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Baxter County 4-H Newsletter

February 2022

2022, A Year of Changes!

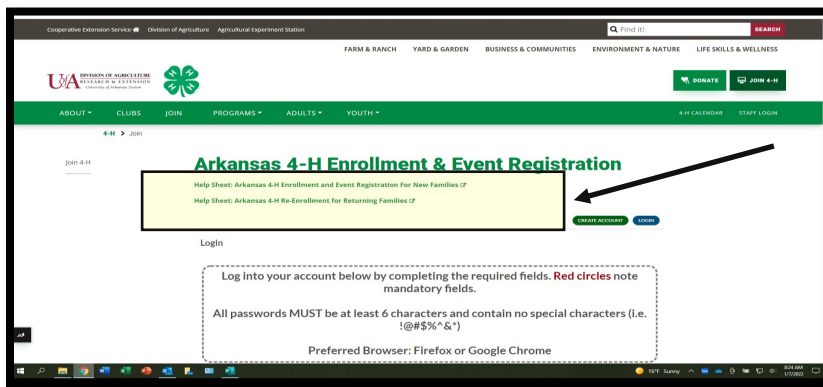
First up: This newsletter is going away, at least in its current format. After this Feb. edition, we'll send these to your email. This saves us a tremendous amount of time, postage, and paper. If you're currently enrolled, we'll already have your email, so there's nothing for you to do. If you aren't enrolled yet, see instructions below. Or, you can subscribe by following this link: <https://tinyurl.com/yckt3p93> or by scanning this QR code:



4-H Emblem

The 4-H emblem is a four-leaf clover with an "H" on each leaf. The letters in the emblem stands for Head, Heart, Hands, and Health.

We are one month into the 2022 4-H year! With the new year comes re-enrollment into Arkansas 4-H and registering for 4-H Event system that can be found at <https://4h.uada.edu/join/> There are two separate help sheets for families that are first time enrollers and those that are renewing.



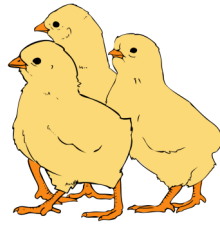
Lastly, a huge change to our 4-H program is the departure of long-time 4-H agent, Billie Collins. We're going to miss her, but she didn't go far...just a jump across the river into Marion County. As such, we are currently on the lookout to refill her position, and we hope to have it filled in the coming weeks.

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4-H Poultry Chain Project

It's time once again for the 4-H Poultry Chain Project. In Poultry Chain, 4-Hers who have facilities may receive, free of charge, one set (up to 20) of day-old chicks to raise. These chicks make excellent laying hens when grown. Cockerels may be ordered at the 4-H members expense of \$.50.

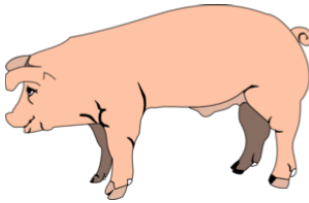


4-Hers must return 4 mature pullets to be exhibited and auctioned off at the County Fair this fall.

Prize money and awards received at the fair, plus the remaining pullets, are the property of the 4-Her. The Extension Office will provide instructions on care of these chickens. This is an excellent small animal project. The last day to sign up for Poultry Chain is **March 1st**.

4-H Market Hog Project (limit of 12 projects)

4-Hers who have facilities may be chosen to receive one feeder pig. You must raise and care for the pig as well as show it at the Baxter County Fair in September.



Prize money and premium money received from the Jr. Livestock Auction is yours to keep. Also, the hog is yours to keep or sell after the fair is over. To participate in this project, a 4-Her must be a club member of an established club at the beginning of the new 4-H year (January 2022) or if it is a new club that was formed after the new 4-H year, the 4-Her must have been a member when the club was formed. Applications can be picked up at the Extension office and are due **March 1st**.

NOTE! A family can not receive more than 1 pig unless there are not 12 qualified applicants. Then, a family may receive up to 2 pigs.

