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DID YOU KNOW?

- The birthplace of Oklahoma 4-H is Tishomingo —just down the road from us!

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County Wide Service Projects

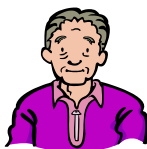
One of the great things 4-H teaches our youth and volunteers is to give back to the community by donating time and money to worthwhile causes.

Each year we search for service projects that can involve every club in the county. Every club is expected to participate in some way.



Children's Books

Start collecting new or slightly used children's books for the children's fair held each April. Each club should collect at least 10-15 books. Books need to be turned in by the end of March.



Ada Senior Care Center Item Collection

Please no toilet tissue. They have new dispensers that regular tissue doesn't fit. Laundry Detergent - Kleenex Tissues - Food Service Gloves - Dishwasher Detergent - Baby Wipes - Coffee - Pinesol - Small Styrofoam Cups - 13 Gallon Trash Bags - Bleach - Air Neutralizer (Please no floral or other scents.)



Habitat For Humanity

Oklahoma 4-H is close to completing the funding for the "House That 4-H Will Build". The state officer team is asking each enrolled 4-H member to donate \$3.60 this year so they can complete the project. That equals about \$1400 for Pontotoc County. Deadline July 1.



Pop Tabs: Please keep collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald house. They are due in the office by July 1. We already have a collection started at the office. Consider making collection containers for parents to take to work or placed in break rooms, etc.

Senior Record Books and Scholarships

- Individual consultation sessions can be scheduled with the Extension Educator at any time.
- First Deadline: March 17, 2008 (if you want your record book or scholarship forms reviewed one last time, otherwise I sign it and it goes in as is.)
- Second and Final Deadline: March 21, 2008.
- Books not ready for State Competition can be turned in June 19. Those turned in for State Competition may update books by June 19.
- There are also Level II Projects now available for previous state project winners.

Action Line

Teen Leadership

All 4-H members in the 7th grade and up are invited to attend Teen Leadership meetings on the First Monday of every month at 4:00 pm at the Extension Office.

Make new friends, learn leadership skills as well as learn about the many opportunities that await senior 4-H members.



Cloverbuds

Cloverbuds will be meeting March 6; April 17 and May 8 at 6:00 pm in the Extension Office

Any volunteers or teens that are interested in helping in some way should contact the Extension Office.

Cloverbuds is a non-competitive program for 5-8 yr. olds that introduces them to 4-H.



Discovery Unlimited

4-H is a Rockin' n' Rollin'

Reg. Due: March 18

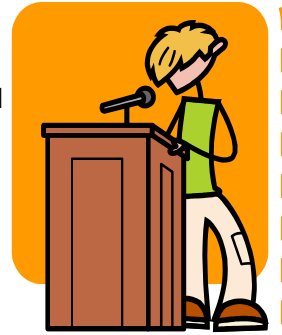
2008 Discovery Unlimited - May 2-3, Saints Groves Camp, Stillwater

This is an overnight conference for 11-12 year olds as of January 1, 08. Youth will need to be chaperoned by a certified volunteer at this event. Workshops, activities and speakers will focus on what 4-H offers teens in the way of leadership, travel and friendship. Registration will be approximately \$35 and a completed RAM form. This will include housing, food, educational supplies and a T-shirt. All youth must register through their county Extension office, no exceptions.

District Speech Contest

Entries Due: March 6; Contest: April 3

The District Speech contest will be held April 3 at the First Baptist Church in McAlester. Registration is from 2-3p. Entry forms and contest guidelines can be found at <http://countyext.okstate.edu/pontotoc/4-h> Information can also be obtained from the Extension Office.



Volunteer of the Year Nominations

Nominations Due: March 20

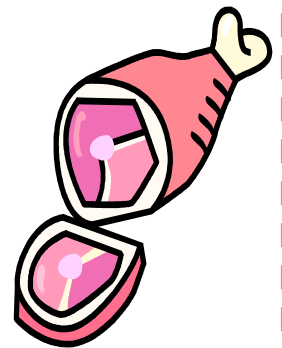
Is there someone special in your club you would like to see recognized as the Pontotoc County 4-H Volunteer of the Year and Lifetime Volunteer of the Year?

4-H members and other volunteers can nominate that person by doing the following: in a one page recommendation letter explain why this person should be the volunteer of the year including years of service, committees served, leadership positions held, etc. Their level of involvement can be at the local, county, district or state level. Please include any meaningful stories or situations where this volunteer made a difference in a child or another volunteers life.

Meat ID Contest

Tuesday, April 1—Check In at Martin's 4pm; Contest starts at 4:30pm; Pre-Reg. of Teams and Individuals - March 27, 5p

Contact the Extension Office for training materials. **There are new cards that 4-H members should use. The new forms will be used at the contest. They can be found on the county website.** Please register your teams and individuals with the Extension Office so we will have an idea about the number of participants. Juniors are 9-13 and Seniors are 14 and up as of January 1, 2008. Members must score a minimum of 125 points to qualify for state.



