



OSU EXTENSION
**WASHITA COUNTY
 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

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NEWS

West Action 4-H Conference (WAC) held October 16 *written by Washita Co. 4-H Officers*

West Action 4-H Conference (WAC) was attended virtually this year by Washita County 4-H Teens. It was an educational day filled with learning and politics. The group attended workshops to learn teambuilding and how to have a successful community service project. Dana Church, OSU Extension Educator, taught the group how to make toilet paper pumpkins. Change for Change is the statewide community service project for 4-H this year. During the lunch break the group went around the square visiting businesses explaining about Change for Change. Pumpkins that we made were presented as thank you gifts for donations to Change for Change. The afternoon session was more workshops and election of district officers. Our own Brance Barnett was vying for West District Secretary. Dana Church and Larissa Mason were the adult sponsors in attendance. Brance Barnett, Evie Denny, Kathryn Sirmon, Teia Lund, Joey Mooney had a great time and look forward to next year.



Pictured L-R: Larissa Mason, Joey Mooney, Brance Barnett, Evie Denny, Dana Church

Sentinel Attends ATV Safety Training



Six Sentinel 4-H'ers recently attended an ATV and leadership training conducted by Oklahoma Farm Bureau and Oklahoma 4-H at a new training facility. Before making the trip to Guthrie for a day of training, participants completed a two hour online course and passed accompanying tests. For more information on how a club or family can schedule a session this fall or spring, contact Jim Rhodes at jim.rhodes@okstate.edu.

INNOVATE: How Water Connects Us All

Burns Flat – Dill City 4-H'ers have taken on an AG INNOVATOR role by teaching about water to students in their school. They talked about water quality and availability and how different man made systems can secure both. The 4-Hers bring the materials needed for students to pair up and make their own mini wetland buffer and discuss how water quality improves with this model. Other 4-H members will also be reaching out to students in their schools by teaching a workshop. Our county needs to reach 150 people through this program in order to receive a programming grant.



County 4-H Donor Drive



We kicked off our fall Washita County 4-H Donor Drive. The county office has sent a letter to area businesses and families explaining our 4-H activities this past year and asking for a donation. The donations will be used for educational materials, workshop supplies and awards. Without the money from the annual bean supper this year, we are giving everyone an opportunity to donate to Washita County 4-H. If you know of someone who would like to support Washita County 4-H, and would like a donation form, please let the Washita County Extension Office know by calling 580-832-3356.

Community Service Opportunities

Lend a Hand!

Washita County 4-H'ers will *Lend a Hand* to create a garland for the Cordell Nursing Home (CNH) and another location of their local club's choice. The picture to the side is an example of a garland similar to what we will put together. 4-H members will trace their hand, cut out the shape, add their name and decorate to add to their club's garland. Supply kits for the garland will be delivered to the club leaders. Kits will include enough supplies for two garlands. Dana Church will pick up one garland from each club to combine all the club's garlands together and deliver to the CNH. The other garland made by the club can be given to any person, business, nursing facility, hospital, school or any location of your choice. Club Leaders will be contacted by Dana to arrange for supply kit drop off and pick up times. She plans to pick up the garland from the Club Leaders by December 10th for delivery to CNH December 12th. (This activity is in lieu of our 'normal' Junior Roundup due to health concerns with COVID.)



Change for Change Service Project

Those who attended the West Action Conference helped get the state service project going for our county. They learned the benefits of the Children's Hospital Foundation of Oklahoma City. "Change for Change" is the program name for gathering change (coins, pocket change) to donate to the Children's Hospital to help make a positive change in the health of Oklahoma children. A small craft with a seasonal card was left with the individual who donated. Clubs will soon be challenged to do their part to help this cause and will get instructions on how to get started.

CONTESTS AND EVENTS

Washita County 4-H Shirt Design Contest

We are excited to announce a 4-H T-Shirt design contest. Information is included in this mailing (separate insert). Due December 4, 2020.

West District South Region 4-H Cupcake War (virtual)

December 12 at 10:00am – Registration and rules coming out soon! Mark your calendar.

West District South Region 4-H Speech Contest (virtual)

January 9, 2021 - \$5 to enter – registration and details will come out soon. Get to writing!

Share the Fun

We are changing the timing of this event from November to May. Volunteer Leaders will help set the date and plan the event. Location and time will be announced at a later date.

MEETINGS AND TRAININGS

Volunteer Conference (required training)

November 23, all Adult 4-H volunteers are encouraged to attend a conference to receive mandatory training AND a free meal. The meal and training will be at the Extension Office. Meal at 5:30 and Training is from 6:00-8:30pm. This will be a Zoom conference with one live hands on activity. The last 30 minutes is specifically for Shooting Sports Coaches.

