

# Garland County Clover Circular



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

## RE-ENROLLMENT IS UNDERWAY!!

### October 1, 2015, Started the New 4-H Year!

On August 31 of each 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 2015-2016". 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 2015-2016!!!**

## Pumpkin Roll Sales

During the Garland County Fair and the Arts and Crafts Fair, one of the items sold from the windows of the Clover Café was pumpkin rolls. Each year, two nights of mixing, baking, and rolling take place to make the pumpkin rolls which are a great source of fundraising. The 4-H members made 100 pumpkin rolls this year—25 more than last year. Thirteen of the 100 pumpkin rolls are left—all but three are without nuts. If you are interested in purchasing one of them, call the office. The cost is \$14.00 per roll. Supply is extremely limited! Call today!



 *Making the Best Better!* 

October 2015



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## Leader's Corner:

The next volunteer leader meeting will be held **Monday, November 9**, at the Extension Office starting at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will include information about volunteer leader training, how to get your kids involved in doing record books, scholarships, and many other important items a club leader or adult volunteer should know. Please make plans to attend this meeting.

Also, thank you so much to those of you who have already 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>.

If you were a volunteer adult signed up in 4-H online last year or this year, whether you are the actual club leader or not, it is very important for you to complete this training. This training is for anyone who is working with the youth of our county as a 4-H volunteer.

## County Fair!!



Garland County Fair was a whirlwind of Excitement as 4-H exhibitors started the first of their competitions showing the animals they worked so hard to prepare. Over fifty kids competed in some form or fashion at the county event. Nearly 40 4-H members competed in events involving animals. Others had entries in the Arts and Crafts Department, Photography, and Talent Revue. Congratulations to all for a job well done! Eighteen of the thirty 4-H members who purchased poultry chain chicks entered them in the fair. In the premium sale, 27 of the 35 participants were 4-H members. Many of the contestants moved on to show at the District and State Fairs. Garland County 4-H is very proud of all the kids in the county who showed at the fair. Congratulations to these 4-H members: Breanne G (Grand Champion Hog), Karlie T (Grand Champion Lamb), McKenzie H (Reserve Champion Lamb), Katelynn W (Grand Champion Goat), and John Bates (Grand Champion Rabbit, meat pen).

**Also a BIG thank you to all who came to work their shifts at the Clover Café!**

## WE NEED SHOES!

Most Garland County 4-H members know by now we have a team who has qualified to compete at the National Round-up in Denver, Colorado in January. They won first place at State O'Rama and now they will represent Arkansas and Garland County in the Consumer Decision Making Competition. Sending a team to represent Arkansas at the Nationals is quite exciting. Funding for this trip has come from several avenues. One of them is the Shoe Drive Fundraiser. We started collecting shoes in September in hopes of getting 300 bags (25 pairs per bag) by November 13. The proceeds from the bags will help with the cost of the trip. A contest between 4-H clubs is underway. So far, the Ft. Lake/Jessieville 4-H club has turned in 28 pairs of shoes. Creative Clovers has turned in 21 pairs, and Clever Clovers turned in 15. We need everyone's help in this shoe drive! Talk to family members, church friends, school friends, and business associates. We are far from the goal we have set! Help us reach our 300 bags!!

## Don't Forget About the Facebook Page!!!



Garland County 4-H has a Facebook page. To access the Garland County 4-H Facebook account, please find us in your Facebook search and make a request to join the group. It is very easy to do. The picture on the page is the one shown above. The correct group has a tiny gavel in front of "**Garland County 4-H**". I encourage all 4-H members and parents to join the group because we will be posting more and more information about county activities. I hope to "see" you on the "closed group" Garland County 4-H Facebook page very soon! Call if you have questions!!

## Tractor Supply Paper Clovers

Twice a year, the Tractor Supply Company holds a twelve-day Spring and Fall 4-H Paper Clover Campaign. One hundred percent of the funds raised by this event will benefit 4-H. Last year our Hot Springs TSC store was recognized with the Class Champion Award and was second in the state behind Stuttgart. The money raised during our area's Tractor Supply 4-H Paper Clover Drive benefits 4-H'ers in our county. The funds are used for educational programs in Garland County. On October 17, several Garland County 4-H members and parents participated in an activity involving a pony, rabbit, rooster, hen, goat, and yellow lab. These animals were there for the petting and viewing pleasure of the kids and adults who visited TSC on Saturday. Hot dogs, chips, and drinks were served to customers who visited the store.

Thank you to all the 4-H'ers and parents who came to help make the 4-H event a success.



### Do you want to show livestock...?

Are you planning to show livestock at the fair next year? Do you want to show an animal but don't have the startup money to purchase one? Then the Farm Credit Youth Loan Program may be for you!

Farm Credit Services of Western Arkansas offers a Youth Loan Program for 4-H members. Loans range from \$500-\$2500 to assist with 4-H projects involving cattle, swine, sheep and goats. For more information contact Mr. Jimmy at the extension office.

### **Holiday Workshop!**

The annual Holiday Workshop will be held on Saturday, Dec. 12. The workshop will feature making holiday crafts that can be used for gifts or ornaments. The Extension Homemakers Council will be conducting various sessions of craft making and a 2016 calendar will be made for each of the participants. The Workshop features a "Bring a Friend" event. A 4-H member can choose to bring one (or more) friends to the workshop with them. Information is available on the enclosed registration form. Be sure to check out the deadline for registration. Don't miss it!!!



### IMPORTANT RECORD BOOK NEWS

Contact was made with the Garland County Library in early September in an attempt to reserve one of their meeting rooms for our November Record Book Workshop. While they do allow for groups to meet in the rooms, one would not be available until late December. Because the Record Books are due at the end of January, the meeting needed to take place much earlier so members would have time to get their record books together. The Record Book workshop will be held at the EHC building on November 23 from 12:30-3:30. We will have a power point showing the different ways to record your project information. A link will be provided previous to the workshop so everyone can download the template to their computers. Instruction will be available to help participants with the download. Bring your laptop, bring whatever you have gathered to put into the record book, bring your questions. We will be talking about how to put the record book together, what items are best to put into the record book, and how to arrange the pages so more information can be recorded. Most of the schools are out on that day for fall break so this would be a GREAT time to have some hands on training. Prepare a list of all the things you can think of pertaining to your main project for the 2015 year, make a list of any community service—both with your club and individually, make a list of any fundraiser you have been part of, and list any functions you participated in that promoted 4-H. Plan to get a jump start on putting together your Record Books.

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## 4-H Important Dates

### October

29 Vet Science Meeting

### November

9 Volunteer Leaders Meeting

21 Vet Science Activity  
10-noon

23 Record Book Workshop  
1:00-3:30 EHC bldg.

24 **Deadline for registration  
for Holiday Workshop**

26-27 Extension Office Closed

30 Teen Leader Meeting

NO Vet Science Meeting for Nov.



### December

3 Vet Science Meeting

7 Parade

12 Holiday Workshop

**Extension Office will be closed**

**December 24 through January 3**

### January

6-10 Western National Round-up

Consumer Judging Team

25 Teen Leader Meeting

28 Vet Science Meeting

**Collect your gently  
worn shoes and drop  
them off at the  
Extension office.  
Deadline Nov. 13**

