

4-H Clover News



LAWRENCE COUNTY

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County O-Rama – April 12

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The Most Important 4-H Activity held in Lawrence County will Saturday, April 12, at the Walnut Ridge Community Center on Southern Avenue, located on the north end of the block of property owned by the Walnut Ridge Schools. The County O-Rama gives all members, Clover Buds – Seniors, the chance to compete in 4-H events of their choice in an informal environment, while at the same time allowing Junior and Senior members the opportunity to try to advance to the Regional O-Rama competition, which will be held at the Nettleton Schools on June 19. Everyone who calls the Extension Office at 870-886-3741 or e-mails Mary Jane at mcallahan@uaex.edu after reading this month's newsletter will have their name entered in a drawing for a 4-H travel chair, valued at approximately \$20. Although the winning name will be drawn at the April 12 O-Rama, the winner does not have to be present to win.

Registration will be held from 8:30–9 a.m. Both indoor and outdoor events will be held until approximately 11:30 a.m., when everyone has finished their competitions, with winners being announced and ribbons awarded following the events. For more details on this year's O-Rama events, see elsewhere in this edition of the newsletter.

NEW CELL PHONE NUMBER FOR MARY JANE

If you need to contact Mary Jane and are unable to reach her at the office, you should call her at this number, 870-679-0739. Please delete the old number from your phone if you have it stored.

All meetings and activities announced 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 any other legally protected status. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (large print, audiotapes, etc.) should notify the county Extension office as soon as possible prior to the activity.



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MEETING DATES AND LEADER CONTACTS

Meeting dates and locations are subject to change. Contact the leaders listed below if information is needed on meeting locations.

HILLCREST: 1st Tuesday @ 7 p.m.

Delise: 870-528-9917

dcoles@rvsd.nesc.k12.ar.us

TRAILBLAZERS: 1st Wednesday @ 3 p.m.

Gail: 870-869-2937

grorex@yahoo.com

TECH TEAM: 2nd Tuesday @ 4:30 p.m.

Scott: 870-869-2937

scott@rorexteam.com

SHUTTERBUGS: 3rd Monday @ 6:30 p.m.

Patricia: 870-878-6089

lfbarnes@peoplepc.com

GOLDEN CLOVER SPARKS: 3rd Tuesday @ 5:30 p.m.

Patricia: 870-878-6089

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Derinda: 870-768-5108

derinda.smith@ar.usda.gov

DISCOVERY: 3rd Wednesday @ 4 p.m.

Sarah: 501-940-9663

sarah.callahan@bobcats.k12.ar.us

WESTERN WRANGLERS: 3rd Thursday @ 6:30 p.m.

Sandra: 870-878-6571

sandra@bscn.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 12: County O-Rama

April 18–19: Spring Parent & Volunteer Leader Forum @ 4-H Center

April 21: County Deadline for Poster Art Entries, Forestry & Wildlife Camp, ExCELL II Camp, and Adventures In FCS camp for Senior 4-H'ers

April 25: District WHEP Competition

April 26: District BBQ Broiler Contest

April 26: Western Wranglers Trail Ride

April 28: Volunteer Leader Training

County O-Rama is April 12th

The 2008 Lawrence County O-Rama will be held at the Walnut Ridge Community Center on Saturday, April 12. All events, both indoor and outdoor, will be held on this date.

In case of rain only the outdoor events will be rescheduled.

Listed below are the many events to choose from. It is suggested not to pick too many so that you can adequately prepare for them. We also ask, if at all possible, that you let the office know of your intent to compete and in which events.

Indoor competitions include three categories of Performing Arts: Dancing, Vocal and Instrumental; four categories of Fashion Revue: Casual purchased, dressy purchased, casual constructed, and dressy constructed; Crop & Seed ID; Ornamental Horticulture; and 14 different talks and demonstrations: Agribusiness Public Speaking, Animal Science, Citizenship, Consumer Economics, Entomology Talk, Food Fair, Health, Horse, Human Development, Pet Care, Public Speaking, Safety, and Veterinary Science.

