



Forrest City, AR

St. Francis County 4-H Clover Report

March, 2008

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4-H Pledge

I pledge my head to clearer thinking,
my heart to greater loyalty,
my hands to larger service,
and my health to better living,
for my club, my community,
my country, and my world.

4-H Motto

“To make the best better”



PLEASE JOIN US IN WELCOMING.....LISA WYNNE!!!

We are very pleased to announce the newest staff member at the SFC Extension Office, Mrs. Lisa Wynne. Lisa joined the team on March 3, 2008, as 4-H Program Assistant.



IN MEMORY OF STEPHANIE RAINEY-BRYANT

With the passing of Stephanie Rainey-Bryant on February 21, 2008, we mourn the loss of an outstanding 4-H leader, co-worker and friend. Mrs. Bryant leaves a legacy of youth who have become successful men and women in our community, and beyond. Her ability to see the potential in all youth and her commitment to helping them develop that potential has had a life-changing impact, not only on the youth, but on their families as well.

It was truly a privilege to know and work with Stephanie. In her memory and honor, an engraved brick will be placed in the Memory Walk at C. A. Vines 4-H Center in Ferndale.

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Centennial Club Circle

4-H clubs around the state are honoring 4-H's 100 years and helping to fund centennial activities by joining the Centennial Club Circle. To join, send a \$100 gift (\$50 of which is returned to the county) to: 4-H Youth Dev., Centennial Club Circle, P.O. Box 391, LR, AR 72203. Please make checks payable to: Arkansas 4-H Foundation, and be sure to note your club name and county.

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

- Who:** Youth and Adults
What: 5K Trail Run/Walk
When: Saturday, April 19, 2008
Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., Run/Walk begins at 9:00 a.m.
Where: C.A. Vines 4-H Center
Cost: In Advance: Youth \$5, Adults \$15
Day of Race: Youth \$10, Adults \$20
Contact: Tony Baker at (501) 821-4444 or Priscella Thomas at 501-671-2271
Registration: Entry form available online at www.arkansasrunner.com



2008 Giant Pumpkin & Watermelon Growing Contest



It is time once again to begin preparing for the Giant Pumpkin & Watermelon Contest. Please call the office by **Friday, April 11, 2008**, if you are interested in receiving giant pumpkin & watermelon seeds to grow. The top two county winners in pumpkins and watermelons will be eligible to enter the "STATE WEIGH-IN". The weigh-in will be held during the first Saturday, Saturday October 11, at the Arkansas State Fair. A total of \$1,600 in prize money was awarded to the top pumpkin and watermelon winners last year! At the office, you can find an outline of the recommended production practices for growing pumpkins and watermelons and other useful information.



4-H High Adventure Backpacker Shakedown

The 4-H High Adventure Shakedown is Friday, April 4 - Sunday, April 6. This is to help prepare for the demands of the High Adventure trip to the Pecos Wilderness Area in New Mexico July 29 - August 6, 2008. The shakedown will be held at the C.A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center west of Little Rock, in the Feland Hall Building. This

training is exclusively for 4-H backpacker participants that are participating in the 2008 Arkansas 4-H High Adventure Trip. The deadline to register is **Wednesday, April 2.**

Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program (WHEP) State Contest



The 4-H WHEP State Contest will be held at the UA Garvin Woodland Gardens (<http://www.garvangardens.org/>) in Hot Springs on Friday, April 25 starting at 9:00 am. The regions this year are (1) Southeast Mixed and Outer Coastal Plain Forest and (2) Urban. Registration deadline is **Tuesday, April 1** with a cost of \$10 for each Junior or Senior contestant. Cloverbuds who attend along with registered county contestants can participate for \$5. They will receive a participation ribbon for completing the Wildlife ID portion of the contest with assistance from a parent or coach. Registrations received after April 1 cost \$20 per Junior or Senior contestant, and \$10 per Cloverbud. Tuesday, April 1 is also the deadline for ordering t-shirts. These t-shirts are only \$4 per contestant, thanks to a grant from the Arkansas Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, which is covering partial costs. Adult t-shirts are \$10 each, plus \$2 for XX-tra large sizes.

