

Kingfisher County 4-H News

October 2006

4-H Family Fright night & Pumpkin Carving

October is knocking at our doors, and bringing with it many fun activities.

Fright night will be held October 28th from 6-8 p.m. at the fairgrounds exhibit building.

All clubs need to have a booth set up at Fright Night.



The pumpkin carving and cloverbud pumpkin decorating will begin at 3:00pm at the exhibit building.

Bring an unbruised pumpkin that YOU can carry. Choose one that has a flat bottom. The light colored pumpkins are easier to carve.

For more information, contact the OSU Extension Office.

Ambassadors need to arrive at 2:30pm to help set-up and prepare for the carving. Ambassadors also need to bring 2 dozen "pumpkin" snacks.

Parents may also bring snacks if they wish.

We also need adult volunteers to help.

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.

District Leadership Conference

Kingfisher County 4-H has 8 4-Hers attending the Northwest District Leadership Conference and representing Kingfisher 4-H as voting delegates. Attending this year's conference are Cody Glazier, Blaine Matthews, Amber Matthews, Emily Matthews, Randi Rother, Chelsea Beck, Amy Johnson and Laci Ott.

4-H Game Days

The State 4-H Office has made arrangements for 4-H families to attend two OSU basketball events this season.

The first is for Dec 20th at 7:00pm for a Cowboys Game against Texas San Antonio. Tickets are limited to the first 200 on a first come first serve basis. Tickets cost \$17.00 each and a 4-H Game Day Shirt is available for an additional \$11-15.



The second game is for a Cowgirls VS Texas Tech at 11:00 am on Jan 20th. It will also cost \$17.00 (XXL and XXXL \$2 more) but you will also receive a Game Day Shirt, a special 4-H program and a post game signing party.

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.

Need 4-H Stuff?

You can purchase a lot of cool 4-H gear at WWW.4-hmall.org. 10% of every Oklahoma purchase is rebated to the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation.

4- H Shooting Sports

4-H Fall Trap season has come and gone and winter is ahead. We are trying to coordinate borrowing of some equipment to start up an air rifle, air pistol and archery program for this winter. There are six 4-H shoots held each winter in the NW District that are 4-Hers could be attending.

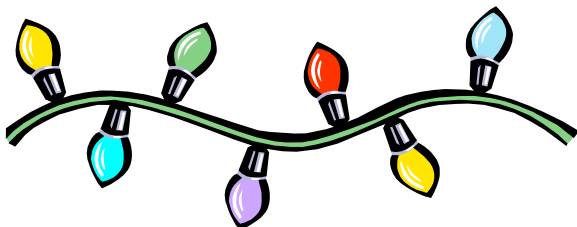
All 4-H shooting sports events are run by State Certified Volunteers. On November 3-4 there will be 7 different certification courses held at the Woodward Fairgrounds. The following is a list of the courses being offered.

Shotgun	November 3 rd & 4 th (two day session)
Hunting/Wildlife	November 3 rd & 4 th (two day session)
Rifle/Pistol	November 3 rd (offered on both the 3 rd & 4 th)
Co. Coordinator	November 3 rd
Living History	November 4 th
Rifle/Pistol	November 4 th (repeat of previous day's workshop)
Archery	November 4 th

If you would be interested in becoming a state 4-H certified coach contact Steve at the extension office for more information.

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.



2006 Share-The-Fun

The 2006 Kingfisher County Share- The-Fun event will be held on November 12th. It will take place in the Exhibit Building at the fairgrounds. There will be no pre-registration this year, just show up by 1:30pm for registration and the show will begin at 2:00pm.

There are 3 age divisions Cloverbuds, Junior 9-13 and Senior 14 and up. Acts can be Musical-vocal, instrumental, or combination: Dramatic-plays reading (humorous or serious): Novelty-games, stunts, pantomimes, etc.



You may enter once in each of the following divisions: individual, small group (2-4 people) and/or with a large group (5 or more people). Start making plans now to be a

part of this fun event! Let's make this the BEST Share- The-Fun ever!!!

Share- The-Fun is a talent sharing activity held on a county, district, and state level. The district and county program are competitive. The state program is designed for recognition of 4-H'ers with outstanding ability and is held in conjunction with Roundup.

The 2nd Annual Goat Field Day

The Oklahoma Meat Goat Association will be hosting the 2nd annual Meat Goat Field Day on Saturday, Nov 4th. Sessions Begins at 9:00a.m. & end at 12:00p.m. at the Pawnee Fairgrounds. Open Goat Show Starts at 2:00p.m. Weigh in Starts at 12:30p.m.

