# April 2015

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## CLUB MEETING INFO:

### Bright Future
- 3rd Thurs/Apr 16th
- Salem Elementary
- Veronica King
- 895-2353

### Horse Club
- 2nd Mon/Apr 20th
- Church
- C. Shaver
- 895-3461

### Livestock Club
- 3rd Thurs/Apr 16th
- Fairgrounds
- Terry Brown
- 458-3067

### Shooting Sports
- 4th Sat/Apr 25th
- Moko Community Bldg
- Kellie Ingram
- 371-0290

### Spring River Bears
- 1st Wed/Apr 1st
- Awesome Adv Julia Chance
- 895-5009
- 2nd Wed/Apr 8th
- After School

### Viola Loyal Longhorns
- 2nd Tues/Apr 14th
- Carolyn Sanders
- 458-2490

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This month we had Mr. Sean Saunders come and talk about Riparian Corridors. We had a contest to guess what animals belonged to each of their tracks. **Our next meeting will be April 16, when we will go on a field trip to a Museum in Brockwell.**

**HORSE CLUB**

The month of March started out with rescheduling due to snow & ice!! Our annual Coggin’s Clinic was postponed til March 15th at Christi’s house. Fourteen members helped Dr. Ingram and his wife Gail test over 30 horses and castrate the Newman’s miniature stud “Ace”! Dr. Ingram also gave the kids instruction and demonstration on the next steps for training our young three year old colt and fillies. All the members and guests very much appreciate Dr. Ingram and Mrs. Gail’s help with the horses. Our monthly meeting was eventually held on March 16th with 15 kids and 6 others present. We focused mainly on working with the horses, preparing them for upcoming events. Caleb worked with and rode Hero, while Madeline and Allie worked and rode Belle; our young three year old colt and filly. Both of them did wonderful and accepted the training very well. We talked about our St. Judes Trail Ride and set it for April 11th at the Faith Country Church. Mr. Byron and Mrs. Hilda Rozier, who are big St. Judes supporters and live down Unicorn Rd, have graciously agreed to allow us to ride on their pasture which will give us several miles of private riding. Each of the members received their St. Judes fundraising packets and should be collecting donations. The first Road to The Lord Horse Fun Day scheduled for March 28th had to be cancelled due to 40 degree weather predictions and too wet conditions. It is rescheduled for April 10th and 11th. **We will have a couple of events on Friday night, St. Judes’ Trail Ride Saturday morning, and a couple more events Saturday afternoon. Saturday’s Trail Ride will start at 10:00 am, but arrive early to get signed in. Negative Coggins papers are required. There will be a cook-off with prizes, so bring a potluck dish or dessert!! Donations are always very much appreciated as they help keep the events going. Our next regular meeting will be on Monday April 20th at 5:30 at the Church.** If anyone has questions about any Horse Club activities please contact Christi at 371-0660 or 895-3461.

**LIVESTOCK CLUB**

The 4-H Livestock Club next meeting is April 16th at 6:00. Everyone is welcome to come and see what livestock club is all about.

**SHOOTING SPORTS**

No news reported.

**SPRING RIVER BEARS**

No news reported.

**VIOLA LOYAL LONGHORNS**

The Viola Loyal Longhorns had their meeting March 10th with 15 members present. A great big welcome to 3 new members; Luke, McKenzie and Kaylee. Audrey led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Ms.
Jamie led us in the 4-H pledge. Ms Jamie also brought study guides on the different subjects the members can participate in the Outdoor O’Rama. I hope we have a good turnout and a lot of fun at our Indoor and Outdoor O’Ramas. **Our next meeting will be April 14th.** I hope to see you then!

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**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.

The state contest for the 4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Program (WHEP) will be **Friday, April 24** at the UA Rice and Research Center just outside Stuttgart. Registration is now open in 4-H Online. Registration is $12 for contestants and $6 for non-contestants (including parents, 4-H leaders, coaches, siblings, etc.) until April 1. Starting April 2, late registration fees increase to $20 for contestants and $10 for non-contestants. Volunteer WHEP teen leaders and assigned county agents who will be assisting with the state contest can register through WHEP Online at no cost. The last day to register is **April 15**.

The contest is open to Junior and Senior individuals and teams. Those who attend as individuals will be assigned a team the day of the contest. The winning Senior team is eligible to represent Arkansas at the WHEP national invitational, which will be in Alabama this summer. Details about the state contest and study materials can be found on our website at: [http://www.uaex.edu/4h-youth/activities-programs/whep.aspx](http://www.uaex.edu/4h-youth/activities-programs/whep.aspx).

We also offer an optional non-competitive activity for Cloverbuds whose family members participate in the contest. Cloverbuds can sign up through 4-H Online. An optional WHEP t-shirt can be ordered by April 1 in 4-H Online. The WHEP short-sleeve, neon, moisture-management t-shirt with a wetlands theme can be ordered for $12 (additional charge for extra sizes) to be picked up at the state contest. WHEP 4-Hers not attending the state contest can also order a shirt. Under WHEP State Contest in 4-H Online, there is an option for WHEP Shirt Only (no registration), for delivery to your county office for $15 (additional charge for extra sizes). Call the Extension Office for more information.