SFC Indoor and Outdoor County O'Rama

The 2008 County O'Rama activities will be conducted at the St. Francis County Courthouse on Saturday, June 7. The group classifications are based on your age as of January 1, 2008, and are as follows: * **Cloverbud: ages 5-8** * **Junior: ages 9-13** * **Senior: ages 14-19**

Outdoor activities include:

Baitcasting & Game Fish ID
Crop & Seed ID
Gun Safety
Reel Into Sportfishing
Bicycle
Forestry
Entomology Collection
Ornamental Horticulture
Technology Showcase

Indoor activities include:

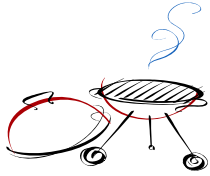
Agribusiness Public Speaking
Safety
Citizenship
Veterinary Science
Entomology Talk
Environmental Stewardship
Fashion Revue (Purchased
or Constructed)
Food Fair

Consumer Economics
Health
Human Development
Public Speaking
Animal Science
Horse
Pet Care
Talent/Vocal

4-H'ers interested in competing in any of these activities **MUST** call the Extension office at 261-1730 to sign up. 4-H members may compete in two County O'Rama events if they wish, but they must call and sign up for both. The only O'Rama events that will be conducted are the ones that 4-H'ers call in and sign up for. Remember, all junior and senior winners will go on to represent their club and St. Francis County at Regional O'Rama in June. Seniors who qualify at

district will go on to compete in the State O'Rama at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville in July. Contact your leader or give us a call at the Extension Office, if you need assistance in preparation for these events. The registration deadline is **Friday, May 30**.

SFC Broiler BBQ



The St. Francis County Broiler Barbecue Contest is scheduled for Saturday, April 19. The competition will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the St. Francis County Courthouse parking lot. Each participant is responsible for bringing everything to compete in this activity, except the broiler. Each contestant will be provided a 2 to 2-1/2 pound Grade A broiler half, ready to cook. You **MUST** register before **Friday, April 12** by calling 261-1730. The top five winners will represent their club and St. Francis County at the District Broiler Barbecue Contest May 13 at the 4-H Center.

calendar of Events

April

- 1st - Deadline for 4-H WHEP State Contest
- 2nd - Deadline for 4-H High Adventure Shakedown
- 4th-6th - 4-H High Adventure Shakedown at 4-H Center
- 11th - Deadline to order Giant Pumpkin & Watermelon seeds
- 12th - Deadline to register for SFC Broiler BBQ Contest
- 19th - SFC Broiler BBQ, Forrest City
- 19th - 4-H 5K @ 4-H Center
- 25th - 4-H WHEP State Contest, Hot Springs

May

- 10th - District Broiler BBQ @ 4-H Center
- TBA - 4-H 100 mile bike race through Arkansas
- 17th - Former Officers Luncheon
- 30th - Deadline to register for SFC O'Rama

June

- 7th - SFC O'Rama, Forrest City
- 19th - Regional O'Rama, Jonesboro

July

- 22nd-25th - State O'Rama, Fayetteville

Looking for a taste of 4-H? Here it is—Blue Bell's *Centennial Cupcake*, developed specially in celebration of more than 100 years of the 4-H Youth Development organization. *Centennial Cupcake* is a cake batter ice cream with pieces of yellow cake, a chocolate icing swirl and **four-leaf clover sprinkles**. Centennial Cupcake can be purchased at your local grocer or online at www.fourhcouncil.edu/icecream.aspx. A portion of the sales will be donated to 4-H educational programs.

