

Kingfisher County 4-H News



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4-H Members to Attend Hornets Game and Support Louisiana 4-H Program

Not only will Oklahoma 4-H'ers get to experience the excitement of a professional basketball game in March, they also will be making a donation to the Louisiana 4-H Program for hurricane relief.

Oklahoma 4-H'ers have an opportunity to attend the Oklahoma City Hornets game as they take on the Memphis Grizzlies on March 31, 2006, said Charles Cox, Oklahoma State 4-H program leader.

"For the past several years club members have had the opportunity to attend Oklahoma State University Cowboys football and basketball games," Cox said. "With Oklahoma now hosting a professional basketball team we thought this would be a great opportunity for 4-H youth to attend a professional game."

Tickets for the event are \$25 each and must be ordered by February 24. However, with the Hornets gaining popularity in Oklahoma, counties are encouraged to order tickets early. One dollar from each ticket sold will be returned to the local county 4-H program; \$1 will support statewide 4-H activities; and \$3 will be donated to the Louisiana 4-

H program for hurricane relief.

"One of the exciting parts of this event is that we're inviting Louisiana 4-H members to attend the game with us," he said. "Last year, about 3,000 Louisiana 4-H'ers attend the Hornets Game Night, and we're hoping that some will come this year as well. If we do have club members from Louisiana, we're planning to make a ceremonial check presentation at half time from the funds collected from ticket sales. One of the areas the 4-H program focuses on is community service, and with part of the proceeds of ticket sales going directly to the program in Louisiana, this is just one more way our club members can help out and make a difference in the world around them."

In addition to the excitement of the game, some of the Oklahoma 4-H'ers in attendance will have the opportunity to participate in additional activities.

Cox said these participants will be randomly selected from each of the counties attending the game.

Some lucky club members will get a "behind-the-scenes" experience as they take part in the Tunnel Kids program. These youth will be able to go into the tunnel area near the Hornets locker room to high-five the players as they head to the court to warm-up either

during pre-game or at half time. Others will be selected to actually be on the court to high-five the players as they come out onto the floor.

The Hornets Captain's Program is yet another opportunity for 4-H'ers to interact with the players. Select club members will head to center court during pre-game warm-ups for the referee meeting, act as an honorary captain and present the game ball.

Two 4-H'ers will get to be honorary ball boys for the night. These two participants will have a great view of the action and will be helping players get warmed up during pre-game and half time.

"We're very excited about the opportunities our 4-H'ers will have on March 31. For many of these kids, this will be their first experience attending a professional basketball game," Cox said. "In addition to the excitement of the game, club members also will be reaching out a helping hand to their fellow club members in Louisiana who lost so much during the hurricanes last fall."

Contact your local county Extension educator,

2006 Spring Livestock Shows

County Junior Livestock Show

The 75th Annual County Junior Livestock show will be **February 18th - 21st**. Scheduled activities include:

Saturday, Feb. 18th

7:00 a.m. - All Market Goats weighed and cards turned in. **7:30 a.m.** - All Sheep in place - Weighing and Classifying will begin. **8:30 a.m.** - Judging of Market Wether Goats; **10 a.m.** - Judging of Lamb Division.

Sunday, Feb. 19

1:00 p.m. - Office will open and Beef animals in place. Weighing and classifying will begin. **2:30 p.m.** - Swine in place. Weighing and classifying will begin.

5:30 p.m. - Beef Fitting, Grooming, and Showmanship Contest. (See rules on pg. 3)

Monday, Feb. 20, 8:00 a.m. - Judging of Swine Division.

Tuesday, Feb. 21 9:00 a.m. - Judging of Beef Division, starting with Breeding Heifers.



County Spring Livestock Show
February 18-21, 2006

5:30 p.m. - Bidders Feed.

7:00 p.m. - Premium Auction.

Read the rule book carefully for details. It is up to each exhibitor to obtain a copy of the Premium Book and Livestock Show Rules. Copies are available at the Extension Office.

Northwest District Livestock Show

February 28—March 6, 2006

Entries are due in the Extension Office by **Feb. 17 by 4:00 p.m.** Entry Fees are: Swine - \$15 Pseudo rabies paper must be included. Sheep - \$15, Goats - \$15 Steers - \$25, Heifers - \$25, Lamb Lead \$10.00 per exhibitor.

