

4-H Clover Days

2008 Perry County Fair

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The 2008 Perry County Fair & Livestock Show was a great success! I would like to thank all of the parents and youth for your good attitudes during the fair and for working through the changes that were made this year. I think that all of the kids did a good job with their animals, and the results show. As we begin the new year, I would like to remind everyone that the fair planning process is ongoing. I will be asking all of the clubs to select a representative for the livestock committee. Our first committee meeting will be in November. So, you need to decide pretty soon who your representative will be from your club. If you have any suggestions on how to make the show better, let your representative know so that we can discuss it during our meeting. Some of the highlights of this year's fair include:

Scramble Winners:

Chicken

Cloverbuds – J. Harwell, L. Nutt, T. Nutt, A. Herman, A.

Patterson, H. Harris, C. Harris, Z. Lawson, A. and R. Mann

Juniors – H. Nutt, A. Patterson, D. Casey, K. Bull, H. Bunch, S. Jacot, T., J. Nutt and J. Testerman

Pig

Cloverbuds – A. Curtis and J. Harwell

Juniors – J. Testerman and J. Shadell

Senior – M. Riggins

Calf

Junior – E. Moore

Grand Champions in the Show Ring:

Beef Female – C. Ruff

Beef Male – B. Smith

Dairy Female – H. Nutt

Dairy Male – H. Nutt

Meat Goat Doe – C. Pelham

Meat Goat Buck – S. Jacot

Dairy Goat Doe – J. Harwell

Dairy Goat Buck – A. Jacot

Wool Sheep Ewe – R. Mann

Wool Sheep Ram – R. Mann

Hair Sheep Ewe – D. Casey

Hair Sheep Ram – D. Casey

Breeding Gilt – W. Wright

Market Steer – C. Brixey

Market Heifer – W. Wright

Market Pig – W. Wright

Market Lamb – S. McGehee

Market Goat – C. Casey

Pony Halter – C. Hoyt

Mare – M. Frey

Gelding – B. Hoyt

Poultry Chain Red – E. Moore

Poultry Chain White – D. Mann

Teen Leaders

4-H Teen Leaders (members who are at least 13 years of age or in at least the 7th grade) from all clubs throughout the county will meet **Tuesday, September 30**, at 6:00 p.m. at the Perry County Fairgrounds. We will be working on the Club Fair and the Centennial Awards Banquet.

National 4-H Conference

The National 4-H Conference is an annual event planned and conducted by the National 4-H Headquarters located in the Families, 4-H and Nutrition unit of the Cooperatives State Research, Education and Extension Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The purpose of the conference is to solicit input from a diverse cross-section of the Cooperative Extension System to strengthen and expand the 4-H Youth Development program at local, state and national levels. This event brings together youth, volunteer leaders and state and county Extension staff members from across the U. S., its territories and the Canadian Provinces.

The conference will be held **March 28 – April 2, 2009**, at the National 4-H Center in Washington, D. C.

Applicants must be at least 16 years of age by January 1 of current calendar year and not have had their 19th birthday by January 1 of next year. Each county may nominate one 4-H member.

The program cost per delegate is \$210. Applications and payment are due to the state 4-H office on **October 1, 2008**.

Club Fair

The 4th Annual 4-H Club Fair will be held on **Monday, October 6**, from 6:00–7:00 p.m. at the Perry County Fairgrounds. Each club needs to have a booth set up with members and/or leaders to staff it. This is the time to fill out your renewal forms and for new members to join. Each club is asked to bring drinks and/or chips. Petit Jean Meat has graciously agreed to provide the hot dogs again this year.

2008 Awards and Achievement Banquet

Mark your calendars NOW for the banquet. It will be held on **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30**, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Perry County Fairgrounds. The theme is “4-H Is Having a Birthday Party.” The Teen Leaders are working hard to make this a very special and very fun banquet that you’ll always remember! Each family is once again asked to bring a vegetable or casserole dish and/or drinks for the banquet.

