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Chick Delivery Date and Rabbit Pick Up

4-H chicks are scheduled to be here **Tuesday, April 8th**. If you ordered chicks you can **pick them up between 1:00pm and 4:30pm**. If you have a problem picking your chicks up during this time, please let us know so other arrangement can be made. Those signed up for the poultry chain will receive a letter that will help you successfully prepare for your poultry project.

As in years past, Karen Underwood has affordable rabbits for sale that can be picked up on **April 8th**. For additional information on the possibility of purchasing a rabbit as a 4-H project, contact Karen Underwood at 754-7360.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to call or email me.
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All meetings and activities in this newsletter are open to all youth between the ages of 5 and 19 without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, gender, disability, or other legally protected status.



Fashion Revue and Performing Arts Contest

Johnson County's 2008 Fashion Revue and Talent Contest will be held **Thursday, April 17th at the Second Baptist Church**. In honor of 4-H Centennial, we will have a 4-H Birthday Bash with **registration starting at 4:00pm**; Fashion Revue at 4:30pm; and Talent at 6:30pm.

Fashion Revue consists of:

- (1) Informally modeling a garment purchased /constructed by the contestant and
- (2) A short, informal presentation detailing the cost, use, (why the garments were chosen), and how the contestant has cared for the garment after it was worn. The fiber and fabric from which the garments are made should be identified and reasons given for that choice.

Presentations should be 1 to 2 minutes and delivered without the benefit of notes. Contestants should be prepared to answer judges' questions. **Registrations forms are available at the extension office. Registrations forms are due to the office Monday, April the 7th**. If you have questions or need additional information please, contact the extension office 754-2240.



Ross Photography Contest

The 2008 County Ross Photography Contest entry deadline is **Friday, April 25, 2008**. Cloverbud members may participate and receive a ribbon. 4-H members age 9-19 may enter the contest for competition.

At the county level, each 4-H member may enter four photographs:

- One color living category
- One color non-living category
- One living black-and-white
- One non-living black-and-white

Photos will be displayed at the County O'Rama Talk Contest.

Photographs entered in the Ross Foundation 4-H Photography Contest **MUST** be of scenes or subjects in Arkansas and taken during the current contest year. Date, location and negative **MUST** accompany photographs.

2008 Poster Art Contest

Show off your creativity! The 4-H poster contest is open to ALL 4-H members, ages 9-19 years old. The theme for this year's contest is **"4-H: Wired For Success."**

Posters must be 14" x 22" in dimension and may be horizontal or vertical. They can be made using any art medium such as watercolor, ink, crayon, acrylic, charcoal, oils or collage. Use of copyrighted material, such as cartoon characters and three-dimensional items, is not allowed.

The 4-H member's name, age, county, full address and brief interpretation of artwork must be written on the back of the poster in the upper left hand corner.

Ten state finalists will be selected to compete in the Mid-South Fair Poster Art Contest. State finalists will also receive certificates, which will be presented in June at the Regional 4-H O'Rama. Deadline for county entries is **Friday, April 25, 2008**

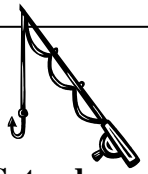
County Bicycle Activity



This year, the bicycle activity has undergone some changes; our county activity will consist of Figure 8, Double Obstacle, Part Identification (5-junior, 10-senior), Review of Hand Signals, and Review of Safety Inspection. If you have any questions about the Bicycle Activity, contact the Extension Office at 754-2240.



Outdoor O'Rama, Spring Family Outing Chicken BBQ



The 2008 County 4-H Outdoor O'Rama, Chicken BBQ and Spring Family Outing will be on **Saturday April 26th** at the **Johnson County Fairgrounds**.

Schedule for Outdoor O'Rama

- 10:00am** - **BBQ Contest**
- 11:00am** - **Outdoor Activities**
- 12:00pm** - **Spring Family Outing Luncheon**
- 1:00pm** - **Outdoor Activities Continue and Awards**

Outdoor Events and Competitions may include: Bait Casting and Fish I.D., Bicycle, BB Marksmanship, Crop and Seed I.D., Entomology, Ornamental Horticulture, Forestry, and Reel into Sport Fishing.

4-H'ers participating in the Chicken BBQ contest will barbecue a chicken half and will be judged from the time they start their charcoal fire to the final taste of the chicken. Contest rules and checklists are available at the Extension Office.

Please **register by Friday 18, 2008**, for all of these O'Rama Activities by returning enclosed registration form to the Extension Office.

Keep Arkansas Beautiful

Johnson County will have a county wide clean up **Saturday, April 12, 2008**, as part of the Keep Arkansas Beautiful Campaign. Due to scheduling conflict, I understand not everyone will be able to participate on April 12th, but I still strongly encourage each club to pick a date and place to clean up. This is a great community service project! **If your club is interested in cleaning up, contact the extension office with the date and place you plan on cleaning, and we will provide the trash bags for you.**



UARV Horse Show

The 2008 Upper Arkansas River Valley 4-H Horse Show will be held on **June 7, 2008**, at Hurley's Arena. Applications must be at the Johnson County Extension Office by **Friday, April 25, 2008**

For more information on rules, registration or sponsorship information, call the Extension Office or go online to www.uaex.edu/johnson



Arkansas State Fair Dates Announced



Spring Livestock Show
May 1-4



FMI: Visit www.arkansasstatefair.com

Reminder:

If you have signed up for **Garden Project** and have not brought in a soil sample, you need to do so. Seeds will be distributed at the end of April.

Livestock Signature Forms must be signed and turned in the Extension Office to participate in the 2008 Spring Show.

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DATES TO NOTE:



- 7 Deadline for Fashion/Talent
- 17 Fashion Review
- 18 Deadline for Spring Livestock Show (online entry)
- Outdoor O'Rama
- 25 Deadline for:
Ross Photography
Poster Art Contest
UARV Horseshow



- 1-4 Spring Livestock Show
- 6 County O'Rama Talks
- 10 District Broiler BBQ
Ferndale



- 7 District Horseshow
- 11-12 Teen Leader Conference
- 18 Regional O'Rama
- 23-25 Forestry & Wildlife Camp
- 24 Fruit Station Field Day



- 5-12 Citizenship Washington Focus
- 7-10 State Horse Show
- 14-17 State Camp
- 17-18 Bring Big Person Camp
- 23-25 State 4-H O'Rama
- 29 Arkansas High Adventure Trip