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Welcome to the 2009 issue of the Oklahoma 4-H annual report, your source of information from the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation, Inc., and Oklahoma 4-H Youth Development Program. Our cover depicts the Oklahoma 4-H Centennial logo, as 2009 was the 100th anniversary of the beginning of 4-H. Read more in our special centennial section about the myriad of celebrations that took place.

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Dear Friends of Oklahoma 4-H:

Thank you for making the 2009 Oklahoma 4-H Centennial such a special year of celebration and accomplishment! We hope you thoroughly enjoy this Centennial edition of our annual report. You can enjoy even more Centennial memories by purchasing copies of our Centennial history book, *Oklahoma 4-H: Generations of Clover*. This beautiful hard-backed, coffee table quality book will make a terrific birthday, anniversary, or Christmas present for Oklahoma 4-H fans.

Our Centennial year was also a time of great economic challenges for our state and nation. In reflecting on the effects of the new economic reality, the National 4-H Council leadership noted, “In many ways, tough times are a mirror — and we all have a chance to see what we’re made of. At 4-H, we like what we see.” That statement absolutely rings true for Oklahoma 4-H. We served close to 153,800 Oklahoma youth through 4-H clubs, camps, and programs in 2009. Donor support for our youth was tremendous. Revenues to the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation more than doubled in 2009 over the previous year, while the number of donors supporting 4-H increased by 32% in 2009 over the previous year.

Significant, 5-figure grants from new funding partners like the Walmart Foundation and Adobe Software are allowing us to reach and serve youth in new and exciting ways. An incredible, 6-figure legacy gift from the estate of 4-H alumnus Jakie “J.H.” Jones is an inspiration to all. His generosity challenges each of us to consider the 4-H legacy we want to leave. Truly, each and every gift of time, talent, and treasure — no matter how large or how small — is a wonderful endorsement and vote of confidence in Oklahoma 4-H!

Our Centennial was an important moment in time to reflect on 100 years of engaging and influencing young people. Thanks to your faithful support, Oklahoma 4-H is vital and strong for the century to come!

Best regards,
4-H/FFA Fun Night with the OKC Blazers

More than 608 4-H tickets were sold and 46 4-H clubs participated in the 4-H/FFA Fun Night with the Oklahoma City Blazers held Feb. 7, 2009. The statewide fundraiser was sponsored by American Farmers & Ranchers Mutual Insurance Co., which awarded four show-quality animals, including a heifer, goat, pig and lamb. The goat, pig and lamb were valued at $500 each. This was the first year for the fundraiser to include 4-H clubs.

State 4-H Ambassadors assisted with promoting the event and selling tickets. The top-selling club was Canton 4-H, which sold 52 tickets. The total money raised to support 4-H was more than $3,000. The funds were designated for use in 4-H activities supported by the 4-H Foundation, such as Roundup and the 4-H Centennial.

Winner of the grand prize, an Express Ranches heifer valued at $2,500, was Brooke Sparks, Tillman County 4-H member.

Since winning the heifer, Sparks has won Grand Champion at the 2010 Tillman County Junior Livestock Show and placed third at the 2010 Oklahoma Youth Expo. Sparks is the daughter of Eddie and Keri Sparks.

4-H’ers celebrate STEM

More than 40 Payne County 4-H members participated in the second annual National Youth Science Experiment held on the Oklahoma State University campus. This year’s theme was “Biofuel Blast.” Club members from Grady, Logan, Garfield, Tulsa, Dewey, Murray, Oklahoma, Seminole, Kingfisher, Noble and Jackson counties participated in their own experiments as well during National 4-H Week, Oct. 3-10.

The youth mixed a variety of materials, including corn syrup, sugar, and wheat bran, with control ingredients of water and yeast to see which material produced the most gas. The gas contained traces of ethanol. Balloons were placed over the bottles of mixture to make it easy for the students to see which combination released the most gas.

“This national science activity is a great way to show youth how much fun science can be,” said Jeff Sallee, state 4-H science and technology specialist. “It also is a great example of how the 4-H program is expanding its project areas to continually meet the needs and interests of club members.”

SUNUP creates 4-H documentary

SUNUP, the TV show produced by Oklahoma State University Agricultural Communications Services, developed an hour-long documentary highlighting the past 100 years of Oklahoma 4-H. Initially airing on OETA as a two-part series in November 2009, the show was so well-received that it aired again in its entirety in February 2010. The documentary, which features Oklahoma 4-H icons such as Mary Sue Sanders and Ray Parker, is available for purchase on DVD from Agricultural Communications Services. DVDs are $15 and may be ordered by calling 405-744-4081. You can also learn more about SUNUP and view past episodes at http://sunup.okstate.edu.
Although 4-H’ers have been reciting “and my world” as part of the 4-H pledge for more than 35 years, few are lucky enough to fulfill it. However, for Oklahoma 4-H’ers Cheyenne Pinkerman, Ashley Burt, and Trent Pribil; Extension educator Jeff Dill; and state 4-H science and technology specialist Jeff Sallee, pledging their heads, hearts, hands and health to their world began with a trip to Nicaragua in 2009.

“Oklahoma 4-H partnered with Feed The Children to take 4-H members who are planning to attend college to Nicaragua to practice many of the life skills they have learned throughout their 4-H career,” Sallee said. “This study abroad program gives 4-H’ers the opportunity to practice and apply their skills in helping those less fortunate.”

Projects are centered around a Nicaraguan orphanage located near the city of Managua.

“The goal of the program is to develop sustainable projects that not only provide food and resources but also provide practical experience for the children,” Sallee said.

Because 2009 was the pilot year for the program, no one was sure of the success that would ensue.

“We had a meeting before leaving for the trip and the sheer reality of it all was that we weren’t sure any of our plans would work,” Pinkerman said.

Those plans included building a vegetable garden and teaching youth and staff at the orphanage about horticultural and agricultural practices.

“When we got there, we looked at the garden site and analyzed what had worked and not worked so far,” Pinkerman said. “We had to quickly change our plans several times to really envision what we were trying to accomplish.”

The team used their 4-H life skills to assess the garden site as well as consider all potential threats to the project, including wind and water erosion, common garden pests and keeping the orphanage’s goats out of the garden. The team constructed a fence, altered the drainage to the site and fertilized the soil, among other tasks.

However, mid-week, sickness struck most members of the team.

“It was a big challenge once we all became sick,” Pinkerman said. “Some of us just had to lie down in the back of one of the trucks at the orphanage because we were so weak. It really slowed down the work on the project.”

Fortunately, by the end of the week most team members had recovered and everyone was able to pull together to finish the tasks, including an unplanned flower bed project.

“There were a few problems in translation,” Pinkerman explained. “One orphanage director thought we were building a flower garden, not a vegetable garden. We decided to build a flower bed for them anyway.”

Pinkerman said her experiences in 4-H are what caused her to have such passion for the study abroad program.

“In 4-H, I’ve done so much community service,” Pinkerman said. “Living in a small town, I’ve grown up helping people — even if it’s just been small things. No matter where I’ve been — 4-H, church, college — there’s always been a common purpose to help people.”

Although the project left a lasting mark on Nicaragua and the orphanage, Pinkerman said perhaps it is the intangible impacts that were most important.

“Some of the orphanage boys remember the names of people who visit and the games they’ve played while there,” Pinkerman said. “If one person can have that much impact — to the point that the orphanage boys remember one person and a game they played, even when it was one, two, three years ago — that’s amazing.”

Pinkerman said that although she’s been on mission trips to Mexico, the 4-H Nicaragua trip was vastly different.

“The culture opened up so much,” Pinkerman said. “When we got to the orphanage, the kids came out and attacked us, hugging us and yelling. They were so excited to have visitors.”

However, Pinkerman said one of the most gratifying pieces of the Nicaragua 4-H trip was the ability to truly fulfill the 4-H pledge, which she’s been saying since she began 4-H ten years ago.

“The 4-H Club pledge says my club, my community, my country, and my world,” Pinkerman said. “And now I can say I’ve done it all. I’ve served my club, my community, my country, and now my world. It feels so cool to fulfill the 4-H pledge.”

For more information and pictures of 4-H Nicaragua, visit http://oklahoma4h.okstate.edu.

Upper left: A view of the Nicaraguan coast.
Lower, left to right: The orphanage youth were welcoming, helping work on the gardens when they weren’t in school; the Oklahoma 4-H group in the rainforest; the results of the garden just a few months after the project was begun.
New corporate partners make a difference for 4-H

Bank of America Foundation supports 4-H Afterschool

Four counties reached more than 5,500 with afterschool programming in financial literacy, science and technology, and healthy living thanks to a five-figure grant from the Bank of America Foundation.

