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FROM THE DIRECTOR

2025 O'Rama and a Visit From the Governor

One of my favorite old television shows is Cheers. (An aside for younger readers: Cheers was a sitcom from the 1980s about a bar in Boston. Pretty sure it won an Emmy Award for greatest television show of all time.) Anyway, there is a well-known scene in one of the early episodes where Norm, Cliff, Coach, and the other bar patrons are debating which is the sweatiest movie of all time. I thought of that scene as I was walking across the UA campus in the mid-afternoon July heat at state O'Rama. It occurred to me that we could have a good debate about the sweatiest CES event. Between O'Rama, field days, outdoor trainings and competitions, and a host of other summer activities and events, the competition is stiff.

Despite the heat, state O'Rama was — as usual — a fantastic event. It is always gratifying to see our 4-Hers in action. The poise and confidence that 4-H experiences build into our young people is incredible to see. Most of them are miles ahead of where I was at that age (not that that's a very high bar). I know that doesn't happen by accident. It takes a lot of work from our dedicated 4-H staff, agents, and volunteers. I appreciate the hard work

that goes into making 4-H the best youth development program in the country – especially during the long hot days of the July O'Rama season.

My trip to O'Rama was cut a bit short this year because we had a very special guest visiting an Extension project in Grant County on the last day of O'Rama. Gov. Sanders dropped by Sheridan Intermediate School (SIS) to visit the teaching garden there. I don't usually do individual shout-outs in this space, but Brad McGinley (with huge help from his wife, Serena) has done an excellent job with the teaching garden at SIS. Brad was part of the governor's roundtable discussion at this event, and he did a masterful job of explaining to the governor and her staff not only how Extension supports that project but also how that project weaves together all four of our CES program areas to maximize stakeholder benefits from what, on the surface, looks like a modest little middle school project. It was an excellent object lesson in why Extension remains not only relevant but also absolutely essential to agriculture, communities and families in this state. And, given the weather that afternoon, the governor's visit could be a real contender for sweatiest event of the year. ■

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EHC Leaders and Volunteers “Shine Bright”

Making a difference is what Extension Homemakers Council members do in communities across Arkansas each day. Over the past year, 7,029 EHC members volunteered 277,542 hours, valued at over \$9 million in service to Arkansas communities.

In June, members and their Family & Consumer Science agent advisors traveled across the state to attend educational sessions, learn skills, receive recognition for their, conduct their business meeting and elect 2025-2027 AEHC district directors. Member and club milestones were honored for 50-year+ membership.

During the state meeting, AEHC district directors highlighted the 67 project books that clubs submitted summarizing their club or county project. During their program year, members keep track of project work, volunteer hours and details to submit in their project book. This shares ways of

addressing a variety of local needs. Along with the certificate recognition, there is a monetary award for the club or county EHC program.

Arkansas Extension Homemakers tackle current issues and work with local and state partners. Projects involve community events, women's crisis centers, schools, senior centers, homeless shelters, food pantries, local veterans and hospital patients and many more. Their current statewide project focuses on promoting mental well-being awareness to reduce the stigma surrounding mental health. Each year, EHC clubs and councils award 29 college scholarships worth a total of \$15,950. Since 1912, Arkansas Extension Homemakers have helped share research-based, unbiased information from extension educators. ■



(Top Left) Member Recognition by Dr. John Anderson and Dr. Deacue Fields (Right) AEHC Ouachita District Director Jeanette Deaton presenting Project Book Award to Ann Prince, Hot Spring County Member (Bottom) Chair Yoga Class for Everybody.

2025 4-H State O'Rama



The largest Arkansas 4-H event of the year — 4-H State O'Rama — is in the books! More than 300 4-Hers from 53 counties participated in competitions, workshops and tours last week, all while getting a sneak peek at college life at UA-Fayetteville.

Read more about their and adventures in the attached story or online [here](#).

Check out photos taken by Communications staff:

- [Day 1 / Opening Ceremony](#)
- [Donor Dinner](#)
- [Awards of Excellence](#)
- [2025 Arkansas 4-H O'Rama Candids](#) ■



Dr. Deacue Fields speaks at 4-H O'Rama.



Performing-Arts-Vocals 4-H competitors group photo.



