



Lucky Leaf Letter



2008 Achievement Banquet



STAFF MEMBERS

Blair Griffin
 County Extension Agent -
 Staff Chairman

Susan Pickle
 County Extension Agent -
 Family & Consumer
 Sciences

Jeanie Zerr
 County Extension Agent-
 4-H

Ione Daniel
 Secretary II

Thanks to everyone who attended the 4-H Banquet. A special thanks to volunteers that helped set up for the banquet. Our banquet would not have been possible without all the hard work our parents, volunteers, grandparents, members, and donors put into the program. **Thank you so much for making our 2008 Achievement Banquet one to remember!**

Valentine's Dance



Fantastic Clover 4-H club will be sponsoring a **Valentine's Dance Saturday, February 9, 2008, to be held at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. Admission will be \$.50 cents per person, and refreshments will be provided. Everyone is invited to come out and join the Fantastic Clover 4-H for a fun evening of games and dancing!**

IN THIS ISSUE

Achievement Banquet.....	1
Valentine's Dance	1
Outdoor O-Rama	1
State Camps.....	2
Poultry Chain	2
Giant Pumpkin and Watermelon	2
County T-Shirts	2
Gaited Horse Show.....	3
State Horse Conference	3
Shooting Sports Training.....	3
Mark Your Calendar.....	4

"Arkansas Is Our Campus"

Johnson County Extension Office
 129 Sevier Street, PO Box 590
 Clarksville, AR 72830
 Telephone: 479-754-2240

Outdoor O' Rama Spring Family Outing Chicken BBQ



This year Outdoor O'Rama will be in conjunction with the Spring Family Outing and the Chicken BBQ Contest. These activities will be held on **Saturday, April 26, 2008**, at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. The times for activities will be listed in the April newsletter.

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 will be furnished to all participants.

2008 Arkansas State Camps



Johnson County will be participating in the 2008 Arkansas 4-H State Camps this summer at the C. A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center. This year's camp theme will be **Camp Time Travel**, and will include workshops and activities to emphasize the past and future.

State Junior Camp is for ages **9-12**. We have requested the 3-day, 2-night camp date for the State Junior Camp of **July 14-16, 2008**. The cost for this camp for Johnson County 4-H'ers is \$57.50 (1/2 of the total program cost of \$115).

Adventure Challenge Track Camp is for ages **13-15**. We have requested the 3-day, 2, night camp date for the Adventure Challenge Track Camp for **July 14-16, 2008**. The cost for this camp for Johnson County 4-H'ers is \$62.50 (1/2 of the total program cost of \$125).

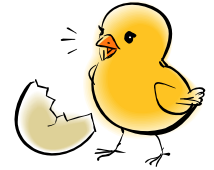
Cloverbud Camp is for ages **5-8** and they *must be accompanied by a parent or guardian*. Cloverbud Camp will be held **July 17-18, 2008**. The cost for this camp for Johnson County 4-H'ers is \$37.50 (1/2 of the total program cost of \$75).

Equine Camp will be focused on Western Pleasure and for **ages 12 and up**. Participants should be able to handle their horse, saddle and care for them on their own. Equine Camp will be held on **July 14-17, 2008**. The cost for this camp for Johnson County 4-H'ers is \$150 (1/2 of the total program cost of \$300).

A \$25 nonrefundable registration fee is due in the Johnson County Extension Office by **Friday, February 15, 2008 for all four of the camps described above**. Remaining camp fees will be due at a later date. Scholarships are available to qualifying 4-H'ers.

We urge all 4-H'ers who are eligible to participate in these camps. Contact the County Extension Office at 754-2240 for more information or to register to attend any of the camps.

Poultry Chain Chickens



Johnson County will participate in the Poultry Chain project and it is time to register for chickens. We will be requesting the Bovan Brown egg laying type chicks again this year and the number the 4-H'er will receive will depend on the number of participants. We will make every effort to accommodate the 4-H'er with the number they request. Some White Leghorn chickens may be available upon request.

