

Cloverpatch buzz-z Independence County 4-H Newsletter

April, 2008

To All 4-H Members:

Congratulations – to our 4-H Journal WINNERS!

Those winning District 4-H Journals are:

The Beginner winners are:

Tanner M.	Health	Livestock Club
Kate S.	Public Speaking	Sulphur Rock Chess Club
Jackson M.	Animal Science – Beef	Livestock Club

The Intermediate winners are:

Cecile H.	Clothing	Diamond T Club/Livestock
Kendall C.	Gardening & Horticulture	Shooting Sports

The Advanced 4H Journal finalist is:

Laman F.	Batesville Club
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RACHEL B., Newark Club, won the Oaklawn Jockey Club/Arkansas Livestock Show Association State Scholarship Award.

STATE SPRING LIVESTOCK SHOW – LITTLE ROCK

The State Spring Livestock Show will be May 1st -May 4th at the State Fairgrounds in Little Rock. Registration forms will be on the State Fair Website (www.asfq.net), and all forms will be on line. Online registration deadline is midnight April 18, 2008. Late registration with additional fee is midnight, April 25th.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING CAMP – June 9–11, Fayetteville

If interested, see Nathan for details and forms. You may attend as your Summer Camp and go free of charge, if you turned in a record book and participated in 4 county activities.

\$500 CATTLEMEN'S SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are due April 15 for the Independence/Jackson Cattlemen's Scholarship. Your parents should be members of the Cattlemen's Association to be eligible. For more information, contact the Extension Office, or Sue Billiot at the First Southern Bank.

University of Arkansas, United States Department of Agriculture and County Governments Cooperating.

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4-H ACTIVITY DAY:

The last of seven 4-H activities for points this year will be **Activity Day Tuesday, APRIL 22.** Contests will begin at 5:30 p.m. at Southside Middle School.

Parents: We need two volunteer adults to assist with keeping the 4-H members quiet and where they are supposed to be while we conduct the contests.

Seed Identification: 4-H 'ers will identify a variety of common seeds. If you would like to come in and study the seeds, you can. (After school may be good.)

Ornamental Horticulture Identification: 4-H'ers will identify common ornamental horticulture plants. Garden flowers, foliage plants, landscape plants, and trees could be included for identification.

Tree Identification: A total of 20 trees will be identified. A study book is available at the county Extension Office.

There's a CD study guide for the above 3 contests available at the Extension Office. If you can, bring a blank CD to trade.

Entomology: Collection boxes need to be turned in April 18 before 4:30 p.m. These will be judged before April 22. They can be picked up the 22.

Dairy Foods Contests: Participants must be 4th – 12th grade. This contest will consist of two categories: Party Ideas and Main Dish, but you may enter only one category.

Bring one copy of your recipe, and the dish prepared by the 4-H'er. Entries are judged on the use of milk and dairy foods, originality of recipe, clearness and accuracy of recipe, ready availability of ingredients, and original ideas for serving. Please pick up complete list of rules at the Extension Office. Dairy dishes will not be accepted after 6:00 p.m. for any reason. First place winners will receive a GIFT from Farm Bureau.

STATE OFFICER: AMBASSADORS MAY RUN FOR STATE OFFICE.

Officer Election applications are due in the Extension Office April 23.

Independence County Ambassadors (for 1 year) are qualified for these leadership positions. Come in and get an application and start campaigning before Teen Leader Conference. YOU might just WIN!

SENIOR CAMP - * * * * TEEN LEADER CONFERENCE * * * *

DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR the Teen Leader Conference will be March 26. Remember the cost of TLC will be paid, if you've done your activities and record book but transportation to and from the camp is on your own.

WATERMELON & PUMPKINS:

Sign up for Giant Watermelon and Pumpkin seed – deadline March 26. Call or come by the Extension Office to register for seed. Each are \$1 per package.

4-H CENTENNIAL FAMILY FUN DAY

YOU'RE ALL INVITED TO A SPECIAL AFTERNOON OF FUN AND GAMES!!!!