Priscella Thomas-Scott gets interviewed at 4-H State O'Rama.

EFNEP Provides

Cooking, Nutrition Classes to Marshallese

The Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) program staff in Northwest Arkansas teamed up with the UAMS Institute for Community Health Innovation and the NWA Double Your Dollars Program to offer a series of four cooking and nutrition classes for Marshallese families in Springdale.

The goal of the classes was to encourage Marshallese families to incorporate more fresh, local produce into their diets by shopping at a farmers market and utilizing the Double Your Dollars program for SNAP and WIC benefits.

Classes were held on Saturday mornings adjacent to the farmers market so participants could easily shop after class. As an incentive, NWA Double Your Dollars provided each family \$20 in vouchers to spend at the market.

EFNEP educators purchased fresh produce from the farmers market and used it during the cooking portion of the



Veronica Guerrero-Pesina, EFNEP Program Assistant helps participants complete a healthy recipe using fresh produce.

EFNEP nutrition classes to help participants see how they might use the produce at home. Recipes were provided in Marshallese, and Marshallese UAMS health workers provided language support. A total of seven Marshallese adults, one teenager, and one child participated in at least one of the four classes offered. ■

U.S. Poultry Industry Short Course



Dr. Bill Potter (left) and Dr. Casey Owens (center) teaching India trainees about batter and breeding procedures for chicken products.

The UADA Poultry Science Extension & Research team hosted visitors from India for a U.S. poultry industry short course on July 8-10.

The U.S. Grains Council in Washington, D.C., and UADA

Poultry Science Extension arranged the technical workshop to help smaller poultry integrators in India better understand modern poultry production, processing, food safety and quality, nutrition, breeder management, hatcheries, and value-added chicken products. Hands-on exercises included chicken processing, deboning, farm visits, chicken meat flavor injections and rotisserie processes, batter/breeding exercises, and economic analyses.

POSC faculty, staff, and students contributed to this training, including Bill Potter, Sara Orlowski-Workman, Zac Williams, Dustan Clark, Mike Kidd, Shawna Weimer, Casey Owens, Jada Thompson, Rodney Wolfe, Courtney Shumate, Sara Johnson, Mitchell Vaught, and others. The guests from India were extremely impressed with the content and very grateful to the UA Poultry Science Team. ■

Dairy Cattle Fitting and Showmanship Clinic

Young dairy showmen gathered June 28 for a hands-on Dairy Cattle Fitting and Showmanship Clinic at the Washington County Fairgrounds.

The clinic, led by Washington County agriculture intern Chloe Hillian, was created for young exhibitors ages 5–14 to build confidence, grow their skills, and better understand how to prepare their dairy cattle for show day.

Participants rotated through stations focused on washing, clipping, and setting toplines. In smaller groups, they also learned about showmanship basics and proper ring etiquette.

To keep things fun and engaging, the clinic also included a milk and cookie tasting, a dairy-themed bingo game, and ended with a mini showmanship contest for participants to test their new skills.

Each showman left the clinic with new knowledge, helpful show supplies, and a stronger sense of excitement heading into the fair season. The event served as a great opportunity for kids to ask questions, try new things, and gain confidence in themselves and in their show animals. ■



Participants kick off the day with a fun and interactive icebreaker during the welcome session.

Powerful Tools for Caregivers

Family and Consumer Science agents from seven counties and FCS state agent educators met at the Little Rock State Office July 9–10 to become certified class leaders for the Powerful Tools for Caregivers curriculum. FCS agents Valerie Turner (Monroe County) and Julie Goings (Phillips County) trained participants to provide county-level training to community members who serve as informal caregivers to spouses, parents, children, or other family members or friends.

The training included content exploring the importance of self-care for a caregiver, how to connect an informal caregiver to professional local resources, and how to present the curriculum to different audiences.

Those completing this training are now certified to co-teach the six-session curriculum. This type of education addresses

a growing need for Arkansans. As the Baby Boomer generation ages and experiences age-related illnesses, more family members are thrust into

caregiver roles. Although this evidence-based curriculum has been delivered in Arkansas since 2015, this is the first time the Class Leader training has been offered in many years.

