

Yell County 4-H Newsletter

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Achievement Banquet

This year's 4-H Achievement Banquet will be held on Saturday, December 6 at the WYC Elementary School Cafeteria in Belleville at 6:00 p.m. The theme is "Go Wild with 4-H," where attendees will enjoy the surroundings of a jungle. Please RSVP (495-2216) if you plan to attend by Monday, December 1, 2008. This will allow us to properly plan the meal.

4-H Record Journals DUE!

This year's 4-H Record Journals are due Friday, January 9, 2008. They may be turned in before this time if you choose. Please remember that the Dardanelle office is not always open on Fridays. If you would like assistance with starting a record journal, you can contact the Extension office and set up an appointment with Casey. No appointments will be made after December 12, 2008.

AACD Photo Contest

The soil conservation district is conducting "The Wonders of Arkansas" photography contest. Participants (Youth and Adults) can enter as many as four photos total. Each photo has to fit in one of the four photo categories listed below. Photos must be 8"x11" matted and turned in with an entry form (available at Extension or Conservation District office) by 4:00 p.m., Friday, November 28, 2008. Questions, call 495-2216 or 495-2441. Cash prizes will be awarded. First places will receive \$25; the Grand Prize is \$50.

1. Landscape/Waterscape (main focus: scenery in Arkansas)
2. Livestock/Wildlife (cows, horses, pigs, deer, birds, chickens; any animal that fits one of these definitions)
3. Cropland (rice, cotton, corn, soybean, sunflowers; any picture of a commodity grown in Arkansas as a crop)
4. Forest/Plants (trees, flowers, grass; any type of tree, shrub and/or plant found in nature in Arkansas)

Yell County Conservation District Scholarship

If you are interested in obtaining a degree in a conservation-related field (agriculture, horticulture, forestry, range management, soil sciences, environmental management, environmental law, botany, etc.), and you are a **high school sophomore, junior, or senior** and have a grade point average of at least a 2.0, you are eligible. A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded at a county level. The county winner will then go on to the area contest, and from there the area winner will go to the state contest. There is an opportunity for additional scholarship money at each competition. Each applicant will have to complete a short application form and an essay (minimum of 500 words) on the designated topic. This year's topic is "Climate Change: Is it caused by naturally occurring events or mankind?" You must be ready to make an oral presentation on your essay topic for the judges, and be willing to meet with the judges for a personal interview. This is an excellent opportunity to receive funds to aid you in your college expenses. In the past, there has been little if any competition for this scholarship. If you are interested, you may request an application from the Extension office in Danville, or from Sharon Underwood at the NRCS office in Danville. **Applications and essays are due by January 15, 2009.**

Senior 4-H Judging Teams and Activities

Some Senior-only Competitive Judging Teams include: Parliamentary Procedure, Dairy Cattle Judging, Livestock Judging, Livestock Skills, Poultry Judging, Land Judging, Consumer Judging, Food Bowl, and Home Furnishings. Other Senior-only activities include: Automotive Contest, Tractor Driving, Photography (other 4-H photography contests include Juniors and Cloverbuds – this is just at state O-Rama), Reporting, and Turkey Talk & BBQ. Listed below is a description of each of these competitive activities:

Parliamentary Procedure

Teams of five members will take an exam composed of 25 multiple-choice questions over Parliamentary Procedure knowledge. Following the exam, each team will use the 4-H Order of Business to conduct a club meeting, during which the team members will have to perform four parliamentary abilities in addition to a main motion. The four parliamentary abilities will be drawn from the following list: motion to limit debate, motion to postpone, request for parliamentary inquiry, request to withdraw a motion, question of privilege, motion to suspend the rules, motion to amend, motion to refer to committee, motion to lay on the table, and point of order. Each team is given 15 minutes to prepare, and 15 minutes to perform all required abilities. This time will include the opening and closing of the meeting. After team competition, the secretary and president will rewrite the minutes of the meeting, and submit these minutes to the designated official. A time of 15 minutes is allowed to write the minutes.

