Service projects build leaders.
Donors enhance programs.
Ambassadors promote 4-H.
An air of celebration fills our state these days. As we commemorate our state’s centennial, Oklahomans are reflecting on the rich accomplishments of our past and looking to the future with renewed optimism for our collective potential. I want you, our 4-H family, to take particular pride in this celebration. You, and others like you, did more to forge our state’s great history and shape our future than you may realize.

For nearly as long as Oklahoma has been a state, Oklahoma 4-H has helped youth gain the skills they need to succeed in the world around them. It started with giving youth the latest research in crop production and family nutrition back in 1909, not only allowing youth to try fun new experiences, but also helping many families through highly challenging times. That tradition continues today, as Oklahoma 4-H still gives youth from our farms and cities the latest information on topics ranging from GPS navigation and biotechnology to entrepreneurship and Web site building.

Perhaps even more important than these skills, though, are the seeds of leadership that Oklahoma 4-H nurtures. Time and time again, you’ll find that the first speech a legislator gave was a 4-H demonstration. The first interview a reporter took was for a 4-H club newsletter. The first management job a CEO held was running a 4-H concession stand.

As a 4-H member and volunteer for virtually my entire life, I can tell you that there is no end in sight. I’ve caught 4-H members up after curfew … writing proposed legislation to share with their representatives (one of those culprits is now a State Representative). I’ve watched 4-H members practice media interviews and now see them reporting on the evening news. The leadership these youth have provided throughout their lives has made so many of the great Oklahoma accomplishments that we now celebrate possible.

Quite honestly, we couldn’t have done it without you. That is why your continued support is so very important to us. Our 4-H youth face an increasingly complex world, and our 4-H volunteers and educators continually strive to help them meet the challenges the world poses. In this changing world, private support for our 4-H programs continually grows more important. So, we thank you for all of your help thus far, and we ask that you continue your investment in the leaders that will shape Oklahoma’s second century.

With warmest regards,
Shannon L. Ferrell
President, Board of Directors
Oklahoma 4-H Foundation, Inc.

Messages from the President and Interim Assistant Director

“Learning and sharing for a lifetime” are goals that we should all seek to attain. Providing a forum for people to reach these goals is “what we do” in Cooperative Extension, and 4-H is a great place to start. As we prepare for the Oklahoma 4-H Centennial, it is fitting to take a look back and at the same time look at the present and future. In 4-H, there are four major areas that represent the core, or essential elements, of a positive youth development experience. Those four major concept areas are: belonging, mastery, independence, and generosity.

In 4-H, youth develop positive relationships with other youth and adults, both volunteers and parents, in safe and inclusive environments. Project work continues to be the tool used to form these relationships. Club meetings and events provide an opportunity for youth to master new skills and engage in non-formal education. Because the 4-H program encourages youth to set their own goals and assume active participation roles, they gain independence and see that they are not only the leaders of tomorrow but also have things to contribute to their communities today!

In this report you will read how Oklahoma 4-H youth are developing all of these essential elements of positive youth development. Today, as with the past 100 years, 4-H members and their volunteers are impacting communities by providing service to others and by learning new skills, and applying the lessons learned to a variety of real-life situations. 4-H youth are continuing to “Make the Best Better!”

Charles Cox
Interim Assistant Director
State 4-H Program Leader
Oklahoma 4-H
On the Cover

Danielle Kilhofer, a Washita County 4-H member reads to a group of elementary school students about recycling as part of her county’s efforts to help map, clean up and raise awareness of illegal roadside dumps.

Oklahoma County 4-H members help lift a wall for a Habitat for Humanity house project in Spencer. The group built the walls and put the frame up in one day.

Lacey Garrett, Trent Pribil and Alex McKenzie, Oklahoma County 4-H members plant flowers donated by TLC in Edmond to beautify the outdoor foyer at the Oklahoma City Ronald McDonald House where patients can eat and visit.

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Leaving a Legacy

Alea Sharp, a state 4-H ambassador, at the 2006 State 4-H Roundup.

Ambassadors Contribute to Sanders’ Endowment

The 32 state 4-H ambassadors committed to raising $100 each to contribute to Mary Sue Sanders’ endowment. “We have a clear goal of creating a fund that is self-sustaining,” said Alea Sharp, coordinator of the campaign. “Once the fund is built, it will give us an even stronger base to expand our program.”

Sanders created the endowment in 2002 to pay for the jackets and crests ambassadors are required to wear. “Mary Sue is the person who started the McBroom-Sanders Endowment Fund,” Sharp said. “She nearly single-handedly financed the fund to the level that is has reached today.

“As state ambassadors, we are proud and honored to support Mary Sue as she creates a legacy.”

A
fter growing up in 4-H, with projects in clothing, home improvement and foods, Mary Sue Sanders dedicated her career to developing the skills of Oklahoma’s youth.

Somehow she found a way to do even more after retirement, said Jim Rutledge, Oklahoma 4-H Foundation executive director.

Sanders filled many positions in the Oklahoma 4-H program at the county, district and state levels. She finished her career as an Extension educator in Cleveland County and retired in 1992.

In 1993, Sanders agreed to chair a committee working to start a state ambassador program in Oklahoma.

“I really wanted the ambassador program to be a success,” said Rutledge, who was serving as state 4-H program leader at the time. “When Mary Sue said yes, I didn’t worry about it.”

She agreed to serve for three years … 12 years later, she retired from the position.

A six-member committee was formed and selected Oklahoma’s first 14 state 4-H ambassadors at the 1994 Roundup. They made Shannon Ferrell, now an associate attorney and president of the 4-H Foundation board, an honorary state 4-H ambassador, because of his efforts in getting the program started.

“[Sanders] was the single most important reason for the success of the ambassador program,” Rutledge said.

Ferrell credited Sanders for contributing to his successes.

“Mary Sue had a profound effect on my experience as a 4-H’er, because she does so much to enable youth,” Ferrell said.

