Big Thanks to 4-H for Making Bake & Take Month a Success

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The idea behind Bake & Take Month began 40 years ago in Kansas with the Kansas Wheathearts. Wanting to celebrate the upcoming wheat harvest in March, they made baked products from wheat flour and shared them with friends and neighbors, generating goodwill in the community. The past few years, Bake & Take Month has been celebrated at the national level.

Oklahoma State University’s Robert M. Kerr Food & Agricultural Products Center and the Oklahoma Wheat Commission wanted to promote Bake and Take Month in Oklahoma and decided the best way was to utilize the strong community service of the Oklahoma 4-H program, said Renee’ Albers-Nelson, FAPC milling and baking specialist.

“Thanks to all the Oklahoma 4-H, especially Tracy Beck, 4-H coordinator of events and activities; Charlotte Richert, Tulsa County Extension family and consumer science educator; and Chrissy Whitten, Tulsa County Extension 4-H youth development educator, for making the second year of Bake & Take Month another success,” Nelson said.

Thank you to the following participants and to all the 4-Hers who participated in this year’s Bake & Take Month promotion.

- Lucy Dieman – Muskogee County 4-H – Baked 7-dozen oatmeal cookies for the Fort Gibson EMS, Chief of Police and firemen.
- Emily Alspaugh – Impact 4-H Club – Baked banana bread and Irish tea cake to share with 38 people in her Homeschool Coop.
- McKinziey Baab, Keystone 4-H Club – Made cake balls and chocolate covered pretzels and strawberries for her sister in Kansas.
- Jamie Williams – Skiatook 4-H Club – Baked 3-dozen chocolate chip cookies for her recently widowed neighbor.
- Sarah Bunch – Mayo 4-H Club – Her family baked brownies for the local fire department.
- Henderson Family – Impact 4-H Club – Baked cookies for their new neighbor and trash men.
- Maria Kateri and Tori Burris – YFR 4-H Club – Baked cookies and brownies for volunteers working the PAC free concerts.
- Chrissy Whitten – Tulsa County 4-H educator – Baked muffins and brownies for neighbors and family.
- Rhiannon Guinn, Michael Beth and Emily Haan – Dairy Capitol 4-H Club – Baked cookies and banana bread for the Collinsville Fire Department.
- OSU Collegiate 4-H Club, Tracy Beck, Steve Beck and Charles Cox – Stillwater - Baked molasses cookies for Stillwater homeless shelters and doggie treats for the animal shelters.
- Murray County 4-H – Made a variety of muffins delivering to a person of their choice.
- Kaylee Baker – Sentinel – Made wheat bread and cinnamon rolls and handed them out during lunch at a local convenience store.
- Edmond 4-H Club – Baked chocolate chip cookies, sugar cookies and homemade bread for four neighbors, the Edmond Fire Department, the Village Fire Department and the Oklahoma City Fire Department.
- Kyliee Turner – Extreme Green 4-H – Baked cookies for neighbors.
- Creative Homemakers – Custer County Oklahoma Home and Community Club – Baked wheat bread, oatmeal cookies and other goodies for fire departments and others.
- Town and Country Wheathearts – Custer County Oklahoma Home and Community Club – Dispersed posters about Oklahoma products and delivered goodies to others.