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# Fulton County 4-H News

## December 2016



<b>December 5th</b>	Salem Christmas Parade
<b>December 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Mammoth Spring Christmas Parade
<b>December 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Little Rock Trojans vs. UCA game at Little Rock.
<b>December 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Deadline to sign up for Beef Quiz bowl Grasslands contest
<b>January 3<sup>st</sup></b>	Record Book Deadline Bee Keeping Essay Deadline

### CLUB MEETING INFO:

<b>Bright Future</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday/December 15 <sup>th</sup> After School	
	Robin Moore	870-895-3301
<b>Horse Club</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday/December 13 <sup>th</sup>	
	Christi Shaver	895-3461/ 870- 371-0660
<b>Livestock Club</b>	TBA	<b>(In Search of Leaders)</b>
		870-895-3301
<b>Outdoor Adventure</b>	TBA ( NO December Meeting)	
	Salem City Park	
	Amy Walling	870-291-2010
<b>Shooting Sports</b>	TBA	5:30 p.m.
	Fairgrounds	
	Kellie Ingram	870-371-0290
<b>Spring River Bears Sr's &amp; Jr's</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday/ December 14 <sup>th</sup> After School	
	Laura Gaines	625-7661
<b>Cloverbuds</b>	Sara Nicholson	417-274-6144
<b>Viola Loyal Longhorns</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday/December 13 <sup>th</sup> After School	
	Viola Cafeteria	
	Carolyn Sanders	870-458-2490



Birthdays  
 This month

12/01	Marissa H.		
12/07	Christopher K.		
12/20	Trenna E.		
12/27	Molly P.		

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If you have a December Birthday and did not see your name on the list then you are NOT enrolled in 4-H online.

## CLUB NEWS

### BRIGHT FUTURE



The Bright Future club met Thursday November 17<sup>th</sup> at the Salem Cafeteria. We had 6 members present.

Our President John M. brought the meeting to order, a song was led by Alyssa O. Roll call by Addie M. Keegan S. led the pledge to the United States Flag of America. Alyssa O. led us in the 4-H pledge.

We made Thanksgiving puzzles to take home and share with family members. It was voted to make posters to carry in the Salem Christmas parade on Monday night December 5<sup>th</sup>. Members began working on these posters and will continue to make them at home.

John M. will provide the snacks for our December meeting which will be Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Hope to see you there!



### HORSE CLUB

The Horse Club met on Nov 8<sup>th</sup> at Christi's house for a bonfire, hotdogs, & s'mores! 16 kids and 5 others had a great time around the campfire! We made plans for our parade float and Christmas party.

This year's last Road to The Lord Horse Fun Day was held on Nov 12<sup>th</sup>. Thirteen of our kids were able to attend. Year-end awards were handed out on Nov 20<sup>th</sup>: Stephanie placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and Caleb 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Youth division, while Kirsten came in 1<sup>st</sup> and Annie 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Buckaroo division. All received t-shirts and other awards. Many thanks to the Faith Country Church for hosting these events and giving us a local place to compete & have horse fun!!

We will meet at 1:30 on Sunday, Nov 4<sup>th</sup> at Shaver Hardware Store to prepare the Horse Club Christmas float. The Salem parade is on Monday – meet at the store by 5:00. We will have our Christmas party/meeting at the store after the parade while we disassemble the float. Bring canned food items or new unwrapped toys for the needy as your presents. If anyone has questions about any Horse Club activities, please contact Christi at 371-0660 or 895-3461.



### LIVESTOCK CLUB

Our next meeting is To Be Announced.

This club is in search of leaders, if you know of anyone interested please have them call the Extension Office at 870-895-3301.



### OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CLUB



Our next meeting will be **announced**. The club's 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up members took a hiking trip then went to Loco Ropes course in Mountain View Arkansas on Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup>, everyone had a great time. Upcoming events are being planned so watch your email for news!



