NOTICE!!! If you know of any former club member who has not registered in 4-H online, please remind them to go online and register. They will not be receiving this newsletter.

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE PLEASE KEEP THIS LIST
Further information on state activities is located on-line at http://uaex.edu
ACTIVITY DATES (underlined items are county events)
All state activity on-line applications are due one week prior to the state deadline

MARCH DUE DATES:
7 Spring Shooting Sports Instructor Training Registration via 4-HOnline
1 Camp Counselor applications due, SO
1 Equine Camp, Spring Break Camp & Summer Camp applications due SO
15 Ambassador applications due SO
15 Teen Star applications due SO for members age 15-18
28 Giant Pumpkin and Watermelon seed request due County office

MARCH ACTIVITY DATES:
12 COUNTY AWARDS PROGRAM AND BANQUET
5 4-H Day with the Razorbacks Basketball game
12 Advanced Record Book interviews, LRSO
18 State Roping, Saline Co. Fairgrounds, 4-H Center
17-19 Spring Shooting Sports Instructor Training
21-24 Equine Camp, 4-H Center
21-24 Spring Break Camp, 4-H Center
24-26 4-H Livestock Leadership Academy, 4-H Center
28 Giant Pumpkin and Watermelon Seed Request due county office
APRIL DUE DATES:
1  Agent, Leader, Program Asst. applications due SO
1  Camp Leadership Workshop – Advanced Registration (Tentative)
1  WHEP – Wildlife Evaluation Contest Registration via 4-H Online
4  4-H Shooting Sports Hunting Skills State Training Registration

APRIL ACTIVITY DATES:
2  County Barbecue contest - Extension Conference room, and Dairy Recipe Contest – Murfreesboro Municipal Building
10-16 National Volunteer Week (www.pointsoflight.org for ideas)
15-16 4-H Shooting Sports Hunting Skills State Training
18  Poster Art entries due county office (see information in the newsletter)
21  Arkadelphia Poultry BBQ District contest Clark County Fairgrounds 4:30 p.m.
28-30 Spring Livestock Show, State Fairgrounds
29  State Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Contest, TBA – Central Arkansas

MAY DUE DATES:
2  Teen Leader Conference Registration on-line
2  Teen Star/Hall of Fame Banquet Guest Reservations due
2  Teen Star/Hall of Fame Banquet Servers applications due

MAY ACTIVITY DATES
7  County 4-H O-Rama – Murfreesboro
23  Ross Foundation County Photography entries are due County office

JUNE DUE DATES:
15  Adventure and Challenge Camp registration due online
15  Junior Camp (3 day) registration due online
15  Cloverbud Camp registration due online
20  4-H Shooting Sports / Range Events registration due online

JUNE ACTIVITY DATES:
6-9  Summer Equine Camp – 4-H Center
7-9  Teen Leader Conference – 4-H Center
14  Ouachita District O-Rama, Hope
17-19 State Poultry BBQ contest, Poultry Festival, Rogers, AR
20-23 State Livestock Judging Camp, Fayetteville
27-29 Vet Science Camp, Location TBA
30  County 4-H Visit to Old Washington State Park see information in the newsletter

OTHER IMPORTANT ACTIVITY DATES:
JULY 13 Salsa Workshop
JULY TBA Jam and Jelly workshop
JULY 20 FUN DAY
AUGUST 2-5 State O-Rama – Fayetteville (for senior 4-H’ers)
4-H POSTER ART CONTEST
Entries due APRIL 18TH in the County Extension Office
I am...4-H or an Open Theme

This contest is open to all 4-H members age 9-19. There will be a cloverbud division for county contest entries.
Posters should be 14”x22” 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 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”x5” index card.)
The top 10 winners will receive certificates, which will be presented at the District 4-H O-Ramas. The themes are as follows: I Am...4-H or the Open theme (create a theme and poster to go with it.)

SUMMER 4-H PROGRAMS
We have a great line up of summer program opportunities planned. We are featuring Our Heritage this summer.
JUNE 30, Trip to Old Washington State Park Programs include: Having Fun on the Frontier, Surrey Rides, He Who Comes to Help (American Indian travel on the Trail of Tears), A Soldier’s Life, 1836 Courthouse, Grandma’s Trunk, Why Did they Wear All That?
JULY 13 Salsa workshop – Ages 9 and up, pre-registration required
JULY 20 FUN DAY Murfreesboro
JULY 26 Jam and Jelly workshop – Ages 9 and up, pre-registration required
TBA Lake Greesin Day
TBA Reed basket weaving. Make a candy basket with Brenda McKinnon
TBA Coil Pottery like the Indians made with Launa Simmons
We will be sending out further information on the TBA programs before the end of March. We have to do preregistration so we can plan for materials.

