



SALINE COUNTY GREEN & WHITE NEWS

March 2016

New 4-H Agent

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Congratulations are extended to Stephany Rogers as she begins serving Saline County as the new 4-H Agent March 16. Stephany has worked in Saline County as the 4-H Program Assistant for over three years and this should be a seamless transition. Let's roll up our sleeves and all work together to make the best better.

Poultry Chain

It's time to place orders. This year we will be receiving up to **25 Amberlink pullets**. These are good egg layers and will produce a brown egg. The cost of these pullets will be \$25 per order with a maximum of 1 order per 4-H member. The Saline County 4-H Foundation will be paying half of the \$25, so each order will cost the **4-H member \$12.50 at the time of ordering**.

A contract is at the Extension office and must be signed when orders are placed and payment is made. The contract states a fair entry of 3 pullets must be shown in the 2016 Saline County Fair. **If one fails to return 3 pullets, then the average sale price bird is due back to the Foundation or you will not be able to order poultry chain again.**

Roosters are \$.40 each with a maximum of 5 per 4-H member. **This year, those who want to order poultry chain pullets must go through an educational class put on by our Extension office.** More information about the class will come out soon to those who order. **Order and payment must be in the office by Wednesday, March 16.** Birds will be available either May 7th or 14th.



Poster Art Contest

2016 4-H Poster Art contest is open to all 4-H members ages 9-19. Posters should be 14”x22” in dimension and may be horizontal or vertical. Posters may be any medium art – watercolor, crayon, ink, 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”x5” index card to do this. **Posters should be submitted (flat, not rolled) to the County Extension Office by Thursday, April 28.** The top ten winners state wide will receive certificates at District O-Rama. **Themes are: “I am...4-H” or open theme.**

Amazon Smile

Did you know that by purchasing items off of Amazon, they donate a small amount to our 4-H Foundation? Well they do!

AmazonSmile donates 0.5% of your pre-shipping cost to the charity of your choice at no cost to you. If you have an amazon account, at the bottom of the page it shows a link for "About AmazonSmile" and you can enroll in your favorite charity!

We are on there as Saline County 4-H Foundation Inc!

Check out **www.smile.amazon.com** today!



County BBQ Poultry Contest

Saturday, April 2 • Extension office

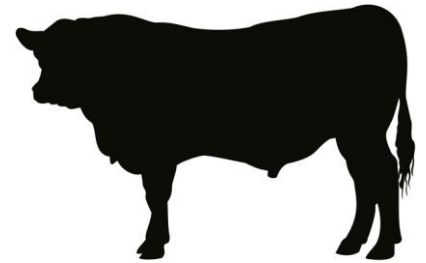
Set up will need to start no later than 9 am and fires start at 9:30 am. Chicken and/or turkey pickup will be 30 minutes later, and you will have 90 minutes to grill. For BBQ, 1st-5th are still eligible for district competition.

Please RSVP to the Extension Office for both contests by Friday, March 25.

County and State Fairs

To show market animals in the Arkansas State Fair, the first step is to pay a nomination fee of \$25.

For steer show at the county fair, we have a gain-ability contest sponsored by the Saline County Cattlemen's Association. We will weigh steers on the first Saturday in April and then again at the county fair in September.



Please let Ron know if you plan to bring cattle, hogs, sheep and/or goats to the county fair. If you have any questions, please contact Ron.

Parents & Leaders Club Meeting (PALS)

March 29, 2016 • 6 pm-7:30 pm

We will discuss upcoming activities, events and programs. You will also gain an hour of the required 4 hours of training that volunteers need.

4-H Afterschool Training

Free volunteer training for teachers, volunteers, afterschool and summer program staff.



The Cooperative Extension Service will be conducting a 4-H Afterschool Training at the UAM – School of Forestry and Natural Resources Building. This training will be **Saturday, April 9 from 9 am-3 pm** at 346 University Court in Monticello.

Training topics include: Healthy Lifestyle Choices, Leadership/Citizenship, 4-H Science, Art, Experiential Learning and Positive Youth Development.

Call to register by Friday, April 1 to the Drew County Extension Office, 870-460-6270.

4-H Volunteer Training

Ouachita District will have two volunteer training opportunities this year. The first one “Clubs that Rock Build Kids” will be **Saturday, April 30th from 10 am – 3 pm at the Polk County Extension Education Center in Mena, AR.** Registration begins at 9:30 am.

Registration is due on 4-H Online by Friday, April 22nd. The 4-H Foundation has graciously offered to pay for any volunteer to go. If you register, you must go or pay back the \$15 registration fee to the Foundation.

Polk County Extension Education Center: 211 DeQueen Street, Mena, AR 71953.

