DON’T MISS OUT ON THIS FUN COUNTY EVENT!!!!!
BIG “B” O’RAMA IS COMING TO THE GARLAND COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS!!!

What in the world is a Big “B” O’Rama?? Every year, Garland County 4-H kids get together in one giant meeting for a little “friendly” competition!! You will have a blast at this competition! We will have the following events: BB gun shooting, bait casting, a bicycle obstacle course, and poultry BBQ! You don’t need a BB gun and you don’t need a fishing pole—we will provide the equipment for you! All you need to do for those two events is “PUT ON YOUR GAME FACE!!”

The 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. Along with BB Gun Marksmanship you will need to know some very basic gun safety rules. Bait Casting includes a short fish ID quiz, and the Bicycle course comes with needing to know some basic parts. You will need your own grill, starting fluid, and charcoal for the Poultry BBQ event. You also need to bring your sauce and the recipe for the sauce on a recipe card. We will have the chicken for you!! Call the Garland County Extension Office today to register!! Don’t miss out!! Register for Poultry BBQ by April 1st. Registration deadline for the other events is April 6. You can call, e-mail, or come by in person to register. lbates@uaex.edu or 501-623-6841.
Get Ready for the 4-H Banquet

Thursday, April 2, is the date for the 4-H Achievement Banquet. It will be held at the EHC Building at the Garland County Fairgrounds. Specially invited guests and Record Book participants have already received an invitation for the event. If you did not turn in a Record Book and you plan to attend the banquet, call the office for information about the ticket costs and about getting signed up for a night of celebration, fun, and fellowship with youth and volunteer adults from other county clubs. Special guests from United Way, the Hot Springs Lions Club, the Garland County 4-H Foundation, Garland County Master Gardeners, Garland County Extension Homemakers Council, and some of our local county and city officials have been invited. Other supporters from around the county will also be present. Every 4-H member and family needs to plan to attend so you can meet and thank some of the awesome people who help with our funding and our programs. We all need to help celebrate the accomplishments of our fellow 4-H youth as well. This event will provide a fun place for you to dress up and look your best! Come and spend a night of celebration and good food! (For your dining pleasure, a slide show will run throughout the meal. You might even see your picture there!)

Arkansas Teen Leader Conference—June 10-12

Teen Leader Conference is a three-day conference for 4-H members age 14-19. Each year the conference focuses on a specific topic and helps prepare teens for leadership responsibilities in their local clubs and counties. Call the office for details!!

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. Start turning your photos in now if you like!! You may enter one category 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 place in each category.
State winners: $200-1st $100-2nd $50-3rd

Are You Ready For Some Chickens???

If you ordered Poultry Chain chicks earlier in the year, I hope you are getting prepared for their arrival!! They should be here in early to mid-April as one-day-old chicks. If you haven’t already started, the time is now!! Get ready for your little “peepers”—they will be here before you know it!

POSTER ART CONTEST IS STILL GOING ON!! DON’T FORGET THE DEADLINE APRIL 24!! THEME: “IT’S YOUR TIME”
COWBOYS AND COWGIRLS!!!
Spring is in the air and it is about time to get those ponies out and start getting them in shape for the 2015 GARLAND COUNTY HORSE SHOW EVENT!!!! This year we will hold two different nights of events. On Monday, May 11, the Roping and Goat Tying events are scheduled. On Monday, May 18, we will be having the Speed events. Come to one or come to both!! The plan is to have a great time and great competition, too. We will hold both nights of events at the Bar G Arena on Village Tower Road. Turn onto Brookhill Ranch Road off of Hwy 7N. Competition begins at 6:30. Even if you don’t have a horse and you don’t ride, come on out and cheer for our 4-H cowboys and cowgirls as they compete. Other horse events happening:

**District 4-H Horse Show**
**Saline County Fairgrounds:**
**May 29**
**State 4-H Roping Event at Saline County Fairgrounds:**
**May 30**
**State 4-H Horse Show at White County Fairgrounds:**
**July 14-15-16-17**

**Jr. and Sr. Big “T” Competition Results!!!!**
**Performing Arts-Vocal**
Junior-Kendall G.  Senior-Julia G.
**Performing Arts-Dance**
Junior-Rivers J.
**Performing Arts-Instrumental**
Senior-Carlie D.
**Public Speaking**
Senior-Breanne G.
**Illustrated/Demonstrated Talks**
Junior- Carson R.  Senior- McKenzie H.

Garland Gunners Shooting Sports Club is looking for new members!

Garland Gunners will be holding a meeting on Tuesday, March 31, at 5:30 at Christian Ministries Church. This is an organizational meeting. The meeting is open to any 4-H member, age 9-19, who is interested in joining the shooting sports club. For additional information about shooting sports or the meeting, contact the Garland County Extension office!

Garland County 4-H Vet Science members watch as veterinarian Jesse Clement performs a little dentistry on Doc, the horse. This activity was just one of several “office visits” viewed at their March visit to the Lake Hamilton Equine Facility.

The state 4-H office has announced the 2015 Arkansas 4-H Teen Stars. **Congratulations to Breanne G.** who was selected from Garland County!! We are very proud of all of the 4-H members who turned in an application. If you turned in an application but were not chosen this year –try again next year!!

**GOOD JOB, BREANNE!!**
4-H Important Dates

**March**
- 30 Teen Leader Meeting
- 31 Shooting Sports 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
- 24-25 Texas A &M Vet Science Tour

**May**
- continued
- 16 Vet Science Activity 10:00
- 18 4-H Horse Show-Speed Events
- 28 Vet Science Meeting 6:00
- 29 District 4-H Horse Show at Saline County
- 30 State 4-H Roping Event at Saline County
- No Teen Leader Meeting this month

**June**
- 10-11-12 Teen Leader Conference
- 16 District O’Rama
- 25 Vet Science Meeting
- 29 Teen Leader Mtg

**** Baby chicks coming soon! You will be notified by phone/email as soon as April arrival date is announced.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED