



Ottawa County 4-H News

June/July 2008



Dear 4-H Families:

Wow! What a spring! Mother Nature is full of surprises. We had three 4-H families that their homes were destroyed or damaged by the tornado. Please keep them and all the victims that lost loved ones and homes in your prayers. The human society is looking for 4-H members to help with the misplaced animals that are being brought in to the Commerce Shelter. If you can volunteer hours call Glenn or Meredith at 542-3413.

We hope everyone will have a fun and safe summer. There are a lot of 4-H activities coming up. So read carefully and we hope we will see you this summer.

We had a great turnout for our Spring Break trip to the Cherokee Heritage Center. We had a total of 55 people to attend. Thanks to Quapaw School and the bus driver for driving the school bus.

Thanks to all the parents and volunteers for attending!

Earth Day Celebration

Earth Day Celebration was a huge success.

The totals are as follows: Computer related items- 2031 lbs, Newsprint- 1,456 lbs, Glass – 463 lbs, Plastic Bottles-492 lbs, Cardboard-954 lbs, Office White Paper-511 lbs, Magazines-1,112 lbs, Plastic Bags-13 lbs, Cell Phones-9, Rechargeable Batteries-13, Vehicle Batteries-9, Eye Glasses-41 pairs, Printer Cartridges-62, Prescription Bottles-28 lbs, Aluminum Cans-2005 lbs and Pop Tabs-42 lbs. for Ronald McDonalds House! We had 36 kids and parents that made the day successful. What an experience for our youth to get to be involved with. We have had nothing but great responses from the community. We are planning another collection day this fall at America Recycle Day on Saturday, November 8th.

The Ronald McDonald Pop Tabs, we like to thank everyone that has been collecting them. Keep saving! This is a continuous project that we are participating in.



2008 Graduating Senior!

**Ariel Wenzel of the Quapaw 4-H Club
Congratulations!**

Northeast District Speech Contest results are:

Ariel Wenzel- Extemp.-Blue, Illust.-Blue, Speech-Blue, Dakota Riley-Extemp.-3rd, Speech-Reserve Champion Overall, Illustrated Talk-3rd. *Good Job!!*

Meats Judging Team:

Congratulations to Mary Booth, Coach and Leader, and the Ottawa County Meats Judging Team, Jesse Rogers, Ariel Wenzel, Pricilla Wenzel and Dakota Riley. They Won the State Contest and are heading to Kansas City this fall.

Ottawa County 4-H Record Books!!!

Record books are due in the Extension Office Monday, June 9, by 5:00 p.m. Please encourage your child to complete and enter a book. All 4-H members who fill out a County Record Book are invited to attend the 4-H Achievement Banquet on Tuesday, July 22nd along with their family. The 4-H banquet is where 4-H members are recognized for their 4-H Achievements. It is so important to teach children to keep records and this is just one of the first steps in learning. If you need help please give us a call.

Cloverbuds can participate in County Record Books!!

Just follow the cloverbud guidelines. The record books may be downloaded from the Ottawa County web page at <http://countyext.okstate.edu/ottawa/>.

Due to the fact that so many senior and intermediate members are involved in other activities and are unable to attend their local 4-H meetings, when awards are being judged, the attendance of club meetings will not be a deciding factor in receiving the award. Please do not be discouraged by this one factor. . These members also have the opportunity to attend the Teen Leadership meetings held on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

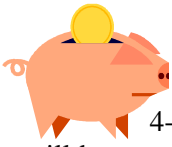
Multi-County 4-H Camp

“4-H – Finding Your Treasures” is the theme for this year’s camp. A very exciting outdoor adventure is being planned. It will be held June 30-July 1st & 2nd at Camp Christian Camp Grounds in Chouteau, Ok. The cost of camp will be \$50.00 per camper. **Money is due in the OSU Extension Office by Wednesday, June 11th. No late registrations will be accepted.** Ages for the camp are 9 – 18 years old. **The 4-H Parent/Leaders Federation will be paying \$10.00 on each delegate going.** Registration and health forms may be downloaded from our web site. For more information call the Extension Office at 542-1688 or talk to your local leader.



State 4-H Senior Round-Up

“4-H’ers Transforming the World” is the theme for the 2008 Conference. **Conference date is July 30-August 1st.** Registration and health forms are due in the Extension Office by Monday, June 9th. The cost of the conference is \$65.00 per delegate. 4-H members must have been 13 by Jan. 1, 2008 or has completed the 7th grade. Roundup t-shirts orders must be included in the registration. Costs are small to XLarge-\$9.00 and XXLarge-\$10.00.



