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UPDATE FROM THE OKLAHOMA 4-H FOUNDATION

Wow, 2017 has certainly been a busy year for the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation. Scholarships, fundraisers and a big golf tournament are just a few of the highlights this year.

Blayne Arthur, executive director of the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation, said she is excited about the direction the foundation is going to continue its support of Oklahoma 4-H'ers.

"The Foundation provides a private, nonprofit source of funding to help financially support the mission and goals of 4-H youth development at all levels in Oklahoma," Arthur said. "We work with individuals, as well as corporate donors and sponsors to fund scholarships, educational experiences and leadership opportunities to 4-H members across the state. Just this year we've awarded \$147,000 worth of scholarships to deserving club members."

A new opportunity for 4-H'ers is the Soil Health Achievement Award, which will be presented for the first time at the 2018 State 4-H Roundup next July. The award comes with a \$1,200 scholarship sponsored by the Soil Carbon Coalition, and Arthur said funding has been solidified for the next five years.

"Investing in the future of students is one of our priorities," said Peter Donovan, founder of the Soil Carbon Coalition. "We're excited about this partnership and look forward to the next five years."

Students in 8th through 12th grades are eligible to apply. They must address multiple objectives in their application, including meeting with a farmer who is working on improving soil health and sharing their experience with an audience; teaching others how nature builds functional soil ecosystems and the connections between soil health and public health; learning to recognize signs of changes in soil health through various hands-on tests; and engaging his or her community in a project to improve soil health.

"The goal of this scholarship fund is to engage young people in community wide efforts to improve the health and function of land and watersheds in Oklahoma, improve local economies and create resilience in the face of extreme weather events," Arthur said.

Another foundation project took place at this year's Oklahoma State Fair.

"Oklahoma 4-H always makes a big showing at the fair with more than 4,000 exhibits created by club members, but 4-H'ers also were involved in a new project this year," she said. "We sold 4-H pretzels in the Made in Oklahoma Store during the fair to raise money for the program."

The pretzels were available in three flavors and sold for \$5 per bag, of which \$2.50 is profit. Any 4-H club that would like to sell the pretzels for a local club project should contact Arthur at 405-744-5390.

"Our Oklahoma 4-H State Ambassadors manned the booth during the fair and they did a great job, not only with selling the pretzels, but also helping spread the word about 4-H and helping the public gain a better understanding of the positive impact 4-H has on communities across the state. As an added bonus, the Ambassadors had a great opportunity to work on their public speaking skills," Arthur said.

The Clover Classic Golf Tournament has been a staple of the 4-H Foundation for 20 years. Arthur said there was a great turnout of both golfers and sponsors for this year's event, which took place last month at Gaillardia Golf Course in Oklahoma City.

"Carl Sanders' team took home top honors, which was very fitting since he has sponsored a team every year since the inaugural golf tournament 20 years ago," she said. "And again, the State 4-H Ambassadors were on hand to help with the tournament and ensure everything ran smoothly."

As with many 4-H activities, the Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign is a dual-purpose activity. This campaign helps raise funds that stay in the county where the money was raised and also provides an opportunity for club members to work on community service projects, enhance their public speaking skills and spread the word about 4-H.

"Club members do a variety of things during the Paper Clover Campaign. Some clubs spend time at the local Tractor Supply and help customers load feed. Others set up demonstrations that showcase activities and projects within the county 4-H program," Arthur said. "This particular fundraiser is great because all money raised stays right in the county and benefits the local clubs."

Another fundraising effort is a coordinated project with Amazon called AmazonSmile. Amazon will give .5 percent of your purchase to the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation. It works with all Amazon accounts and is easy to use. Simply go to www.smile.amazon.com and choose Oklahoma 4-H Foundation, Inc., as your nonprofit organization.

"This doesn't cost customers anything extra, and with so many people shopping on Amazon already, this is a great way to get what you need and support 4-H at the same time," Arthur said. "With the holiday season right around the corner, we really think this will be beneficial to the foundation, which in turn is beneficial to club members."

For more information about Oklahoma 4-H Foundation activities, please contact Arthur at blayne.arthur@okstate.edu.

DATES TO REMEMBER

OYE Nominations (swine)	Nov. 7
4-H Science Club	Nov. 8
AFR Annual Speech Contest	Nov. 9
4-H Has Talent	Nov. 11
PLO	Nov. 13
Horse Science Academy	Nov. 18
OFFICE CLOSED	NOV. 23-24
Ringing the Bells	Dec. 6
Science Club	Dec. 13
Holiday Goodies	Dec. 16
OFFICE CLOSED	Dec. 22-JAN. 1
OFFICE CLOSED	JAN. 15
Natl. 4-H Conf.	Apr. 7-12



**FRIENDLY REMINDER:
EVERYONE MUST RE-ENROLL**

Don't forget that you must log on to ok.4honline.com to re-enroll all 4-H members and volunteers. If you are a current 4-H family, DO NOT create a new profile. If you are having trouble logging in, please request your password and start there. Still having trouble? Contact our office and we will be glad to help you.

