Repairing Drought—Damaged Fescue Pastures

Information taken from an article by Dr. John Jennings – Professor, Extension Forages

Many fescue fields have been severely damaged by the drought giving producers an unplanned opportunity for pasture renovation. Producers have options and should consider each one carefully. Options include:

1) doing nothing and allowing volunteer seed to fill in the stand,
2) overseeding more fescue seed, and
3) overseeding clover. Here are some points to consider for each of these options.

Volunteer Fescue Seedlings: Many old KY-31 fescue fields have thinned at one time or other from harsh conditions. But, stands have persisted over the long term due to recruitment of new seedlings from volunteer seed. KY-31 fescue is a prolific seed producer and can normally produce enough seed to thicken thinned stands. What was not normal in 2012 was an invasion of true armyworms in fescue fields in spring and an early hay cutting over most of the fescue growing areas of Arkansas. Both events reduced the amount of mature seed. Fields that fit either scenario may have less volunteer seed available to thicken damaged stands. Watch fields closely after each rain especially as temperatures cool down. Fescue seedlings should begin emerging from late September through November. These new seedlings must be managed carefully. Overgrazing and trampling will kill the seedlings and reduce recovery for the field. Weed control in fall and spring is important on drought-weakened fields.

Overseeding More Fescue Seed: Planting more fescue seed into drought-thinned fescue fields is an option in fields where little fescue seed was produced last summer. The seeding rate should be at least 15 lbs/acre or more depending on the percentage of damage. No-till planting is the best method. Dragging and broadcasting seed can be effective, but the seeding rate should be 10-25% higher than for drilling. One strategy for north Arkansas may be to mix orchardgrass seed with the fescue seed and plant each at a half-rate. About 6-8 lbs of orchardgrass seed and 8-10 lbs/acre of fescue seed would be a recommended range. Adding orchardgrass can improve forage palatability. The fescue will eventually fill in if the orchardgrass thins over time. Adding novel-endophyte fescue to existing stands of KY-31 toxic fescue is not recommended.

Weed control in fall and spring is important on drought-weakened fields. Adding ryegrass to thin fescue fields may not be a good choice. Ryegrass can provide very quick, quality forage in spring, but it will die by summer leaving the producer again with a thin fescue field. In addition, ryegrass is a prolific seed producer and can cause long-term problems in fields planned for conversion to novel-endophyte fescue or other forages.

Overseeding Clover: Adding clover and other legumes to KY-31 fescue is nearly always a good option. Legumes improve forage quality and produce quality forage without added nitrogen fertilizer. Soil tests are important for this option to make sure soil fertility and soil pH are high enough to support the legume. Red or white clover are good choices and can be planted during fall or during February. Fall planting allows clover to be well-established by spring. Planting in February would allow time to control any weeds that emerge during fall. The seeding rate for red clover is 8-10 lbs/acre and for white clover is 2-3 lbs/acre. Always use coated and pre-inoculated seed or coat the seed with rhizobia bacteria inoculant to insure nitrogen fixation for a successful legume stand.

VBC Master Gardener Program Accepting Applications

The Van Buren, Cleburne, Searcy, and Stone County Extension offices will be conducting Master Gardener Training this fall. You receive 40 hours of training for $60 and in return give back 40 hours of community service through various horticultural related projects in Van Buren County. To be certified as a Master Gardener you must attend all five sessions to be held each Tuesday of November 2013 and the first Tuesday in December 2013. The program will be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day. The training will be held in the Fairfield Bay and Mt. View area. If you are interested in horticulture and would also like to give back to your community, give us a call at the Van Buren County Extension office at (501)745-7117 for an application. Applications are due in the Van Buren County Extension office by Tuesday October 22, 2013.
** Proper Fertilization of the Vegetable Garden **

Most garden soils in Arkansas need to be supplied with plant food. Commercial fertilizer, animal manures, chicken litter, compost or decomposed organic matter can be used to provide plant nutrients for growing crops. Nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium are generally the food elements most needed in garden soils. Calcium may be needed as a plant food and to correct pH or acidity levels. Minor elements are usually sufficient for normal growth, although boron, magnesium, and manganese may be below normal levels in some soils.

