

## 4-H Clover News



# LAWRENCE COUNTY



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### UPCOMING LAWRENCE COUNTY 4-H EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

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- This year members are being asked to **pre-register** for the **County O-Rama** events in which they plan to compete. **Pre-registration will be open from March 1 – March 31.**
- **Registration** dates for the **County Poultry BB-Q Grilling** contest are **March 1 – 14**. The **contest** will be held on **Tuesday, April 5.**
- **March 1 – May 6** – Lawrence County 4-H Foundation Memorial Day **Boston Butt Advanced Ticket Sale Dates** (tickets can be sold by members, parents, leaders & volunteers)
- **March 1** – Final day to **register** on-line to attend **Advanced Camp Leadership Training** @ the 4-H Center in Ferndale (Senior's only)
- **March 1** – Final day to order **Poultry Chain** chicks
- **March 11 – 12** – **Advanced Camp Leadership Training**
- **March 28** – Final day to order seeds for the **Giant Pumpkin / Watermelon** contest
- **April Date TBA** – **District Poultry BB-Q Grilling Contest**
- **April 8 & 9** – **Lawrence County Spring Livestock Show**
- **April 18** – **County Poster Art Contest** Due Date
- **April 29** – **State WHEP Competition** in Little Rock
- **April 30** – **District BB-Q Contest**
- **April 30 & May 1** – **Western Wranglers Trail Ride & Cowboy Church**
- **May 7** – **County O-Rama**
- **May 23** – **County Ross Photo Contest** Due Date
- **May 30** – Extension Office Closed for Memorial Day
- **June 3** – Annual County **4-H Swim Night & Cookout** (rescheduled from Saturday, June 4)
- **June 8, 15, 22** – 4-H Sponsored **County Summer Day Camp**
- **June 9, 10, 11** – **YHEC**
- **June 16** – Delta District **Regional O-Rama** @ Forrest City
- **June 14 – 16** – **Teen Leader Conference**
- **June 21** – **District 4-H Horse Show**
- **June 20, 21, 22, 23** – **Forestry & Wildlife Camp**
- **July 8 & 9** – **Cloverbud Camp State Camp** @ Ferndale 4-H Center
- **July 11 – 13** – **Session II Junior & Adventure Challenge State Camps** @ Ferndale 4-H Center (this is the session Bryce plans on Lawrence County members attending)
- **July 12, 13, 14** – **State Horse Show**
- **July 14, 15, 16** – **Range Events**
- **July 19 – 22** – **State O-Rama** @ Fayetteville U of A Campus
- **August 16 – 20** – **Lawrence County Fair**

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All 4-H meetings and activities 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.

**LAWRENCE 4-H CLUB LEADER**  
**CONTACTS & Meeting Dates**

**TRAILBLAZERS: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday**

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**WESTERN WRANGLERS: 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday**

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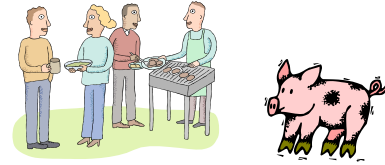
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**4-H BOSTON BUTT SALE**



Last year's Memorial Day Weekend 4-H Boston Butt sale went so well that it is going to be repeated again this year. Last year over 100 Smoked Boston Butts were sold and it is our goal to double that amount this year. The only way to meet this goal is for all 4-H members, leaders, and parents to get out and sell, sell, sell.

The \$25.00 Boston Butts will be sold through Advance orders only. Tickets will be ready by March club meetings so they can be distributed. The final day to place an order will be Wednesday, May 11. All members, leaders and parents are encouraged to begin making a list of people you can ask to support Lawrence County 4-H through their purchase.

The Boston Butts will be smoked and ready for pick-up between noon and 6:00 p.m. at the extension office on Friday, May 27.