Cherokee County
Heather Winn, Cherokee County Extension educator, focused on healthy living and financial literacy in her program, “It’s Your ‘Health and Wealth.’”

“The objective was to teach youth the importance of good health and how it affects personal wealth,” Winn said. “This program was initially developed for adults attending health fairs. I found with a few alterations youth could identify with the health and wealth action steps. It was an eye-opening experience, because some youth have no concept of money and savings.”

Muskogee County
David Adams, Muskogee County Extension educator, focused on science and technology and encouraged youth to discover careers in those fields.

Adams used hands-on activities and held several events, including wind camp, space camp, and a junior roundup day focusing on exercise and healthy living.

“Through experiential learning, students were able to tie everyday school work to real world problems and realized science and technology careers were a viable option,” Adams said.

Oklahoma County
Kyle Worthington, Oklahoma County Extension educator, focused on using robotics and GPS to bring youth together.

“We broadened the horizon of urban youth with the use of science and technology workshops utilizing the Lego Mind Storm Robotic kits and Garmin GPS units,” Worthington said. “These types of workshops encourage youth of different races, gender, economic backgrounds and communities to realize the opportunities. The workshops also open a new door to their lives as they are introduced into the world of exciting robotic and GPS technologies.”

Tulsa County
Kim Arnold, Tulsa County Extension educator, provided financial management programs and resources to under-served, low-income, at-risk audiences in Tulsa County through out-of-school urban 4-H clubs, community resource fairs and back-to-school family nights.

“Urban 4-H, through the financial management grant, succeeded in keeping youth and their families engaged during out-of-school time in a positive, enriching environment that focused on healthy lifestyle choices,” Arnold said.
Adobe Software gives a voice to youth

Thanks to a substantial five-figure “Adobe Youth Voices” grant from the Adobe Foundation, Oklahoma 4-H youth at military bases throughout the state will learn about technology and creativity through media production.

Oklahoma has an ever-growing population of children from military families who are missing a parent or family member due to deployment. This group is often overlooked because they blend in with the general population. Oklahoma 4-H is striving to develop education programs to meet the needs of this audience. Military youth often do not have the opportunity to express themselves and tell the world of the situations they are in and how global issues have affected their family. For these reasons, we consider military youth as an under-served population.

“Often underrepresented groups of youth rarely have the opportunity for their voice to be heard,” said Jeff Sallee, state 4-H science and technology specialist. “These youth may not realize that they have the skill and capabilities to work equally with adults to tell their story. The projects they do as a result of this grant will introduce them to new communication technologies.”

Participating military bases include Fort Sill, McAlester, Altus, Vance and Tinker. The sixth site will be the Pittsburg County 4-H office, located in the city that houses the McAlester Army Ammunition Plant.

“Youth will be identifying a community need, securing community partners, planning the project, and seeing the project to completion,” Sallee said.

Teams may choose to use still photography with captions to tell their story. They may go the video route, or they might choose to do something web-based. When teams have created their media piece, they will take it to the public to tell their story. For example, they may display their photos in a public library, courthouse, school or other highly visible location. They may hold screenings of their videos for 4-H and other clubs, civic groups, or even community leaders. The key is that they go to the public and exercise their leadership skills through educating others about their project.

“As a result of their efforts, youth participants will see firsthand how their efforts have impacted society and initiated community change,” Sallee said.
Leaving a 4-H legacy

When is the last time you thought about the legacy you want to leave to the world? How do you want to be remembered? What impact do you want to continue to make after you are gone?

A kind, generous man named Jakie “J.H.” Jones thought deeply about these issues during his life’s journey. With a big heart, a deep love for agriculture, and a strong commitment to youth, Jones left an amazing legacy to Oklahoma 4-H. Through a substantial six-figure estate gift to the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation, Jones made both an immediate and a lasting impact on the future of 4-H.

Jones was an only child and never married or had children. He was a 4-H member and officer of the Woodward County 4-H Program. His active and successful 4-H involvement included membership in the State Key Club in 1960 and a trip to National 4-H Congress in 1961. Jones earned a Ph.D. in agricultural economics from Oklahoma State University, served as a professor at Berkley, then returned to Oklahoma to operate the family farm at Mutual and work for the OSU Intensive Financial Management and Planning Support program in the late 70’s and 80’s.

The stories and memories of Jones’ friends make it clear that 4-H had a powerful and lasting impact on his life. 4-H alumna and 4-H Foundation Board member Dr. Ann Benson shares these memories of her friend, J.H.:

Jakie was known as J.H. by most who knew him. My first memories of him came from the People to People trip that about 50 Oklahoma 4-Hers took in 1964. This was the first time for such trip to be taken, and as I think about it, what a wonderful yet challenging event this must have been for a group like this to visit eight European countries including three behind the Iron Curtain less than 20 years after the end of the second World War. Nevertheless, it was apparent from the beginning that J.H. was the “senior” 4-H’er among the delegates on the trip. After all, he was already a student at OSU and most of us were still dreaming about college life. His ready smile and winning personality made him a favorite of all who made the trip.

After enrolling at OSU myself, I found that J.H. would sometimes need a “date” to attend the various social events at his fraternity, Farmhouse. Although we were never a real “couple” we had great times together. As he introduced me to his friends, it was easy to see the respect and genuine affection his fraternity brothers had for him.

Hearing that J.H. had left such an amazing gift was no surprise to me. In addition to his winning ways, J.H. was one of the most generous people I’ve ever known. He loved life, he believed in hard work and how it could benefit others, he loved being with people, and he loved 4-H for all the ways it had helped him. His gift is a lasting legacy to a very special person I’ll always remember as a friend.

Jones’ life was also touched by another wonderful Oklahoma 4-H family — the Gardner family. 4-H alumna Betty Gardner recalls:

J.H. became a wonderful, fun friend from our very first 4-H meetings. We came from the same county, Woodward, and attended neighboring schools. We had many fun times as we organized a county teen club and met once a month at the small schools around the county. Each school hosted during the year and J.H., along with good friend Glenda Cooper, took the lead as their school hosted. We learned folk dancing, active games and good fellowship. My fellow 4-H’er Mildred Darden

If you would like to leave a legacy to the Oklahoma 4-H Program through your will, trust, or other planned giving tool, please contact the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation at 405-744-5390 or E-mail Cathy at cathy.shuffield@okstate.edu.

When making any kind of planned gift, always seek the advice of your attorney or other financial advisor.
Double or triple impact

Corporate matching programs

You could double or even triple your giving to 4-H if your employer or your spouse’s employer offers a matching gift program to educational organizations such as 4-H. Many corporations will match dollar-for-dollar every gift you make to support 4-H.

Since 2007, 4-H alumnus and 4-H Foundation Board member Jerry Kiefer has increased his giving to 4-H through the matching gift program of AXA Advisors. Kiefer’s financial planning company, Cornerstone Planning Group, is a registered representative of AXA Advisors LLC. Therefore, he is eligible to participate in their matching gift program.

“The AXA Foundation will provide a dollar-for-dollar match of up to $2,000 per year,” Kiefer said.

The funds have benefited several different 4-H areas. One year the funds were added to the Kiefers’ 4-H scholarship endowment, which funds the state 4-H Leadership record book scholarship. Funds were also used to help the 4-H Foundation replenish the unrestricted funds it used to establish the 4-H Centennial Professorship and also assisted the Kiefers in sponsoring the 4-H Centennial Gala.

Julie (Hartman) Schurman, a 4-H alumna from Ottawa County, and her husband, John, are new Oklahoma 4-H Foundation endowment donors. The Schurmans established an endowed 4-H scholarship in loving memory of Julie’s parents, Floyd and Viola Hartman. Floyd Hartman was a farmer and rancher in Ottawa County throughout his life. Julie’s parents strongly encouraged her involvement in 4-H, and she rose to the rank of state officer in 1976.

Because Julie and John both work for Verizon, each of them can have their giving to 4-H doubled through Verizon’s corporate matching gift program.

“My husband and I believe education is vital for a strong society, and our matching gifts support this belief. 4-H gives our youth a great foundation for improving the future, and we are very happy to be supporting this scholarship program with the extra help from our employer.”

Former State 4-H specialist Sheila Forbes is a faithful supporter of the 4-H Horse program. Sheila’s husband, Dan, is a retired employee of ConocoPhillips.

Beginning in 2010, ConocoPhillips expanded their matching gift program to include retirees of the company. In addition, they broadened the range of eligible 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations.

“This is the first year that both we as retired employee donors and the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation are eligible to participate,” Forbes said.

“The matching gift program will match dollar-for-dollar up to $7,500 for retiree donations. This will allow us to in effect double our contribution to Oklahoma 4-H.”