Sanders said she loves to watch teenagers try adult-like roles under supervision and succeed.

Elizabeth Kinney, a reporter for Tulsa Channel 8, worked closely with Sanders as an ambassador.

“She has really high standards, but she was also very encouraging,” Kinney said.

Kinney said people told her the program would make her a better person and leader.

Sanders said she hoped ambassadors would learn real leadership skills, learn to share those skills with others and build stronger character.

“The ambassador program has provided a leadership role for youth who might not have had such an opportunity otherwise,” Ferrell said.

Sanders established an endowment in 2002 to pay for the jackets and crests ambassadors are required to wear. For the endowment to cover all of these costs, it needs to reach $50,000, she said.

“Anyone interested in helping recognize Mary Sue’s contributions to 4-H or the ambassador program can still make a gift to the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation in her honor,” Rutledge said.

Sanders continues to support 4-H because of the impact it made in her own life, she said.

“I see the 4-H program as something that took a very shy little 8-year-old girl and taught her to do things she would never do,” Sanders said. “That was me.”

Sanders said 4-H should “help people learn to help themselves and help people share what they know.”

Mary Sue Sanders with Alea Sharp.
In 2000 a group of 4-H alumni created the Circle of Champions to financially support the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation's daily operations.

“When it was proposed, we saw it as an important way to raise unrestricted funds,” said Gwen Shaw, an original member of the circle.

Larry Derryberry, an attorney in Oklahoma City and a member of the Foundation’s board of directors saw the “circle” as an opportunity for other 4-H alumni to give something back to 4-H. As chair of the original committee, Derryberry envisioned a group of 100 donors committed to giving $1,000 annually to support the organization.

Since more and more people want to give restricted funds, it’s important to have money to put where it’s most needed, Shaw said.

“It’s a lot easier to get folks to support a specific program like Roundup or National 4-H Congress than it is to support the cost of personnel and mailings,” said Jim Rutledge, 4-H Foundation executive director. “But without the ‘circle’ we wouldn’t be able to support those specific programs either.”

Jerry Kiefer, an original member of the Circle of Champions, joined the circle because the 4-H program was and continues to be an important part of his life, he said.

“One hundred thousand dollars coming in would be a tremendous boost for the foundation,” Kiefer said. “The Circle has been a simple and easy way to consistently give back a small part of what [4-H] has given me.”

Members of the Circle can give once each year or set up monthly payments of $84.

As Oklahoma 4-H’s centennial approaches, members of the Circle of Champions are concentrating on reaching their goal of 100 members, Shaw said.

“Because 4-H has impacted so many of our lives, it’s important to give back to the state 4-H program,” she said.

One of the original purposes of the Circle of Champions was to give members a chance to gather annually to visit with the leadership of the 4-H Program and Foundation. During the coming year, as plans unfold for the 4-H centennial, the group will be meeting to discuss ways to keep 4-H viable into its second century.

“Some members are nominated by board members or other ‘circle’ members, but we will take nominations or self nominations from anyone that is interested in being a member of the circle,” said Rutledge.

Anyone interested in learning more about the 4-H Foundation Circle of Champions can call Rutledge at the 4-H Foundation office at 405-744-5390 or write to jim.rutledge@okstate.edu.

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Kids Helping Kids for 20 Years

Oklahoma 4-H’ers have impacted families all over the state by contributing to the Ronald McDonald House in Oklahoma City for the last 20 years.

“Kids Helping Kids” is all about young people getting involved in important charity work. Half of the proceeds of the campaign go to the Ronald McDonald House Charities and the other half goes to support local and state 4-H programs.

“4-H is doing so much for the Ronald McDonald House,” said Tamara Gilkey, Ronald McDonald House Development Director.

The house in Oklahoma City opened in 1984 and has served more than 13,389 families. They provide a home away from home for those with seriously ill or injured children receiving medical treatment in the Oklahoma City area.

Since the campaign started twenty years ago, 4-H members have contributed more than $350,000 to Ronald McDonald House, making 4-H one of their top contributors.

Oklahoma 4-H members raised more than $31,000 during the 2007 campaign. In a separate campaign 4-H members collected 1525 pounds of pull tabs, which made them the largest contributor to the house’s 2006 drive.

“Truly that has a big impact,” Gilkey said. “There would be a shortage without it.”

Jesse Alley of Kay County, the top individual fundraiser, raised $2,321.75. Allen has been the top fundraiser for the last four years and has raised more than $9,200 over the last five years.

Kay, Garfield and Okmulgee Counties were the top three counties for fundraising this year. Collectively they raised more than $11,500.

“For young people to do this much

Join the 4-H Heritage Society

To help the 4-H Foundation give credit to those who include 4-H in their estate plans, we have created the 4-H Heritage Society. Everyone that includes the 4-H Foundation in their estate plan will be invited to be listed as a member of this new society. We understand that for most individuals and families it will be years before an estate gift will be received by the 4-H Foundation. Too often we are not aware of a gift until it’s too late to say thanks. The 4-H Heritage Society gives us an opportunity to recognize those who make estate gifts at a time when they can enjoy the recognition.

Most of us don’t want to think about what will happen to our assets when we are gone, so we don’t make plans for that time. However, most of us know that we want to leave some kind of legacy for those that come after us. When we fail to plan for our estate, we leave our children and grandchildren with financial burdens they will have to take care of before they can benefit from what remains.

Families with significant appreciated assets such as real estate, IRA accounts, stocks or insurance policies can actually pass on larger estates after making a charitable gift in many cases. Charitable gift annuities and trusts can also be valuable tools for some families that want to protect their family assets while helping a favorite charity.

By including the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation in your estate plans, you can be sure your support goes to your favorite part of the 4-H program. Since some forms of planned giving provide benefits while we are still alive, we can also see those benefits in action.

