A Note from Samantha

Don’t forget to update your information in 4-H Online if you haven’t already done so. We really do want to keep you as a 4-H member and volunteer.

Fall has arrived and temperatures will hopefully get a little cooler soon, school is in full swing, and everyone is busy, busy, busy. We hope you aren’t so busy that you can’t check out upcoming events & get registered for those that interest you.

Fairs are still in full swing. Miller County and Four States Fairs have ended and were lots of fun; not to mention they kept us on the move. Did you know that Miller County 4-H float won first place? YAY!

Thank you for all that helped pull that one off.

October is 4-H Promotion Month and National 4-H Week (October 2-8). We have several projects we hope to do to celebrate but we welcome any suggestions you have.

Have you noticed that we changed the name of the Newsletter? Let us know what you think.

Sincerely,

Samantha Kroll, County Extension Agent-4H
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Congratulations!!!

We extend our congratulations to Kyleen Hewitt, Colton Hewitt, Cody Cutshall, Hayden Hyman, Dustin Rayburn (4-States & SW District Fairs); and Jordan McGerrie & Megan Palmer (SW Dist. Fair). We had entries of cattle, pigs, and rabbits entered into the livestock shows and skill-a-thon as well as entries into home arts, public speaking, photography, woodworking, and pageant. We had many that won and placed.

The Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service is an equal opportunity/equal access/affirmative action institution. If you require a reasonable accommodation to participate or need materials in another format, please contact your County Extension office as soon as possible. Dial 711 for Arkansas Relay.
Scholarship contest entrants are encouraged to use video and photography to tell the story of U.S. grown rice. High school graduating students from rice-producing states (such as Arkansas) are eligible for the 3 scholarship prizes, sponsored by Dow Agro-Sciences, totaling $8,500.

The contest has the same parameters as before—to create awareness for U.S. grown rice. Take your best shot With more than 2.5 billion camera phones, it is easy to participate! Create a video about rice production, healthy eating, sustainability … the list goes on!

Entry deadline is Oct. 31, 2016 with winners notified by Nov. 21st.

For more information on the rice scholarship info: http://www.thinkrice.com/scholarship/#1472673067103-e807e0e2-bf9f.

October is 4-H Promotion Month and National 4-H Week is October 2nd-8th! National 4-H Council has created resources to help promote National 4-H Week. It contains a variety of media relations and marketing tools designed to promote National 4-H Week events & activities in the community.

One Day of Service = A Month of Service. This might be a great time to invite friends to help make our communities better by adopting a service project. One Day of Service can be any day in October. 4-H Promotion month is in October so what a perfect way to promote 4-H – by serving others. This can be done individually or as an entire Miller County program. Submit your photos or videos so we can post them on Facebook, Twitter, and our website.

Oct. 2 – Healthy Living Day! Focus on a healthy lifestyle project (bicycling, walking or running for health), yoga for kids, or preparing a healthy snack for a selected group.

Oct. 3 – Media Day! Submit an article written by members, volunteers, alumni, and/or donors to the local newspaper about 4-H.

Oct. 4 – Wear Green Day! Advertise a wear green day. Distribute green and white mints to everyone who wears green that day (or distribute tickets to a fun 4-H event).

Oct. 5 – Citizenship Day! Host an “appreciation day” for police officers, fire department, elected officials, city/county employees, teachers, or others.

Oct. 6 – Make a Video Day! Make a 4-H promotional video or podcast to post on our county website, Facebook or Twitter.

Oct. 7 – Donor/Supporter’s Recognition Day! Write thank you notes or distribute One Million Dollar bars with a note “You’re worth more than this. Thanks for being a friend to 4-H.”

Oct. 8 – Local Restaurant Day! Select 2 or 3 restaurants and place 4-H promotional place mats in the restaurants. (Let us know in advance so we can order the place mats.) Be sure to promote your efforts so we can post on our county website and Facebook page. You can also post on www.facebook.com/arkansas4H & Twitter at @Arkansas4H.

“The reality is we live in the age where almost everyone has a camera in their pocket, and in some cases, those cameras are more powerful & advanced than the cameras used to create some of our favorite Hollywood classics.” said Michael Klein, VP of Marketing, Communications, and Domestic Promotion for USA Rice.
Take a break from city life and join us at the C. A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center, 1 Four H Way, Little Rock (Ferndale). Admission is free. For more information, contact the 4-H Center at 501-821-4444.

Chili lunch
$10 adults, $5 children under 18. Includes drink and dessert.

Shooting Sports
Adults and youth ages 14 & up can test their skills at archery or trap shooting.

