My Scrap Metal Started a Revolution

**Community issue:** The Perkins-Tryon school system in Central Oklahoma was in need of first aid kits and supplies after more than three years of budget cuts. Garrett Dollins, a junior at P-T High School, recognized the four schools in the system needed basic first-aid supplies in a hurry, as he saw one school actually run out of band-aids.

**How it was addressed:** In August 2011, Garrett was helping a Perkins citizen haul scrap metal away when he realized he can raise funds for the schools by selling the product to a recycling facility, and making a donation through the superintendent’s office. Garrett encouraged 4-H members to help him clean up old appliances and recyclable metals around town, and prepare it for hauling. He has covered all angles from cleaning an elderly woman’s home and hauling out junk, to receiving regular text messages from a local appliance shop when they have product to donate.

**Results:** Garrett has raised $650 as of December 2011 and has on-going plans to donate more for multiple causes including athletic supplies and the schools.

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Editor’s Reflection

The past seven weeks, I have been taking a speech class at Cameron University in Lawton. In my introductory speech, I told my classmates (who are all significantly older than I am) that I am on State 4-H Council. I was greeted by blank stares.

That was when I decided that my first speech was going to be about the history of Oklahoma 4-H, and how it has grown into an organization that truly makes the best better.

The night of the speech, I walked into class in official dress, right down to the nametag. There is just something about that green jacket that makes me feel like I can take on the world. But that’s another story.

I got up to the podium, recited the 4-H pledge, explained each H, and said the rest of my speech. I was mobbed by questions at the conclusion of my speech. The most asked question was “How can I get my kids involved in 4-H?”

These days, we are focusing on the

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State Headlines

4-H Has Talent!

For those of you who didn't know, Share the Fun at Roundup has been replaced with 4-H Has Talent.

District Share the Fun winners will have to audition if they would like a chance to perform at Roundup.

Here are some things to know:

- Videos must be no longer than three minutes.
- Materials must be appropriate for a 4-H audience.
- Individual or team acts are acceptable.
- Only one video per person.
- Roundup delegates ages 13 and up are eligible.
- Submissions are due to Jeff Sallee at the state office by no later than May 15.

For more information, contact Jeff Sallee (405)744-8885 or jeff.sallee@okstate.edu.

Quick Look @State Council Committee Work

Being on a state council committee takes a lot of time and effort.

We participate in numerous conference calls, email chats, and face-to-face meetings to plan our events months in advance.

Highlights from our February quarterly meeting:

OSU @ OYE:

- We will use the Get Moving-Get Healthy curriculum learning stations, March 16 from 10 am-2pm.

Roundup Committees

Overview:

- We proposed exploring “better” food options.
- There was discussion on ways to help people get around campus easily, such as signs and info stations.

Theme

- Get a Clue with Oklahoma 4-H art work is being worked on by a Career Tech student in Osage County.
  - There will be an interactive “mystery” to solve for Roundup delegation.

Speakers, Spirit Contest, Got Talent:

- We are researching speakers to recommend to the council.
- The committee also reviewed Got Talent information.

First Timer Orientation and Reflection Committee:

- Discussed walking tour vs. virtual tour tried last year.

Next Issue

2012-13 Traveling Workshops
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Northeast District

Northeast District’s 2nd Annual 4-H Prom

Get your tuxedos and dresses ready Northeast District 4-Her’s!
The second annual Northeast District 4-H Prom will be held on March 31st at the Perryman Ranch in Jenks. Cost $25.
The event is planned and led by the leadership team.
This year, we are not serving dinner, but encourage you to meet up with 4-H friends and have dinner before coming.
I know what all the rest of you districts are thinking, and sorry, but as of now it is Northeast District exclusive, unless you are signed up as a date by one of your Northeasterly friends.
To attend, a member must be 14 or older. Dates from other districts must be 4-H members and registered to attend no later than February 14th.

- Conner Carroll

Payne County 4-H Market Place Encourages Young Entrepreneurs

The 4-H Market Place is an event where 4-H project work meets real world business. The market is designed to give kids an entrepreneurial experience by allowing them to present and sell handmade or project related merchandise to customers.

Some of the skills developed include:
- Public speaking
- Financial management
- Economic awareness
- Responsibility.

The vendors also enjoy receiving the financial reward from the work of their hands. The vendor registration fees were used to make a donation to the OK Children’s Hospital Foundation.

Vendors featured at the 4-H Market Place were selling a variety of items ranging from crafts, to baked goods, dog treats, and sewing kits. Some vendors used the 4-H Market Place as an opportunity to raise money for community service projects.