I would be glad to visit with anyone that has questions about how to include the 4-H Foundation in their estate. I would also like to know about anyone that has already included 4-H in their plans so we can induct them into the 4-H Heritage Society. I can be contacted by phone or email at 405-744-8884 or jim.rutledge@okstate.edu

Jim Rutledge, Executive Director Oklahoma 4-H Foundation, Inc.
Every year at Roundup 4-H’ers from across the state go through an application process that includes an essay, letters of reference, rounds of interviews, extemporaneous speaking and writing thank you notes as they strive to become state 4-H ambassadors.

“It’s an honor to be an ambassador,” said Matthew Taylor, a state 4-H ambassador from Ada.

The ambassador team works to accomplish three objectives: to make 4-H more visible in their counties and the state, maintain relations with 4-H alumni and supporters, and help 4-H members tell the state and national 4-H story.

“Each ambassador works on a committee to meet each objective,” said Gwen Shaw, a volunteer adviser.

Shannon Ferrell and Barbara Hatfield also serve as volunteer advisers for the ambassadors, and Jim Rutledge is their state adviser.

In 2006, the ambassadors committed to helping with the annual Clover Classic golf tournament, which raised more than $11,000 for the 4-H Foundation. They gathered prizes including goody bags, baked goods and financial donations, and they helped recruit golfers.

“That was very, very helpful in making it a success,” Shaw said.

To maintain donor relations, each ambassador is assigned four supporters to keep in touch with during the year.

“I have a good relationship with my donors,” Taylor said. “One donor e-mailed me to thank me for my efforts.”

Taylor said he tries to contact the donors he’s assigned six times during the year. He sends postcards, crafts and letters to thank them for their support and update them on 4-H activities.

“Hearing it from the kids is a lot better than hearing from other people,” said Carrie Highfill, a state 4-H ambassador from Enid.

Another goal the ambassadors set in 2006 was to contribute $100 each to the McBroom-Sanders endowment, which provides funding to purchase ambassadors’ jackets and crests. Mary Sue Sanders established the endowment with a $25,000 gift in 2002.

“Mary Sue and Carl have been very generous in contributing,” Shaw said. “[The ambassadors] understand the importance of continuing this program.”

In addition to soliciting financial support for the program, ambassadors have spoken at state fairs, civic club meetings, volunteer conferences, awards banquets, district events, and at meetings of the Oklahoma Pork Council and Oklahoma Farm Bureau, said Jered Davidson, past state 4-H ambassador.

“Any time the ambassadors are out in the green blazer, it’s an opportunity to increase visibility,” Davidson said.

At 4-H Day at the Capitol ambassadors have also had the opportunity to speak on the House of Representatives and Senate floors.

“We talk about what 4-H has done for us,” Highfill said.

To help increase awareness of the 4-H program, this year’s ambassador team decided an important project was to update the “Get in it, Stay in it” 4-H recruitment video.

“We thought a lot of counties don’t know about or don’t use the ‘Get in it, Stay in it’ video,” said Sarah Brockhaus, state 4-H ambassador from Noble.

The visibility committee decided to get other 4-H’ers involved in the process by creating a video contest. Members will submit eight-minute videos and 30-second commercials to be judged.

The ambassadors hope the contest will result in a video everyone knows about and can access to promote 4-H and encourage new membership across the state, Brockhaus said.

The ambassador program was started in 1994 to achieve two objectives: engage more youth in active promotion of 4-H and give youth an opportunity to learn new leadership and marketing skills.

“Over the past 13 years more than 100 outstanding 4-H members have participated,” said Rutledge. “Our hope is that many more will join the program in the years ahead.”

State 4-H Ambassadors support the 4-H program by increasing visibility, maintaining donor relations and helping members tell the state and national 4-H story. The 1997-98 Ambassador team is shown, including some members of the first team in 1994.
2006 Hall of Fame Winners
Make an Impact

By Trisha Gedon, OSU Agricultural Communications Services

A pair of 4-H’ers saw all of their hard work pay off when they were inducted into the State 4-H Hall of Fame during the 85th State 4-H Roundup.

The 2006 inductees were Tiffany Grant, Tulsa County, and Jared Davidson, Caddo County.

While seeing dreams come true for hundreds of disadvantaged teens, Grant saw one of her own dreams come true.

“This has been a dream of mine since I attended my first Roundup four years ago,” Grant said.

Although she has been a member of 4-H for only four years, Grant has made a positive impact. Her main community service project was starting a non-profit organization called Prom Wishes.

This organization boosts the self-esteem of disadvantaged teens who do not have the financial resources to attend their prom. Approximately 350 teens have reaped the benefits of the nearly $75,000 worth of cash and in-kind donations Grant has secured.

“We provide them with everything except the date,” Grant said.

She said 4-H has had a big impact on her life. Through her community service work, Grant has decided to become a community service director.

“I’m able to show others how one teen can make a difference in this world,” she said.

In 2005 Grant was named the 4-H citizenship record book winner. She also served as a delegate to Citizenship Washington Focus and National 4-H Congress. She has served as president and reporter of her local club as well as serving as a Tulsa County 4-H Ambassador.

Some of her honors outside of 4-H include Oklahoma Youth Philanthropy Award recipient, Tulsa Youth Leadership Council and National Honor Society.

The skills she has learned in 4-H “will help me give back to the community and be a better citizen,” she said.

Grant is a 2006 graduate of Sperry High School. She plans to major in business administration at Southwest Baptist University. She is the daughter of Charles Grant Jr. and Cheri Beth Grant.

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The skills she has learned in 4-H “will help me give back to the community and be a better citizen,” she said.

4-H has taught me skills that will allow me to succeed in the workplace, as well as contribute to society in a way I never conceived,” he said of the skills he has learned as a 4-H’er.

Aside from serving as state 4-H president and being inducted into the State 4-H Hall of Fame, Davidson served as state secretary, Southwest District vice president and Caddo County president.

He has been inducted into the Caddo County Hall of Fame, served as a delegate to National 4-H Conference and National 4-H Congress and is a member of Key Club.

“I’m able to show others how one teen can make a difference in this world,” she said.