A soil test is desirable to determine the pH level and the amount of nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, and calcium in the garden soil. Your county Extension agent will have information on this procedure. After the soil test is made, the county Extension agent will recommend the amount and kind of fertilizer that your garden soil needs.

Commercial fertilizer may contain only nitrogen, phosphorus, or potassium, or all three in various combinations. If a soil test is not available, use a mixed fertilizer such as 12-12-12 (12% nitrogen, 12% phosphorus, and 12% potassium) or 12-20-20. Additional nitrogen may be needed and can be supplied by applying nitrate of soda, ammonium nitrate, or urea.

Some commercial fertilizers, in addition to nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium, may contain small amounts of various minor elements.

A garden soil may be too acid for normal plant growth. A pH level ranging from 5.8 to 6.8 would be satisfactory for most vegetable crops. A soil test will show whether or not lime may be needed to correct soil acidity.

Where a soil test has not been made, apply 6-8 lbs. of a mixed fertilizer per 100 feet of row or 300 square feet. For most crops, additional nitrogen as side or top dressing may be made one or more times, using 1 lb. of ammonium nitrate or 2 lbs. of nitrate of soda per 100 feet of row.

Damage vegetable plants by using excessive amounts of fertilizer is possible. Such damage can occur from the seedling stage to full plant development.

Apply mixed fertilizer broadcast or under the row. Under the row applications may be done by opening a furrow 3-4 in. deep, placing the fertilizer in the bottom of the furrow, mixing it with the soil, and then leveling or filling in the furrow. Or, the fertilizer could be placed in bands at one or both sides of the row. Apply mixed fertilizer ten days to two weeks before planting seed or setting plants.

Make broadcast fertilizer applications on the garden soil after spading or plowing, then work into the soil as the ground is raked and leveled.

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**Arkansas Steer Feedout Program**

The feedout program is an opportunity for cow-calf producers to see how their calves fit the needs of the beef industry. The information generated by the program also helps producers determine if they need to change their herd’s genetics or their management practices to be more competitive in the cattle market. Beef cattle producers who want to enroll calves in the Arkansas Steer Feedout Program for 2013-2014 must return their nomination forms by Oct. 18. Enrollment forms are available from your county extension office. The cost is $30 per head.

The feedout program is not a contest to compare breeds or breeder, and it’s not a retained-ownership promotion program. The feedout program provides producers with information about their calves, and it gives them an understanding of the factors that influence value beyond the weaned-calf phase of beef production. The producer will receive feedlot average daily gain data and carcass data such as ribeye area, carcass weight, dressing percentage, yield grade, quality grade. The producers will retain ownership of their calves until they are sold on a grade and yield grid. All feeding expenses will be financed through the feedyard.

Producers must send at least five head but can send more if they like. Calves should weigh between 500 and 850 pounds when they arrive at the feedyard. The extension service will coordinate the shipping of the calves, which will be sent to Wheeler Brothers Feedyard near Watonga, Okla., on Nov. 7. Once calves are nominated, a background information form will be provided and must be completed for each calf. Ear tags will be furnished. On arrival at the feedyard, the calves will be identified, weighed and processed.

This is not a retained ownership program. This is an educational program so you can learn more about your cattle and how they perform in the feedlot and how they hang on the rail. For more information, contact the Van Buren County Extension Office at (501)745-7117.
With scattered rainfall occurring across the state, stockpiling pastures to produce grazing in fall and winter is an option for producers to extend their grazing season. Many producers cut hay in October and begin feeding in November.

