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State 4-H Council leading the way with service projects

Once the 2017-2018 State 4-H Council was elected at State 4-H Roundup earlier this year, this group of energized club members put together a plan of action designed to promote 4-H and help make Oklahoma a better place.

The group, comprised of 13 4-H'ers from across the state, drew up a list of service projects on which the whole state currently is working. This year's three main projects are Change for Change, Pull for Kids and Books for Kids.

Cathleen Taylor, state leadership and citizenship specialist with the State 4-H Office at Oklahoma State University, said service projects are an integral part of the Oklahoma 4-H Youth Development Program.

"Citizenship and community involvement have always been a big part of our program. We work hard to provide opportunities for our members to become involved, not only in their immediate community, but across their county, district and state," Taylor said. "Our State 4-H Council serves as the voice of Oklahoma 4-H and they help provide direction for various community service projects our club members can work on in their counties, as well as collectively for our program as a whole."

Brandi Moore, president of the State 4-H Council, said community service projects are a great way for 4-H'ers to grow as leaders.

"We stress the importance that as leaders we must be the servant," Moore said. "If we want to make a lasting impact and change the world, we must participate in community service."

Change for Change began in 2010 and to date has raised more than \$60,000. Club members across the state simply collect loose change throughout the year, then turn it in during State 4-H Roundup in the summer. Clubs collect the change in a variety of ways, including passing the bucket at meetings, bake sales, collection jars at local businesses or schools and working in concession stands, to name a few. Proceeds from this project go to the Children's Hospital Foundation. Next year, part of the money also will go to the Cavett Kids Foundation, which supports a camp for children with special needs. The club members' hard work in raising funds has been recognized with the Partner on the Move Award. This year's goal is \$20,000.

"Each year at Roundup we present the Children's Hospital with a check. We also make a visit to the hospital to see the difference our contributions are making," Moore said. "One of our 4-H supporters

asked us to help support Cavett Kids Foundation and has a sponsor who would match the funds we raise. So, this year we'll split the Change for Change money between Children's Hospital and Cavett Kids Foundation."

It was the established partnership with Children's Hospital that sparked the Books for Kids project. This is the third year for this community service activity.

"The first year, 4-H'ers donated about 1,200 new books, and last year they surpassed 2,000 books," Taylor said. "We collect books mainly geared toward children in first through third grades. Children who are patients at Children's Hospital are able to take home a new book."

Moore said this year the project will be used as bonus points for counties in the spirit contest at State 4-H Roundup.

Although the next project was on hiatus for a year, this year's Leadership Council voted to bring it back.

"Pull for Kids is a project for the Ronald McDonald Charities. We collect the pull tabs from aluminum cans and turn them in for recycling and the money is donated," Moore said.

Taylor said the great thing about this project is, after removing the tabs and recycling them, clubs can then recycle the aluminum cans and use that money within their clubs.

Giving back to the community and knowing they are making a difference is a driving force behind these service projects.

"We know 4-H'ers who have used the facilities at Ronald McDonald House or who have attended Cavett Kids Foundation camps," Moore said. "We participate in service projects not because it's required, but because we want to make a difference in other people's lives. By helping these people, we gain a sense of purpose and selflessness. I hope my fellow officers and 4-H members learn one of the most important things in life is to have a heart of service for others and help those in need."

For more information about the service projects on this year's 4-H agenda, contact Taylor at 405-744-8888 or visit <http://4h.okstate.edu/leadership/state-service-projects/state-service-projects>.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Ring the Bells	Dec. 6
Science Club	Dec. 13
Holiday Goodies	Dec. 16
OFFICE CLOSED	Dec. 22-JAN. 1
Science Club	Jan. 10
OFFICE CLOSED	JAN. 15
PLO Meeting	Jan. 22
NW Dist. Livestock Judging	Jan. 31
Pickens Scholarships Due	Feb. 1
Horse Communication Contest	Feb. 3
OK Science at Museum	Feb. 16-17
Garfield Livestock Show	Feb. 22-24
NW Dist. Livestock Show	Feb. 28-Mar. 4
State Ambassador Apps Due	Mar. 1
Okla. Youth Expo	Mar. 6-16
Natl. 4-H Conf.	Apr. 7-12



NEXT PLO MEETING

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

NEXT MEETING WILL BE JANUARY 22, 2018

2017-18 COUNTY OFFICERS

President—Montell Meyer

Vice President—Natalie Haggard

Secretary—Brianna Deeds

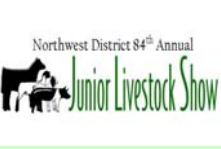
Reporter—Bailey Hoeltzel

Rec./Song Leader—Kaitlyn Booth and Ethan Haggard

Executives—Mandi Fuksa and Morgan Meyer

NW DISTRICT LIVESTOCK JUDGING

WEDNESDAY, January 31, 2018



FFA & 4H LIVESTOCK JUDGING COMPETION
8am @ Expo Center

LIVESTOCK SCHEDULES

Garfield County Livestock Show—Enid
 February 22-24, 2018

N. W. District Livestock Show—Enid
 February 28—March 4, 2018

All entries due online by 5:00 pm, February 5.

Steer show begins—February 28 at 8:00 am.

Sheep show begins—March 1 at 10:00 am.

Doe show begins—March 2 at 9:30 am.

Barrow show begins—March 3 at 10:00 am.

Gilt show begins—March 4 at 10:00 am.

