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End-of-year giving can benefit Oklahoma 4-H'ers

The Oklahoma 4-H Youth Development program has made a difference in the lives of thousands of Oklahoma youth. Youth not only gain life skills through experiential learning opportunities, but they can earn scholarships for higher education thanks to generous donations to the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation.

Milford Jenkins, 4-H Foundation executive director, said donations of unrestricted gifts play a crucial role in the Foundation's annual operations budget.

"These dollars can be allocated by the organization's board of directors to support 4-H youth activities such as Citizenship Washington Focus, State 4-H Roundup, ATV Safety Training, Enhancement Grants for county 4-H clubs and other related programming priorities this year," Jenkins said. "One highlight of how \$25,000 in unrestricted charitable gifts made an indelible impact on our 4-H family was providing support to the 2023 Oklahoma 4-H Parent/Volunteer Conference that took place in June."

This event brought together parents and volunteers for hands-on learning and sharing information and programming that is making a difference across the state.

"The donation of these unrestricted dollars has a ripple effect within the 4-H program," Jenkins said. "In this case, parents and volunteers came together and were able to glean new ideas that have proven to be successful in other counties and take them home to implement in their local programs, resulting in more and more 4-H youth being reached."

At the 102nd State 4-H Roundup that took place in July, more than \$146,000 in education scholarships were presented to club members in

recognition of their excellence in project work. This money all comes from the benevolent donors to the 4-H Foundation.

Abby Logan, a 4-H'er from Payne County, said she has been blessed to receive various scholarships from the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation.

"These scholarships have allowed me to begin my college education studying natural resource ecology and management," Logan said. "It has been a goal of mine to pay for my college education myself, either through work or scholarships. The scholarships I've received through 4-H are allowing me to do just that. I couldn't be more grateful for the countless individuals and donors who make these scholarships possible and allow youth like me to earn a successful start to higher education."

Donors also have the opportunity to restrict charitable gifts to support a particular county's 4-H program and activities through the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation. Jenkins indicated this is accomplished through the county's G-Account at the Foundation.

"G-Accounts were established in the early 2000s to provide donors a platform to restrict their support to 4-H programs and activities in their home county or county(ies) of interest," he said. "All 77 counties have a G-Account and donors can denote the county(ies) where they want their gift to go at the time they make the gift. Before making your gift, visit your County Extension Director (CED) and 4-H educator(s) to learn about your local and county 4-H clubs' current funding needs that can be met by your charitable gift to the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation. Sponsoring 4-H youth and activities in a particular county can be very meaningful to 4-H alumni, busi-

nesses and other stakeholders with close ties to that particular county."

Donors can also provide major gifts to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, including the Garfield County Foundation through the Extension office or the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation, through their Individual Retirement Account (IRA). Jenkins said donors age 70½ may use a Qualified Charitable Deduction (QCD) to donate up to \$100,000 to qualified charities. For married couples, if both individuals are 70½ years of age, each spouse can exclude up to \$100,000 from their gross incomes for a total of \$200,000 to qualified charities. QCDs are paid directly from the IRA to the charity. Donors are encouraged to consult with their legal or tax advisors about this charitable giving strategy.

"For those planning their estates, the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation can be named as a charitable beneficiary as a testament to how much the 4-H program meant to them as a youth growing up," he said.

Jenkins is available to visit with people who are interested in contributing to 4-H. The establishment of permanent endowments, charitable provisions for 4-H in estate plans, and giving outright cash gifts or appreciated securities annually are just a few of the charitable giving strategies available to donors who want to support 4-H youth in Oklahoma.