For more information on this program, contact Valerie Turner, vtturner@uada.edu, Julie Goings, jgoings@uada.edu, or Dr. Brittney Schrick, bschrick@uada.edu. ■

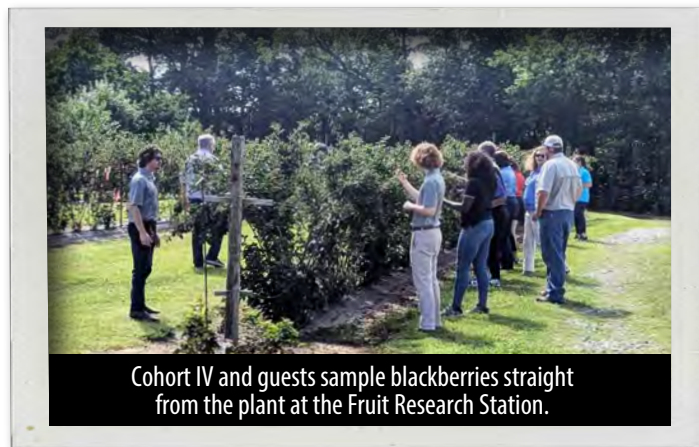


Certified Powerful Tools for Caregivers Class Leaders. Seated L - R: Kerron Simpson (Ouachita), Mary Beth Groce (Faulkner), LaTaaka Harvey (Saline). Standing L - R: Joy West (Jackson Co.), Valerie Turner (Monroe), Alison Crane (Garland), Keith Statham-Cleek (FCS Agent Educator), Jessica Rodriguez (Hot Spring), Marla Lane (St. Francis), Julie Goings (Phillips), & Leigh Ann Bullington (FCS agent educator).



iLEAD Cohort IV

iLEAD Cohort IV wrapped up their last in-person seminar in Northwest Arkansas. Andrea Price, software and business enablement coordinator, and Amy Simpson,



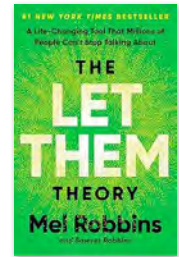
Cohort IV and guests sample blackberries straight from the plant at the Fruit Research Station.

Clark County extension agent-staff chair, reflect on the activities. Read details [here](#).

Leadership Lunch and Learn

In June, Dr. Kristi Carpenter, staff and organizational development specialist at the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension, shared insight and personal reflection in her review of *The Let Them Theory* by Mel Robbins. The book, rooted in simplicity yet overflowing with depth,

encourages us to step back from the endless cycle of control and instead — let them. Let others make their own choices, live their own lives, and deal with their own consequences—while you focus on what truly matters: your mindset, energy, and personal growth.



Watch the recording [here](#)! Read the blog post [here](#).

Experiential Scholars Program (ESP)



The Experiential Scholars continue to share their summer experiences. The program wrapped up in mid-July. If you know an undergraduate student interested in applying for next summer, have them contact Kayla Machen,

kmachen@uada.edu.

- **Water & Soil Conservation (WSC)**
- [Kennedy Chapman](#) – University of Arkansas.
Major: Environmental, Soil, and Water Science
- [Gwen Keith-Powell](#) – University of Arkansas.
Major: Science in Agriculture
- [Aidan Russell](#) – University of Arkansas.
Major: Biological Engineering. ■

Half-price Dinner at the Vines Tickets Available to Employees

The Arkansas 4-H Foundation will host the 5th annual Dinner at the Vines event Sept. 30 at the C.A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center — complete with garden party, lakeside dinner, online and live auctions and entertainment — all benefiting Arkansas 4-H. Employees can purchase half-price tickets for \$75 at uada.formstack.com/forms/employee_dinner_vines.



Windows 11 Upgrade Project

Effective 7/15/2025

For several months now, UADA users have had the ability to upgrade their devices to Windows 11. The upgrade will be required and will begin to prompt users to upgrade to Windows 11 when using computers that are capable of upgrading. This requirement will slowly roll out through mid-August.

Microsoft Support for Windows 10 Ends in October

After Oct. 14, 2025, Microsoft will no longer provide software updates, security patching, or technical assistance for Windows 10. If the computer is not capable of the upgrade, it will need to be replaced. If you need to order a new computer, fill out the [Computer Purchasing Request form](#).