“Take advantage of everything and don’t be afraid to challenge the process.”

He is a deacon at the First Christian Church in Anadarko and served as valedictorian of his high school graduating class. He also was a member of the state championship basketball and baseball teams.

He is the son of Kendra and Larry Walsh and Jerry and Kelli Davidson. Davidson said, “Being inducted into the State 4-H Hall of Fame is not just an honor, but a commitment to future service for my club, community, country and world.”

Tiffany Grant was inducted into the State 4-H Hall of Fame at the 2006 State 4-H Roundup.

Jared Davidson was inducted into the State 4-H Hall of Fame at the 2006 State 4-H Roundup.
Although no one in their family has been in 4-H, the Hille Family contributes annually to support Oklahoma’s youth.

“We’ve always heard good things about 4-H,” said Maggie Hille Yar, Hille Family Foundation executive director.

Yar’s parents, Jo Bob and Mary Ann Hille, established the Hille Family Foundation in 1997 with proceeds from the sale of Vintage Petroleum Company in Tulsa, which was established by Jo Bob Hille and a partner.

The Hille Family Foundation primarily supports social services and educational programs that have an impact on women and children’s issues in the Tulsa area.

Sheila Lequerica, Yar’s sister and a member of the foundation board, had an interest in supporting the 4-H equine program because of her involvement in the industry, but they also wanted to give to other areas of 4-H, Lequerica said.

The Hille Family Foundation made its first donation in 2001 and has given more than $62,000 since then to support the equine career program and enhancement grants. These are among the few statewide programs the foundation supports on an on-going basis.

“4-H is so well rounded,” Lequerica said. “We could hit a lot of areas through [enhancement grants].”

The Hille Family is always impressed with how much 4-H can do with small amounts of money, and they love to hear from youth about the programs their foundation has supported, Yar said.

“We’ve been blown away by what a great job you’ve done,” she said.

The Hille Family Foundation received the “State 4-H Partner Award” in 2005, an honor given to those who have contributed significantly to the success of the 4-H program.

“The Hille Family Foundation has become one of our most significant partners in providing support for local and county 4-H programs,” said Jim Rutledge, Oklahoma 4-H Foundation executive director. “Their support allows us to give seed money to more than 30 local programs that do amazing things with a few dollars.”

Both Lequerica and Yar said they hope the foundation’s contributions will provide funding for programs that teach life skills and give youth experiences they otherwise wouldn’t have.

“Keep doing what you’re doing,” Lequerica said. “We love to help out.”

Show Your Support
Order your personalized 4-H license plate today

Oklahoma 4-H members, volunteers and supporters can show their love for 4-H everywhere they go. The Oklahoma 4-H license plates are available for individuals to personalize.

“The license plates provide new visibility opportunities,” said Jim Rutledge, 4-H Foundation executive director. “This is a great way to show your 4-H pride and raise money for a great cause.”

Applications are available on the 4-H Foundation’s Web site at oklahoma4h.okstate.edu or at your OSU Cooperative Extension county office.

For more information call 405-744-5390
Heather Edington, Junior Latimer County 4H member, dressed as the Statue of Liberty for her tribute to the monument.

For decades Oklahoma 4-H’ers have served soldiers during war time. Club members earned the name “soldiers of the soil” during World War I when they worked to produce food and clothing to support the military.

When World War II began, youth quickly accepted the challenge of providing needed supplies. The “Feed a Fighter” campaign charged each member with providing food for soldiers.

Poultry club members were challenged to produce 500 broilers or 250 baking chickens. In other project areas, members were challenged to produce four tons of potatoes, 2,500 quarts of milk, or 829 pints of canned foods.

According to Franklin M. Reck, President Roosevelt said, “Let your head, heart, hands and health truly be dedicated to your country, which needs them now as never before.”

Around the country 4-H’ers filled in where needed on their home and neighboring farms, collected milkweed for use in lifejackets, and sold liberty bonds to fund the production of cargo carriers at the price of $2 million each.

Now, more than 60 years later, Oklahoma 4-H’ers have found ways to continue serving those in the military.

In Latimer County, 4-H educators, volunteer leaders and club members organized the Latimer County Veterans Day Honor Program to recognize veterans.

“They’re very appreciative of people appreciating them,” said Tony Johnson, a Latimer County Extension educator.

The event, which is held the Thursday night before Veterans Day, is co-sponsored by the Wilburton Ladies Auxiliary. Women in the group provide the meal, which is followed by a program provided by local 4-H’ers.

The youth read poems, sing and play songs to honor the veterans.

After the program, some veterans “come to me almost in tears,” Johnson said.

This year, Heather Edington, a junior Latimer County 4-H member, dressed as the Statue of Liberty and did a tribute to the monument and what it stands for.

Following the program, veterans are given a pin, a certificate and a cap, which reads “4-H Salutes America’s Heroes.” The veterans then introduce themselves and often tell the stories of their military experiences.

“We do it not only for the vets,” Johnson said. “These kids need to see that freedom’s not free.” Johnson said he thinks they’ve been an example to schools in the area to start or re-start Veterans Day programs.

In 2004, Ottawa County 4-H’ers decided to assemble Christmas and Valentine’s Day packages for soldiers around the world and have continued that project for the last three years.

“We try to send to fellow soldiers from our county,” said Debbie Gaines, Ottawa County program assistant.
The youth send Christmas cards, decorations, and hard candy in December and cards, candy, games and puzzles in February.

Gaines said she mailed 80 pounds of cards and candy in February this year.

“A lot of the cards are homemade with very special messages inside,” she said. “We have heard a lot from the soldiers thanking us and who were glad to know people are still thinking of them.”

A dentist serving in 2005 sent the 4-H’ers an American Flag that was flown over his dentistry tent to say thank you for the package he received.

The Comanche County Extension office found a way to serve soldiers’ families. With the help of the OSU information technology department, they were able to install video-conference equipment at the county office.