**Dairy Foods Contest**

This year’s Dairy Foods contest will be held on Thursday, April 9, 2015 beginning at 5:00 p.m., at the **NAEC Orange Room**. There are two categories: Main Dish and Party Ideas. Please call the Extension Office by April 3rd if you are going to attend and
submit your recipe. Also bring your recipe with you to the contest. Participants are expected to bring a prepared dish and give a brief explanation on its preparation.

**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.

**POULTRY CHAIN PICKUP**

Our baby poultry chain chicks are scheduled to arrive on **Saturday, April 11th**. A time has not yet been confirmed. It could be first thing in the morning, or it could be late Saturday evening. The hatchery has yet to confirm a definite delivery time to our head chicken lady; therefore, we don’t have a time yet to tell 4-Hers. As soon as we know something definitive, we’ll get it put on our Fulton County 4-H Facebook page, as well as calls and texts to as many of you as possible. That could be late Friday night or early Saturday morning.

When receiving new birds, it is essential to be ready to house them once they arrive. Water, first of all, and food need to be available. The pen or cage where you are keeping them needs to be already warmed up and with the welcome mat out waiting on the new arrivals. Here’s a few basic tips on taking care of your new chicks:

**Getting Ready for Chicks**

1. Clean entire brooder thoroughly, and put in clean litter.
2. Disinfect feeders and waterers.
3. Scrub with hot water and detergent; then disinfect with a commercial disinfectant or 3 tablespoons of chlorine bleach per gallon of water. Rinse with tap water.
4. Make sure there are no openings in brooder unit that will allow cats, dogs or predatory animals access to your chicks. If rats and mice are a problem, put out a recommended rat bait or rodenticide.
5. Check brooding equipment to make sure it is operating properly and is not a fire hazard.

**Brooding**

1. Take every precaution to avoid chilling your chicks. The brooding temperature should be 95°F the first week. If your brooder is not ready when chicks arrive, keep the chicks by a heater until the brooder is ready.
2. Watch the chicks closely the first few days. If they are too cold, they will bunch up under the brooder or heat source. If they become too hot, they will move away from the brooder. The brooder guard should be out far enough from the brooder to allow the chicks to move away from the brooder if they become too hot.
3. Reduce the temperature 5°F each week until heat is no longer needed. Remove the brooder guard at the end of the first week.
Our poultry chain management guide also has lots of great information. It can be found at:

**YOUTH & FAMILY TRAIL 5K**
It is time to pull out those running shoes and get ready for the Annual 4-H Youth & Family 5K Run/Walk that will be held at the beautiful C.A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center in Ferndale, Arkansas on **Saturday April 11, 2015**

**Registration**
Register online at: [http://getmeregistered.com/UofA4H5KTrailRun](http://getmeregistered.com/UofA4H5KTrailRun)

- 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

**4-H Poster Art Contest**
This is to announce the 2015 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 2015 are as follows:

- **“It’s Your Time”**
  - Open theme (create a poster and theme to go with it)
  - The deadline for this year’s poster art contest will be April 23, 2015. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

**2015 Arkansas 4-H Veterinary Science Tour**

We will be attending the Texas A&M Vet School Open House on April 24 & 25 – an event open to the general public to come and see what veterinary medicine is all about. With fun activities like Teddy Bear Surgery, hospital tours, photos with Reveille (the official Texas A&M Mascot), demonstrations of agility dogs and trick horses, a petting zoo, a reptile room, fistulated cows and much more, there is something for everyone to enjoy! For more information, see: [http://vetmed.tamu.edu/openhouse](http://vetmed.tamu.edu/openhouse)
The charge will be $110 to cover the cost of bus rental and hotel room (meals will be extra). Registration preference will be given to 4-H’ers involved in Vet Science projects, 4-H’ers age 16 or older and to youth registrants. IF there are enough registrants, we will take a second bus (for a total of 110 participants.) Even if you are not able to register to ride the bus, we would like to encourage 4-H families to attend the Texas A&M Vet School Open House – it promises to be a fantastic experience for anyone interested in animals or medicine!

**Join Hands Day**
On Saturday, May 2nd 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 park and to plant flowers. A lunch will be
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.

Arkansas Dairy Ambassador Program
The Arkansas Farm Bureau is sponsoring the Arkansas Dairy Ambassador Program, which is open to current 4-H’ers and FFA members. You may go to the following website for rules & information: http://www.arfb.com/get-involved/promotions/default.aspx
Final deadline is May 29th for packet submission. Please note the earlier deadline if you participate in the Dairy Foods portion. If you have questions, please contact the Farm Bureau at: Bruce Tencleve bruce.tencleve@arfb.com 501-228-1856

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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