Greetings 4-H’rs,

October was crazy busy full of service, science and new clubs. November will be just as fun, although it will be crammed into one less week, as we get to spend time with family and friends for Thanksgiving Holiday.

Last year, we cooked a Thanksgiving feast....I will never forget the “exploded” turkey, it may have been ugly, but it tasted so good. This year our 4-H will be learning about what our Native American peoples would have ate prior to the Pilgrims settlement.

Please check out the newsletter for information on re-enrollment into 4-H, how to give the county feedback on 4-H programs, and what has been happening and what is planned for some of our local clubs!

Hope Bragg

4-H Joke of the Month:

Why are Cats not good scientists?
— They always run away from Labs

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All events and activities announced in this newsletter are open to all youth between the ages of 5 and 19 without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, gender, disability or any other legally protected status. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (large print, audiotapes, etc.) should contact the county Extension office (or other appropriate office) as soon as possible prior to the activity.

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November 2015
Special Foodology Club open to all in November

Did you ever wonder how you would survive in the wild if you did not have a grocery store to go to? Ever want to eat like Native American Peoples of Arkansas would have? Want to taste some incredible delicious foods? If you answered yes to any of the above questions, then November’s Foodology Club is where you need to be November 17th after school. Dr. Tamara Walkingstick will be joining us from Little Rock to cook up some special pizzas, sweets and treats. We will learn through looking at plants what we can expect our winter to be like, we will taste acorns, persimmons and perhaps a muscadine or two... If you have any questions about what is safe to eat and what is not, come and meet with Dr. Walkingstick, she will be answering your questions!

2 Years and Counting...........

This November 25th will mark my second year as your county extension agent here in Desha County. The past two years have seen some marked changes in what we have been doing as a club, in the schools, and as an organization. There is always room to improve, and I would “hope” that you could take a few moments from your day to let me know what you would like the next two years to bring. More Service? New Clubs? Field Trips? If you do not tell me, I will never know. Just drop a few ideas on a slip of paper and put them in the box in the county office. I promise I will not be offended, this is your program, let me know how I can help!

If you want to let me know sooner, let me know by e-mail, hbragg@uaex.edu or call me at 870-224-5478.

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/
Pride of McGehee

Pride of McGehee, lead by President Mistic conducted a day of science in their club for October, with crash tests occurring and clay flying everywhere. We learned some new 4-H songs from Elizabeth from Drew County 4-H and played some great games.

For November the Pride of McGehee is planning to learn about different projects that we can do in 4-H. We are going to start work on our individual project books and start planning our appreciation dinner for our families and friends of 4-H.

Dumas New Tech High

November will be the start of building season at DNTHS, as the Pre-Calculus portion of the club will begin construction of the trebuchets. In the advanced Robotics (Calculus) we will begin construction on our sumo battle bots. I expect big things this year, as we try our hand at programing and our modifications become more fierce. DNTHS is going to start a second in-school club this year, as the FCS class will be exploring Consumer Sciences and other projects based on family life. We are excited to keep 4-H growing in the north half of Desha County!

Volunteer Training

Are you a 4-H volunteer? Every year we require 4-H leaders to have 4 hours of training. This includes such things a child protection, learning to work with children and can include specialized training in topics as approved by the county agent. This year you have the opportunity to get trained in Conservation education with some of our county staff! We will be having a Project Wet, Project Wild and Project Learning Tree conservation education workshop all day on November 20th. The cost is FREE, and includes a lunch. After completing the training, you will have three sets of curricula to use with clubs, in the schools or with your own child! Please register with Hope Bragg ASAP, as space is limited. Training will be held at UAM’s School of Forestry and Natural Resources on Monticello’s Main Campus from 8:30-4:30.
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