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Oklahoma 4-H'ers Preparing for National 4-H Week



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The Clover Connection for Beaver County



October is a time when the entire country will be "seeing green" as 4-H'ers from all 50 states celebrate National 4-H Week slated Oct. 1-7.

"National 4-H Week is a time when we can look back to where the program began, as well as look ahead to the future," said Jim Rutledge, executive director of the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation. "4-H week is a chance to celebrate the club members' success."

Rutledge said October is a great time to really focus on the 4-H program and what it has to offer.

"National 4-H Week takes place as our county and state fair season is winding down," he said. "It can be easy to get caught up in the competition of the fair and what color ribbon everyone receives. National 4-H Week is a good time to stop and focus on the value of the 4-H program as a whole and how it positively impacts our youth."

From the beginning of 4-H, nearly 100 years ago, the focus of 4-H youth development programs has been on young people, their families and their communities. In the early days, the program was geared toward agricultural practices and homemaking skills as a way to improve the quality of life in the rural areas. While the program helped its members develop the personal skills to reach their full potential, it was helping rural families increase profits, which influenced all of the local economy.



October 1-7, 2006

Today's 4-H members choose from more than 50 hands-on-projects that include everything from traditional plant and animal science projects to things as varied as rocketry, GPS mapping, public speaking and digital photography. While taking their projects, every member is also expected to learn about leadership, citizenship and community service.

In 2005 there were 33,507 Oklahoma youth enrolled in traditional clubs. That is an increase of more than 1,800 members over enrollment in 2004. The total enrollment in 2005, which includes school enrichment program, was 145,362. Total enrollment in 2004 was 142,308, which shows an increase of just over 3,000 youth.

"National 4-H Week is a great time to promote local clubs and recruit new members," said Charles Cox, state 4-H program leader. "Through involvement in 4-H, today's youth will be exposed to many new learning opportunities and have the chance to build skills they will use throughout their lives."

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Make it With Wool Contest

TEST WOOL – MUST BE AT LEAST 60% WOOL CONTENT

Contest: November 18, 2006

Woodward Vo-Tech

3921 34th Street

Woodward OK 73801

Registration: 9:00 am

Fashion Show: Following Judging

Entry Deadline: Postmarked by Oct 28, 2007

For entry forms and brochures go to following website:

http://www.sheepusa.org/index.phtml?page=site/text&nav_id=3f65b4802ed68eb2eb80dd5aea512bbe

Age Categories As Of December 31, 2006:

Pre-Teen (12 & Under) - \$5.00 per entrant

Junior (13-16) - \$10.00 per entrant

Senior (17-24) - \$10.00 per entrant

What Can I Enter?

Juniors & Seniors may enter:

One piece garment: Dress, jumper, outerwear jacket, coat or cape.

Two-piece outfit: Coat, jacket, cape, blouse/shirt, vest or sweater with dress, jumper, skirt, pants or shorts.

Ensemble (3 or more garments worn together at one time):

Coat, jacket, cape, blouse/shirt, vest, and/or sweater with dress, jumper, skirt, pants or shorts.

Preteens may enter:

Dress, jumper, skirt, pants, shorts, vest, sweater, blouse/shirt, jacket, or a combination of garments.

Wearable Accessory May compete at District/State levels only.

To be eligible, a garment must have been completed after January 1, 2006.

Note: Juniors and Seniors must compete at a district contest before advancing to a state contest. Pre-teen winners will not advance to State, and will receive an award at District Contests.

For more information call 580-625-3464 or contact Rhonda Richmond.

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Beaver County 4-H Awards Banquet Change



and Pumpkin Decoration Contest

The Beaver County Awards Banquet will be held at the Beaver County Fairgrounds Pavilion on October 23 at 7:00pm. Please come and be recognized for your achievements in 4-H. Supper will be provided. Also the Beaver County Pumpkin Decoration Contest will go on this same night. **Pumpkins must display the 4-H clover and cannot be carved.** Please have your pumpkins turned into the Beaver County Extension office by 5:00pm on Monday, October 23 or at the Fairgrounds Pavilion by 6:00pm, October 23. Winners will be announced at the Awards Banquet. Your pumpkins will be used as decoration for the Beaver County Awards Banquet. If you have any questions please contact Beth Crumpler at the Beaver County Extension Office at 580-625-3464.



Northwest District Leadership Conference

This year's Northwest District Leadership Conference will be October 18-20 at the Northwest Inn in Woodward, Oklahoma. Delegates should be 14 years old by January 1, 2007. The conference fee will be \$80 per youth. It includes 2 nights lodging, conference costs, dinner and lunch on Thursday, snacks on Wednesday and Thursday evenings and muffins/donuts, juice and milk on Thursday and Friday mornings. Registration form and payment is due by September 28 into the Beaver County Extension Office. For questions please call 580-625-3464.