Stockpiling is similar to managing for a last cutting of hay, but is managed for livestock grazing to reduce harvest cost. Using the stockpiling program, cattle graze the forage through fall and winter. Bermudagrass is greener and growing well due to recent rains in many areas making stockpiled bermudagrass a viable option for fall grazing. Fertilizer should be applied by mid-August in north Arkansas for the best growth potential. Fertilizer can be applied even during summer heat of August and produce good forage return.

Stockpiled fescue makes excellent winter pasture. Fescue pastures should be grazed or mowed by September 1 and fertilized by the first week of September to allow for maximum use of applied Nitrogen. The pastures should be deferred from grazing until we receive a killing frost that will stop forage growth.

The growth potential of stockpiled forages is usually 2000-3000 lbs of dry matter per acre so the recommended fertilizer rate is 50-60 lbs per acre of nitrogen (150-175lbs of Ammonium Nitrate) to match that yield potential. Add phosphorus and potash fertilizer according to soil test.

Stockpiling forages has been one of the most consistent of all forage management practices in the Arkansas 300 Day Grazing Program. It has been a key practice for achieving over 300 days of grazing for the past four years at the Livestock and Forestry Research Station at Batesville. For more information on stockpiling forages for fall and winter grazing ask for FSA 3133 “Grazing Stockpiled Forages to Reduce Hay Feeding in Fall and Winter” at your county Extension office.

### Controlling Trouble Pasture Weeds in the Fall

If you have Thistle, Plantain, or Red Sorrell in your pastures or hayfields, you should consider spraying these weeds this fall. Understanding the life cycle of these plants is a key to their control.

Thistles are biennial plants that take two growing seasons to complete their life cycle. Thistles are cool season plants and they grow in the fall and spring. Plantain and Red Sorrell are cool season perennial plants that come back each year starting in the fall and then flower and seed in the late spring each year. The best control of these three weeds is when they are in the young vegetative stage or rosette stage for thistles and plantain. These weeds can be controlled more effectively with herbicides in the fall of the year. A plantain weed control demo conducted in Van Buren County in the fall of 2012 showed 90 to 95% control allowing more grass production in the spring. Remember, herbicides alone are not a permanent fix to weed problems in pastures or hayfields. You also need to lime and fertilize according to soil test results and use proper grazing or mowing management.
Kaye Green, AEHC President Provides Clarification of EHC Volunteer Work:
Each year we ask EH Clubs to keep a record of their volunteer hours throughout the year and report their yearly total to the Extension office. We, in turn, report the county total to the state office.

We suggest that each club poll your members at each club meeting and keep a record of the monthly total in your club’s secretary book. At the end of the year, you can easily add up the monthly numbers to get your club’s total volunteer hours.

Betty Oliver, AEHC Volunteer Coordinator, provided this checklist for what qualifies as volunteer hours for EHC members:
- Time attending club meetings, district meetings, and state meetings (only time in the meeting-not the entire day)
- Time on all kinds of community service
- Time on EH projects that members work on at home for service projects
- Time spent calling or emailing regarding EHC matters
- Time spent in planning meetings for EHC related or community projects
- Time taking people to the doctor (not family members)
- Time visiting shut-ins or preparing food for community events
- Time spent working in food pantries or delivering food to needy families
- Time spent helping with county, district, or state fairs
- No time is counted if you are doing something for your family members

Why Do I Need to Keep Track of My Volunteer Hours?
We, Extension Homemaker Clubs, are given special consideration by government entities based on their understanding of the amount of volunteer work we do and the good works we do in our state. A few of these considerations are non-profit status with the IRS and special consideration when it comes to doing raffles and bingo.

I hear often that people do not want to keep track of their volunteer hours because they do not do volunteer activities for recognition and definitely do not want to toot their own horns. I feel VERY strongly the same way. Keeping track of my volunteer hours does not feel good to me.

However, the only way the people who give the EHC considerations know what we do is if WE tell them. I will try to overcome my objections to keeping track of volunteer hours and hope I can talk others into overcoming their objections also. In addition to keeping track of our hours, we are asked to keep track of how much in the way of products we produce (baby blankets, cancer caps, stockings, etc.)

