

# The Lucky Clover

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## 4-H Pledge

I pledge my head to clearer  
thinking  
My heart to greater loyalty  
My hands to larger service,  
And my health to better  
living for my club, my  
community, my  
country, and my world

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Hello from the 4-H Office,



We are off and running in the new year! 4-H Contest season has started and we are so excited. Find a contest, register, practice, and compete! You will be so glad that you did. We will have county level contests that will qualify winners for District and State level events.

If you have any questions or need help with contests give us a call, contact your volunteer leader or those veteran 4-Hers! They can be a wealth of knowledge! Now, let's go make the BEST BETTER!

We still don't have a State 4-H registration system! We will update as soon as we know! Please pay close attention to registration deadlines and all opportunities available to you!

Sincerely,



Jan Yingling  
County Extension Agent - 4-H/Ag  
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## Important Dates for White County 4-H



4-H Ambassador Workshop: February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>

Talks & Demo Contests: February 9 at 6:00

Dairy & Rice Recipe Contest: February 18

Wildlife Food Plot Due: February 23

4-H Day at The Capitol: February 28

Talent Show & Fashion Revue: March 10 at 6:00,  
Reg Deadline: 3/7

Livestock Workshop: March 23

Broiler BBQ: April 1

Ross Photo: April 7

County O'rama: April 22

### 4-H Club/Leader Documents

**All** club yearly documents are due to the Ext. Office by **Monday, February 27!** Signatures, bank statements, etc.! Call Mrs. Jan for details or attend the Vol Leader meeting! [Club Documents Due](#)

### 4-H Record Book Winners

Congratulations to our County Record Book winners! The three Beginners, Intermediate, and Senior winners will go on to compete at the District level! **NOW** is the time to start your record book for next year! Call for help!



**Cloverbud (5-8):** Braylen Martin, William Martin, Jessalyn O'Dell, Ryder Vanover, Tucker Vanover, and Katie Tatman

**Beginners (9-12):** Andrew Ferren (Civic Engagement), Jewel Stewart (STEM) and Madilyn O'Dell (Healthy Living)

**Intermediate (13-15):** Ellie Ferren, Madalyn Johnson, Sadie Lillard, Caitlin Cooper, Madison White, and Lynnlee Morrison

**Senior (16-19):** Josiah Lillard

### 4-H Bake Off Contest

Congratulations to our winners!! Great job!

**Sugar Cookie:**

Junior 1<sup>st</sup>-Jordan Laing, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Hannah Gaskin,  
3<sup>rd</sup>-Finley White

Senior 1<sup>st</sup>-Caitlin Cooper, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Madison White,  
3<sup>rd</sup>-Emma Aldrighetti

**Biscuits:**

Junior 1<sup>st</sup>-Carleigh Cooper, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Benton Manis,  
3<sup>rd</sup>-Madilyn O'Dell

Senior 1<sup>st</sup>-Delaney White, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Ellie Ferren,  
3<sup>rd</sup>-Madalyn Johnson

**Cornbread:**

Junior 1<sup>st</sup>-Carleigh Cooper, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Robert Howell,  
3<sup>rd</sup>-Hannah Gaskin

Senior 1<sup>st</sup>-Madalyn Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Josiah Lillard, 3<sup>rd</sup>-  
Caitlin Cooper

### Talks & Demonstrations Sign Ups

The Talks & Demo Contest will be Thursday, February 9 from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Extension Office. **Deadline to sign up is Monday, February 6.** Call 501-268-5394 or [jyingling@uada.edu](mailto:jyingling@uada.edu) to register. Find all rules and categories in our **Contest Guidelines!** Public Speaking, Safety, Citizenship, Animal Science, 4-H Horse Activity, Vet Science, Entomology, Environmental Stewardship, Food Fair, Health, Human Development, Innovative Technology.

### Dairy and/or Rice Recipe Sign Ups

The Dairy/Rice Recipe Contest (drop off) will be Saturday, February 18 from 9:00-9:30 am, ribbons to follow, at the Extension Office. **Deadline to sign up is Tuesday, February 14. Recipes and dishes need to be ready for judging and plated by 9:30.** Call 501-268-5394 or [jyingling@uada.edu](mailto:jyingling@uada.edu) to register. Find all rules and categories in our **Contest Guidelines!** Each contestant may enter only one division PER contest.