Beaver County 4-H Horse Club Sign Up!!!

Orientation & Registration
Thursday, September 14, 2007
6:00pm

First Baptist Church, Annex Building

We will learn horsemanship, and safety while having a great time!!!

For more information call Debbie Bolinger at 580-625-4987.

4-H Yard Signs

Show your 4-H pride!! Orders for 4-H yard signs will be taken until September 5 in the Beaver County Extension Office. Yard signs are \$1.75 per sign. To order please call 580-625-3464.

Beaver County Officer Elections

Beaver County officer elections will be held at the Beaver County Fairgrounds on Thursday, September 7, at 7:30pm. You may apply for an officer position by turning in a filing form to the Beaver County Extension Office by September 5, 2007. You must be 13 years old and have turned in a record book in order to qualify for a county officer position. Officers will be elected by two voting delegates from each club. For questions, please call the Beaver County OSU Extension office at 580-625-3464.



Fair Fundraiser

There will be a fundraiser at the Beaver County Fair this year. Saturday of the fair we will be selling various food items in order to raise money for 4-Hers. If you are interested in participating on Saturday, please contact the Beaver County Extension Office at 580-625-3464.



Beaver County Food Show

The Beaver County Food Show has been scheduled for September 7, 2006. Entries will be taken from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. Judging contest from 4:00pm to 9:30pm. The Junior Division (Grades 3rd-7th) and the Senior Division (Grades 8th-12) will receive Chamber Bucks for each class: 1st - \$5.00, 2nd—\$3.00, 3rd \$2.00. Junior & Senior Sweepstakes Winners will each receive \$10.00 in chamber bucks. Chamber Bucks and awards will be furnished by Beaver County OHCE.

This year you will not have to enter the Interview Class in order to participate in the other classes in your division. Juniors will be asked to answer 6 questions and Senior 8 questions on their Interview Class entry. Participants prior to entering Interview Class must fill out the Interview Category (Recipe) Form and Check Sheet for Recipe for their Interview Class. For more information contact the Beaver County Extension Office at 580-625-3464.

Quality of Standards

The Beaver County 4-H Quality of Standards contest will be held **only** on Thursday, September 7 from 4:00pm to 9:30pm. Quality of Standards will NOT be held on September 9. For more information contact the Beaver County Extension Office at 580-625-3464.

2007 STATE AND DISTRICT OFFICER FILING APPLICATIONS

All applications and materials for district and state officer candidates have been posted online at <http://oklahoma4h.okstate.edu/leadership/file.htm> Carefully follow the instructions provided with each filing application. Applications for state office are due September 1, 2006, in the state 4-H office. If a young person was unable to attend the mandatory Candidate Workshop at Roundup, please contact your district program specialist for information about the make-up session.

Clarification on mandatory workshop attendance: No matter how many times an individual has attended the workshop he/she must attend it the year he/she is filing for office. Candidates filing for or being elected to office for the 2007-08 term must attend a workshop at the state or district level during 2006.

Karla Knoepfli and Charles Cox

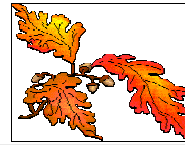


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4-H Calendar

- Sept 2 - 4-H Football Game Day
- 5- 4-H yard sign orders due into the Beaver County Extension office
- 5 - Application for Beaver County Officer positions due into the Beaver County Extension Office
- 7 - 9 - Beaver County Fair
- 7- Beaver County Horse Show, Beaver County Fairgrounds, 5:00pm (Horse Show Entries are due by 4:30pm)
- 7 - Beaver County Food Show, Commercial Building, 4:00pm to 9:30pm- Food Show Entries taken until 6:00pm
- 7 - Beaver County Officer Elections, Commercial Building, 7:30pm
- 7 - Quality of Standards Contest, Commercial Building, 4:00pm to 9:30pm
- 9 - Parade, 11:00am
- 9 - Beaver County Livestock Show Entries, 8:00am to 9:00am
- 14 - Sign up for the Beaver County 4-H Horse Club

- Sept 9 - Pick up Beaver County Fair Entries and premiums, 3:00pm
- 14 - 24 - Oklahoma State Fair
- 28 - Registration due for Northwest District Leadership Conference into the Beaver County Extension Office
- Oct 18-20 - Northwest District Leadership Conference
- 23 - Beaver County Awards Banquet and Pumpkin Decoration Contest
- 28 - Registration due for the Make It With Wool contest due
- Nov 2 - Pre-enter for Share the Fun and Dress Revue
- 4- Beaver County Share the Fun/Dress Revue
- 15 - Beaver County 4-H Speech Contest
- 18 - Make It With Wool Contest



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