Greetings 4-H’rs,

Wow, is it just me, or did this school year simply fly by? We did a lot over the year, including planting a garden and McGehee Elementary, learning about how planes stay in the air in our Machines of McGehee Club, built some amazing Sumo Wrestling Robots with DNTHS and had some fun cooking up a storm with Heather and Leigh over the school year.

Now that it is summer, our focus will turn to camps, and we have some great ones in store. From freezing meals, to slithering snakes! We will learn about GIS and mapping, pan for gold, and even take a field trip to Heifer International. Be sure to keep tabs on our Facebook page for upcoming events. Keep cool and be safe this summer!

Hope Bragg

4-H joke of the Month:

Why did the Robot go on Summer Vacation?

— It needed to recharge it’s Batteries

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O-Rama was a success

Each year our county o-rama gets a little bigger. Thanks to the McGehee Men’s Club, we were able to hold our entire O-Rama inside, with biking, fishing, rifle safety, wildlife and forestry events all under one roof. We have 8 youth registered to participate in this year district O-Rama on June 16th, and I am excited about how many will be going next year. 4-H is growing in Desha County, and we at the County Extension office are very proud of each and every one of our youth!

Camps for the summer in McGehee

June we will be featuring our Cooking Camp from June 21-23rd. The camp will be held from 1 until 4 PM at St. Mary’s Catholic Church. Cooking around the World will feature lessons on different cultures, language and we will prepare freezable meals for the families to finish at home.

On July 12-13th we will be exploring the science in the world around us, as we look at snakes, reptiles, insects, rock and even try to pan some gold! 4-H is going to become citizen scientists at this three day camp held at St. Mary’s Catholic Church from 1 until 4 PM.

On July 27th we will have a one day adventure in maps and technology as Dr. John Dennis will join us to teach us how to make maps, and we will work with GPS units as we continue our Geocaching adventure. This camp will be held at the county extension office from 9 until 3 PM

If this is not enough fun for the summer, we will also have a day long field trip on July 28th to Heifer International and the AGFC Nature center as we see what service can do for the world and how conservation can help keep Arkansas great!

These camps are free and open to all youth and their families. Invite a friend to find out what 4-H does in in Desha County! RSVP with Mrs. Hope or Heather at the county extension office.

Every year we ask you as parents to register on-line so that we have up to date contact information. If you have not done so by now, please take a few moment to register your child and yourself as a volunteer at:

https://arkansas.4honline.com/
A few catfish and blue gill were pulled from the McGehee city pond earlier in the month, as our 4-H enjoyed a day fishing and planting a tree to honor Arbor Day. Congrats to all participated and had fun.

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Teamwork as 4-H builds robotic Legos.

Conserving Desha in school Club displays birdhouses that they constructed.

Fun from May!

I Am Arkansas 4-H

Hard at work on Wildlife O-Rama

Best wishes to Tyler O., Kimber O. and Dakota H. as they leave us to join Lincoln County's 4-H Clubs. We will miss you in Desha County, as it was Dakota's push that lead us to create the Machine's of McGehee Club. We wish you the best, and remember, you are always welcome back to our 4-H events!
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**AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN GREEN**

These clubs meet at the county extension office at 310 West Oak Street in McGehee