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SHOOTING SPORTS PROGRAM GOING STRONG

What began as the Oklahoma 4-H shooting sports project in Stephens County in 1980 has evolved over the years, now encompassing about 3,600 youth.

Terry Nelson, Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension assistant specialist in the State 4-H Office, serves as the statewide coordinator for the shooting sports program.

“The original program was a shotgun trap program that evolved from a youth program led by Marie Ketchum in Duncan, Oklahoma,” Nelson said. “Under the direction of Guy Harlow, Southwest District 4-H Program Specialist at that time, 17 Oklahoma counties were a part of the new 4-H shooting sports project. Then, in 1994, we sent a team of Extension educators and 4-H volunteer leaders to be nationally trained and certified. This allowed us to expand the program into seven new shooting disciplines, along with county coordinators.”

Today, the program features air pistol; air rifle; archery, which encompasses compound, recurve and genesis bows; black powder muzzle loader; small bore, including .22 pistol and .22 rifle; shotgun; and hunting skills are the disciplines within the overall project. The western heritage project also has been added to the shooting sports program in recent years.

“While life skills, leadership and service to the community are a part of every 4-H project, there is one way in which the shooting sports program is different,” he said. “Every county coordinator who works with shooting sports is a certified shooting sports instructor. It’s important for people to be aware of the rigorous training our shooting sports leaders must have.”

Extension educators and certified 4-H volunteers attend National 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification workshops to become Level 2 instructors. These instructors return to the Oklahoma 4-H Youth Development Program to teach other Extension educators and certified 4-H volunteers on the state level to be Level 1 instructors.

The Oklahoma 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification workshops are two-day trainings that take place in various locations across the state. The Level 1 instructors return to their home county to teach the 4-H members in a specific shooting discipline on the local or county level. These instructors certify 4-H members in the shooting discipline through a minimum of eight hours of instruction. Once the 4-H members are certified, they can compete in shooting sports contests on the county, district, state, regional and national levels.

Educational and hands-on experiences are key components of 4-H programming and through shooting sports, participants learn self-discipline, personal safety, decision making, problem solving, goal setting, planning/organizing, social skills, empathy and self-motivation.

Nelson said these life skills help mold and develop youth to be contributing and responsible citizens and leaders who strive for teamwork and want to be community service volunteers. They help club members in their everyday life become more well-rounded and productive individuals today in their school work and in the future with their professional careers.

As with other projects in 4-H, there are competitions in the shooting sports program as well. The 2018 Oklahoma 4-H State Air Rifle and Air Pistol contests will take place Jan. 20 at the FireLake Arena in Shawnee. 4-H participants will have age divisions in air rifle for juniors, intermediates and seniors. The air pistol contests will be for intermediate and senior 4-H participants. Senior 4-H members are competing to make the Oklahoma 4-H Air Rifle and Air Pistol teams to represent Oklahoma 4-H at the 2018 National 4-H Shooting Sports Championships. Four 4-H members will be on each of the teams competing nationally in late June in Grand Island, Nebraska. The air rifle contest will have over 100 participants and the air pistol contest will have over 20 participants.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

NW Dist. Livestock Judging	Jan. 31
Horse Communication Contest	Feb. 3
OK Science at Museum	Feb. 16-17
PLO	Feb. 19
Garfield Livestock Show	Feb. 22-24
Public Speaking & Job Readiness Contests	Feb. 26
NW Dist. Livestock Show	Feb. 28-Mar. 4
State Ambassador Apps Due	Mar. 1
Okla. Youth Expo	Mar. 6-16
4-H Science Club Mtg.	Mar. 14
Natl. 4-H Conf.	Apr. 7-12
State Record Books due	Apr. 13
NW District 4-H Contest Day	Apr. 14
NW District Food Showdown	May 25
NW District Horse Show	June 1
State Horse Show	June 21-23



PLO MEETING

**NEXT PLO MEETING
WILL BE
FEBRUARY 19, 2018
AT 5:30 PM**

2017-18 COUNTY OFFICERS

President—Montell Meyer

Vice President—Natalie Haggard

Secretary—Brianna Deeds

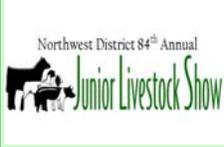
Reporter—Bailey Hoeltzel

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)

SHOOTING SPORTS NEWS

Starting February 6th at 5:30, practice for the Hunting and Wildlife Shooting sport discipline will begin at 213 E Elm Ave with Lindell Newman. If interested, please attend the first practice.

GARFIELD COUNTY PUBLIC SPEAKING—JOB READINESS CONTESTS

The **Public Speaking** program encourages 4-H youth to:

- Recognize the need for obtaining information on a given topic.
- Learn about organizing materials to be presented in a speech.
- Develop a pleasing personal appearance before an audience.
- Develop skills, knowledge and attitudes for life long use.

All participants may present a talk, an illustrated presentation, a team demonstration or any two. Divisions are listed in the green 4-H yearbook.