Giving end-of-year charitable cash gifts to support 4-H youth is easy, simple and no different than any other time of the year. Simply write a check or the Foundation's website at oklahoma4hfoundation.com and click the Donate button; or call Jenkins on campus at 405-744-5390 or cellphone at 816-390-4357, or email at milford.jenkins@okstate.edu.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Robotics	Nov. 1
ZZZ's Under the Seas	Nov. 3-4
Horse Club	Nov. 7
OYE	Nov. 9
Sewing Club	Nov. 9
Horse Science Academy	Nov. 11
State Archery	Nov. 11
State Robotics	Nov. 11
State Sporting Clays	Nov. 12
Recycling Club	Nov. 14
4-H Has Talent	Nov. 18
PLO	Nov. 20
Office Closed	Nov. 23-24
National 4-H Congress	Nov. 24-27
Cloverbuds	Nov. 29
Cooking Club	Nov. 30
Swine Nominations Due	Dec. 1
Ringing the Bells	Dec. 6
Holiday Goodies	Dec. 9
State Air Rifle	Dec. 9
Dist. Archery/Air Rifle	Dec. 16
Office Closed	Dec. 22-Jan 1
Dress Revue/Impressive Dress	April 3

4H

**PLO meeting to be
held on November 20
at 5:30**

2023-24 COUNTY OFFICERS

- ♦ President— Summer Prince
- ♦ V. President— Bailey Nickels
- ♦ Secretary— Shelbi Prince
- ♦ Reporter—Joe Sharp
- ♦ Recreation Leader—Monte McReynolds
- ♦ Executive— Josiah Benson

COOKING CLUB

Cooking club will be held in the Extension Office November 30, at 4:30. Must sign up by November 22.



CLOVERBUDS

All cloverbuds are invited to come join the fun at the Extension Office November 29th at 4:30.



HOLIDAY GOODIES!

Come join us December 9 from 10-2 to make some great holiday crafts and goodies. Cost is \$10 and you must sign-up by December 1. Lunch will be provided. Space is limited and you must pay ahead of time to reserve your space.



ROBOTICS CLUB

Interested in coding and robotics? Come to the next robotics meeting November 1 at 4:00 at the Extension office. Can't make this month, they meet the first Wednesday of each month.



Join the GroupMe!



When signing up for workshops and clubs, please CALL or COME BY the office. Do not email, text or Facebook message to sign your child up. When I receive messages, I am not always at the office and do not know if there is still space for your child. Thank you for understanding.



Oklahoma Ag In the Classroom Contest!

Agriculture is Everywhere, you experience agriculture every day, even if you don't live on a farm. Agriculture is the food you eat, the clothes you wear, the products you use, and even the sports you play. Look around...agriculture is everywhere! Rules and entry information available at <https://oklahoma.agclassroom.org/contest/>

Contest are as follows:

PreK-2nd Grade Coloring Contest

3rd-12th Grade Poster Contest

9th-12th Grade Photography Contest



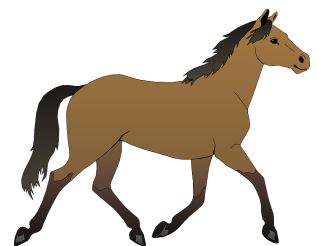
SEWING CLUB

Sewing Club will be Thursday, November 9th, at 4:00. Call by November 2 to sign up. Must have basic sewing machine skills. Information will be sent closer to time.



HORSE CLUB

The next horse club meeting will be November 7 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:



Do you have a talent or knowledge of a project you would like to share with others? Be a 4-H volunteer and share your knowledge with 4-H members. We are always looking for volunteers to lead project clubs. Let the office know if you are interested.

Ongoing Service Projects:

We have several 4-H members with service projects that would love your help!

Summer Prince—Collects toiletries and personal items for youth at Youth and Family Services.

Joe Sharp—Collects coats for his annual coat drive.

Shelbi Prince—Provides desserts to the Wounded Veterans meal each month and could use dessert mixes.

Bailey Nickels—Collects items for Birthday in a Bag: cake mix, frosting, plates, and napkins.

Bentley Wickersham, Recycling Club leader is also taking the pop tabs that are collected at the office to the recycling center for Change for Change.

ALL ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE THOUGHOUT THE YEAR.

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 November 14th, at 4:30. Learn to recycle and make recycled crafts.

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>



Just a reminder that our office will be closed November 23 & 24, 2023 for

Thanksgiving! Hope you and your

family have an enjoyable Thanksgiving.



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