



4-H Clover Connection

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Happy Holidays!

4-H Dime Drop

Habitat for Humanity International is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry. HFHI seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the world, and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action. Habitat invites people of all backgrounds, races and religions to build houses together in partnership with families in need. Habitat has built more than 150,000 houses around the world, providing more than 750,000 people in more than 3,000 communities with safe, decent, affordable shelter. HFHI was founded in 1976 by Millard Fuller along with his wife Linda. Through volunteer labor and donations of money and materials, Habitat builds and rehabilitates simple, decent houses with the help of the homeowner (partner) families. Habitat houses are sold to partner families at no profit, financed with affordable, no-interest loans. The homeowners' monthly mortgage payments are used to build still more Habitat houses. Habitat is not a giveaway program. In addition to a down payment and the monthly mortgage payments, homeowners invest hundreds of hours of their own labor -- sweat equity -- into building their Habitat house and the houses of others.

The Oklahoma State 4-H Officers are teaming up with Habitat for Humanity to help build a house for a low-income family. In order to do this we have designated "4-H Dime Drop" as a statewide service project, sponsored by the State Officer Team. All proceeds will be designated for the house "4-H" built. Caddo County is stepping up to the plate by setting a goal of \$5,000.00! Each club has a bucket or container specifically designed for collecting your change. 4-H members and communities are encouraged to "drop a dime" to support our cause in your local community or at the Caddo County Courthouse. The timeline for collecting money is November 17, 2003 through May 1, 2004. There are several things that Caddo County 4-H hopes to accomplish with this project.

1. An awareness of Habitat for Humanities contribution to our communities
2. An increased understanding of the need for helping one's neighbors
3. A personal satisfaction for helping others
4. Community and state recognition for Oklahoma 4-H and my club/county
5. Raise more money than Canadian County!



Look for the collection buckets across the county and help support 4-H with their mission toward "the house that 4-H built"! Thank you to everyone who donated at the Anadarko Christmas Parade. This was our Kick-off and in 15 minutes we raised over \$54.00!!!



WE ARE ROLE MODELS

(W.A.R.M.)



Character Education News for Parents

By: Todd Branson

RESPECT

Respect means showing regard for every person, including myself!

- Follow the Golden Rule: Treat others as you hope they will treat you.
- Tolerate differences.
- Use good manners, not bad language.
- Never threaten, hit, or hurt anyone.
- Manage anger, insults, and disagreements in peaceful ways.

Children need our respect--even when they are being disrespectful!

*“Darkness cannot drive
out darkness; only light
can do that. Hate
cannot drive out hate;
only love can do that.”*

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

Character Critters 2: Learning to show respect at home activity

Rusty the Raccoon practiced showing respect for his friend even when he was mad at his friend. Read through the following problem situation with your child. Talk to him or her about different ways to solve the problem. After you have figured out a solution, work with your child to draw a picture of the solution the two of you came up with.

PROBLEM:

Rusty and Ruby are building a tower with blocks. Ralph comes over and knocks over the tower and runs away. What should Rusty and Ruby do?

Talk this over with your child and your family. Select a solution and act out what you would do or say. Remember to think about the respectful thing to do. Write down the words you would say and the actions you would take.

We think Rusty and Ruby should... _____

WORDS TO SAY	ACTIONS TO TAKE

Draw a picture of Rusty and Ruby working out their problem with Ralph.

Letter from the Educator:

Dear Caddo Co. 4-H Family,

I want to wish everyone a joyous and safe holiday season! I want to thank everyone for their support and time spent on the float for the Anadarko Christmas Parade. It was a huge success and the float turned out to be a wonderful success. If you donated something toward the construction of this float, please stop by the Caddo County Courthouse and pick up your items.

Look for more great and wonderful things coming out of the Caddo County 4-H program at the first of the year. Our county program is run and managed by a fleet of awesome Volunteer Leaders, dedicated families, and devoted 4-H'ers. Without you, this program would not be the BEST in the state of Oklahoma!

Best wishes during this holiday season and especially watch for and cheer on the Cowboys at the Cotton Bowl and the Sooners at the Sugar Bowl!

Sincerely,

Todd Branson
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News & Views

- Welcome to all our new readers. If there is something you would like to see in here, feel free to tell us!
- Check out the website during the holiday season to see important calendar updates, trip applications, pictures, and advancements to our school enrichment programs!
- Happy Holidays and have a safe New Year! The Caddo County Extension Office will be closed December 25-26, 2003 for Christmas .
- The Caddo County Extension Office will be closed January 1, 2004 for New Years.

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Time</u>
Dec 25	Christmas	--
Jan 1	Happy New Year – 2004!!!	--
Jan 2	Oklahoma State - Cotton Bowl (FOX)	2:00pm
Jan 4	Oklahoma - Sugar Bowl (ABC)	8:00pm
Jan 21	Teen Leader Meeting	TBA
Jan 28	Jr. Share the Fun	3:30pm
Jan 28	Candy Sales Begin	--
Feb 4	Cloverbud Speeches	9:00am

Please Read:

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