In 2007, 4-Hers conducted over 27,000 community service activities in Oklahoma. That translates to a monetary value of a little under $2 million dollars!

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**Fabrics and Fashion contest February 10, 2010**

The Fabrics and Fashion event will be held February 10th, 2010 at Denison School. Entry sheets are due no later than January 27th, 2010 so judges can be secured. All categories are listen in the yearbook and online at: http://mccurtain.okstate.edu/4-h.

**New categories and classes:**

The Consumer Buying contest is new this year.

To be eligible for Consumer Buying, 4-Her must be 12 or over. The age divisions are 12-14 for Intermediate and 15 and over for senior. 4-Hers must prepare a cost sheet for the consumer buying contest. The cost sheet should include: amount saved, percentage saved, and how the outfit enhances the current wardrobe. The receipts or tags from the garments must be attached to the cost sheet. 4-Hers must also model the outfit so appropriate fit can be checked by judges.

There will also be one new class in the Impressive Dress Contest: western wear. Examples of what can be worn can be found in the yearbook or online. Western Shirts, vest, jackets, jeans (must be pressed) western skirts, belt, boots (must be clean). Hats are not appropriate for the contest.

Entry sheets can be found in the back of the newsletter, online or in the yearbook.

**For more information or packets for beginning construction projects call the Extension Office at (580) 286-7558. You can fax in Entry Forms to the Extension Office at (580) 286-7688.**
Message from the Oklahoma Department of Ag

- Many veterinarians are submitting blood samples from pigs being tested for the winter show season marked “Pseudorabies Test Only”. Our regulations require that all swine (barrows included) to be shown must be tested negative for Pseudorabies and Brucellosis or originate from a Pseudorabies Validated a Brucellosis Qualified Herd. Please check with their veterinarians to make sure the pigs have been tested for both diseases. There is confusion because in the past the lab has automatically test for Brucellosis at no charge since there was cooperative agreement money to pay for that testing. Now the lab must charge $3 for each Brucellosis test. Please get the word out that pigs must be tested negative for both diseases to be eligible to be exhibited in the state.

- We are getting calls and faxes from individuals seeking premise ID numbers who already have a premise ID. A lot of these were registered last fall leading up to the county and state fairs. Apparently many people think they must get a new premise ID for this year or they have forgotten they got one last year. It stays with the premise indefinitely and animals from that premise will use that ID each time it is required. The only changes that need to be made are if phone numbers or mailing addresses change or if another person purchases or rents the premise. Remember that the Premise ID # is a one time application and no re-application is necessary unless the location of your swine projects move.

Parents: Would you like to receive email updates from the Extension Office? Please send an email to cathleen.taylor@okstate.edu with subject line reading: 4-H Listserv. I will try to send out monthly emails with up coming events and deadlines.
The county 4-H and FFA Auction at Brinkley’s Auction will be January 30th, 2010. For more information contact your schools Ag teacher or the Extension Office!

The County Volunteer Leaders will meet on February 2nd, 2010 at 6:00pm at the Extension Office. Items to be discussed include Job Readiness and summer activities.

Dinner will be provided. The training will be on different 4-H project. I would ask each leader to come prepared with 5 project areas that kids in your club are interested in.

The Southeast District Educators recently met and set dates for upcoming district contests. I am very sorry if they conflict with pre-established dates. We did our best to watch out for other organizations activities.

- February 20th, 2010—**SED Share the Fun** at Kiowa. Only senior 4-H members are permitted to participate. Call Cathleen with questions.
- **SED Speech Contest**– April 1st, 2010—First Baptist Church McAlester—Entries due to Cathleen no later than March 4th, 2010.
- **SED Livestock Judging**– April 6th, 2010—Tishomingo
- **Shooting Sports**– April 24th and May 1st, 2010. For more info call Cathleen
- **Leadership Lock In**– May 7-8 (tentative) - cost $5.00 McAlester Life Church– more info? Call Cathleen
- **District Parent Volunteer Conference**– June 24, 2010– First United Methodist Church– Ada.
- **Animal Science Field Days**– June 29th, 2010– Tishomingo
Opportunities from Oklahoma Farm Bureau

The Oklahoma Farm Bureau will be holding a Speech Contest in conjunction with the Oklahoma Youth Expo on March 15, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. The contest will be held at OSU/OKC in the student union.