Extra Equipment - \$25 per chute, scale or stand.

Oklahoma Youth Expo

March 12-20, 2006

Entries are due in the Extension Office by **Feb. 9, 2006**.

Entry Fees: Beef - \$25, Dairy - \$25, Goat - \$15, Sheep - \$15, Swine - \$15. Swine entries are due upon arrival.

Grooming chute permit \$25. Scale permit \$25. **ALL LATE ENTRIES WILL HAVE AN ADDITIONAL \$75 FEE.**

Farewell ~ I will miss you all

I want to take a moment to tell you that I will be leaving the Kingfisher County OSU Extension office. I have accepted another job in Kingfisher. I will be taking annual leave starting January 9 to February 13th. My last day to be in the office will be Feb-

ruary 14th. I want you to know that I am very grateful for the opportunity to have worked with my co-workers, colleagues, Family and Consumer Science and the 4-H program for the past five years. I will truly miss each and every one of you! Thank you for

all you have taught me and the friends I have made. I appreciate everything that you have helped me do over the last five years. I wish you each the best in life!

Happy New Year!
- Heather Turner

New to the Kingfisher County Livestock Show: Beef Fitting, Grooming, and Showmanship Contest

Kingfisher County Livestock Show – 2006 Beef Fitting, Grooming, and Showmanship Contest Rules, Dates, & Times

The purpose of this contest is to select a team for the state contest to be held during the OKC Youth Expo.

When: Sunday, Feb. 19th @ 5:30 pm.

Where: Show Arena on the Kingfisher County Fairgrounds.

Rules & Regulations:

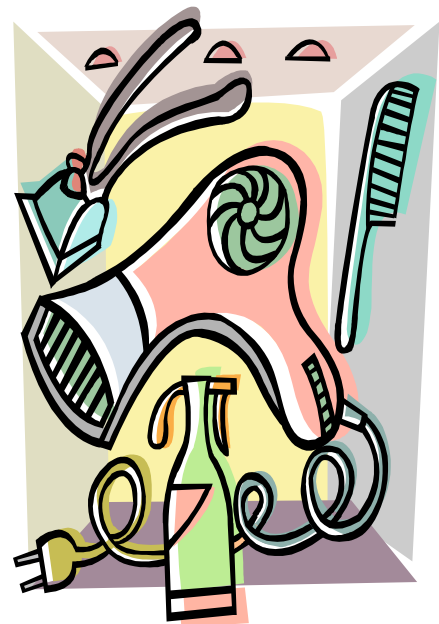
1. All teams must consist of three beef exhibitors at the Kingfisher County Stock Show and must have an animal entered and exhibiting at the OKC Youth Expo. Animal can be either a steer or heifer.
 - A. The team members can be made up from exhibitors in Kingfisher County.
 - B. The team must have at least one member of the opposite gender.
 - C. One team member must be **under** 13 years of age.
2. There will be two parts to the contest. **Part one** will be the grooming of

the animal. **Part two** will consist of a showmanship contest using the animal that was groomed.

3. The time limit for grooming is 30 minutes. A warning will be given when ten minutes are remaining.
4. Participants must furnish their own equipment (clippers, adhesives, etc.)
5. When time is called, all work will cease immediately.
6. Animals must be brought to the arena completely clean and dry.
7. All grooming rules of the OK Youth Expo will be strictly enforced.
8. Students will be judged on the following criteria:
 - A. Quality of workmanship
 - B. Team Skills – Compatibility & Organization
 - C. Compatibility of the use of various types of clippers
 - D. Neatness of area
9. Exhibits will be evaluated based upon a multiple judge system.
10. The animal must be provided by the team. It does not have to be owned by

one of the team members or entered in the Kingfisher County Spring Stock Show.

11. In the event the winning team would lose a team member for whatever reason, that team has the right to select a replacement from anywhere in the county.
12. The winning team must also have alternates available when entering the OKC contest.
13. The Kingfisher County Livestock Show Committee has the right to interpret these rules as deemed necessary.





For Your Information

2006 County Talks and Demos Contest and Job Readiness.....

The 2006 Kingfisher County Talks and Demonstrations Contest and Job Readiness is **February 5th** at the Kingfisher County OSU Extension Meeting Room at 2:00 p.m. Entries are due **January 28th** to the Extension Office. Age groups for Talks and Demos are:

- Cloverbuds – Ages 5-8; pledge only
- Beginner - Ages 9-10;
- Junior - Ages 11-12;
- Intermediate - Ages 13-14;
- Senior – Ages 15 and older.

