



Fulton County 4-H News

March 2016



March 1 st	All-Star Steer Meeting
March 2 nd	4-H Day With The AR Razorbacks Deadline
March 5 th	Coggins Clinic
March 8 th	Poultry Sign-up Deadline
March 10 th	Deadline for NCA District Spring Livestock Show
April 1 st	Sign-up Deadline for O-Rama's & Dairy Foods Contest
April 4 th	Dairy Foods Contest & Indoor O-Rama
April 14 th	Outdoor O-Rama
May 7-8	Wilderness First Aid Course
May 13 th	Garden Project Deadline

CLUB MEETING INFO:

Bright Future	4 th Thur/Mar 24 th Elementary Cafeteria Katleen Navarro	After School 870-710-0607
Horse Club	3 rd Tues/Mar 15 th Faith Country Church Arena Christi Shaver	5:30 p.m. 371-0660 895-3461
Livestock Club	3 rd Thur/Mar 17 th Fairgrounds Terry Brown	6:15 p.m. 458-3067
Shooting Sports	TBA Fairgrounds Kellie Ingram	5:30 p.m. 371-0290
Spring River Bears	1 st Wed/Mar 2 nd Awesome Adv Julia Chance 2 nd Wed/Mar 9 th Seniors Laura Gaines Skill Builders Julia Chance Cloverbuds Sara Nicholson	After School 895-5009 After School 625-7661 895-5009 417-274-6144
Viola Loyal Longhorns	2 nd Tues/Mar 8 th Carolyn Sanders	After School 458-2490

I pledge...

my *head* to clearer thinking,
 my *heart* to greater loyalty,
 my *hands* to larger service, and
 my *health* to better living for
 my *club*, my *community*,
 my *country*, and my *world*.



*Birthdays
 This month*

3/5	Ryan H.	BF
3/6	Lanie H.	BF
3/6	Leslie H.	BF
3/8	Kirsten M.	Horse
3/9	Mason G.	SRB

3/10	Drake S.	LC
3/13	Skyler C.	SRB
3/20	Katherine N.	LC
3/30	Kevin S.	VLL



BRIGHT FUTURE

Bright Future met on Thursday, February 18th. We discussed good table manners and distributed fun facts on ST. Patrick's Day. We also discussed the possibility of a summer project of fossil hunting & passed out fossil facts. We enjoyed amber colored jello with gummy worms. Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 24th. Please note the date change!

A-H Horses



HORSE CLUB

Eighteen members and adults attended the Horse Club meeting held on Feb 8th at Christi's house. We reviewed the preparation of Coggins papers and the need to test for Equine Infectious Anemia. We had snacks and horse centered discussions. We used large horse photos and old Coggins papers to identify and describe markings. All of this is to be ready for our **annual Coggins Clinic to be held on Saturday, March 5th, from 2:00-4:30 pm at Christi's house.** Remember, all horses brought to any of our events must have current (within one year) negative Coggins papers showing that they do not have EIA. **Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 15th, at 5:30 at the Faith Country Church arena.** We will be riding – make sure you wear boots and jeans, and bring your horses!! If anyone has questions about any Horse Club activities please contact Christi at 371-0660 or 895-3461.



LIVESTOCK CLUB

We would like to thank Perri for her talk on showing goats at our last meeting! We will meet on Thursday, March 17th at 6:15 p.m. Hope to see you there!

SHOOTING SPORTS



No news reported.



SPRING RIVER BEARS

Spring River Seniors-met on February 10th. In place of our usual meeting we went to St. Jude Telethon at KKountry. We presented our \$250 donation. For our community

service we went to the State Park & Kiddie Korral Day Care. We want to wish everyone a great spring break & a blessed Easter.

Awesome Adventurers-What another fun meeting. Mr. Donnie Jeffers, the resource officer at our school, was our guest. He spoke to us about safety at school and different situations that could arise. After our snack and Mr. Donnie's presentation, each 4Her had the opportunity to ride in the police car down the hill to the police station. Mr. Jamie Turnbough, a police officer for the city, met us there with his police dog. Major, our 1 police dog, was not able to join us--as he experienced a mishap with a skunk! Thanks so much to these men for such a fun day.

Skill Builders- What memories! We had a tea party at Mayor Pace's Bed and Breakfast (Roseland Inn). Kim Harrelston from Shady Oakes Health Care in Thayer, loaned us beautiful hats to wear and Mrs. Barbara Olbricht, a retired Home Economics teacher, informed us of tea party traditions and proper etiquette. On the menu was tea, crumpets and cucumber sandwiches. We can't thank these ladies enough for making this meeting our most memorable.