Halloween Carnival

Woodmen of the World will have their annual Halloween Carnival on **Halloween night** this year from 6:00–9:00 p.m. at the Perry gym. 4-H Clubs have been invited to participate in the carnival again this year. If your club wants to set up a booth at the carnival, call Vernell Middleton at 662-4742.

New 4-H Year!

Can you believe we have already passed another year in 4-H? What an exciting and fun-filled year we’ve had in 2008! September 30 marks the end of the 2008 year in 4-H. Every year, each member must complete a new enrollment application. We will be offering the annual “special incentive” for the first club to renew 100% of its members and for all clubs that renew at least 90% by the **October 1 deadline**.

Due October 15 – NO EXCEPTIONS!

Your completed Secretary Book, your completed Treasurer’s Book and your Financial Report (accurate) are due to the county office. Leaders, please remind your officers.

You need to start your new year off by setting a date for your club officer elections and begin thinking about your goal(s) for 2009. Please remember that holding an office is a privilege and a “responsibility.” In most things, it is acceptable to “do what you can do,” but 4-H’ers are held to a higher standard. 4-H officers should be at every club meeting (unless there is an unavoidable reason). In the event that officers cannot make it, they should accept the responsibility of making sure there is a replacement for their duties. Elections may be held in late September or in October.

4-H Day at the State Fair!

4-H Day at the State Fair will be held on **Saturday, October 18**. Activity chairmen include: Laura Connerly, Consumer Judging; Willa Williams, iRobot; Dr. John Hopkins, Entomology Exhibits; Jerry Wooley, Poultry BBQ; Steve Jones, Livestock Skills; State 4-H Officers, 4-H STEM. Come by the Extension office for more information.

Great Arkansas Clean Up

Each year, Arkansans improve the environmental quality of their communities by volunteering in the Great Arkansas Clean Up. Many of our 4-H clubs already participate in “Keep Arkansas Beautiful” and have a part of highway mileage they are responsible for maintaining. This year’s fall cleanup campaign will run from **September 6 – November 29**.

All communities across Arkansas are encouraged to become involved in this annual litter pick-up event. To learn more about organizing a cleanup event in your community, or to volunteer in a local event, please visit KeepArkansasBeautiful.com, call toll free at 888-742-8701 or email pickuparktreresa@sbcglobal.net.

4-H Committee Meeting

As we discussed in the August newsletter, letters were mailed to all County Extension Council members along with the 4-H committees about the upcoming meeting. It is being held on **Monday, September 29**. If you are on this committee, we encourage you to be present for this important meeting. Call Ed if you have any questions.

October 5-11 is National 4-H Week! October is also National 4-H Month!

Start planning now for ways to promote 4-H in your community and the county. The 2008 National 4-H Week theme is “Keeping It Green.” With 4-H’s connection to environmental efforts, youth participating in environmental science and 4-H’s green brand logo, “Keeping It Green” shows how 4-H is bridging old ideas with new to teach youth environmental stewardship and connecting youth to science-related

issues. I will have posters, sample news releases, bookmarks, stickers, etc., for your club to use in its promotion of 4-H week and month. We also have some new enrollment forms – come by and check them out.

Because Arkansas is also celebrating its 100th birthday in 2008, we will actually celebrate 4-H month in Perry County this year and will have Centennial activities and events throughout the month (October). Watch the local news and newsletters and emails for all the specifics!

Officer Training

We will be providing L. O. T. S. (Local Officer Training School) for all club officers on **Thursday, October 23**, from 6:00–8:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Club and county officers should attend the meeting to learn how to properly do their jobs.

Leader Training

We will be conducting a leader training meeting for all volunteer leaders on **Tuesday, October 26**, at the Perryville United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Please make plans now to attend. We will be discussing several important issues.

