, February 1st. Email Amy at asimpson@uaex.edu to sign up.  

4-H Volunteer Training - February 22nd  
There will be a 4-H Volunteer Leader Training on Monday, February 22nd at 5:30 p.m. in the Alcoa Room of the H.S.U. Community Education wing of our building.  
Club and Project Leaders, as well as Teen Leaders are encouraged to attend to help you get your required 4 hours of continuing education this year.  
Please register for the training by Monday, February 15th by emailing asimpson@uaex.edu.  

Fair Board Chili Supper - February 26th  
The Clark County Fair Board Chili Supper fundraiser will be Friday, February 26th in the Arts & Crafts building at the Fairgrounds. 4-Hers traditionally bring beautiful homemade desserts to be served or sold at the auction. The Fair Board has asked once again that our wonderful 4-H members provide these again. 4-Hers are also welcomed to help serve. If you plan on bringing a dessert, please have it there by 4:30 p.m.  

4-H Poultry Chain  
Good news for those of you that want to participate in the 4-H Poultry Chain: we get to have the Brown Bovan pullets
again this year instead of the white leghorns like last year!
The browns are excellent layers, lay brown eggs and have a docile personality.
For those of you new to the poultry chain, here’s how it works: The Clark County 4-H Foundation purchases sets of chicks for each 4-H’er that has signed up. The 4-H’er is responsible for feeding, watering, and caring for the pullets throughout the spring and summer. Each participant is required to bring a pen of 4 birds to the Clark County Fair in September. On Saturday during the fair, your pen of birds will be auctioned off. The funds raised during the auction will go to purchase the chicks for the next year (thus, the poultry "chain"). Any funds raised over the purchase price will be divided evenly among participants. Participants are free to keep or sell their remaining flock after the fair.
This year, we will be holding a required workshop on poultry biosecurity, since the threat of avian influenza and other diseases has become more prevalent.
Each set of chicks is usually between 18 and 25 birds.
If you would like to order a set, please email Amy at asimpson@uaex.edu.

4-H Banquet - March 7th

The annual county 4-H banquet will be Monday, March 7th at 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Building of the Clark County Fair Grounds.
4-H Record Book participants will be recognized, as well as those that participated in various local, district and state 4-H events during 2015. "Friends of 4-H," 4-H Foundation Board members and 4-H Volunteers will also be recognized.
As usual, a slide show of the 2015 events will play during the meal that will be graciously provided by the Farm Bureau Women's Committee.
The price is $2 per member and $3 for all non-4-H members.
There will also be a Silent Auction to raise money for Arkadelphia Police Officer Aaron Abbott and family, who lost everything in a recent house fire, so please bring your checkbooks!
Please register by Monday, February 29th by calling the Extension Service office at 246-2281 or emailing Amy at asimpson@uaex.edu (we need a head-count for the meal). You will not pay until you arrive at the Banquet on March 7th.

4-H ATV Safety Rider Training - March 24th

Did you know that Arkansas has one of the highest ATV related deaths and serious injury rates in the nation? An average of 20 children per year are killed in Arkansas by ATV accidents.
4-H has partnered with Arkansas Children's Hospital to offer ATV Safety Rider Courses to help educate our young people on how to be safe, responsible ATV operators.
Clark County 4-H is hosting two sessions of the 4-hour ATV Safety Rider Course during Spring Break. They will both be held Thursday, March 24th at the county fair grounds. The 1st session will be from 8:00 a.m. - 12 noon, and the 2nd session will be from 1:00 - 5:00.
This will be for kids 8 - 19 years, and we are limited to 8 riders in the morning and 8 riders in the afternoon.
The participants do not need to bring their own ATV. The training will be bringing
enough ATVs, helmets, goggles and gloves for everyone. Participants only need to make sure they are wearing long sleeves, long pants and over-the-ankle boots.

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Sincerely,

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