

“4-H NOTES & QUOTES”

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The 4-H Motto:

“To make the best better”

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4-H POULTRY CHAIN

Arkansas County 4-H'ers participating in the 4-H Poultry Chain are: Samantha R., Kalli S., Kayla S., Daniel M., Riley M., Cody J., and Julie C. Participants will receive 25 white leghorn one-day old chickens, for which they will be responsible for caring for and keeping records. 4-H'ers agree to return four of the chicks to the county during the County Fair. Chicks are scheduled to arrive on Tuesday, April 8.



GIANT PUMPKIN & WATERMELON SEEDS

Call now if you want to participate in the 4-H Pumpkin or Watermelon Contest. Seeds will be available from the Extension Office with instructions for planting, cultivating, fertilizing, etc. Planting dates are from May 1 – 31 to harvest by fair time. Reserve your seed now; deadline is Friday, April 11.

4-H CENTENNIAL T-SHIRTS

4-H Centennial T-shirts are available to order through the County Extension Office. Orders and payment must be made to the County Extension Office by April 25.

Centennial Logo T-Shirts

- Natural color (Ivory) short sleeve shirt
- Centennial Logo on left chest, 4-H clover on left sleeve, large Centennial logo on back (see above for logo details)
- S–XL \$8; 2XL \$10; 3XL \$10



4-H SHOOTING SPORTS KICKS OFF

Arkansas County Shooting Sports practice has begun. Kids ages 9-19 are eligible to participate in 4-H Shooting Sports. Competitions will be held in June and July at the 4-H Center in Ferndale. If you are interested in the Shooting Sports program, please call Carly at the Extension Office at 946-3231 or 673-2346.

4-H LEADERS/OFFICERS MEETING

Please make plans to attend the 4-H Leaders/Officers meeting on Monday, May 5 at 5:00 p.m. at the Extension Office in DeWitt.

CLOVER COUNTRY CD

4-H's Clover Country CD is now available! Some of country music's biggest stars have come together in a new country compilation CD aimed at generating awareness and support for 4-H! The album is now available for sale through www.countryclovercd.com (via the 4-H Mall).

The CD has already been featured in more than 30 print, online, radio and TV media outlets, including a feature on CMT Insider which will be available for viewing, along with all of the media clips about Clover Country, which can be accessed through the Clover Country website soon!

Check out the county website at <http://www.uaex.edu/arkansas>

ARKANSAS 4-H OUTLOOK

The Arkansas 4-H Outlook is a way to advise the public about youth and 4-H opportunities. The newsletter is located at: <http://www.kidsarus.org/newsletters/Outlook/default.htm>

4-H METHOD DEMONSTRATION



The 4-H Method Demonstration and Illustrated Talk Activity was held at Arkansas County Farm Bureau in DeWitt. Tanner C., Human Development was the Jr. Sweepstakes winner.

Stacey B., Safety was the Sr. Sweepstakes winner. Other participating 4-H'ers were: Britton P., Taven C., Kalli S., Kailyn F., Daniel R., Daniel M., Charli W., Will P. and Samantha R.

4-H ACHIEVEMENT BANQUET HONOREES

Congratulations to 4-H'ers honored for their 4-H project work. Cadets – Breanna M., Will P., Samantha R.; Beginners – Tanner C., Taven C., Kailyn F., Britton P.; Intermediate – Daniel M., Daniel R., Charli W.; Advanced – Stacey B., Jena L., Trevor N., Colbie P. Daniel R. was named 2008 Jr. County Champion and Stacey B. was named 2008 Sr. County Champion.

RICE FOR DUCKS

Congratulations to State Rice for Ducks Winners representing Arkansas County: Lauren H., Sr. 1st place and Britton P., Jr. 2nd place.

SCOTT TRACTOR COMPANY 4-H SCHOLARSHIP

The Scott Tractor Company awards a local 4-H scholarship each year for a graduating senior. Recipient selection is based on the student's interest and desire to be a part of the 4-H program as well as other community and school activities. Applications are available from the County Extension Office and are due by April 1.

Community Conservation Project

Remember to continue saving aluminum cans and bring them to the Extension Office. This has been a great 4-H community conservation project!

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

There is a wonderful state community service opportunity for a select few 4-H members. The Arkansas Adult 4-H Volunteer Leaders Association is having a Centennial Celebration on April 18 at the C.A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center. This will be a served meal for invited dignitaries! They are offering twenty lucky 4-H members, ages 14 and up, the opportunity to provide service as servers. Listed are details: Servers need to wear black pants or a black skirt and black dress shoes. Servers also need to wear a white button down dress shirt. Servers will need to meet with Teresa Withers at 4:00 p.m. that afternoon (Friday, April 18). Those 4-H members that are attending the conference may also serve, but will not get a reduction in registration

fees. All servers will be able to eat after serving the guests. Servers will need to be at least 14 years old. If you would like to serve, contact the county Extension Office now.

