



4-H Clover Connection

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4-H License Plates Now Available

Oklahoma 4-H members, volunteers and supporters will now be able to show their love for the 4-H organization while driving down the street. Oklahoma 4-H license plates are now available for purchase, said David Sorrell, Oklahoma 4-H Foundation director. "The 4-H license plate is a great way to show your support for the Oklahoma 4-H program," Sorrell said.

Applications are available online at <http://countyext.okstate.edu/caddo/youth> and then clicking on the 4-H License Plate link in the Top News section. The license plate is marked with the 4-H clover emblem and the 4-H motto, "To Make the Best Better." The license plate

costs \$25. Twenty of the \$25 fee will be apportioned to the Oklahoma State University



Cooperative Extension Service license plate revolving fund. "The benefits are three fold. The license plates provide 4-H with great visibility opportunities. In addition, this is a great way to show your pride and support for

4-H and the money goes to 4-H youth development programs," Sorrell said.

To receive a 4-H license plate, individuals must fill out an application.

After completion, the application must be sent to the Oklahoma Tax Commission, Taxpayer Assistance Division, Special Plate Section at 2501 Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, OK 73194-0201. For more information on the 4-H license plate, contact the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation at (405) 744-5394 or you may also contact the Caddo County 4-H Extension Center at (405) 247-3376.



4-Her's to Celebrate Oklahoma 4-H Month



October is 4-H month, and 4-H'ers across Oklahoma will be hosting a month-long celebration. Oklahoma 4-H Month is a time to highlight and celebrate the exciting possibilities that the 4-H program brings to communities across the state. 4-H helps young people develop skills that can be used throughout their lives and careers. It helps them discover their strengths and weaknesses while exposing them to activities in a variety of career fields. 4-H has succeeded in stimulating youth to develop life skills outside the traditional classroom environment. Club members in Caddo County have planned some special activities during Oklahoma 4-H Month to help raise awareness of the Oklahoma 4-H program. Some of these activities include 4-H activities during school, becoming radio DJ's during 4-H Radio Day on Saturday, October 12, hanging posters and artifacts in local businesses, and setting up displays at the county library.

Families and citizens of Caddo County are encouraged to join in on the fun and learning with the 4-H'ers, but the learning process does not stop with the 4-H member and family. Volunteer leaders learn new skills while sharing their expertise with 4-H clubs. Being a 4-H Volunteer is one of the most rewarding ways to spend free time. The adult volunteer forms the heart and soul of any 4-H program. Volunteers who work with young people share their talent, energy and time along with enhancing their own skills and talents.

Now is the perfect time to become involved in the 4-H program. For more information contact the Caddo Extension Office at (405) 247-3376.

Listening Sessions to Focus on Community Issues

Considering the next three to five years, what are the critical issues in your community and in Oklahoma that will need to be addressed to realize a positive future for you, your family and your community? The Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service is seeking participation of a broad cross section of citizens and community leaders, including non-traditional Extension users, to receive input on that very question.

OCES is undertaking one of its most ambitious projects by hosting upcoming Oklahoma Community Listening Sessions in all 77 counties across the state. The Listening Sessions are slated to begin Sept. 16 and will continue through December 2002. Caddo County will hold their listening session on October 15, 2002.

"Once the needs in the counties are identified, focus teams will be organized to address the major issues and prioritize those issues that Extension has the capacity to address," said David Foster, OCES associate director. "We want to get a broad-based input into this process so that a plan can be developed for the future of each county and for Oklahoma as a whole. "We especially want other local, state and federal agencies and organizations to participate," he said. "Many of the needs and concerns of Oklahoma can be addressed through partnerships with other groups and organizations." Foster said as Extension begins its long-range strategic planning process, the involvement of citizens in identifying needs and opportunities in the county and community will be extremely valuable.

More information is available through the local county Extension office.

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(W.A.R.M.)



