

Kingfisher County 4-H News

November 2006

Be A Star!!!

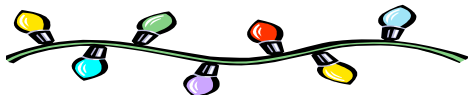
Oklahoma 4-H is looking for a new promotional video and commercial to spread the 4-H message! There will be a statewide competition this year looking for a new 4-H Promotional Video as well as a commercial video, and it is all up to 4-H members across Oklahoma to produce them! The commercial will be 30 seconds long and be meant to attract initial interest and make the audience aware of 4-H. The video will be 6-8 minutes and will provide a detailed look at what 4-H has to offer its' members.

Judging of the videos will be done by a panel of judges. The winning video will be shown at Round-Up. If the winning video can be duplicated in a quality format, copies will be given out



statewide for use in the counties to promote 4-H. The top 5 commercials will be selected by the judging panel, and Round-Up delegates will vote on the best commercial at Round-Up. The winners of the video/commercial competition will receive the opportunity to film/edit their productions with the professionals at Ag. Communications!

All materials are due by March 30, 2007. For a complete set of rules contact the Extension Office.



Kingfisher in Lights

The Kingfisher County 4-H has signed up to volunteer at the Kingfisher in Lights on December 2nd. We will need many volunteers to help throughout the evening. Call the extension office at 375-3822 or contact your local club leader to sign up.

National Reining Horse Association Judging Clinic

On Saturday November 25th for youth 10 – 18 years of age, the NRHA will be hosting a reining horse youth judging clinic at the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds Arena. For more information please call Cyndi Brown (940) 727-9757



Kingfisher County 4-H Sewing Club

On the 3rd Tuesday of each month there will be a new group of Kingfisher County 4-Hers meeting at the Extension Meeting Room in the courthouse. It will be a Fabrics Club designed to help 4-Hers work on self determined projects in the areas of sewing and I'm sure they'll spend time with activities such as crocheting.

The first meeting will be November 21st at 3:30 – 5:00pm in the Extension Meeting Room. Contact Steve at the Extension Center or Jo Kockenower for more information.

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Kansas City Global Conference

Deadline: December 8, 2006

This conference theme is "Reaching Out From the Heartland Globally and Culturally". The conference will include hands-on sessions that involve youth in solving issues central to their lives, families and communities in a global society. This four-day experience will broaden their horizons and insights into the world in which they live.

Youth will participate in tours, workshops, service learning opportunities and cultural events to help them prepare for the future. Mixers, dances and other programs will provide them opportunities to meet other youth from Arkansas, Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska and Missouri. Youth delegates must be 15 years of age.

The upcoming conference will be held March 7-10, 2007 at the Airport Hilton Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri. The Oklahoma delegation will travel together by bus on Wednesday morning March 7, 2007, travel all day and arrive in Kansas City prior to the opening of the conference. On the return trip, the group will depart from Kansas City on Saturday morning, March 10, to travel back to Oklahoma.

The cost of this trip is \$375 but it falls under the Kingfisher County 4-H Leaders Council Scholarship Program. For more information contact Steve at the Kingfisher Extension Office.

Pseudorabies Test for Swine

All swine to be exhibited in upcoming spring livestock shows must be tested for Pseudorabies.

This is a blood test that must be performed by a veterinarian. For the spring shows you may have this test done anytime after December 1, 2006. You must provide a copy of the results each time you exhibit your pig.



Pork Quality Assurance (PQA)

Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) is required for swine exhibitors to show in the 2007 Youth Expo (state stock show). There are three different age groups and three different levels of requirements. Contact your local FFA Advisor or the Kingfisher County OSU Extension Office to see if your PQA certification is up-to date or if you must attend a class. You must be PQA Certified by February 9, 2007.

4-H Day at Oakwood Mall

Each year 4-H members in the Northwest District have an opportunity to participate in 4-H Day at Oakwood Mall in Enid, Oklahoma. This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, January 13, 2007.

Activities during mall day include: Working Displays, Parade of Mini Floats, Talent Show, Style Show, and Mall Day Helpers. (registration deadline is December 15, 2006)

Working Displays last an hour. Members set up a display or presentation on one of their 4-H projects.

Parade of Mini Floats-Counties or clubs can build a mini float promoting 4-H. Floats can be built on a child's wagon or similar piece of equipment.

Talent Show is similar to our 4-H Share-the-Fun contest. We can send 3 acts from Kingfisher County.

Style Show-is a great opportunity to model an outfit you got for Christmas or made. Similar to our county Fashion and Fabrics Contest. There is no limit how many we send from Kingfisher County.

Mall Day Helpers It takes lots of people to make mall day a success. Responsible 4-H teens are encouraged to consider helping with mall day. Nominations for teen leaders to assist with mall day are due to the Northwest District 4-H Office by December 15, 2006.

