

Garland County Clover Circular



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

February 2015



BIG “T” O-RAMA MARCH 2ND !!!

Don't forget to get yourself registered for the Big “T” O-Rama by **February 25th**. Register for Talent—Vocal, Instrumental, and/or Dance. You can also register to do an Illustrated Talk—on your project area or any other area of interest you might have. Fashion Revue is another competition you might like! **Pizza** will be served at 4:30 for participating 4-H'ers and parents, volunteer adult helpers, and judges. Competition will begin at 5:00.

BUT DON'T FORGET—You must register by Feb.25 to enter the events. Register by calling the office at 623-6841, by e-mailing lbates@uaex.edu, or you can drop by the office in person. Don't miss out on all the fun and excitement of the Big “T” O-Rama!! It happens on Monday, March 2, at 4:30 at Center Fork Baptist Church.



Big “B” O-Rama will be held on Monday, April 13 at the Garland County Fairgrounds. Food will be served at 4:30 and competition begins at 5:00. Events will include BB Gun Marksmanship and Safety, Bait Casting and Fish ID, and Bicycle. The Poultry BBQ event will also be held on that evening. Call the Garland County Extension Office to register. Deadline for Big B is April 6. You can call, e-mail, or come by in person to register. Registration is open for both days of O’Rama events.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!



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Poultry Chain Chicks!

4-H Poultry Chain Chick orders are still being taken at the Garland County Extension Office. Deadline for order is **February 23!** If you haven't ordered your chicks, make plans to do so as soon as possible. This year's chickens are white leghorns.

The cost is \$20.00 for 15 chicks. Roosters are also available for 30 cents each. Bring your check by and get signed up for chickens. Pamphlets will be provided upon order to help you get ready for your day-old chicks arriving in mid April!



The Ross Photography Contest Is Underway!!!

Get out the cameras and start taking pictures! The Ross Foundation 4-H Photography Contest provides a chance for you to exhibit your photography skills! All 4-H members 5-19 are eligible. The contest consists of four categories: (1) Color - living, (2) color - nonliving, (3) black and white - living, and (4) black and white - nonliving. The "living" categories are intended for pictures of people and animals. All scenes or subjects must be taken in Arkansas. The picture must have been taken between July 2014 and now. An 8x10 print of each of your photos and a negative or a CD containing the image or images should be submitted to the county office no later than May 8. You may enter one **or all** categories. (One picture per category) One county winning photo per category will be sent to the state competition. **County winners:** \$10 for first in each category. **State winners:** \$200-1st \$100-2nd \$50-3rd

Pumpkin and Watermelon Seed Orders

It is time to get that garden spot prepared for the Giant Pumpkin and Giant Watermelon Seeds that will be ordered very soon!!!

So you tried to start your plants in the past and they failed?? **DON'T DESPAIR!!!** There are new ideas on the horizon!! Your plant was looking great and then it died? You had baby watermelons and pumpkins and then they went away?? You are not alone in these past heart breaks!! **Keep trying!!!**

THIS YEAR WILL BE THE YEAR!! Last year, there were less than 10 Giant Watermelons and Pumpkins entered at the Arkansas State Fair on 4-H Day. Why not be one of those who competes at the state level??? **WHAT FUN!!!**...free access into the Arkansas State Fair just for participating in the contest on 4-H day!...Call the office today and reserve some seeds! The Garland County Master Gardeners will be sponsoring the cost of the seeds again this year! Let's show them how grateful we are for their support as they fund the Giant Watermelon and Giant Pumpkin contest and...

LET'S GROW SOME WINNERS!!!



Scholarship Deadline Approaching

Don't forget to get your scholarship applications in by March 1. There are four scholarships available:

- *I.L. "Ish" Stivers,
- *Sitton/Sanders/Neeper EHC,
- *Jimmy Tucker Memorial,
- *Garland County Master Gardeners

Forms are available at the Extension Office. Take advantage of these scholarships!



Volunteer Leader's Corner

All 4-H Adult Leaders—please SAVE THE DATE!! An adult leader's meeting has been scheduled for Monday, March 9, at 6:00. During the meeting, we will discuss ways to help your kids get started on next year's Record Books. We will talk about some online leader training opportunities for helping you fulfill the four units of leader training you are supposed to be acquiring each year. We will also discuss the importance of the 4-H Club Secretary's Book and how to keep it current.

Thank you so much to those of you who completed your Mandated Reporter training! The training can still 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>

Although communication between 4-H members, adults, and parents, and the 4-H office has been much improved, we will also discuss whether there are more avenues of communication available for getting 4-H news to our clubs and members efficiently. If you have other ideas about getting 4-H news out to our people, please bring the ideas to the meeting.

This meeting is extremely important—don't miss out on the opportunity to gather with other leaders and discuss the direction of our community clubs and the direction of Garland County 4-H as a whole!!



This year, Creative Clovers 4-H Club members learn where their food comes from and how food gets from the farm to their homes. Making egg salad for sandwiches

was great fun as the club meeting focused on chickens and eggs. Live chickens even attended the meeting!!



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! Just a few days left until the application deadline at the county office! Deadline is **Monday, February 23!!!**

2015 statewide Arkansas 4-H shirt...

You are going to be **STYLING** in the new State 4-H T-Shirts this summer!!! The Arkansas Association of Extension 4-H Agents has taken part in developing a **State 4-H T-Shirt**, and you don't want to miss out on the chance to have one of your own!! They come in long and short sleeves, youth and adult sizes. It is almost time to get your order turned in—so don't wait until it is too late!! Order forms can be found on the insert of this newsletter. Get your orders into the office by **March 6!!**

Big "B" O-Rama "Mini" Workshop Schedule:

(Must register to attend)

Thurs, March 12 (3:30-5:00)

Thurs, March 19 (3:30-5:00)

Mon, March 23 (10:00-12:00)

Tues, March 24 (10:00-12:00)

Each workshop will be explaining the same parts of the O-Rama competition. Hope to see you at one!!

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4-H Important Dates

February

- 23 Teen Star Applications due
- 23 Poultry Chain Chick Orders Due at County Office
- 23 Youth Council Mtg 5:00
- 23 Teen Leader Meeting 6:00
- 25 Deadline to Register for Big "T" O-Rama
- 26 Vet Science Meeting 6:00
- 28 Vet Science Activity 10:00

March

- 2 County Scholarship Applications Due in County Office
- 2 Interviews begin for County Champ

March (Continued)

- 2 Big T O'Rama 4:30
- 6 Deadline to Order State 4-H T-Shirts
- 9 Volunteer Leaders and Adults Meeting 6:00
- 14 Vet Science Activity 10:00
- 25 Deadline to Sign up for Giant Watermelon/Pumpkin Seeds
- 30 Teen Leader Meeting

April

- 2 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

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