**TIME TO ORDER YOUR SEEDS**  
**FOR THE GIANT PUMPKIN and**  
**WATERMELON CONTEST**



County 4-Her's interested in entering the State Fair Giant Pumpkin / Watermelon competition; or those with Gardening as their project work; or those just interested in gardening or just growing Giant Pumpkins and/or Watermelons need to contact Herb at the extension office, 870-886-3741. **March 28 will be the final day to order seeds.**

HINT: In order to grow the best pumpkins and watermelons you can, it is a good idea to have your soil tested, although it is not required. Soil testing is a free service through the extension office. It takes several weeks to get the results back. Call the extension office for complete details on how to take a soil sample.

**SHOOTING SPORTS CLUB**  
**CHANGES MEETING DAY**



The 4-H Shooting Sports Club meetings have been changed from the first Sunday to the second and fourth Sundays of each month. The meetings are held at the 4-H Building at the Black Rock Horse Arena and begin at 2:00 p.m.



## ANNUAL TRAIL RIDE DATES ARE SET BY WESTERN WRANGLERS



The Western Wranglers Horse & Livestock Club has set the dates of April 30 and May 1 for their annual Trail Ride & Cowboy Church. The ride is set to leave the Black Rock Horse Arena at 9:30 a.m. The cost is \$10.00 per rider. Primitive campsites will be available for an additional \$5.00. The ride will be on wooded trails, through open pastures and over creek crossings – no gravel roads will be traveled. The ride is appropriate for riders of all skill levels.

Lunch will be available at noon on Saturday for a \$5.00 donation. Cowboy Church will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday morning.

Negative coggins is required and red ribbons will be placed on kicking animals. No alcohol will be permitted on the grounds.

In case of rain the ride will be rescheduled for the week-end of May 14. Contact Donna Moore, 870-878-0033 or 870-878-1135, or Sandra McGinnis, 870-878-1019 or 870-886-3741, for more information or to register.



## COUNTY BB-Q BROILER & BB-Q TURKEY COMPETITION - APRIL 5 PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED



Registration dates for the County Poultry BB-Q Grilling contest are March 1 – 14. The contest will be held on Tuesday, April 5 at Lake Charles State Park Camp Grounds. Competitors can begin unloading their grills and equipment at 4:30 p.m.

At the County, District and State levels of competition, 4-H'ers will BB-Q two broiler halves and turn in the one of their choice for

judging competition. Broiler halves for competition weighing approximately 1½ pounds each will be provided. Contestants are allowed 1 hour and 30 minutes cooking time. One point for each 5 minutes over the allowed time will be deducted. There is a 30-minute time limit to obtaining your poultry product once the grills are allowed to be lit. **4-H'ers should bring their own grills, sauce, charcoal and starter, along with other necessary barbecuing items.**

4-H members may have coaching from their families, leaders and agents. Each contestant will be judged on the following:

- Personal appearance of contestant and cleanliness of operations
- Timing
- Equipment
- Starting and controlling fire
- Cooking skill
- Finished product — cooking time, appearance, taste.

Grilling tips and guidelines are available from the extension office for those who would like them. Call the extension office, 870-886-3741 to register and for more information.



## W.H.E.P. TEAMS FORMING



Are you interested in learning about wildlife? The 4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Program (WHEP) is a 4-H youth natural resource program dedicated to teaching wildlife management to Cloverbud, Junior and Senior level (ages 5-19) youth in Arkansas. Nationally, WHEP has earned a solid reputation for being a 4-H program that fosters relationships between youth, professional wildlife and fisheries biologists, agents, volunteers, parents, teachers, and farmers. Participants learn essential life skills such as oral and written communication and decision-making. Youth strengthen their self-concept and character through interaction with peers

and professionals from Arkansas and different parts of the country.

Arkansas WHEP improves understanding of wildlife and habitat management, and has led some youth to pursue wildlife careers. Understanding wildlife and our natural resources is something that every 4-H'er can benefit from. As one 12-year-old WHEP participant stated in his 4-H journal, "Even though I really enjoy sheep... I don't think I will continue to raise them in my later life. However, ever since I was really young, I have enjoyed wildlife and nature. For the past four years I have competed in the state WHEP contest. I like competing in WHEP because studying tracks, skins, and other animal signs is interesting. I actually do the management practices that I study about on our farm, like putting up bird feeders or planting mast trees. Most of all, I enjoy hiking in our woods. Every now and then I come across a track or hear a bird song, and because of what I've learned in WHEP, I can identify the animal."

