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JUNIOR MASTER GARDENERS NEW OPPORTUNITY IN SALINE COUNTY 4-H

The Junior Master Gardeners of Saline County 4-H had their introductory meeting in March, and it was a wonderful turnout! The 4-H gardeners met at Bishop Park in Bryant to prep their community garden beds for Spring planting. The group plans to meet again on **April 24th** to plant their "Salsa Garden" for this growing season.

The Junior Master Gardeners is an innovative 4-H gardening program that engages youth, families, schools and communities through gardening and nutrition education. The program's mission is to grow good kids by igniting a passion for learning, success, and service through gardening! If you are interested in joining or being a volunteer leader, please contact Megan Maulden at mmaulden@uada.edu or 501-303-5672. The group activities are best suited for ages 9-15, but all are welcome!



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Are you looking for more ways to be involved in Saline County 4-H? Check out these featured clubs or contact our office for a list of all local clubs!

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SALINE COUNTY 4-H DOG CLUB NEW CLUB IN SALINE COUNTY 4-H

Saline County 4-H is excited to announce the start of a brand new club: The Saline County 4-H Dog Club! This new club will be led by Mrs. Jackie Brosi, and will meet monthly at the Saline County Fairgrounds. The group is open to all 4-H members ages 9-19, and all friendly dogs regardless of breed/mix breed. No prior experience is necessary—just a love for canines and an eagerness to learn.

The club plans to learn about both dog care and dog training, and to participate in various competitive events such as: AKC Obedience, Jr. Showmanship, Rally, and more. There will also be opportunities for community service, such as working with the local Humane Society. If you are interested in being involved with this club or would like more information, please e-mail **Mrs. Jackie Brosi at jackiegb2012@yahoo.com**, or contact the Saline County Extension Office at 501-303-5672.

4-H LIVESTOCK CLUB—**SPECIAL GUEST** 4-H LIVESTOCK CLUB WELCOMES DR. CHELSEY KIMBROUGH



The Saline County 4-H Livestock Club is excited to welcome Dr. Chelsey Kimbrough as a guest speaker to their upcoming meeting on **April 12th**, **6:30 PM at the Saline County Fairgrounds**. They would like to invite other 4-H members with an interest in livestock to join them for this special monthly meeting. Dr. Kimbrough works for the University of Arkansas as the Youth Livestock Specialist, where she helps coordinate State and National youth livestock opportunities. Dr. Kimbrough plans to speak with the Saline County 4-H Livestock Club about various opportunities that exist for them in 4-H, including: YQCA, Livestock Skillathon, Livestock Judging, Quiz Bowls, the Diamond State Classic, and leadership classes.

If you are interested in hearing Dr. Chelsey Kimbrough's presentation or would like to join the Saline County 4-H Livestock Club, please contact **Mrs**. **Mollie Wright at wright36@hotmail.com** or **Mrs. Terrie Sossamon at terrie@aamsco.net;** The club meets at 6:30 PM on the 2nd Monday of every month at the Saline County Fairgrounds.

AR Statewide 4-H OPPORTUNITIES

Get involved with statewide 4-H opportunities by following the Arkansas 4-H Facebook page, or by checking out the information below!

ARKANSAS 4-H VET SCIENCE CAMPS VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON OPPORTUNITIES

We are excited to announce the 4-H Vet Science Camp Series for Summer 2021, which is a hybrid of virtual camps and hands-on camps. To accommodate COVID-19 restrictions, instead of having one centralized 3-day camp, we will have a hands-on day camp from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at three different locations (30 youth per locations) to reduce driving time for the parents: June 24 (Fayetteville), June 25 (Jonesboro), and June 26 (Ferndale). Registration starts May 4th for the hands-on camps with a fee of \$50. Dates for the virtual camps will be announced on May 15th. There will be no registration fees for the virtual camps. Contact the Saline County Extension Office if you have questions or need help registering!

Arkansas 4–H Vet Science Summer Camp Series









Activities will include mock surgery, heart dissection, and live animal handling. All taught by veterinarians and vet techs

Registration is \$50 starting May 4th on RegPack Limited to 30 youth per camp

The University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture is an equal opportunity/equal access/affirmative action institution. If you require a reasonable accommodation to participate or need materials in anothe format, please contact Dr. Heidi Ward at hward@uada.edu or 501-671 2162 as soon as possible. Dial 711 for Arkansas Relay.

