

# 4-H Clover Days

## 2008 Achievement Banquet Highlights

The 2008 Perry County 4-H Awards Banquet was held on Thursday night, October 30 at the Perry County Fairgrounds with about 200 in attendance. We would like to thank Max Nutt and the St. Boniface 4-H Club for preparing the meal; 4-H'ers, their families and guests for preparing the sides dishes and drinks; Terri Tolley for putting together the history of 4-H; and the Teen Leaders for the wonderful job they did on planning, decorating, conducting and preparations for the night.

Highlights of the evening were: Fair Club of the Year went to Teen Leaders; Perry County 4-H Club of the Year went to Toadsuck; Volunteer Leader of the Year was awarded to Ettamarie Belden; Club Volunteer Leader of the Year went to Terri Tolley, Perryville; Junior 4-H Member of the Year went to J. Shadell, Perryville; Senior 4-H Member of the Year went to C. Ruff, Lucky Livestock; our Ruby Blackmon Friend of the Year went to True Robinson; and the Lifetime Achievement Award went to Jan Moore.

That concludes our Centennial Celebration here in Perry County. A very special thank you to Blue Bell for donating the 4-H Centennial ice cream. It was perfect! A very special thanks to Cindy Mann for making the "huge" 4-H birthday cake. One hundred years of 4-H has been celebrated all across Arkansas during the 2008 program year. We hope everyone enjoys the History of 4-H in Perry County books that were distributed to each club. If you would like a copy, please call the Extension office and request a copy.

## 2009 Journal Information

The Arkansas 4-H Journal is one place to show others what you have done in your 4-H career. Completing the Journal is much like completing a resume. Through your Journal, you show your accomplishments and how you have developed responsibility by keeping records. This Journal will be useful in evaluating your past and making improvements in the future. Completing a 4-H Journal is a very rewarding experience. It is a major accomplishment in your 4-H career and is duly awarded. All Journal "completers" will receive a plaque at the 2009 Awards program and will also receive \$50 off a 4-H event during the 2009 program year. And, your name will be featured in an article in the Petit Jean Country Headlight.

On **December 9**, we will be conducting a Cloverbud (ages 5-8) and Beginner (ages 9-12) Journal workshop. The workshop will be held at First Electric in Perryville beginning at 3:30 p.m. and lasting until 5:30 p.m.

On **December 16 & 17**, we will be conducting Intermediate (ages 13-15) and Advanced (ages 16-19) Journal Workshops at First Electric from 3:30 to 5:30.

On **January 12**, a last minute Q & A workshop will be held at 5:00 p.m. at the Perry County Fairgrounds.

**January 23, 2009, is the deadline for all Journals to be completed and submitted to the Perry County 4-H Office – no later than 4:30 p.m.**

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## Youth Loan Programs

There are two agencies that offer 4-H and FFA members youth livestock loan programs. **Farm Credit Services** and the **Farm Service Agency** offer youth loan programs for purchase, feed, show supplies, shelter, etc. Call Farm Credit at 889-3042 or Farm Service Agency at 354-0161.

## 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 26, 2008**.

**We are offering to pay ½ the cost of the trip for one lucky 4-H'er this coming year. If you are interested in attending and participating in the Kansas City Global Conference, please come by the Extension office and pick up an application as soon as possible. One lucky 4-H'er will be picked!**

## 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 ends **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](http://KeepArkansasBeautiful.com); call toll free at 888-742-8701; or email [pickuparktreresa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pickuparktreresa@sbcglobal.net).

## Livestock Committee Meeting

The first meeting of the Junior Livestock Committee will be held on **Thursday, November 20** at the Perry County Fairgrounds beginning at 6:00 p.m. All clubs should decide who their representative(s) will be for the 2009 show year. Please mark your calendars now to attend the meeting.

## Christmas Parade

The 2008 Perry County Christmas Parade will be held on **Saturday, December 13** beginning at 5:30 p.m. We hope that your club will decide to build a float and participate in this year's festivities. For more information, please call the Extension office.

## Premium Checks

Checks from the 2008 Livestock Auction will be mailed this month. If you do not receive your check by the second week of December, please call the office.

## Christmas Caroling

Christmas caroling at the nursing home will be on **Monday, December 8** at 6:00 p.m. Clubs are encouraged to make and bring Christmas cards for residents. And, come with a smile on your face – the residents really do enjoy your visit!

## Christmas Party!

Our annual 4-H Christmas Party will be held on **Thursday, December 18** at the Perry County Fairgrounds beginning at 6:30 p.m. Bring snack foods and we'll supply the drinks.

\*Also (if possible) bring non-perishable food donations for the local food pantry. This is a county-wide community service project for 4-H.

