OHCE Members at Winter Council Meeting
McClain County OHCE held their annual Winter Council Meeting at the Farm/Home Building in Purcell. The program was presented by Marilyn Standridge, who spoke about an upcoming mission trip to Nicaragua. The ladies made hobo bags to be filled with ladies' toiletry items and passed out to disadvantaged people in Nicaragua.

OHCE Awards
OHCE awards for 2017 were presented with Stealey OHCE named as Outstanding Group of the Year. Individual award recipients were: Heart of OHCE- Tammy Elliott, Member Award-Kathy Langley, Rookie Member Award-Rayanne Carpenter, and Young Member Award- Melissa

Attracting Butterflies and Hummingbirds
Julia Laughlin, Oklahoma County OSU Extension Horticulture Educator, taught the monthly OHCE education lesson on “Attracting Butterflies and Hummingbirds.” She shared information about specific flowers and shrubs that provide food for them. OHCE attendees will teach the lesson to members of their individual groups in the month of April.

Gum Drop Engineering
In March, McClain County Extension partnered with the Washington School System to teach Gum Drop Engineering. Groups of 2nd and 5th graders were given 10 gum drops and 20 toothpicks. They had to work together as a team to build a structure that was one toothpick tall and able to hold the weight of a textbook for 60 seconds.
Jr. Gardening Club
McClain County OSU Extension partnered with Pioneer Library in Newcastle and started a 10 week Jr. Gardening Club. The kids have planted several different vegetables in the raised garden beds behind the Newcastle Library.

Chick Embryo Program
Spring is in the air. The McClain County OSU Extension Chick Embryo program is going well this year. Washington Elementary had a good hatch right before Spring Break. Currently there are five incubators in the Blanchard Elementary and eight at Newcastle’s ECC. Chicks should be hatching mid April.

UPCOMING EVENTS
April 4, 11, 18, 25
Fitness with Friends, 10:30am
Farm/Home Building
April 9
McClain County Fair Board Meeting, 5:30pm, OSU Ext. Coference Room
April 10, 17
Dibble Head Start Parents’ training on “Active Parenting-First Five Years”
April 12
Purcell Head Start Parents’ training on “Active Parenting-First Five Years”
April 14
McClain County 4-H/FFA Horse Show
April 16
4-H Booster Club Meeting, 6:30pm, OSU Ext Classroom
April 18
Farm to You, Newcastle Elementary School
April 19
OHCE Education Lesson “The American Flag”, 1:30pm, OSU Ext. Classroom
April 20
“Co-Parenting for Resilience”, 9:00 am, Mid-America Technology Center
April 21
4-H Day at Tractor Supply
April 23
“Bread in a Bag” Washington Elementary School
April 24
McClain County Cattlemen’s Association Dinner, 6:30pm, Farm/Home Bldg.
April 24
McClain County 4-H County Officer Election, 6:00pm, OSU Ext Classroom
April 28
Red Dirt Rabbit Show, Newcastle Fair Barn
April 28
McClain County 4-H Sporting Clays McLoud, OK.

Respectfully,

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