Forbes worked with the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation to obtain the necessary non-profit information, then nominated the Foundation to be on ConocoPhillips’ list of eligible charitable organizations. The Oklahoma 4-H Foundation was added to the eligibility list within a few days of nomination.

“Dan and I would encourage other retirees to check with former employers to see if similar programs are available,” Forbes said. “It is a simple, quick way for us to make the best better.”

Steps you can take

- Contact your and/or your spouse’s company’s matching gift administrator, human resources department, or public relations office about its matching gift program
- Send the company’s corporate matching form and your gift to the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation, 205 4-H Youth Development Bldg, Stillwater, OK 74078
Scholarships

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Agriculture
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All Other Projects Small Animals
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Charles & Betty Smith
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Citizenship
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OSU Chapter of Collegiate 4-H Endowment
Melanie Skaggs

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OK Association of Conservation Districts & Oklahoma City Sirloin Club
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Above: Jim Hill, Southwest Dairy Center, presents Joshua Meyer with the State 4-H Dairy Project Award.

Above, left to right: Trey Lam, Board Member of the Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts, and Celeste Nelson, president of the Oklahoma City Sirloin Club, present Charles Maloy with the State 4-H Conservation Award.

Below, left to right: Carolyn Speer, Kunc Family Farms, presents Jarrod Sestak with the State 4-H Agriculture Project Award.
Above: Marjorie Moesel presents Emily Eller with the State 4-H Horticulture and Plant Sciences Project Award.

Above: The State 4-H Council performed in a special Centennial Re-enactment skit at the 2009 State 4-H Roundup. Read more about it on page 268.

Below: Barbara Hatfield (left) and Carol Laverty (right) present Samuel Durbin with the State 4-H Recreation and Leisure Arts Award.

The 274 young people who completed project record books or scholarship applications presented more than 11,450 talks, illustrated presentations and demonstrations, organized or conducted 17,900 workshops, and conducted more than 17,800 community service projects. They spent more than 304,500 hours teaching and serving their communities and reached more than 19 million youth and adults as a part of their project work.
Join the Circle of Champions!

While serving as president of the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation, former Oklahoma Attorney General and 4-H alumnus Larry Derryberry created a special giving circle called the “Oklahoma 4-H Circle of Champions.” Members of the Circle provide an annual, unrestricted donation of $1,000 or more to support the statewide 4-H program. These unrestricted funds are vital because they allow the 4-H Foundation to assist the state 4-H program in responding to unexpected opportunities or unforeseen challenges.

In addition to providing financial support, Circle members enjoyed fun and fellowship with 4-H youth, educators, volunteers, alumni, and other supporters throughout 2009. In conjunction with State 4-H Day at the Capitol, Rep. Joe Dorman hosted a reception at the capitol for 4-H Circle of Champions members. Rep. Dorman is a 4-H alum, a 4-H Foundation Board member, chair of the 4-H Clover Classic Golf Tournament committee, and a longtime Circle of Champions member.

“The Circle of Champions is an ideal program established to allow 4-H supporters the opportunity to help students in the wide variety of project areas,” Dorman said. “Much of what I accomplished in 4-H was due to the generous donations of the supporters who knew I could not afford the trips and opportunities presented to me through 4-H.”

“The reception at the State Capitol seemed like a natural fit to recognize the Circle of Champions, along with the many students who attend 4-H Day at the Capitol. Through this reception, donors have a chance to meet legislators and show support for the programs we hold dear in 4-H. It also brings awareness of 4-H to many who do not realize the activities and overall successes and accomplishments of our 4-H youth.”

For a summertime social, Circle members joined the 4-H Foundation Board members and several 4-H youth for a tour of Express Ranches in Yukon, complete with a visit from Coach Doug Sauter and the famous Express Clydesdales. Following the tour, the group feasted at Bad Brad’s BBQ.

For the grand finale of fun, Ann and Gene Benson hosted an outstanding 4-H Tailgate prior to an Oklahoma State University football game. The Bensons are both 4-H alumni and members of the 4-H Circle of Champions. Ann is also a member of the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation Board.

“Making a decision to be a part of the Circle of Champions was easy — we both owe so much both personally and professionally to our experiences in 4-H,” the Bensons said. “The leadership and citizenship skills learned were critical ingredients in our careers as we drew from the many experiences we both had in 4-H. Yes, it was a lot of fun as well.

Through another successful “Shop for a Cause” fundraiser sponsored by Macy’s Department Store in 2009, the State 4-H Ambassadors raised more than $1,000. They donated the funds to the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation as an unrestricted gift, thereby renewing their membership in the 4-H Circle of Champions. A longtime Circle member, Gwen Shaw, made it possible for 4-H Ambassadors to participate in Macy’s annual fundraising event. Gwen also serves as a member of the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation Board, a 4-H Clover Classic Golf Tournament committee member, and a volunteer coordinator for the State 4-H Ambassador Program.

4-H Ambassadors continue Circle of Champions
as a lot of work — but when we reflect on what helped us most in life besides our families, it was the experiences gained at the local, state and national levels in 4-H.”

The Bensons did a phenomenal job with the first annual 4-H Tailgate, providing heated tents, spacious seating, and a delicious meal. They even flew the 4-H flag at the event!

“The 4-H Tailgate was started as a means of bringing 4-H members, both active and former members, together in a social activity prior to one of the OSU football games,” Ann explained. “As people come to the games from all across the state, we want this event to become an anticipated destination for those arriving in Stillwater. If we can provide food, fun and opportunities for fellowship, it’s worthwhile, and only a small payback for all the wonderful 4-H experiences we shared in the past.”

How to join the Circle of Champions

Donate an unrestricted gift of $1,000 or more within a 12 month time period to the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation. Payment options include:
• A single donation by check or credit card
• Monthly ($84) or quarterly ($250) donations by check, credit card or automatic bank draft
• Questions? Call the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation at 405-744-5390 or E-mail Robin at robin.morris@okstate.edu

2009 4-H Circle of Champions Members

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Nancy Warden
Clover Classic continues to support 4-H programs

More than 14 years ago the first Clover Classic golf tournament was held at the Cimmaron Trails Golf Course in Perkins, Okla. While the tournament has changed locations throughout the years, the goal of the tournament has always remained the same: To support the activities of Oklahoma 4-H Youth Development. The annual event also brings together 4-H Foundation members and provides opportunities for 4-H youth to interact with board and golf team members.

The 2009 Clover Classic was held at the Winter Creek Golf and Country Club in Blanchard, Oklahoma 4-H alumni and 4-H Foundation Board members Rep. Joe Dorman and Lindsay Sherrer co-chaired the event. Dorman said the biggest benefit of the tournament is its impact on 4-H programs.

“This tournament allows individuals and groups to make a significant donation to 4-H and have a fun day of golf,” Dorman said.

Although the 2009 tournament raised more than $15,600, Dorman said he feels that the 2010 tournament has the potential to be even better as more alumni and friends of 4-H learn about the tournament.

Sherrer said the Clover Classic was a great way to get involved in 4-H again and support a program that gives so much back to its youth.

“Serving on the Foundation Board and being involved with the Clover Classic gives me the opportunity to be involved again and assist in providing the same experiences to youth that I had,” Sherrer said. “I want my kids to be involved in 4-H and I want other Oklahoma youth to be involved. I think being a part of the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation Board, with its mission to provide funding for 4-H programs, is a great way to give back to the program.”

While golf tournament participants give back to the 4-H program through their registration fees, they don’t leave empty-handed.

“What stands out about the Clover Classic is the quality and quantity of prizes,” Sherrer said. “All teams leave the tournament with a significant amount of prizes, even if they didn’t place in the top three, or even the top five. It’s unbelievable. Everyone contributes. Some of my team members said it was the greatest tourney of all time!”

Teams participating in 2009 included the State 4-H Ambassadors, Langston University, Dearing Sales/Rolligon, Muscogee Creek Nation, Bank of Oklahoma, Funk Companies and Oklahoma Farm Bureau, among others.

“The State 4-H Ambassadors decided to sponsor a team because we had at least two members who are golfers, and we wanted to show our support for Oklahoma 4-H,” said Kendra Rash, State 4-H Ambassador and Northeast District Representative.

State 4-H Ambassadors Kendra Rash, Madison Rash and Blair Gee formed the team. Grady County 4-H’er Jayson Hogland joined the team as the fourth player.

“Being able to participate in the Clover Classic with other 4-H supporters and alumni made us realize how important it is to stay involved in 4-H even after we are past membership age,” Rash said.

Sherrer said co-chairing the Clover Classic brought back memories of his 4-H days.
“Becoming involved again made me realize how much 4-H contributed to my success, and as a kid, I never realized how much I’d really learned in 4-H,” Sherrer said. “It’s so apparent to me now that for the ongoing success of Oklahoma and our nation, and to produce the leaders of tomorrow, we need 4-H.”