This is the second year Payne County hosted the 4-H Market Place. We are excited to report participation doubled.

Through comments received in follow-up surveys, the young entrepreneurs have expressed a very positive experience.

- Susan Weckler

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Washington County Exceeds in Livestock Judging

The tradition continues with the Washington County 4-H Livestock Judging Program. The senior team topped their division at the 2011 Tulsa State Fair which meant they had the opportunity to represent Oklahoma at the 2012 National Western in Denver, Colorado in January. There, they received fourth place team overall and represented Oklahoma well.

Team members that garnered the championship include Tylen Layton, Copan; Sydney Higbee, Dewey; Michaela Burns, Caney Valley; and Austin Eden, Caney Valley. Randy Pirtle coaches the livestock judging teams.

A large percentage of the teams that have represented Oklahoma at national contests in the past 10 years have come from Washington County.

- Matthew Chuning

Scrap Metal Started a Revolution

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are now stocked with first-aid supplies. Garrett is using a cutting torch skill he learned in 4-H to cut the metal down to sizes with higher demand, worth more money.

What does Garrett have to say? This project means a lot to me because it’s a win-win situation for everyone. Not only do I get to help people in my community clean-up their yards, but I also get to help the PT schools by donating much needed funds for first aid supplies.

http://www.4-h.org/About-4-H/Revolution-of-Responsibility/Stories-of-Responsibility/My-scrap-metal-started-a-revolution/

Roundup Spirit Contest

STATE NEWSLETTER 10%
4-H Cloverleaf is published quarterly by the State Council. The “reporters” are Oklahoma 4-H members who are serving as club, county and district reporters. These individuals are to submit articles to their cluster representative by a designated date each quarter.

Articles are to be “news” worthy – timely, informative, instructive, motivational and/or inspiring. This excludes county results for contest. Photographs submitted should complement the story and show action. Grip and Grin and poised pictures should be avoided and will be given less priority when it comes to space.

DISTRICT STANDARD 15%
DISTRICT CHANT 15%
Bonus Points: Sidewalk/Street Art
Noble County—First Outdoor Expo.

On December 22, 2011, the first annual Noble County Youth Expo was held. It was organized by Cody Peterson with the assistance of Samantha Ephgrave, OSU Extension Educator. The Expo gave participants in the area a taste of what 4-H has to offer. Participants came from as far away as Woodward County, and included many from Garfield and Noble County.

They experienced Dutch oven cooking, crafted a paracord bracelet, learned about skins, skulls, and wildlife tracks, casted fishing lures, shot air rifles and bows and arrows, learned about water erosion from the stream trailer, and had a class on ATV safety.

Noble County hopes to continue this event next year.

-Cody Peterson

Loyal Doers 4-H Club Receives National Recognition

The Loyal Doers 4-H Club of Hooker (Texas County) recently received national recognition from the USDA’s Over the Fence winter newsletter.

The Loyal Doers Club was featured in a story about the Farmer’s Market they conducted this past summer. A 4-H enhancement grant funded by the Hille Family Foundation made the Farmers Market possible.

The members learned many valuable life skills in the process.

They will continue with the horticulture/entrepreneur project in the summer of 2012.

The Loyal Doers 4-H club members also planted flowers in the Hooker City Park.

Members removed old plants, tilled the bed and planted new flowers. The city of Hooker was very pleased by the community service provided by 4-H members.

In addition, upon seeing the poor condition of the park in Adams, Loyal Doers 4-H members and their family members joined forces to repair the swings, teeter-totters and other playground equipment.

The County Commissioner from their district partnered in the project by providing paint. Children in Adams now have usable playground equipment.

Editors Reflection

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Revolution of Responsibility.

On the same note, I believe that it is our responsibility as 4-H members to share our passion for this organization.

Perhaps someone you speak to will become passionate about 4-H as well.
Northwest District continued

Garfield County Hosts Northwest District Mall Day

On January 14, 2012 4-H members from across the Northwest District gathered at Oakwood Mall in Enid.

There, they shared information about their projects to promote 4-H to the public.

Topics included healthy eating, snacks, holiday crafts, sheep, decadent desserts, voting laws, horse and tack care, motorcycle safety, wind energy, and many more.

There were also two talent and fashion shows and a mini parade.

- Mandy Schroeder

Public Speaking Thrives

February 1, 2012 the Garfield County Public Speaking Contest was held at Autry Technology Center. There were forty entries. Categories included illustrated presentation, extemporaneous talks, PowerPoint, and job readiness and were divided into clover buds, beginners, intermediate, and senior levels.