State 4-H Roundup Scholarship & Orientation

Scholarship Application Due: April 24; Age 13 by January 1, 08

MANDATORY Roundup Orientation: May 5, 4:30p

The scholarship application is your intent that you want to go to Roundup. Additional information about Roundup orientation will follow once I have reviewed the applications. Roundup is a reward for those who have consistently participated at the local, county and even district level. *It is also expected that you participate in a competitive event at Roundup.* Roundup is a fun opportunity to meet new people and gain new skills. Roundup is July 30, 31 & August 1.

Action Line Continued.....

Fabric & Fashions, Consumer Buying & Impressive Dress—

******Different Dates Than Yearbook******

Pre-Entry Form Due for All Contests: April 17, 5p
All Fabric & Fashion Exhibits Due: Friday, April 18, 5p
Late entries will not be considered for top five placing.

This activity provides 4-H members the opportunity to learn about selecting and buying fabrics, good grooming habits, learn about color and style and many other topics. Review the yearbook on pages 17-20. You must use the patterns provided for beginning construction items (as noted in the yearbook). Contact the Extension office for details about information to help you with your projects and for entry forms. You will need to use the Yearbook to complete your entry form. It is important to pay particular attention to deadlines for exhibits.

Fabric & Fashion, Consumer Buying & Impressive Dress Timeline

- All pre-entry forms are due in the Extension Office April 17 by 5p. Late or incomplete entries will not be considered for awards.
- Friday, April 18, 5p - All Construction, Personal Image, Consumer Education, Textile Science & Care and Home & Personal Space **actual exhibits** are due.
- Judging of Impressive Dress classes will be on Monday, April 21. Registration is at 5:30p. Contest begins at 6:00p. Guidelines for classes are found on page 21 of the yearbook. **These guidelines will be strictly followed, in particular the no athletic t-shirts and flip flops in the School Wear category.**
- Consumer Buying contestants should also arrive on Monday, April 21 at 5:30p.
- Personal Image, Consumer Education, Textile Science & Care and Home & Personal space exhibits will be on display the evening of Monday, April 21.

Camp Counselor Applications

Due April 17 — Camp counselors are age 14 and up.
Counselors In Training are 13 by Jan. 1, 08

Camp counselors are required to attend County Counselor Orientation and are expected to attend the Counselor Retreat on May 27. Counselors and counselors-in-training are selected based on leadership experiences and participation in the county 4-H program.

Jr. Camp - Hurry! Spaces Are Limited!

Registration Due: May 1
(9-12 years old as of Jan. 1, 08)

Jr. Camp takes place May 28-30 at Lake Texoma Christian Camp in Kingston. Pay your \$45 and complete a camp registration form ASAP. Spaces are limited!

Dates To Remember

March

- 3 Teen Leaders
- 6 District Speech Contest Entries Due
- 6 Cloverbuds
- 10-20 Oklahoma Youth Expo
- 17 Sr. Record Book 1st Deadline
- 21 Sr. Record Book Final Deadline
- 27 Meat ID Contest RSVP

April

- 1 Meat ID Contest Check-In 4p
- 2 4-H Day At The Capitol
- 3 District Speech Contest—McAlester
- 4 State Record Book Judging—Stw
- 7 Teen Leaders
- 17 Fabric & Fashions, Impressive Dress and Consumer Buying Pre-Entries Due
- 17 Cloverbuds
- 17 Camp Counselor Applications Due
- 18 Fabric & Fashion Actual Exhibits Due
- 19 State Meat ID Contest
- 21 Impressive Dress Check In 5:30p; Contest 6p
- 21 Consumer Buying Check in 5p; Contest 5:30p
- 24 District Horse Show Entries Due
- 24 Roundup Scholarship Form Due

May

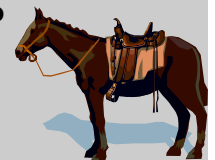
- 1 Jr. Camp Registration Due
- 5 Mandatory Roundup Orientation
- 5 Teen Leaders
- 8 Cloverbuds
- 27 Camp Counselor Retreat

District Horse Entries

Due: April 24, 5p

We don't have the entry forms yet but will let you know when we get them.

They will be available at the Extension Office and online at: <http://countyext.okstate.edu/pontotoc>
 So mark this important date!





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Clover Congrats To.....

Green Clovers to Hannah Cochran and McKenzie Bailey for co-chairing the Jr. Lock-In and to all Teens who worked.

Way to go Clovers to new County Ambassadors Adam Daniel, Alicia Danial, Taylor Smith, Angel Wade and Katelyn Wade.

4-H Hats Off to Kortney Teachey, Landon Garcia (Jan.) and Kristi Bailey (Feb.) for conducting Cloverbuds.

Four H Cheer to all who participated in Showcase The Performing Arts and to all volunteers who spent much time in preparation for the contest.

Golden Clovers to all who participated in County Roundup.

Super Clovers to Matt Taylor for attending Denver Western Roundup conference.

Super Clovers to District Share The Fun participants: Karen Myers— Individual Act, 5th place, Homeschool Small Group, 4th place and Large Group Nutrition, 5th place.

Clovers to the Nutrition Club for holding a successful dance fundraiser to support their club projects.

Green Clovers to all who participated in Job Readiness, Famous Person, Impromptu and Favorite Food Show. The food was great.

Clover Thank You to Janna Kelley for conducting February Teen Leaders.

We apologize ahead of time if we have forgotten anyone. Let us know and we'll include it next month.

“To Make the Best Better”

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