(Further details can be found at nwdistrictshow.com)

OYE—Oklahoma City
 March 6-16, 2018

Entries are due online by February 16.

(Further details can be found at okyouthexpo.com)

2019 OYE DATES

The date for the 2019 OYE Livestock Show is:

March 13-22, 2019

OKLAHOMA 4-H PICKENS LEGACY Scholarship Application

Due in State 4-H Office by February 1, 2018

There is a form on the state 4-H website for all of the Pickens scholarships. (There are a total of 12 Pickens Scholarships available.) (*Awards may change slightly due to fund availability this year*). It is only necessary to complete one form – place a check in the appropriate box to indicate all scholarship programs entered. Please scan application, transcript, letter of recommendation, essay, headshot and news information sheet as one (1) PDF document and email to -

cathleen.taylor@okstate.edu.

Must attend Oklahoma State University-Stillwater the Fall of 2018 and be a full-time undergraduate. Student must be enrolled at Oklahoma State University-Stillwater by June 1, 2018. These scholarships are only good for the Stillwater campus of Oklahoma State University.

In addition to this form, the following materials are required for all scholarships:

- Current academic transcript from appropriate institution(s)
- Letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor or academic adviser
- Two page, double-spaced essay answering the question, "How has 4-H membership influenced my career plans and/or my life?"
- Headshot photograph of applicant and 4-H Pickens News Information Sheet

STATE 4-H AMBASSADORS

2018 STATE 4-H AMBASSADOR
APPLICATIONS
WILL BE DUE MARCH 1, 2018.

OKLAHOMA 4-H SCIENCE NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

Registration for **Oklahoma 4-H Science Night at the Museum** is open!

This year the theme is Star Wars; participants will build a miniature light saber, explore robotics, "use the force" of static electricity, and experience many other exciting exhibits and activities. The event is perfect for 8-12 year old youth, but every age seems to enjoy it as well! Below are the details:

Date of Event: February 16th-17th, 2018

Registration Due: February 1st, 2018

Price: \$45 per participant
\$25 per adult

For more information, and for the registration forms and instructions, please visit: <http://4h.okstate.edu/projects/science-and-technology/4-h-bright-nights-1>.

4-H SCIENCE CLUB MEETINGS

The next Science Club meetings will be held on December 13, 2017, and January 10, 2018, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the extension office conference room.

Hope to see you there!!

STATE 4-H RECORD BOOKS

~~ATTENTION~~

The State Record Book form for 2018 has changed. No old forms will be accepted.

For more information, go to
4h.okstate.edu/for-youth/awards



THE OKLAHOMA 4-H MEDIA PROJECT

The Oklahoma 4-H Media Project is a new way 4-H'ers can let the public know about what they and their local/county 4-H program are doing to make the best better in Oklahoma communities.

WHAT IS 4-H MEDIA?

4-H media includes (but is not limited to):

- Any 4-H involvement in which 4-H'ers are in a leading or serving role in their communities.
- Participation in state service projects (Change for Change, Pull 4 Kids, and Books for Kids).
- What 4-H has done for you (your 4-H story).

WHO CAN GET INVOLVED?

The 4-H Media Project is open to 4-H'ers ages 8-19 who want to share how they are making a difference with the skills they have learned through 4-H.

If you're interested in telling your 4-H story through 4-H media (video, news article, etc.), contact Trent Gibbs at 580-475-8153 or bmtgibbs@cablone.net.

BUT WAIT!

There are two things you still need to do before you contact us.

1. Identify your 4-H media - Look for ways you can (or already are) meeting the mentioned 4-H Media qualifications.
2. Prepare - Make sure you can explain the project or experience, your role and its overall impact on you or your community (It doesn't hurt to throw in something you've learned through the experience).

Be sure to like us on Facebook @Oklahoma 4-H Youth Development as we continue to help 4-H'ers tell their stories. We look forward to seeing how you will use this opportunity to let others know how 4-H is making an impact in Oklahoma youth and communities!

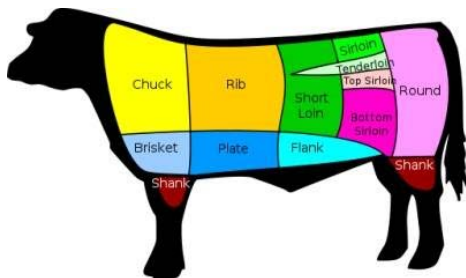
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MEATS SCIENCE CLUB

It is time to once again be thinking about the Meats Science Club. The 2018 State 4-H Meats Judging Contest will be held in April, 2018, at the OSU Food Agriculture Processing Center on the OSU Campus.

If you are interested in participating, please contact me and we will arrange practice sessions.



LOCAL 4-H'ERS SERVICE PROJECT

Natalie Haggard of the Kremlin-Hillsdale 4-H Club is working on a service project. She is in need of adult and kids toothpaste and tooth brushes to put in hand-sewn toiletry bags. If you would like to help in this project, please bring your items that you want to donate to the extension office. Any donations will be appreciated.

HORSE COMMUNICATION CONTEST

There will be a Horse Communication Contest involving a quiz bowl, speech contests, and photo contest. It will be held on February 3, 2018, on the Stillwater campus.

Entries are to be made through your local cooperative extension office and must be received to Animal Science Building by noon, Monday, January 22, 2018. Guidelines of the contests are located at our office and on the state 4-H website under Events and Activities.



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