RURAL ELECTRIC YOUTH TOUR TO WASHINGTON D.C.

First Electric Cooperative is pleased to announce that for the 19th year, they will sponsor five area students to participate in the Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington D.C. This all-expense paid trip will involve over 1,400 youth from across the nation in touring our nation's capital June 11–19. Winners are determined by an application and a short essay. This year's essay topic is "Discuss the significance and/or impact of renewable energy in the United States." Applications and essays are due April 4. To participate in the contest, the students must be a high school junior and their parents must be members of the First Electric Cooperative. More information is available at www.firstelectric.coop.

In addition, First Electric is accepting applications for the 2008 scholarship program. Five \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to area high school seniors. To apply, seniors must be scheduled to graduate in the spring of 2008, and their parents must be members of First Electric Cooperative. More information is available at www.firstelectric.coop.

M*A*S*H – MEDICAL APPLICATION OF SCIENCE FOR HEALTH

M*A*S*H stimulates young people to apply scientific concepts to the health care field. Through a variety of experiences, high school students interact with different health care experts during a two-week program at Stuttgart Regional Medical Center. For more information, contact your school counselor.

POSTER ART CONTEST

The 2008 4-H Poster Art contest is open to all 4-H members for county judging and ages 9–19 for state judging. Posters should be 14" x 22" in dimension and may be horizontal or vertical. Posters may be any art medium, including watercolor, ink, crayon, acrylic, charcoal, oils or collage. They cannot contain any copyrighted material such as cartoon characters and cannot have any three-dimensional items on them. The themes for 2008 are as follows: 4-H: Wired for Success, Open theme (create a poster and theme to go with it). Posters should be submitted to the County Extension Office by April 25.

CLOVER CORNER NEWS

Check out the March edition of Clover Corner News, 4-H's national online newsletter, at: www.4hblogs.org/ccn

NATIONAL 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

The National 4-H Council needs winning photos from state and county fairs (2003–2008) to create the 2010 4-H Calendar. Thirteen photographs will be selected. These original photographs will be gallery mounted and framed and a brass plate engraved with the title and photographer's name will be attached. The winning photos will be on display at the National 4-H Conference Center from September 2008 through November 2008 and also posted on the web site www.4-hmall.org. If you have winning photos to enter, contact the Extension Office.

HAVE YOUR STORY FEATURED IN THE 2010 NATIONAL 4-H CALENDAR

National 4-H Supply Service wants you to tell why 4-H is important to you, and the National 4-H Supply Service may use your story for the 2010 National 4-H Calendar. You could receive a free \$10 gift certificate good towards a future purchase from the 4-H Source Book just for sending us your submission. Please limit your story to 250 words. Ask yourself who, what, where, why and how questions to make your story come alive with meaningful detail. Twelve stories - one for each month of the year - will be featured in the 2010 National 4-H Calendar. For more information, contact the Extension Office.

4-H EVENTS

Arkansas County 4-H Camp Scholarships Available

The following is a quick reference for upcoming 4-H state camps and events. For more information, contact the Arkansas County Extension Office.



*Remember county scholarships are available for those qualifying, whereby the County 4-H Foundation will pay ¾ of the expenses for one camp per year.

State 4-H Horse Conference

The 2008 State 4-H Horse Conference has been re-scheduled for April 25–26, at the C. A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center. Session I will be on Friday with the Individual Presentation, Team Presentation and Public Speaking Contest. Session II will be on Saturday. Workshops planned will focus on feeding management with rising feed prices, general horse health, environmentally friendly horseback riding, new resources for horse knowledge, and horsemanship. Weather permitting, there will be live horse demonstrations. Registration fees are: Friday Night Lodging & Conference, \$45 and Saturday Conference, only \$30 per participant. (County 4-H scholarships are available.) Registration and fees are due in the County Office by April 10. *County scholarship are available to those qualifying.

Adventures in FCS -- Discover the innovative field of Family and Consumer Science. Adventures in FCS is a week-long summer camp for senior 4-H

members ages 15–18 at the School of Human Environmental Science at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. Dates are: July 7–11. Each day will be filled with activities to help students experience Family and Consumer Sciences in a college and career environment. Lodging will be on campus in the Inn at Carnall Hall. A \$100 state scholarship for each 4-H'er drops the cost of this event to \$250, which includes lodging, all activities, and most meals. Application and fees are due on April 25. *County scholarships are available to those qualifying.

