

FULTON COUNTY 4-H NEWS

February

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Club Calendar

Bright Future	2 nd Thursday/Feb. 14 th	After School Salem Elementary Cafeteria Ruthanne Shepherd 870-371-2716
Horse Club	1 st Monday/Feb. 4 th	6:00 p.m. Faith Country Church Christi Shaver 870-371-0660
Livestock Club	TBA	Dakota Williams 870-847-4607
Outdoor Adventure	TBA	Amy Sanders 870-291-2010
Spring River Bears	2 nd Wednesday/Feb. 13 th	After School Mammoth Spring Cafeteria Laura Gaines 870-625-7261
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Happy Birthday

Ezekiel, Ben, Erica,
Elizabeth, Sophie, Nathan, Anna

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Club News **Bright Future**

No news was reported. See you next month.

Horse Club

We began the Holiday break by preparing a snowman themed float for the Salem Christmas Parade, and afterwards some of us walked thru the Living Nativity. The next day (Dec 3rd), the parade rolled at 6:00 pm and we held our Christmas party afterwards. Float competition was tough this year – the kids had a great display but came in 3rd. Congrats to all the participants! Instead of gift exchange, the kids brought canned food items & new unwrapped toys that were given to local charities for the needy. We will have a meeting/pizza party on Monday, Feb 4th, at 6:00 pm at Faith Country Church arena. No horses needed. We will plan for the year and play horse education games. Contact Christi at 870-371-0660 for any questions.

Livestock Club

We are excited to announce we have a leader for the Livestock Club. Please welcome Dakota Williams to Fulton County 4-H. Dakota will be planning a club meeting in the future. If you are interested in joining her club, she would love for you to contact her.

Outdoor Adventure

Just a few things you could be learning if you join this club:

*Hiking and Camping skills *Leave No Trace principles *Reading a Map & Compass *Basic First Aid Identification *Wilderness Survival *Outdoor Knowledge. Contact Amy Sanders for more information at 870-291-2010.

Spring River Bears

No news was reported. See you next month.

Viola Loyal Longhorns

The Viola Loyal Longhorns will meet again on Tuesday, February 12th. We are looking forward to Carol Wright speaking to us about the growing and utilizing fodder as feed for chickens. This is coming just in time to start thinking about the poultry chain chicks! We look forward to seeing you all there!

Upcoming Events

[Click the link to see the 2019 4-H Events Calendar.](#)

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=hd02bf8mbhmk0bjdree1mudrkk@group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/Chicago>

Wildlife Habitat Education Program

Following are some upcoming 4-H Wildlife Programs for your county 4-Hers. This year's ecosystem is Tallgrass/Mixed Prairie. **Wildlife Habitat Education Program (WHEP) Practice Session, C.A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center** – Although designed for those preparing for the WHEP State Contest, any youth can participate and benefit from this workshop. Junior and Senior youth and 4-H Leaders learn about wildlife identification, wildlife foods and concepts, interpreting satellite images, and management practices through hands-on training. The WHEP Practice Session is Saturday, **February 23, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Registration is due by February 1st for \$35 per person, which includes lunch, t-shirt, and facility fees. Those registering after February 1st will be enrolled on a space-available basis and will not receive a t-shirt. Those wishing to lodge Friday evening can register for \$60 per person, which includes lodging, dinner, breakfast, lunch, t-shirt, and facility fees, by February 1st. Youth who arrive Friday evening must be chaperoned; evening activities will be available for youth as part of the 4-H Volunteer Conference. Chaperones will be available during the WHEP Practice Session on Saturday for those adults wishing to attend the 4-H

Volunteer Conference. Details about WHEP are available at the 4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Program website: <https://www.uaex.edu/4h-youth/activities-programs/whep.aspx>.

Wildlife Field Day – On Saturday, April 6 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., wildlife biologists at the Camp Robinson Special Use Area in Mayflower will describe wildlife habitat practices associated with a grassland ecosystem. Prescribed burning is commonly used at this management area. A tour will be conducted, weather permitting. Register by April 1 through 4-HOnline.

Wildlife Habitat Education Program (WHEP) State Contest – The state contest will be held Friday, April 26 at 9:00 a.m. at the Hazen Civic Center. Registration is due April 1 through 4-H Online for \$20 per contestant and \$10 per non-contestant, which includes lunch. Details about the WHEP state contest and study materials are available at the 4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Program website: <https://www.uaex.edu/4h-youth/activities-programs/whep.aspx>.

4-H Poultry Chain

Sign-up for the 2019 4-H Poultry Chain is now underway. 4-H'ers of all ages are eligible to participate in this project. Participants will receive **up to 20**, depends on supply, one day-old chicks free of charge. The brown egg layer, Hyline Brown, is the breed being offered this year. **Deadline to register is March 1st**. In return the participant must furnish a secure, clean, warm place for the chicks to grow and must agree to return four of the pullets to the Fulton County Fair for show and sale. The pullets will be auctioned off to continue funding the 4-H Poultry Chain program. Call the Extension Office to sign up for your child's chicks. Remember, if you want a rooster, please let us know.

4-H Day with the 4-H Razorbacks

Arkansas vs Alabama

The Arkansas Razorbacks are pleased to offer a GREAT DAY of men's basketball action at a discounted rate of \$15 for upper levels or \$35 for lower levels for all Arkansas 4-H members, family and friends on **Saturday, March 9th**. This is the game of the season! Don't miss out on all the fun!!! There is no limit to the number of tickets that can be ordered! Get your tickets today! To order tickets: go to www.arkansasrazorbacks.com, click tickets. Enter promo code 4HBBALL18 and click GO. Select your seats and follow instructions to checkout. (An ordering fee will be applied to all orders)

2019 Veterinary Science Events

Field trip to the Mississippi State University College of Veterinary Medicine Open House will occur April 5-6. The registration fee is \$150 for youth ages 11-19 (50 max) and \$100 for 4-H volunteer chaperones (3 max). Registration at 4HOnline starts February 14th ♥ and lasts only two weeks. Payment must be at LRSO for processing no later than March 5th. The Vet Science Camp will occur June 28-30 at the 4-H Center in Ferndale. The registration fee is \$250 for youth ages 11-19 (60 max) and \$150 for 4-H volunteer chaperones (5 max). Registration at 4HOnline starts May 4th and will last only two weeks. Payment must be at LRSO for processing no later than June 1st. The theme this year is neurology.

Farewell Fulton County

It's with a bit of "punch in the gut" feeling that I write this. By the time everyone reads this, I'll have worked my last day as the Fulton County Extension agent. Effective January 16th, I'll begin serving as the agent for Baxter County, following the retirement of long-time ag agent, Mark Keaton. Between living only 15 minutes from Mtn. Home, a wife teaching school in Norfolk, and two girls who'll be going to school there, it's an opportunity I can't pass up. I sincerely hope that during my time serving Fulton County, our kids have learned about a whole host of agriculture and outdoor related topics. From Buffalo River hikes and campfire building to leaf ID and 4-Wheeler safety, it's been a lot of fun. I've been lucky to get to work with some great kids and parents too. It's a good job when you get to go to work each day and teach others about the things that interest you. Thanks for letting me serve as one of your Fulton County agents these past 7+ years. – Brad



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