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State Leadership Council Working Toward Goals

They've been in office since the closing assembly of the 2023 State 4-H Roundup, and these 14 club members are working hard toward the goals they set at that time.

What is the role of the state leadership council? Cathleen Taylor, state leadership and civic engagement specialist with the State 4-H office at Oklahoma State University, said this group sets goals that all 4-H'ers from across the state work toward.

"There are several state service projects that all club members to toward and the leadership council encourages clubs to help meet these goals," Taylor said.

A new offering from these leaders that will be available in Spring 2024 is the State Council Workshop Catalog.

"The leadership team will be available to present workshops across the state on a variety of topics," Taylor said. "Not only will club members gain valuable information from the officers, but this gives the officers opportunities to continue honing their public speaking and leadership skills."

The workshop topics include personal growth, goal setting, drunk driving/safe driving, public speaking, STEM and poultry. OSU Extension educators who would like a state leadership council mem-

ber to present a workshop in their county will need to contact the leadership team member. More detailed information about the workshops and how to schedule a workshop will be available after the first of the year.

Service projects have long been a part of the Oklahoma 4-H Youth Development program. Change for Change is a project that benefits the Children's Health Foundation, which brings researchers to Oklahoma to study childhood diseases. This year's goal is \$12,000 and all counties are encouraged to participate.

"One of the fundraisers we have planned for Change for Change is the winter formal," Taylor said.

"This dance will take place Jan. 27 in Logan County and all funds raised will go to this service project. All 4-H'ers from across the state are invited to participate." Counties have a new opportunity this year in the Change for Change service project. All counties that turn in a quarterly report of their progress will be entered into a drawing for a prize to be awarded at the 2024 State 4-H Roundup next July.

The Ronald McDonald Charities benefits from the Pull for Kids campaign. Club members in all 77 counties collect pop tabs that are turned in for money. Each county is challenged to collect at

least 50 pounds of pop tabs this year. The Ronald McDonald House provides a home away from home for families with sick children who are hospitalized.

Taylor said the leadership council does more than raise funds for the various projects.

"This group of leaders sets the tone for the 4-H year. They are encouraged to be active not only at the state level, but at the district, county and local levels as well," she said. "They are role models for younger club members, as well as role models for those currently serving in leadership positions who may be looking to further their leadership opportunities by serving at the state level one day."

These leaders also assist at a variety of statewide activities by leading the pledges, presenting workshops and helping make sure the participants are having a good time.

"I love working with the officer team each year and seeing how they each grow," Taylor said. "It's a lot of work to serve as a member of the leadership council.

These positions come with great responsibility, but they also learn that it's an honor to serve."

DATES TO REMEMBER

Horse Club	Dec. 5
Robotics	Dec. 6
Ringing the Bells	Dec. 6
Holiday Goodies	Dec. 9
State Air Rifle	Dec. 9
Recycling Club	Dec. 12
Dist. Archery/Air Rifle	Dec. 16
Sewing Club	Dec. 18
Office Closed	Dec. 22-Jan 1
Horse Club	Jan. 2
Robotics	Jan. 3
PLO	Jan. 8
Recycling Club	Jan. 9
Cloverbuds	Jan. 24
District 4-H Has Talent	Jan. 27
Sewing Club	Jan. 29
Cooking Club	Jan. 30
County Speech Contest	Feb. 7
West Dist. Speaking Contest	Feb. 10
West Dist. Volunteer Conf.	Feb. 10
Dress Revue/Impressive Dress	April 3



COOKING CLUB

Cooking club will be held in the Extension Office January 30th, at 4:30. Must sign-up by January 25th.



CLOVERBUDS

All cloverbuds are invited to come join the fun at the Extension Office January 24th, at 4:30.



RING THE BELLS SCHEDULE December 6th

- 4:00 — 4:30 Enid Club
- 4:30 — 5:00 Garber
- 5:00 — 5:30 Hillsdale
- 5:30 — 6:00 Kremlin
- 6:00 — 6:30 Pioneer-Pleasant Vale/Drummond
- 6:30 — 7:00 Covington
- 7:00 — 7:30 Waukomis
- 7:30 — 8:00 Chisholm



If you can't come with your club, come when you can

PLO meeting to be held on January 8 at 5:30

DISTRICT 4-H HAS TALENT

District 4-H Has Talent is January 27, 2023, in Fairview. There is no limit on the number of acts a county can have. Anyone that is a member for 30 days prior can participate (no cloverbuds). If you are interested in competing, please let the office know and we will get you the registration information. Registration is \$15 per act. Entries are due in the office by January 16th.