### VIOLA LOYAL LONGHORNS

The Viola Loyal Longhorns had their club meeting November 8th. Those present were 9 members, 4 adults, and our guest, Sarah Sexton, from White River Recycling. Ms Sarah shared with us many interesting facts about recycling and how important it is for all of us to make a good habit of recycling everything we possibly can. She also gave the members activity books and take home papers. After Ms Sarah left we had our business meeting. Our president was absent so our vice-president, Evan W., called our meeting to order and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Our song leader, Ashley N., led us in the "Battle Hymn of the Republic". Our secretary, Kevin S., read the minutes and led us in the 4-H Pledge with Ethan M., holding our 4-H flag. Elijah and Zeek O., furnished the delicious snacks. We had no old business. Our new business consisted of a discussion about Christmas cards for the elderly and 2 food baskets for 2 families to enjoy a wonderful Christmas dinner. Our next meeting will be December 13th. I hope to see you then!!!

### SPRING RIVER BEARS



Spring River Bears met on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 3:00 PM.

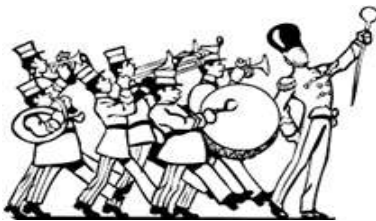
The Senior club had 19 members present and one volunteer. Our guest was Mark Hoover from Camp Creek Apiaries. He talked about the aspects of keeping bees and harvesting honey. He also spoke about taking their bees to California and other states to pollenate fruit, nuts and vegetables. He was very informative and members had many questions for him.

We will support an angel from the local angel tree project and also do cookies with Santa on December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Simmons Bank Community room. Time to be announced. The pictures are \$5.00 and all money raised goes to St. Jude. The Senior Christmas Party/Scavenger hunt will be our meeting for the Month of December and will be on December 14<sup>th</sup>, immediately after school at the Mammoth State Park.

Our Junior club also met November 9<sup>th</sup> with 10 members 1 leader and 1 volunteer. Our guest was Mark Hoover, Bee Keeper. He was informative and made us all want to buy a hive and be back yard Bee Keepers. We will adopt a local angel from the angel tree this Christmas. Our Christmas party will be our December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. We will meet in the high school cafeteria as usual. We will have a pizza party and make Christmas ornaments. Our sale of coupon books went well. We have raised enough money to order our 4-H t-shirts.

The Cloverbuds enjoyed Mark Hoovers Bee Keeping talk and made Moon sand as their craft.  
We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and the best of New Year.

**Seniors, Juniors and Cloverbuds-** Our next meeting is December 14<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there!



### Local Christmas Parades

Salem: Monday December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM Come early for hot chocolate and cookies provided by the Bank of Salem.

Mammoth Spring: Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM

### **Citizenship Washington Focus**

WHAT: a citizenship and leadership program

WHY: Experience the grandeur of our nation's capital with its historic sites, memorials, and museums

- ~Engage in a meaningful dialogue with peers from across the country on issues are most important to them
- ~Plan and lead large scale events during the week at CWF from conception to execution
- ~Practice interpersonal communication and cross-cultural competency as leaders of positive change
- ~Visit with State Congressmen and Senators

WHO: Arkansas 4-H'ers ages 14-19

WHEN: July 8-15, 2017

WHERE: National 4-H Center, (Chevy Chase, MD) Washington DC

REGISTRATION FEE: The registration fee of \$1100 covers the program costs while at the National 4-H Center, transportation, dinner theatre ticket, personal copy of 8" x 10" color group picture taken on Capitol Hill, CWF t-shirt, souvenir backpack, water pouch, and sunglasses. Registration is on 4-H Online.







## LITTLE ROCK TROJANS SUPPORT THE 4-H Day

Saturday, December 10 @ 3 p.m.

All 4-H members are invited to Jack Stephens Center as your Trojans take on UCA. To get a ticket, soda and hot dog, visit [LRTrojans.com](http://LRTrojans.com), click Tickets and enter code 4h2016. Tickets must be purchased in advance.



**Record books** need to be turned in at the county office by the first week of January. If you need assistance feel free to call at 870-895-3301 and we will help you.



### Beef Quiz Bowl and Grassland Evaluation Contests

Think you have what it takes to go toe to toe with the rest of Arkansas 4-H?

