



Dewey County Youth at District Leadership Conference

Eight Dewey County Youth, along with county extension educator, Jean Baily spent part of fall break at district 4-H leadership conference in Enid. The learned leadership skills, participated in a service-learning project, and enjoyed fun activities. Vici delegates were Kaci Moss and Raquel Todd. Seiling delegates were Amberly Gilmore, Bekah Gilmore, and Kirstin Fennema. Taloga delegates were: Elijah Niemeyer, Gavin Irving, and Tade Meyer.

The conference was held at the Stride Bank Center in Enid. The fun started with registration and pizza on Wednesday evening. After the conference opening assembly district officer candidates gave speeches. Amberly Gilmore gave an excellent campaign speech as she ran for the office of district reporter.

District and state officers then led workshops. Participants enjoyed workshops including STEM challenges, creating leather feathers, learning about 4-H opportunities such as Ambassadors, and relay races. A dance wrapped up the first evening.

Thursday morning after breakfast, each delegate had the opportunity to vote for district officers. Rhett Laubach was the keynote speaker at the morning session. He gave an excellent presentation on leadership and what it means to be a leader.

After lunch the youth enjoyed team building activities, hanging lights on trees for Main Street Enid, Inc, and throwing a few axes.

Pistol Pete, Bullet, and the spirit riders stopped by for a visit from OSU. Kelly Barnes was the banquet speaker. He gave a motivational presentation to encourage everyone to set goals, to gain the skills and confidence needed to reach their dreams. The evening concluded with a dance in the ballroom.

Friday morning the delegates enjoyed a delicious breakfast and entertainment. Keith Haddrill presented a magician and ventriloquist act. Several of the young people served as volunteers in his show. The fun, entertaining show was a great ending to a great conference.