The chickens will be delivered in late March or early April with an agreement that the **4-H'er will return four birds for every 25 received to the County Fair for show and sale**. The sale proceeds are used to purchase birds for next year's poultry chain project.

The deadline to register for participation in this project is Friday, February 15, 2008.



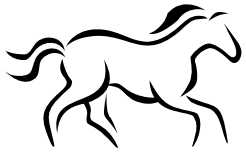
4-H Giant Pumpkin & Watermelon Contest



4-H'ers in these contests will receive pumpkin and/or watermelon seed with instructions and rules for the county and state contests. Winners are determined by who can grow the largest pumpkin or watermelon. Registration deadline is **Tuesday, March 25**.

County T-Shirts

The Deadline to place your order for the county T-shirt will be **February 15, 2008**. T-Shirts are available in gray or yellow, long or short sleeve. The price is \$8.95 for short sleeve and \$10.95 for long sleeve; additional charges for plus sizes. Contact the Extension Office and place your order today! Payment is required at the time you place your order.



Gaited Horse Show Arkansas Mountain Horse Association

The Arkansas Mountain Horse Association will be having an open horseshow **Saturday, March 15, 2008, at the Foothills Arena in Clarksville.**

Sporhorse Competition

Open to all Gaited Horse Breeds
Beginning at 10:00A.M.

Performance Show

Open to all Gaited Horse Breeds
Beginning at 5:00P.M.

Negative Coggins Required. Stalls and RV sites available. No long term or overnight tie outs. For showbill or additional information contact Regina at 501-730-0704.

4-H Volunteers are also needed to assist with the Arkansas Mountain Horseshow. They need volunteers to hand out ribbons, run from judge to announcer, and work the gait. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Judy Weaver.



State 4-H Horse Conference

The 2008 State 4-H Horse Conference is scheduled for **March 7-8, at the C. A. Vines 4-H Center.** Public Speaking contests and various workshops will be held. If interested in attending, contact the County Extension Office at 754-2240, for more information. Applications due in the Extension Office by **Monday, February 25, 2008.**

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.

Shooting Sports Instructor Training



State 4-H Shooting Sports instructor training and certification is **March 28-29, 2008, at the C.A. Vines 4-H Center.** State 4-H Certification will be offered in the shotgun, rifle, pistol, muzzleloader and archery disciplines.

4-H Shooting Sports is one of the fastest growing programs in 4-H today. We are hoping to get a Shooting Sports Club started here in Johnson County. Those who wish to instruct youth at local practices are required to receive this certification as a 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor. Teen Leaders (16 yrs. or older) are eligible to enroll in this course.

If you are interested in attending, please contact the Extension Office at 754-2240 for more information and registration forms. Registration forms are due in the **Extension Office by Monday, March 10, 2008.**

Shooting Sports



The Johnson County 4-H Shooting Sports Project group (ages 9-19 only) will meet on Sundays at 2:00pm at Gary Looper's shooting range. Please contact Dianne Hardgrave at 979-2376, for more information and prior to attending a meeting.

Journals



Great Job! This year we had 38 journals turned in at the county level.

Each 4-H member should be very proud of the work they accomplished in 2007. It isn't too early to start planning for your 2008 journal. Start recording you project work and planning pictures now.

Reminder: If your journal was not selected as a county winner, please come by the Extension Office and pick it up.

Mark Your Calendars

Feb	8	Beekeeping Essay Contest Deadline
Feb	9	Valentine's Dance
Feb	15	Deadline for State Camps Deadline for Poultry Chain Deadline for County T-Shirts Deadline for Beef Ambassador Contest
Feb	16	Arkansas Goat Conference
Feb	25	Deadline for State 4-H Horse Conference
Mar	7-8	State 4-H Horse Conference
Mar	10	Deadline for Shooting Sports Instructor Training

Blair Griffin
County Extension Agent-
Staff Chair

Susan Pickle
County Extension Agent-
Family & Consumer Sciences

Jeanie Zerr
County Extension Agent-
4-H