4-H Dime Drop

“4-H Dime Drop” is a statewide 4-H service project. The Oklahoma State 4-H Officers are asking all 4-H delegates that will be attending Roundup to bring 36 dimes. With this simple effort we could complete the initial goal of \$54,000! This will be enough to finish the house that 4-H’ers across Oklahoma are building for Habitat for Humanity.

Cloverbud Day Camp

A fun day is being planned for all Cloverbuds (5-8) years old. The camp will be held on Friday, June 20th, at the Miami Fairgrounds. The workshops will run from 8:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. Cost of \$2.00 and health forms are due by June 13th. Bring a sack lunch, drinks will be provided. **Parents do not have to attend.**



2008 “Terrific Day Camp”

Terrific Day Camp for 4-H members 9 thru 18 will be held June 23, 24, 25, 26 & 27. Some fun activities are being planned with great fair projects to work on! Fees of \$4.00 per day with registration and health forms are due by Friday, June 13th! For the afternoon activities we may be going swimming, bowling or skating. So come prepared for any of these, it will depend on the weather! Be sure and bring a sack lunch, drinks will be provided.

Big Splash

The 6th Annual Family Day at Big Splash will be held on Friday, June 13th in Tulsa. **For all that signed up to go, we will be leaving from Buffalo Ranch on June 13th at 8:30 a.m. and return to Buffalo Ranch by 3:30 p.m. Monday, June 16th is the rain date. For more information please call the Extension Office. No more registrations are being accepted!**

Danny Palmer Benefit

Mr. Palmer is an employee for the City of Miami at the Solid Waste Department. He was recently diagnosed with mouth cancer. The City is having a benefit dinner on Friday, June 13th starting at 5:00 p.m. to be held at the Miami Civic Center. The dinner menu consists of pulled pork or chicken dinner with all the trimmings. In addition an auction will start at 6:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased before the benefit or at the door.

We need 4-H members to help serve at this event. Please call the office and let us know if you will be able to attend. We need you there by 4:00 p.m. We will have the green 4-H shirts for you to serve in.



State 4-H Parent-Volunteer Conference

Saturday, July 12th

OSU campus in Stillwater

“Celebrate the 4-H Tradition-100 Years” is the theme. Whether you’re a well-seasoned

volunteer or a parent still searching for all the 4-H opportunities you will find workshops to spark your interest, give you new ideas and inspire you. Workshops will also focus on successful and unique 4-H programs and projects from across the state. We are confident that the time you spend at the conference will benefit you personally and benefit the youth you have chosen to lead.

During the luncheon Oklahoma 4-H will recognize volunteer Leaders who have been selected by their County for District and State Volunteer of the Year and Life-Time Service awards. **Good Luck Kathy Wenzel!**

Registration forms are due in the Extension Office by Monday, June 16.

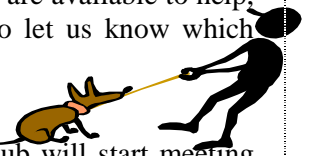
Ottawa County Market & Breeding Swine, Sheep, Goats & Commercial Heifers Tag-in

Nomination of market swine, sheep, goats and commercial heifers will be on **Thursday, June 26th from 4 till 9 p.m. and Friday June 27th 5 till 7:00 pm** at the Miami Fairgrounds. Cost is \$3.00 per animal to pay for the tags. Entry forms for dairy cattle, breeding gilts, breeding ewes and breeding goats along with copies of registration papers for registered heifers are also due on or before June 27th in the Extension Office.

Annual PRCA Rodeo

The 68th Annual Heart of America Rodeo will be held Friday & Saturday, June 27th & 28th. The Miami Chamber of Commerce is seeking helpers again to work the gate and pass out flyers. If you are available to help, please call the Extension Office to let us know which night you can work.

Dog Club Project



The Ottawa County 4-H dog club will start meeting on Tuesday, May 27th at 6:00 p.m. at the Miami Fairgrounds. The club plans to meet every Tuesday, at the same time and place. **Be sure to bring your dog and a choke chain!!**

PQA Requirements for the 2008 Tulsa State Fair

All gilt and barrow exhibitors are required to complete Pork Quality Assurance Plus (PQA Plus) certification prior to the gilt and barrow shows. Exhibitors are required to complete the PQA certification prior to the July 1, 2008 nomination date. Evidence of PQA certification is required by entering the exhibitor’s PQA number when submitting nominations and entries. ***There will NOT be an on-site PQA certification program. Any barrow or gilt exhibitor who does not have PQA or PQA Plus certification will not be allowed to participate in the show.***

If you need the PQA training please give us a call so we can set up a time for you to come in to the Extension Office for the training.