Ages are based on January 1, 2006.



Job Readiness:

Job Readiness is an individual activity designed for youth to practice the skills of obtaining a job. It also helps youth learn about specific job requirements.

4-Her's will prepare a Resume or personal data sheet, complete a job application form, participate in an interview, and complete a follow-up letter.

Age categories include:

- Intermediate: 13 and 14 year olds;
- Senior: 15 and older by January 1, 2006.

The event is Sunday, February 5th, at the Kingfisher County OSU Extension Meeting Room at 2:00 p.m. Entries are due January 28th.



Job Categories include:

- Retail Sales;
- Service;
- Home-Based Type business;
- Office Work;
- Health Care;
- Other.

Spectators are not allowed to observe this event. Contact Keith at 375-3822 or your local club for more detailed information.

State Record Books and Scholarship Applications!!!

State 4-H Record Books and scholarship applications are due to the State 4-H Office in Stillwater by **April 26, 2006**. You will need to have your Record Book, scholarships, and other state award entries turned into the Kingfisher County Extension Office by **March 31, 2006**.

NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

To be eligible for the State Record book competition, you must be at least 14 years of age as of 1/1/06. Also, there are numerous applications that 4-H members can use in applying for scholarships, so come check those out as well.



Oklahoma 4-H Key Club

Oklahoma 4-H Key Club: An Explanation

Membership in the Oklahoma 4-H Key Club is an honor extended only to top 4-H members. It is an honor that you must work hard for, but upon receiving the award, you and your Cooperative Extension staff will feel pride and satisfaction for a job well done.

History

Since 1950, 4-H Key Club has been recognizing the accomplishments of Oklahoma youth in the 4-H Program. The club seeks to honor those 4-H members who possess leadership, loyalty, and a sense of responsibility to the total 4-H Program.

Objectives

The objectives of this organization are:

1. To recognize the outstanding accomplishments of Oklahoma's very top 4-H members.
2. To provide a common bond among former 4-H members.
3. To further develop 4-H work in Oklahoma.

The program is based on standards and individuals meeting these standards are eligible to become members.

Key Club is an honor society for 4-H members who have done outstanding work in the organization. Once 4-Hers become Key Club members, they are obligated to support the 4-H organization throughout their lives, both financially and with their time, and stay updated with Oklahoma 4-H and Oklahoma 4-H Key Club.

Qualifications for Membership

The applicant:

1. Must be a 4-H member.
2. Must be at least 15 years old or older on January 1, on the year of application.
3. Must submit a completed application form by State Record Book Due Date.
4. Must accumulate the minimum number of points (400) on the application form.
5. Must be approved by the County Cooperative Extension staff.
6. **Must make at least one presentation to a 4-H Group about Key Club.**
7. Must make at least one presentation to a non-4-H Group, such as non-4-H youth or adults, about the 4-H program in general.

Awards

Every applicant who qualifies for Key Club is eligible to receive a Key Club certificate and key.

Two keys for each county will be provided.

Membership Procedures

1. Key Club members must be recipients of the 4-H Key Award.
2. Each County Extension 4-H Educator will submit the application forms of those eligible and selected to be nominated from the county.
3. There is no limit on the number of applicants from a county for a given year.
4. Two keys for each county will be provided. Counties desiring to present more than two awards will be responsible for purchasing the additional keys from the Oklahoma 4-H Office at Oklahoma State University.
5. Applicants will become official Key Club members upon approval of their applications by the state Key Club officers and advisers.
6. Each County Extension Educator will be responsible for:
 - ▶ getting the application forms to the prospective members.
 - ▶ checking and approving application forms.

If you are interested contact the Kingfisher County OSU Extension Office for more information.

2006 Oklahoma 4-H Omniplex Camp-In

4-H members, volunteers and families from across the state, ages 9-11, will have the opportunity to learn about science by camping in at the Oklahoma City Omniplex February 3-4. Four-Her's can explore the spectacular science exhibits, see stunning scientific demonstrations, travel to the planets and beyond in planetarium

shows, and sleep in unimaginable places, like under a dinosaur, in a giant mouth or next to a tornado.

