

4-H Calendar

- Dec 2 - District Share the Fun, Fairview School Auditorium
- 6 - Oklahoma Kids Helping Kids Campaign form due into Beaver County Extension Office by 5:00pm
- 7 - Red Wheel Pick Up, 3:00pm-4:00pm
- 11 - Registration for 4-H Day at Oakwood Mall due
- 30 - 4-H Day at a Cowboy Basketball Game
- 31 - Premise Registration due to ODAFF for incentive to 4-H
- Jan 13 - 4-H Day at Oakwood Mall
- 15 - Beaver County Demonstration Contest, 4:00pm- Fairgrounds
- 20 - 4-H Day at a Cowgirl Basketball Game
- Feb 19-20 - (Tentative) Junior Livestock Show
- March 19 - State Record Books due into the Beaver County Extension Office by 5:00pm

Happy Holidays!!



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National Animal Identification System



The Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension Service is joining forces with the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry, in an effort to encourage youth awareness of the National Animal Identification System.

It is important to establish an animal information system in order to support animal disease control, eradication, monitoring and surveillance programs, said Rusty Gosz, Extension youth livestock specialist.

“The purpose of the NAIS is to identify animals and track them as they come in contact with animals other than herd mates from their premises or geographic location of origin,” Gosz said. “Premise registration is the first step you can take to protect your investment in Oklahoma’s livestock industry.”

A database of locations where livestock are produced, raised and kept will help animal health officials. The overarching goal is to have the capability to identify all animals and premises that had direct contact with a diseased animal within 48 hours after discovery.

The first priority is to register producer and stakeholder premises into the national premises registration system. This allows producers and stakeholders to be located in the event of a foreign animal disease outbreak.

An added bonus for taking part in the NAIS is a \$15 incentive that will be provided to the Oklahoma youth programs with \$10 going to the 4-H county or FFA chapter and \$5 going to either the 4-H Foundation or the FFA Foundation for youth livestock program support.

The ODAFF will provide the incentive for the first 6,000 premises registered before Dec. 31. Registration must be on the youth incentive forms in order to receive the incentive, not online forms or standard forms from ODAFF.

Gosz said animal tracking is one way to help prevent the spread of disease.

“If an animal has been diagnosed with a disease, the NAIS allows officials to track the diseased animal and other animals exposed to the disease,” he said.

The four key data elements of the program include a uniform premises identification system; a uniform and nationally recognized individual animal numbering system; a uniform and nationally recognized numbering system for groups or lots of animals; and a uniform numbering system for non-producer participants such as tag distributors, animal health officials or laboratories.

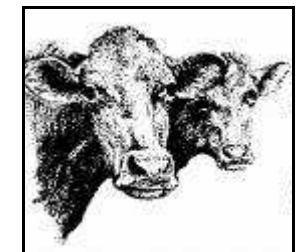
“Now is a great time to register your livestock premises, whether it’s a farm, production site, feed yard or livestock market,” Gosz said. “The whole project is a huge undertaking. At this time it’s completely voluntary and premises registration is free of charge.”

Currently, cattle are the first priority, but the system will eventually focus on all livestock.

After the initial registering process, individual animal identification is the next step. Each animal will receive a 15-digit code. The first three numbers represent the country where the animal is located and 840 is the identity number for the United States. That three-digit code is followed by a 12-digit animal number.

When applicable, a group/lot of animals will be identified as the entire group moves through the production chain as one unit.

For more information about the ASIS, go to www.OKanimalID.com or call ODAFF at 405-522-6138.



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Northwest District Share the Fun

Northwest District 4-H Share-The-Fun will be held Saturday, December 2, 2006 at the Fairview School Auditorium. Please be prepared to attend this contest if you receive a first place at the Beaver County Share the Fun Contest. The cost for a group act at the Northwest District Share-the-Fun contest will be \$7 for each group act and \$3 for each individual act. Participants with a morning act must register by 9am and participants with an afternoon act must register by 1pm. In case of bad weather, the following radio stations will have cancellation information: K101 FM Woodward, KNID 99.7 FM, KXLS 95.7 FM Enid, KSLS 101.5 FM Liberal, Kansas, and The House 89.7 FM out of Ponca City.

