4-H Pledge
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.

County O-Rama
Both the Indoor and Outdoor O-Rama contests will be Saturday, April 30, at the fairgrounds in Paris. O-Rama Talks will begin at 9:00 am with a 30 minute lunch break. O-Rama outside events will begin immediately after lunch with the Awards Program beginning at 2:00 pm.

► Indoor O-Rama is an opportunity for the 4-H members to prepare and present a presentation. They are able to choose from a list of approved topics. Having the ability and confidence to give a speech is as important as any skill. From high school, college and any profession, a person will need to give a speech or demonstration. So pick a subject, prepare, and deliver it at County O-Rama. As an extra incentive, the County Reward Trip will be awarded to the 4-Hers participating in talks.

► Outdoor O-Rama events include bait casting/sports fishing, bicycle, forestry, BB shooting, horticulture, seed ID, wildlife, and grassland plant ID. These contests allow 4-H members ages 9-19 the opportunity to go to District O-Rama and 4-H’ers ages 14-19 to go to State O-Rama. District O-Rama will be Wednesday, June 15, in Russellville. State O-Rama will be August 2-5 in Fayetteville. See the enclosed insert for more information on the O-Rama’s. To sign up for talks or events, contact the Extension office by April 29.

► Fashion Revue & Talent Show - Fashion Revue and Talent Show will be held at the Jeral Hampton meeting place in Booneville on April 28. Fashion Revue categories are Constructed Dressy, Constructed Casual, Purchased Dressy, and Purchased Casual. Talent categories are Dance, Instrumental, and Vocal. Acts can be individual or groups of up to 5 4-Hers. Winners are asked to represent our county at District 4-H O-Rama on June 15.

► Make-up O-Rama - If for some reason you are not able to attend the county O-Rama, you may attend a make-up O-Rama on Tuesday, May 17. In make-up O-Rama, 4-Hers will only be allowed to participate in events that have positions not already filled for the District contest. For example, if no-one qualified and signed up for District in the category of Bicycle then anyone who was not able to attend the original O-Rama could compete in Bicycle and attend District in that category.

WHEP
Good luck to the Logan County Wildlife Habitat Education Program team as they prepare for their competition at the end of April! They will be heading to Little Rock to compete with teams from all over the state in categories like Wildlife ID, Wildlife Management Practices, and more!

Sarah Whitaker
County Extension Agent - 4-H/Agriculture

Congratulations, Sarai Parrish on winning District Record book!

Once again, Arkansas 4-H has been invited to send a team of 4-Hers to participate in the Great American Seafood Cook-Off: 4-H Edition to be held this August in New Orleans! Teams must first enter the Arkansas Preliminary. The winning team will represent Arkansas 4-H at the national competition in New Orleans the first weekend in August. To enter the Arkansas Preliminary, teams of 2 - 4 senior 4-Hers should submit their seafood recipe to the state office by May 15, 2016. Dishes should emphasize healthy ingredients and cooking techniques. In addition to the recipe, entries should include a short PowerPoint (fewer than 10 slides) featuring a photo of the finished product and pictures of the team preparing the dish. Recipes will be judged based on adherence to the contest recipe guidelines, use of domestic seafood and visual appeal of the final product.

Poster Art Contest

The 2016 4-H Poster Art contest entries are due Monday, May 2. 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 or you may bring them to the Extension office by April 22. The top ten winners will receive certificates, which will be presented at the District 4-H O-Rama.

The themes for 2016 are as follows:

► I Am...4-H

► Open theme (create a theme and poster to go with it)

2016 Arkansas Dairy Foods Contest

Logan County 4-Hers, 4th through 12th grades, may join the Farm Bureau Women’s Committee’s annual Dairy Recipe Contest. Entries for South Logan may be submitted by 1:00 pm on Saturday, April 23, at the Booneville Farm Bureau office. Judging will begin at 1:15 pm. Bring a copy of your recipe, also. Entry information for North Logan will be determined and included in your April 4-H Newsletter.

The contest is divided into two categories:

Main Dish and Party Ideas. Selection of top four entries in each of the two categories; use these standards:

1) Use of real milk and dairy foods
2) Originality of the recipe
3) Clarity and accuracy of the recipe
4) Availability of ingredients in food stores.

State cash prizes in each category are: 1st Place, $150; 2nd Place, $125; 3rd Place, $100; 4th Place, $75.

Poultry Chain Meeting

There will be a mandatory Poultry meeting at the Gloria Perry Building in Magazine on Tuesday, April 12, at 6:00 pm. All 4-Hers participating in the 4-H Poultry Chain are required to attend this meeting, even those who have previously participated in the Poultry Chain.