Fees:
Youth (any age) \$27.50
Adults \$15.00
Due January 25, 2006

What to Bring:

Sleeping bag, pillow, floor mat (floors are hard!). Minimum personal articles. Cameras are welcome. Wear comfortable

clothes, such as sweats and t-shirts. **No Pajamas Please.** Every county or individual will need to bring their own snacks. **Everything should be stored in a large trash bag with camper's name and group on it.** Vending machines are available for purchasing soft drinks and candy.

What NOT to Bring:

Valuables, Radio, Walkman, TV, and Stuffed Animals.

NW District Junior Livestock Judging Contest

The livestock judging contest will be held on Wednesday, February 1, 2006 at the Garfield County Fairgrounds.

Registration will begin at 7:45 a.m. with the contest starting at 8:30 a.m. There

will be a cost of \$12 per team (3 or 4 person teams) or \$3 per individual not on a team.

The contest will be divided into a Junior Contest, those 9-13 years old as of January 1, 2006 and a Senior Contest for those 14 years old and older as of January

1, 2006. Academic eligibility is a requirement since it is during school.

If you would like more information, contact the Kingfisher County OSU Extension Office.

County Sales Tax

The 1/2 cent county sales tax will be coming before the voters of Kingfisher County on February 14, 2006. Where does the money go? The community services that participate in this are:

- Resurfacing Roads ~ 29%
- Rural Fire Department ~ 13%
- Extension & 4-H ~ 09%
- Free Fair ~ 10%

- Chisholm Trail Museum 05%
- Libraries (Hennessey & Kingfisher) ~ 03%
- County Sheriff ~ 15%
- General County Government ~16%

The 1/2 cent sales tax for the past 15 years has made a tremendous impact on our county. Equipment has been purchased for our Rural Fire Departments and computers for our Libraries. Roads have been resurfaced and improvements

have been made on the fairgrounds. Salaries for the Extension & 4-H offices and structural stabilization for the Seay Mansion have been possible because of the 1/2 cent sales. The Kingfisher County Sheriff has utilized the 1/2 cent sales tax by purchasing patrol cars and maintaining CLEET & OLET certified staff. County Government paid their liability insurance with the sales tax income.

4-H Jackets

It is that time of year again to start thinking about the Spring Livestock Shows and making sure that you have a 4-H jacket.

Roger Moore with Awards and Moore has the jackets and vests that you will need.

You can pick up an order form at the County Extension Office or call:

Awards and Moore
809 S. Main, Stillwater,
OK 74074

Phone: (405) 624-8393
FAX: (405) 624-1700
E-Mail:

roger@awardsandmoore.com

At the County Spring Livestock show, it is recommended, but not required to wear a jacket or vest with the 4-H emblem. **But** if you are going to show at the Oklahoma Youth Expo livestock show, it is a requirement that each 4-H member wear the 4-H emblem in the show ring.



Be Part of a Winning Team!
Join the Oklahoma City Blazers for a night
of fun and entertainment.

January 21st, 2006

OKC Blazers
Vs.
Tulsa Talons

Game Time: 7:35 PM

- Special PA recognition
- Group Seating
- = Discount Tickets
- = The First 2,000 kids 12 and under will receive a replica youth jersey presented by York and KFOR.



\$6 Lower Level Corners
\$9 Lower Level Ends
\$13 Lower Level Rink Side



To place an order for your group call
Stacie Rathbun at 405-235-7825.
Group Tickets are based on availability so your tickets today!

Dates to Remember

Chicken Eggs:

Fertile chicken eggs will be available in January, February, March, and April. If anyone is interested in hatching eggs, call the Extension Office.



Dates:

January 28: Deadline for Talks and Demos and Job Readiness

February 2: 4-H Leaders Council Meeting at 6:30 pm

February 5: County Talks and Demos and Job Readiness

February 20: Presidents' Day Extension Office closed

February 18-21: Spring Livestock Show

Feb. 28 - March 5: NW District Livestock Show

March 12-20: Oklahoma Youth Expo

Congratulations !!!!

Congratulations to Dakota Jones, Braden Schoonover, Brandon Hubbard and Cameron Hubbard. They won first place at the NW District Share-The-Fun small group division. Others that participated were Blair Kloeppel, individual and the Okarche 4-H Club, Large group.

*Congratulations!!!
We are proud of you.*

