

Bryan County 4-H Gazette

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Special points of interest:

- Summer Day Camps
- Selecting a 4-H project
- Working the 4-H project

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Oklahoma 4-H curriculum is available online

Curriculum that supports the Oklahoma 4-H program is being put online in an effort to provide club members, volunteers and parents instant access to lots of research based information. And what makes it even better is that all of the online information is available at no charge.

Cathy Allen, assistant specialist for the Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension Service and 4-H curriculum coordinator, said there is information available to support most all project areas.

“Currently we’re in the process of reviewing and updating material,” Allen said. “We’re working toward making sure each piece that is available online has the same uniform look and also has the new logos. You will be seeing many changes in the next few months.”

All of the information available supports the 4-H project areas. The material can be found online at <http://oklahoma4h.okstate.edu/litonline> and features research-based information that can be searched by topic.

Not only are current pieces being updated, but new curriculum is being developed as well. Allen

said a Curriculum Management Team was developed early in 2008 with an Extension specialist from each area within the Division of Agricultural Science and Natural Resources at OSU serving on the team.

“The team’s goals and objectives are to determine where we want the curriculum to go. The team is identifying areas and developing new material that will continue to meet the needs of 4-H’ers, volunteers, Extension educators and parents,” she said. “Much of the 4-H program is centered around teaching life skills and we want the curriculum to address those needs. We also want to identify other areas we may not be covering at this time and develop new, research-based curriculum for these areas.”

Another upcoming project is to do a survey of all 4-H members and volunteer leaders in an effort to determine what their needs are and what type of curriculum needs to be developed to make project work easier.

“I think it’s important to realize that our curriculum is more than a manual that lists the steps needed to complete a project,” Allen said. “Today’s curriculum has taken on the role of support material. As technology advances, we need

to offer our curriculum in a variety of formats, including pod casts and Web-based information. It’s no longer just print material. Today’s young people are very savvy when it comes to technology and we must meet their ever-changing needs. On the other hand we realize there are still some individuals who don’t have computers or access to the Internet. I want to make sure they understand that all 4-H material is still available to them through their local OSU Cooperative Extension Office or through the State 4-H Office.”

In addition to state curriculum, each county recently received funds to purchase national curriculum. Check with the local OSU Cooperative Extension Office to see what is available for loan and review in your county and district.

The national curriculum can be viewed at www.4hcurriculum.org/curriculum.

The National 4-H Directory of Materials is a national database of 4-H materials designed to share national and state 4-H resources with educators, 4-H club leaders, youth and volunteers. This first of its kind online National 4-H Directory will allow you to share information about your 4-H projects, programs and more.

Meetings and Other Announcements

Adult Volunteer Leaders will meet on **Monday, June 9**, at 6:00 pm in the Community Building. At this meeting, we will be judging County Report Forms and reviewing point sheets. All leaders should plan to attend this very important meeting to help with the judging. Pizza will be served.

County Teen Leader and County Council will meet on **Monday, June 9**, at 5:00 pm in the Community Building. **All** Junior and Senior Organizational Club Officers are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Roundup will be held July 30-August 1 in Stillwater. The theme is "4-H'ers Transforming the World." The cost is \$95.00 and includes lodging, a T-shirt and meals. Fees and registration must be in the Extension Office no later than Friday, June 13. **Mandatory Roundup orientation is scheduled for Monday, June 9 immediately follow-**

ing the Teen Leaders Meeting.

County Report Forms, Point Sheets, Bryan County Hall of Fame and checklist are all due in the Extension Office, June 4 by 5:00 pm

Horticulture and Crops ID and Judging will meet on June 8 at 2:00 pm. Call 916-5780 for details.

Many clubs do not meet during the summer months. Be sure to check with your leaders.

Several day camps are being planned for this summer. See article below.

Volunteer Leaders Do you have club news that you would like to share? Do you have meetings scheduled for this summer? Please call Rosie at (580) 924-5312 or e-mail her at rosie.corbin@okstate.edu Deadline for news articles is the 20th of each month.