Poultry Science Youth Conference -- The Center of Excellence for Poultry Science at the University of Arkansas is conducting the 12th Annual Poultry Science Youth Conference, July 15–18. The purpose of this activity is to familiarize high school juniors and senior with poultry science, careers and industry. For more information, contact the County Extension Office by May 1.

The Horsemen's Workshop -- *All horse owners and enthusiasts are invited to participate in the Horsemen's Workshops featuring presentations on:* Western Horseman by Fran Smith, Special Guest; Basic Horsemanship Needs; Performance Needs; and Other group discussions held on Saturday, April 5 at the Arkansas State Fairgrounds, Little Rock. Activities begin at 10:00 a.m. and conclude at 4 p.m. The event is sponsored by Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation and the U of A Cooperative Extension Service. The registration fee is \$15.

4th Annual 4-H Youth & Family 5K Trial Run/Walk

-- The 4th Annual 4-H 5K Trail Run/Walk will be held on Saturday, April 29 at 9:00 a.m. at the C.A. Vines 4-H Center. The purpose of the 4-H 5K Trail Run/Walk is to promote healthy living. The health and well-being of youth is a main focus of 4-H. This event is just one step to encourage active living whether it is walking or running as a fun and family activity. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Registration fees are: In Advance: \$5 for Youth or \$15 for Adults; Day of Race \$10 for Youth or \$20 for Adults.



Pride of Gillett 4-H Club

The Pride of Gillett 4-H Club met on January 31. Alta Lockley, 4-H Program Assistant presented the *Health Rocks!* Program "Head vs. Heart" focusing on the powerful influence that emotions have on decision making. Youth explored feelings related to different situations including those involving tobacco, alcohol, and drugs. The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 2 at 3:30 p.m. at Gillett Elementary School.

Spirit of '76 4-H Club

During the February meeting, Spirit of '76 4-H members enjoyed stuffing 24 dozen eggs with candy and donating them to the Grand Prairie Ruritan Club for the Community Egg Hunt at DeWitt City Park. Kalli demonstrated how to make a friendship bracelet, then passed out supplies so everyone could make their own. Haley, Daniel and Mimi also gave project reports. Kailyn showed how to make an Ivy-Covered Rock Ball at the March meeting, and Taven and Heather gave project reports. Members then walked to Crestpark Retirement Inn and planted three crapemyrtle bushes in observance of Arbor Day. The next meeting will be April 23.

Teen Leaders 4-H Club

Arkansas County 4-H Teen Leaders Stacey B. and Leslie J. presented *Health Rocks! - Stress: Strategies to Reduce Every Single Struggle* for Wise Choices after school students at DeWitt Elementary School on March 26. *Health Rocks!* is a program sponsored by the National 4-H Council. The goal of the program is to help reduce youth tobacco, alcohol, and drug use.

Arkansas County 4-H offers its programs to all eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, gender, age, or disability.

Sincerely,

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What is 4-H?

4-H is the youth development program conducted by the University of Arkansas, Division of Agriculture, Cooperative Extension Service. 4-H members can select from many activities in 82 project areas ranging from automotive to clothing to space camp.

Adult leaders, trained by county Cooperative Extension Service Faculty, teach projects to children using the "learn-by-doing" method. 4-H teaches leadership, citizenship, and skills that children will use through out their lives. Each year Arkansas 4-H youth receive more than \$80,000 in college scholarships at the state level for their 4-H work. Some scholarships are available at the county level.

4-H Mission

The mission of 4-H is to provide opportunities for youth to acquire knowledge, develop life skills, form attitudes, and practice behavior that will enable them to become self directing, productive, and contributing members of society.

4-H Is...

A non-formal educational program that is community-based and locally-determined. It is primarily group-focused, family-oriented and volunteer-operated. It is coordinated by professional Extension faculty.

Emblem

The 4-H emblem is a four-leaf clover with the letter "H" on each leaf. The letters in the emblem stands for Head, Heart, Hands, and Health – the foundation of all 4-H programs.

Pledge

I pledge:
My Head to clearer thinking
My Heart to greater loyalty
My Hands to larger service
My Health to better living for my club, my community, my country, and my world.

Educational Philosophy

Experiential education – learn by doing.

Motto

To make the best better was suggested by Miss Carrie Harrison of USDA and adopted by a committee of state and national leaders in 1912. Colors Green—nature's most common color, symbolizes springtime, life and youth. White – symbolizes purity and high ideals.



May 29
June 20
July 23–25

4-H Rally Day
SE District O'Rama
State O'Rama