PERFORMING ARTS

The Performing Arts contest will be held at UACCB on Thursday, February 9th, beginning at 5:30 pm. Pre-registration deadline is February 8th; entries after that will have a 5 point penalty. 4-H’ers may only enter each category once.

**CLUB SKITS**
Skits go no further than county so the rules are a little different. Skits need to follow 4-H theme and be no more than 6 minutes long with 2 minutes for set up and 2 minutes for take down. One skit per club—all ages can be involved—no limit on the number of 4-H’ers in the skit.

**INSTRUMENTAL**
Includes all types of music. No singing or vocals will be allowed with instrumental. Other accompaniment is allowed; however, this must assume the pure character of accompaniment. The test is whether the performance would stand alone if accompaniment were removed. 5 minute time limit.

**DANCE**
All types of dance will be allowed including tap, ballet, square dance, modern, and clogging. Break dancing is allowed, but no acrobatics, gymnastics, or baton twirling. 5 minute time limit.

**VOCAL**
Vocal may consist of solo, duet, trio, etc. but NO pantomimes will be allowed. Please note that discs or tapes with vocals are allowed but should not overpower the voice of the performer. (points will be counted off) If, in the opinion of the judges, the vocals are overpowering, the performer will be penalized. The decision of the judges is final. 4-H’ers should be prepared to introduce their number by giving the title of the piece they will perform. 5 minute time limit.

**Fashion Revue**

The Fashion Revue contest will be held at Sulphur Rock School Cafetorium on Tuesday, March 7th, beginning at 6:00 pm. Pre-registration deadline is Monday, March 6th; entries after that will have a 5 point penalty.

4-H’ers will start out by presenting a short, 1 to 2 minute commentary. It should include information on cost, fabric, care and why the garment was chosen. 4-H’ers will be using a microphone and should speak without notes. After the presentation, 4-H’ers will informally model the garment. Contestants will be judged on:

- Knowledge of fabric characteristics, uses and care.
- Ability to evaluate garment quality and apply knowledge.
- Appearance, fit and fashion ability.

**Dresses that are more than a hand above the knee will be disqualified.** You may get more details at the Extension Office. NO formal dresses allowed.

Pre-registration is necessary. When you call, let us know which Division & Category you will enter. Contestants may have one entry in Constructed and one entry in Purchased.

**Tennessee Relief 4-H Community Service Project**
Cheyenne Gilliam of Cave City is challenging each club to donate $25.
Keylee Harris of Diamond T is challenging each 4-H’er to donate $1.
Donations can be dropped off at the Extension Office by March 1st.

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**February 2017**

**February**
9—Performing Arts UACCB—5:30
10-11—Ambassador Wks
15—Bee Keeper Essay Little Rock State Office
16—4-H Day at Capitol
24-25—Volunteer Leader Conference
28—Cooking Club 4:15
28—Poultry Chain order due

**March**
4—Razorback Basketball
7—Fashion Revue Sulphur Rock - 6pm
10—Teen Star & Ambassador Due Extension Office
18—STEM Camp Ferndale

**April**
15—Cattleman Scholarship
17—Activity Night 6pm
20—District BBQ Contest
20-21 NCA Spring Livestock
18—STEM Camp Ferndale
28—Cooking Club 4:15
**County Leader Club**

**Meeting**

To be announced at a later date!

Extension Office Conference Room

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**Ross Photography Contest**

The Ross Foundation 4-H Photography Photos are due in the Extension Office by April 29th.

**Categories:** *Color Living* *Color Non-Living* *Black & White Living* *Black & White Non-Living*

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**County Summer Camp**

Date is to be announced!

We are excited to announce our summer trip this year will be in **Dallas, TX**. The cost will be $265. The 4-H Foundation will pay a fourth of the cost if a 4-H recordbook was turned in and a fourth for 4-H'ers who participated in 4 of the 7 activities—$66.25. If a 4-H’er did both they will receive half off or $132.50. If a parent would like to chaperone they will pay the same amount as their 4-H'er, the second parent will be $265.

If you would like to attend, a deposit of $70.00 must be paid by **April 28th**. We must have a minimum of 40 people registered by April 29th in order for us to take the trip. The **balance will be due June 3rd**.

More information in next months newsletter!

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**Independence County Humane Society**

Medicine Bottles and Plastic Bags

Daniel Latus is still collecting both items for the Humane Society.
STATE SPRING LIVESTOCK SHOW—Little Rock
The State Spring Livestock Show will be May 4-6th, at the State Fairgrounds in Little Rock. Registration forms will be on the State Fair Website (www.asfg.net) and only on-line forms will be accepted.

$800 CATTLEMEN’S SCHOLARSHIP
Applications are due April 15th for the Independence/Jackson Cattlemen’s scholarship. For more information, contact the Extension Office.


Show Camp: There will be a rotation between Livestock Judging Camp (even years) and Show Camp (odd years). This year Show Camp will be held June 26-28. Swine, Sheep, and Goats will be there June 26-27 and the cost will be $175/person. Cattle will be there June 26-28 and the cost will be $275/person. The deadline to register and full payment will be May 26. Once they register, the participant will receive a letter with more detailed information of what to expect, what to bring, schedule, etc.

POULTRY CHAIN CHICKS
This year we are able to stay with the brown egg layer, the Hyline Brown. These are large bodied, docile birds and are fantastic egg producers. The fee for this project will be $25.00 per participant. Each project order will receive up to 20 birds. Hyline males will be available for order, with a maximum of five males per one set of hens. The males will be $.50 cents each.

Don’t forget to order your Poultry Chicks by February 28th, by bringing payment to the Extension Office.

Project Fair Boards
These 4-H’ers boards are still at the Extension Office.
You may pick up at anytime before March 31st.

- Caylee McGuire—Livestock
- Destiny Kling—Horse
- Billy, Halle & Gus Musick—Horse
- Julia Corbett—LU ARK
- Sarah Barber—Livestock
- Tanner Sherrill—Livestock
- Lila & Lana Sherrill—Livestock
- Kayla & Jacob Jackson—Horse
- Carly Moser—Southside
- Kate & Annaleigh Mead—Southside

Teen Star and Ambassador, State Officers Applications
due March 10th at the Extension Office.
You can get applications online at kidsarus.org or call the Extension Office.

Parent and Volunteer Spring Conference February 24 & 25, at the Arkansas Vines 4-H Center
The Conference starts at 5:00pm, Friday night and ends at 2:00pm on Saturday. Cost $70 for adults & $50 for youth.

Club Leaders
Leaders Meeting
May 23rd at 6:00pm at the Extension Office

Record books and score sheets from Talks and Demonstrations are on your stack in Linda’s office. District and State Recordbooks are still out being judged. Please make sure that if you take the Recordbooks, I need you to sign and date the sheet provided. Then leave on Linda’s desk.
CLOVERPATCH
BUZZ-Z NEWS

Sincerely,

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County Extension Agent
Staff Chair

Julian Carpenter
County Extension Agent
FCS Agent / 4-H