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CLUB MEETING INFO:

**Bright Future**
- 3rd Thurs/Feb 19th
- Salem Elementary
- Veronica King: 895-2353

**Horse Club**
- 2nd Mon/Feb 9th
- Christi’s House: 371-0660
- C. Shaver: 895-3461

**Livestock Club**
- 2nd Thurs/Feb 12th
- Fairgrounds: Terry Brown: 458-3067

**Shooting Sports**
- 2nd Mon/Feb 9th
- Razorback Archery: Kellie Ingram: 371-0290

**Spring River Bears**
- 2nd Wed/Feb 11th
- Seniors: Laura Gaines: 625-7661
- Juniors: Julia Chance: 895-5009

**Viola Loyal Longhorns**
- 2nd Tues/Feb 10th
- Carolyn Sanders: 458-2490
Our club met this month to finally assemble our necklaces. Our guest, Tom McGuire from the Spring River Gem & Mineral Club, helped members wrap their choice of shark’s tooth, agate or quartz crystal to make necklaces. Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 19th when we will enjoy a presentation from a member of the Arkansas Fish & Wildlife Commission who will speak on animals. Hope to see you there! Any questions, please call Veronica King @ 895-2353.

Twenty members and guests attended the pizza/horse education night at Christi’s house on January 12th. We reviewed 2014 memories and accomplishments and began planning 2015. We had pizza and soda to kick off the New Year! We discussed horse conformation and handed out horse education materials. We also refreshed our knowledge of Coggins testing for EI A. The annual Coggins Clinic will be held on Sunday March 8th from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm at Christi’s house. Our next meeting will be on Monday, February 9th at 5:30 pm at Razorback Archery. Hope to see you there!

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The 4-H Livestock Club next meeting is February 12th at 6:00. Everyone is welcome to come and see what livestock club is all about.

Spring River Bears Seniors met Wednesday December 10th. We had 11 members present & 3 adults. We had our annual scavenger hunt & Christmas Party. The members received 4H T-shirts as gifts. We had our fundraiser for St. Jude Saturday December 13, cookies with Santa. We raised $185.00. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! Awesome Adventurers- What a fun time. Thanks to Mr. Powell and Mr. Neal for getting us right to the front door of the Mammoth Spring National Fish Hatchery and Aquatic Conservation Center. Mr. Dewayne and Ms. Sara gave us an excellent presentation! We had pizza afterward and Nanny McIntosh made us Christmas goodies for dessert! Our next meeting is January 7, 2015, we will be given a tour of the Mammoth Spring Post Office. Pick up will be at 4:00. Thanks to everyone that has the transition of two groups so smooth! Skill Builders- I hope that my 4-her are as excited as I am about our quilt project! Thanks to Mr. Davis and Ms. Simers we met in the home economics room, it worked so well we will continue to meet there. Next meeting is Jan.14, 2015. Pick up will be at 4:30 to give us extra time to work on our quilts. Thanks for another great year. See you next year, Ms. Julia.
snacks. Cassidy led us in the pledges both months. In December our members were very busy signing Christmas cards to give to our wonderful senior citizens at the Southfork River Therapy and Living Center. We also filled 2 large Christmas baskets with lots of wholesome food for 2 families to enjoy a Christmas dinner. Thank you, Viola Loyal Longhorns, for your kindness in sharing with others! In our January meeting we discussed the indoor and outdoor O’Rama’s that are coming up and a reminder to sign up for baby chicks before the February 13th deadline. Remember to come up with a slogan for "Tobacco Prevention" that will be needed for the bulletin. We will present them at our next meeting February 10th and vote on the one we like best. Hope to see you then!

**Grassland Evaluation Team**

In years past, Fulton Co. 4-H teams have been very successful in this competition. Last year’s team finished 2nd at the State Contest and then went on to be the 3rd 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 are interested in competing in this exciting competition. 