Dairy Cattle Judging

A team of three or four members will judge two classes of heifers, four classes of lactating cows, and give oral reasons on three cow classes. The team with the highest score will be eligible to attend the National 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest at Madison, Wis. Out-of-state trip expenses will be covered if funding is available.

Livestock Judging

A team of four members should be prepared to place three classes of beef cattle, three swine, and three sheep classes. Oral reasons will be required on three or four of the selected classes. Classes may have a set of evaluation data and a production situation statement. Contestants who score high points will receive a trophy. The winning team will receive a trophy and will be eligible to attend the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest. Out-of-state trip expenses will be covered if funding is available.

Livestock Skills

A team of four members compete. This activity will train 4-H members in production practices and management of meat animals. 4-H members should learn to make their own decisions based upon the best available information. The Livestock Skills Contest will have the following categories: breed identification of cattle, sheep, and hogs; livestock equipment identification, retail meat cut identification, livestock feed identification, a written quiz on the livestock industry, evaluation of livestock feeding and performance information (including calculating average daily gain), daily feed consumption, feed conversion, cost per pound of grain, demonstrating an ability to make management decisions based on performance data; and quality assurance exercises such as how to read a medicine label, calculating withdrawal times, calculating dosages, and making management decisions regarding quality assurance. The contestant with the most points will receive a trophy, and the winning team will receive a trophy and will be eligible to attend the National 4-H Livestock Skills Contest. Out-of-state trip expenses will be covered if funding is available.

Poultry Judging

A team of three or four members who have conducted a recognized 4-H club poultry project will learn how to tell the difference between good and poor layers, and how to determine the USDA grades of live and dressed poultry. The contestant will also learn how to grade eggs according to USDA standards. The state contest will consist of the following classes: two classes of hens for egg production qualities, oral reasons to be given on one production class, live market broilers, ready-to-cook broilers, ready-to-cook fowl, eggs broken out, eggs candled, eggs exterior shell, and breed identification. Winning team members will receive trophies and a trip to the National 4-H Poultry Judging Contest.

Land Judging

A team of three or four members will judge four soils. Pits will be dug to expose the soil profile. One trophy will be awarded to the highest-scoring Senior and one trophy for the highest-scoring team. The winning team will be eligible to attend the National Land Judging School and Contest in Oklahoma City, Okla. Out-of-state expenses will be covered if funding is available. Winning team members will receive individual trophies.

Consumer Judging

A team of three or four members. All members will participate in the judging of three classes from the following: cellular phones, rent-to-own contracts, managing credit, shopping online, evaluating advertising, telephone answering machines, and athletic shoes. Written reasons will be recorded on the back of the placing card for one class. Contestants will be told which class will require written reasons. Teams will judge the classes after individual judging is complete. The team will establish oral reasons, and the team captain will present an oral defense.

Food Bowl

A team of three members with an optional fourth alternate. They will increase their knowledge of the principles of good nutrition, dietary requirements for different age groups, the relationship of nutrition to good health, and safe food-handling practices. The teams will compete in a series of one-on-one elimination contests.

Home Furnishings

A team of three or four members will use a scenario to solve an interior design problem and develop a presentation to justify their decisions. Presentation boards, samples, photographs, etc. should be utilized to describe and present the team's solution to the problem. Each member is expected to participate in the presentation.

Automotive Contest

One Senior member (at least 16 years of age with a drivers license and a record with no moving violation convictions for the past 12 months) will compete by taking a written test consisting of 15-25 questions taken from subject material in the 4-H Automotive Project books. They will identify automotive parts and take a driving skill test.

Tractor Driving

One Senior member will compete by taking a written examination and demonstrating knowledge of parts identification, tractor safety knowledge, and drive in a two-wheel trailer course.

Photography (state contest ONLY – other contests include Juniors and Cloverbuds)

One Senior 4-H member will be given a roll of slide film and a photographic theme several weeks before the state O-Rama. The 4-H'er will return the undeveloped film to the Extension Communications Department no later than 10 days before O-Rama. Judging will be on impact, composition, technique, and other criteria. The first place winner will receive a trophy.

