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Garland County Extension Homemakers

Scoop

Gold Star winners announced
3 stars for Loyal Ladies (Rita Blackwood)
2 stars for Park/Heights (Peggy Barnett)
1 star for Crazy Quilters (Loretta Johnston)
1 star for Busy Bees (Martha Wilson)
2 stars for Lakeside (Janie Woods)
1 star for La Casa (Yolanda Earley)
1 star for Docencia (Sandy Edmonson)
1 star for Cooks R Us (Clarice Marker)

JESSICA'S JOTTINGS...

Great job everyone! Once again, everyone pulled together and made
Garland County Fair a huge success. Thank you for all your hard work
and dedication in both the kitchen and the Creative Arts Building. Neither of these is
an easy task, and I know some of you worked multiple shifts, early mornings, and
late nights. It can be a frustrating and tiresome time, but, when it’s all over, we
can take a long deep breath and pat ourselves on the back.

We did have some changes this year in the way entries were handled throughout
the entire fair. The Fairboard purchased computers and the ShoWorks software.
This is the same software used at both the district and state fair. We spent
countless hours entering all of the departments, divisions, points and premiums
before spending more countless hours entering all of the adults/youth and their
entries. This includes not only the Creative Arts Entries but also Horticulture and
all Livestock. We were able to have everyone entered and tabulated so their
checks were ready when they picked up their fair entry items in Sunday. As far as
I know, this is the first time checks have been ready on pick-up day. That is
something to be proud of, and for those of you who had entries, I am sure you
appreciate not having to wait months for your check. That being said, there will
be some changes in the way we take entries next year. Online registration will be
available and we are thinking about having two separate days/times for people
to bring their entries. This will help ease the congestion and hopefully open the
door for more people to enter. Also, we will be re-writing the departments and
divisions to match the state fair, so you may see some changes to your area. All
of these changes are positive ones, and they will make fair time much better for
all of us.

Again, thank you for all of your hard work. I am grateful to work with the best
Extension Homemakers Council in Arkansas.
**PRESIDENTIAL POINTERS**
From Phyllis Pipkin

Wow, the 2014 Garland County Fair is over! Congratulations to all of you who entered items in the Creative Arts Department. EHC was definitely well represented, and I never cease to be impressed with the extent of the many talents of our EHC members.

I would also like to send a huge THANK YOU to all who worked a shift, or two or three, in the EHC Kitchen. Your efforts help the Council to maintain our beautiful building in the style it deserves. While we are not perfect in all that we do, especially in the kitchen, we always put our best efforts forward and that is what counts!

For now, get some rest and get ready to jump on the Arts & Craft Fair wagon. If you are new to EHC, you are in for a treat. Our Arts & Crafts Fair is the best in the state, according to the recently started "Pipkin Poll".

I am always so proud to be an EHC member, and even prouder to be your president this year. See you soon.

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**What COLOR is your personality?**
Come to the next Leader Training Lesson, "True Colors", and find out! The lesson will be presented on October 24, 2014 at 11:00 a.m., following the Quarterly Board Meeting... but, will be preceded by a light brunch as soon as the Board Meeting ends. Club Family & Human Development leaders are asked to attend the training session and to present the information at their November club meetings. All other members are invited, as well, and no reservations are necessary!

**LAST CALL for the Country Store**
If you would like to sell your handmade crafts in the EHC Country Store during the Arts & Crafts Fair, you MUST let Katy Weaver know by October 1. Contact her at 767-2620 or tiredmail@sbcglobal.net.

**New dishes for the kitchen**
Cooks R Us has donated new, unbreakable dishes for use in the EHC Building. **(Please, do not take any of these dishes out of our building... at anytime!)** The dinner plates, two sizes of bowls, dessert plates and glasses were purchased with money made from selling brown bag lunches to vendors during the Arts & Crafts Fair. We also donated a red Kitchen Aid commercial mixer.

Clarice Marker, Cooks R Us president, says to "look for information in the next SCOOP about the cooking classes to be taught in 2015".

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**District Meeting Plans**
Ouachita District Presidents' Day is on October 28, 2014 in our Educational Building at 10:00 a.m. The theme is "Reflections of Leaders". The members from Garland County who have pre-registered with Jessica will enjoy a day that combines business and fun. A special educational program will feature two speakers. As usual, there will be a silent auction and door prizes, and Garland County will furnish a welcoming venue for the meeting and cater the meal.

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**Holiday Council Meeting**
Join in the merriment on December 12th at 10:00 a.m. in the EHC Building. Make your reservation by paying $7.00 with a check at the Extension Office by December 8. See the Yearbook for club duties.

**Make a list, check it twice!**
It is not too early to start making a list of projects that need to be completed and brought to the Holiday Council Meeting.

- The first thing on the list is to dress a bear (or several bears) to be given away by the Salvation Army.
- Second on the list is to buy items to help your club fill stockings – also for the Salvation Army.
- Last, but not least, is to stock pile canned goods, non-perishable food, and paper goods to be donated to the "Be a Santa to a Senior" project.

Questions? Contact Loretta Johnston about bears and stockings and Lawana Whaley about groceries.