The **Job Readiness**, an individual event, recognizes members who satisfactorily complete a job application form, participate in an interview, and communicate a personal understanding of and an ability to perform specific job requirements.

Ages in this contest are Intermediate—6-8th grades and Advanced—9-12th grades.

The public speaking and job readiness contests will be held February 26, 2018, at Pleasant Vale School at 6:00 pm.

(ENTRY FORM IS ON PAGE 6 OF THIS NEWSLETTER)

SPRING FUNDRAISER

Garfield County 4-H will be selling bags of pretzels for the spring fundraiser for \$5. The bags were sold during the state fairs in the 4-H building and at the Made in Oklahoma building so you may have seen them. There are 3 flavors available.

Anyone planning on receiving funds for trips from PLO must sell 5 items to qualify. Pretzels will be picked up from your leader and will be sold through March 30th.



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 MEETING

The next science club meetings will be February 7 and March 14 at 4:30 p.m. at the OSU Extension Center.

Come join the fun!!

Hope to see you there!!

STATE 4-H RECORD BOOKS

State Record Books will be due to the County office April 13th! Please remember to use the new form. I would like to start editing your books before this date so please send in as you finish a section.

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

NORTHWEST DISTRICT 4-H CONTEST DAYS
APRIL 14, 2018 AT NORTHWEST TECHNOLOGY CENTER
LOCATED 1.5 MILES WEST OF FAIRVIEW ON HIGHWAY 60

Fashion Revue

All ages are as of January 1, 2018 - \$10.00 Entry Fee
ENTRY FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 23

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4-H Robotics Contest

All ages are as of January 1, 2018 - \$10.00 Entry Fee

Participants who enter Robotics are not eligible to enter Fashion Revue.

Contest Check-in 12:30 p.m.
Program and Practice 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Competition 2:15 p.m.

Speech Contest and Job Readiness

Registration @ 9:00 a.m. Contest at 9:30 a.m.

\$10.00 Entry Fee

Participants who enter Speech Contest are not eligible to enter Job Readiness.

Speech Contest

All ages are as of January 1, 2018
Categories of speeches are Prepared Public Speaking, PowerPoint Presentation,
and Extemporaneous

Job Readiness

Participants who enter Job Readiness are not eligible to enter Speech Contest.

Job Readiness Event Guidelines

Job Readiness is an individual event which recognizes members who communicate a personal understanding of and ability to perform specific job requirements. All members will compete through written materials and a job interview.

Event Categories

Age Categories:

Intermediate:	age 12-14
Advanced:	age 15 & over

Job Categories

Services—Home Based Business—Retail/Office



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.

2018 OKLAHOMA 4-H FOUNDATION ESSAY CONTEST

Oklahoma 4-H Foundation is excited to offer the 2nd annual Dr. Ron and Linda Scholar Essay Contest. Members ages 13 and older are invited and encouraged to enter this contest, sponsored by Dr. Ron and Linda Scholar. The theme for this year's essay is: "Because of 4-H, I can....."

Essays will be judged by a selection committee with separate cash prizes awarded to the winners. First place cash prize of \$500, \$300 for second place and \$200 for third.

The entry deadline for this contest is April 27, 2018. Entries postmarked by April 27th will be accepted. Essay contest winners will be selected and notified in May of 2018, and the formal presentation of award checks will be made during State 4-H

Roundup.

Eligibility: The contest is open to all Oklahoma 4-H Members age 13 and older. For more information please contact the office.

SHOOTING SPORTS PROGRAM

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A week later, the Payne County Hotshots Shooting Sports Club will host the 2018 Oklahoma 4-H State Indoor Archery Contest Jan. 27 in Stillwater at the Payne County Fairgrounds. Participants will compete in the three age divisions of juniors, intermediates and seniors, with three bow types within each age division, including compound, recurve and genesis bows.

Nelson said depending on the age division and bow type, participants' shooting distances will be from 10 meters to 20 yards. There will be a target line of 4-foot-wide target mats running the length of the building and large archery nets will be set up behind the target mats to stop any arrows that miss the mats. Awards will be given to the top placing individuals in each age division and bow type.

"We're expecting some great competition with up to 180 participants at this contest," he said.

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**JOB READINESS CONTEST – FEBRUARY 26, 2018
ENTRY FORM
Due February 19, 2018**

Name _____

Club _____

Intermediate (6-8th grades) _____ Advanced (9-12th grades) _____

A packet is available with instructions for this contest at the office.

**PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST – FEBRUARY 26, 2018
ENTRY FORM
Due February 19, 2018**

Name _____ Club _____

Phone _____

Topic _____

_____ Cloverbuds (5-8 years old) _____ Junior (3rd-5th grades)

_____ Intermediate (6th-8th grades) _____ Senior (9th-12th grades)

_____ Regular _____ Illustrated Presentation _____ Team Presentation _____ Extemporaneous

_____ PowerPoint (3rd-7th grades) & (8th-12th grades)

Intermediates and Seniors can only do Extemporaneous if they enter one of the above categories too.