Arkansas WHEP engages youth in learning about wildlife, habitats and habitat practices through local clubs coached by 4-H leaders. It is supported by a state-level practice session in February and a state contest in April or May. Arkansas WHEP handbooks and resources offer guidance about the Arkansas contest.

Arkansas WHEP is a multi-agency partnership program. It is coordinated by a steering committee comprised of county extension agents and specialists from the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service, wildlife educators and biologists from the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, U.S. Forest Service, Plum Creek and 4-H WHEP volunteer leaders.

If you did not get signed up in time to attend the February practice session but are interested in participating it is not too late but you need to contact Bryce at the extension office, 870-886-3741, as soon as possible.



## 4-H ROSS PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST



The Ross Foundation 4-H Photography Contest provides an opportunity for Arkansas 4-H'ers to demonstrate, compete, and exhibit their photography skills. All 4-H members ages 5 – 19 are eligible to compete at the county level. Cloverbud photos are entered for county participation only. First place photos submitted by members ages 9 – 19 will be entered in the state contest.

The contest consists of four (4) categories: Color Living · Color Non-Living · Black & White Living · Black & White Non-Living

Photographs entered in the Ross Foundation 4-H Photography Contest must meet these guidelines:

- All photos that are exclusively plant-life (*bushes, flowers, trees, etc...*) should be entered in the "non-living" category. The "living" category is intended for people and animals.
- All scenes or subjects must be in Arkansas.
- Must have been taken during the current contest year.
- An 8X10 print is required for judging. (*Negative or computer disk containing image MUST accompany photograph*).
- Only one version of each photo can be entered.
- Use of photo editing is limited to "darkroom techniques" (*cropping, dodging and burning, saturation, exposure*).

Note: Photos thought to be outside the above criteria may be removed from consideration without the entrant being notified.

**At the county level** – each 4-H member may enter a unique, original photo into each category. Four county winners are selected – one in each category. The county deadline to enter photographs is May 23.

**At the state level** – County winners are submitted for consideration at the state level. First, second, and third place winners are selected in each category by judges. From those, a Best of Exhibit will be chosen. State winners will be framed and exhibited at the C.A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center and other locations.

**Cash awards are presented to winners.**

- Winning photos in each of the four categories at the county level receive \$10.
- State winners in each of the four categories receive:
  - \$200 – First Place
  - \$100 – Second Place
  - \$50 – Third Place
- Best of Exhibit wins an additional \$100

**Tips for entries:**

- Be sure the date stamp isn't printed on the photo.
- Shoot in a high resolution digital file (*for digital cameras*).
- Find a "focus" for each photo, something that draws your eye.
- Explore your community and get away from the beaten path.
- Keep your images sharp by using a tripod, two hands or leaning on something.
- Be creative, find original and interesting angles.

## **COUNTY O-RAMA - MAY 7<sup>th</sup>**



**REMINDER...**March is the County O-Rama registration month.

This year, County O-Rama's competitive scoring will only be completed on 4-H members who pre-register for the events in which they plan to compete. Awards will only be presented to members who participate competitively. To pre-register members should contact their club leader or the extension office, 870-886-3741, anytime before March 31.

O-Rama is a set of 4-H competitions that allow you to display the skills and

knowledge you have gained in your 4-H project work. There are a number of different competitions that you can choose to participate in. Here is list of the different competitions in which you can participate:

### **Illustrated Talks & Demos**

Each illustrated talk & demonstration must follow the guidelines set up for the specific topic area. Junior talks are 2-5 minutes in length, while senior talks are 5-8 minutes. Unless noted, each talk must have a visual aid of some sort such as posters or a PowerPoint presentation. Listed here are the areas you can choose from:

- **Agribusiness**
- **Animal Science**
- **Citizenship**
- **Consumer Economics**
- **Entomology**
- **Environmental Stewardship**
- **Food Fair**
- **Health**
- **Horse**
- **Human Development**
- **Pet Care**
- **Veterinary Science**
- **Safety**
- **Public Speaking (no visuals)**

### **Other Events**

- **Ornamental Horticulture**

This contest concentrates on helping 4-Hers learn to identify a variety of plants and trees.