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**Upcoming Events**

**4H Recognition Day with the Arkansas Razorbacks**
The Arkansas Razorbacks are pleased to offer a GREAT DAY of men’s basketball action at a discounted rate of only $10 for all Arkansas 4-H members, family and friends. This is the game of the season! Don’t miss out on all the fun! There is no limit to the number of tickets that can be ordered! Get your tickets today! The game is Saturday February 7th, Arkansas vs Mississippi State, 3:00 p.m. @ Bud Walton Arena. **DEADLINE** to order tickets is **February 5th**.

**Entrepreneur Camp**

**Entrepreneur Camp**
February 20-22, 2015
Age: 9-13
Would you like to own your own business some day? You’ll create a business and sell products to your fellow campers at this weekend camp. Campfire and talent show also included. ($155) Deadline to apply: Feb. 2, 2015

**Advanced Entrepreneur Camp**
February 20-22, 2015
Age: 14-19
You’ve got a great idea for a business, but how do you get it going? At this weekend camp you’ll learn what you need to know, using technology and feedback from real entrepreneurs, to start and market your business. Campfire and talent show also included. ($155) Deadline to apply: Feb. 2, 2015
you have questions at 870-895-3301 or email me at brunsick@uaex.edu

**POULTRY CHAIN PROJECT**

February 13th is the sign up deadline to enroll in the 4-H Poultry Chain Project. If you are interested in this project, call the office. We will not be having a workshop this year, if you have any questions, don’t hesitate to call Brad. 870-895-3301

**2015 4-H Parent & Volunteer Spring Conference**

2015 4-H Parent & Volunteer Spring Conference will be held February 27 & 28 at the C.A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center. This year’s theme is “What is Planting the Seed of 4-H all about?” Registration begins at 5:00 p.m. on Friday Evening. Deadline to register is February 13. Please contact the Extension Office for more information.

**2015 4-H BEEKEEPING ESSAY CONTEST**

Sponsored by The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc. and the American Beekeeping Federation. The Essay must be electronically submitted by **February 13th, 2015**.

**NATIONAL CONTEST AWARDS**

Cash Prizes to 3 Top Winners:

- 1st Place -- $750.00
- 2nd Place -- $500.00
- 3rd Place -- $250.00

Each State Winner, including the national winners, receives an appropriate book about honey bees, beekeeping, or honey. **TOPIC:** For the 2015 essay contest, the essay topic is: “Planting for Bees from Backyards and Up”. For more information please contact the Extension Office.

**4-H Day at the Capitol**

Don’t miss this opportunity for a **4-H Fun-filled Day at the Arkansas State Capitol**. The purpose of this event is to create an awareness of 4-H and the Division of Agriculture and the value of 4-H and the Division to the state of Arkansas.

Other youth groups, such as FFA, have been descending on the state capitol for decades to promote their youth program. The “**4-H Day at the Capitol**” is a chance for 4-H to begin building this tradition of telling OUR story to state lawmakers. This event will also be an educational one, where youth will see **civics in action**.

Each youth who participates in 4-H Day at the State capitol will receive an **embroidered green long sleeve polo shirt**. They will also be given an **official name badge** and **box lunch**.

All youth who participate will receive a “Save the Date” card to give to their State Legislator inviting them to meet in the Capitol Rotunda for a face to face meeting. Cards must be mailed to the legislator no later than **February 11**.

**All adults and youth attending will be required to follow the dress code for this event.**

**Don’t miss out on this memorable, educational and fun-filled day.**

**All Star Steer Announcements**

It won’t be long before it’ll be time to sign up for the All-Star Steer program again! This year’s format, like last year’s, is going to be greatly different than in years past. Instead of the 3 components of Average Daily Gain, Best Overall Steer, and Showmanship, 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
with 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.