ROBOTICS CLUB

Interested in coding and robotics? Come to the next robotics meeting December 6th, at 4 pm, at the Extension office. The January meeting will be January 3rd at 4pm.



Join the GroupMe!



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- ◆ Secretary— Shelbi Prince
- ◆ Reporter—Joe Sharp
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Oklahoma Ag In the Classroom Contest!

Theme: ***Agriculture is Everywhere***

Postmark Deadline: January 5, 2024

PreK-2nd Grades – Coloring Contest

3rd-12th Grades – Poster Contest

9th-12th Grades – Photography Contest



Awards

- Cash prize, citation from legislators, and a medal for 1st (\$20), 2nd (\$10), and 3rd (\$10) place winners in each grade level
- One overall winner will be selected from Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle School and High School. Overall winners will receive a \$50 cash award and plaque.

Complete contest/entry information is available on the Oklahoma Ag in the Classroom website.

[https://oklahoma.agclassroom.org/contest/?](https://oklahoma.agclassroom.org/contest/?fbclid=IwAR1n0avafw1LVwSBHLXLqsFw9Tdo55JqA0KfBUyul271DUE-SeO3uOZpRk)

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Be sure to note size and orientation requirements for each category.

SEWING CLUB



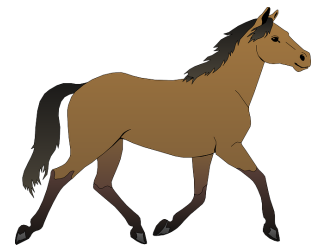
Sewing Club will be December 18th at 2. Sign-up by December 13th. We will be making Christmas stockings.

The January 29th meeting will be at 4, sign-up by January 24th.

Must have basic sewing machine skills.

HORSE CLUB

The next horse club meeting will be January 2, at 5:30 at the Extension office. You don't have to own a horse to be in horse club. Come learn something new!



Join the GroupMe app:



4-H TUESDAY TOOL TIME



For Volunteers, Parents and Extension Professionals

Below is information for 2024 continuing education for volunteers, parents, and Extension professionals' courtesy of the Oklahoma 4-H Volunteer Board. All sessions are on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. Each session has its own registration link. These are on zoom.

2024 Quarterly Schedule and Registration Links:

- January 23 – Registration for 4-H 101: Tips and tricks for keeping the club organized and informed <https://okstate-edu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYqcO2upzsoEtdXYX8-aoBzXPM4nljgG8wc#/registration>
- April 23 – Registration for “Project” Success: A Curriculum Smorgasbord #1 – Forestry, Wildlife, Outdoor Skills https://okstate-edu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMvceiuqDqvGtldoL_4lirED4s2INghCuFy#/registration
- June 25 - Registration for “Project” Success: A Curriculum Smorgasbord #2 – 4-H Cooking 101-401, Hobbies/Textiles Design and Construction, and Electric Excitement <https://okstate-edu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMqceisqjkiH9RV0pPFcvthr-ZPxQdRhHvK#/registration>
- October 22 – Register for Set the Record Straight 4-H Record Books bring lots of questions. Most are answered with planning quality project work. https://okstate-edu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0of-6urDspEtN7GQKZIWBX_xwVB5F6v4Ai#/registration

WEST DISTRICT SPEECH CONTEST AND VOLUNTEER CONFERENCE February 10, 2024

For information and how to sign-up for the West District Public Speaking Contest and Volunteer Conference, contact the office. Registration must be done by January 25, 2024.

Be sure to ‘like’ and follow Garfield County 4-H to keep up on reminders and the latest in 4-H.



RECYCLING CLUB

Come join the fun at Recycling Club at the Extension office! The next class will be December 12th, at 4:30. Sign up by December 7th and bring a white sock to make a cute snowman. The January 9th meeting will be at 4 pm, sign-up by January 3rd.

Call the Extension office to sign up, limited 15 spaces.



**Are you currently in the 8th Grade or older?
You are eligible to do a State 4-H Record
Book. These books are due in April and can
earn you scholarship money! If you are
interested in completing a book, please let
me know so we can start now.**



**Attention Seniors and College Students:
Pickens Legacy Scholarships will be due February 1. You MUST
ATTEND OSU to receive Pickens scholarships.**

**Level III and Level IV Scholarships will be due in April and many
can be used at any accredited college or trade school.**

More information at: <https://4h.okstate.edu/members/record-book-and-scholarship-information/record-book-and-scholarship-info.html>

Garfield County OSU Extension Office
will be closed
December 22, 2023 through January 1, 2024

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
Enjoy the holidays with family and friends





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