Swine Nominations for Tulsa State Fair

Swine nominations are required for the 2008 Tulsa State Fair. Mail-in process ONLY for Market Barrows. Nomination kits can only be ordered by Ag Teachers and County Extension Educators and will cost **\$10.00 per kit**. Individual families or exhibitors may NOT request kits. Please notify the **County Extension office by June 13th and let us know how many you kits you will need**. All Market Barrow nomination packets

MUST be postmarked by July 1, 2008 or will they will not be accepted.



State Broiler Show Tulsa State Fair

Chicks will be ordered through the Tulsa State Fair only. The fair entry fee of \$15 is required at this time as well. (Exhibitor pass included with entry.) Ideal Hatchery, Cameron, TX will supply the chicks. All of the chicks will be hatched on Wednesday August 13, 2008 and they will be shipped Parcel Post, (United States Postal Service) directly to the exhibitor that day. Exhibitors should expect one to two day delivery. **COST:** Commercial Broiler-cross straight run (as hatched) chicks will cost \$1.20 each. The minimum order is 25 chicks, at \$30.00 plus \$10 postage plus \$15 fair entry = \$55.00 total. Orders may be placed in multiples of 25. The maximum order is 100 chicks, (4 orders) per contestant. Entry forms can be picked up at the OSU Extension Office. **The Jr. Market Broiler show is Thursday, October 2, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.**

Sheep and Goat Nomination for Tulsa State Fair

On site nominations will be required for all Market Wether Lambs and Wether Goats. Lamb and Goat Nominations will be held on the same day on Wednesday, **July 2nd from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon** at the Muskogee County Fairgrounds, Muskogee, Ok. Information is in the Extension Office.

4-H On-Trac Planning Meeting

Monday, July 7th starting at 10:00 a.m. has been set for the Ottawa County 4-H On-Trac planning meeting. We ask that each club leader try to bring at least 3 club members with them. We will break for lunch at noon and continue with our regular schedule Leaders meeting starting at 1:00 p.m. Please RSVP by Thursday, July 3rd.

61st Annual Ottawa County 4-H Achievement Banquet

The 4-H Banquet is the highlight of the 4-H year! This year's banquet will be held on Tuesday, July 22nd starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Miami Civic Center. Leaders, volunteers, donors and parents will be gathering to honor 4-H members for their past year of work.

Invitations will be sent out. Please RSVP by Friday, July 18th.

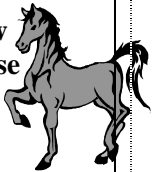


Tulsa State Fair Jr. Livestock Entries

All 4-H Jr. Livestock Entries (market steers, market swine, market sheep, and market goats, breeding heifers, breeding swine, breeding sheep, breeding goats and 4-H & FFA Horse Show) must be entered on line by the Ottawa County OSU Extension Office. **All 4-H entries must be in the Extension Office by 4:30 pm on August 22nd**. Each Exhibitors entry must include entry information for each animal they are planning to show, a Legal Release Form and Receipt of Payment. Entry sheets and Legal Release forms can be picked up at the Extension Office.

Horse's Corner

August 17th - Ottawa County Fair Horse Show
August 22nd - Tulsa State Fair 4-H & FFA Horse Show Entries due to the Ext. Center
Sept. - Awards Banquet TBA



4-H Horse Club Showdeos

All showdeos will be held at the N.E.O. Arena starting at 2:00 p.m. You must be entered by 1:15 p.m. the day of the event: The remaining dates are: June 1st, 15th, & 29th. The makeup day for the showdeo cancelled on May 11th will be announced at later date.

2008 State 4-H Horse Show

The State show will be held Thursday through Saturday, June 19th, 20th and 21st. The show will be held in Shawnee. **You must have qualified at the District Show to be eligible for the State Show.**



Ottawa County Fair Chicken, Rabbits, Ducks & Bucket Calf Entries

Entries for chickens, rabbits, ducks and Bucket calves are due on or before 4:30 pm Friday August 1st in the OSU Ext. Office.



Parent-Volunteer Leaders Meetings

June 9th July 7th August 11th September 8th
All meetings are held at 5:00 p.m. at the OSU Extension Office in the courthouse. All parents are invited and welcome to attend. **Exception-the July 7th meeting will be held at 1:00 pm**

For more information call the Ottawa County OSU Extension Office at 918-542-1688

Take time to Visit the 4-H Web Sites:

State 4-H- <http://oklahoma4h.okstate.edu/index.htm>

Northeast District 4-H-

<http://oces.okstate.edu/nedistrict/>

Ottawa County Extension Office-

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