County O-Rama Results

BAITCASTING

*Seniors

1. Jared McPeake
2. Brent Williams

*Juniors

1. Kason Ballard
2. Brayden Adams
3. Ethan Cetehows
4. Cash Parker
5. Connor Martin & James Nash

*Cloverbuds: Jasper Martin, Phoenix Parker, Rylan Harris, Gavin Smith, Gage Smith • *Participants: Manny Morgan

TALKS, TALENTS, AND FASHION REVUE

*Junior Health: Julia McPeake, 1st Place

*Senior Vocal: Olivia McClure, 1st Place

*Senior Instrumental: Anastasia Mills, 1st Place

*Senior Fashion Revue Purchased Casual: Zoe Pitman, 1st Place

REEL INTO SPORT FISHING

*Seniors

1. Jared McPeake
2. Brent Williams

*Juniors

1. Brayden Adams
2. Connor Martin & James Nash

*Cloverbuds: Jasper Martin

BICYCLE

*Seniors

1. Brent Williams

*Juniors

1. Brayden Adams
2. Connor Martin
3. Sammy Morgan
4. Dawin Morgan
5. James Nash

*Cloverbuds: Gage Smith, Gavin Smith, Jasper Martin, Allie Ballew

*Participants: Manny Morgan, Andrew Cox II

BB SHOOTING

*Seniors

1. Jared McPeake
2. Brent Williams

*Juniors

1. Brayden Adams
2. James Nash
3. Kason Ballard
4. Cash Parker
5. Connor Martin

*Cloverbuds: Jasper Martin, Phoenix Parker, Rylan Harris, Gavin Smith, Gage Smith

*Participants: Manny Morgan, Sammy Morgan, Dawin Morgan, Andrew Cox II

Thanks to those who came out and competed!



Counselor Applications

State Camp Counselor applications will be due April 1 on 4-H Online.
Must be age 14 by June 15, 2016.

Record Book Results

Beginner:

James Nash – Foods & Nutrition

Intermediate:

Julia McPeake – Arts & Humanities

Jared McPeake – Outdoor Adventures

Lily Webb – Agriculture

Advanced Winners:

Anastasia Mills – Performing Arts

Zane Pitman – Outdoor Adventures

Dairy Recipe Contest Results

Main Dish:

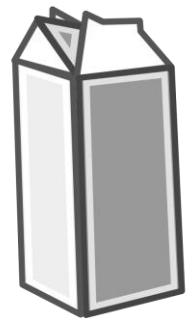
1. Julia McPeake – Cheesy Baked Pasta
2. Jared McPeake – Tender Pork Loins
3. James Nash – Four Cheese Lasagna

Party Dish:

1. Ethan Cetehows - Wrangler's Buffalo Chicken Dip
2. Olivia McClure – Tres Leches Cake
3. Lily Webb – Fruit Tarts

Cloverbuds: Jasper Martin, Gage Smith, Gavin Smith, Phoenix Parker,
Allie Ballew

Participants: Kason Ballard, Cash Parker, Connor Martin, Brent Williams



Calendar of Events

March 15: Team Cuisine 5:45 pm • Teen Leaders 6:30 pm

March 16: Last day to order Poultry Chain • \$12.50 • Extension Office

March 25: Last day to register for County Poultry BBQ Contest

March 29: PALs Meeting • Extension Office • 6 pm- 7:30 pm

March 30: Watermelon & Pumpkin seeds due to Extension Office • \$2

April 1: Counselor Applications Due • 4-H Online

April 1: Register for 4-H Afterschool Training • Monticello

April 2: County Poultry BBQ Contest • Extension Office • 9 am

April 9: 4-H Afterschool Training • Monticello • 9 am – 2pm

April 22: Register for Volunteer Leader Training • 4-H Online

April 28: Poster Art Contest Entry due to Extension Office

April 30: Volunteer Leader Training • Mena, AR • 10 am – 3 pm • \$15

Culinary Nutrition Day

Saturday March 19 • 10 am - 1 pm

Paron Community Center • BBQ Poultry Practice

Contact Candy Webb, 501-249-7686 for more information

Wrangler's Buffalo Chicken Dip

- 2 – 8 ounce Cream Cheese
- 1 Cup Texas Pete Buffalo Sauce
- 2 Cans Chunk Chicken
- 1 Cup Ranch Dressing
- 2 Cups Shredded Cheddar Cheese



Place cream cheese and buffalo sauce in microwaveable bowl and heat for three minutes. Stir and reheat (if necessary) until well blended.

Shred chicken from cans with fork. Add chicken to cream cheese mixture. Add remaining ingredients. Place back in microwave and heat until warm.

Serve with Mission Tortilla Strips or Chips.

Julia's Cheesy Baked Pasta

1 pound dry penne pasta
1 onion, chopped
2 (26 ounce) jars spaghetti sauce
6 ounces provolone cheese, sliced
1 1/2 cups sour cream
8 ounces mozzarella cheese, shredded
1/2 cup Parmesan cheese, grated



Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Bring a large pot of water to a boil and add penne pasta. Cook until al dente and drain.

In a large skillet, brown onion over medium heat. Add spaghetti sauce and simmer 15 minutes.

Butter a 9x13 inch baking dish.

Layer as follows: 1/2 of the penne, provolone cheese, sour cream, 1/2 sauce mixture, remaining penne, mozzarella cheese, remaining sauce mixture. Top with grated Parmesan cheese.

Bake for 30 minutes or until cheeses are melted.

Yields approximately 8 servings.

Cooking time: 30 minutes • Oven Temperature: 350 degrees F.

Serve with salad and garlic bread.

Giant Pumpkin & Watermelon Seeds

Order due to County Office by Wednesday, March 30

\$2 per seed pack • Payment made when ordering

JRs & SRs: Return to state fair for possible prizes

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