Contact your Kingfisher County OSU Extension Office for registration forms or more information on this district 4-H activity.

New Kingfisher 4-H Website www.kingfisher4-h.org

This site is still a work in progress. Keep watching for changes to this new site sponsored by Rose Rock Bank in Hennessey and the 4-H Leaders Council. This site will post numerous pictures of 4-Hers at events and web calendars that can be kept up to date by local club leaders.

In the future we will hold workshops for 4-Hers to create their own 4-H pages to post.

4-H Cooking Club

The 4-H cooking club got off to a great start during the past 2 months. They named their club the Kingfisher County Crazy Cooks and seem to be living up to the name.

If you believe that this is something you would be interested in being involved mark your calendar and come to the next meeting at 3:30 pm on November 13th at the Kingfisher Extension Office in the Courthouse.

Oklahoma Youth Expo Nominations

Contact Steve at the Extension Office or your Ag Teacher if you need to order a nomination kit. Make certain that you pay for the kit in time to receive it in the mail before the deadline.

All nominations must be postmarked by their deadline in order to be accepted.

Goats – December 1, 2006 - \$10.00/kit

Swine – January 4, 2007 - \$10.00/kit

Ambassador Bake Sale

The Ambassador Thanksgiving Bake Sale will be November 22nd from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Each Ambassador needs to bring 5-6 homemade baked goods. The items need to be at the Extension Office between 9:00 am and 9:30 am on the 22nd.

It is IMPORTANT that all Ambassadors be there to help out.

There will also be an Ambassadors meeting at noon. Pizza and drinks will be provided.

Ambassadors should stay throughout the duration of the bake sale.



4-H Parent Leaders Council

The 4-H Leaders Council will meet on December 7th at 6:30pm at the Extension Meeting Room in the courthouse. All parents and volunteers are encouraged to attend.

Dates to Remember

- Nov 13th – OFU Speech Contest
- Nov 13th – 4-H Crazy Cooks
- Nov 18th – NW District Make it with Wool
- Nov 21st – 4-H Sewing Club
- November 22nd – Ambassador Bake Sale
- Dec 2nd – NW District Share-The-Fun
- Dec 2nd – Kingfisher in Lights
- Dec 3rd – 4-H Ambassador Christmas Party
- Dec 7th – 4-H Leaders Council Meeting
- Dec 11th – 4-H Cooking School
- Dec 13th – Cashion 4-H
- Dec 13th – Kingfisher 4-H
- Dec 14th – Okarcho Cloverbuds
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- Dec 15th – Oakwood Mall Registration Due
- Dec 19th – 4-H Sewing Club
- Jan 4th – Swine Nomination to Youth Expo
- Jan 7th – Okarcho Club Meets
- Jan 13 – 4-H Oakwood Mall Day
- Feb 9th – PQA Deadline
- Feb 9th – Youth Expo Entry Deadline

What do you call a sleeping steer?

a BULL dozer

Steve Beck

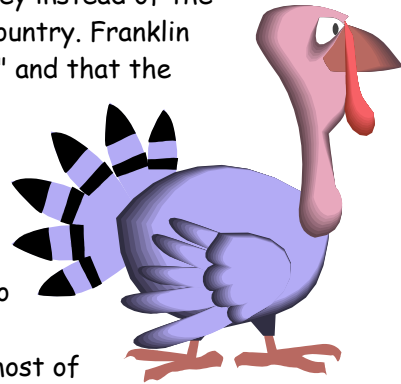
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Quick Turkey Facts

- The wild turkey is native to northern Mexico and the eastern United States.
- Each Thanksgiving about 675 million pounds of turkey are consumed in the US.
- Benjamin Franklin is quoted as having wished the turkey instead of the eagle had been chosen as the representative of our country. Franklin thought the eagle was "a bird of bad moral character" and that the turkey was much more respectable bird. Franklin wanted to put the turkey on the American flag.
- Sesame Street's Big Bird costume is made of turkey feathers.
- Before modern transportation, farmers in the British Isles put leather shoes on turkeys and walked them to market.
- While Americans prefer the white meat of turkeys, most of the world prefers the dark meat.
- Turkeys have 3,500 feathers at maturity.
- Turkeys run wild in many parts of Oklahoma today.
- Wild turkey doesn't taste the same as domesticated turkey because its diet is different.
- Wild turkeys also have more dark meat than domesticated turkey, which is bred to have more white meat.
- Most turkey producers provide large amounts of special food and water for their birds. Turkeys fed this way can grow to 25 pounds within five months.



Some Oklahoma farmers range-feed small flocks of turkeys. That means they turn them loose to find their own grain, weed seed and insects to eat. Five weeks before it's time to sell them, the farmer will start to feed them whole corn so they'll get plump.