## Who is Santa?

*Our modern day image of Santa Claus is based on a Thomas Nast cartoon. Nast is known for the "Uncle Sam" figure; and both the donkey, the symbol of the Democratic party; and the elephant, the symbol of the Republican party.*

## Recycle News and Tidbits

### Facts on Holiday Waste . . .

From Thanksgiving to New Year's Day, **household waste increases by more than 25%**. Added food waste, shopping bags, wrapping paper, bows and ribbons – it all adds up to an additional 1 million tons a week to our landfills.

**In the U. S., annual trash from gift wrap and shopping bags totals 4 million tons!**

**1.9 billion Christmas cards** are sent to friends and loved ones every year, making Christmas the largest card-sending occasion in the U. S. The number of cards sold during the holidays would fill a football field 10 stories high and requires the **harvesting of nearly 300,000 trees**.

**38,000 miles of ribbon are thrown out** each year. The earth's circumference is 25,000 miles – enough to tie a bow around the Earth.

At least **28 billion pounds of edible food are wasted** each year – or over 100 pounds per person. If every American throws away one uneaten tablespoon of mashed potatoes, it adds 16 million pounds of waste to our landfills.

**Half** of the paper America consumes is used to wrap and decorate consumer products.

Each year, **50 million Christmas trees** are purchased in the U. S. Of those, about **30 million go to the landfill**.

The average American **spends \$800 on gifts** over the holiday season.

Perryville schools have recycling bins. Take your "sorted" recycled items in clear plastic bags!

## Club News . . . . .

**St. Boniface** – Next meeting is December 7 at the Fellowship Hall at 4 p.m. Contact person is Juanita Nutt at 759-2399.

**Perryville** – No December meeting. Contact is Terri Tolley at 889-5670. Meets at City Hall.

**Toad Suck** – Bigelow Community Center. Will not have a December meeting. 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, December 2 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rose Creek community building. Contact person is Susan M<sup>c</sup>Gehee at 662-4880.

**Horse** – The next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, December 8 at 6:30 p.m. at First Electric. Contact person is Vickie Hawkins at 889-2845.

**Outdoor & Wildlife** – The next monthly meeting will be held on December 16 at 6:30 p.m. Contact person is Cindy Brown at 889-2396.

**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** – No December meeting – will be assisting with the Christmas Party. Contact person is Susan M<sup>c</sup>Gehee at 662-4880.

**Houston** – The next monthly meeting is Tuesday night, December 9 at 6:00 p.m. Contact person is Kevin Lawson at 889-4575.

## Club and Contact Info

### Perry County Extension Office

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Read your handbook for ALL the  
details, rules and regulations

### Calendar of Events

#### November Due Dates

1 Poster Contest Entries  
26 Kansas City Entries

#### December Events/Activities

8 Caroling  
9 Journal Workshop I  
13 Christmas Parade  
16 Journal Workshop II  
17 Journal Workshop II  
18 Christmas Party

#### January Due Dates

15 Deadline for Page Essay  
19 Entrepreneur Camp  
23 Journal Deadline 4:30 pm

#### January Events/Activities

12 Foundation Meeting  
12 Journal Q & A Workshop  
30 Body Walk AWE

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Club	Contact(s)	
St. Boniface	Juanita Nutt	759-2399
	Kristy Nutt	759-2408
Lucky Livestock	Tammy Wright	889-2098
Bigelow School	Clyde West	759-2176
Rose Creek	Susan M <sup>c</sup> Gehee	662-4880
Perryville	Terri Tolley	889-5670
Horse	Vickie Hawkins	889-2845
Outdoor & Wildlife	Cindy Brown	889-2661
Toad Suck	Tara Rappold	759-3051
	Tammy Bunch	889-5543
Teen Leaders	Susan M <sup>c</sup> Gehee	662-4880
	Kim Brixey	662-4895
Houston	Kevin Lawson	889-4575

### University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service – Perry County

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.

“Courage is the discovery that you may not win, and trying when you know you can lose.”  
“Never allow someone to be your priority while allowing yourself to be their option.”

### Birthdays for December . . . Happy Birthday!

S. Clement	10	December 4	Perryville
A. Dougan	6	December 8	Perryville
S. Jacot	13	December 8	Rose Creek
G. Eljoundi	16	December 9	Wildlife
K. Rappold	11	December 11	Toadsuck
C. Spaul	7	December 19	Rose Creek
B. Kagebein	13	December 22	Wildlife
D. Waters	13	December 29	Lucky Livestock
T. Gunther	7	December 30	Toadsuck
J. Nutt	12	December 30	St. Boniface

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