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# OTTAWA COUNTY 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

## Ottawa County 4-H Newsletter

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### This Month's Events:

#### Dec. 1—AFR Food Drive Due to Office

**Dec. 2—**Quapaw @ 12pm, Commerce @ 3pm, and Miami @ 6pm. Line-up 15-30 minutes before.

**Dec. 2—**4-H Horse Volunteer Conference

**Dec. 4—**AFR Annual Dinner @ 6pm, need volunteers to set-up and serve.

**Dec. 9—**Fairland Christmas Parade @ 12pm, Line-up 15-30 minutes before.

**Dec. 10—**Park of Lights Work Day

**Dec. 12—**Fairland 4-H Meeting

**Dec. 13—**Afton 4-H Meeting

**Dec. 13—**Wyandotte 4-H Meeting

**Dec. 13—**Park of Lights Work Day

**Dec. 16—**Afton Christmas Parade @ 6pm, Line-up 15-30 minutes before.

**Dec. 19—**Miami 4-H Meeting

**Dec. 25-26—Office Closed/Christmas**

### Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Call either of the following numbers to set up a time.

Marsha— 918-961-0608

Debbie— 918-961-1150

### Park of Lights Work Days

November 10th & 13th

5:45pm-9pm

Contact the office if you would like to work at anytime during these days.

Can work 1 hour or all 3.

### AFR Food Drive

AFR is hosting their annual food drive again! There are prizes for the county club/chapter that has the highest weight ticket! Food will be donated to the Salvation Army this year. Collect non-perishables to bring to the office or to your club meeting! **DEADLINE DEC. 1**

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## **REVIEW: 4-H Achievement Celebration & Fundraiser**

Thank you to everyone who came to the annual achievement celebration! We had a great turn out and had several important guests come! We tremendously appreciate all of those who continually support 4-H!

### **Christmas Parades**

Saturday, Dec. 2nd, we will be participating in the following parades!

Quapaw @ 12pm - Line up at 11:45am at the Quapaw Elementary School. Those bringing horses, please park your trailers at the school as well.

Commerce @ 3pm - Line up at 2:45pm on Commerce Main Street. Park trailers at the old baseball field.

Miami @ 6pm - Line-up at 5:45pm. The 4-H float will be near the AT&T store. Park trailers at the Civic Center.

Saturday, Dec. 9th, Fairland @ 12pm. Line-up at 11:45am by Fire barn on Railroad Ave. Horse trailers park south of the railroad tracks next to the County Barn.

Saturday, Dec. 16th, Afton @ 6pm. Live up at 5:45pm at the Afton High School. Park trailers here as well.

Horse riders, try to stay out of yards on the way back to your trailers and stay as a group. We will have the OCHC tags again, please return them at the end of the day.

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### **Future 4-H Events**

**Jan. 9**—Fairland 4-H Meeting

**Jan. 10**—Wyandotte 4-H Meeting

**Jan. 13**—Oklahoma Open & 4-H Judges Seminar (Horse)

**Jan. 16**—Miami 4-H Meeting

**Jan. 17**—Afton 4-H Meeting

**Jan. 22**—**Horse Communication Contest Entries Due**

**Feb. 3**—Horse Communication Contest

**Feb. 23**—OYE Entries Due

**Mar. 1**—**Registration for Contest Day Due**

**Mar. 9**—Contest Day & **County Challenges Due**

*For more info on any of these please contact the office!*

### **Be Sure to Collect Pop Tabs and Change Year Round!**

This will be due March 9th!

**If you have not picked up your Ottawa County Fair Check, please do so! We will NOT be mailing them out.**



## Active Project Clubs:



### Shooting Sports:

- **Shotgun** meets Sundays @ 2 pm @ Shawnee Skies

-Coaches are Dale Smith and Mike Williams

-Contact office for more info!

- **Archery**

-We have new archery coaches! We are in the process of planning practice dates and times!

**-If you know someone who may be interested in leading any 4-H shooting sports activity please let office know! There is a training coming up in March 2024.**

### Horse Club:

- **Dates being reset for series.**

- **If you would like to volunteer to help with the series please contact Spirit.**

- Horse Communication Contest:

-Includes the following categories: Digital Photography, Horse Quiz Bowl, Speech, Illustrated Presentation - individual or team, team problem solving.

-If you are interested in more info or participating in any of the following please contact Spirit.

-Contact spirit.cox@okstate.edu and/or watch Facebook for more info.



**If there is a club that you would like to participate in, please let the office know so we can try to get one organized!**

## 4-H Meetings

**Fairland:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. each month, after school-5:30, 1st Christian Church

**Wyandotte:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. each month, after school-5:30, Commons Area

**Miami:** Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues each month Nov.-May, 5:00-6:00, Extension Office Conference Room

**Afton:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. each month except Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> and Mar. 13<sup>th</sup>, after school, Mrs. Marino's class



## 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 member 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.”

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