2010 Clover Classic
Monday, Oct. 11
West Course of Oak Tree Country Club, Edmond, Okla.

For more information, call the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation at 405-744-5390 or download a brochure at http://oklahoma4h.okstate.edu

Why go golfing at the Clover Classic?

1) For Oklahoma 4-H youth! Your participation in the Clover Classic Golf Tournament supports the Oklahoma 4-H Youth Development Program. 4-H empowers more than 153,000 youth in our state to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults. Youth learn leadership, citizenship, and life skills through hundreds of projects in science, technology, engineering, and math; healthy living; and citizenship. The Oklahoma 4-H Foundation, Inc. provides a private, non-profit source of support to the mission and goals of the Oklahoma 4-H Program.

2) For the prizes! According to Rep. Joe Dorman, “The prizes are the best of any tournament I have seen or been a participant.” In addition, the Clover Classic offers a silent auction with more goodies up for grabs!

3) For the fun! Lindsay Sherrer says, “The Clover Classic is great because it is more laid back and less competitive than other tournaments. When you leave the Clover Classic, you’ll feel like you did well and had a good time.”

2009 Clover Classic

1st place team
Sponsored by Dearing Sales/Rolligon

2nd place team
Sponsored by Langston University Faculty and Friends
“Without 4-H, I would not be who or where I am!”

This is a statement many of us can make. As a result, we look for ways to give something back to the organization that gave so much to us. This is where the song “4 The World” started.

In 2004, I was on the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Board and that organization was in their 50th year. They wanted to celebrate this milestone with a gala event similar to Oklahoma 4-H’s gala. In a brainstorming meeting, we were searching for ways to make this event special. Evolving from “let’s have someone sing a song” into “let’s create a song,” the idea was put into my lap since I had some significant resources in video and music production as the president of a marketing agency.

I’m no musician, so I went directly to a long time friend and business associate, Joe Puerta. Joe was the founder and lead singer for the band Ambrosia, which had several gold records in the late seventies and early eighties. He had recently opened a state-of-the-art recording studio in Milwaukee. I approached Joe with the idea of writing a song for 4-H and he agreed to collaborate if I put together some lyrics and a general stylistic direction.

For a while, I had felt 4-H needed a more contemporary song, so I put together some lyrics and passed them along to Joe. I believed we could come up with something modern, serious and inspirational. At the core of the song, in the chorus, was a version of the 4-H pledge. I also wanted something that spoke to the impact of 4-H on individual lives, and the subsequent impact those people had on the world around them. I wanted to create a song addressing the fact that the youth we teach today become the leaders of tomorrow.

The collaboration began over the phone and in occasional informal meetings. Joe would hum tunes, sing bits of the evolving lyrics, request changes, and ultimately we set a date to record the song about a month before the event. Joe is a talented musician, and this song would not exist without him.

Meanwhile, another good friend, Jimmy Sammarco, a professional film producer, had put together a video photo collage with some old pictures the director of the Foundation had provided. The result was a fantastic music and video montage.

When I heard about the 100th anniversary of Oklahoma 4-H, I offered the DVD to Cathy Shuffield. Cathy provided most of the photos, though a few came from my mother’s old photo albums (she was a National President’s Award winner for Achievement in 1947), and a few came from my old record book. On a trip to Oklahoma to visit my parents, using my son Jeff as a co-director and Craig Woods with OSU Ag Communications Services as the videographer, we shot the introduction one hot afternoon on the OSU campus with the help of four marvelous 4-H youth: Kimberlie Baab, Sam Durbin, Robbie Maples, and Whitney Dockrey. Their poise and earnest professionalism reminded me again of the many public speaking and leadership skills 4-H teaches. Jimmy Sammarco kindly edited it all together again.

It is my hope this song will some day enter the body politic of 4-H on a national basis and help create awareness of the wonderful things 4-H does, not just for the youth involved, but for our nation and our world at large. I just hope this song inspires past and present 4-Hers just a little bit, so they will each continue their daily efforts “to make the best better.”
Oklahoma 4-H touts National Hall of Fame inductee

Oklahoma 4-H is honored to have yet another National 4-H Hall of Fame inductee. O. Wallace (“Wally”) Smith was nominated for and accepted into the National 4-H Hall of Fame and will be honored at a ceremony at the National 4-H Center in Washington, D.C., in October.

Charles Cox and Jim Rutledge, who nominated Smith, said Wally was deserving of the award because of his ability to create leaders.

“Smith was excellent at selecting the right people to build a strong team, and in the process he helped prepare no less than four other professionals to become State 4-H Program Leaders in Oklahoma and around the country,” Rutledge said. “Professionals who Wallace mentored have spent more than 40 years in leadership roles in five states.”

Of course, for Smith to create leaders, he had to be an exemplary leader himself. However, Smith was not a fame-seeker.

“Smith was a quiet leader, more interested in seeing the right things get done than in taking credit for them,” Rutledge said. “He could have easily finished out his career without dealing with issues such as urban programming or the transition from school- to community-based clubs, but that was not the right thing to do. He saw a need and proceeded to surround himself with people he believed could help get the job done.”

Smith devoted 32 years to Oklahoma Cooperative Extension. In 1957 he accepted his first 4-H position as the assistant county agent in Beckham County. From there he moved through the ranks of Extension professionals until he became the state 4-H program leader and assistant director, Cooperative Extension, in 1981.

During the early 1970’s, Wallace served as the area 4-H agent for the Tulsa area and was responsible for hiring the first urban agent for Tulsa. He became an early pioneer in urban program development and served on the National 4-H Urban Development Committee and chair of the program methods sub-committee. As co-chair of the Southern Region 4-H urban training seminar he helped design and deliver one of the first training sessions focused on urban programming.

Thanks to Smith's leadership, many of the programs developed during his time are still in use today.

“Wallace was a visionary leader among the Southern states as they transitioned from school-based clubs to community-based clubs,” Rutledge said. “He authored or co-authored many new project manuals and supported agent training to better provide for volunteer leader development at the county level. Many of these original programs have been revised and updated, and are still in use today in Oklahoma and other Southern states.”

A dedicated leader and advocate for Oklahoma 4-H, Smith gives credit to those he worked with for the successes of the program.

“4-H has been my occupational life for more than 30 years,” Smith said. “I most enjoyed the years when I was directly involved with the 4-H Program. Any success I had in 4-H was the result of the people I had the opportunity to work with.”

Wallace Smith (on the right) with colleague Bud Barnes and a lamb they bought at the county fair livestock auction early in his career as an Assistant County Agent.
In another successful year of Enhancement Grant projects, Extension educators, volunteers and 4-H’ers made a difference in their communities and reached more than 8,800 people in 25 counties. Programming ranged from healthy living and nutrition to leadership and robotics.

The Enhancement Grant program began in 2000 through generous donations from Derald Suffridge (leadership-related programming), The Hille Family Foundation (general educational programming and projects), the Oklahoma Pork Council (pork-related programming) and the Southwest Dairy Center (dairy-related programming). Thanks to their support, Oklahoma 4-H’ers and Extension educators are making an impact on their communities.

Congratulations to the following counties on their 2009 4-H Enhancement Grant projects:

Oklahoma 4-H Centennial Garden, Pork 4 Health, Teaching New Kids, Old Tricks, Summer Fun Days, 4-H Day Camps, 4-H Fair Workshops, Dairy Education, 4-H EnviroAdventures, 4-H Taking the Lead-Identifying Community Needs, Pork Cooking School, Heart 4-H STARS Robotics Team, Coal County School Enrichment, Pork Cookoff, Made From Scratch, Camp Counseling Training, From the Farm to Your Table, Smile: You’ve Got A Milk Mustache, Toxic Tar, Intergenerational 4-H, Horse Day Camp, Sport Fishing, Mind Your Manners, Drug Awareness Day Camp, Primitive Camping, Summer Mini Roundups, Senior District Invitational Camp, 4-H In the Great Outdoors, Camp Food-Celebrating 100 Years, Pig Rodeo, Environmental Education Workshop Series, Healthy Cooking Classes, Reality Check, Kids Rock Camp, Life Skills 101-The 4-H Way, Cards for Soldiers, Youth Cooking School, Basic Fishing Day Camp, Quilting Workshops and Day Camps, Project Focus Kits, 4-H Leadership Institute, Swine Project Focus, Kids Cooking up Some Fun, Adair, Adair, Adair, Atoka, Blaine, Caddo, Canadian, Cherokee, Cleveland, Coal, Coal, Custer and Washita, Custer, Comanche, McClain, Garfield, Garfield, Garfield, Haskell, Jefferson, Jefferson, Latimer, Latimer, Latimer, Logan, Logan, Kingfisher, Noble, Blaine, and Garfield, Marshall, Marshall, Marshall, McClain, McClain, McClain, Garvin, Cleveland, Oklahoma, Oklahoma, Pittsburg, Pontotoc, Stephens, Stephens, Tulsa, Tulsa, Tulsa, Washington.