Ricki Schroeder gave a PowerPoint on the ambassador program, while Mandy Schroeder gave a PowerPoint on distracted driving. There were numerous food science demonstrations, including one given Madison Deeds on the history and nutrition of the peanut. Carter Postier and Nicolas Payne gave an illustrated team demonstration on the new voting laws.

- Ricki Schroeder

Youth Rabbit Extravaganza

Kingfisher Co. was recently the host of the fourth annual Kingfisher Co. Youth Rabbit Extravaganza.

In addition to the show, showmanship classes and knowledge contests were held. American Rabbit Breeders Association judge Bridget Armstrong commented on the great improvement since the show began.

Twenty-four 4-H'ers and Cloverbuds from sixteen counties participated.

Twenty-one breeds and one-hundred eleven rabbits were in attendance.

Pictured to the right is Hannah Ivey from Coal County participating in showmanship.

Madison Deeds speaking on the history and nutrition of peanuts.
Southwest District

Caddo County to Host District Discovery Unlimited

Oakwood Christian Camp in Anadarko will be the location of the Southwest District Discovery Unlimited on April 20-21.

The theme is Find Your Favorite Flavor in 4-H.

Workshops will include:

- Team Building
- Opportunities in 4-H
- 4-H Trips
- Awards and Scholarships
- Leadership Opportunities

And, in true 4-H fashion, there will be a dance, by SW district’s very own Adam McKay.

The cost of attending is $40 with a t-shirt, and $32 without a t-shirt.

This event will be exclusive to 5th and 6th graders within the Southwest District.

District Volunteer Leader Conference a Success

The S.W. District Volunteer Leader’s Conference was held on January 28, 2012 at Lawton, Oklahoma.

There were 142 volunteers/parents registered, 57 4-Hers participated in the District Speech contest and 4 teams competed in the Food Showdown contest.

The volunteers, parents and 4-H members had the opportunity to attend lots of great workshops, including:

- T-Shirt Quilts
- State Record Books for Beginners
- 4-H Trips 101
- ATV Safety
- 4-H Earth Connections
- Working with Cloverbuds
- GPS Service Projects
- What is My 4-H Project?
- Job Readiness/Interviewing Skills
- Discover 4-H Projects
- FCS Skillathon/Consumer Judging
- Making Club Meetings Fun

Volunteers, Mike Klumpp and Barbara Hatfield were elected as SW District Volunteer Board representatives.

According to Tucker Sawatzky, Custer County Reporter, “It was a great day with lots of educational programs and 4-H Fellowship.”

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Youth Attend Denver Western Roundup

Oklahoma 4-H’ers all dream about going somewhere while in 4-H. In January members from across the state traveled to Denver, Colorado and attended Western National Roundup.

4-H’ers got to ski or snowboard on the slopes, explore Georgetown or tour Colorado Springs. We also attended leadership workshops taught by Brandon Lee White, tried our luck on a mechanical bull, had a pin swap with delegates from other states and spent a day at the National Western Stock Show. No matter where we went we were always having fun.

-Aubrey McCoy

(Above) Mia Landon of Oklahoma County, Hannah Nelson of Grady County, and Tanner Allread of Canadian County, along with other Oklahoma 4-Hers, pose for a picture at the National Western Stock Show.

Aubrey McCoy of Grady County enjoys a day of snowboarding at Loveland Ski Resort.
Southeast District

Choctaw County Shares the Fun

Choctaw County 4-H had a successful Share the Fun on Wednesday, January 11, 2012.

A huge crowd gathered to watch these talented young 4-Hers. Ft. Towson Sr. 4-H Club won 1st place senior individual and group act. They competed in the S.E. District Share the Fun on February 4, 2012.

Other local clubs that participated in the Choctaw County Share the Fun were Boswell, Hugo, Soper, and Grant-Goodland 4-H clubs.

-Jena Rea Kellum

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These are all great ways to keep up with everything 4-H!

Oklahoma 4-H,
I hope you are all getting ready for Round-Up! The State Council is busy planning and perfecting our plans for 2012 State 4-H Round-Up.

In the mean time make sure that your county is having your Cluster Representative come and visit to present a Traveling Workshop for your county! They are so helpful and informative. I know you will all love them.

Remember to keep participating in the State Service Projects so that we are 'Making the Best Better' throughout the entire state!

Kendra J. Rash
State 4-H President
State 4-H Ambassador

Dear Reader,
If you have any questions, comments or news, please email me.

News is due to your cluster representative no later than the 10th during the months of November, February, May, & August.

Respectfully,
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