Ross Photography Contest

It's time, once again, to submit your entries for the Ross Photography contest. See the enclosed flyer for details. Entries should be emailed to me, at brunsick@uada.edu, no later than Friday, March 25th. Make sure that you send as the highest resolution .jpg file possible. The contest is open to 4-H members, ages 9-19.

County 4-H Record Book Winners!

Beginner

Zachariah Dooley

Intermediate

Hannah Dooley

Advanced

Abigail Dooley

Kelsey Roach



Please help us celebrate these 4-Hers accomplishments. Congratulations!

2022 Grassland Evaluation Team

4-Hers learn about:

- 1.) Identifying grasses, weeds, legumes, and trees.
- 2.) Evaluating a piece of land as it pertains to wildlife
- 3.) Characteristics of different types of soils and how to use a county soil survey and aerial photographs to determine soil type
- 4.) Evaluating a piece of land as it pertains to the goals of the landowner and then making decisions on what to do to improve on those goals

This competition is open to Junior and Senior teams (ages 9-18). This includes seniors graduating in May. If we don't have enough for a team, members may compete as individuals.

Give us a call if you have questions at 870-425-2335 or email Brad at brunsick@uada.edu.



Baxter County Dates and Deadlines

2/28—Club Financial Reports due back to Baxter County Extension Office. This process is changing a bit. Once we get information from the state office, we'll be reaching out to leaders.

3/1—Poultry Chain orders due

3/1—Market Hog Applications due

3/25—Ross Photography entries due

State 4-H Dates and Deadlines

February

Tuesday, February 1
4-H Record Books Due in LRSO
General State Scholarship Application Due
Governor's Award Nominations
Registration - Spring Leader Forum Due
Registration - Wildlife Field Day Due
Wednesday, February 9
Intermediate & Advanced RB Judging
Thursday, February 10
Intermediate & Advanced RB Judging
Friday, February 11
Intermediate & Advanced RB Judging
Reg for Amb Workshop Due
Registration - Ambassador Workshop Due
Saturday, February 12
The Wonders of Waterfowl Workshop
Monday, February 14
Registration - Vet Science Field Trip - Open
Friday, February 25
Ambassador Workshop
Registration - Vet Science Field Trip Due
Registration - Vet Science Field Trip Due
Saturday, February 26
Ambassador Workshop

March

Tuesday, March 1
Registration High Adventure - AR (Backpacking) Due
Registration Leaders in Training - Advanced Due
Registration Leaders in Training - Basic Due
Wildlife Food Plot Bks & Video Due
12:00pm Camp Scholarships Late Deadline
Saturday, March 5
Advanced RB Interviews
Friday, March 11
AR SeaPerch Challenge
Tuesday, March 15
Ambassador Application Due
Forestry Contest App Due
Hall of Fame Application Due
State Officer Application Due
Teen Star Application Due
Saturday, March 19
HA Horsepacking Training
Tuesday, March 22
Senior Shooting Sports Championships
Wednesday, March 23
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State Livestock Judging Registration Due
Thursday, March 31
AR 4-H State Livestock Judging Contest

Baxter County 4-H members are eligible to receive funds to attend these events up to half of the total registration fee.

Out of State Trips

County Foundation provides ½ the cost of fees for each activity. (Excluding spending money.) Funding is available to each 4-Her only once per specific activity/trip as funds are available.

State Camps

County Foundation provides ½ of cost of fees for camp attendee for camps held in state as funds are available.

For more information on state camps and events, give us a call at 870-425-2335.





Twinlakes (Livestock) Club— 3rd Monday of the month in Mtn. Home area at 6 p.m.

Easy Riders Club— 1st Monday evening of every month in Mtn. Home at 6 p.m.

T and C Clovers— 3rd Saturday of the month in Mtn. Home area at 10 a.m.

Seeking volunteer leaders

Norfolk Rebels Club— 1st Thursday of the month in Norfolk at 7 p.m.

Shooting Sports Club— Meetings held in Norfolk and Mtn. Home

Youth Leadership Club— 2nd Tuesday of the month in Mtn. Home area at 6 p.m.

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