We're on the lookout for Fulton County 4H-ers to be a part of the 2017 Fulton County Beef Quiz Bowl and Grassland Evaluation Teams! Youth are welcome to try out for one or both!

The Beef Quiz Bowl is a head to head, tournament format contest that is held each February in Fayetteville and is comprised of 4 team members, from grades 9th-12th. We often try to go up the night before and do something fun if possible. This is a great contest for youth that are familiar with beef cattle either from living on the family farm or show projects.

Grassland Evaluation is open to junior and senior 4-Hers, ages 9-19. Youth participate in hands-on, real world scenarios to answer questions about forage production, plant identification, wildlife habitat, and soils.

The deadline to sign up will be **Friday, December 16th** with near weekly practices beginning after the first of the year. We'll plan what days to study to accommodate the schedules of those participating.

### *Grassland Evaluation Team*

In years past, Fulton Co. 4-H teams have been very successful in this competition. Last year's team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> at the State Contest and then went on to be the 3<sup>rd</sup> overall 4-H at the Mid-America Contest in Springfield, MO! The competition consists of 4 parts: Plant ID, Grassland Condition, Wildlife Habitat, and Soil Evaluation.

4-Hers learn about:

- 1.) Identifying grasses, weeds, legumes, and trees.
- 2.) Evaluating a piece of land as it pertains to wildlife
- 3.) Characteristics of different types of soils and how to use a county soil survey and aerial photographs to determine soil type
- 4.) Evaluating a piece of land as it pertains to the goals of the landowner and then making decisions on what to do to improve on those goals

This competition is open to Junior and Senior teams (ages 9-18). This includes seniors graduating in May.

If we don't have enough for a team, members may compete as individuals.

I am planning on having the first, introductory meeting on Tuesday, February 3rd here at the Extension Office as soon as school gets out. I plan on trying to meet once per week, especially in the weeks leading up to the competition. Give me a call if you have questions at 870-895-3301 or email me at

[brunsick@uaex.edu](mailto:brunsick@uaex.edu).



### AR 4-H High Adventure Horse Packing Program 2016 Training Sessions

Open to all ages; however, under 13 must attend with registered adult and youth attending alone must be able to care for and saddle own horse.

Training Session I: Sorghum Hollow Horse Camp: March 19 (\$75)

Topics: Gear/Tack & Trail Etiquette

Training Session II: Devil's Den: May 14-15 (\$125)

Topics: Camp site set up, Picket line, Hobbling, Minor cooking

Training Session III: Lonesome D Horse Camp: October 12 (\$125)

Topics: Cooking, How to pack

Training Session IV: Devil's Den: November 18-20 (\$200)

Topics: Review and Practice Skills

Session Locations may Vary; Will be announced at later dates depending on weather and trail conditions.

2017 Out of State Trip

Open to youth 13 by Jan. 1, 2017 and adults. Spaces will be limited.

Selection Process: Selection for those attending the 2017 out of state trip will be based on Training Session Attendance (must have attended 3 of the sessions, Session IV must be one of those 3), rider and horse abilities, and number of spaces available.

For more information: [cbocksnick@uaex.edu](mailto:cbocksnick@uaex.edu)

### National 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest:

*How can MP3 (Managed Pollinator Protection Plan) more effectively protect honey bees from pesticide exposure?*



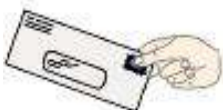
**Eligibility:** Contest is open to active 4-H Club members only. Students must write on the designated subject only. There will be NO exceptions.

**Awards:** First Prize: \$750.00 Second Prize: \$500.00 Third Prize: \$250.00

The National winners' essays will appear in an issue of the American Beekeeping Federation's Newsletter.

Each State Winner, including the National winners, receives an appropriate book about honey bees, beekeeping, or honey.

**COUNTY DEADLINE:** Turn in your essay by the First week of January.



There will not be a January Newsletter mailed.



Happy Holidays to everyone from the Fulton County Extension Office!  
MaLinda, Brad, Jamie, Brenda & Robin



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