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# 4-H Clover Connection

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## Beginning of new 4-H year is a great time to start new projects

Now that Oklahoma school children have several weeks of classes under their belts, it is time to start thinking about a new 4-H year and new 4-H projects.

The beginning of the year is the best time to start new 4-H projects, said Jeff Sallee, state 4-H program assistant specialist.

“By starting on a new project at the beginning of the year, club members have all year to complete it,” Sallee said. “Many of the projects they work on throughout the year can be used at the county fairs in late summer.”

Everyone has a busy schedule during the school year, but by setting monthly goals for project work, club members should be able to have their projects ready by fair time next summer or early fall.

The choices 4-H offers in the science and technology project area are sure to be of interest to many members across the state.

This project area includes so many things, including biotechnology, gardening, aerospace, entomology, small engines, robotics and Global Positioning Systems, just to name a few.

Sallee said one great resource where parents can order project manuals is the 4-H Cooperative Curriculum System at [www.n4hccs.org](http://www.n4hccs.org).

There are more than 190 exciting, experientially-based 4-HCCS curriculum products for youth and volunteers available on this site.

Sallee said the project manuals available are designed for different age groups.

“These projects are designed to work on at home, but it’s always a lot of fun to get a group of 4-H friends together and work on the projects,” he said. “This could even be the start of a new project club.”

The Internet also has great sources for project ideas.

Another place to check out is [www.kids.gov](http://www.kids.gov). This site was developed and is maintained by the Federal Citizen Information Center.

It provides links to Federal kids' sites along with some of the best kids' sites from other organizations all grouped by subject. Keep in mind that the site is a gateway to other information resources.

“That simply means that when you click on the list of links you will be leaving kids dot gov site,” Sallee said.

Club members who may not be sure what type of project they want to work on should take time to visit the Tulsa State Fair and see the various projects that will be on display.

The Tulsa State Fair runs Sept. 28 through Oct. 8, so there is plenty of time to check out the science and technology projects. Be sure to take time to visit all of the other great 4-H exhibits that will be there. These exhibits represent hundreds of hours of work on the part of 4-H’ers across the state.

“The fairs, both county and state, are great places to see a wide variety of projects,” Sallee said. “Even if you have a project in mind, 4-H’ers may still see something else that piques their interest. It’s always a good idea to be open to lots of new ideas, even if you already have an idea of what type of project you want to work on.”

Sallee said club members can learn about a wide variety of career opportunities in science and biotechnology as they work on their projects throughout the year.

“Take field trips and talk to engineers and scientists about the kind of work they do,” he said. “They are the people who can tell you what it’s really like to work in a certain field.”

## **N.W. District Leadership Conference**

We have an excellent group of kids traveling to Woodward for the District Leadership Conference. Attending will be Alexa Ivins, Codey Seelke, James Syzemre, Karson Henke, Thomas Blehm, Bryant Jackson, and Tiffany Darst, as well as Joy Rhodes and Alvin Woodruff.

If you have saved any pop tabs, please get them to one of these participants. We will be donating them to Ronald McDonald House in Oklahoma City. FYI – each gallon of pop tabs equates to the cost of one family's stay for one week at the Ronald McDonald House.

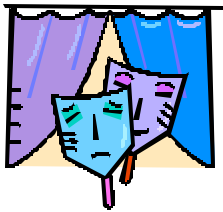
## **National 4-H Week and Oklahoma 4-H Month**

Plan some special community service activities during National 4-H Week, October 1 – 8. Take some time to recognize your volunteers and publicize 4-H in your community. Recruit some new members and celebrate the members you currently have in your club.

## **Personal Image Workshop**

We will be offering a Personal Image Workshop on January 6, 2007 at the Okeene Community Building. There will be a variety of topics offered during this program. Tentative plans include clothing selections (boys and girls), manners/etiquette, makeup and grooming and possibly some other topics. Put this date on your calendar for a fun, educational and exciting day as we prepare for the upcoming Impressive Dress contest. Event times will be approximately from 9 am – 12:30 p.m.

## **Share-The-Fun**



The Blaine County 4-H Share-the-Fun will be held November 18, 2006, 6:30 p.m. at the Liberty Theater in Watonga. County Teen Officers will be hosting and need to arrive by 5:45 p.m. Please pre-register all acts by November 15<sup>th</sup> to be listed in the program. Please see the attached sheet for more information and categories.

## **4-H Achievement Program**

Our annual Achievement Program was held on September 26<sup>th</sup> at the Canton Media Center. Thanks to Canton 4-H as they decorated and arranged for the meeting. Congratulations to all our winners and to our Hall of Fame for 2006 – Katie Blehm, Okeene. Check the local papers and [www.watonga.com](http://www.watonga.com) for a complete listing of all winners and their photos.

## **Make it With Wool Contest**

The 2006 Make It with Wool contest will be held November 18<sup>th</sup> for Blaine County residents. The State contest will be held Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> in Fairview. You must have the entry postmarked by October 28<sup>th</sup> to be



eligible. Entry forms and brochures are available at the Extension Office. Garment must be at least 60% wool and completed after January 1, 2006.

Preteens may enter a dress, jumper, skirt, pants, shorts, vest, sweater, blouse/shirt, jacket or a combination of garments.

Juniors and Seniors may enter: a one piece garment such as dress, jumper, coat/cape; a two piece outfit, or an ensemble (3 or more wool garments worn together at one time). Please request a brochure, if interested in this contest.

## **4-H Teen Meeting & Boosters/Volunteers**

Our next meeting will be November 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds. Boosters will be preparing for upcoming events and the teens will have a special activity/speaker for the evening. Be sure and put this date on your calendar.