4-H Day at Oakwood Mall

January 13, 2007

Registration for 4-H Day at Oakwood Mall is due into the Beaver County Extension Office on Monday December 11, 2006. This is your chance to present a working display, make a mini-float for your club, model a self-made or Impressive dress garment, or take part in a talent show on the district level. 4-H Day at Oakwood Mall takes place in Enid, Oklahoma with the first working display session at 9:30am. There will also be a parent/volunteer mini-conference held on this day at Oakwood Mall. For more information please contact the Beaver County Extension Office at 580-625-3464.

Oklahoma Kids Helping Kids Campaign

We are gearing up for the 20th Annual Oklahoma 4-H Kids Helping Kids Campaign. This is the only statewide fundraising program that we conduct that benefits another charity, county 4-H programs, and the 4-H Foundation. Participation forms must be into the Beaver County Extension office by December 6. For more information please call the Beaver County Extension Office at 580-625-3464.

4-H Day at a Cowboy Basketball Game

December 30, 2006 -- 7 p.m. Tip-off

Cowboys vs. Texas San Antonio

Special 4-H Day Ticket Rate of \$17 per person, (Everyone entering the stadium must have a ticket regardless of age.)

200 tickets are available and will be sold on a first come first serve basis.

To obtain an order form, please contact the Beaver County Extension Office at 580-625-3464 or your club leader.

4-H Day at a Cowgirl Basketball Game

Saturday, January 20, 2007

11 a.m. (Televised Game –

Let's pack the house!)

OSU Cowgirls vs. Texas Tech

Group Ticket Rate of \$17 per person, youth or adult

What your \$17 provides: *A ticket to the OSU vs. Texas Tech Women's Basketball Game • A game day T-shirt • Special Souvenir Program & Half-time Show • Post game signing party.*

To obtain order forms please contact the Beaver County Extension Office at 580-625-3464.



Red Wheel Fundraiser Pick-Up

Please come to pick up your Red Wheel Fundraiser orders at the Beaver County Extension Office on December 7, 2006 from 3:00pm to 4:00pm. In the event of bad road conditions this day, or if you have questions, please call the Beaver County Extension Office at 580-625-3464.



Save Pop Tabs and Help Oklahoma Families

We would like your help in collecting pop tabs for the 2007 Ronald McDonald House Pop Tab Collection Program. This program provides a home to families whose children, 18 years and younger, are receiving medical care in Central Oklahoma.

The pull tabs from aluminum cans are collected because they are the purest source of recycling available. Each gallon of pop tabs equates to the cost of one families stay for one week at the Ronald McDonald House. We will be collecting pop tabs until 2007 4-H Roundup in May of 2007.

Pop tab facts:

- The Ronald McDonald House Pop Tab Collection Program was established in 1987 by the Minneapolis/St. Paul Ronald McDonald House community.
- To date, more than 400 million pop tabs have been collected, generating more than \$4 million.
- The ring-pull can was invented in 1962.
- The pop tab was invented by Ermal Fraze in Kettering, Ohio.

Please bring your pop tabs to the Beaver County Extension Office at:

111 W. Second St, Courthouse

Beaver, OK 73932

Or call 580-625-3464 for more information.



IFMAPS PROGRAM

Much of Oklahoma remains in a severe to extreme drought. Drought conditions affect management strategies with regards to raising livestock and growing crops. Whether it is culling strategies, crop production decisions, or supplemental feeding choices considering tight hay supply, these decisions affect the financial performance of the operation. Cash flow, balance sheet, and income statements reveal the results of those decisions. These results could directly impact means to purchase supplies, manage financial obligations, and secure new loans if needed. The ability to analyze the potential impact of those decisions before they are made is invaluable to the producer. That ability is available at no cost to Oklahoma agricultural producers through the IFMAPS program.

Intensive Financial Management and Planning Support (IFMAPS) is a program to assist Oklahoma farmers and ranchers in evaluating financial plans and analyzing their financial situations. The Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service offers this program as a free and confidential service to Oklahoma farmers and ranchers. Producers can call toll free 1-800-522-3755 to schedule an individual consultation.

More information about the IFMAPS program can be viewed at:
<http://www.agecon.okstate.edu/ifmaps/index.htm>



DECEMBER HORSE CLUB MEETINGS

The Beaver County Horse Club will be meeting on Thursday, December 7. The meeting place is to be announced. The Horse Club will not be meeting any other December Thursdays in recognition of the Holiday Season.

Happy Holidays!!