“That means a lot to the families,” said Alan VanDeventer, a Comanche county Extension educator. “It’s a neat deal.”

Soldiers can arrange for a video conference and family members come to the county Extension office where they can see and talk to each other.

“This is a way for us to give back to the families of soldiers,” VanDeventer said.

Many other clubs and counties around the state work to serve those in the military. In 2006, the Dairy Capitol 4-H Club in Collinsville organized and worked at craft tables at the 138th annual Fighter Wing’s Children’s Christmas Party. Clubs like the Ripley 4-H Club in Ripley and Dickson Clover Club in Ardmore wrote letters and put together packages for wounded soldiers.

Today’s 4-H’ers are carrying on the tradition started decades ago by Oklahoma youth as they devote their time, energy and talents to serving the men and women who serve our country.

4-H’ers presented a patriotic pin, certificate and cap to each veteran at the Latimer County Veteran’s Day Honor Program.

Dairy Capitol 4-H members Jennifer Lutz (left) and Karen Klein (center) assist Air National Guard children with their Christmas projects.
Oklahoma 4-H has developed lesson plans to teach youth about Global Positioning Satellite technology and how to use it, including “What is GPS?” “How does GPS work?” “Limitations and Accuracy of GPS” and “What can you do with GPS?”

Four counties in Oklahoma applied for and received ESRI grants in 2006 and used this curriculum for community mapping projects.

Jefferson County partnered with local agencies to map recreational trails around Waurika Lake, Comanche County worked with Ft. Sill youth services to map hiking trails in the Wichita Mountains, Creek Nation has worked to implement classes for Native American youth and map Creek Nation historical sites.

In addition to mapping illegal dump sites, Washita County partnered with several school districts and teachers to create and distribute a map of public storm shelters within the county.

“This project continues to grow and we are hopeful county educators will continue to incorporate GPS/GIS and precision agriculture into their educational programming,” said Jeff Sallee, assistant extension specialist for 4-H and youth development.

Nine counties have submitted ESRI grant applications this year, and Oklahoma 4-H will host a geospatial institute this summer, Sallee said.

For more information about geospatial lesson plans or starting a mapping project, call Jeff Sallee at 405-744-8883 or visit the Oklahoma 4-H Web site at oklahoma4h.okstate.edu and click on the science and technology link.

Oklahoma 4-H’ers around the state participate in a number of projects to improve their communities. Last year, members in Washita and Custer Counties not only served their communities, but also worked to develop partnerships to increase the scope and effectiveness of their projects.

The Great Plains Resource Conservation and Development Council approached Extension educators in Washita and Custer Counties seeking 4-H “manpower” to find and map illegal roadside dumps.

The project was “started by adults, but it was youth driven,” said Mary Peck, Washita County Extension educator.

Participants attended a safety program about approaching dumpsites and then used Global Positioning System units to map the coordinates of 12 roadside dumps. Twenty-five youth contributed 143 hours to the project.

Members learned about the dangers and cost of cleaning up roadside dumps and created PowerPoint presentations and fliers about recycling and illegal dumps. They also developed an elementary education program on recycling.

“It really increased youth’s awareness that illegal dumpsites are a problem,” Peck said.

In addition to working with the Great Plains RC&D, 4-H’ers also worked with the Department of Environmental Quality and their county commissioners.

“We’ve always worked closely with the county commissioners,” Peck said. “The partnership with RC&D has been very beneficial to Extension; it gives us another avenue for the public to work with our youth.”

Members who participated in the project have received a number of awards for their efforts, including the Great Plains RC&D Youth Involvement Award and the Group Involvement Award for Keep Oklahoma Beautiful.

Community members “were real happy that someone cared enough to do this,” Peck said. “If you do a worthwhile community project, it really does matter to people.”
Helping young people has become a way of life for Dale and Judy Tracy. Though she was never in 4-H as a kid, Judy Tracy has been active in Oklahoma 4-H since their oldest son, Tony, was 9 years old.

After years of volunteering and helping fund a local scholarship, the Tracys donated $25,000 to the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation to establish an endowment and ensure the continuation of the photography scholarship program.

“You have chances in your life to support things you believe in, God has truly blessed us,” Judy Tracy said.

For the Tracys, church comes first and then 4-H along with other charities they support, she said.

Judy Tracy said she hopes recipients of the photography scholarship will “pursue their educational endeavors and complete them.”

The Tracy’s three kids were all involved in 4-H and now the oldest of their nine grandchildren has a 4-H project.

“The program was a good fit for them,” Judy Tracy said of her three boys. “4-H afforded them opportunities to get to the fields they’re in today.”

Tony Tracy was in 4-H until high school, and is now a fifth-generation farmer on the land their ancestors settled.

Keith Tracy, an attorney in Oklahoma City, was elected state 4-H president in 1989 and was the state hall of fame winner in 1990.

“Keith had so many ideas and projects,” Judy Tracy said.

He had a photography project and continues his involvement by judging at the state fair.

The third brother, John Tracy, was elected state reporter in 1990 and was the state hall of fame winner in 1991. He is now the senior radio producer for James Dobson with Focus on the Family.

“John’s campaign speeches were all in rhyme,” Judy Tracy said.

She credited 4-H with teaching her boys life skills, especially public speaking, record keeping and goal setting.

Judy Tracy is still the club leader for the Cheyenne Senior 4-H Club. She’s been the superintendent for the photography division at the Oklahoma State Fair for at least 15 years, served as the State Volunteer Leaders Association president and was awarded the Oklahoma Leader of the Year Award.

“The kids keep me young,” Judy Tracy said. “Our youth are truly amazing.”

She acknowledged the county and state staff people as well as the volunteers and parents involved with 4-H for their contributions to the program.

“They’ve been the backbone,” she said.

The Tracys have served Oklahoma 4-H’ers with their time, energy, and talents, and now they’ve made a financial contribution that will secure funds for this scholarship permanently.
Hille Family Foundation

The Hille Family Foundation supports many summer projects every year through enhancement grants. The foundation funds grants to support activities in all areas of 4-H.

