



# CLOVER CREWS NEWS

August 2023

## Mrs. Samantha Is Back!

Mrs. Samantha is back and just as busy as ever. She is excited about the upcoming programs planned for the 4-H program this fall. It is time to think of fair seasons, pumpkin patches, and football!!!

## State O’Rama

Howard County 4-H attended State 4-H O’Rama July 25<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> in Fayetteville on the University of Arkansas campus. 4-H members Adelene Westfall, Sarah Lamb, Christian Trombley, and Anna Kate McKinnon are those who attended. The 4-H O-Rama program is the culmination of a 4-H member’s year of hard work and dedication. It is designed to supplement the county 4-H program and project work. Each year contests are held on the county, district, and state levels. 4-H O-Rama consists of approximately 40 competitive events. Most of these contests require each individual or team to qualify at the county and district level.



Arkansas (State) 4-H O-Rama also offers state-only contests. During State 4-H O-Rama, 4-H members and adults have the opportunity to participate in educational workshops & tours offered throughout the event. This year Adelene Westfall and Anna Kate McKinnon placed first in their competition and will be attending National competitions later in the year. Adelene won Fashion Revue Casual and Anna Kate placed first in Food Fair. These competitions require both girls to get up in front of judges and give a speech. Adelene also placed fifth in Impromptu Speaking. Sarah Lamb competed in FCS Presentation and placed second. Christian Trombley competed in archery and placed fourth. This year was a special year for Howard County 4-H. Howard County 4-H had two youth, Sarah Lamb and Christian Trombley, who were selected to be 4-H Ambassadors. Adelene Westfall was elected as a State 4-H officer on Thursday night. Sarah and Christian will represent Howard County 4-H on the local and state level throughout the year. Adelene will now represent Howard County 4-H as part of the State Officer Team. She will travel all over the state as a state officer, as well as attend state and national functions over the next year.

## Arkansas 4-H Food Challenge

Howard County 4-H took 4 teams to the Arkansas 4-H Food Challenge on August 4, 2023. The Food Challenge is a cooking competition run like the popular television show “Chopped.” Youth are given a secret ingredient and must make a dish using that ingredient and try to include all the food groups if possible. Our Senior Team “Seniors with Spatulas” – Sarah Lamb, Anna Kate McKinnon, and Christian Trombley placed first overall in the senior division. “Howard County Food Choppers” – Abi Webb, Parker Webb, and Ayden Howard placed second in the junior division. Other junior teams that competed were “Spicy Girls” – Emmie Trombley, Ava Jones, Julianna Webb, and Khloe Brewer, “Hungry Boyz” - Warren Jones, Brayden Worthen, and Guy Cooper Kroll. These two young teams also represented Howard County 4-H extremely well. This is the third year for this competition and Howard County has won the Senior division all three years and placed in the junior division each year as well. Our teams will continue to practice and attend the Mid-South Food Challenge early in 2024 in Memphis.



Seniors with Spatulas



Howard County Food Choppers



Hungry Boyz



Spicy Girls

## Cookie Jar/Candy Bowl Workshop

Mrs. Samantha is having a Cookie Jar / Candy Bowl Workshop Wednesday, August 23 at the EH Center. The workshop will start at 3:45 p.m., or as soon as you can make it after school. The cost for the workshop is \$10 per youth and space is limited. Call the office by Thursday, August 17 to RSVP. All youth ages 5-19 can attend.

## Nature Seekers Meeting

There is a Nature Seekers Meeting Thursday, August 24 at the EH Center. The meeting will start at 3:45. You will need to bring your own plain white T-shirt for this meeting. Call the office by Tuesday, August 17 to RSVP. These meetings are always a lot of fun.

## County Fair Clean Up/Chicken Bleeding

If you are showing livestock at the Howard County Fair there is a clean-up day scheduled for Saturday, August 26. We will start at 8 in the morning. Please bring tools or equipment to help clean that day. Once everything is done, the youth will be able to select which pen they would like. If you are showing chickens, you must bring your chickens on this day, as well. Bleeding of the chickens will start at 7:30 a.m. All chickens must have the proper blood work done before they can show. This is the only day this is being offered.

## Cake Decorating Workshop

Mrs. Samantha is having a Cake Decorating Workshop Wednesday, August 31 at the EH Center. The workshop will start at 3:45 p.m., or as soon as you can make it after school. The cost for the workshop is \$10 per youth and space is limited. Call the office by Thursday, August 24 to RSVP. All youth ages 5-19 can attend.

## County Fair

If you have been busy over the last year making arts and crafts, taking pictures, baking, canning, or maybe you have a green thumb and have some plants you would like to enter!! Be sure to bring your entries to the county fair on Tuesday, September 5, 2023. It is always fun to see what you have been working on over the last year.



## Fair Schedule

### Monday, September 4, 2023

6:00 p.m. – All Livestock in place and weighed

7:00 p.m. – Mandatory Exhibitor Meeting

### Tuesday, September 5, 2023

9:00 a.m. – Hog Show

1:00 p.m. – Hay Bales for Decorating in Place

4:00 p.m. – Beef Cattle Show

### Wednesday, September 6, 2023

9:00 a.m. – Dairy Cattle Show

10:00 a.m. – Dairy Goat Show

4:00 p.m. – Meat Goat Show

6:00 p.m. – Sheep Show

7:00 p.m. – Hay Bales Decorated

### Thursday, September 7, 2023

9:00 a.m. – Rabbit Judging

10:00 a.m. – Poultry Judging

6:00 p.m. – Livestock Pageant, Old Timer Show Following

### Friday, September 8, 2023

9:00 a.m. – Premium Sale

11:00 a.m. – Luncheon for Junior Exhibitor and Auction Buyers

7:30 p.m. – Ranch Rodeo

### Saturday, September 9, 2023

5:00 p.m. – Dog Show

8:00 p.m. – Bronc Riding and Bull Riding

## District, 4-States and State Fair Entries

Be sure that you are watching these websites and their Facebook pages for up-to-date information on deadlines and entry dates. It will not be long, and it will be time to sign-up.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Howard County Painted Pumpkin Contest

It is time to start finding some great ideas to paint those pumpkins!! Pumpkins need to be dropped off by October 10 – 13 at the extension office. Age divisions will be as follows: Cloverbuds 5-8, Juniors 9-13, Seniors 14-19, and yes we are still having our adult division!! We had a great turnout last year and look forward to this year. Pumpkins will be displayed on the bottom floor of the Courthouse for the month of October.



## 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Howard County 4-H Block Party

We are super excited about this new event that we are working on and wanted to share it with you. This year we will be hosting the first-ever Howard County 4-H Block Party. This event will consist of several things we have to offer in 4-H, games, carnival snacks, and lots of other exciting things. If you would be willing to help with this event, please call the office and let Mrs. Samantha or Mrs. Deb know. We hope to host this event at the end of October or the first of November.

## 4-H Notes

We are excited to welcome all our new 4-H members to Howard County 4-H. Be sure to watch the Howard County 4-H Facebook page for up-to-date information about our programs. Mrs. Samantha also tries to include all the information in the newsletter. If you have any questions about what is going on, do not hesitate to call the office at 870-845-7517.

\*All dates are subject to change.\*

Sincerely,

  
Samanth Horn

County Extension Agent – 4-H

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