IF YOU PLAN ON SHOWING IN THE SPRING, YOU MUST BE ENROLLED BY JANUARY 1, 2018.



NEXT PLO MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2017
AT 5:00 PM.
NO MEETING IN
DECEMBER

OYE NOMINATION NEWS

Swine nomination kits can be picked up at the Garfield County OSU Extension Office on November 7, 2017, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A OYE representative will be available at the time to distribute the kits.

For further information please go to www.okyouthexpo.com/nominations.

- 2017-18 COUNTY OFFICERS**
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SCIENCE CLUB

COME JOIN THE FUN!!!

Science Club meets November 8, 2017, at 4:30 p.m.



CONGRATS TO OUR NEW 2017-18 NW DISTRICT OFFICERS

MADISON POSTIER—Dist. Vice President

BAILEY HOELTZEL—Dist. Reporter

RINGING THE BELLS & HOLIDAY GOODIES

We will be “RINGING THE BELLS” for the Salvation Army on December 6, 2017, from 4:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. at the West Jumbo Food Store.



LEADERS—Please contact our office and schedule your club’s time for ringing.

HOLIDAY GOODIES will be December 16, 2017, from 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. You must pre-register by December 11, 2017, so we have enough supplies. Cost will be \$5.00 and lunch will be provided.



COUNTY OFFICERS

Just a reminder!! County officers are expected to help at Holiday Goodies on December 16 from 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

AMERICAN FARMERS & RANCHERS ANNUAL SPEECH CONTEST

The contest for the Northwest Region will be held on Thursday, November 9, at the Autry Tech Center in Enid. Registration will begin at 4:00 p.m. and the contest briefing will begin at 4:30 p.m.

The state finals will be held on Saturday, December 2, at OSU-Stillwater, Classroom Building, Room 313. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m., and the contest will begin at 10:00 a.m.

FURTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE.

SHOOTING SPORTS—ARCHERY

ARCHERY HAS STARTED!

Practice is at 6:00 p.m. on Thursdays at the Glenwood Elementary gym.



NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE WASHINGTON, D.C. APRIL 7-12, 2018

National 4-H Conference is a future focused program that aims to build strong leaders through roundtable discussions, town hall meetings, group assemblies, and visits with national legislators. Being selected to represent our state at this conference is one of Oklahoma 4-H's highest honors.

The unique environment of the program allows delegates to engage with nation 4-H leadership (including USDA and CSREES) and to learn how to better youth-adult partnerships. The program reinforces the ties 4-H has to the Cooperative Extension Service and the land grant university systems that make 4-H possible. Roundtable discussions generate ideas for club and community improvement and students are encouraged to implement these ideas in their home states. Through the roundtable process, students also build valuable leadership skills including team building, flexibility, and communications. On "Capitol Hill Day," delegates have the opportunity to become more familiar with the national government by meeting with the Secretary of Agriculture and Oklahoma's own Senators and Representatives to discuss prominent issues the students see in their home states and communities.

- Through an application process, three to four Oklahoma 4-H delegates will be selected to attend Nation 4-H Conference.
- Applicants must be 16 years old by January 1, 2018.
- This trip is an award based upon your application and support letters.
- Oklahoma 4-H will cover almost all expenses for this trip.
- Delegates are responsible for:
 - *\$250 Registration fee (Oklahoma 4-H and the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation will cover the remaining \$1,150).
 - *Transportation to and from the airport.
 - *Meals on travel days to and from D.C.
 - *Lunch on Capitol Hill Day.
- * For more information on National 4-H Conference, download a copy of the Participant Handbook from the 2018 Nation 4-H Conference website: <http://www.4-h.org/4-h-conference/>

Upon returning from National Conference, each member of the 2018 National Conference Team will complete a service project by June 2019. Service Projects will be a part of Oklahoma's back home plan and may be either a group or individual program depending upon the strengths and ideas of the youth-adult team that participates.

The service project is the delegate's opportunity to demonstrate their leadership skills and develop a program that initiates community change.

For more information: <http://www.4-h.org/4-h-conference/>

If interested, please contact the office for application information.



4-H HAS TALENT

“4-H Has Talent” will be here before you know it. If you have a talent and would like to share it, register by using the entry form below. The contest will be November 11, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. at Glenwood Elementary School in Enid. **(NO CLOVERBUDS CAN BE IN COMPETITIVE ACTS.)**

“4-H HAS TALENT” CONTEST

November 11, 2017 @ 10:00 a.m.

Glenwood Elementary

(Entry form due November 7, 2017)

ENTRY FORM

NAME OR CLUB _____ JR. SR.

TITLE OF ACT _____

_____ MUSIC _____ NOVELTY _____ DRAMATIC

_____ INDIVIDUAL _____ SMALL GROUP _____ LARGE GROUP

SPECIAL EQUIPMENT NEEDS: _____

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