Family Fun
- Canoeing
- Fishing
- Pumpkin Decorating
- Fun with Robots
- 3D Doodle Pens
- B-B Shooting
- Make Your Own Smoothie by Riding a Bicycle

Silent Auction

- Entry fee – Shotgun: 10 shots, two per station, each round $20 (unlimited entries)
- Entry fee – Archery: 5 arrows $10 (unlimited entries)

4-H Day Activities at Arkansas State Fair

The 77th annual Arkansas State Fair is right around the corner! The dates are October 14 – 23, 2016. Please join us for 4-H Day on Saturday, October 15. On this day, 4-H’ers will have the opportunity to view the exhibits and take part in the following 4-H activities:

4-H Entomology Exhibits – Entries must be from 4-H members and exhibitors must be enrolled in a 4-H Entomology project. Collection must be exhibited in one box of standard size & type (18x24x3 ½ inches or 18x24x2 ½ inches) with Plexiglas top. See more at http://www.uaex.edu/publications/PDF/MP-83.pdf.

4-H Giant Pumpkin and Watermelon Contest – Ages 9 to 19 as of January 1st, 2016. Only the Atlantic Giant Pumpkin and Carolina Cross Watermelon varieties will be accepted. Entries must arrive by 9:30 AM Sat. October 15th, at the Arts & Crafts building. Weigh-in starts at 9:30 and concludes at 10:30. The awards ceremony will take place at 10:45 and end at 11:00 AM.

4-H Poultry BBQ Cook-off – Location will be by the Arts & Crafts building. Park in gates 7, 11 or 12 and walk your supplies down to the contest area. Contestants with grilling equipment will assemble at the site by 3:30 PM with contest beginning at 4:00. Each contestant will cook two chicken breast filets (poultry will be furnished).

4-H Promotional & Interactive Activity Booth – October, 14th -23rd in the Hall of Industry. Come see Carla and myself Tuesday, October 18th.

If you have not already done so, please re-enroll in 4-H Online for the current year (old 4-H year ended September 31). This will be the last newsletter that will go to everyone. Only those that are current with their enrollment will receive a newsletter after this month. Please re-enroll. We do not want to lose you. Re-enroll at https://ar.4honline.com/Login.

Janet Carson is slated to present “Fall Gardening with Janet Carson,” at the Fall Festival at 11 a.m.

“All proceeds benefit the Arkansas 4-H Foundation, which supports the operation of the C. A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center & scholarships for Arkansas 4-H members.
2016 AR State Fair Skill-A-Thon Information

SHEEP
Thursday, October 13th
10:00 AM – Noon
Swine Barn

BEEF
Friday, October 14th
1:00 – 3:00 PM
Cattle Barn 3

GOAT
Sunday, October 16th
Noon – 2:00 PM
Equestrian Center

SWINE
Wednesday, October 19th
3:00 – 5:00 PM
Equestrian Center

The contest is open to individuals who have at least one approved live-stock entry in the fair. The contest will be divided into two age divisions:

- **Junior** – Ages 9-13 as of the opening day of the current AR State Fair.
- **Senior** – Ages 14-19 as of the opening day of the current AR State Fair.

Each division will consist of ID and quiz type questions relative to the contest specific species industry.

Each division will receive the following awards:

- **1st Place** - $50 and Rosette awarded by the State Fair and Belt Buckle sponsored by Farm Credit
- **2nd Place** - $30 and Rosette awarded by the State Fair
- **3rd Place** - $20 and Ribbon awarded by the Arkansas State Fair.

There is no pre-entry for this contest. On-site entry only. There is no entry fee. The registration table will open approximately 15 minutes before the start of the contest. This is an individual contest only.

There will be 5 things to identify at the breed, equipment, feed, meat, and animal parts stations.

For information & helpful resources, visit the below link or it has been posted on our Facebook page:

[http://d2w7gersd1ix5b.cloudfront.net/files.ashx?i=fg&f=2016_Skill_A_Thon_Information.pdf&rid=ArkansasStateFair](http://d2w7gersd1ix5b.cloudfront.net/files.ashx?i=fg&f=2016_Skill_A_Thon_Information.pdf&rid=ArkansasStateFair)

Each division will have six stations:
- Breed ID
- Equipment ID
- Feed ID
- Animal Parts ID
- Meat ID (could be either wholesale or retail)
- Quiz

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**Autumn Word Search**

See if you can find the hidden words associated with the fall season.

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G C C N C B K R P U U Z E K S T A
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More Entries from the Fair