RIVERSIDE PARK, SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 3:00 to ?????, MAY 31, 2008

Leaders: We're going to have a 4-H Family Fun Day at the big pavilion and area at Riverside Park. There'll be fun games and good grilled hamburgers, hot dogs with the trimmings, and drinks for all. We will need to know how many from your club will attend so we'll know how much food will be needed. Encourage your club members so we'll have a great turn out and a fun time together.

We will need some help with serving and games. If you have an idea for fun game or race, or would like to direct a game, please let us know. This would be a great leadership opportunity!

*** REMINDERS ***



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| March 26 | Applications due are: Spring Leader Retreat, Teen Leader Conference, Wildlife Habitat State Contest, Hall of Fame Nominations, Hall of Fame Banquet servers, and Pumpkin & Watermelon requests, Meat Goat Conference. |
| April 22 | Activity Night , SOUTHSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Beginning at 5:30 P.M. |
| April 23 | Ambassador Re-certification, Forestry Contest, Forestry & Wildlife Camp, State Officer Election, YHEC/Shooting Sports, National 4H Congress Delegate, Poster Art Entries, CWF Final Payment. |
| April 26 | District Broiler Barbecue-Independence County Fairgrounds |
| May 1 | Deadline to let Extension Office know if having a Fair 4-H Club Educational Booth |
| May 15 | Leaders Meeting @ Extension Office 6:00 p.m. |
| June 9-11 | JR. CAMP , Ferndale 4-H Center |
| June 19 | Regional O'Rama – Nettleton High School |
| July 14-19 | Independence County Fair Week |

ARKANSAS SPRING LIVESTOCK SHOW EXHIBITOR'S MEETING

On Friday, May 2, at 3:00 p.m., there will be a Livestock Exhibitor's meeting in the Equestrian Center. This meeting is open to anyone who would like to attend. Several very important issues will be addressed during this meeting and we hope that you will join us so we can all work together to continue to develop the Livestock Exhibition Program at the Arkansas State Fair. It takes every one of us to make things better, and we hope we can count on you!

2008 FASHION REVUE ACTIVITY WINNERS

PURCHASED

CLOVERBUD DIVISION:

Casual:

1st place - Caylee M.
2nd place - Matthew W.
3rd place - Macey C.

Livestock Club
Sulphur Rock
Sulphur Rock Chess Club

Dressy:

1st place - Brooke C.
2nd place - Cheyenne G.
3rd place - Hayley C.
4th place - Colby M.

Sulphur Rock Chess Club
Cave City Club
Sulphur Rock Chess Club
Sulphur Rock Chess Club

JUNIOR DIVISION:

Casual:

1st place - Leigh Ann B.
2nd place - Alley L.
3rd place - Erin L.
4th place - MaKayla B.
5th place - Sage M.

Cave City Club
Sulphur Rock Chess
Livestock
Diamond T Club
Sulphur Rock Chess Club

Dressy:

1st place - Kate S.
2nd place - Sarah B.
3rd place - Haley M.
4th place - Kate S.

Sulphur Rock Chess Club
Newark Club
Sulphur Rock Chess Club
Central After School Club

CONSTRUCTED

CLOVERBUD DIVISION:

Casual:

1st place - Brooke C.

Sulphur Rock Chess Club

JUNIOR DIVISION:

Casual:

1st place - Crystal Q.
2nd place - Brooklyn H.
3rd place - John R.
4th place - Kate S.

Batesville Club
Livestock
Livestock Club
Sulphur Rock Chess Club

Dressy:

1st place - Jordan H.
2nd place - Kayle R.

Livestock
Livestock Club

SENIOR DIVISION:

Casual: 1st place - Cecile H.

Diamond T Club

ATTENTION: STATE FAIR livestock EXHIBITORS
(IMPORTANT)
Animal ID Packets

If you would like to order any animal ID packets for the State Fair, contact Nathan at the Extension Office, 870-793-8840, nreinhart@uaex.edu

Deadlines and Fees:

Market Steers: by noon, 5-5-08. Cost \$20 – cost if late (May 15) - \$30.
Ownership deadline is 5-16-08. Market Steer online nomination, midnight 5-23-08, cost: free. Late: (6-6-08) \$10

Market Hogs: by noon, 6-6-08, cost \$15 - late (July 3) - \$25.
Ownership deadline is 7-7-08. Market Hogs online nomination, midnight 7-14-08, cost-free, late (7-21-08) - \$10