**BLAINE COUNTY SHARE-THE-FUN CONTEST**

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4-H Club

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Name of Act

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name(s) of Participant(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Group (2 or more participants)

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Individual (1 participant)

| <b>Performance</b><br>(interpretation,<br>Talent,<br>Originality) | <b>Appearance</b><br>(costume, props<br>atmosphere for<br>acts) | <b>Projection</b><br>(ability to reach<br>the audience) | <b>Polish</b><br>(Skill, grasp of<br>material, routine<br>etc.) | <b>Audience Appeal</b> |
|---|---|---|---|------------------------|
| 30 Points   | 20 Points   | 15 Points   | 20 Points   | 15 Points              |

**Judges Comments:**

**SCORE** \_\_\_\_\_

Points – Anytime up to ½ minute over – 2 point penalty  
½ minute to 1 minute over – 5 point penalty  
Each additional minute over – 10 point penalty

**TIME PENALTY** \_\_\_\_\_

**FINAL SCORE** \_\_\_\_\_

**RANK OF ACT:**    **Blue** \_\_\_\_\_        **Red** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge's Signature

## Enrollment Forms for 4-H

If you have a new member or an address change is needed, please submit an enrollment form for any new members and contact the Extension Office if you have had an address change.



### Shooting sports

If you are a 4-Her and you have your Hunter Safety Card, you are eligible to join the 4-H Shooting Sports Program.

NW District 4-H Trap Shoot  
Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at Enid  
Registration – 8:00 a.m.  
Shoot Begins – 9:30 a.m.

State Fall Trap Shoot  
Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at El Reno  
Registration – 8:30 a.m.  
Shoot begins – 9:30 a.m.

The following is a list of Winter Series 4-H Shooting sports Contests:

- #1 - Harper County – Buffalo Fairgrounds  
November 18<sup>th</sup>
- #2 - Major County – Fairview Fairgrounds  
December 2<sup>nd</sup>
- #3 - Dewey County – Taloga Fairgrounds  
December 16<sup>th</sup>
- #4 - Blaine County – Watonga Fairgrounds  
December 30<sup>th</sup>
- #5 - Woods County – Alva Fairgrounds  
January 6, 2007
- #6 - Woodward County – NW District  
Woodward Fairgrounds – Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>

Winter Series State Shoot – UCO – Edmond  
February 3, 2007

## Oklahoma Youth Expo Nominations

Nomination kits can only be ordered by agricultural education instructors and county extension educators. Individual families or exhibitors may not request kits.

### Deadlines

All nominations must be postmarked by their deadline date below in order to be accepted.

Steers: October 19, 2006  
Sheep: November 1, 2006  
Goats: November 1, 2006  
Swine: January 4, 2007

Requirements: In order to properly nominate an animal for the 2007 OYE, the following is required:

Steers: hair DNA sample, photo (head & profile shot), nose print, nomination envelope, and \$10 per head.

Swine: hair DNA sample, ear notch, nomination envelope, and \$10 per head.

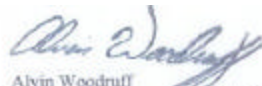
Sheep: hair DNA sample, nomination envelope, and \$10 per head.

Goats: hair DNA sample, nomination envelope, and \$10 per head.

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## **4-H GAMEDAY Coming Soon.....**

There have been dates set for two 4-H Basketball Game Days. We have received information on the dates of the games; however, ticket prices are not yet set. We do know that the number of tickets that will be reserved for the Men's game will be a small amount. So please notify us as soon as possible, if you are interested in the Men's Game. When we receive more information, we will pass it along – for now, here are the dates:

Cowboys Basketball Game: December 30<sup>th</sup> vs. Texas San Antonio at 7:00 p.m.

Cowgirls Basketball Game: January 20<sup>th</sup> vs. Texas Tech at 11:00 a.m. - \*autograph party afterwards

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### **November 13<sup>th</sup> – Oklahoma Farmer's Union Northwest District Speech Contest**

The Oklahoma Farmers Union Speech Contest is held in the fall of each year and is available to OFU members and non-members. Students in grades 5-12 compete in their respective category. The Northwest District contest will be held at Fairview. First and second place winners in each of the categories advance to the State OFU Speech Contest held in Stillwater on the campus of Oklahoma State University. While competing in the contest, the top three category winners in each of the four divisions receive plaques and special recognition. Each contestant receives a certificate of participation. First, second and third place state contest winners receive plaques and U.S. Savings Bonds.

**OFU** – Participants may speech on the history of Oklahoma Farmers Union and it's fight to support agriculture and rural families through legislation, cooperation and educational opportunities.

**STUDENT ORGANIZATION** – Participants may choose any current subject that deals with their student organization. Topics such as leadership, leadership training, personal development and growth, goal setting and team work, community activities, competitions, etc. Organizations should be limited to 4-H, FFA, FCCLA, TSA, Boys Scouts and Girls Scouts.

**NATURAL RESOURCES** – Participants may choose any current subject that deals with topics such as soil, water, air, rural water, wildlife, forestry, aquaculture, conservation, recreation, recycling, energy, environmental issues, etc.

**AGRIBUSINESS** – Participants may choose any current subject that deals with topics such as cooperatives, value-added, sales, service, entrepreneurship, marketing, finance, commodities, futures, advertising, etc.

**AGRICULTURAL POLICY** – Participants may choose any current subject that deals with topics such as domestic farm issues, international trade, rural economic development, politics, animal rights, law, subsidies, price supports, etc.