VIOLA LOYAL LONGHORNS

The Viola Loyal Longhorns met on February 9th afterschool. Evan Olivia brought us a yummy snack. Mr. Brad was our speaker. He gave us a demonstration of how milk, soap, and food coloring react with each other. It was REALLY cool!! Next month we plan to discuss O-Rama and all the upcoming events. Audrey & Cheyenne will be bringing snack next month. Hope to see you there!



We are hosting a Wilderness First Aid course May 7-8. This course is open to the public for ages 16 and up. Ages 14-16 must attend with a parent/guardian registered for the course. The cost of this course is \$280.

Watch for details about our High Adventure Horse Packing program.

Watch for details and registration information about Equine Camp - BOTH Spring and Summer!

For more details check out our Facebook Page or Group under Arkansas 4-H Camps. The Group is closed and requires approval to join. Information can also be found on our website uaex.edu/camp.

ALL-STAR STEER ANNOUNCEMENTS



TO SIGN UP YOU MUST ATTEND THE INTRODUCTORY MEETING THAT WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 1ST AT 5:30 P.M. AT THE FULTON CO. FAIRGROUNDS. IF THE YOUTH CANNOT ATTEND, AT LEAST ONE PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR THAT YOUTH'S FFA INSTRUCTOR MUST BE THERE. HOWEVER, THIS MEETING WILL COUNT AS THE FIRST OF FOUR MEETINGS THAT WILL COUNT TOWARD THE ATTENDANCE COMPONENT OF THE ALL STAR STEER PROGRAM. SO, IF THE PARTICIPANT DOESN'T ATTEND, IT WILL AFFECT THEIR OVERALL SCORE. WE WILL ALSO BE SETTING DATES FOR THE REMAINING THREE WORKSHOPS, SO BRING YOUR CALENDAR. WE'LL WORK AROUND EVERYONE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

Participants will still select an animal from a lot. These steers will NOT be show quality type animals. Most likely, they will be fresh out of a sale barn or off another farm, so if you intend to participate, you need to have sufficient facilities. One change this year, compared to last year, is that steers will be allowed to graze green pasture. The lbs. of daily dry matter intake will be calculated as 3.0% of the steer's average weight over the course of the project. The youth will still be required to keep track of all non-forage feeds. For more information regarding All-Star Steer, please contact the Extension Office at 870-895-3301.

4-H DAY WITH THE ARKANSAS RAZORBACKS



We wanted to extend this special opportunity to 4-H members, volunteers, friends and family of 4-H to attend the upcoming Arkansas Razorback Basketball game against South Carolina At Bud Walton Arena on Saturday, March 5th at 4:00 pm

This game is our "4-H Recognition Day!" Tickets are only \$12.00.. Go to the following link

<http://ev12.eventue.net/cgibin/ncommerce3/SEGetEventList?groupCode=MBI&linkID=arkansas&shopperContext=&caller=&appCode=> & Enter Promo Code: **4HCLOVER16** The deadline to order tickets is **March 2nd**. ALSO GO TO 4-H ONLINE TO SIGN- UP FOR THE FAN TUNNEL! **SEE YOU AT BUD WALTON ARENA! GO HOGS GO!**

POULTRY CHAIN



The deadline to sign-up 4-H members for the Poultry Chain project will be **Tuesday, March 8th**. This year, 4-Hers will receive **UP TO 25** 'Amberlink' breed pullets. It could be 15. It could be 25. We won't know until we get them. 'Amberlink' chickens are large bodied, gentle, easy to handle and brown egg layers. They are typically off-white, creamy colored bird with brown flecks along their back.

Participating 4-H members are required to bring back 4 birds to the Fulton County Fair. Those birds will then be sold to the highest bidder at auction, and the funds go back in the program to enable use to purchase birds next year.

MANDATORY workshop for all poultry chain participant families. If you missed the 2 previous, you will need to call Brad and set-up a meeting ASAP. Avian influenza became a huge problem in the Midwest in 2015 with 1 confirmed case in Arkansas, as well. Due to the increased threat of avian influenza and its impact on the poultry industry and small backyard flocks, education regarding biosecurity is necessary to keep both your birds safe and healthy and those birds that a part of commercial flocks.