Outdoor events include Bicycle Safety; Bait Casting & Game Fish ID; Reel Into Sport Fishing; and Gun Safety and BB Gun Marksmanship.

The Extension staff will be glad to assist members, at their request, prepare for their events either as small groups or individually. Bryce and Herb will be in charge of all outdoor events as well as Crop & Seed ID and Ornamental Horticulture. Martha will be in charge of Talks and Demonstrations and Mary Jane Fashion Revue and Performing Arts.

Detailed information for each event is also available online at http://www.kidsarus.org/go4it/Activities_Event_s/event_packet/ or through the Extension Office. *Competitions will be modified for Clover Bud participants.*

O-Rama Bicycle Safety Event Rules Have Changed



The state guidelines and rules for the Bicycle Safety O-Rama event have changed slightly beginning with this year's County O-Rama. While the changes aren't major, those

of you planning to enter our April County O-Rama may want get a copy prior to April 12. Copies can be downloaded from the state website http://www.kidsarus.org/go4it/Activities_Event/s/event_packet/ or picked up at the Extension Office, 1100 W. Main in Walnut Ridge.

Adventures In FCS Available For Senior 4-H Members

Senior 4-H'ers can discover the innovative field of Family and Consumer Science by attending the *Adventures in FCS* camp, which is a week-long summer camp for 4-H members ages 15-18 at the School of Human Environmental Science at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. The dates are Monday, July 7 through Friday, July 11. The county deadline for applications is April 21. Each day will be filled with activities designed to help

Students will experience Family and Consumer Sciences in a college and career environment. The \$350 registration fee includes lodging, all activities, and meals. A deposit of \$100 is due with the application. The balance will be due May 19. 4-H'ers should complete and submit the Basic Arkansas Youth Application for 4-H Activities, FY4-H-655. They must also submit a brief paragraph telling why they are interested in attending Adventures in FCS. Complete details including details regarding the agenda, meals, and lodging are available at the Extension Office.

District BB-Q Broiler Participants Announced

Congratulations to Senior members Alysia and Shawn and Junior members Jeffery, Makenly and Elizabeth, who will be representing Lawrence County in Batesville on April 26 in the District BBQ Broiler Competition.

Richey Wins Alumni Search Contest

Shawn was the winner of the Retro Home Entertainment Center, which he received at the Centennial Program held on March 15. Inclement weather cancelled the Wagon Train portion of the event, but a large crowd was present for the meal and program. Thanks to all who helped with the event, especially Gail Rorex, Centennial Committee Chairperson and Jerry and Donna Moore, Wagon Train Chairpersons.

Leader's Training April 28 will be held at the Powhatan Community Center beginning at 6:30 p.m. All leaders are encouraged to make plans now to attend. Light refreshments will be available.

Wheless To Be Interviewed

Jessica was recently notified that she has been selected to serve as a 2008 State 4-H Teen Star and that she will be interviewed in Little Rock on June 11 as her next step in being selected to serve as a 4-H State Ambassador. Both are quite significant honors.

Journal Winners Announced

The State 4-H office has notified us that Jessica has been selected as one of the 2008 Advanced Journal Finalists. Winners of the Advanced Journals are not selected until they have gone through an interview process.

Jessica was the only Lawrence County 4-H'er whose journal placed beyond the county level this year. Her journal was in the field of "Arts and Humanities."

Willa Williams To Speak

Willa Williams from the 4-H State Office will be speaking to the Technology Club at their next meeting on April 8. She will be addressing upcoming robotic opportunities that the club might want to consider becoming involved in. Everyone is invited to attend. The club meets at the Extension Office at 4:30 p.m.



Casey enjoys the frosting



Alex has a big smile



Discovery Club poses for the camera



Jeffery & Joe help decorate



Dessert is pretty fancy



Shawn wins the Alumni Search Contest



Maxine Mize receives award for being the oldest alumni present at the 4-H Centennial Event