4-H T-Shirts
Order your official Sharp County 4-H T-Shirt today!!
Deadline to order March 20th!
Shirts are $15 each
All proceeds from t-shirt sales will go toward purchasing exercise equipment (yoga mats and more) for new 4-H programs that we are excited to begin offering!!

Vet Science Trip:
Where: Texas A&M
When: April 24th and 25th
Departing from the Little Rock State Office
You must provide your own transportation to Little Rock
Meals, lodging, and a t-shirt are included in the cost.

Registration through Arkansas 4-H Online due by April 6th.

More information on ages involved and cost are coming soon please watch your email.

Please contact the Extension office if you are interested in participating in this trip. We had a 4-H member attend last year and she said it was an awesome trip!!

Community Service Project
Our local Red Cross Chapter is looking for 4-H members who would like to help with their annual bucket drive fundraiser. This would be an excellent community service project for clubs and/or families to participate in! 4-H’ers would be holding buckets outside Ash Flat Wal-Mart collecting donations.

Club leaders or parents would need to be present.

The date for the event is April 11th from 9:00-4:00. We would like to set up shifts so that we are coordinated on who will be there when. Shifts will be
9:00-10:30
10:30-12:00
12:00-1:30
1:30-3:00
3:00-4:00

Shifts are first come, first serve.
Call Annie to reserve your shift. She will pass the information along to the Red Cross Coordinator.
Do you like wildlife? Enjoy target practice? Like to shop or cook? Go fishing?
Are you interested in healthcare and the medical field?
Enjoy technology or video games? Have a talent for music or dance?

These are just a few of the MANY areas 4-H members can participate in at the 4-H O’Rama. We are out to break records this year for attendance at the District O’Rama and bring home a lot of trophies!! There is truly an event for everyone and we want everyone to pick an event early so we can help you be the most prepared! So let’s get started!!

**County O’Rama Dates:**
Indoor O’Rama (talks, performances, identification events, and other)
May 5th at 6:00 at the Courthouse

Outdoor O’Rama (the 4 outdoor events listed): May 14th at 5:30 at the fairgrounds

Here is a list of events, if you see one you like contact the Extension office for more information.

**Illustrated Talks/Demonstrations (We would LOVE to see a lot of these and will help you prepare an awesome talk)!!**

Animal Science, Citizenship, Consumer Economics, Entomology, Environmental Stewardship, Food Fair, Forestry, Horse, Human Development, Health, Pet Care, Safety, Innovative Technology Vet Science

**Identification Events:**
Ornamental Horticulture, Wildlife, Crop Weeds

**Performing Arts:**
Dance, Vocal, Instrumental

**Outdoor Events:**
Sportfishing, Bait Casting, Bicycle, BB Gun Marksmanship and Safety

**Other:**
Entomology Collection, Public Speaking, Fashion Revue
**Poster Night:**
Join us April 23rd at 6:00 in the main courtroom as we have a super fun night creating posters for the poster art contest. Everyone is invited to come out and get creative! We will have everything you need to make some awesome posters!!

**Poster Art Contest**
Theme: It’s Your Time
Or there is also an open theme

Posters should be 14” x 22” in dimension and may be horizontal or vertical. Posters may be any medium art - watercolor, ink, crayon, acrylic, charcoal, oils or collage. They cannot contain any copyrighted material such as cartoon characters and cannot have any three dimensional items on them.

Submit posters to the Extension office by May 24th.

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**Sharp County Dairy Foods Contest:**

May 19th
Sharp County Courthouse

Submit Recipes by: May 5th
Recipes can be dropped off at the Extension office or emailed to alester@uaex.edu

Open to All 4-H’ers!

This contest is co-sponsored by the Sharp County Farm Bureau Women’s Committee (who will award cash prizes to the winners) and the Sharp County Extension Service.

**Contest Rules:**
Categories:
(1) Main Dish
(2) Party Idea (appetizer)

All recipes must contain three (3) dairy products! The more you have the better!!

**Things to remember:**
Make sure you use half and half or dairy whipped cream instead of something similar to Cool Whip, but there are some more ingredients you will want to avoid using because they aren't "dairy":
- Instead of Velveeta, use cheese (cream, cheddar, mozzarella, swiss, etc.)

Submit dairy foods contest with lots of great information!

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**Ross Photography Contest**

Grab those cameras, get outside, and be creative!!

The Ross Photography Contest has 4 categories, you can enter one photo in each category.

Black/White Living, Black/White Non-living, Color Living, and Color Non-living

The living categories are limited to only people and animals.

Winners county level will have their photos submitted to the state contest where winners will receive cash prizes!

Photos should be standard print size and must be submitted to the Extension office by May 15th!
IMPORTANT NEW POLICY:

ATTENTION SWINE EXHIBITORS:

Special change on exhibiting hogs at fairs:
If a 4-H’er purchases a pig from an Arkansas swine breeder, the Arkansas swine breeder is to tag the pig with the breeders individual premise tag. This tag enables you to show your pig at fairs. County Extension Agents are no longer allowed to tag pigs. This is a premise I.D. trace back issue. If your family is breeding and raising pigs then it is the breeders responsibility to obtain a premise I.D. and I.D. tags from the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission.
If a 4-H’er purchases an out of state pig, the pig must enter the state (AR) with the required health papers. The health papers are sent to the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission and then they will send the 4-H’er their premise I.D. tag.
All pigs will still have to be tested within 90 days of exhibition for brucellosis (barrows exempt) and also pseudorabies diseases. All pigs must also be free of other contagious, infectious, and communicable diseases before showing.

This is what a premise I.D. tag looks like (numbers will vary as each breeder has their own number). When purchasing pig be sure to check for this tag.
All swine entering fairs will be checked for this tag and correct health papers by an Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission technician.

More information on obtaining a premise ID, ordering tags, or other related questions you can contact the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission at 501-907-2400 or by visiting their website at www.alpc.arkansas.gov

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 (or other appropriate office) as soon as possible prior to the activity.

Sincerely,

J. Joe Moore                                                                                         Chelsea Maguffee
County Extension Agent/Staff Chair                                                              County Extension Agent/FCS