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Happy Birthday

4-2 Collin M       SRB 4-21 Hunter S    LVC
4-10 Jordyn F      SRB 4-26 Breanna W   LC
4-19 Matthew H     SS 4-27 Nevaeh F     SRB
4-19 Cassidy S     VLL
No news reported.

Our next meeting will be April 10th.

We started the month with our annual Coggin’s clinic held on March 9th. Eight members helped Dr. Ingram with the blood tests and paperwork after services at the Cowboy Church and 14 members helped at Christi’s house to test a total of approximately 30 horses. Dr. Ingram also helped the kids work with the coming 2 year old colt and filly. He demonstrated the process of castration on “Hero” the colt. Caleb was able to ride “Belle” in the roundpen. We held our March meeting on the 11th with 20 members and 12 others present. All of the members helped groom, check tack, and ride the horses in preparation for the first Road to the Lord Horse Fun Day to be held March 29th at 9:00 am at the Ridin’ on Faith Cowboy Church. Dr. Ingram also helped some of the members work with the colts again. This time “Hero” also was ridden. Neither colt bucked or badly misbehaved. They showed the benefits of steady, regular, consistent training. Over the past two years, Dr. Ingram has guided the kids in working with the foals. As they have now grown into young horses, they are manageable and trained in the basics. We greatly appreciate Dr. Ingram giving his time to help and teach us. The end of the month was spent practicing at the Cowboy Church for the upcoming Fun Day. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 14th at 5:30 at the Cowboy Church. We will continue to prepare for upcoming events and increase our equine knowledge. We also discussed when to have the St. Jude’s Trail Ride and have tentatively planned it for May 17th at Pastor Stuart’s in Oxford. If anyone has questions about any Horse Club activities contact Christi at 371-0660 or 895-3461.

The Livestock club met March 20th at the Higginbotham building. After our business meeting we had a program on processing a Chicken. After the program the kids played a game, had refreshments, and then adjourned. Our next meeting will be the 3rd Thursday, April 17th at 6:00PM. It will be held at the house of Rich and Patty Horner. New members are welcome, if you are a new member please call Rich or Patty Horner to let us know you are coming. 870-754-0028.

President Wesley called the meeting to order. Then asked Song Leaders, Katelyn and Madison to come up and lead us in song. After 4 songs, the 4-H Opening Rituals were recited. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bayler and Leader Carol. Katelyn led the 4-H Pledge. Treasurer Madison gave report, activity: aluminum cans and Best Choice Labels, and Thank You cards to be sent out to our Sponsors. Leaders encouraged Members to work on and give reports on their projects. Leaders reviewed up coming livestock, dairy and garden projects. Show n tell: Katelyn and Madison, they modeled their recycled jean aprons from a sewing project. Planned future meetings and craft projects. Meeting adjourned to refreshments provided by Leaders. Next Meeting April 10, @ 6:00, Planned Arbor Day Activity. By: Reporter, Wesley Perryman
Our next meeting will be April 17th at 5:30 p.m. at Razorback Archery. Hope to see you there!

Spring River Bears Seniors met March 12th. Our first meeting since November due to weather. Our club visited Simmons Bank and were given a tour. We were shown some of the latest technology that makes banking faster & easier. Thank you to Simmons Bank. We discussed an end of the year trip, possibly Low Ropes in Mt. View. Spring River Bears next meeting will be on April 9th.

The Viola Loyal Longhorns did not meet last month due to the weather.

We will meet on Tuesday, April 1st afterschool in the cafeteria.

RABBIT PROJECT
The following is a tentative schedule for the 2014 4-H Rabbit Project for Fulton County Fair participants.

- Tuesday, April 1st, 2014 Rabbit Project signup deadline. Call the Extension Office to signup.
- There is more than one breeder, you will need to call your breeder to sign up, as well as the Extension Office. The list of breeders is attached.
- April would be the breeding month. Breed by April 5th.
- May would be the birthing month. (30 days after breeding date)
- May 31st is TENTATIVE pick up dates. You will need to get with your breeder for pick up details.
- Note: Fair Entry Rabbits will be “Market Rabbits”, Breeds: Californian, English Spot, White New Zealand, or “Mix” of these.