RESPONSIBILITY

Character Education News for Parents

By: Todd Branson



I am only one,
But still I am one.
I cannot do everything,
But still I can do something;
And because I cannot do
everything,
I will not refuse to do the
something
that I can do.

Edward Everett Hale

**BE RELIABLE. BE FAITHFUL.
FINISH WHAT YOU START.**

Children become responsible by seeing others act responsibly.

- Parents who pick up their trash at the park.
- Brothers and sisters doing their homework.
- People who keep their promises to the child.

Children become responsible by being responsible for:

- A pet's care
- Mailing a letter
- Answering the phone

Children become responsible by:

- Making mistakes and admitting their mistake
- Accepting consequences
- Making amends
- Being loved, accepted, respected

Character Critters: Learning to be Responsible by Helping at Home

Child's Name _____

Two things I do to help at home are:

1. _____

2. _____

Take photographs of your child helping out at home or ask your child to draw a picture of how he or she helps at home. Then ask your child to tell you about the picture. Write what he or she says in the blank below. You and your child might make a collage of the photographs or pictures in magazines.



This is a drawing of me helping at home. I am _____

Letter from the Educator:

Dear Families,

I look at my calendar and sometimes I have to look again to really understand it is already October! There are so many activities beginning to blossom with this program that we have an activity for each and every 4-H'er in the County. David Nowlin, Caddo County Extension Educator, will be starting a Jr. 4-H Meats ID Judging Team next month. Anyone ages 9-13 are welcome to join in on the fun! Contact us and we will give you more information if you are interested.

In October we have several activities lined up. The 4-H Radio Day will be October 12 on 103.5FM KRPT. We are really looking forward to this activity! Along with National 4-H Month, take the time to drive through Anadarko and see the displays of support in business windows. Also visit the Library to see our display of the 100 year anniversary of 4-H.

Mark your calendar for January 15-19 because Caddo County will be going to Keystone, Co. with 3 other counties on a 4-H Ski Trip. Deadline for the signup is October 30 so hurry and get a spot on the bus!

This is going to be a great year for 4-H and if you ever wonder what the schedule is like, don't forget to hop on the internet and go to our county website! Some of the pages on there will be developed by some of our 4-H'ers in the future so if you are interested in that, please let me know soon!

Sincerely,

Todd Branson
Extension Educator, 4-H & Youth Development



News & Views

- Welcome to all our new readers. If there is something you would like to see in here, feel free to tell us TODAY!
 - National 4-H Week is October 7 - 12
 - Caddo County Ski Trip first installment of \$100 is due October 30.
 - Youth Action Conference is October 16th through the 18th.
- (What is Youth Action Conference? Call us & we will tell !)
- County 4-H Awards banquet is November 2, 2002.
 - Sr. Share the Fun is November 6th.
 - District Share the Fun is December 7th in Lawton, OK.
 - Look on the website and in your mailbox for questions and answers regarding a new County 4-H Ambassadors Program!

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Time</u>
Oct 7	Denver Western Round-Up Application Due	4:30pm
Oct 9	Teen Leader's Bowl-A-Rama	4:30pm
Oct 12	4-H Radio Day	Noon-6pm
Oct 15	Listening Session	6:30pm
Oct 16-18	Youth Action Conference	TBA
Oct 23	Volunteer Leader Meeting (Ft. Cobb)	4:30pm
Oct 26-Nov 1	NAE4-HA National Conference (For Extension Educators)	TBA
Oct 30	Nation 4-H Month Scrap Book Due	4:30pm
Nov 2	County 4-H Banquet (Caddo-Kiowa Technology Center)	6:00pm
Nov 6	Sr. Share the Fun (Binger)	3:30pm
Dec 7	District Share the Fun (Lawton, Ok)	TBA

Please Read:

Other events may arise and scheduling may alter. For the most accurate information, please refer to: <http://countyext.okstate.edu/caddo/youth>