Activity Night contest will be held at Southside Middle School on Monday, April 22th, beginning at 6:00 pm. No pre-registration is required for this contest.

**Ornamental Horticulture Identification**
4-H’ers will identify common ornamental horticulture plants. Garden flowers, foliage plants, landscape plants, and trees could be included for identification.

A CD study guide is available, bring a blank CD to the Ext. Office to trade.

**Tree Identification**
A total of 20 trees will be identified. A study book is available at the County Extension Office.

**Seed Identification**
4-H’ers will identify a variety of common seeds. If you would like to come into the Extension Office to study the seeds, you can. Just call and set up a time.

**Entomology**
Collection boxes need to be turned in April 15th before 4:30 pm. These will be judged before April 22nd. Your collection will be available to pick up at Activity Night. Information on how to create a collection box is at the Extension Office.

Cloverbud—minimum of 12 adult insects from min. of 3 orders.
Junior—minimum of 15 adult insects from min. of 5 orders.
Senior—minimum of 25 adult insects from a min. of 9 orders.

**Dairy Foods Contest**
Participants must be 4th—12th grade. This contest will consist of two categories:

**Party Ideas MAIN DISH**
You may only enter one category. Bring one copy of your recipe, and the dish prepared by the 4-H’er. Entries are judged on the use of milk and dairy foods, originality of recipe, clarity and accuracy of recipe, availability of ingredients and original ideas for serving. You may pick up a complete list of rules at the Extension Office. Dairy dishes will NOT be accepted after 6:30pm.

Eggs, margarine, nondairy creamers and non-dairy whipped toppings are “NOT” dairy foods.

**Teen Leader Conference**
The Arkansas Teen Leader Conference is a three-day conference for 4-H members ages 14-19. Each year the conference focuses on a specific topic and helps to prepare teens for leadership responsibilities in their local clubs and counties.

Deadline to register for the **TEEN LEADER CONFERENCE** by 4honline.org will be April 12th. The total cost is $180. The 4-H foundation will pay one half the cost or $90. Payment is due on April 12th at the Extension Office.

Don’t forget to reserve your spot for DALLAS before April 29th with a $60 deposit.
NEW POLICY from the 4-H State Office
The county Extension Office is no longer able to approve a 4-H’er for a State or District O’Rama, a camp, trip or workshops in the 4-H Online system unless we receive your payment before the deadline set by the County.
In the past a 4-H’er would register online for an activity and the county office would approve the 4-H’er to be accepted at the State Level before receiving payment. The county office can no longer do that, payment has to be received before we can approve you to attend.
Example: If you register to go to Teen Leader Conference on 4-H Online—you must bring your part of the payment to the Extension Office before we can approve you to attend the conference.

Important Dates
April 12: **Teen Leader Conference** online deadline and payment due
15: State Spring Livestock Show—Little Rock, deadline.
15: Cattlemen’s Scholarship Application Due
17: Poster Contest Due
19-20: Volunteer Forum in Ferndale
22: Activity Night 6:00pm at Southside Middle School
25: Ross Photography Contest Photos Due
29: Dallas Summer Trip—$60 deposit due
29: Ambassador Re-Certifications Due

**District Turkey BBQ**
Thursday, May 2nd at 4:00pm—Location TBA
(either Ind. County Fair Grounds or U of A Experiment Station)
Juniors or Senior 4-H’ers
There are five openings for the District Turkey BBQ on May 2nd. If you are interested in competing give the Extension Office a call before April 24th.

**TEEN LEADER CLUB**
**MEETING**
Thursday, April 11th at 4:00pm
Extension Office Conference Room
*Teens don’t forget to bring your items for the Arkansas Children’s Hospital Drive to the meeting.*

**LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM**
**MEETING**
Thursday, April 18th at 3:45pm
Extension Office
Please call Nathan for more information at 870-793-8840 or nreinhart@uaex.edu

**TEEN STARS**
The Arkansas 4-H Program is pleased to announce the 2013 Arkansas 4-H Teen Stars:
Sarah Bunch
Braden Mead
Congratulations!

**4H Youth & Family 5K Trail Run/Walk**
Saturday April 13, 2013
9:00 a.m at the C.A Vines 4H Center
Registration:
Entry form available online at www.uaex.edu
In Advance
Youth $5
Adults $15
Day of Race:
Youth $10
Adults $20
Who?
Youth & Adults
What?
5K Trail Run/Walk
Why?
Fun, Fitness & Family
Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.
Run/Walk begins at 9:00 a.m.

Contact:
Tony Baker
(501) 821-4444 or tbaker@uaex.edu
ATTENTION: STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS
(Important) Animal ID Packets
If you would like to order any animal ID packets for the State Fair, contact Nathan at the Extension Office, 870-793-8840 or nreinhart@uaex.edu.

Deadlines and Fees: Certified mail & DNA submission 5/31 with return receipt.
Market Steers: Noon—5-13-13 Cost DNA Kit $25
Ownership deadline is 5-15-13 Market Steer online nomination, 5-31-13 cost: free.
Market Lambs, Goats, Hogs—noon 7-13-13 Cost DNA Kit $25.00
Ownership deadline is 7-1-2013 Online nominations and DNA submissions is 7-31-13

* Plant a tree during Earth Day.
* Recognize Veterans in your community.
* Volunteer at a local museum.
* Run or walk in a charity race.
* Make birthday cards for the elderly.
* Read books to preschoolers.
* Volunteer at the local Food Pantry.
* Collect children’s book for the needy.
* Collect newspaper, pet food or volunteer to walk animals at an animal shelter.
* Volunteer to help at the County Fair.
* Have a old CD drive & donate to library.
* Provide child care during a PTA meeting.
* Volunteer to help at Special Olympic Event.
* Make gifts for kids in the hospital.
* Clean up the local cemetery.
* Plant flowers in public areas.
* Adopt highway and clean up clutter.
* Promote recycling in your community.
* Adopt a Grand Friend—nursing home.
* Organize a mitten, hat and scarf drive.

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**Club NEWS**

**LIVESTOCK CLUB**
*The Livestock Club made and handed out Valentine Cards at Rolling Hills Nursing Home.*
*Their March Community Service Project is collecting items for the Independence County Humane Society.*
*They are collecting soda tabs for the AR Children’s Hospital and Ronald McDonald House.*
*Braden and Kate Mead won District Record Book.*

**HORSE CLUB**
*The Horse Club did a Clean up day at Promise Land.*
*They had a Fun show / meeting. Proceeds for the fundraiser went toward Equine Camp in May.*

**BATESVILLE CLUB**
*The Batesville Club is collecting items for Operation Christmas Child in December.*
*They had two members of their club attend Kansas City Global in Kansas City in March. They were Sarah Bunch and Deleen Kesselring.*
*They had three District Record Book winners from their club; Sarah Bunch, Deleen Kesselring and Raegan Sikes.*

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**Club Leaders**

Leaders Meeting
May 7th at 6:00pm
at the Extension Office

Fair time is right around the corner. Let the Extension Office know if you plan to have an Education Booth this year at the fair.
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Sincerely,

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County Extension Agent
Staff Chair

Nathan Reinhart
County Extension Agent
Agriculture/ 4-H

Julian King
County Extension Agent
FCS Agent / 4-H