



January – February 2021 4-H Newsletter

Collegiate 4-H has a place for everyone

It is the oldest student organization on the Oklahoma State University campus. Collegiate 4-H was established at what was then Oklahoma A&M College in 1916. Not only that, this club also was the first ever Collegiate 4-H club established in the country – so its roots are deep and strong.

Collegiate 4-H is a student organization involved in community service, promoting 4-H, encouraging citizenship, developing leaders and assisting 4-H clubs around the state. Jeff Sallee, Oklahoma 4-H STEM state specialist, who serves as one of the advisers of the club, said Collegiate 4-H is built on the same principles as the traditional 4-H program.

“This club really is a continuation of youth development, but our role as advisers is a bit different. Collegiate 4-H members are adults, and we’re here more to advise them, not direct them,” Sallee said. “I also want to point out that club members don’t have to have been involved in 4-H in high school to belong to this club.” Kaylee Rumbaugh comes to OSU from California and serves as president of OSU Collegiate 4-H.

“I decided to join Collegiate 4-H because I wanted to be involved on campus and throughout the community of Stillwater,” Rumbaugh said. “4-H had such a positive impact in my youth that I wanted to continue that throughout my college years and help young members love it as much as I do.”

She said the club has a small project every meeting that gives back to the community and she enjoys the people the group encounters. She likes that the club works together as one to better themselves and the community.

In addition to community service, Rumbaugh said the club is active on campus and participates in a variety of homecoming events, including the lawn sign competition, window painting and the harvest festival.

“Community service has always been a big part of 4-H, and that continues with Collegiate 4-H,” Sallee said. “Our club here at OSU does a lot for our community. One of the projects they really enjoyed was the Bake and Take project. Members made 1,000 dog treats and donated them to the Humane Society.” Cathleen Taylor, state leadership and civic engagement specialist with the State 4-H, said Collegiate 4-H gives members a sense of community.

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The ENID NWDJLS LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

The livestock judging contest will be held on Thursday, January 21, 2021 at the Garfield County Fairgrounds.

The contest will be divided into a junior contest; those in grades 3 to 7 and a senior contest for those in grades 8 to 12. **The contest will include reasons and questions for both age groups. The plan is to have eight classes of livestock and will include a class of goats. Two sets of questions and two sets of reasons will be given.**

If you are interested, please let Becky know. We will try to have a couple of practices before. Even if you have not participated in a judging contest before, give it a try!!

LIVESTOCK QUIZ BOWL and SKILLATHON, YQCA TRAINING

This year Kingfisher County will be joining with Blaine County to host a Livestock Quiz Bowl and Skillathon Competition. The event will be held Tuesday-February 2nd at 5p.m at the Kingfisher County Fairgrounds in the Exhibit building.

Registration for the contest will be due **on January 26th**. In order to compete in the Livestock Quiz Bowl youth will need to form teams of 4, this is not an individual contest. We will not have different age brackets and we will follow the State 4-H Roundup rules of scoring and asking questions. The Livestock Skillathon will be going on during the Quiz Bowl rounds. Youth will have to take a timed written test as well as go through an I.D. portion. We will have a Junior (6th grade and down) as well as a Senior Division (7th grade and up). **There can be individuals in the Skillathon.**

Prior to the contest there will be a training that all youth are invited to attend, even if they are not competing in the contest. This training will be held on January 26th at the Blaine County Fairgrounds in Watonga, OK at 5 p.m. This training will offer YQCA certification which is required in order to compete in the Livestock Skillathon held at OYE. If you plan to go on to OYE and participate in the Skillathon, then you must sign up on YQCA.org and register for the training prior to January 26 so, we can send you your certification number. You will need this number to sign up for OYE Skillathon. Just register for the January 26th training at Watonga.

I hope that you will take part in this. This is a great way for Livestock Exhibitors to learn more about animals! Please call Becky, if you have questions about the contest.

4-H LEADERS & PARENTS MEETING

We will have a leaders and parents meeting on **January 14th, 6:00 p.m.** at the Fairgrounds. A light supper will be served. Please RSVP by 10 a.m. that morning. It is extremely important that someone from each community is there so we can set up the schedule for the concession stand at Livestock Show and set dates for spring 4-H activities.

4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST FOR 4-H MEMBERS AND CLOVERBUDS!