For information on the Oklahoma 4-H Enhancement Grant program, please call the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation at 405-744-5390.
special centennial section
More than 20 4-H’ers and their families developed life skills while creating a commemorative 4-H centennial garden in the Oklahoma Gardening studio gardens within the Oklahoma Botanical Garden and Arboretum.

The project, which began in July 2008 and ended November 2009, focused on team building through horticulture, youth-adult partnerships with professionals, and expressive arts through landscape design. Youth from five counties participated in designing and planting the garden along with Oklahoma Gardening host Kim Rebek and studio gardens manager Jane Carter.

Nancy Arnett, Adair County Extension educator, said the project was unique because of the creative symbolism as well as history that 4-H’ers learned while working on the garden.

“4-H’ers planted corn and tomatoes to signify the first clubs in Oklahoma,” Arnett said. “They also built the garden in the shape of Oklahoma, complete with a solar-powered fountain and clover.”

Although educators and adult volunteers assisted youth with the project, the design was entirely youth-led.

“I was really impressed with the creativity of the kids in designing the garden,” Arnett said. “We had so many ideas and drawings from them that we had to narrow it down into something manageable.”

In addition to youth designing and constructing the garden, some members sought sponsorships and donations from businesses in Stillwater and as far away as Clinton and Bixby, Okla. Arnett’s son Jeremy secured donations of mulch and white rock to use in the garden, while another 4-H’er, Conner Carroll, secured various plants needed for the garden design.

“While the initial goal was to just have a commemorative garden, we really made it into a life skills development project,” Arnett said. “From working with donors to learning how to lead youth of all ages, this garden project gave the members a sense of accomplishment and pride, especially when they presented it at the annual GardenFest conference.”

In addition, Rebek generously featured the youth and garden on Oklahoma Gardening, which aired in July 2009. Copies of the DVD may be ordered from http://oklahomagardening.okstate.edu.
Reflecting a new Oklahoma 4-H

A team of Southwest District Extension educators and Southwest District Extension Director Steve Smith joined together to update the 4-H display in Gallagher-Iba arena in 2009.

Cleveland County educators Brenda Hill and Justin McConaghy spent more than 40 hours redesigning the display and securing new exhibits to show in the case.

The display was initially built in 2002 as an homage to 4-H’s involvement in the building of Gallagher-Iba Arena in 1938 (then known as the 4-H Student Club and Activities Building). Funded by the Southwest District, the display featured memorabilia from the past 80 years of Oklahoma 4-H.

Thanks to the generosity of Smith and the Southwest District, the case has been updated with items more relevant to today’s 4-H.

“We decided to update the display because projects have changed and 4-H is different now than it was even just 8 years ago,” Hill said. “The case now features projects related to science, technology, engineering, and math, as well as the foundation of 4-H — agricultural projects and family and consumer science items such as dresses and quilts. Our design efforts were to blend the past, present and the future of 4-H.”

Congratulations to our 4-H Centennial Families!

The Givens Family
Ellis County

The Kindschi Family
Logan County

The Pfeiffer Family
Logan County

The Sawatzky Family
Custer County

The Rash Family
Payne County

The Sharp Family
Payne County

The Stowers Family
Cleveland County

The Wright Family
McClain County

The 4-H Centennial Award was a special award, offered only in the 4-H Centennial Year. It recognized families who have been involved in 4-H for at least three generations. Four adults and four youth were chosen for the award. These families bleed green!
Eskimo Joe’s celebrates 4-H

By Courtney Skaggs

One idea and one proposal resulted in a T-shirt that initially seemed impossible to achieve.

With an idea to spread the word of Oklahoma 4-H and to celebrate 100 years of success, the Eskimo Joe’s/Oklahoma 4-H Centennial T-Shirt was born.

In the light of the Oklahoma 4-H Centennial, Jessica Stewart, marketing coordinator for the 4-H Youth Development Program, had an idea for Eskimo Joe’s and Oklahoma 4-H to team up and create a T-shirt to honor Oklahoma 4-H’s centenarian success.

“I was fortunate enough to hear Stan Clark speak at an engagement on campus and realized the core values of Eskimo Joe’s tied in very closely with those of 4-H,” Stewart said. “I knew it was a long shot to try to land a T-shirt deal with Eskimo Joe’s, but fortunately, Kendra Moreland, the director of public relations for Stan Clark Companies and the owner of Eskimo Joe’s.

“I have a lot of respect for what 4-H stands for,” Clark said.

The idea of making a Joe’s shirt that honored Oklahoma 4-H was a partnership that for some may have seemed unlikely.

“I was a little apprehensive of the partnership before I saw the bigger picture,” said Mike Staubus, Eskimo Joe’s graphic artist.\n
After learning more about the audience and how the partnership would benefit both Oklahoma 4-H and Eskimo Joe’s, Staubus said he became excited about it.

The next step in the partnership was to decide on a design that would correctly represent Oklahoma 4-H and Eskimo Joe’s.

Staubus gives all the credit for the design to Oklahoma 4-H since staff knew some of the areas they wanted featured on the shirt. He said the theme of the shirt is “growth.”

“The plans made the design easy,” Staubus said. “I just went down their list of what they wanted and began to do my research.”

The shirt itself features different project areas such as rocketry, agriculture, and expressive arts, and includes Joe holding the leash of his dog, Buffy, who is standing on an awards podium.

Staubus designed the entire shirt and said he spent about a week on the design.

Oklahoma 4-H staff and members were excited about the idea of an Oklahoma 4-H/Eskimo Joe’s T-shirt since Stillwater serves as a host for many 4-H events. For some members, 4-H is what introduced them to Eskimo Joe’s.

But it didn’t stop at the T-shirt design. Stewart pitched the idea of having a celebration where 4-H’ers and alumni could join together for the T-shirt’s release. This led to the first Eskimo Joe’s T-shirt release party.

“We thought the T-shirt release party would be a great way to have a fun gathering for 4-H’ers while also

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A state (af)fair

From 4-H pin and medal collections, to dresses made in the 1950s and 4-H record books from the 1930s, Oklahoma 4-H youth and alumni exhibited their best 4-H memorabilia and projects from the past 100 years at county and state fairs in 2008 and 2009.

The 2008 Oklahoma State Fair had more than 160 centennial entries, while Tulsa State Fair had 50.

Entries included quilts and original project work consisting of dresses and textiles; 4-H medals, pins and jewelry; record books; historical pictures; and original 4-H club documentation. 4-H youth were encouraged to discover their 4-H heritage, and alumni were encouraged to dig out their 4-H memorabilia and enter it.

Karla Knoepfli, assistant state 4-H specialist, said centennial fair classes were an integral part of celebrating Oklahoma 4-H history.

“4-H and fairs are synonymous with each other,” Knoepfli said. “Providing youth the opportunity to learn more about the history of 4-H, as well as how to research and preserve that history, is crucial to the integrity of the program. As youth discovered artifacts and information about the past 100 years, they could look at what 4-H has become today, and provide leadership for tomorrow.”

Knoepfli said alumni entries were equally as important.

“Oklahoma 4-H has a rich history, spanning all 77 counties,” Knoepfli said. “As we celebrate the centennial, we are honoring the past — our alumni — as we also celebrate today’s 4-H’ers and envision our future. Alumni are who our current 4-H members look up to; they are 4-H’s living history, and we don’t want to lose that.”

Promote the Centennial Winners

Congratulations to our three entrants for the “Promote the Centennial” contest! Each scrapbook was an excellent example, demonstrating creativity and integrated communications strategies.

Becky Walker & Pontotoc County 4-H

Susan & Karen Weckler, Payne County

Debbie & Ashlan Wilson, Hughes County
Scenes from the 4-H Green Tie Gala held Nov. 6, 2009, at the Skirvin-Hilton Hotel.


Special guest Lt. Gov. Jari Askins presented a Centennial Proclamation to guests of the Green Tie Gala.

Ray Parker and friends were special guests for the evening, providing recreational activities for gala attendees.

MaKenna Rogers, Pittsburg County 4-H’er and State 4-H Ambassador, showed off her dancing talent.

Kylie Stowers, Cleveland County 4-H’er and State 4-H Ambassador, joined in on doing Ray Parker’s “Hokey Pokey.”

The McClain County delegation came in full force.

Laramie Wright, a Custer County 4-H’er, performed three songs.