Introducing Windows Hello

A Smarter, Safer Way to Sign In

In our ongoing efforts to enhance both security and user experience, we're excited to introduce Windows Hello, a modern, biometric authentication feature available in Windows 10 and later versions.

What is Windows Hello?

Windows Hello allows you to sign in to your devices, apps, and networks using facial recognition, fingerprint scanning, or a PIN. This eliminates the need for traditional passwords, offering a faster, more secure, and more convenient way to access your digital workspace.

Why Use Windows Hello?

1. Enhanced Security: Biometric data is stored locally

on your device and never shared, making it much harder for unauthorized users to gain access.

2. Faster Access: No more typing long passwords, just a quick glance or touch and you're in.
3. Personalized Experience: Your device recognizes you, not just your credentials.

We're currently in the testing phase and are looking for volunteers to help us evaluate Windows Hello in real-world scenarios. If testing goes well, we plan to roll out Windows Hello to all users on Aug. 5, 2025.

Interested in testing? Fill out the [Windows Hello request form](#) to volunteer.

Zoom Pro Tip – Sort Gallery View Order

Finding participants while hosting virtual meetings can be difficult, especially in large numbers. Rearrange your view of the meeting by sorting the gallery view. Gallery view order can be sorted by first name, last name, and meeting entry time, all in ascending and descending order. You can do this by finding the "View" button at the top right corner of your Zoom meeting window, checking the "Gallery" option, then selecting "Sort gallery by", and then choosing the sorting option you need.

Hump Day Hacks

Hump Day Hack resources can be found on the [Hump Day Hacks Resource page](#) in Team Dynamix. June's hacks included email accessibility basics, using tables in Excel, using the report button in Outlook, using Paste Special to link Excel data to PowerPoint, and adjusting your layout and background for Zoom meetings. Join us on Aug. 27, 2025! [Register Now.](#) ■



2025 TECH TUESDAYS WEBINARS

Have you missed any past Tech Tuesday webinars or want to join future webinars? Check out the recordings and other resources on the [Tech Tuesday Blog](#) page. More Tech Tuesday topics coming soon! Did you miss June's [Speedrun Into Your Workday](#) Tech Tuesday? Check out the recording and resources.



BBQ Contest Winners Advance to Nationals

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A self-taught griller from Hot Spring County and a novice from Lonoke County came away winners at the 2025 4-H State Barbecue Contest.

Evan C., 16, of Hot Spring County won the chicken division, while Abi Tustison, 18, of Lonoke County, won the turkey division. Both will advance to the national contest in November at the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference in Louisville, Kentucky.

Fourteen Arkansas 4-H members from 12 counties competed in the state contest held June 20-21 in Rogers as part of the 65th annual Poultry Festival.



Andrew Bolton, extension instructor of poultry science for the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, said the state barbecue contest benefits participants in several ways.

“This competition helps expose these students to a great many opportunities,” said Andrew Bolton, extension instructor of poultry science. “At the poultry festival, they are among leaders in the Arkansas poultry industry, and that gives them exciting chances to network and learn about the industry.”

Read the full article [here](#). ■

Meats Quiz Bowl Teams

Earns Highest Placement

The University of Arkansas Meats Quiz Bowl team placed in the top five at the American Meat Science Association (AMSA) Quiz Bowl Tournament, earning the highest placement yet by an Arkansas team. This impressive showing by the Arkansas Meats group highlighted a successful trip to the Reciprocal Meats Conference in Columbus, Ohio.

The UA delegation included four faculty members from animal science, poultry science, and food science, six graduate students, six undergraduates, and two FFA science fair students. On their way to Columbus, the group visited various plants and farms, including Chaney's Dairy Barn, where they saw robotic milkers, and a fun stop at Salt Springs in Ohio.

Beyond the meats quiz bowl team's success, several students received accolades and presented their research. ■



Beginning Farmer Training & Mentoring Workshops

Extension's Community, Professional, and Economic Development Unit is offering sessions throughout the state in August for the Beginning Farmer Training and Mentoring of Conservation Practices and Partnerships project.

The free, grant-funded program supports beginning farmers with training and mentoring to increase their participation in conservation programs and help farms thrive through sustainable farming practices.

New farmers receive guidance from veteran farmers, who serve as mentors and share practical information about farming methods, environmental considerations, and state and federal regulations.