Mission ~~Im~~ Possible
Anything is Possible Through 4-H was the theme of this year's summer camp at Beavers Bend. We salute all the Adult Volunteer Leaders and Teen Leaders who worked so hard to make the camp a huge success. Many hours were spent planning and coordinating the camp down to the finest detail, including workshops, planning meals and shopping for groceries and camp supplies, making arrangements for the bus and bus driver, train rides and paddle boats, the designing of the T-shirts and the CSI themed "Murder Mystery Dinner Theater".

*Many thanks
for your dedication
to the 4-H Program!!*

Summer Day Camps

Summer Day Camps are sponsored by the Bryan County OHCE (Oklahoma Home and Community Education) and the Bryan County 4-H. The Day Camps are for boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 19. All camps will be held in the Community Building on the Fairgrounds. Bring a sack lunch. A refrigerator is available as well as a coke machine.



Snip-n-Stitch Beginners Sewing Thursday, June 12, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Participants will be making a pillow case and a matching fleece cap and scarf that can be entered in the County Fair in September. Examples of the fleece cap and scarf are on display in

the Extension Office. Registration is limited to the first 12 participants. **Supplies required:** 1 yard of cotton fabric and spool of matching thread for pillow case and 1 and 5/8 yards of fleece fabric and a spool of matching thread. In addition a beginners sewing supply kit is needed. Sewing machines will be furnished.

Up, Up and Away! Kite Making Thursday, June 19, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Bring a sack lunch. Supplies will be furnished. Participants will make and decorate kites in the morning and after lunch, fly their kites.



Foods From Around the World: Food Preparation and Nutrition Thursday, June 26, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. **Meal will be provided.**

Canning 101: Food Preservation Thursday, July 10 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Registration is limited to the first 12 participants. This is a hands on workshop. You will be able to enter your canned goods in the County Fair in September.



Pre-registration is required by completing a registration form in the Extension Office. Pre-registration deadline is the Monday before the workshop.

4-H Parent-Volunteer Conference and Science Camp

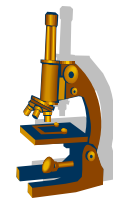
“Celebrate the Oklahoma 4-H Tradition” is the theme of this year’s 4-H Parent-Volunteer Conference to be held in Stillwater on Saturday, July 12. Early bird registration must be postmarked by June 20 and is only \$30.00 which includes the luncheon, breaks, equipment, facilities and materials. Enrollments postmarked after June 20 is \$40.00. Additional luncheon tickets and T-shirts may

be purchased for \$12.00 each.

The 4-H Science Camp, for 4-H members age 9-12 years old, will be held during the same time as the Volunteer Conference. Early bird registration is \$30.00 if postmarked by June 20 and includes lunch. Enrollments postmarked after June 20 is \$40.00. Enrollment is limited to the first 40 participants. Workshops will include Geology, GPS, Kite Aerial

Photography (KAP) and Soil Science Simplified.

Enrollment forms and information for both the Conference and the Science Camp may be picked up at the Extension Office or for more information, go to: <http://oklahoma4h.okstate.edu/volun/eduopp.htm>



Changes are coming to the Fair

Fairboard members elected to change the **release time** for all animals and exhibits from 7:00 pm on Saturday night to 9:00 pm. All livestock must be stalled on the Fairgrounds from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm on Saturday night of the fair. All exhibits including livestock will be released at 9:00 pm on Saturday night. Failure to abide by the new release rules may result in loss of premiums and being banned from exhibiting in future fairs.

A Llama Division has been added to the 2008 Bryan County Free Fair on a

one year trial basis only. Same rules will apply for Llamas as other animals. Exhibitors must be a resident of Bryan County. Subject to change, Llamas will be housed in the south end of Haggard Hall and will show in the open arena. Ribbons will be awarded but no premiums will be paid.

There will be a Decorated Cake Division sponsored by Wilton Enterprises. A “Best of Show” award will be given in a special adult and youth division.

A pie division is being added in the open class: Categories will include fruit, nut, cobbler and miscellaneous (no custard or cream pies).

Open class cookie division: A miscellaneous category is being added.

New Family Activities that are being added: adult division to Cutest Critter Contest; a spouse, livestock and wildlife calling contest.