Ron Hays, Oklahoma Farm Report, got the inside scoop with Jered Davidson, 4-H alumnus and 4-H Foundation Board Member. You can find Ron Hays’ reports at http://www.oklahomafarmreport.com.
Special guests included Ray Parker, Wallace Smith, Robert Whitson, and Eugene “Pete” Williams.

Emcees Kirsten McIntyre Gantz, a 4-H alumna; Eugene “Pete” Williams, former deputy administrator, ES-USDA and state 4-H program leader; and Charles Maloy, current 4-H'er and State 4-H Council member, entertained gala guests during the evening.

For more photos, visit http://kitchensink.okstate.edu. Click on “4-H” and then “4-H Green Tie Gala Centennial.”
The Oklahoma 4-H State Leadership team used the centennial as an opportunity to develop a performing arts skit showcased at State 4-H Roundup.

“The skit was developed to honor 100 years of 4-H,” said Maddi Shires, Southeast District Representative. “We wanted it to be a way to show everyone where we started and where we are now.”

Team members selected an era of 4-H and each was responsible for finding his or her costume appropriate for the era. Shires, who represented a 4-H member in the 1930s, said finding clothing to represent that time period was difficult.

“The greatest challenge was gathering the clothing and props that best represented the time period,” Shires said.

Costumes ranged from the 4-H uniforms found in the 1920s and ‘30s to signature bell-bottom pants from the 1970s and 1980s.

For other team members, acting provided a new experience, but having 4-H skills helped.

“Learning to communicate silently on stage took some practice,” said Taler Sawatzky, Southwest District Representative and Council Secretary. “The speeches I’ve given in the past helped with stage fright, and I also used the relationships I have in 4-H to learn more about my decade (‘90s) from people who experienced it firsthand.”

Shires said working on the performance improved relationships among members.

“I think that it made all of us closer,” Shires said. “It was a way for both classes on the Council to bond and it was also fun to show our work off at Roundup.”

Meagan Rhodes, Northwest District Representative, agreed.

“It brought us together because we all had a common goal and everyone was involved and worked hard to achieve the goal,” Rhodes said.

While teamwork and learning about 4-H history was an important part of the performance process, Shires said the message was equally as important.

“It was important for this generation of 4-H’ers to understand the significance of 4-H in each of the different decades,” Shires said. “It is important that we understand how 4-H has changed to ensure that the life skills are relevant for today’s youth.”

Centennial creativity
4-H family ties

Although many of the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation’s supporters are former 4-H members, others have chosen to support the organization because of family ties.

One such family is the Pratt family. Benjamin A. Pratt was the state 4-H club agent from 1921 through 1940. Perhaps one of the most admired leaders in the history of Oklahoma 4-H, Pratt is known for his sincere dedication and leadership and his ability to grow the 4-H program from just hundreds of members to thousands.

For this reason, Jean Garrett, the youngest of Pratt’s six children and his only daughter, decided to honor her father by establishing the B.A. Pratt Memorial Endowed Scholarship in 2005. Although Garrett was not a 4-H member herself, she had experienced it through her father’s career and admired the program.

In 2009, Kathleen Jackson, one of Pratt’s grandchildren and Garrett’s niece, donated a five-figure sum to double the size of the scholarship endowment.

“I wanted to be sure that I contributed to an organization that was so good for young people,” Jackson said. “My grandfather was an inspiration to me. I feel like his love of ranching and agriculture was passed on to me, and that passion provided opportunities for me.”

Jackson, who was one of the first female USDA inspectors, now resides in Corpus Christi, Texas, where she has a cattle ranch.

Thanks to the ties formed within this Oklahoma 4-H family, 4-H youth will receive educational scholarship support from this endowment in perpetuity.

“A-maze-ing” 4-H

Considering Oklahoma 4-H started with corn clubs in rural Oklahoma, it only seemed appropriate to have a 4-H Day at P-Bar Farms, an agri-tourism farm in Hydro, Okla., that features a 12-acre corn maze.

Loren Liebscher, P-Bar Farms owner and manager, approached Oklahoma 4-H in 2008 with the idea to have the 2009 maze dedicated to Oklahoma 4-H. The Oklahoma 4-H Centennial Committee was excited about the opportunity and the idea was born to hold a special event to celebrate 4-H’s 100th birthday.

Liebscher is known for his intricate maze designs in corn and milo fields around the country and in Canada. He uses GPS technology to map and design the mazes. He chose to use the Oklahoma 4-H Centennial logo to commemorate the 4-H anniversary.

“The maze was significant to 4-H because it was indeed a corn maze, and it is usually milo or sorghum,” said Jordan Slagell, Canadian County Extension educator and a coordinator of the 4-H Day at P-Bar Farms. “In 1909, Oklahoma 4-H started as a corn club with 50 members in Tishomingo. It was interesting for me to see it, in a way, coming back to the way it started.”

The maze, opened from Sept. 12 through Nov. 14, attracted more than 8,000 visitors. More than 350 4-H’ers from around the state attended the 4-H Day celebration, held Oct. 10, 2009.

 “[We had other activities, but] the highlight was the maze itself,” Slagell said. “At different stations in the maze youth would have to answer questions about 4-H. Many had a race to see who was able to get through the maze the fastest.”

Although the corn maze seemed like all fun and games, it was also a great visibility opportunity, Slagell said.

“The maze was an excellent way for people in Oklahoma and visitors from other states to see and learn about 4-H,” Slagell said. “Schools from across Oklahoma brought students for field trips, which included a 15-minute presentation about 4-H and agriculture. The students then went into the maze with questions about the history of 4-H. It gave us an opportunity to reach a different audience who may have not known about the benefits of 4-H.”
Eskimo Joe’s, well-known for its cheese fries, designed and marketed a special T-shirt to commemorate the Oklahoma 4-H Centennial. The shirt design features Eskimo Joe, his dog Buffy, and an array of 4-H projects.

For each T-shirt purchased, a portion of the proceeds comes back to support the Oklahoma 4-H Program.

One of our successful 4-H alumni, Kendra Moreland, is director of public relations for Eskimo Joe’s and Stan Clark Companies. Moreland was instrumental in selling the concept of a 4-H Centennial Eskimo Joe’s T-shirt to Stan Clark, owner of Eskimo Joe’s.

Billie Chambers began her Extension career in Ecuador in 1962 as a Peace Corp Volunteer with the Ecuadorian Agricultural Extension Service. Over the next 41 years she worked in Indiana, New Mexico, and Georgia. For the last 10 years of her career, she served as a 4-H specialist in Oklahoma. As a 4-H specialist, she worked with State 4-H Ambassadors and was also the adviser for the State 4-H Officers. She provided leadership at the two state fairs and for all communications events during Roundup. She served as the point of contact to the entomology and forestry departments and the state 4-H dog council. She is perhaps best known for her work in environmental education. Chambers retired from OSU six years ago, but she has continued to serve as a resource volunteer and continues to be a donor to the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation.

Robert Miller, a 4-H alumnus, was instrumental in getting the federal legislation passed in 1994 that created the USDA program under which the Creek Nation 4-H operates. This federally recognized Tribal Extension Program provides 31 grants nationwide and allows the participating tribes to operate similar to a county Extension program.

In the past several years, the Creek Nation 4-H Program has grown tremendously. Counties within the Creek Nation receive generous financial support for youth livestock projects, the shooting sports program, 4-H trips and travel, 4-H summer camp, achievement banquets, and various other 4-H projects. They also provide supplies to support 4-H work in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and math.

The State 4-H Partner Awards and Outstanding 4-H Alumni Awards are given annually to outstanding individuals who demonstrate their continuing interest in and support of 4-H at the multi-county, district, or statewide level. A maximum of four State 4-H Partners and four Outstanding 4-H Alumni are chosen each year and recognized at State 4-H Roundup. For more information about adult awards, please call Cathy Shuffield at 405-744-5390 or e-mail her at cathy.shuffield@okstate.edu.
Jim Eden Jr. hails from Washita County and joined 4-H on his 9th birthday in 1976. His first big project was showing sheep. At the age of 14, he decided to begin showing registered Brangus cattle. He became involved in both the Oklahoma and the International Junior Brangus Breeders Associations. He was also active in speech and demonstration contests and 4-H trips, including Washington Citizenship Focus and National 4-H Congress in Chicago. Multiple 4-H scholarships helped him attend college. He credits Extension educators Barbara Hatfield and Bud Barnes and his mother as being great 4-H influences in his life. He is vice president and chief financial officer of Special Energy Corp. and serves as vice president of the 4-H Foundation. He has been incredibly generous with his time, talent, and personal finances to support 4-H.