I am hoping each club will be able to make a monthly record of how many hours they have put in during the previous month. Thank you to all the clubs who have been good at this in the past. I hope to appoint someone to call each club monthly to record volunteer hours, other activities, and their needs.

Sincerely,

Patty Munson, VBC EHC President

Bingo & Raffle Information
EHC Council or EHC Clubs will need to obtain a license if they want to engage in bingo or raffles. There are two licenses, one is $10 and the other is $25. Crystal Harkins at the Department of Finance (501-682-7186) has asked that clubs contact her if they need to purchase a license and she will help them decide which license is appropriate for them. For most clubs the $10 license will be adequate.

Betty Oliver, AEHC Volunteer Coordinator state, “It is really important that the council or clubs send a copy of the reporting form that the Department of Finance and Administrations sends to the club or county to Betty F. Oliver 2301 South University Avenue, Little Rock, AR 72204-4940".
Van Buren County EHC News

The Alread EH Club has expanded its Monday quilting day into a craft day. We still quilt in the morning until about 1pm, but the afternoons are devoted to learning from each other.

For example, in March Bonnie Colquette began a class on stitching. She started with the basics of cross-stitch, and has since expanded into specialty stitching for anyone interested in trying to keep up with her. Several of us are trying.

Liz Alvord taught a one-day class on the basics of gardening in April, in response to requests, it became Gardening for Dummies. Lue Butler gave instructions on making boa lace scarves in May. Then in July Terri Watson trained a large group in the methods of replacing worn out cane chair seats using rope.

Classes still being planned include cake decorating, but will no doubt cover anything any of us has a question about. This has brought our club together more than anything else we have ever done.

Chimes EH Club is continuing to sponsor the Strong Women and Men program. Women in the program are reporting great improvement in balance, flexibility, and strength.

At our next meeting we will be working on street number signs for our fire district. These will help our local fire and rescue team locate homes in emergencies.

Crabtree EH Club has been busy providing for the needs of foster children in Van Buren County. They have purchased much needed items on an as needed basis for foster children.

Damascus EH Club has been active with many projects and now they have a new one—planning the Spring Council Meeting.

Davis Special EH Club member, Alice Garcia reported that their club has been busy this year with making 8 youth quilts for Social Concerns, 10 lap robes for Fairfield Bay Nursing Home and 28 receiving blankets and 1 preemie blanket for Arkansas Children’s Hospital. They have donated 276.5 hours toward making these items for needy individuals in Van Buren County.

The Formosa EH Club ended the year in good shape financially, because of the sale of products by That’s My Pan Company. The profits from sales were $700. The club members collectively had 6,575 volunteer hours during the year; and our plans are to be better record keepers of hours spent in volunteering for this next fiscal year. Officers were elected to serve during this next year as: President, Earlene D. Breech; Vice-president, Sammie Story; Secretary/Treasurer, DeLane Story; Past President, Joyce Nicholson; and Historian, Mary Jean Hall.

Hwy 110 EH Club member, Louise Emerson has been making preemie blankets for the UAMS project and shared a few of them with us at a recent club meeting.

"Go Baby!" cutting system to Project Day and demonstrated its use. Susie, Deborah Meyer and Lori Linn later used it to cut pieces for a Rail Fence patterned lap quilt. Margie Beckham and granddaughter Ashley were working on a lap quilt together at a recent project day.

The pattern for the lap quilts, Disappearing Nine-patch, was learned at last year’s Quilt Show during a demonstration by Victoria Banks of the Chimes Club. Victoria is the Chairperson of this year’s Quilt Show. Our own Debra Meyer is the Chairperson of the Craft Sale portion of the event and has been working on the advertising and signing up vendors. There have been several vendors already signed up to participate with a wide variety of goods to be sold. The lap quilts our club members are making will be for sale in our booth at the upcoming Quilt Show and Craft Sale in November.