Atoka County: Summer Fun Days 2006

One of the enhancement grants awarded to Atoka County funded their 2006 Summer Fun Days. County educators invited youth to attend three day camps, July 12, 19 and 26.

Teen leaders developed skits, presented “What to do on 4-H Island,” and led games, crafts and community service activities. To develop youth’s science and technology skills, participants completed a photo scavenger hunt. They also learned about health, safety, foods & nutrition, teamwork, leadership, wildlife, photography and recreation projects.

Participants also produced and distributed cards with sun safety tips in their communities.

Blaine County: Summer Sewing Workshop

Blain County 4-H members had the opportunity to attend a three-day summer sewing workshop thanks to the enhancement grant they received. Fourteen members, ages 9 to 13, attended the workshop and each completed three sewing projects. Members made fleece scarves, pillow cases and aprons. Members also worked to make lap robes for the local nursing home, which were finished by Watonga Junior 4-H’ers at another mini workshop.

“The generous support of the 4-H enhancement grants and their donors has made this program possible,” said Joy Rhodes, a Blaine County Extension educator. “The Blaine County 4-H program is sincerely appreciative of this support.”

Twenty seven projects were entered in the county fair as a result of the workshops, and six lap robes were taken to the nursing home.

Johnston County: Summer Workshops

An enhancement grant funded summer workshops in 10 project areas for Johnston County 4-H’ers. Boys and Girls Club members were also invited to participate.

“The Boys and Girls Club members were not 4-H members, but have since joined and become enthusiastic members,” said Ginny McCarrick, a Johnston County Extension educator.

The workshops, titled Heritage Scrapbook, Desk Pad & Accessories, Wildflowers & Terrariums, Watercolor, Animal Tracks, Leather Craft & Pillowcases, 4-H Pillow, and Baby sitter Fair & Model Rockets, developed youths’ skills and increased their awareness of different project areas.

Many of the participants entered projects from the workshops in the county fair and some advanced to the state fair.

“We were very pleased with the success of the summer workshops,” McCarrick said. “[We] would not have been able to provide the quality learning experiences without the assistance of the enhancement grants.”

Kiowa County: Food Fun and Fitness Day Camp

Kiowa County Extension partnered with Hobart Schools Project HELP summer programs, Kiowa County Farm Bureau, Learn and Serve and 4-H adult and teen volunteers to host their Food, Fun and Fitness day camp.

Fourteen 4-H’ers participated in activities and workshops to learn how to eat healthier and stay physically active.
I certainly appreciate the Southwest Dairy Center for providing these funds that continue to enhance our programs in Garfield County,” said Cindy Conner, a Garfield County Extension educator.

Oklahoma Pork Council
The Oklahoma Pork Council sponsored enhancement grants to promote health and nutrition programs.

Oklahoma County used grant funds to develop nutrition kits available for teachers to check out.

“The kits are a great resource for teachers in the urban area who want their students to learn valuable nutrition lessons,” said Kari Nunnley, an Oklahoma County Extension educator.

Nunnley included portion distortion posters, food pyramid bingo, fitness dice, a mass of muscle model, and other resources in the kits.

Southwest Dairy Center
The Southwest Dairy Center sponsors enhancement grants annually to support educational programs focused on dairy products and nutrition.

Garfield County: Dairy Delights
An enhancement grant awarded to Garfield County funded multiple projects, which educated youth and adults about the food pyramid and the importance of incorporating dairy into their daily diets.

The county was able to purchase a 3-D food pyramid, stickers for young participants and dairy products for displays and samples.

Presentations were made at three schools, their Quad County 4-H Junior Camp, the Garfield County Fair and the YWCA Girl Power Rally in Enid. Participants made smoothies with milk, snacks using cheese dip, identified foods in the different food groups and learned about sources of calcium.

Latimer County: Dairy and Food Grain Science
The Latimer County 4-H program conducted four activities in the summer to educate youth about the production and use of dairy and food grain products.

In June participants competed in an ice cream making contest and attended a personal pan pizza and pork cooking workshop where they learned how to read recipes and make their own pizza dough, sauce and toppings.

In July, 4-H youth toured a cheese and sausage processing facility and Braum’s dairy products processing facility. They watched employees process milk, ice cream and various dips.

Derald Suffridge
Every year Kiowa, Beckham, Greer and Roger Mills Counties host a junior 4-H camp. Teen leaders from each county serve as camp counselors and provide leadership and training for campers.

The camp counselors are responsible for the youth in their cabin as well as conducting workshops during the camp.

An enhancement grant gave these counties the opportunity to provide a training day for their teen counselors to learn more about demonstrating good leadership skills, responsibility and patience while serving as counselors.

In Tulsa County, an enhancement grant funded leadership training for county officers and ambassadors.

“After experiencing this unique training, the officers and ambassadors discovered their abilities and pressed forward in leadership roles in their communities,” said Chrissy Whitten, a Tulsa County Extension educator.

Latimer County 4H member Larissa Goddard works on her own pizza during the Latimer County Pizza workshop.
Oklahoma 4-H members have learned leadership, citizenship and life skills through project work and other club activities, and for many members that was just the beginning. Youth across the state have applied the skills they learned in 4-H beyond their 4-H projects.

For Eric and Trent Pribil, juniors at Edmond North High School, what started as an eighth-grade history fair project turned into a 4-H demonstration and eventually won them an all-expense paid trip to North Dakota in August 2006.

The twins have re-enacted part of the Lewis and Clark expedition for elementary school students around the Edmond area for the last three years.

“[The students] are always really excited,” Trent Pribil said. “They see us as the explorers.”

Eric and Trent Pribil credited 4-H for helping develop their skills and ability to speak in front of people.

Re-enacting part of Lewis and Clark’s expedition is different from other speeches people give, because they don’t memorize everything, Eric Pribil said.

“We can adjust our presentation to any elementary school,” Trent Pribil said.