Scheduled workshops are:

- Aug. 4 – Pulaski County, LRSO
- Aug. 7 - Washington County CES, Fayetteville
- Aug. 12 - Pope County CES, Russellville
- Aug. 14 - Hempstead County, Southwest Research



and Extension Center, Hope

- Aug. 19 - Greene County CES, Paragould
- Aug. 21 - Independence County CES, at University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville.

Beginning and mentor farmers can [register online](#). Lunch will be provided. For more information, contact Keith Harris at krharris@uada.edu. ■

Save the Date!

Monday, December 1

Extension Employee Conference

Food Preservation Series Empowers Home Canners

Saline County FCS Agent LaTaaka Harvey and Pulaski County FCS Agent Alicia Boatwright, in partnership with the Saline County Library, recently offered a multi-county Food Preservation Series of six hands-on classes in canning high-acid foods like salsa, low-acid foods such as sweet spreads, and pressure canning techniques.

Held on Saturdays at the Pulaski County extension office and during the week at the Saline County Library's Benton campus, the series provided participants with research-based instruction on modern food preservation methods. Attendees observed live demonstrations, practiced safe canning techniques, and gained confidence in their ability to preserve food at home.

Each participant left with a sample of their canned product and a deeper understanding of food safety and preservation. The Saline County Library generously sponsored

all supplies for the classes in Saline County, making the program accessible to more community members.

The response was overwhelmingly positive, with participants expressing enthusiasm and eagerness for future sessions. Plans are underway for additional classes this fall, continuing the mission to equip residents with valuable, sustainable food skills. ■



Saline & Pulaski County Agents with participants who completed the canning High Acid Foods at the Saline County Library in Benton.

Mishanna Lanes Graduates from Public Health Institute

Mishanna Lanes graduated from the Region 6 South Central Public Health Institute, which is designed to create a learning community that explores timely leadership topics and builds core skills. The sessions use interactive discussions with leaders in the field and are reinforced through practice activities. The curriculum was developed using focus groups and interviews with professionals across the five states of Region 6 to identify current issues and the leadership skills needed in practice today.

Mishanna Lanes, Anna Goff, and Heather Wingo earned their Certified Volunteer Manager (CVM) designation this year. The CVM program equips public service professionals with the skills to build volunteer programs that are sustainable and deeply impactful. ■



Mishanna Lanes with certificate of completion from the Region 6 South Central Public Health Institute.



Foster the Love

Pope County 4-Hers recently completed the last of its 24 projects in its "Foster the Love" BINGO initiative. This incredible milestone represents a full blackout of the BINGO board and stands as a testament to the passion, energy, and dedication of our local 4-H clubs. Pope County has 223 active 4-H members, and all 10 of its clubs participated.

Pope County 4-H partners with the Department of Human Services and Joseph's House of Russellville, an organization committed to supporting foster and adoptive families in our community. From clothing shops and activities to educational programs, their mission has been vital to their shared success. The "Foster the Love" initiative has united Pope County in meaningful service, bringing real change to the lives of foster children and families. ■



Pictured from left side: Kristen Ulsperger (4-H program assistant), Keely S., Zadi W., Lyla R., Abbott C., Amelia C. Right side: Ryleigh C., Ashley Flickinger (4-H Agent), Carter H., Kurt F., Landree C.

Arkansas SNAP-Ed projects spotlighted at

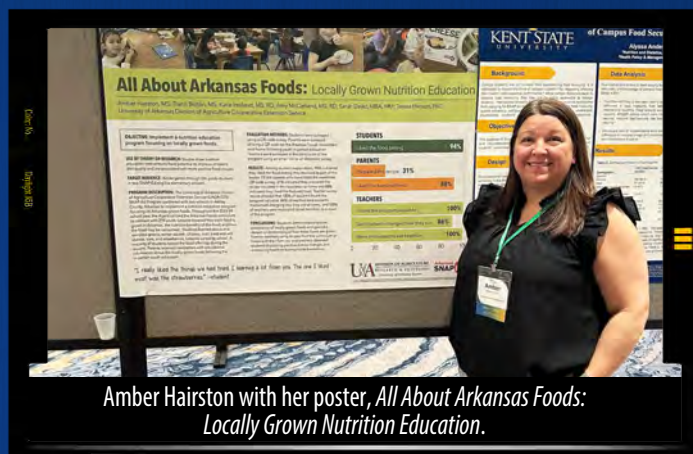
Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior International Conference

Ashley County FCS agent Amber Hairston presented a poster at the 2025 Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior (SNEB) International Annual Conference, "LINC-Leveraging Interconnections in Nutrition Communities," held July 8-11 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

SNEB is an international organization of nutrition education professionals dedicated to promoting effective nutrition education and communication to support healthful behaviors, with a vision of healthy communities through nutrition education and advocacy.