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**A note from Valerie Nuckels:**
As I write this, things are just being finalized for the November 7th workshop that will be hosted by Docencia and led by several different clubs. Lakeside will teach a covered journal, Loyal Ladies will be doing poinsettia napkin rings, Cooks R Us will teach a hairpin necklace, and La Casa will lead glass etching. The total cost of the workshop is $9.00. I hope to have information and a picture in the paper soon. Check after October 1st at the Extension Office for more information and to register.
**WELCOME**

**Docencia** welcomed Teri Sargent to their group. She was installed as a member at the July picnic.  
**Crazy Quilters** has added five new members. They are Kay Flippo, Sonja Powell, Shirley McConnell, Henrietta "Henry" Miller, and Betty Watterson.  
**Lakeside** invited friends, neighbors, and family to join their group. The newest members are Mary Wigley, Wrennita Cash, Deloris McGlaughn and Glenda Hughes.

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**In Memoriam**

**Ann Harp**

Ann Harp, longtime member of EHC in both Hot Spring County and Garland County, is remembered fondly by Crazy Quilters. She was a quilter and loved coming to club meetings. Since she was in a wheelchair, her husband Billy Joe brought her. A few years ago, she donated the brown rocker that is in the EHC Building.

**Gail Dondersloot**

Gail was an active and loyal member of Garland County EHC from 1998 to 2013. She passed away on October 26, 2013 at the age of 89. She will be fondly remembered by all who knew her. She joined the La Casa club in the Village, and held offices of Vice President and President. In 2008, she received honors as La Casa's Club Member of the Year in 2008. She was instrumental in starting La Casa's ongoing project of sewing walker bags that are distributed to various health care facilities. She compiled a project book about the walker bags and won highest recognition for it. She was an avid seamstress and did sewing and alterations on costumes for the Village Players. Also, she became a certified Stephen's Minister caregiver.

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**Projects, old and new**

The Loyal Ladies coupon program continues to grow and Joy Martsching reported that with the last shipment, we are well over $250,000 in coupon value. The Coupon Connection Ladies at RAF Lakenheath are corresponding with us on regular basis so we know this project is helping many Air Force families in the UK. We have been busy planning and working on a pet product line which includes dog treats and bandanas that will be sold in the EHC Country Store during the Arts & Crafts Fair. Rita Blackwood is leading this project. Also, Loyal Ladies purchased two new roasters for use in the EHC kitchen.  

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**When it roars, stay indoors!**

*Lakeside’s educational exhibit shared information about staying safe from lightning.*

- No place outside is safe during a thunderstorm.  
- Look for shelter inside a large building or hardtop vehicle as soon as you hear thunder.  
- Wait at least 30 minutes after hearing the last clap of thunder before leaving your shelter.  
- Do not do anything that puts you in direct contact with plumbing or electricity.

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*Barb Bradstreet of Cooks R Us  
Ruth Hopkins of Park/Heights  
Marge Durfee of La Casa  
Bobbi Taylor of Loyal Ladies  
Christina Clement of Crazy Quilters  
Jane Hammonds of Lakeside  
Valerie Nuckels of Docencia*  

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*Jane Kunstman, Dona Smith and Winnie Manning presented President Phyllis Pipkin with two roasters.*
Jessica's Schedule

October
1-2 Arts & Crafts setup and work days
3-5 Arts & Crafts Fair
6 Cooking Class at Langston School
10 EHC Executive Committee Meeting
13 Cooking Class at Langston School
14 Little Rock State Office (all day)
16 Extension Get Fit Development Meeting (all day)
20 Growing Healthy Communities Meeting,
   Cooking Class at Langston School
21 Little Rock State Office (all day)
22 Cooking Class at Lake Hamilton School
23 Ext. Wellness Ambassador Trng (EWAP), Glenwood
24 EHC Board Meeting and Leader Lesson
25 Cooking Demos at Farmers Market
27 Snap-Ed Mtg, Cooking Class at Langston School
28 EHC Ouachita District Presidents Day
29 County Program Review (all day - in Malvern)
30 EWAP Training (all day - in Glenwood)

November
3 Cooking Class at Langston School
4 Extension Get Fit Development Meeting (all day)
6 EWAP Training (all day - in Glenwood)
7 EHC Holiday around Robin
11 EWAP Training (all day - in Glenwood)
12-14 In-Service Training in Little Rock (all day)
17 Growing Healthy Communities Meeting
20 EWAP Training (all day - in Glenwood)
24-28 Annual Leave

December
4 Cooking Class at Lake Hamilton School
8-12 In-Service (all day - in Little Rock)
15 Growing Healthy Communities Meeting
22 Annual Leave through Jan 2

EHC Dates to Remember

October
3-5 Arts & Craft Fair
8 Cleanup Day, 9 a.m. – 2 per club
24 Quarterly Board Mtg, 9 a.m., EHC Bldg
   & "True Colors" Leader Lesson, 11 a.m.,
   at EHC Bldg (preceded by brunch)
28 Ouachita District Presidents' Day

November
7 Craft Workshop, 9 a.m., EHC Bldg

December
8 Registration deadline for Holiday Council
   Christmas Parade
12 Holiday Council Mtg, 10 a.m., EHC Bldg
24 Extension Office closed until Jan 5, 2015

The deadline for the next SCOOP
is December 8.