

Cloverpatch buzz-z Independence County 4-H Newsletter

March, 2008

To All 4-H Members:

The more involved you are in 4-H, the more fun learning experiences you will have... Encourage your friends to join 4-H and enjoy all of the activities with your friends. Everything you do should be listed in your 4-H Journal: your project area, the community service you do, and your participation in leadership experiences at local, county, district, and state levels. 4-H Journal Scholarships and other State Scholarships are awarded based on your involvement in these areas. It is not an impossible task. Remember to "Keep 4-H as a Priority," you'll be glad you did!

*******UPCOMING ACTIVITIES*******

FASHION REVUE ACTIVITY
March 3, 2008, beginning at 6:30 p.m.
UACCB – Independence Hall

4-H'ers will start out by presenting a short, 1 to 2 minute commentary. It should include information on cost, fabric, care and why the garment was chosen. 4-H'ers will be using a microphone and should speak without using notes. After the presentation, 4-H'ers will informally model the garments. Contestants will be judged on:

CONSTRUCTED or PURCHASED

- 1) Knowledge of fabric characteristics, uses and care.
- 2) Ability to evaluate garment quality and apply knowledge.
- 3) Appearance, fit and fashion ability.

Categories within the two divisions are: Casual or Dressy. You may get more details at the Extension office. No formal dresses allowed. You must PRE-REGISTER by Wednesday, February 27. When you call, let us know which category you will enter. Contestants may enter only ONE category in ONE division.

*******JUNIOR CAMP AT FERNDALE 4-H CENTER*******

You'll arrive on June 9 and get back on June 11. You will be responsible for your own transportation. If you completed a 4-H Journal and participated in 4 out of 7 county activities, you will go for FREE. If you completed a 4-H Journal and didn't do 4 activities, or visa versa, you will pay \$35. If you did not do either, your charge will be \$140 or full price. Please register by **February 21** and have payments in by **March 21**. We can take a few Cloverbuds, if a parent goes along with them — the activities are designed for ages 8 to 13.

COUNTY BROILER BBQ, THURSDAY, MARCH 27.

Broiler BBQ will be held here at the EXTENSION OFFICE, beginning at 9:30 a.m. You should be at the office and begin setting up by 9:00 a.m. For more information, call us at (870) 793-8840. Registration deadline is Monday, March 24.

4-H CENTENNIAL WAGON TRAIN:

Wagons, Buggies, Horses and Riders are welcome to participate Saturday, March 15, at Minturn. Assemble at 9:00 a.m. and ride to Clover Bend. You must present Coggins papers. No 4-wheelers, other ATV's or bicycles are allowed. At Clover Bend, there will be a display of memorabilia and a chili lunch. Call Donna or Jerry Moore at (870) 878-0033, for information.

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.

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 you are responsible for your own transportation to and from the camp.

Spring Leader's Retreat

"CENTENNIAL 4-H REUNION CELEBRATION"

April 18-19, 2008 at the 4-H CENTER, Ferndale.

ATTENTION LEADERS: We'd like as many of our leaders to go to this retreat as possible. It will be a great opportunity to expand your knowledge and learn new ideas. Youth are also invited to participate, as youth workshops have been planned. The retreat will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 18 and conclude on Saturday, April 19, at 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$49 each. The county 4-H Foundation will pay half of this cost. Deadline to register is March 26, at the county Extension Office. Come by our office for registration forms.

Toy will be going.

STATE SPRING LIVESTOCK SHOW – LITTLE ROCK

The State Spring Livestock Show will be May 1–3 at the State Fairgrounds in Little Rock. Registration forms will be on the State Fair Website (www.asfg.net) and only online forms will be accepted. Online registration deadline is midnight April 18, 2008. Late registration with additional fee is midnight, April 25.

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, May 5, 2008. Cost: \$20. Late cost (May 15): \$30. Ownership deadline is May 16, 2008.

Market Steer online nomination, midnight May 23, 2008. Cost: free. Late cost: (June 6) \$10

Market Hogs: by noon, June 6, 2008. Cost: \$15. Late cost (July 3): \$25. Ownership deadline is July 7, 2008.

Market Hogs online nomination, midnight July 14, 2008. Cost: free. Late cost (July 21): \$10

Market Lambs & Goats: by noon, July 2, 2008. Cost: \$15. Late cost (July 10): \$25

Ownership deadline is July 14, 2008. Market Lambs & Goat online nomination, midnight July 21, 2008. Cost: free. Late cost (July 28): \$10

Registration Deadline

Junior Breeding Animals – Ownership deadline: July 15, 2008
Discount online entry deadline: August 22, 2008
Late paper entry deadline: August 24, 2008

Open Breeding Animals - Discount online entry deadline: August 22, 2008
Late online entry deadline: August 29, 2008

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 either 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 the 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 Arkansas State Fair 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 2008 Exhibitor Signature Form on file.

Check State fair website for complete list of rules.

www.asfg.net

LIVESTOCK JUDGING CAMP

June 9–11, Fayetteville

Entry forms are due May 5. 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.

SHOOTING SPORTS MEETS AT Thunder Valley, Saturday, February 23, at 10:00 a.m.
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2008
PERFORMING ARTS ACTIVITY

SKIT WINNERS:

1 st place	Central After School Club
2 nd place	Livestock Club
3 rd place	Sulphur Rock Chess Club
4 th place	Batesville Club

CLOVERBUD VOCAL:

1 st Place	Bailey R.	Diamond T
2 nd place	Belyanda M. & Valley M.	Sulphur Rock Chess
3 rd place	Haley C.	Sulphur Rock Chess

JUNIOR VOCAL:

1 st place	Kate S.	Sulphur Rock Chess
2 nd place	Maggie H.	Southside
3 rd place	Keely R.	Diamond T
4 th place	Shelby R.	Diamond T

SENIOR VOCAL:

1 st place	Dylan M.	Diamond T
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JUNIOR INSTRUMENTAL:

1 st place	Crystal Q.	Batesville
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CLOVERBUD DANCE:

1 st place	Hannah B.	Sulphur Rock Chess
2 nd place	Brooke C.	Sulphur Rock Chess
3 rd place	Cheyenne G.	Cave City
4 th place	Macey C.	Sulphur Rock Chess

JUNIOR DANCE:

1 st place	Leigh B.	Cave City Livestock
2 nd place	Sarah B.	Newark
3 rd place	Erin L.	Livestock

SENIOR DANCE

1 st place	Rachel B./ Cody P.	Newark
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March 27 **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**
From 5:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

April 26 Ambassador Re-certification, Forestry Contest, Forestry & Wildlife Camp, State Officer Election, YHEC/Shooting Sports, National 4H Congress Delegate, Poster Art Entries.

April 26 District Broiler Barbecue-Independence County Fairgrounds

May 1 Deadline to let Extension Office know if having a Fair at the educational 4-H Club Booth

May 15 Leaders Meeting at the Extension Office at 6:00 p.m.

June 19 **Regional O’Rama – Nettleton High School**

July 15-19 **Independence County Fair Week**

Sincerely,

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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.

SPRING HIKING TREK to Mt. Magazine, March 7-9 (age 13-17) \$50 due now.

This is option for you besides JUNIOR CAMP.

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.