Here’s the breakdown:

**Recordkeeping**  
**40%**

**Feed Conversion Efficiency (FCE)**  
\[
\text{lbs. dry matter feed given + average daily forage intake (3% BW)} / \text{lbs. gain}
\]

**30%**

- Lowest FCE → 30 points
- 0 – 9.9 → 25 points
- 10.0 – 14.99 → 20 points
- 15.00 – 19.99 → 15 points
- >20 → 10 points

**Attendance to Workshops and Meetings (4 meetings)**  
**20%**

- Perfect attendance → 20 pts
- 3 meetings → 15 points
- 2 meetings → 10 points
- 1 meeting → 5 points
- 0 meetings → 0 points

**Livestock Judging**  
**10%**

- Grand Champion → 10 pts
- Reserve Grand → 5 pts

**100%**

**Market Hog Project**

If you wish to get a market animal to show at the fair this year and you need help locating one, please let us know as soon as possible. For those that need me help them track down animals for sale, I need to know by no later than March 27th. For those that wish to get an animal on their own but need contact information for folks that have animals for sale, I can get you that information too. Let me know!

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

- 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.

**Coggins Clinic**

The Fulton County Horse Club will be sponsoring a Coggins Clinic for a fundraiser on Sunday March 8th from 2:30 - 4:30 at Christi’s house. This service is a wonderful educational opportunity for 4-H’ers. The cost is $18.00 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.
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 THE 2012-2013 YEAR. RE-ENROLLMENT MUST BE REDONE EVERY OCTOBER.

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 2012-2013 DOWN AT THE BOTTOM.

FULTON COUNTY FAIR FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP
The Fulton County Fair Foundation board is offering a scholarship. The deadline for the application is April 1. The application to be completed is on the fair website, www.fultoncountyfair.org.

Attention Parents & Graduating Seniors!!
The Fulton County 4-H Foundation is pleased to announce they are offering a 4-H County Scholarship worth $500!!!!

Guidelines are as follows:

- 4-H member may only be a recipient one time.
- Must be an active 4-H member & have submitted a 4-H record book by the January deadline of their senior year.
- Scholarship availability depends on funds available.
- Recipient will be selected by committee.
- Recipient must submit a high school transcript with application by March 13th of their senior year.
  - Recipient must have earned a 3.00 GPA at the end of first semester of college.
  - Money given after completion of first college semester with first semester transcript and second semester schedule due by February 1st of their freshman spring semester.

Scholarships may be picked up at the Fulton County Extension Office any time at 895-3301. Applications are due in by March 13th.

CAMP CHAMPIONS
We are starting a new program, Camp Champion. This program will help us promote camps across the state. It is also an opportunity for 4-H’ers to gain State level leadership experience. It is open to ALL 4-H’ers who have attended a 4-H Camp, either at the state level or within your county. We will select a Camp Champion from each district in each of the following categories:

- Cloverbud and Parent Junior Camper
- Senior Camper
- Camp Counselor
- Alumni (may be out of 4-H)

This will be a two part process. There is an application on 4HOnline, as soon as possible. If you have been to a 4H camp and would like more information, contact the Extension Office.
County O’Rama
Fulton County 4-H is growing every year, which is a wonderful for our county!! This year we will not have an O’Rama practice. 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 TENTATIVELY on Thursday, April 9th at 5:00 p.m. The second event will be our Outdoor O’Rama which includes: Crop & Seed ID, Ornamental Horticulture, Forestry, Bicycle, Bait Casting & Game Fish ID, Gun Safety/BB Gun Marksmanship, and Reel Into Sport Fishing. Outdoor O’Rama will be held TENTATIVELY on Thursday, April 16th at 5:00 p.m. If you have any questions about the County O’Rama, please contact our office at 895-3301.

Looking for an easy way to keep us with what is going on in Fulton County 4-H? “LIKE” us on Facebook at “Fulton County 4-H” for all the latest news and reminders about upcoming events! You can also visit the FCS & Ag pages as well, at “Fulton County Cooperative Extension – Family & Consumer Sciences” and “Fulton County Cooperative Extension – Agriculture”.

Be sure to go check out our remodeled website! It’s GOT A WHOLE NEW LOOK AND EASIER TO NAVIGATE. THE CALENDAR IS GREAT AS WELL.
www.uaex.edu/counties/fulton/

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