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Happy Birthday to those born in March:

- 3/9 Mason G, SRB
- 3/10 Drake S, LC
- 3/13 Skyler C, SRB
- 3/16 Logan H, BF
- 3/16 Jenkins C, VLL
- 3/20 Katherine N, HC
- 3/30 Kevin S

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Fulton County 4-H News
March 2015

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.
Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 19th. A representative from the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission will be our guest speaker. Topic will be wild animals.

Our February meeting was held on the 9th at Christi’s house with 16 members present. We opened the meeting with the usual prayer, 4-H pledge and pledge of Allegiance and then we began to talk about what we were going to do. We mainly focused on going over the many different parts of the western saddles and bridles that we used to try and refresh on our skills. We named all the different parts of the saddles and bridles and we also took time to review on how to clean and care for our tack. Even if we just got done using it, or we are putting it up for the winter months as it will not be used as much. We learned the proper way to care for all of it. We also talked about our upcoming events and clinic such as our Coggins clinic that is going to be held on March 8th at Christi’s house from 2:30 to 4:30. Everyone that plans on attending any equine activities this year will need to have their horse tested if it hasn’t been recently, as they cannot participate in most equine events without a negative test result. We are getting ready for our annual St. Jude Trail Ride and we are still deciding on where to have it. On March 28th, the Faith Country Church and our 4-H Horse Club are holding the first of this years’ series of Road to the Lord Horse fun days; if you plan on attending please consider bringing a dish for the pot-lunch lunch, and donations are always very much appreciated. On March 9th, the day after the Coggins clinic, we are going to have our monthly meeting at Christi’s house at 5:00 PM. We will decide on whether to bring horses to work with them depending on how the weather is. If anyone has questions about any Horse Club activities please contact Christi at 371-0660 or 895-3461.

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

The Viola Loyal Longhorns had their February meeting the 10th with 9 present. We are delighted to welcome two new members to our club; Abby and Browdy.
W. !!! All 9 members worked with great enthusiasm to fix Valentine cards for our senior citizens at the Southfork River Therapy and Living Center. We also talked about the Indoor and Outdoor O’Rama and the March 13th deadline. Most of the members were more interested in the Outdoor O’Rama. We had six good slogans for the “Tobacco Prevention” bulletin. The one with the most votes was “Heads up for a Healthy Heart and Body; Hands down to smoking.” A big THANK YOU to all the kids who helped with this. Our next meeting will be March 10th and Abby and Brody will be bringing the snacks. Hope to see you then!

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:

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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.

**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.

**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.

**Crowley’s Ridge Classic**
Crowley’s Ridge Annual Classic Livestock Show will be held on March 13-15, at the Green County Fairgrounds, Paragould, Arkansas. For more information, please contact the Extension Office 895-3301.

**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.
- 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.

MULERIDER EXTRAVAGANZA
AJCA Sanctioned Show ♦ 2 Shows ♦ 1 Location - Story Arena @ Southern Arkansas University -- Magnolia, AR
Saturday, March 28, 2015 ♦ Show begins at 10 A.M.
Registration: Friday, March 27, 2015 – 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. ($30) Saturday, March 28, 2015 – 7:30 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. ($35) Showmanship: $10 for both Money Ring and Prize Ring *Current health papers are required

FULTON COUNTY FAIR FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP
The Fulton County Fair Foundation board is offering a scholarship. The deadline for the application is March 31st. The application to be completed is on the fair website, www.fultoncountyfair.org.

Giant Pumpkin & Watermelon Contest
It is time once again to begin preparing for the Giant Pumpkin & Watermelon Contest. The Seed Request is due by April 1st. There will be a $2.00 charge per participant for pumpkin seed & a $2.00 charge per participant for watermelon seed. The top two county winners in pumpkins and watermelons will be eligible to enter the "STATE WEIGH-IN". The weigh-in will be held during the first Saturday of the Arkansas State Fair (October 10). Note that this is the first Saturday of the Fair and NOT 4-H Day at the Fair. Over a $1900 in prize money was awarded to the top pumpkin and watermelon winners last year. We hope to have a similar amount for this year. 4-H participants can also enter their pumpkin or watermelon in the Arkansas State Fair Creative Arts Exhibitors Competition. They need to follow the guidelines for each separate competition and be present at the official weigh in with their pumpkin or watermelon.

County O’Rama
Fulton County 4-H is growing every year, which is a wonderful for our county!! The deadline to register is April 2nd. 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 NAEC Orange Room 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, Reel Into Sport Fishing, and Wildlife. Outdoor O’Rama will be held 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.

**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 15th.

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.

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 Science” 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/](http://www.uaex.edu/counties/fulton/)

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Arkansas 4-H Camps
Fun, educational experiences in a camp setting

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