The volunteers at the Pike County Archives have offered to help any interested 4-H’er to look up their family tree. Let me know if you are interested and we will set up a date and time.

We are having elections for county 4-H Council positions (both Junior and Senior Councils) during Fun Day. Be planning your strategy to run for the election. Five at-large positions will be available for each age group. These will be advisory positions.

Please let Avonne know if you are interested in being part of an Archaeology Dig near Murfreesboro in the spring. apetty@uaex.edu or call 870-925-1794.

GIANT PUMPKIN AND WATERMELON CONTEST
This contest if for all members age 9-19. Seeds must be ordered through the office before Monday, March 28th. There will no be a cost this year. However, you must request seed and if you are a county champion, you must agree to take your entry to the State Fair.
Dairy Recipe and Poultry BBQ contest Saturday, April 3rd.

LIVESTOCK PROJECT INFORMATION
APRIL 28-20 State Spring Livestock Show – Fairgrounds Little Rock
MARCH 3 – Livestock Leadership Academy Registration Deadline
APRIL 15 – ASF Market steers animal ID kit orders due
MAY 31 – ASF Market steer DNA submissions AND online submissions due
JULY - ASF Market animal registration (information in later newsletters)

2016 STATE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT IS COLLECTING EYEGLASSES FOR LION’S INTERNATIONAL.
Collection Sites will be at all state activities, and camps. We must have them in the office before July 20TH. Check out this site http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/serve/sight/recycle-eyeglasses/eyeglass-recycling-resources.php

REMEMBER TO SAVE YOUR CAN TABS FOR THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE STATE / 4-H PROJECT Take to the office any time.

Join our 4-H facebook page for members and families
www.facebook.com/UAEXPikeCounty
Or check out www.uaex.edu/counties/pike/ or twitter UAEX Pike County

This newsletter was prepared by Avonne Petty, 4-H Program Assistant – Youth apetty@uaex.edu or call office 870-285-2161, home 870-379-2242, or cell 870-925-1794.

All meetings and activities announced in this newsletter are open to all youth between the ages of 5 and 19 regardless of race, color, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, disability, marital or veteran status, genetic information, or any other legally protected status, and is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (large print, audiotapes, etc.) should notify the county Extension Office as soon as possible prior to the activity.

Sincerely,

Terrell Davis
County Extension Agent - Staff Chair
Avonne Petty
4-H Program Assistant – Youth

Eva Langley
County Extension Agent – Family and Consumer Science
The Cooperative Extension Service and Pike County 4-H in cooperation with The Arkansas Veterinary Association is sponsoring the Rabies Program in Pike County. The cost will be $10.00 per pet. Other shots will be available at each location for an additional charge. For your convenience the following schedule will be used. The minimum age for pets is 3 months.

NOTE COST AND TIME CHANGES

(DR. WRIGHT)
Wright's Veterinary Clinic

SATURDAY, APRIL 2
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

(BONNIE HARDING)
New Hope - Post Office
Langley - Fire Department
Kirby - Bethlehem Baptist Church

MONDAY, MARCH 28
Rain date MONDAY, April 11
1:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

(BONNIE HARDING)
Nathan-Fire Department
Cooley's Store
Pike City Missionary Babtist Church
Murfreesboro City Park (Old Park)**

FRIDAY, APRIL 1
Rain Date FRIDAY - April 8
1:00 p.m. - 1:25 p.m.
1:40 p.m. - 2:10 p.m.
2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.
3:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

(BONNIE HARDING)
Murfreesboro City Park (Old Park)**
Antoine - City Hall
Pisgah-Community Center
Delight-City Park

MONDAY, APRIL 4
Rain Date MONDAY - April 18
1:45 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
3:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
4:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
5:15 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Murfreesboro City Dog License will be available for $5.00 per dog**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
County Extension Office - 285-2161 -- P.O. Box 297, Murfreesboro, AR 71958
DVM Bonnie Harding - 845-2606 -- 2630 Hwy. 26W., Nashville, AR 71852
DVM Dr. Wright - 356-4195 - 55 Hwy 70 E. - Glenwood, AR 71943
WE INVITE ALL 4-H MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES TO JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATION OF THE PIKE COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM. SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2016

WE WILL HAVE A POTLUCK MEAL BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M. THE EXTENSION OFFICE PROVIDES THE MEAT. THE AWARDS PROGRAM WILL FOLLOW.