

# U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

## 4-H Calendar

- Nov.** 1 - Market Lambs & Meat Goat Nominations, Enid  
 1 - Horse Club Meeting  
 3 - County Pumpkin Contest/Dress Revue/Impressive Dress/Share the Fun, Balko  
 6 - Balko Cloverbud Meeting  
 7 - Beaver 4-H Club Meeting  
 8 - 4-H Foundation Board Meeting  
 14 - Balko 4-H Club Meeting  
 16 - Office will be closed, Holiday  
 19 - Red Wheel forms in County Office by 5pm  
 19 - BCJLA Trophy Auction @ 6:30, Fairgrounds  
 22-23 - Office will be closed, Holiday  
 23-27 - National 4-H Congress, Atlanta, GA
- Dec.** 1 - N.W. District Share the Fun, Fairview  
 5 - Red Wheel Pick-up @ 3:30pm County Office
- Jan.** 12 - N.W. District Mall Day, Enid
- Feb.** 11 - County Demonstration Contest, Fairgrounds  
 25 - Beaver County Junior Livestock Association Show, Fairgrounds
- April** 7 - County Speech Contest, Balko Schools

Happy 100th  
 Birthday  
 Oklahoma!



## A Special Thank You

Beaver County 4-H would like to thank the Beaver County Farm Bureau Ladies and the Beaver County OHCE Ladies for donating awards to the County 4-H Food Show. Thank you very much for the awards.

HAVE A SAFE  
 AND HAPPY  
 THANKSGIVING!!



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## The Clover Connection for Beaver County



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4-H program teaches youth

about environment and natural resources



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The Oklahoma 4-H program has long been known for teaching youth about livestock, crops and other agricultural-related topics.

However, environmental and natural resources project areas are gaining in popularity, said Kevin Allen, assistant professor and state Extension specialist for 4-H environmental and natural resources in the department of natural resource ecology and management at Oklahoma State University.

“Urban areas around the state continue to grow and it’s important for youth to understand that environmental and natural resources issues play an important role in Oklahoma,” Allen said. “These issues also are important for less populated areas of the state, too. Our youth will be voting soon and making decisions regarding environmental and natural resources issues. This is just one reason why it is so important that we provide Oklahoma’s youth with a good understanding of environmental issues.”

Through the 4-H program, youth have the opportunity to learn about the forest industry, range management, water quality issues and wildlife habitats.

Southeastern Oklahoma features a very large forestry industry. One forestry management practice is called clear cutting. Allen said it is important for youth to understand why this is a legitimate forestry practice.

“Prescribed burns are part of range management. This management method helps foster plant growth, but some people may not realize this,” he said. “We don’t want people to think that land is being randomly burned.”

Allen said prescribed burns have been used as a management method for more than 100 years. It’s just an important part of the 4-H program to help youth

understand what is going on in the human environmental interface.”

The 4-H program also offers club members activities in the forestry project.

Allen said he currently is working on developing a variety of new materials that will include activity worksheets.

This new educational material will include information on how to identify a variety of trees and leaves.

The Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program, also known as WHEP, is a 4-H youth natural resources program dedicated to teaching wildlife and fisheries habitat management to club members.

“This is a great opportunity for youth to learn not only about animals, but management practices as well,” he said. “The goal of the program is to increase participants’ knowledge of wildlife food, water, cover and space.”

The state WHEP contest will take place in spring 2008 and the national event is slated July 2008 in Oklahoma.

Shooting sports is another activity in which youth can learn about hunting and wildlife. This is a natural match for those who are interested in WHEP.

“Our whole goal with youth and natural resources and environmental projects is to help them learn about their environment, as well as giving them a better understanding of what career opportunities are available. These careers are not just in rural areas, either. Believe it or not, there are urban forestry and wildlife careers available,” Allen said. “The department of natural resource ecology management at OSU is very dedicated to using an interdisciplinary approach to educating Oklahoma’s youth about natural resources and the environment.”

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## Red Wheel

I hope everyone is selling lots of Red Wheel products. Just remember that the more you sell the more money you get. The deadline to have your order forms and money turned into the County office is November 19th. The date to pick-up what you sold is December 5th at 3:30pm in the Court House parking lot. You must be there to pick your products up, we do not have room to store them for you.

## Oklahoma Kids Helping Kids

It is time to register for the Oklahoma Kids Helping Kids campaign. If your club would like to be apart of this campaign please let me know and we will get the form filled out. The deadline to enter is December 5th. **Half of the proceeds of the campaign go to Ronald McDonald House, one third of the proceeds comes back to our county, and one sixth goes to the 4-H Foundation.** Every county that collects at least \$250 gets a \$50 savings bond for their top fund raiser, and the top four fund raisers in the state get a savings bond worth \$1000. Every member that raises at least \$25 gets a prize. This would be a great opportunity for a community service project as well. It would be nice if all of the clubs in the county helped with this campaign.

## Oklahoma Youth Expo Nominations

Steer Nominations - Postmarked by October 22nd

Market Lamb & Goat Nominations - On-site nominations at Chisholm Trail Expo Center, Enid, November 1st

Swine Nominations - Postmarked by December 10th

## American Quarter Horse Youth Association

The AQHYA is having a 4-H & FFA Membership Appreciation Weekend at the American Quarter Horse World Championship Show on November 9-11. They are giving you the chance to purchase on General Admission ticket and receive one free. You can go to <http://www.aqha.com/youth/pdf/Weekend%20ticket.pdf> to print your ticket and if you have any questions you can call Sarah Smiddy at 806-378-4342

## Beaver County Junior Livestock Association Trophy / Awards Auction

The Trophy / Awards Auction will be held on Monday, November 19, 2007 at the Beaver County Fairgrounds. The meal will be served at 6:30pm and the auction will start at 7pm.

## Beaver County Junior Livestock Association 2008 Show

The Stock Show will be held on Monday, February 25, 2008 at the Beaver County Fairgrounds.

Show Schedule:

7:30am - Goat cards in

8am - Goat show / Sheep show immediately follows / Lamb Lead will follow sheep show

9am - Steers weighed and Heifers entered

10am - Cattle show

12pm - Swine cards in

4pm - Swine show

## Order Now

Are you looking for some great scissors, well now is the time to get them. The office is selling Gingher Scissors at cost. They would also make good Christmas gifts. If you would like to place an order call the office, and make checks payable to Beaver County OHCE.

## Gateway to the 4-H Member

The 4-H project is the gateway to the 4-H member. Through project work members "Learn by Doing." The 4-H project is a tool for helping boys and girls develop into more capable adults by learning to plan, set goals, make decisions and evaluate.

4-H members learn desirable habits and attitudes through 4-H project work. Projects focus on helping members learn to help themselves, which leads to learning to help others.

The purpose of 4-H projects is to create a blue ribbon child, not a blue ribbon project.

4-H projects develop the life skills of:

- Decision Making
- Goal Setting
- Planning, Implementing and Evaluating
- Communicating
- Accepting Responsibility
- Teamwork and Cooperation
- Record Keeping

The goal of project work is to:

- Develop Skills
- Learn by Doing
- Gain Knowledge
- Accept Responsibility
- Create Ownership
- Explore Careers
- Provide a Sense of Achievement and Accomplishment
- Create Family and Community Ties