Elementary students have the opportunity to see animal pelts, traps, antlers, a beaver skull and other props the Pribils have collected. Students can ask questions of “Lewis and Clark” about their experiences and challenges of the mission.

“They ask us as if we were there,” Trent Pribil said.

The Pribils saw information about an essay contest sponsored by the Army National Guard online and after submitting essays, they were chosen along with three other Oklahoma youth to travel to North Dakota. Youth on the trip stayed in Bismarck and traveled to sites along the trail Lewis and Clark forged.

“I was fortunate enough to be at Fort Mandan 200 years to the day after the Corps of Discovery was there,” Eric Pribil said.

They also went to Medora, N.D. visited interpretive centers and participated in a ropes course.

“Since Lewis and Clark’s expedition was a military expedition, they put us in ranks and showed us how they marched and some of the routines,” Trent Pribil said.

Trent and Eric Pribil said their 4-H experiences have helped them develop the skills they use for re-enactments. They said they plan to continue re-enactments after high school, “but whether it’s Lewis and Clark or an earlier time period depends.”

While the Pribils applied what they’ve learned in 4-H to travel across the country, other 4-H’ers have earned awards for the efforts they’ve made in their local communities.

In 2006, Kylie Stowers was recognized as a state honoree for the Prudential Spirit of Community Award and Matthew Taylor finished as a distinguished finalist.

According to Prudential Financial, the award “honors young people in middle level and high school grades for outstanding volunteer service to their communities.”

Stowers, a freshman at Norman High School, worked with the Life Rocks program, a National 4-H program that works to educate youth ages 8-14 about the risks of tobacco, alcohol and drugs. After attending a three-day training program in Mississippi with Brenda Hill, a Cleveland County Extension educator, Stowers worked to reach out to youth in her community.

“It’s important to educate kids about the bad effects of these substances and to give them skills to make positive decisions,” Stowers said.

Stowers has reached nearly 250 youth in her area with the message about how to stand up to peer pressure and say no to illegal substances.

Taylor, a junior at Ada High School, wrote and received a grant from the Walt Disney Foundation to organize a work day at a local park.

To complete the project, Taylor recruited 58 youth and adults. Volunteers cleaned the park, painted the playground equipment and installed 42 tons of fresh sand.

These are just examples of how four Oklahoma 4-H members are contributing to their local communities through their project work. Every year thousands of people are impacted by 4-H youth taking on positive leadership roles and using their 4-H skills.
Fairs are Full of Surprises
by Tim Lee, Maysville 4-H

I volunteered to help a fellow club member show her chickens at the Tulsa State Fair, but I ended up with more than I bargained for.

When she asked, I thought it should be easy enough. After all, I have shown cattle, sheep and pigs.

After making it through the first class, we advanced to the championship round.

I had sweat dripping from my head and the chickens were crowing from the heat.

As I prepared for the judge, I felt something warm on my jeans and noticed my mom motioning to me.

When I looked up, I saw my whole 4-H team was laughing hysterically.

Suddenly the chicken jumped and flogged me. Feathers were flying in every direction and when it came to a stop, I was covered from head to toe with chicken poop.

I don’t even want to tell you how bad it smelled.

Needless to say, this was one of the most eventful experiences I’ve had in 4-H.

As Oklahoma 4-H looks forward to its centennial celebration in 2009, the 4-H Foundation wants to tell the 4-H story by telling your stories.

If you have a favorite 4-H memory that you’d like to share, please submit your contact information and a brief description of your story.

Send stories to:
Oklahoma 4-H Foundation
Attention: Kellie Strawn
205 4-H Youth Development Bldg.
Stillwater, OK 74075
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Name: _____________________  Phone: _____________________
Address: _____________________________________________
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Your 4-H experiences:
Description of your favorite 4-H memory:
National Congress: The Tradition Continues

For 80 years 4-H’ers from across the nation have gathered to celebrate success in learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.

When National 4-H Congress began in 1927, state project winners from each state were invited to attend the week long conference in Chicago, Ill.

In 1947, Ira Hollar, Oklahoma state 4-H leader at the time, decided the National 4-H Congress delegates from Oklahoma should get acquainted before traveling to Chicago, said Ray Parker, retired state 4-H specialist.

That year, the Oklahoma State 4-H Congress began in Oklahoma City.

One boy and one girl from each county as well as the National 4-H Congress delegates were invited to attend State 4-H Congress, which was held just before National 4-H Congress.

At the end of State 4-H Congress, the county delegates would walk the national delegates to the train station and see them off. They rode the Santa Fe train that traveled from Houston to Chicago.

“It was an inspiration to other kids to work toward National 4-H Congress,” Parker said.

From the beginning, the National 4-H Congress has been about recognizing outstanding 4-H members. Delegates have always participated in workshops, tours and recognition banquets. For many years the project winners also competed for national scholarships in their project areas.

Over the years, National Congress has been modified some as sponsorships and the location changed. Congress moved to Orlando in 1994, Memphis from 1995 to 1997 and found a new long-term home in Atlanta in 1998.

The newest feature of the National 4-H Congress is participation in community service projects in the Atlanta area.

In 2002 National Congress delegates started a Habitat for Humanity project and all youth were encouraged to bring a roll of dimes to donate. During the last five years, congress delegates have contributed $40,000 to the house that was completed in 2006.

Members in Oklahoma still go through an application process, which includes record books and interviews. Today National 4-H Congress delegates are announced at State 4-H Roundup in May.

“National 4-H Congress is the highlight of their 4-H career,” said Tracy Branch, State 4-H Events and Activity Coordinator. “A lot of people have really fond memories.”

The National 4-H Congress trip continues to provide unique opportunities for 4-H members to gain leadership and citizenship experiences they can’t get at home, but we are always looking for support to send more delegates, said Jim Rutledge, executive director of the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation.
Serving Local Communities

Santa’s elves wear green clovers

Murray County 4-H’ers lightened Santa’s load a little when they filled 95 stockings for elderly people.

