



WELCOME TO OUR 4-H

Quarterly Newsletter

we're so glad you're here!

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WHAT'S NEW?



Summer Sewing Camps

Ouachita County 4-H offered a "Summer Sewing Camp" in June. Each student was instructed to lay-out fabric, cut-out, pin together, and sew six different projects. They did a fabulous job! July 15-17th is the upcoming "Advanced Sewing Camp". We look forward to making our best better!



Broiler BBQ Day Camp

We had 6 youth participate in our "BBQ Day Camp". We learned about kitchen safety, BBQ pit lighting, seasoning, marinating, and enjoyed other 4-H activities throughout the day. We watched them do an outstanding job grilling! We look forward to seeing you in next year's BBQ competition.



District O-Rama

We are so proud of our representatives in the Ouachita District 4-H O-Rama. Evan Nugent placed 2nd in the Bicycle Safety Junior Division. Jonas Nugent placed 3rd in the Performing Arts- Instrumental Junior Division. Jayden Wilson placed 8th in the Animal Science Senior Division. We are looking forward to even more participation next year.



Bibs For Our Heroes

Strawberry Sewing Club made adult bibs as a community Project for the Ouachita County Rehab Center. The bibs better enable the residents to eat and not be concerned about their cloths. We are so proud of these club members who are investing in our community.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 2024

- 7/1 Mandatory Meeting for County Fair Exhibits 6:30 pm
- 7/4 Office closed for holiday
- 7/9 Country Club & Family 4-H meeting at 5 pm
- 7/11 Strawberry Sewing Club meeting at 3:45 pm
- 7/15 Last day to have DNA pulled and postmarked for State fair
- 7/15-17 Advanced Sewing Camp
- 7/23-26 State O-Rama in Fayetteville
- 7/27 County Fair Jackpot Contest In Hope, AR

August 2024

- 8/1 Stars Of Stephens meeting at 5 pm
- 8/8 Strawberry Sewing Club meeting at 3:45 pm
- 8/10 Poultry testing for County Fair 6 pm, Camden Sportsplex
- 8/13 Country Club & Family meeting at 5 pm
- 8/14 Camden-Fairview schools start
- 8/15 Animals must be registered on-line for County Fair
- 8/24 County Fair Pageant

September 2024

- 9/5 Stars Of Stephens meeting at 5 pm
- 9/7 County Clean-up Day (fair preparation)
- 9/7 First Responders parade 10 am
- 9/7 Show Fest 9 am (Car Show and activities)
- 9/10 Country Club & Friends meeting at 5 pm
- 9/11-14 County Fair
- 9/12 Strawberry Sewing Club meeting at 3:45 pm

Record Books

The 4-H year is from January 1 to December 31. “Learning by Doing” is what helps us to grow and mature in the 4-H program. Your life, activities, fair entries, tests, challenges, victories really matter and can be a great benefit. Every year there is a way to show the framework that you have built skills and matured through 4-H. You are encouraged to work on projects in 4-H to develop life skills, hone your talents, and gain new experiences. 4-H Project Books are a great resource for you to work from. Record keeping and completing a 4-H record book describing the work in your projects is an important part of 4-H. While not easy, completing a record book can prepare you for future employment and college applications. Youth are encouraged to complete your record books at the end of each year’s project. All 4-H members 5-19 are eligible to turn in a record book. Junior and Senior County winners are eligible to go to district. Record books are due December 1st, 2024, to the Ouachita County Extension Office.

Kidz College

Ouachita County Extension Agent Kerron Simpson spent 4 days with these future master chefs at SAU Tech’s Kidz College. From June 17-20, Ms. Kerron encouraged the youth to eat healthier meals and snacks by using hands-on cooking activities. The campers also learned to prepare simple, healthy foods they can make for themselves and their family members. Each day, the lesson included kid-friendly handouts such as recipes and tips for how to use kitchen equipment safely. Each camper left with a cookbook full of easy-to-follow recipes at home.





Livestock exhibitors although it does not feel like it, show season is upon us! The Ouachita County Fair is hosting a swine, sheep and goat jackpot on July 27th in Hope. This is not only a great opportunity to get out and practice, but also a great way to support the fair that supports us. This jackpot serves as a fundraiser for our county fair. I have started my livestock visits. I have at least a half day every week planned to see your animals. My goal is not to “inspect” but rather to help you set up your animals and you to be the best you can be. If you have any specific needs or concerns, contact me and we will get together.

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