**DAIRY & RICE RECIPE CONTEST** - Two divisions per contest: *Party Ideas & Main Dish*. There must be dairy products in the dairy recipe and rice in the rice recipe. Recipes will be judged on ready availability

of ingredients, clearness, and accuracy of recipe, serving suggestions and other ideas on entry recipe, originality, and enhancement of the recipe by use of dairy or rice products. All cooking will be done on your own **BEFORE** you arrive to the Office. You will need to bring your dish ready for judging. You may use the kitchen to plate up your final dish and make last minute preparations of garnishes, if needed. You must provide your own dish, plate, etc. to turn in your finished product to the judges. Notice that the score sheet includes "appearance of prepared food". Depending on what you make, you may want to either turn in the whole prepared dish, or a portion on a separate platter, plate, dish, etc.

***Cloverbud participation will be limited to the Party Idea Division.*** Cloverbud recipes should be simple and not require stove top cooking, baking or microwaving. Recipes to consider are dips, cheese balls, desserts or appetizers.

No parents or leaders are allowed to assist the youth while cooking their recipes.

NOTE: Be sure to place your name, club, and whether you're a cloverbud, junior, or senior, on your RECIPE.

#### **County-Wide Community Service Opportunity**

In *February*, we are collecting **Socks** for the Mission Machine Homeless Mission in White County. Drop off your donations at the Extension office Monday-Friday from, 8:00 am-4:30 pm.

#### **4-H Shooting Sports Club Prep**

We are in NEED of a place to practice for shooting sports that is covered for the next month or so. If you have a place, let us know! Club fees and contracts will be due at the first practice. Contact Jennifer Baldwin for more details. [Jdbaldwin87@gmail.com](mailto:Jdbaldwin87@gmail.com)

#### **Teen Leader & Volunteer Leader Meeting**

***Calling all Teens 13-19!!!*** Our next meeting will be **Monday, February 27 at 6:00** at the Extension

Office. If you are interested in being a *Teen Leader* (13-19) or a *Volunteer Leader*, then come on!! *All current Teen Leaders & Volunteer Leaders of clubs* are encouraged to attend.

#### **4-H Poultry Chain Animal Husbandry**

##### **Project Sign Up**



It's time! Sign up for the 4-H Poultry Chain! **Deadline is Friday, February 24!** You **MUST** be a 4-H member to participate by **February 25; waiting on registration system.** The cost will be **\$25** per youth. Each youth will receive 15-20, one-day old **White Leghorn** chicks in *April*. The 4-Her will then raise these birds, have them blood tested in *August*, and then they will bring three hens to the County Fair on *September 11* to be auctioned off. The participants will then write *several "thank you"* cards to poultry buyers and be eligible to pick up their check from the Extension Office. There will be **NO** extra birds ordered! Please call Mrs. Jan for more details or questions.

##### **Shout Outs**



We wanted to shout out Josiah Lillard, a State 4-H Tech Team member, who travels around the state sharing his knowledge of his 4-H project work! He recently presented at a Lonoke Co Master Gardener meeting! Way to go, Josiah!



If you have a shout out you would like for us to make, let us know!

##### **New Ambassadors, State Officers & Teen Stars**

The applications for 2023-2024 Arkansas 4-H State Officer Team, New Ambassadors, Hall of Fame, & Teen Stars are open. You can find links to each of the website pages below which contain an information sheet, application components, and a link to the

actual application. **All applications are all due by Wednesday, March 15 at 11:59 pm.**

<https://4h.uada.edu/youth/leadership/teen-star.aspx>

If you are looking for some tips or have questions about the application, attend our AR 4-H State Leadership Applications Zoom on **February 7 at 7:00 pm**. This meeting is for anyone! <https://uada.zoom.us/j/97822558729?pwd=alBPYmVJT0dQQ2xtU3FUWCsrajZ1dz09#success>

### **Rabbit Club Meeting**

The Rabbit Club will be having a meeting **February 2 at 6:00 pm** at the White County Extension Office. Call Michele Newnum at (501) 827-6505 for more details and RSVP!

### **New 4-H Clubs**

The *Entrepreneur 4-H Club and Technology 4-H Club* will be having meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at **3:30 pm and 4:30 pm** at Pickens Chapel Church of the Nazarene. Any youth ages 5-19! Call *Stephanie Lillard* at (501) 827-6505 for more details!

### **Federal Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest**

The Federal Junior Duck Stamp Conservation & Design Program is a dynamic art- and science-based curriculum that teaches wetland and waterfowl conservation to students in kindergarten through high school. The program encourages students to explore their natural world, invites them to investigate biology and wildlife management principles and challenges them to express and share what they have learned with others via the ART CONTEST. This program is FREE to enter and participate!