Breeders:
Wes, Katelyn & Abby Perryman 458-3108
Julia Chance 895-5009

Youth $5 if pre-registered or $10 day-of-the race
Adult $15 if pre-registered or $20 day-of-the race

Start Times
7:30 am Registration/package pick-up begins
9:00 am 5K begins
11:00 am Awards
Forestry Contest

The State 4-H Forestry Contest will be held on Thursday April 17th. Cost is $15.00 per participant. It will be held at Arkansas Forest Resources Center in Monticello. Please call the extension office for more information.

4-H Poster Art Contest

This is to announce the 2014 4-H Poster Art contest. The contest is open to all 4-H members ages 9-19. Posters should be 14" x 22" in dimension and may be horizontal or vertical. Posters may be any medium art - watercolor, ink, crayon, acrylic, charcoal, oils or collage. They cannot contain any copyrighted material such as cartoon characters and cannot have any three dimensional items on them. One poster entry per 4-H member will be accepted. The 4-H members name, age, county, full address and brief interpretation of art work must be affixed to the back of the poster in the upper left hand corner. (You may use a 3" x 5" index card.) Posters should be submitted (flat, not rolled) to the State Communications Office, Attn: Chris Meux. The themes for 2014 are as follows:

Are You 4-H Strong?
Open theme (create a poster and theme to go with it)
The deadline for this year's poster art contest will be May 2, 2014. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

A community BBQ Dinner and Auction is planned for April 28th to raise money for the new fairgrounds building. Even with FEMA help and offers of help from North Ark. Electric and Bank of Salem, we are still going to need to come up with at least $200,000.00 to rebuild it. Help will be needed on Monday afternoon with serving dinner about 4:00 p.m. and at the auction that night.
This is a joint effort of the Fair Assoc., City, County, Beta Sigma Phi, North Ark. Electric and Representative Scott Baltz and Senator Missy Irvin. Scott and Missy and Beta Sigma Phi are donating food for it so everything will be profit. This is a great community service opportunity. Any 4-H’er that can help, please call the extension office and let us know.

Attention all 4-Hers, Leaders, and Parents:

4-H Livestock Project Information

We need you to notify us at the Extension Office if you are going to have an animal that you intend to exhibit at the fair. If you don't, we have no way of knowing who's got what, and therefore, we don't have any idea on who needs help, who to follow up with, provide workshops, send out fair information to, etc. Many times, kids have exhibits that we don't even know about and then aren't able to provide any guidance or do project visits with.

If you want it to be considered a 4-H livestock exhibit, you need to be re-enrolled for 2014 and we need to know about the project. This doesn't happen automatically and needs to be done ASAP by April 30th, as well. You've got to go to www.arkansas.4honline.com to make that happen! If you need help with that, contact us and we can walk you through it. Contact the Extension Office at 870-895-3301 or email Cecilia at ctaylor@uaex.edu by April 30th, even if you don't have the animal yet, but intend to get one.
If you show up to the fair with
an animal that we have no record of, then that project will not be an official 4-H livestock project. It will simply be a 4-H member that has a livestock exhibit. Remember, if you are not a current 4-H or FFA member, you aren't eligible for showmanship awards either. See Fulton County Fair guidelines.

**Join Hands Day**

On Saturday, May 3rd you may help celebrate National Join Hands Day. Modern Woodman is organizing an activity to be held at the Salem City Park at 10:00am. They would like to invite all 4-H’ers, parents and friends of 4-H to attend to help clean up the park and to plant flowers. A lunch will be provided. Hope to see you there! For more information, contact 895-3301.

**NAEC 4H BANQUET**

North Arkansas Electric Cooperative wants to recognize and honor 4H members, leaders & volunteers for their 2013 accomplishments with a banquet. It will be held on May 13th at 6:00 in the Orange Room of NAEC. Everyone is invited, but please RSVP by May 9th at 895-3221, ask for Sandy Hodges.

**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 23rd.

**CONGRATULATIONS DAIRY FOOD WINNERS!!**

**Main Dish**

1st place  Ashton I.
2nd place  Ashton G.
3rd place  Garrett C.

**Party Ideas**

1st place  Sam G.
2nd place  Perri H.
3rd place  Lynnsey F.

Looking for an easy way to keep up 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”.

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Public Speaking
Sr – Brooklyn A.  1

Illustrated Talk – Animal Science
Jr – Rachel D.   1

Method Demonstration Misc – How to make paper airplanes
Jr- Garrett C.   1

Performing Arts-Vocal
Sr – Perri H.   1

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/

MaLinda Coffman
County Extension Agent – Staff Chair
Family & Consumer Science

Brad Runsick
County Extension Agent
Agriculture

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