The poster titled "All About Arkansas Foods: Locally Grown Nutrition Education" highlighted a SNAP-Ed project Hairston led, in which SNAP-Ed partnered with two Ashley County schools using the ArFoods Curriculum to provide

nutrition education. The presentation was well received and enhanced the visibility of nutrition education programming conducted by SNAP-Ed through extension. ■



Amber Hairston with her poster, *All About Arkansas Foods: Locally Grown Nutrition Education.*



Sevier County 4-Hers

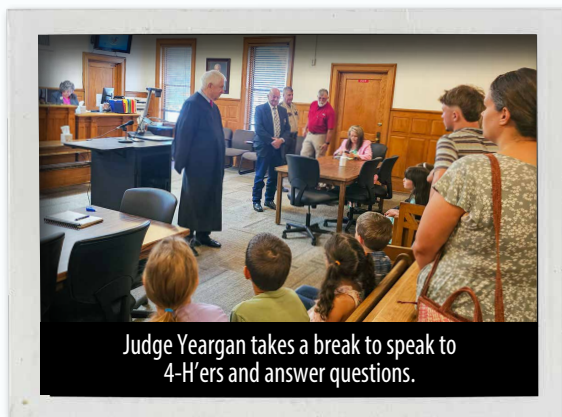
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Head to Court

Sevier County 4-H members had a unique opportunity to step inside the courtroom of Judge Charles Yeargan recently, where they observed court proceedings and learned about the inner workings of the justice system.

Judge Yeargan welcomed the group into his courtroom, providing a firsthand look at how justice is administered in their community. After the proceedings, he answered their questions and shared his insights

into the role of a judge and the importance of the legal system. Judge Yeargan also shared his personal story and explained to youth what it takes to go into his career field.



Judge Yeargan takes a break to speak to 4-H'ers and answer questions.

The 4-H group also spoke with attorneys who shared their personal experiences and offered an inside look at what it's like to practice law. These interactions sparked curiosity and inspired several members to consider future careers in public service, law, or community leadership. ■

Sevier County 4-H



Get Back to the Basics in Skills Training

In June, Sevier County 4-H offered various programs — including a cooking school and a hands-on sewing workshop — that helped participants gain valuable life skills.

During the annual cooking school, aspiring young chefs rolled up their sleeves to learn essential cooking skills, kitchen safety, and nutrition in a fun, hands-on environment. This year, the theme of the cooking school was breakfast. With mixing bowls in hand, participants learned how to make breakfast tacos, buttermilk biscuits, homemade jam and more.

of experienced volunteers and 4-H leaders, young sewers learned to use sewing machines and practiced multiple sewing techniques.

“The tote bag project is a great introduction to sewing,” FCS agent Janet Cantrell said. “It gives 4-Hers a sense of accomplishment because they create something useful and personal with their own hands.”

Through these classes, participants not only gained practical life skills but also boosted their confidence and creativity. The participants learned sewing skills and sharpening their culinary abilities — valuable life skills they will benefit from for years. ■



Will M. shows off his completed tote bag.



4-H'ers Elliott H. and Molly M. working on homemade jam.

The sewing workshop on June 26 welcomed participants of all skill levels. Under the guidance

Benefits Corner

Wellness Program Reminders & Important Dates

For employees enrolled in the UMR medical plans, the university offered the opportunity to earn wellness rewards by opting in to UMR's annual Live Well Reward\$ wellness program.

Through this online wellness program, you had the opportunity to earn up to 500 total points, redeemable for up to \$500 a year (1 point = \$1) by completing certain wellness activities, screenings and assessments.