Reporting

One Senior member from the county will participate in an intense workshop covering basic news writing conducted by media professionals and/or journalism professors. Exercises and interaction are part of the workshop. This workshop is "how-to." The second part of the activity is a mock news conference in which the instructor introduces an idea or project. Participants question the instructor to elicit information just as journalists do at press conferences. Each "reporter" then writes a one- or two-page story on the topic of the press conference.

**November**

- 3—Michael B., Sharp Shooters
- 6—Savannah R., Livestock
- 7—Brooklyn F., Livestock
- 13—Matthew B., Sharp Shooters
- 14—Reagan A., Clever Clovers
- 16—Maranda H., Busy Beavers
- 16—Morgan H., Busy Beavers
- 17—Kendra S., Clever Clovers
- 22—Katie C., Livestock
- 23—Zach A., Galloping Clovers
- 29—Mary C., Busy Beavers

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- 18—Shelbi T., Busy Beavers
- 20—Matthew J., Clever Clovers
- 23—Heylie Y., Clever Clovers

Turkey Talk & BBQ

One Senior member from the county will prepare one or two 1 ¼ to 1 ½ pound turkey breast fillets provided to them by the contest monitors, and present an illustrated talk. There will be a 2 ½ hour time limit on the preparation of the turkey. Each contestant must provide their OWN barbecue grill. Charcoal and lighter fuel will be provided at the contest. The contestant will be scored for barbecue skills and sensory evaluation according to the barbecue score sheet. The presentation should include factual information about the turkey industry and its products. A time of 5-8 minutes is allowed for the talk. Only posters and tabletop graphics will be allowed. The first place winner will receive a trophy and expenses-paid trip to compete in the National Turkey BBQ contest at the Poultry and Egg Conference in Louisville, Ky. Second place receives a ribbon and \$100; third place a ribbon and \$75; fourth place a ribbon and \$50; and fifth place a ribbon and \$25.

If you have an interest in any of these activities and would like more information, or to participate on a judging team, contact Casey at 495-2216.



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Office Will Be Closed November 27 and 28 for the Thanksgiving Holiday						1
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23	24	25	26	27 	28 AACD Photos & Entry Forms Due to Conservation District Office	29
30	<u>DECEMBER 1</u> RSVP if Planning to Attend 4-H Achievement Banquet					

Dates to Remember

Please remember that many of these due dates are for the STATE office. We need them sooner at the county office.

November Due Dates:

- 3 4-H Club AFFACT-662 due in state 4-H Office for all clubs
- 3 Kansas City Conference 2009 Applications
- 3 Managing Rice for Ducks 2009 Registration

November Activity Dates:

- 1 National 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl, Louisville, Ky.
- 7-8 Fall Parent & Volunteer Leader Forum, 4-H Center
- 16-17 Tech Team Meeting, Lonoke Farm
- 16-17 Arkansas Envirothon, UCA, Conway

Nov. 28 – Dec. 2 National 4-H Congress, Atlanta, Ga.

December Due Dates:

- 1 National Program Assistant Internship Applications for Spring 2009 (Feb - May)

December Activity Dates:

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- 6 Yell County 4-H Achievement Banquet
- 15 Tech Team Meeting, LRSO



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 RSVP for Banquet	2	3	4	5	6 4-H Banquet at Belleville Cafeteria, 6 p.m.
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21	22	23	24	25 	26	27
28	29	30	31	Office Will Be Closed December 24—January 1 for the Christmas Holiday Record Journals Due Jan. 9!		

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January Due Dates:

9 4-H Record Journals

19 Entrepreneur Camp Application

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, natural origin, religion, gender or disability. 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.

Sincerely,

Casey Scarborough
County Extension Agent, 4-H

Gayla Taylor
County Extension Agent- Staff Chair

ATTENTION! If this is your first issue of the Yell County 4-H Newsletter, we hope you enjoy it. The newsletter will contain upcoming activities and dates each month. You should be aware of these dates so you can participate with us.

We are so glad that you are involved in the 4-H program! We hope you enjoy all of the activities we provide for your education and enjoyment. Please remember to spread the word to your family and friends about everything you have learned, and how 4-H is so much fun!

Van Banks
County Extension Agent—Agriculture

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