Students can enter their original depiction of waterfowl to the contest. Student artwork is judged in four groups according to grade level: K-3, 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12.

*To enter the 2023 contest, please ensure the following reminders.*

-Artwork can be submitted before but not after, MARCH 15, 2023. Late submissions will not be accepted.

-Physical size of art must be 9 x 12" and less than 1/4" thick.

-Image must be a live portrayal of a native North American duck, swan or goose (refer to Eligible Species list).

-There can be no lettering, writing, or signatures on the front of the artwork.

-Art must be portrayed horizontally.

-Be original! Just like copying on a test is cheating, copying your art directly from someone's picture is cheating too.

-Each piece of art must have a completed entry form, with signatures, attached to the back. (small piece of tape works best).

-Grades 7 -12 must also SUBMIT a visual reference FORM with their artwork.

*All of this information, including the forms, can be found on the National Junior Duck Stamp Contest website.* <https://www.fws.gov/.../junior-duck-stamp-contest...>

*The annual brochure is the best resource for all things "Jr Duck Stamp".*

Entry Form:

<https://www.fws.gov/.../Junior%20Duck%20Stamp%20Entry....>

### **Entry Instruction for AR:**

You can Fedex, USPS, UPS, or even bring them in person. You can even send them earlier!!

Entries for the 2023 Arkansas Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest should be mailed to the address below. All entries should be postmarked by **March 15, 2023**. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Felsenthal National Wildlife Refuge

C/O Junior Duck Stamp Contest

5531 Highway 82 West

Crossett, AR 71635

### Calendar of Events and Guides

White County 4-H event calendars along with contest guidelines and policy manuals are available! We will have some printed in our office for your requests.

### Ross Photography Contest

The Ross Foundation 4-H Photography Contest is underway. This contest provides an opportunity for Arkansas 4-H'ers to demonstrate, compete and exhibit their photography skills. All 4-H members aged 9-19 are eligible.



At the county level, each 4-H member may enter two color photographs (*one must be in the living category and one must be in the non-living category*) and two black-and-white photographs (*one must be in the living category and one must be in the non-living category*).

Photographs entered MUST be of scenes or subjects in Arkansas. Photos will be entered digitally. The photo may be enhanced to improve quality - and you may change a color image into black and white. Plant life (*flowers, trees, bushes*) are considered non-living for this contest.

**Deadline: APRIL 7**

### Game of the Month

Need an idea for your next 4-H Club meeting???

#### ***Give & Take***

**What you'll need:** one rolled up newspaper, a box

#### **Rules:**

Players are all seated in a circle with a box in the

center. A "wand" (rolled up newspaper) is placed in the box. The player who is "IT" stands in the center, takes the wand, taps any person in the circle on the knee, and places the wand back in the box. The player that was tapped grabs the wand out of the box and tries to tap "IT" before he or she can sit down in the empty spot. If he succeeds, he places the wand back in the box and sits down before "IT" can tap him again. If he does not succeed, he takes the place of "IT". (Buchele, 2008)

### Nancy's Nuggets

*Tune in here each month for a funny or important message from Mrs. Nancy, our 4-H program assistant.*

#### TIME TO PLAN FOR GARDENS

It is winter and like it or not, spring, with warmer weather will not be here for a while. However, it is time to plan for the things you want to have in your vegetable gardens. It is time to make your list of the things you would like to have. The internet allows us to browse and order the seeds we want and also will give you instructions on how and when to start plants from seeds early in a warm inside environment. My husband and I started several plants last year just off our living room where it is warm, cozy and also has quite a bit of natural light. It was exciting to see the seeds sprout and come to life into seedlings. We started several varieties of Bell Peppers, Chile Peppers, Loofah and more. It is also much less expensive to start plants yourself and so much fun. When you transplant them to the outside, they will have a head-start on the growing season and you will feel much satisfaction that you started them yourself.



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#### **4-H Enrollment UPDATE**

A new system is ***STILL*** on its way for the 2023 year, "DAXKO". *Carry on right now as if everyone is registered.* Stay tuned 😊 We will send out the link to register as soon as we get it from the State 4-H Office.

Yearly 4-H enrollment is so important to our program for so many reasons. Please [Enroll](#) today to be an official 4-H member. The 4-H yearly enrollment was wiped clean in **January and each family will need to enroll AGAIN or you will not be a 4-H member for the 2023 year!**