Poster Contest

The Great Arkansas Clean Up (GAC) is kicked off on September 6 and will run through November. This year’s GAC is bringing back the Youth Poster Contest for students in grades Kcc5. Keep Arkansas Beautiful and the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service are sponsoring the poster contest to involve students, increase awareness and educate the public that litter and using illegal dumping sites have a harmful effect on the environment and Arkansas’ quality of life. The poster contest can also emphasize the positive effects of recycling and beautification (tree planting, butterfly gardening and flower gardening). Prizes will be awarded in two divisions: Grades K–2 and Grades 3–5. All entries are due on **November 1**.

2009 Kansas City Global Conference

The dates for the 2009 Kansas City Global Conference in Kansas City, Missouri, are **March 18 – 21**. Applicants must be 15 years of age by January 1 of 2009. Speakers, workshops and tours vary from year to year, so youth who have attended before may apply again. The cost is \$385 per delegate. All applications are due in the state 4-H office **November 3, 2008**.

Premium Sale

We will be mailing out the thank you lists and invoices for the premium sale this coming week. We hope that you will take the time to sit down and write a thank you letter to all the people who supported the 2008 Youth Premium Sale. As soon as all monies have been collected, checks will be mailed. No checks will be mailed until all money is received. If you haven't paid for the premium sale, please try to do so as soon as possible.

Hopefully, everyone will get their money turned in quickly because we know that several of you will be using it to participate in the state fair.

Club News

St. Boniface – Fellowship Hall. Contact person is Juanita Nutt at 759-2399.

Perryville – The next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, October 20, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. Contact is Terri Tolley at 889-5670.

Toad Suck – The next monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 14, at the Bigelow Community Center. Contact is Tara Rappold at 759-3051.

Lucky Livestock – Contact person is Tammy Wright at 889-4001.

Rose Creek – The next monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 7, at 7:00 p.m. at the Rose Creek community building. Contact person is Susan M^cGehee at 662-4880.

Horse – The next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, October 13, at First Electric. Contact person is Vickie Hawkins at 889-2845.

Wildlife – The next monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 4, at the Perry County Extension Office. Contact person is Ed Brown at 889-2661.

Bigelow School – Contact person is Clyde West at 759-2176. This club meets during regular school hours as part of the Bigelow FFA program.

Teen Leaders – the next monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 30, at 6:00 p.m. at the WOW building in Perry. They will also meet on Monday, October 6, at the Perry County Fairgrounds after the club fair. Contact person is Susan M^cGehee at 662-4880.

Houston – Contact person is Kevin Lawson at 889-4575.

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Calendar of Events

September Activities/Events

29 4-H subcommittee meeting
30 Teen Leader Meeting

October Due Dates

1 National Conference
15 Financial Report
15 Treasurer's Report
15 Secretary's Book

October Activities/Events

1 New Year in 4-H!
1-31 National 4-H Month
5-11 National 4-H Week
6 Annual Club Fair
10 State Fair Begins
18 4-H Day @ State Fair
23 Officer Training
26 Leader Training
30 Awards Banquet
31 Halloween Carnival

November Due Dates

1 Poster Contest Entries
3 Kansas City Entries

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Club and Contact Info

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Lucky Livestock	Tammy Wright	889-2098
Bigelow School	Clyde West	759-2176
Rose Creek	Susan M ^c Gehee	662-4880
Perryville	Terri Tolley	889-5670
Shooting Sports	Ed Brown	889-2661
Horse & Pony	Vickie Hawkins	889-2845
Wildlife	Ed Brown	889-2661
Toad Suck	Tara Rappold	759-3051
	Tammy Bunch	889-5543
Teen Leaders	Susan M ^c Gehee	662-4880
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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. All meeting places meet ADA requirements.

“Even if something is left undone, everyone must take time to sit still and watch the leaves turn.”

Birthdays for October . . . Happy Birthday!

I. Runnels	15	October 1	Perryville
H. Rogers	12	October 2	Horse
J. Harris	12	October 3	Horse
M. Clark	8	October 4	St. Boniface
J. Harrison	18	October 4	Toad Suck
S. Powell	6	October 8	Rose Creek
J. Harwell	9	October 17	Perryville
C. Curtis	13	October 25	WHEP

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