The 4-H County Public Speaking Contest is February 4th at 6:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds. Attached to this letter is the qualification /requirements for a speech. Preregistration is required by Monday, February 1st. There are opportunities to do a regular speech, team illustrated, illustrated, and Power Point. Don't miss out on this opportunity. Just pick a topic that you are interested in and do your talk on it or show how to make something you enjoy making.

Cloverbuds can do the Pledge of Allegiance or the 4-H Pledge. Please call, if you have questions and Becky or Dana will be glad to help you.

State 4-H Record Books

If you are in the 8th grade and up, I would very much like for you to do a State 4-H Record Book. They are due April 19th. Please call Becky and set up an appointment so we can go over how to do a book. There is a lot of scholarship money out there for record book winners. You can look at the form at <https://4h.okstate.edu/members/record-book-and-scholarship-information/record-book-and-scholarship-info.html> Please don't miss out on this opportunity.

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HEALTHY LIVING AMBASSADORS
Applications will be due January 15th, 2021
in the State 4-H Office.

Overview

4-H Healthy Living Ambassadors are an asset to accomplishing the goals and outcomes of the 4-H Healthy Living Mission Mandate. Oklahoma 4-H Healthy Living Ambassadors will work closely with their team to plan and conduct an Oklahoma 4-H Healthy Living Summit and provide support and programming to local 4-H clubs and county programs.

This is a great opportunity for Teens (9-11th grade) that are interested in Healthy Living projects. Call Becky for an application. There isn't much time left.

4-H STATE AMBASSADORS
GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR TEENS 13
& UP!

For over 25 years, outstanding 4-H members have been serving as State 4-H Ambassadors. Once again, the Oklahoma State 4-H Ambassador program is looking for self-motivated, enthusiastic youth leaders to promote 4-H using the skills, knowledge and leadership abilities acquired in 4-H. **Applications for State Ambassador are due March 15th.**

Being chosen as a State 4-H Ambassador entails the acceptance of great responsibility and a total commitment to the Oklahoma State 4-H Ambassador program. We need individuals who are not afraid of people or work. 4-H Members, please take advantage of this opportunity to apply. Call Becky for more details.

SPRING LIVESTOCK SHOW

The Spring Livestock Show is set for Feb. 19-21 and the Bonus Auction is Feb. 23rd. **RULE BOOKS** are available at the Extension Office. Please call, if you would like one.

Spring Livestock Schedule

Friday – February 19th

GOAT-SHEEP & SWINE must be in place by 6pm & weight cards turned in by 7pm Friday.

CATTLE by 6pm Saturday & Card turned in by 7pm.

Saturday – February 20th

8:00am.....Swine
1:00pm.....Goat-Sheep

Sunday – February 21st

1:00pm.....Cattle

Tuesday – February 23rd

5:30-7pm.....Bonus Auction Appreciation Dinner
6:15pm.....Introduction & Special Awards
6:30pm.....Premium Auction

4-H Concession Stand

Blaine County 4-H will have the concession stand at the stock show. Parents and members, it is very important that you volunteer to help when it is your club's turn. This is how we make money for workshops, camps, and other events. When your club leaders ask you to work, please do so. Also, each club is responsible for bringing 6 dozen snacks to sell. Please bring them prewrapped, example one brownie, two cookies, rice crispy treat. Workers will need to wear mask and gloves. They will be provided in the Concession Stand.

ESSAY CONTEST

Oklahoma 4-H and the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation are pleased to announce the 2021 Dr. Ron and Linda Sholar 4-H Essay Contest. This is a great way to win some cash prizes!!

Who: 4-H members who are in 8th-12th grade and ACTIVE in 4-HOnline.

What: Dr. Ron and Linda Sholar Essay Contest

When: Essays are due to the State 4-H Awards Data Base on April 26th, 2021 by NOON. All entries become property of Oklahoma 4-H. This is when essays are due to the State 4-H Office, please feel free to set your own due date.

Application includes: Dr. Ron and Linda Sholar Essay Contest application (must have all appropriate signatures), essays of 850-1,000 words on the topic "How can Oklahoma 4-H Change a Community?" and a scanned headshot of the 4-H member.

All entry information is attached and can be found at: <https://4h.okstate.edu/members/record-book-and-scholarship-information/record-book-and-scholarship-info.html>



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