Teen Leader Conference (TLC) – registration is open April 1 – May 11

The theme is: "4-H for LIFE!" The workshops will include:

1) Choose Health: Food, Fun & Fitness A) Breakfast, B) Grains/Fruits/Veggies, C) Fats/Oils/Sugars (each district will get a kit for kids to use to teach lessons in their counties after TLC.

2) Life Hacks

3) Financial management
4-H Veterinary Science
The 2016 4-H Veterinary Science Camp will be at Arkansas Tech University in Russellville. The dates are June 27-June 29. Registration will open at 4-H Online on April 15 for students 11-19. Cost for the camp is $125. Detailed information, including the schedule, will be provided on the registration page.

Upcoming Livestock Deadlines
April 15 – ASF Spring Show Deadline
May 15 – ASF Market Steer Animal ID Kit Orders Due
May 27 – Dairy Ambassador Applications Due
May 31 – ASF Market Steer DNA Submissions AND Online Nominations Due
July 15 – ASF Market Lamb, Goat, and Hog Animal ID Kit Orders Due
July 31 – ASF Market Lamb, Goat, and Hog DNA Submissions AND Online Nominations Due
If you need additional information, please call the Extension Office.

4-H Food Plot Project
This is a new project in Arkansas that is being offered for the first time this year! The purpose of this project is to prepare, establish, maintain and observe your food plot using provided seed for the purpose of food and cover establishment for wildlife. For more details visit: http://tinyurl.com/z6vb19r. The website contains details about the project and associated materials. Deadline to register is May 1 through 4-H Online. Participants can start working on the project (i.e., find location and collect soil sample) before the May 1 deadline. Plots will be planted this fall. A county agent (or someone the agent assigns on their behalf) will conduct a site visit to the food plot and complete a scorecard. The record book and other project documentation is due February 1, 2017.

2016 4-H Photography Contest!
"THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME" is the theme for this year's competition. This is for Senior 4-Hers only!
Photographs submitted to the contest should exhibit shape, form and/or texture as dominant elements. Subject matter is unlimited and entrants can capture images with subjects found in nature or man-made.
FRIDAY, JULY 29th IS THE ENTRY DEADLINE

County Videos for State O-Rama
The state 4-H office is looking for videos from the county 4-H programs! Please make some 60-90 second videos about your 4-H program at your next club meeting. It can be about a prize project, your specific club, a service learning project highlight, etc. You’re not limited to just one video, send all you want. It can be a video or a PowerPoint slideshow style, but everything must be submitted as a video. Don’t worry about adding music; we will take care of that part. We want to show these at the assemblies at State O-Rama. Submit videos to Sarah ASAP.

Upcoming Dates to Remember
April 8 – Tri-County Beef Conference
April 12 – Mandatory Poultry Chain Meeting
April 23 – Arkansas Dairy Foods Contest
April 28 – Fashion Revue and Talent Contest
April 30 – Logan County 4-H O-Rama
May 2 – Poster Art Contest
May 17 – County Make-up O-Rama
June 15 – Ozark District O-Rama, Russellville
August 2-5 – State O-Rama, Fayetteville
Retirement Note
As many of you know, I retired from Extension at the end of March. I couldn’t leave without saying how much I have enjoyed watching each of you grow in 4-H. I have seen you become self-assured young people showing your animals at the fairs, raising your Poultry Chain chicks, winning photography awards, excelling in Shooting Sports competitions, and becoming outstanding horse people. I have seen you create excellent food dishes, succeed in sewing contests, and in many other areas in 4-H. You have had fun while learning life skills that will help you accomplish your future goals. It has been my privilege to watch you live the 4-H slogan: “To Make the Best Better”! I could not have had anyone better to work with than the Extension Staff – Bob, Sarah, and Leigh Ann – and all the 4-H Leaders. Thank you all for being an important part of my life for 24 years!
With Love, Sandra

State T-Shirt Design Contest
The Arkansas Association of Extension 4-H Agents will be selling t-shirts again this year! We would like to ask 4-H members to send in design ideas for this t-shirt that will be sold state wide. The person who submits the design that is selected will receive their t-shirt for FREE! All designs should be e-mailed to lcannon@uaex.edu no later than April 15 for consideration.

4-H Volunteer Leader Trainings
All 4-H volunteers are invited to attend one (or more!) 4-H Volunteer Leader Trainings! These trainings are open to adult volunteers, youth volunteers, and agents. Cost is $15 for registration and lunch. You may register for as many as you wish. Agendas are available on 4HOnline. To register, go to http://arkansas.4honline.com and sign up for 4-H Volunteer Leader Training. Here are the two closest to us:

Ozark District Training - April 9, 2016
Westside Church of Christ Family Bldg.
Russellville
Contact: Lauren Cannon – 479-968-7098

Northwest Arkansas Training - April 16,
Peterson Auditorium, Bentonville
Contact: Jessica Street – 479-271-1060