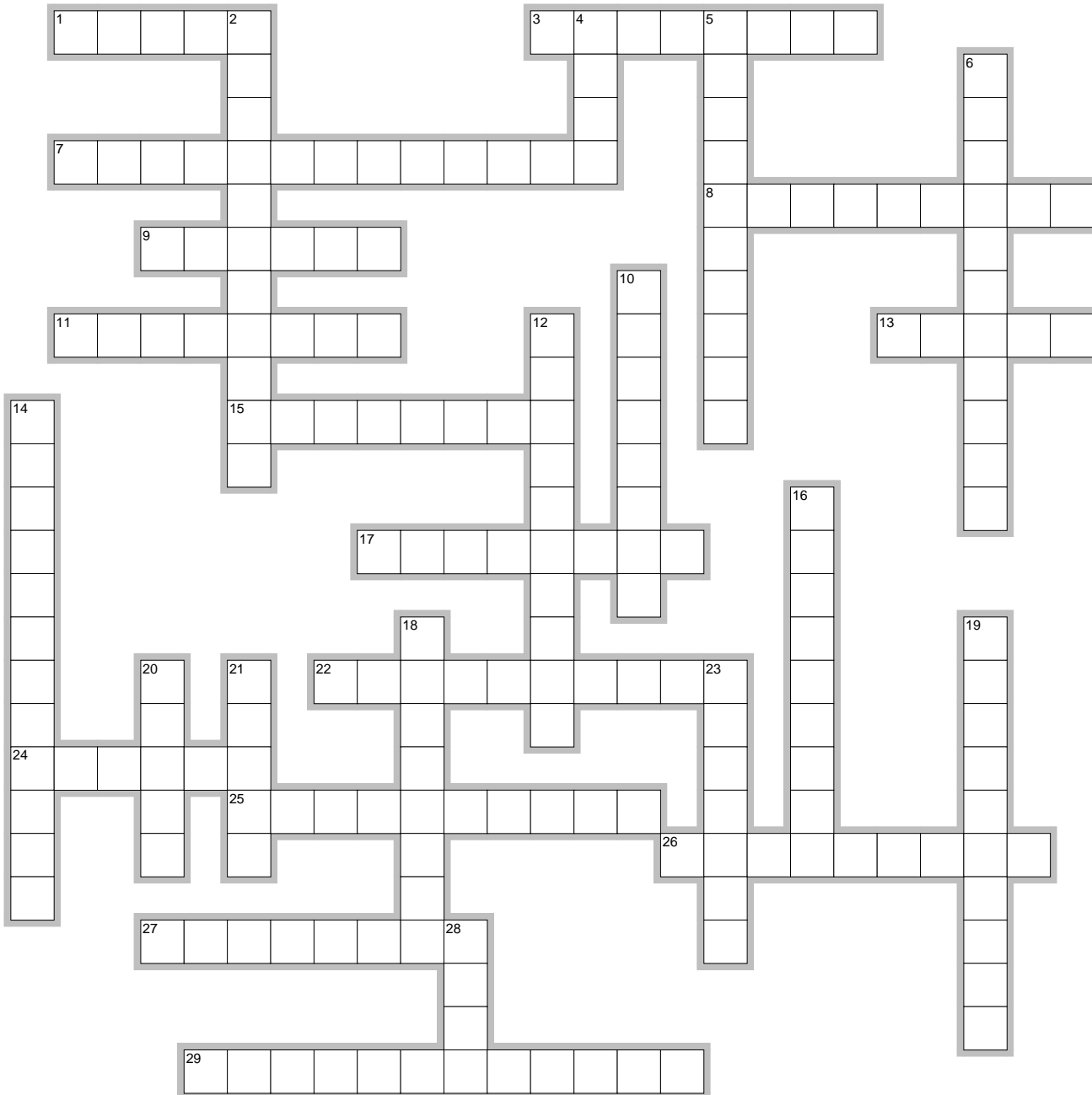


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Arkansas 4-H Centennial

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Across

1. Yearly July competition in Fayetteville
3. Every year we elect new state...
7. Pecos Wilderness Activity (2)
8. 4-H is a youth program associated with the Cooperative Service.
9. The top ten art entries are sent to the Mid-South Fair competition.
11. The 4-H Center is in ...
13. The 4-H Center is named after Mr.
15. There are four O-Rama's.
17. YHEC is a Sports event.
22. 4-H'ers ages 5-8
24. Former 4-H'ers are called
25. If you like computers & robotics, you will apply to be on the....Team
26. This is the highest award given every year.
27. National is a special trip for Journal Winners.
29. Each year the Arkansas 4-H Foundation awards over 40

Down

2. In February, the attend a workshop to plan the Teen Leader Conference.
4. Outstanding Teen Stars can be nominated to be in the Hall of
5. 2008 is the Arkansas 4-H
6. The weeklong trip to Washington, D.C., is called Washington Focus.
10. Giant and Watermelons are weighed in at the State Fair.
12. Adults who chaperone 4-H activities
14. Name of the current State 4-H Leader (2)
16. Some Adult Volunteer Leaders go to, Georgia every year. (2)
18. Record Books are now called.....
19. National is a Washington, D.C. trip for five selected 4-H'ers.
20. Many are held at the 4-H Center.
21. The first 4-H Club in Arkansas was in this county.
23. Juniors and can compete at State O-Rama
28. Before you become an Ambassador, you must be a Teen