

Fulton County 4-H News

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

February 1 st	Career Camp Applications due
February 1 st	Camp & TLC Scholarship App. Due
February 18 th	Poultry Chain Meeting-Salem
February 22 nd	Poultry Chain Meeting-Viola
February 26 th -27 th	2016 AR 4-H & Parent Spring Conference
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 31 st	Market Hog Project Deadline
May 7-8	Wilderness First Aid Course

CLUB MEETING INFO:

Bright Future	3rd Thur/Feb 18 th Elementary Cafeteria Katleen Navarro	After School 870-710-0607
Horse Club	2 nd Monday/Feb 8 th Christi's house Christi Shaver	5:30 p.m. 371-0660 895-3461
Livestock Club	3 rd Thur/Feb 18 Fairgrounds Terry Brown	6:00 p.m. 458-3067
Shooting Sports	TBA Fairgrounds Kellie Ingram	5:30 p.m. 371-0290
Spring River Bears	1 st Wed/Feb 3 rd Awesome Adv Julia Chance 2 nd Wed/Feb 10 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/Feb 9 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

1/6	Mariah M	VLL
1/9	Elijah B	LC
1/12	Braxton B	LC
1/14	Garrett C	BF
1/15	Shelby V	SRB
1/15	Aubrey C	SRB
1/15	Dru H	VLL
1/22	Brandon I	SS
1/29	Charlene L	SRB

2/6	Cheyenne N	VLL
2/8	Kelly N	BF
2/11	Evan W	VLL
2/14	Cole S	HC
2/17	Sophie N	HC
2/20	Perri H	VLL
2/21	Caleb H	VLL
2/24	Kara E	SRB

BRIGHT FUTURE



Our meeting started at 3:10 p.m. & ended at 4:00 p.m. We all started our meeting with the pledge of allegiance and then the 4-H pledge led by our leader John Carter. Our craft was origami christmas trees which we covered with glitter glue up and we finished with pictures and games. Hope to see you next month.

HORSE CLUB



The Horse Club began working on the Salem Christmas Parade float two weeks before Thanksgiving!! We met on Sunday afternoon the 6th to complete the "God's Greatest Gift – Jesus Our Savior" Sleigh. After 5 hours, we finished the evening by touring the Salem First Baptist Church "Journey to Bethlehem" outdoor drama. A great day!! We met the next day on Monday the 7th for the 2015 Christmas parade. We had over 40 members, parents, & guests participate in float preparation, ride in the parade, and/or come to the party! After we disassembled the float, we went to Faith Country Church for our December meeting/Christmas Party where we enjoyed soup & chili and lots of goodies! We won 1st place on our float. Very proud to say Thanks to Madelyn N., Katie N., Allie B., Trena E., and Rocky Moore for working ahead in November to make the sled and our posters. Thanks to all for your work and support and for the canned food items for the needy!

We will have our January meeting on the Monday, the 11th at Christi's House at 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Call Christi for more info at 371-0660.

Twelve members and 3 adults attended the pizza/horse education night at Christi's house on January 11th. We reviewed 2015 memories and accomplishments and began planning 2016. We had pizza (perhaps a bit burnt as we were busy talking!) and soda to kick off the New Year! We discussed horse conformation and handed out horse magazines. We also had horse knowledge competition as we identified parts of the horse and tack. An English as well as a Western saddle, halters, and bridles were used for hands on examples. The kids received horse themed prizes afterwards. We also drew and named horse leg and head markings that are required knowledge to fill out Coggins papers. The annual Coggins Clinic is planned for Saturday, March 5th, from 2:00-4:30 pm. 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 Monday February 8th at 5:30 at Christi's house. If anyone has questions about any Horse Club activities please contact Christi at 371-0660 or 895-3461.



LIVESTOCK CLUB



No news reported.

SHOOTING SPORTS



No news reported.

SPRING RIVER BEARS



Awesome Adventurers-

No meeting

Skill Builders- No meeting

SRB-Seniors- In February you will meet and go to ST. Jude Telethon.

VIOLA LOYAL LONGHORNS



The Viola Loyal Longhorns had their meeting Tuesday, December 8th. Members brought non-perishable items for our food baskets that were delivered later on in the month to 2 deserving families. Members also filled out Christmas cards to the local nursing home residents.

January meeting was cancelled but we will meet in February on the 9th. Hope to see you all there!



2016 Arkansas 4-H and Parent Spring Conference



The Arkansas 4-H Adult Leaders' Association will be hosting the 2016 4-H Parent and Volunteer Spring Conference at the C. A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center on February 26 & 27th. This year's theme will be "4-Hers At The Fair".

The Association will offer workshops in food preservation & preparation, quilting and needlework, Farm Bureau Sewing Guidelines, beef cattle grooming, arts and crafts, grooming of meat goats, photography, fitting sheep, horse grooming, educational displays, vegetables, hog grooming, field crops, and cut flowers and flower arrangements. These will be conducted by judges who will be discussing what 4-Hers need to do to improve their entries for Fair competitions.

The Conference is open to leaders, parents and 4-H youth. We hope that 4-Hers can attend so that they may ask questions of the judges - whether they are new to exhibiting or have been doing so for years. Fulltime registration is \$50 for youth and \$70 for adults. Call the Extension Office for more information.



CAMP DEADLINES

Just a few reminders and updates for early Spring Camps:

Registration deadline for Career Camp is February 1. We still have a few spaces left at the reduced rate. Campers will choose from 4 different career tracts to explore.

Applications for Career Camp Scholarship are due February 1.

Applications for other Camp and TLC Scholarships are due February 1. If you want to apply for scholarships for early camps you will need to apply by this deadline. We will reopen it for later camps.

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 applications except for Wilderness First Aid can be found on 4HOnline.

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.

There will be a **MANDATORY** workshop for all poultry chain participant families. There will be two opportunities to attend: one in Salem and another in Viola. You only need to attend one. 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 birds.

Poultry Chain Workshops are as follows:

Thursday, February 18th at the Fulton Co. Fairgrounds at 5:00 p.m.

Monday, February 22nd at the Viola Cafeteria at 5:00 p.m.

ALL STAR STEER ANNOUNCEMENTS



It won't be long before it'll be time to sign up for the All-Star Steer program again! The contest will be judged on

a weighted combination of 4 areas. Participants will keep a record of their project, strive to most efficiently feed their project, attend meetings and workshops, and be judged in the ring. There will be an opportunity for a showmanship component, but those results won't figure into the overall scoring.

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/cgi-bin/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!

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 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.**

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-
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PAGE

We'll Miss You!

Ms. Cecilia's last day was Friday, January 8th.
She will be greatly missed by everyone!! We
wish her lots of happiness and joy on her new
adventure of taking care of her grandson
Kreet!

We also will be saying goodbye to Ms. Jamie.
She has been our 4-H Program Asst since 2006
BUT she is not going too far!! She has taken
Ms. Cecilia's place as of January 19th.
Congratulations Jamie!

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