John Roush is a 4-H alumnus from Alfalfa County. He was a national winner in entomology and achievement and won State Hall of Fame in 1971. He then graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1975, moved to New York City, and embarked on a career that ultimately led him into the world of marketing management in Chicago, Milwaukee and Cincinnati. He attended graduate business school at Northwestern University, worked for a variety of companies and agencies, and has run his own marketing agency, Geronomo Promotions, since 1996. Geronomo counts among its clients NBC, CBS, Showtime, MillerCoors, The Libman Company, Johnson Controls, John Deere, Rayovac and the National Dairy Council. He has remained actively involved as an Oklahoma 4-H Foundation donor and a Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Board member.

Barbara Hatfield was a successful 4-H’er in Blaine County. Hatfield focused on food and clothing projects during her 4-H career. As an adult, she committed her lifetime career to 4-H from 1974 to 2003 by serving as a 4-H educator in Cotton, Washita, Noble, and Custer Counties, and as the Southwest District 4-H Program Specialist. She was part of the team that initiated the Oklahoma 4-H Ambassador Program. Over the course of her career, she encouraged more than 50 state and 20 national 4-H scholarship winners. Hatfield provided many years of leadership for the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents at both the state and national levels. She continues to help with 4-H scholarship fundraising and is a faithful donor to the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation.

Lance Kunneman was a 4-H’er in Kingfisher County and comes from a strong 4-H family tradition. As a 4-H member, he was the state record book winner in crops and attended State 4-H Congress in Oklahoma City and National 4-H Congress in Chicago. He was also selected to attend the Citizenship Washington Focus trip. As a 4-H alumnus, Kunneman continues to be actively involved in 4-H as a parent and as a 4-H shooting sports volunteer in Kingfisher County. He and his wife, Donna, also support their children, Macy and Zac, and other 4-H’ers in livestock projects. Kunneman is president of the Okarche Community Fair and is instrumental in fundraising for 4-H activities. His 4-H training clearly influenced his life’s career, as he is both a farmer and a full-time field inspector for the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry.
Trails to rails

From trail rides on horseback to train rides on the Heartland Flyer, 4-H'ers, educators and volunteers explored Oklahoma from the Frontier Country to the Red Carpet Country and beyond while participating in 4-H Centennial Road Trips.

“The purpose of the 4-H Centennial Road Trip was to provide 4-H members and volunteers the opportunity to explore Oklahoma and learn more about 4-H heritage during the 4-H Centennial Celebration,” said Cathy Allen, assistant Extension specialist and 4-H curriculum coordinator.

In addition to exploring Oklahoma, 4-H members engaged in five components in planning a road trip or event, Allen said. That included coordinating travel, lodging and meals, funding and budgeting, activities and programming, and health and safety.

“Participants developed a strong sense of teamwork through committee work and practiced youth-adult partnerships,” Allen said.

While many clubs participated in a traditional road trip excursion, some groups decided to add some creativity to their trips.

Alfalfa County 4-H educator Tommy Puffinbarger decided to make the road trip into a trail ride after talking to some of the teen 4-H’ers in his county.

“A horse club member approached me about making the Centennial Road Trip into a Centennial Trail Ride,” Puffinbarger said. “The club member explained that 100 years ago, most people traveled by horseback, not by car, so a trail ride made a lot of sense.”

Puffinbarger had riders as young as 9 and older than 75 participate in the actual trail ride. One speaker who participated was 83. They visited numerous historical ranches and sites in Alfalfa County, including the 100 horse stall barn and race track on the Alfalfa County Fairgrounds.

“The Centennial Trail Ride was a really good experience, and the emphasis on youth-adult partnerships complemented the whole program,” Puffinbarger said. “Parents, 4-H’ers and grandparents learned what went into programming and working together brought them closer. We had a tight horse club before, but it’s even tighter now. The camaraderie is great.”

Southeast District 4-H’ers opted to try traveling by rail on the Heartland Flyer. Becky Walker, Pontotoc County 4-H educator, said the group boarded the train in Ardmore and rode to Oklahoma City. They then traveled to Guthrie and explored the state’s former capital.

“Our road trip had a great mix of ages, with youth who were 9 years old and some who were 19,” Walker said. “It was a great team-building experience for them.”

Walker said the idea was inspired by Debbie Sharp and some 4-H’ers who were talking about the significance of train rides to Chicago for National 4-H Congress.

“We were able to combine 4-H history and state history by traveling to the original state capital,” Walker said. “The kids knew, however, that the reason they were on the trip was because of 4-H.”

Puffinbarger said creativity is the foundation of 4-H projects.

“As educators, we have to think outside the box,” Puffinbarger said. “The Centennial Trail Ride and road trips were just that.”
Oklahoma Operation: Military Kids sets the bar for 2010 and beyond

By Meghan Cline

Oklahoma implemented the Operation: Military Kids (OMK) initiative in October 2008 and has been going strong since. OMK is a partnership of Army Child, Youth and School Services, 4-H National Headquarters/USDA, and the Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension Service.

The mission of OMK is to support deployed National Guard, Reserve and Active Duty service members’ children living in communities across the country by creating networks of people, organizations and other resources to support “suddenly military” youth. OMK also delivers a wide range of recreational, social and educational programs for military youth living in civilian communities; acknowledges the strengths and sacrifices of military kids everyday on the home front; supports military kids coping with the stress of knowing their deployed parents may be in harm’s way; and educates the public on the impact of the deployment cycle on service members, families, kids and the community as a whole.

“The OMK program provides great benefits to the military kids and their families,” said Tiffany Crane, Regional Coordinator for Army Reserve Child, Youth and School Services. “It provides an outlet for the kids while their soldier is away and helps the parents (and kids) get their mind off current situations.”

OMK incorporates four core program components: Hero Packs; Mobile Technology Lab (MTL); Speak Out for Military Kids (SOMK); and Ready, Set, Go! (RSG!) training. Hero Packs are knapsacks filled with a variety of fun and educational items donated by OMK partner organizations. These Hero Packs are given to military youth in appreciation for their sacrifice while a family member is deployed. The MTL is a set of computers and other communication tools designed to be used by military youth and is taken to a variety of military events. Military youth are encouraged to use the MTL to keep in contact with their deployed parent(s) through e-mail, photos, and videos. SOMK is a community-driven program designed to increase understanding and appreciation of difficulties faced by geographically separated military children and youth. The program assists youth in acquiring leadership, organization, and public speaking skills.

RSG! training is designed to educate community leaders and citizens about the unique issues faced by military families. Training incorporates hands-on exercises and covers topics such as military culture; impact of grief, loss and trauma; and media influences.

4-H’ers have been instrumental in fulfilling Oklahoma OMK’s mission. 4-H’ers from across the state have been collecting items for, stuffing, and distributing Hero Packs to military children.

“Oklahoma 4-H clubs have collected enormous amounts of items and have written letters of thanks for military kids,” said Ryan Moehle, Oklahoma OMK coordinator.

Tulsa County 4-H’s involvement with military kids began in 2008 when Tulsa County was asked to supply kid-friendly activities at the Army Reserve Unit Family Day picnic. One year later, Tulsa County 4-H is still actively supporting military heroes. Tulsa County 4-H’ers attended a second Army Reserve Unit Family Day and provided Hero Packs for military children. Other OMK events Tulsa County 4-H has been involved with include the OMK at the Tulsa Zoo and the Tulsa Air National Guard Family Day. At each of these events, Tulsa County 4-H provided activities for military children.

Since October 2007, Muskogee County 4-H’er Whitney Woods has been working on a huge citizen ship project directly related to Operation: Military Kids.

Since her initial deployment ceremony in April 2008, Woods has distributed 1,111 Hero Packs at five deployment ceremonies. 4-H’ers from Rogers and Tulsa Counties also helped dispense the Hero Packs.

In 2009, Oklahoma OMK executed six events geared toward military families. Setting attendance records nearing 2,000, these events kicked off the summer with a bang.

“Noah and I had the best time with the Zoo Snooze,” said Wayne Metcalf, SFC, Oklahoma Army Reserve National Guard. “The experience was well worth our time, and we look forward to more events.”

In 2009, 2,665 people were briefed about OMK, 1,489 youth were reached, 235 people were trained in the RSG! curriculum, and more than 1,300 Hero Packs were distributed to military youth.

The tremendous success of the Oklahoma OMK in 2009 has set the bar for 2010 and beyond.

Visit http://oklahoma4h.okstate.edu/omk/ for more information on Oklahoma Operation: Military Kids, or call Ryan Moehle at 405-744-4141.
Generations of 4-H exist in the 2009 Hall of Fame inductees.

Julie Bragg and Kylie Stowers, both of Norman, were inducted during the 88th State 4-H Roundup in July 2009 at Oklahoma State University. Each received a $1,500 scholarship sponsored by Farm Credit Services.