Market Lambs & Goats: by noon, 7-2-08, cost \$15- late July 10 - \$25
Ownership deadline is 7-14-08. Market Lambs & Goat online nomination, midnight 7-21-08, cost – free, late (7-28-08) - \$10

Registration Deadline

Junior Breeding Animals – Ownership deadline - 7-15-08
Discount online entry deadline - 8-22-08
Late paper entry deadline – 8-24-08

Open Breeding Animals - Discount online entry deadline - 8-22-08
Late online entry deadline – 8-29-08

NEW RULES:

Remember to check out the new commercial heifer rules on the State Fair website regarding classification and tattooing of commercial heifers. That website is www.asfg.net.

Also remember to check out the new composite heifer show rules.
YOU MUST be a 2008 Enrolled 4-H member to exhibit at the State Fair.

State Fair Rules

ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE: Competition in ASF Junior Shows is restricted to Arkansas students who are bona fide Arkansas FFA and 4-H members in good standing who meet other qualifications set forth in the ASF Junior Division Rules and Regulations. Exhibitors may exhibit in this show no later than the fall after graduating from high school or receiving their GED Certificate. Contact the ASF Livestock Office IMMEDIATELY, if you need clarification regarding this rule.

ONLINE NOMINATION: Nominations can only be submitted by an Arkansas Extension Agent or an Arkansas Vo-Ag Instructor who has a valid username and password issued from the ASF Livestock Office. No paper nominations will be accepted. Nominations are FREE if submitted by appropriate deadlines. Late nominations are available with payment of Late Fees.

DNA SUBMITTED TO ASF BY CEA OR VO-AG INSTRUCTOR: Complete DNA samples must be mailed by the CEA or Vo Ag Instructor

LOST ASF EAR TAGS & SCRAPIE TAGS: Lost ASF Ear Tags can be replaced through Agent or Instructor of record by completing the Lost ID Form at \$15 each. Lost Scrapie Tags are available through Arkansas Livestock & Poultry Commission (required on lambs & goats). ASF Market Lambs & Market Goats MUST possess an ASF Ear Tag AND a Scrapie Tag in order to be allowed on the Fairgrounds.

EXHIBITOR SIGNATURE FORMS: All Exhibitors at the 2008 ASF must have an ASF Exhibitor Signature Form on file with the State Fair Livestock Office. This form is available at: www.asfg.net. Complete and mail the form to 2600 Howard Street; Little Rock, AR 72206. You may visit the State Fair website for a database of all exhibitors who have a 2007 Exhibitor Signature Form on file.

Check State fair website for complete list of rules.

www.asfg.net

County Fair 4-H Educational Booths

All 4-H club leaders must let Extension Office know if your club is Having a 4-H Booth by May 1.

**SHOOTING SPORTS PRACTICES
WILL BE at 10:00 a.m., Saturdays,
April 5, 12, and 26**

Sincerely,

Nathan Reinhart
County Extension Agent
Agriculture/4-H

Beverly A. Fountain
County Extension Agent
Family & Consumer Science

Stanley D. Carter
County Extension Agent
Staff Chair

GOOGLE CALENDAR

We've put the 4-H Calendar on Google/Calendar as an experiment. Try it and tell us what you think.

First go to www.google.com/calendar. Then you have to establish a Google calendar account –it's free, but not simple. After that, when you pull up the calendar page, type in "Independence County 4-H" in the box beside the "Search Public Calendars" button. Click on the Search Public Calendars button, and then click on "Independence County 4-H." Be sure to type it exactly, using the capital letters. The 4-H calendar should come up.

Important State Fair Mailing List

We are compiling a new mailing list for the 2008 Arkansas State Fair, and if you are going to exhibit livestock at the state fair, you must complete and return the enclosed card by May 1, 2008 to the Independence County Extension Office.

STATE FAIR INTENT TO EXHIBIT LIVESTOCK

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Age as of OCT.12: _____

Date of Graduation: _____

I intend to show the following:

SPECIES	NUMBER OF ANIMALS/SPECIES

You may call, mail or e-mail Nathan at 793-8840, 1770 Myers Street, Batesville, 72501, e-mail - nreinhardt@uaex.edu.