

# Garland County Clover Circular



 *All the news that is news in Garland County 4-H* 

January 2015

## ARE YOUR RECORD BOOKS READY??





Just a few short weeks until it is time to turn in Record Books. Hopefully you have started on yours already! Some things to remember about your Record Books:

1. Record Books are not complete until **all** parts are complete. You **MUST** fill out the Project part, the 4-H Story part, and the Picture part. Without all three parts done according to the official instructions, your Record book cannot be submitted to the County Office.
2. Record Books must have the official green folder cover (available in the office) in order to be complete. If this is your first Record Book to turn in—your first cover is free. If you have submitted a Record Book in the past, you can reuse your cover. (You can buy a new cover at the office if you have lost or misplaced yours.)
3. Your Record Book must be completed using the official Record Book form available online at <http://www.uaex.edu/4h-youth/resource-library/project-books.aspx>. You can also get the Record Book form and complete instructions from the County office.
4. Any 4-H member who turns in a completed three-part Record Book with an official green cover will get to attend the 4-H Achievement Banquet at **NO CHARGE!**

## **BIG T O'RAMA COMING SOON!!**

Got your talent, talk, or fashion revue garments ready??? We will be holding the Big T O'Rama in early March....get ready now!!!

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**



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### MINI RECORD BOOK WORKSHOPS

Ms. Linda will be conducting **four** mini record book workshops during the coming weeks to assist you in completing your record books. For those who will be in school, you can schedule to come after school from 3:30-5:00. Come to one or all of them! Call the office to let us know when you would like to come. The time is flexible so if you cannot be there exactly at 3:30, let us know what time you will be there.

These are the dates available:

Wed., Jan. 14    Thurs., Jan. 15

Wed., Jan. 21    Thurs., Jan. 22

**Remember:** The time for each of those days is 3:30-5:00 (or when we are done). You must call to let me know you are coming. For those of you who are free to come during the day, you can make an appointment to come any day during January. Call to set up a time and day. Don't miss out on a chance to get help putting the finishing touches on your record books!! Call 501-623-6841

Garland County Wins 2<sup>nd</sup> Place at the Montgomery County Citizenship/Leadership Quiz Bowl Competition!!



Jillian R., Bree G., Allisha B., Russell B., Courtney H., Jessa G., Jazzlan R.

### Teens at the Clinton Presidential Library



James H, Bree G, Carlie D, Ryan W, Kristen B, Jessa G, Jazzlan R, Jillian R

Twenty Garland County teens participated in the Garland County Citizenship/Leadership program during the months of July through December. The tours started with a trip to the Garland County Courthouse in August, a trip during November to Montgomery County for a Quiz Bowl with area 4-H clubs, and in December, a tour of the Clinton Library and the Old State House. The program was funded by a grant received specifically targeting events that would increase the participants awareness of what being a productive citizen in their community means. Teen participants who attended one or more of the events received a new Citizenship/Leadership T-shirt. Plans are underway to continue the program throughout the coming year. Make plans to be part of this fun, new program! Call the office to add your name to the list of participants!

### RE-ENROLLMENT STARTED IN SEPTEMBER!!

On August 31 of every year, every 4-H member and volunteer leader's status is reset to "inactive". The new 4-H year started on October 1. **If you have not re-enrolled since September 1, you are currently inactive!!** Go to your family page in 4-H online and click "edit" by your name. A screen will come up that already has information filled in about you. Scroll to the **BOTTOM** of that screen and click on "Enroll for 2014-2015". You will have to update the health portion of the enrollment process, sign the publication and video consent agreement, and sign the code of conduct. On the participation screen, your club will not be in the drop down list because it is already listed below as your club. Be sure you add any additional club or clubs in which you participate. If you have problems or questions, please call the office and ask for Linda Bates. I will be happy to help you.

**Get signed up for 2014-2015!!!**

## Volunteer Leaders News

Adults enrolled in 4-H online, don't forget to go online and complete your Mandated Reporter training. This training is required to be done by all adults enrolled in 4-H online as soon as possible. A few of you have done this already, but if you have not, **this needs to be your next 4-H priority!** It is a one-time training that all adult volunteers enrolled through 4-H online are required to complete. The training can be done online, on your own. If you have trouble with your internet connection, you can come by the office to complete the training. It takes about 30-45 minutes. Once you have completed the training, send a copy of the certificate to me by mail or e-mail (or bring a copy by the office). The Mandated Reporter Training can be found at the following address: <https://ar.mandatedreporter.org>

## JR. MASTER GARDENERS CLUB REORGANIZES AT HOT SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Welcome to our newest "reorganized" club! The Jr. Master Gardeners Club has been meeting and planning for the past several months. This newest club is an in-school club and their focus is on the school garden area on their school campus. Master Gardeners Sue Finley and Barbara Smith, as well as other Master Gardeners, visit and assist twice a month as the students rake, pull weeds, plant, and harvest their vegetables at the garden. A grant provided by Farm Bureau has provided funds to help with a sprinkler system that keeps the garden watered during the summer months while school is not in session. We hope to see the members of the club also participating in other county events during the year. Welcome new 4-H members!!



## Teen Star Applications



4-H Teens! Don't forget---If you are 15 years old by January 1, 2015, and no more than 18 as of January 1, 2015, and have completed two years of work as a 4-H member, you are eligible to apply to be a Teen Star! The Teen Stars Program is a recognition for Arkansas 4-H members who have worked hard and who show outstanding achievement in the areas of 4-H projects and activities, leadership, and community service. Statewide scholarships are a part of the AR Teen Stars Program. Graduating high school seniors will be eligible to apply for the \$1,000 Zack O. and Jennie D. Jennings scholarship. Don't miss out on this excellent opportunity to showcase your 4-H involvement!

## 2015 statewide Arkansas 4-H shirt...

The Arkansas Association for Extension 4-H Agents is excited to announce a statewide, 4-H Youth Development T-shirt and they want you to be a part. These affordable, fashionable shirts are a great way to promote a united 4-H front across our state.

The shirts will be Kelley green (shirt design below). The words inside the state outline were provided by Extension Agents during the 2014 state 4-H in-service. Both short sleeve and long sleeve options are available.

### Prices for Short-Sleeved T-Shirts

\$8 sizes Youth Small -Youth Large  
\$10 sizes Adult Small – Adult XLarge  
\$12 sizes Adult XXLlarge – XXXLarge

### Prices for Long-Sleeved T-Shirts

\$12 sizes Youth Small – Youth Large  
\$12 sizes Adult Small – Adult XLarge  
\$15 sizes Adult XXLlarge – XXXLarge

On the left is the front pocket area of the shirt, on the right is the back of the shirt. Order blanks are on the insert of this newsletter.



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## 4-H Important Dates

### January

- 23 Record books due in the  
County Office by 4:30  
23 Scholarship applications  
due in the County Office by  
4:30  
24 Vet Science Activity 9:00-  
11:00  
26 Teen Leader Meeting 6:00  
29 Vet Science Meeting 6:00

### February

- 9 Bee Keeping Essays Due  
23 Teen Star Applications due  
23 Teen Leader Meeting 6:00  
26 Vet Science Meeting 6:00

### March

- 2 Interviews begin for County  
Champ  
2 Big T O'Rama  
14 Vet Science Activity 10:00  
30 Teen Leader Meeting

### April

- TBA 4-H Achievement Banquet  
11 4-H 5K at the 4-H Center  
13 Big B O'Rama  
24 Poster Art Due  
27 Teen Leader Meeting  
30 Vet Science Meeting