Susie Blair brought her new
Ozark Caviar*
*From Arkansas Outdoors, Phyllis Speer Recipes

Mix all ingredients together in a bowl. Serve with tortilla chips or crackers.

*Fresh produce in season can be substituted for the canned ingredients.

1 can purple hull peas, drained & rinsed
1 can crowder peas, drained & rinsed
1 green bell pepper, finely chopped
1 yellow bell pepper, finely chopped
1 can Mexicorn
4 green onions, finely sliced
1 medium sweet onion, finely chopped
2-4 oz. jars diced pimento, drained
1 can diced ripe olives
½ cup flat parsley, minced
¼ cup cilantro, minced
2 garlic cloves, minced
1 chipotle pepper in adobo sauce, minced
1 bottle Tangy Tomato Bacon dressing

Form a Team & Start Walking Across Arkansas!

The Fall 2013 Walk Across Arkansas Program, an eight-week opportunity that has inspired thousands of Arkansans to get moving, will be September 30 through November 24, 2013. Registration is now open and available online. An icon is available on our Extension Homepage, www.uaex.edu or you can go directly there at http://survey.uaex.edu/WAA/WAAdefault.htm. If internet is a problem, reporting forms are available from Regina Chaney, County Extension Agent-FCS/4-H at the Van Buren County Extension Office. The Walk Across Arkansas campaign is coordinated by the Cooperative Extension Service of the University Of Arkansas System Division Of Agriculture. 

Participating is easy! Start by gathering 2-10 people to be on your team, choose a team captain and team name and register. Team members can consist of youth or adults. Set personal and team goals, find a stopwatch, some good walking shoes, and keep track your progress. Although the program is called Walk Across Arkansas, you can conduct any activity you want (swimming, running, bike riding, etc) to count for the program. Exercise qualifies as any activity that is performed "with the intent to be physically active, raises heart rate and/or causes you to break a sweat" for at least 10 minutes at a time. The Spring 2013 Edition attracted two teams in Van Buren County. The team members walked 30, 150 minutes or 503 hours for an estimated healthcare savings of more than $3,015. Using three miles per hour as an average walking pace, it is estimated the teams walked more than 1,507.5 miles during the eight week-fall event.

2013-2015 Extension Homemakers Executive Committee

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Van Buren County 4-H members Taylor H., Erin H., and Jasper B. competed in the 4-H Delta District Horse Show in Searcy, AR on June 25, 2013. These 4-H members represented Van Buren County 4-H very well. Taylor placed 8th in poles and 13th in barrels. Jasper competed in barrels and poles. Erin competed in 7 classes receiving the following awards: 4th place in Stock Horse Gelding, 6th place in Jr. Western Pleasure, 6th place in Western Riding, 5th place in Jr. Trail, 6th place Jr. Horsemanship, and 6th place in Reining. Jasper also competed in the Arkansas State 4-H Horse Show the week of July 8 and in the 4-H Southern Regional 4-H Horse Show in West Monroe, LA the first of August. Jasper placed 11th in the Ranch Riding class at Southern Regional’s. Van Buren County 4-H is proud of all three of these members for competing in these shows with their horse projects. Good Job Taylor, Erin, and Jasper!! If you have 4-H members or know youth who would be interested in participating in the 4-H Horse activities offered through the Van Buren County 4-H program, call the Van Buren County Extension office at (501) 745-7117.

Report on 4-H Day Camps! The 4-H Day Camps were a great success! Thank you to everyone that volunteered and the 4-H members that came to join in on the learning and fun.

Robotics Camp At Robotics Camp, the topics were about light, magnets and their attraction, gears, floatation and they made a Can-Can Robot Design, Es-Car-Go Design and a Ship. They enjoyed many fun activities and games. A big thanks goes to Virginia Cruse-4-H Leader and Hannah Cruse-4-H member for preparing all the activities for the camp.