The current Wellness program will close on Sept. 30. All unused accrued points will be forfeited at the end of

the plan year (Sept. 30, 2025), and no points will roll forward into the 2025-2026 plan year.

You can redeem your points for your choice of digital or physical gift cards, popular merchandise, travel vouchers and more through [Online Rewards](#). Visit umr.com to review details on the wellness activities and incentives.

If you have questions pertaining to the wellness program or your rewards, contact UMR at 800-826-9781 or visit umr.com.

For questions regarding your overall benefits, email yourbenefits@uada.edu. ■



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4-H members showcase skills at statewide O-Rama

More than 300 Arkansas 4-H members are back home this week after four hectic days of competitions, workshops and tours at the annual Arkansas 4-H State O-Rama at the University of Arkansas campus in Fayetteville.

[Learn More](#)

Income Tax Schools help prepare tax pros for the season ahead

Significant changes in tax laws may affect the tax planning strategies for the coming income tax season. The Cooperative Extension Service will offer four in-person income tax schools to help tax professionals get ready.

[Learn More](#)

Grow your future: UAM accepting applications for \$7,000 forest business scholarship

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New Publications:

Many recently created publications are now available. (You know you want to look.)

<https://uaex.uada.edu/publications/new.aspx>



Grants & Contracts

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PROJECT TITLE	AWARD AMOUNT	PI	GRANTING AGENCY
2025 Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies Counselor and Access to Maximize Participation (CAMP) Access	50,000	Creenna Bocksnick	National 4-H Council
Advancing Sustainability and Preparedness in Rural Economies (ASPIRE)	40,000	Hunter P. Goodman	Winrock International
Cotton Spray Drone Trials	25,000	Jason Davis	Cotton Inc.
Arkansas State Walking College	99,154	Jessica Vincent	Arkansas Department of Health
Urban Stormwater Education Program	228,000	Katie Teague	Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission
Expanding Potential Market Demand For and Access to Whole Soy Foods through Nutrition Education	33,245	Leigh Ann Bullington	Mid-South Soybean Board
Apex Accelerator	673,914	Melanie Berman	US Department of Defense
Child Care & Development Grant	322,500	Rebecca M. Simon	Arkansas Department of Education
Cotton Spray Drone Trials	15,000	Terry N Spurlock	Cotton Inc.
Evaluating Residual Herbicide Options and Timing in Single and Twin-Row Peanut Production Systems	12,048	Tom Barber	Arkansas Peanut Growers Association
Evaluate Late Season Foliar and Infurrow Fungicides to Manage Peanut Diseases in Arkansas	12,000	Travis Faske	Arkansas Peanut Growers Association
Peanut PGR Efficacy when Tank Mixed with Agro Chemicals	15,000	Zachary Treadway	Arkansas Peanut Growers Association
Peanut Program	25,000	Zachary Treadway	Arkansas Peanut Growers Association
The Effects of Mowing on Digging Efficacy and Yield of Peanuts	10,000	Zachary Treadway	Arkansas Peanut Growers Association
TOTAL AWARDS FOR JUNE 2025: \$1,560,861			

Personnel Changes



Welcome Aboard:

Zoe Guidry – Program Associate - Ornamental Horticulture, LRSO

Caitlyn Luckett – Administrative Specialist III, Jefferson County

Yiting Xiao – Assistant Professor of Wastewater & Nutrient Management, Bio & Agricultural Engineering, Washington County

Farewell to:

Laura Lee Rooney – Administrative Specialist III, Lonoke County

Sandy Puckett – Administrative Specialist III, Lonoke Agricultural Center

Dianne Wolfe – Administrative Specialist III, Nevada County

Keith Gresham – County Extension Agent - Staff Chair, Dallas County

Maggie Justice – Assistant Professor - Beef Cattle Specialist, Animal Science, LRSO

Stephanie Alsbrook – FCS Curriculum Development, LRSO

Laura Anne Warren – County Extension Agent - Family & Consumer Sciences, Pulaski County

Ashley Flickinger – County Extension Agent - 4-H, Pope County

Makenna Meziere – Administrative Specialist II - Family & Consumer Sciences, LRSO

Diana Guadalupe Rojo – CES Program Assistant, Washington County

Diana Hall – Administrative Specialist III, Sebastian County

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