Washita County 4-H Shooting Sports Meeting

Saturday, December 19 at 9:30am at the Washita County OSU Extension Center in Cordell, there will be a shooting sports meeting for all 4-H families who would like to get their child involved in 4-H shooting sports. Discussion will include: guidelines, policies, practices and location, dates, competitions, attire and any other important information. If the family cannot attend in person, contact OSU Extension to join through video conference (Zoom). *The 4-H'er needs to attend with his/her parent/guardian.*

OTHER

Oklahoma Ag in the Classroom Contests–2021 Theme: #AgDoesntStop

Oklahoma Secretary of Agriculture, Blayne Arthur, started using #AgDoesntStop on social media during the spring of 2020 when the COVID-19 outbreak first started to remind everyone farmers are always working to provide food, fiber, fuel, and shelter for all of us. Go to the following link and check out the contests going on for all ages. Let's have a big showing for Washita County!! And let the county office know if you entered!! <https://ok.agclassroom.org/contest/>



Oklahoma 4-H Virtual Clovers

The Virtual Clovers Committee is reaching out to all Oklahoma 4-Hers to volunteer to create an educational video on their favorite topic. Four members from our county have already taken the challenge. The county office and the virtual clover committee will assist with the content and creating the video. We just need a 4-H smile and a voice with a passion for a 4-H project!! Go to <https://www.facebook.com/OK4HVirtualClovers> to see other videos.

Here are direct links to our member's videos that were aired.

Zada Baker – Ice Cream in a Bag - <https://youtu.be/LgqI-ZII0IE>

Brance Barnett – Hydroponics - https://youtu.be/j6E_Ul-KfnA

Madison Church – Beef Quesadilla - https://youtu.be/UBEjP-i3_G8

Jordan Mason – Saturated Buffer - <https://youtu.be/jvPLRwdQMOW>

To receive a video submission form, email Dana Church @ dana.lynn.church@okstate.edu.



WASHITA COUNTY 4-H

T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST



To Enter:

Youth must be an active member of a Washita County 4-H Club.

Judging/Awards:

- Designs will be judged on creativity, originality and appeal.
- There are three divisions with a first place being chosen in each division. Winners will receive a certificate. Divisions: 3rd-5th Grade; 6th-8th Grade; 9th-12th Grade.
- The Overall T-Shirt Design Winner will be chosen from the three first place winners of each division.
- The Overall T-Shirt Design Winner will receive: a free t-shirt, a tour of a screen printing facility, and an appointment with the shirt creator/printer. The appointment will be to finalize the winning design to be printed and for the 4-H member to ask questions about the t-shirt business.

Design Guidelines:

- Must include an official 4-H Clover.
- Must include the words: Washita County 4-H.
- Front design only (back reserved for donor listing).
- Design can include up to 3 colors.

Submission Guidelines:

- ***Design Due December 4, 2020 by 4:30pm.***
- ***All work must be by a 4-H member, not an adult.***
- Entries must be accompanied by the following: 4-H'ers Name, Club, Grade, Phone Number and what color of t-shirt the design would be printed on if chosen as the winner.
- Designs can be submitted by:
 - ◇ Mail or in person: Washita County OSU Extension, 125 W Main St, Cordell, OK 73632 (across from Dollar General)
 - ◇ Email: dana.lynn.church@okstate.edu
- Methods to design:
 - ◇ 4-H'er may create the design by hand on an 8^{1/2} X 11 inch white paper. (If submitting digitally, the hand drawn image can be scanned as a .jpg or .pdf and attached to an email.)
 - ◇ 4-He'r may create the design digitally on a electronic device and export a .jpg or .pdf to be attached to an email. (Digital design can also be printed and hand delivered as well.)

Plan for the Shirts:

Since 2017, Washita County has had a custom designed 4-H shirt available for 4-H families and supporters to purchase. Also, a list of our 4-H donors are listed on the back of the shirt. All \$200 level donors will also receive a shirt as a thank you.

DUE DECEMBER 4TH

QUESTIONS? CALL THE EXTENSION OFFICE AT 580-832-3356

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 23—Volunteer Conference, 5:30-8:30pm, Extension Office (RSVP by Nov. 19)

December 4—T-Shirt Design Contest deadline

December 10—"Lend a Hand" garlands due

December 12—West District South Region 4-H Cupcake Wars Contest (virtual)

December 19—Shooting Sports Meeting, 9:30am, Extension Office

December 31—Ag in the Classroom Contests deadline

January—Roll out "Change for Change" campaign

January 9—West District South Region 4-H Speech Contest (virtual)



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The Washita County OSU Extension Website has a net look, check it out!

<https://extension.okstate.edu/county/washita/index.html>

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