Mad Food Science Camp At the Mad Food Science Camp, members learned the importance of safety in the kitchen. They prepared a breakfast of vegetable omelets and a lunch of chicken nuggets, pasta salad, and fruit parfait using healthy lifestyle recipes. They made liquid nitrogen ice cream with Dr. Elizabeth & Dr. Edmond Wilson, both Harding University Professors. The Wilsons also shared information about NASA and what food scientist do to prepare food for shuttle missions. The youth learned about pH, how to see if an egg is bad, and all about the type of food NASA prepares for the astronauts to eat.

4-H Youth Recycles T-Shirts Into Warm Memory Blankets

What can you do with your old t-shirts? You can use them as rags to clean with or you could make a t-shirt blanket. That is what the Van Buren County 4-H Youth did in a two-day workshop this summer. Eleven youth participated in the workshop, Will B., Kay B., Sarah M., Carissa H., Brooke D., Sarah H., Faith S., Brittany L., Alexis G., Jaden G., and Brooke B.. Seven of them completed their blankets in the two-day workshop; one completed hers at home after the first day, and three plan to finish them this summer. Kathy Hill assisted the youth with using the rotary cutter and cutting board. Regina Chaney, County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Science, and Marie Golden, 4-H PA, assisted the youth with this project. If you are interested in this project or learning more about sewing, contact the Van Buren County Extension Office.
What is the Real Value of Youth Livestock Projects?

1. **To get along with people.** A large number of people in society quit or lose jobs because they cannot get along with others. 4-H’ers who exhibit livestock are around people they have never met but have similar interests. They learn to communicate with these people.

2. **Sportsmanship.** At a livestock show, there is only one Grand Champion. However, there are many winners. Most 4-H’ers who show livestock for any period of time usually experience the extreme high feeling of an exceptional effort and the extreme disappointment of a project that didn’t turn out as well as was expected.

3. **Responsibility.** Feeding and daily chores in a 4-H livestock project teach responsibility. Top feeders follow the time clock in their daily efforts. This is a good habit to start at a young age and may reap substantial benefits in a career later in their lives.

4. **Attention to details.** Most young people take care of major items in a 4-H livestock project like fencing, feeding, etc. However, many times it is the little things that make a difference, such as keeping water tanks and feed troughs clean, working on grooming and showmanship several months before the show, keeping pens clean and observing closely for sickness and disease. Paying attention to details is beneficial in almost everything we do in life.

5. **Decision making.** Decision making is never easy at any point in our lives. 4-H livestock projects require that several key decisions be made: selection of project animals, selection of feeding method, care and management decisions, fitting and grooming techniques, etc.

6. **Goal setting.** For every successful 4-H livestock project, there is usually a good plan. Most details and strategies for the project must be planned well in advance. Goal setting is important for everyone, regardless of future endeavors.

Youth enrolled in livestock projects are able to relate how raising and exhibiting their livestock project helped them gain valuable life skills. The youth become more dependable, confident, and qualified individuals in school, at home, and on the job. Improved problem-solving skills, decision-making skills and enhanced people skills make alumni of the 4-H/FFA animal projects valuable citizens in their communities and at work.

**4-H Membership is a Requirement** for any youth starting at age five and going through 8th grade of school to be able to exhibit as a junior exhibitor in the Van Buren County and North Central Arkansas district fairs. You have to be enrolled no later than August 28, 2013 in the Van Buren County 4-H program by using the Arkansas 4-H online system. The state will reset the enrollment program to begin 2014 enrolling on September 1. On this date you will no longer be able to enroll in 4-H for 2013. You need to check your status on the online enrollment program and it should indicate you as active if you are currently enrolled. If you have friends or family that need to be enrolled to show, we ask that you pass this info onto them due to if they aren’t enrolled in 4-H this year they will have not received this newsletter. For more information on enrolling, you can call or come by the Van Buren County Extension office. All active 4-H members will HAVE TO RE-ENROLL starting in September 2013 for the 2014 4-H program year.
Van Buren County 4-H Ross Photography Contest
Van Buren County 4-H Foundation Board sponsored the 4-H Ross Photography Contest. The board provided $25 to first place winners in each category, $15 to second place winners and $10 third place winners. The following received money awards for placing in the county contest.