Ages:  
9-12 - Junior  13-15 - Intermediate  16-18 - Senior

Divisions:  
Agriculture Production  Environment & Natural Resources  Agriculture Policy

Time Limits:  
Junior– 3-5 minutes  Intermediate and Senior– 5-8 minutes.

For a copy of the rules and entry form contact the Extension Office. Entries are due to Oklahoma Farm Bureau by March 1st, 2010.

Are you a Farm Bureau Family? Are you a graduating senior?  
If yes, Oklahoma Farm Bureau offers 9- $1000 scholarships for graduating seniors of an Oklahoma Farm Bureau family. Applications are available at any Farm Bureau office or the Extension Office. Applications must be postmarked before March 15th, 2010. If you have any questions about requirements call your local Farm Bureau Representative. Applicants must enroll full time in an agriculture program at an accredited Oklahoma university.

Don’t let this be your LAST newsletter.  
With the rising cost of postage and the need for accurate records, it is time once again to clean out our 4-H Enrollment System. I will get leaders a list of their club members from this year and anyone who wishes to be in 4-H needs to fill out a new enrollment card and bring it to the Extension office or get it to your club leader. Remember that to be eligible to participate in county, district, or state events under the name of 4-H you must be an enrolled member. This includes all livestock shows and fairs. Enrollment forms can be downloaded from the county website:  
http://mccurtain.okstate.edu/4-h

Enrollment Forms need to be turned into the Extension Office No later than January 8th for spring events.
McCurtain County Fabrics and Fashion Contest

Name: __________________________________ Club: __________________________________

Age Category (circle one):  Beginner  Intermediate  Advanced
(9-11)   (12-14)  (15+)

*There is no limit to the number of exhibits a member can complete, with the exception of Impressive Dress. Please look at the Yearbook for specific guidelines.*

**Dress Revue**

Entries in Class numbers (get these from Yearbook)

____, ____, ____, ____, ____,

____, ____, ____, ____, ____,

____, ____, ____, ____, ____,

____, ____, ____, ____, ____,

**Impressive Dress**

Entries in Class numbers (get these from Yearbook)

Class 1 School Wear
Class 2 Dress Wear
Class 3 Western Wear
Class 4 Sportswear

**Consumer Buying Entry**

*(See yearbook for class descriptions)*

*(Circle One)*

Junior - 9-11 years as of January 1
Intermediate - 12-14 years as of January 1
Senior - 15-19 years as of January 1
“To Make the Best Better”
Information to be included in the bi-monthly newsletter are due the first Thursday of every month. Issues will be published bi-monthly.
Email inclusions to: catherine.taylor@okstate.edu
The Newsletter is one way of communicating educational information and updates to members, volunteers, parents, and community officials

**Clover Congrats To.....**

**Clover Stars** to the Battiest 4-H Club for their entry in the Idabel and Broken Bow Christmas Parades. They placed 1st in both! Great Job!

**Way to Go Clovers** to all of the participants in the Holiday Festival. Everyone who came and looked at entries said they were wonderful! It put us all in the Christmas spirit!

**Green Clovers** to all 4-Hers who participated in the Oklahoma Farmers and Ranchers Speech Contest. Congrats to Jordan Starey, Valliant Jr. 4-H for advancing to the State Contest.

*We regret any omissions and will try better next time*

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM ALL OF US AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE!**

**CATHLEEN, BRAD, LINDSAY, JESSICA, JUANITA, RICHARD, AND NATASHA**