Murray State College Livestock Judging Mini-Camp

June 20, from 9:00 am to June 21, 5:00 pm
Camp fee is \$100.00 and includes lodging in dorms, 4 meals, a camp ball cap, notepad and terminology packet. \$50.00 reservation fee required with entry form by June 1. Camp is limited to first 25 entries. Camp attendees should be in the 8th -12th grade. Contact person: B. T. Ferguson, Murray State College. Phone 580-371-2371 ext. 211 or e-mail: btferguson@mscok.edu

Swine Judging/Skillathon

June 14, Eastern Oklahoma State College, Goddard Building. Registration at 5:30 with contest starting at 6:00. No teams, all contestants will judge as individuals. Contest consists of 4 live animal classes, 4 skillathon classes and 1 weight determination class. Contact Tony Johnson at (918) 465-3349 or Troy Walker at (918) 448-7300 or Todd Blocker at (405) 567-7691 Sponsored by EOSC Agricultural Department and Latimer County 4-H. Refreshments provided. \$500 scholarship to overall high individual, \$300 scholarship to 2nd high individual and \$200 scholarship to 3rd high individual.

It's Time For New Enrollment Cards

New enrollment cards are due in the Extension Office after July 1.

Each member must pay \$1.00 for insurance coverage unless you enroll in the Bryan County Horse Club, then you must pay \$2.00 for insurance.

In addition, all future newsletters will be based on the new enrollment cards. Enrollment cards must be completely filled out using your **MAILING** address. Please:

- Indicate your project number and

project name

- Check boxes on right hand side of the form
- Read the reverse side and obtain all signatures that are required.

Selecting a 4-H Project

Consider the following when guiding a child in selecting a 4-H project:

- Interests, needs and capabilities of the member
- Opportunity for sufficient challenge and growth
- Family situation
- Availability of adequate financing
- Availability of equipment and space
- Availability of leadership for the project

Remember that 4-H Projects provide opportunities for:

- Developing subject matter skills
- Participation
- Developing communication skills
- Keeping records
- Productive leisure time
- Sharing ideas
- Recognition

Parent's role in project work:

- Aid in selecting, financing and managing
- Guide and support work without doing it for the member
- Encourage follow-through and completion
- Give praise and encouragement
- Assist in gathering tools and supplies
- Encourage record keeping
- Provide support and transportation
- Assist organizational, project and activity leaders
- Become a project or activity leader
- Serve on committees to plan and implement club activities or project meetings
- Become a certified 4-H volunteer

Working the 4-H Project

At the beginning of each year a member will complete an enrollment card. On the card they will check 4-H projects that they are interested in learning about.

Most of these projects have a project manual that will guide the family in learning fundamentals and opening doors to other opportunities. Each manual is developed with age appropriate materials and projects. The activities and projects outlined in the manual can then be entered in the county fair and other activities throughout the year.

The county fair is considered the end of the 4-H year. It is the time to show the project work completed between July of the previous year until September of the current year.

4-H project work can be accomplished very easily by de-

veloping a simple plan to accomplish one project/activity each month during the year.

Make 4-H project work happen by:

1. Setting Goals
2. Making a Plan
3. Working the Plan
4. Presenting Your Work
5. Seeking Evaluation
6. Refining Skills
7. Setting New Goals



We're on the web!

<http://countyext.okstate.edu/bryan>

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Important Dates to Remember

- June 4 - County Report Forms and County Point Sheets due
- June 8 - Horticulture and Crops ID
- June 12 - Snip-n-Stitch Beginners Sewing
- June 13 - Fees and registration due for Roundup
- June 19 - Up, Up and Away! Kite Making
- June 20 - Postmark State Parent-Volunteer Conference and Science Camp registration
- June 26 - Foods From Around the World: Food Preparation and Nutrition
- July 1 - New enrollment cards due
- July 10 - Canning 101: Food preservation
- July 12 - State Parent-Volunteer Conference and Science Camp
- July 15-17 - OSU Field Days
- July 30-August 1 - Roundup

Call Bryan County OSU Extension Office for more information.

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