The county Extension office received a $1000 grant from Wal-Mart to purchase supplies to make and fill the stockings, said Debbie Sharp, a Murray County Extension educator.

A local community member heard about the project and donated 100 new Beanie Babies.

In November, when 4-H’ers arrived at the community 4-H meeting, they were given a name of an elderly person to “shop” for along with $7.50 in play money. Wes Lee, Extension educator filled the role as banker.

The shoppers then visited the “Candy Store,” “Sock Store,” “Fun and Games Market,” “Personal Items Mall” and the “Pet Shop.”

Once 4-H’ers made their purchases, they decorated stockings, which Murray County Oklahoma Home and Community Education members made, and filled them with all of the presents.

More than 100 4-H’ers participated in serving the elderly in three nursing homes in the county as well as the Senior Nutrition Center in Sulphur and the Oklahoma Veteran’s Hospital in Murray County.

Cherokee County teen 4-H’ers collect more than 1700 books for book drive

One of the important skills 4-H’ers learn through project and community service work is goal setting. Members learn to set realistic goals and then work to achieve them. In Cherokee County, a group of teen 4-H’ers did just that.

“Young people had a plan and a goal and worked to make it happen,” said Kimbreley Davis, a Cherokee County Extension educator.

In 2006, the Northeast District officers set district goals for three community service projects: a book drive to collect books for Saint Francis Hospital in Tulsa, the dime drop and collecting pop tabs. They challenged each county in the district to help reach those goals.

Davis then asked her teen members in Cherokee County to form three committees, one for each project. She challenged them to set goals for the county.

Members of the book drive committee looked at the district goal of 1500 books and said, “We can do that here in Cherokee County,” Davis said.

The youth then put articles in the newspaper, asked Davis to advertise the project in her newsletter, put boxes around the county, and talked to county groups, schools and libraries in the area.

“Within almost two weeks we had 1,000 books,” Davis said. “The next thing I knew, we had 1,750 books.”

Libraries donated books they had duplicates of, Cherokee Nation donated books as part of their book giveaway and community members brought books their kids had outgrown.

The community in Cherokee County is really willing to get behind youth and support them, Davis said.

“Youth can be successful, but they can be extremely successful if the community is behind them,” she said.

The Northeast District collected 4,402 books from all 21 counties, 1,751 of which were from Cherokee County. The district delivered 1,500 books to Saint Francis Hospital, and donated the remaining books to state prison libraries, summer reading programs and economically challenged families as well as giving them as gifts at 4-H recruitment booths.

Cherokee County continued to receive book donations from the community and took those to Tahlequah City Hospital.

“They were surprised and so grateful,” Davis said.

The district officers awarded Cherokee County the golden book award, which was the prize for collecting the most books.

“I think [the 4-H’ers] are more willing to step out of the box and try new things,” Davis said. “For them, the book drive was a prime example of ‘if you believe then it can happen.’”
2006 4-H Scholarship Donors and Recipients

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Sponsor: Charles and Betty Smith
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Revenue

Unrestricted Gifts $111,736.96
Scholarship Endowments $57,415.87
Program and County Endowments 66,117.09
Events and Trips 89,874.55
Leadership and Program Accounts 78,420.93
Awards and Scholarships 36,649.49
Associated and County Programs 68,376.57

Total Revenue 508,591.46


**Expenses**

- Operating Expenses: $118,189.76
- Increase in Endowment Funds: $113,573.65
- Events and Trips: $76,055.78
- Leadership and Program Accounts: $66,516.77
- Awards and Scholarships: $25,000.00
- Associated and County Programs: $78,155.67

**Total Expenses**: $477,491.63

**Total Assets**: $1,431,540.84

- Program Accounts: $280,583.17
- Associated Accounts: $291,361.49
- Endowment Accounts: $859,596.18

Pie chart showing the distribution of expenses and assets.
2006 Donors: Order of the:

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Hille Family Foundation
Oklahoma Assn of Ext 4-H Agents
Oklahoma Pork Council
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Oklahoma Beef Council
Oklahoma Farm Bureau
Oklahoma Farmers Union
Oklahoma LP Gas RM&S Commission
Jim & Kathy Rutledge
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The Sirloin Club of Oklahoma
Southwest Dairy Center

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National 4-H Council
OERB/OIPA
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Oklahoma City Gun Club
Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation
Oklahoma Peanut Commission
Sam & Glenna Ott
Ray Parker
Rogers County 4-H Foundation
Wallace Smith
Southwest District Horse Council
Robert Toulouse

Bronze Clover $100 - $499
Ag Youth
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        Dr. Carolyn Williams (Williamsburg Small Animal Hospital), Gwen Shaw, Katelyn Wallace, Jerret Sanders, Jim & Kathy Rutledge, Monty Shane Vietzke
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Carrie Highfill
Chas Maxcey
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Hailee McDaniel
Cully Stevens
Karolyn Bolay
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Thank You For Supporting the 4-H Program!

Detach and return to 205 4-H Youth Development Bldg., Stillwater, OK 74078

Name: ____________________________________________  Enclosed is my gift of $____________________
Make payable to Oklahoma 4-H Foundation

Spouse’s Name:____________________________________

Address: __________________________________________

City: ______________ State: _____ Zip:__________

Email: ____________________________________________

Phone: ____________________________________________

Charge my credit card:
☐ VISA  ☐ Mastercard  ☐ American Express

Acct. #________________________
Exp. Date________ Amount $________________
Signature________________________

☐ Please send me information on including 4-H in my will.
☐ I have included 4-H in my estate plans.
☐ My company will match this gift. I have enclosed the form.
Help Celebrate 100 Years of Making the Best Better

4-H’ers at the 1932 Club Roundup gather for a picture. There wasn’t a building large enough to house the event, so members met in large tents at Oklahoma A & M College. As the Oklahoma 4-H program approaches its one-hundredth birthday, we want to tell your stories. See page 17 for details about contributing to this exciting celebration.