Mix of virtual and hands-on camps for youth ages 11-19

Hands on camps: June 24 - Fayetteville June 25 - Jonesboro June 26 - Ferndale Virtual Camp Dates will be announced May 15th



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4-H POSTER CONTEST DEADLINE APRIL 30, 2021

The 4-H Poster Contest is open to all 4-H members ages 9-19. Posters will be submitted digitally, but can be in any of the following mediums: ink, crayon, acrylic, charcoal, colored pencil, collage, or digital design. Entries must be an original design that interprets the theme (4-H's Got Talent). You can upload the digital poster or photo of the poster and a brief interpretation of artwork to the following link: <u>https://forms.gle/P2Tn7NHzgd7bPaJy9</u>

One poster per 4-H member will be accepted. **Five junior winners** (ages 9-13) & **five senior winners** (ages 14-19) will be selected from across the state to receive a certificate, which will be presented at the District 4-H O-Rama in June. **Deadline for submission is April 30, 2021**—Contact the Saline County Extension Office if you have questions about this contest.

POSTER ART CONTEST

2021 Theme: 4-H's Got Talent!

ARKANSAS DAIRY FOODS CONTEST SPONSORED BY ARKANSAS FARM BUREAU

The 64th Annual Arkansas Dairy Foods Contest will be conducted virtually for 2021. This annual event is sponsored by Arkansas Farm Bureau and the Arkansas Dairy Cooperative Association. The contest encourages youth to develop or improve upon an existing dairy recipe, and the contest is divided into two categories: Main Dish and Party Ideas. **The deadline for county contest entries is April 2, 2021—and one winner from each category will advance to the state contest in June.**



4-H members ages 9-19 as of January 1, 2021 may enter. Each participant must agree to participate in the virtual state cook-off if their recipe is selected for the semifinals, and the dish should not take longer than 3 hours to prepare. **Please submit your entries to mmaulden@uada.edu** or contact for a complete list of contest rules.

THEY JUST HAVE MORE HEART

PARENT AND VOLUNTEER LEADER MEETING APRIL 17 AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE

Dear Saline County 4-H Leaders and Parents,

I would like to invite all 4-H parents and volunteer leaders to a re-organizational meeting on **Saturday, April 17th at 12:30 PM.** The meeting will be held at the Saline County Extension Office, and refreshments will be provided. The purpose of the meeting will be to learn more about our club/member needs, and to discuss plans, goals, and events for 2021. We will also be discussing the latest COVID-19 guidance from the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service.

I know that COVID-19 has made for a challenging year, but I am proud of how much we've accomplished. Our County 4-H members have won State and National recognition over this last year in the Ross Photography Contest, State Dairy Contest, Giant Watermelon and Pumpkin Contest, National Beekeeping Essay Competition, State and District O-Ramas, and 4-H Record Books. We have had two Congressional Award winners, who will be recognized for their hard work by the United States Congress. We have hosted several successful county events, including the Junior Livestock Show, Wondrous Wednesdays, Poultry Chain, Virtual Art Contest, Drone Workshops, and Breadmaking Workshops. Our 4-H members have planned and successfully carried out numerous community service projects, such as the Paron Children's Library Book Drive, Winter Clothing Drive, School Supplies Drive, and "The Call" Collection Drive. Last but not least, our 4-H Foundation and our 4-H members have raised over \$1,600 to support Saline County 4-H scholarships and programs with their recent "Raising Dough" fundraiser. We have persevered to show that our 4-H members and leaders can overcome anything, and I am excited about the bright future ahead in Saline County 4-H.

We hope you will join us to make your voice heard, and to plan for the upcoming year. Please RSVP by April 16th by contacting the Extension Office, 501-303-5672 or mmaulden@uada.edu

I am looking forward to seeing you all!

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Megan Maulden Saline County 4-H Agent







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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SALINE COUNTY 4-H WINNERS

<u>Advanced Record Book Winners</u> - <u>State</u> Kallyn Sossamon—Plants & Agriculture

Intermediate Record Book Winners—District Jeremiah Moix—Foods & Nutrition Ruth Grace Moix—Horses Ethan Keller—Public Speaking

<u>Beginner Record Book Winners—District</u> Emma Keller—Horses Zeke Young—Livestock Entrepreneurship Bethany Moix—Cooking & Nutrition

County Record Book Scholarships:

Kallyn Sossamon—Plants & Agriculture Jeremiah Moix—Foods & Nutrition Ruth Grace Moix—Horses Ethan Keller—Public Speaking Emma Keller—Horses Zeke Young—Livestock Entrepreneurship Bethany Moix—Cooking & Nutrition Abby Rhodes—Plants & Agriculture Emily Rhodes—Plants & Agriculture Elijah Keller—Poultry Hannah Moix—Horses

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