**Color Non-Living**- Katie C., Gabrielle A., Hannah C.
**Color Living**- Katie C., Gabrielle A., Chloe P.
**Black and White Living**- Katie C., Hannah C., Chloe P.
**Black and White Non-Living**- Abigail S., Gabrielle A., Katie C.
**State Winner Color Non-Living**- 2nd Place- Katie C.

Ozark District O’Rama
In June Van Buren County 4-H youth and volunteer leaders attended the Ozark District O-Rama in Conway. The following youth competed in District O-Rama: Cody D., First Place Bicycle, Katie C., First Place Technology Showcase, Brooke B., Second Place Fashion Revue-Purchased/Casual, Brooke D., Fourth Place Safety, Carissa H., Fashion Revue-Purchased/Dressy, Brooklyn S., Fifth Place Performing Arts-Vocal, Brittany L., Fifth Place Performing Arts-Instrumental, and Chase P., Bait Casting & Game Fish Identification. Katie C. was recognized as a District Record Book Winner and Second Place in the 4-H Ross Photography Contest.

Arkansas State O’Rama
VBC 4-H Members Participate in the State 4-H O-Rama. Six of the 170 Van Buren County 4-H Members were among youth from across the state who participated in the State 4-H O-Rama on the University of Arkansas Campus in Fayetteville on July 24 – 26.

Those 4-H Members from VBC who participated were: Jordan Y., Rebecka M., and Erica H., Consumer Judging Team; Weston H., Brooklyn S., and Bryce S., Livestock Skills Team. The 4-H members were accompanied by the U of A Division of Agriculture, Cooperative Extension Service’s Staff Chair, Danny Griffin and Family and Consumer Science/4-H agent, Regina Chaney.

When the 4-H members were not participating in the competitive events, they participated in workshops. The participants attended an awards banquet where youth from across the state were recognized for their “Excellence”.

4-H Within Your County
Van Buren County has several county-wide 4-H Clubs for any youth between the ages of 5 and 19. The VBC 4-H Clubs seeking new members are: CAS Rocking Ranchers, Mainstreet Kids, Razorback Rascals, Shirley 4-H, Southern Four, Southside 4-H, Fairfield Bay Club, and VBC 4-H Livestock Club. There are several school clubs in the Clinton School District that meet during the school day. They are: 4, 5, 6th grade STEM Clubs in Clinton Intermediate and a new Clinton Jr High Club. If you are interested in participating in any of our 4-H Clubs go to [https://arkansas.4honline.com/](https://arkansas.4honline.com/) or want to start a new club come by the U of A Division of Agriculture, Cooperative Extension Service Office, 1414 Highway 65 South, Suite 137 in Clinton, call 501-745-7117, or e-mail: rchaney@uaex.edu and we will be glad to assist you.

The Van Buren County 4-H program is open to all youth between the ages of 5-19 without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, gender, age, disability, marital or veteran status, or any other legally protected status. 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 any activity.

Outdoor Business Workshop for Landowners—August 27
Are you looking for ways to earn additional income through agritourism, wildlife enterprises, and other alternative land uses? If so, join us at Hicks Family Farms in Lonoke on August 27 from 8:30 to 4:00. The workshop will feature experts from the University of Arkansas and Mississippi State University, as well as a practicing attorney and CPA. Topics will include revenue potential, liability, insurance options, leasing contracts and other legal documents, land accounting, and incorporation considerations. Farm tours will showcase fall agritourism activities, a Christmas tree farm, and waterfowl guide service. Registration is $20 per person ($30 per couple). Lunch is provided. For more information, call the Lonoke County Extension Office at 501-676-3124 or visit [http://www.arcommunities.org/outdoor_business_workshop/](http://www.arcommunities.org/outdoor_business_workshop/).
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