- **Crop & Seed ID**

This contest helps 4-Hers learn to identify seed and judge farm crops for their quality and market value. The crops included are oats, soybeans, fescue, rice, cotton, hay and grain sorghum. The seeds are not limited to these crops.

- **Bicycle**

This contest allows 4-Hers to demonstrate their knowledge of the bicycle and the rules associated with its operation as well as demonstrate their skills in bicycle riding.

- **Entomology Collection**

This contest is judged on the quality of an entomology collection created by the 4-H member. Junior 4-Hers' collections must contain a minimum of 15 adult insects from a

minimum of 5 orders, while Senior 4-Hers' collections must contain a minimum of 25 adult insects from a minimum of 9 orders.

- **Bait Casting & Game Fish Identification**

This competition requires each contestant to demonstrate their accuracy in casting. Each contestant will also identify 5 common Arkansas game fish. Senior 4-Hers will identify an additional 5 fish as well as 5 anatomical parts of a fish.

- **Fashion Revue: Constructed & Fashion Revue: Purchased**

These activities consist of a short presentation and modeling of garments constructed or purchased by the 4-Her.

- **Forestry**

This competition includes tree identification and measure the diameter and merchantable height of trees.

- **Gun Safety/BB Gun Marksmanship**

This contest includes a BB gun target shooting component and a brief examination on safe gun handling, proper care of guns, and rules of gun safety.

- **Grassland Plant ID**

This contest concentrates on helping 4-Hers learn identification of common plants found in grasslands and pastures.

- **Performing Arts: Vocal**
- **Performing Arts: Instrumental**
- **Performing Arts: Dance**

These events allow 4-Hers to display their performing abilities through a 5 minute performance done either solo or in a group of up to 8 4-H members.

- **Reel Into Sport Fishing**

This event involves tackle and fish identification, water safety, aquatic ecology, know information about specific Arkansas fish species and determine the best location and equipment to catch each.

Once you decide which events you want to compete in [contact us](#) at the extension office. We can help you with securing resources to succeed in your contest. If you have any questions about O-Rama or the events, contact the extension office at 870-886-3741.

## 4-H POSTER ART CONTEST

It's time again to think about entering the Lawrence County 4-H Poster Art Contest. There will be two age categories: Cloverbud, ages 5 – 8 and Junior/Senior, ages 9 – 19. The winning poster in the Junior/Senior category will be entered in the State 4-H Poster Art Contest. All entries will be recognized at the Annual County 4-H Awards Banquet. All entries must be **14" x 22"** in dimension and be vertical or horizontal. Posters may be any medium including cut & paste, watercolor, ink, crayon, charcoal, oils or collage. They may not be 3 dimensional and may not contain any copyrighted material such as cartoon characters. The theme of the poster should be "Promoting 4-H". Sample posters will be given to leaders at the February 28 Leaders Training.

The 4-H member's name, age, county, full address, and a brief interpretation of the art work must be affixed to the back of the poster in the upper left hand corner (a 3" x 5" index card may be used. The deadline to submit entries is April 18.



## Volunteer Leader Opportunities



- February 28: Volunteer Leader/Parent Training @ the Powhatan Community Center – 6:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided so **please RSVP** by calling the extension office, 870-886-3741.
- April 15 – 16: 4-H Spring Volunteer Leaders & Parent Forum @ the C.A. Vines 4-H Center, Little Rock. Contact Mary Crumley, Secretary, 479-443-4902, [crumleymom@yahoo.com](mailto:crumleymom@yahoo.com) to register or for more information.