At least 1 person from the family of a 4-H member who is planning to get chickens must attend. We would prefer that both the participating 4-H member and an adult attend. In addition to biosecurity education, we will be talking about feeding your chicks, facilities for the birds, and selecting which birds to take to the fair. For more information about this or the 4-H Poultry Chain, feel free to give us a call at [870-895-3301](tel:870-895-3301). **Again, attendance to workshop is required for all poultry chain participants. Those who do not attend will not be signed up to receive free birds.**

COGGINS CLINIC



The Fulton County Horse Club will be sponsoring a Coggins Clinic for a fundraiser on Saturday, March 5th from 2:00-4:30 p.m. at Christi's house. This service is a wonderful educational opportunity for 4-H'ers. The cost is \$20.00 with Dr. Ingram making a donation to the club. This is also a very convenient way to get your horses shots. For more information contact Christi at 371-0660. Reminder: State law requires you to have current coggins results to participate in most horse activities.

NCA DISTRICT JUNIOR SPRING LIVESTOCK SHOW



The North Central Arkansas District Junior Spring Livestock Show will be held March 24-25 in Melbourne. Online entries are due March 10. Attached is a copy of the rules and regulations. The rules state that the North Central District is comprised of Cleburne, Fulton, Independence, Izard, Sharp, Stone and Van Buren Counties.

DAIRY FOODS



Dairy Foods Contest will be held at the Fulton County Fairgrounds on Monday, April 4th at 5:00 p.m. There are two categories: Main Dish and Party Ideas. Please call the Extension Office by **April 1st** if you are going to attend and submit your recipe. Also bring your recipe with you to the contest. Participants are expected to bring a prepared dish and give a brief explanation on its preparation.



COUNTY O-RAMA



Fulton County 4-H is growing every year, which is a wonderful for our county!! The deadline to register is **April 1st**. Please register **BEFORE**, this makes the O-Rama go much smoother. The first event will be our Indoor O-Rama which includes: Performing Arts (vocal, instrumental, and dance), Fashion Revue (constructed or purchased), Illustrated Talks and Method Demonstration, and Public Speaking. **Indoor O-Rama** will be held at the Fulton County Fairgrounds on **Monday, April 4th at 5:00 p.m.** The second event will be our Outdoor O-Rama which includes: Crop & Weed, Ornamental Horticulture, Forestry, Bicycle, Bait Casting & Game Fish ID, Gun Safety/BB Gun Marksmanship, Reel Into Sport Fishing, and Wildlife. **Outdoor O-Rama** will be held on **Thursday, April 14th at 5:00 p.m.** If you have any questions about County O-Rama, please contact our office at 895-3301.

Please fill out bottom portion of this page and return it to the Extension Office by April 1st. If you have any questions about the County O-Rama, please contact our office at 895-3301. Limit 4 activities per 4-H member on Outdoor O-Rama only.

2016 County O-Rama Registration

Name _____ Club _____

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Gardening Project



The Fulton County Gardening Project is open to 4-H'ers of all ages. Gardens should be prepared for and cared for by 4-H'ers. All gardens will be judged in June. Participants should take a soil sample, for extra points, and are also encouraged to enter items from their garden into the Fulton County Fair. For more information or to pre-register, call **895-3301** before **MAY 13th**.

ATTENTION: ALL 4-H YOUTH INTENDING TO HAVE A LIVESTOCK PROJECT AT THE FAIR THIS COMING SUMMER!



- PLEASE NOTIFY THE EXTENSION IF YOU NEED HELP FINDING AN ANIMAL!
- IF YOU GET AN ANIMAL ON YOUR OWN, PLEASE NOTIFY US THAT YOU HAVE A PROJECT. THIS WAY, WE CAN KEEP TRACK OF WHICH 4-HERS HAVE WHICH PROJECTS. THIS HELPS US TO PLAN DIFFERENT WORKSHOPS AND/OR SHOWMANSHIP CLINICS AND TO SEND OUT NOTICES OF SUCH ACTIVITIES TO YOU.
- IF WE DON'T KNOW THAT YOU'VE GOT A PROJECT, YOU MIGHT MISS OUT ON IMPORTANT NOTICES, FAIR INFORMATION, DEADLINES, ETC.
- ALL YOU'VE GOT TO DO IS CALL US HERE AT THE OFFICE AT 870-895-3301 AND GIVE US YOUR NAME AND WHAT YOUR PROJECT IS.
- MAKE SURE YOU HAVE RE-ENROLLED IN 4-H ONLINE FOR THIS YEAR. RE-ENROLLMENT MUST BE REDONE EVERY OCTOBER & YOU STILL CAN RE-ENROLL.
- FOR THOSE THAT HAVE ENROLLED IN THE PAST, ALL YOU'VE GOT TO DO IS GO TO ARKANSAS.4HONLINE.COM, LOG IN, CLICK ON EDIT BESIDE THE PERSON'S NAME, AND CLICK ON RE-ENROLL DOWN AT THE BOTTOM OF PAGE

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