“It is awesome to be a part of the elite group of 4-H’ers who have accomplished this honor,” Bragg said. “Even more so, it is really cool to be one of the first inductees of the second 100 years of Oklahoma 4-H.”

Along with this honor, Bragg also was awarded the Key Club scholarship, a $500 scholarship sponsored by the Key Club Scholarship Endowment.

Bragg is a member of the Clover People 4-H Club. During her time in 4-H, she served as Cleveland County secretary and served on the State Leadership Council.

Some of Bragg’s 4-H activities and honors include state photography and advanced citizenship record book winner. She also was selected as a National 4-H Congress delegate.

Bragg, a recent Mount St. Mary graduate, plans to attend college and study forensic science and photography. She is the daughter of Toni and Theresa Bragg.

“Being inducted into the 4-H Hall of Fame has been a dream of mine since my first Roundup when I saw the honorees’ faces as they achieved their goal,” Stowers said. “It is the greatest honor of my life to achieve this goal.”

In her 4-H career she has conducted 281 leadership workshops, classes and displays. She also has participated in 42 community service projects that have reached an estimated 5,245 youth and adults.

“I am most proud of my work with Life Rocks!® and Health Rocks!® programs,” she said. “It makes me proud to know I might have helped someone to resist using drugs and alcohol.”

Stowers is a member of the Trailblazers 4-H Club. In her time in 4-H Stowers served as Trailblazers president, Cleveland County president and State 4-H Ambassador.

Some of Stowers’ 4-H activities and honors include the Ira Hollar Advanced Leadership Award. She also attended National 4-H Congress and the Kansas City 4-H Global Conference.

Stowers plans to attend Oklahoma State University after graduation. She is the daughter of Terry and Annette Stowers.

2009 Blue Award Group

Each year, a select group of 4-H’ers are chosen from Hall of Fame applicants for the Blue Award Group. While only two applicants are chosen for the State Hall of Fame, the Blue Award Group is an outstanding accomplishment.

Kimberlie Baab  Tulsa County
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using the Eskimo Joe's restaurant,” Stewart said.

Neither Stewart nor the representatives from Eskimo Joe’s knew what to expect for the event.

“I was 100 percent behind the release party because the values were in alignment with Eskimo Joe’s,” Clark said.

The release party was held on Friday, March 6. Joe, Buffy, and Chris Clover helped entertain the crowd. I think the turnout of more than 300 4-H'ers and their families throughout the evening showed [the Eskimo Joe's staff] how popular the T-shirt and Eskimo Joe's was with 4-H,” Stewart said.

The T-shirt has been widely accepted by members, alumni, and supporters, with some shirts being spotted in Germany, and others being sold outside of Oklahoma for more than $200.

“I was overwhelmed by the response from the release party and the success of the shirt,” Clark said.

A portion of the proceeds of each shirt sold has gone back to the 4-H Foundation to support 4-H Centennial events.

“Ultimately, we’d hoped to sell at least 12,500 shirts so we could begin an endowed scholarship. However,” Stewart said, “the sheer visibility we’ve received as a result of the T-shirts is incredible.”

The Joe’s Celebrates Oklahoma 4-H T-shirt will be a lasting impact on Oklahoma 4-H and will be worn for years to come.

T-shirts may still be ordered through the Eskimo Joe’s website at http://www.eskimojoes.com.
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and I gave “making ice cream” at various levels of demonstration competition, and J.H. was always there for cleanup. He never left one drop of ice cream and could have eaten another freezer, although he had already downed two. 4-H Roundup and state fair were some of our favorite activities.

J.H. was a great person and an outstanding leader at all levels. His attitude was exemplary. J.H. was also very good at basketball and quite fast as a high school athlete. My memories will always be of a fun-loving person who was a wonderful sport. He had a smile “as big as all outdoors.” Wouldn’t it be nice to have more J.H.’s in our lives?

Because Jones’ gift was completely unrestricted, Oklahoma 4-H has resources to address unexpected opportunities and unforeseen challenges in the future.

“This was an incredibly special gift to receive during Oklahoma 4-H’s Centennial year,” said Charles Cox, assistant director of the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service and Oklahoma 4-H Program leader. “What a blessing to have this resource as 4-H enters its second century.”

Cathy Shuffield, Oklahoma 4-H Foundation executive director, agrees.

“Jones’ legacy gift is a wonderful endorsement and vote of confidence in 4-H and the lifelong impact it can have,” Shuffield said. “May Jakie Jones and his gift inspire today’s 4-H educators and 4-H volunteers to continue their important work with renewed passion. May this special man and his gift also inspire 4-H youth, alumni, and supporters to consider how 4-H has touched their lives and to think about the 4-H legacy each of us can leave to the world through our time, talents and treasure.”

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Oklahoma 4-H Foundation Inc. Financial Review
Fiscal Year Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2009

Revenues
- Realized & Unrealized Gain on Investments $730,724
- Gifts & Grants $706,850
- Interest Income $137,079
- Sales & Special Events $87,677
- Program Registrations & Fees $42,942
- Royalty Income $32,941
- In-kind Donations $20,355
- Other $15,706

Total Revenues $1,774,274

Expenses
- Program $234,554
- Administrative Support & Operations $150,907
- Sales & Fundraising Events $55,148
- Brokerage, Bank & Professional Support $52,024
- Scholarships $44,500
- Usage of In-Kind Donations $20,355
- Grants $19,517
- Other $16,025

Total Expenses $593,030

Net Assets
- Unrestricted $310,221
- Temporarily Restricted $3,467,787
- Permanently Restricted $1,261,992

Total Net Assets $5,040,000

The above amounts are provided from audited, accrual-based financial statements.
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<td>Suburbs of cities over 50,000</td>
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<td>Towns and cities of 10,000 to 50,000</td>
<td>26%</td>
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<td>Towns under 10,000 and rural non-farm</td>
<td>20%</td>
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<td>Farm</td>
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How many are involved in Oklahoma 4-H?

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Number of Participants</th>
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<td>2000</td>
<td>58,813</td>
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<td>2001</td>
<td>182,576</td>
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<td>2002</td>
<td>176,616</td>
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<td>2003</td>
<td>207,642</td>
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<td>2004</td>
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<td>2006</td>
<td>134,141</td>
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<td>2007</td>
<td>127,363</td>
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<td>2008</td>
<td>141,038</td>
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<td>2009</td>
<td>204,507</td>
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How are Oklahoma youth involved in 4-H?

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<th>Activity</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
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<tr>
<td>4-H club membership</td>
<td>71%</td>
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<td>4-H special interest and camping programs</td>
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<td>4-H school enrichment programs</td>
<td>20%</td>
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<td>School aged child care education program</td>
<td>5%</td>
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<td>Instructional TV/video programs</td>
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Complete data is available on the Oklahoma 4-H Enrollment website at http://oklahoma4h.okstate.edu/enroll/.
Connect with the clover.

Become a part of Oklahoma 4-H online and help us expand the network to share ideas, resources and build a community. Whether you Facebook, Tweet or YouTube, Oklahoma 4-H has resources and the latest information available online. Make new friends and new discoveries with us.

Watch us on the Oklahoma 4-H channel.

Follow us @Oklahoma4H.

Engage with us on the Oklahoma 4-H Youth Development Facebook page.

Visit us at http://oklahoma4h.okstate.edu to find resources, state 4-H project winner information, curriculum, and great opportunities for educators, volunteers and 4-H’ers alike.
Paws and Effect

Oklahoma 4-H’ers are finding new ways to reach out to their communities using small animal projects. Whether educating youth and adults about pet overpopulation or volunteering at a humane shelter, to creating companion animal toy projects and donating them to shelters, our youth are impacting Oklahoma.

• More than 3,500 dog and cat toys donated to local humane shelters at a value of $8,800.

• McClain County 4-H members contacted their County Emergency Manager and together developed an emergency pet response team for the county. The 4-H members received emergency response training and are prepared to assist in sheltering pets in case of an emergency.

• Ottawa County was impacted by a flood in 2007 and many dogs and cats were displaced from their homes and owners. Rescue efforts recovered over 130 cats and 175 dogs. Ottawa County 4-H’ers received training from and worked cooperatively with the local Humane Society to daily feed, water, walk and care for the animals. The 4-H members spent over a month caring for the animals while they were being returned to their owners or placed in new homes.

• Oklahoma 4-H has developed a Pet Preparedness handout to make young people aware that they need to incorporate their pets into their family disaster preparedness plan. The information sheet also highlights efforts made by the Ottawa County 4-H’ers and encourages other youth to be involved in their local emergency planning efforts.

To find out more about companion animal projects, call your local Extension office or Steve Beck at the State 4-H Office at 405-744-4493 or visit http://oklahoma4h.okstate.edu.