For More Information Contact pawnee County
OSU Extension at (918) 762-2735

Dates to Remember

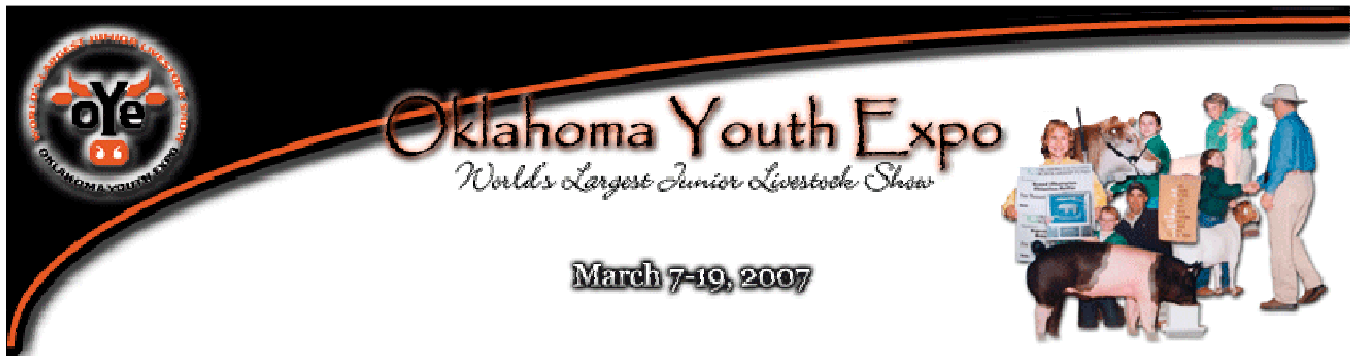
October 9th – 4-H Cooking Club
October 10th – Dover 4-H
October 10th – Okarche 4-H Auction
October 11th – Cashion 4-H meeting
October 11th – Kingfisher 4-H Meeting
October 11th – Hennessey 4-H Meeting
October 14th – State Trap Shoot
October 18-20th – NW District Leader Conf.
October 23rd – District Horse Council Meeting
October 28th – Fright Night
Nov 3-4 – Shooting Sports Certification

Nov 8th – Cashion 4-H
Nov 8th – Kingfisher 4-H
Nov 12th – Share-The-Fun
Nov 13th – OFU Speech Contest
Nov 13th – 4-H Crazy Cooks
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
Jan 13 – 4-H Oakwood Mall Day

Centennial Calendar Art Contest

The Kingfisher County Officers (not 4-H the ones you find in the courthouse) are hosting a Centennial Art Contest. All Kingfisher County Students may enter in the following divisions. PreK-2nd, 3rd-5th, 6th-8th and 9th-12th. The art work must focus on the centennial anniversary of the State of Oklahoma.

Entries are due by December 31st, 2006. For a complete list of the rules contact Steve at the Extension Office or Call the office of the Kingfisher County Clerk.



Oklahoma Youth Expo Nominations

Nomination kits can only be ordered by agricultural education instructors and county extension educators. Individual families or exhibitors may not request kits.

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.

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

Steers: October 19, 2006 **Sheep:** November 1, 2006 **Goats:** December 1, 2006 **Swine:** January 4, 2007

Requirements In order to properly nominate an animal for the 2007 OYE, the following is required:

Steers: hair DNA sample, photo (head & profile shot), nose print, nomination envelope, and \$10 per head (**NOTE: Nose prints should be taken on white index cards. Wipe the steer's nose dry before taking the print so it will be clear and free of smudges. Do not bend card in half to mail in. You must have ink to make the nose print.**)

Swine: hair DNA sample, ear notch, nomination envelope, and \$10 per head

Sheep: hair DNA sample, nomination envelope, and \$10 per head

Goats: hair DNA sample, nomination envelope, and \$10 per head

Block and Bridle Livestock Clinic

Experienced individuals in the livestock industry will educate beginner and advanced showman about beef, goat, horse, sheep, and swine including showmanship techniques, general grooming practices, and much more. Each participant will receive a species-related piece of equipment and a completion certificate. **OSU will provide the animals.** The pre-registration fee is \$30 per participant and must be postmarked by October 27. If you have two children participating in the clinic, the fee is \$50, and if you have three children participating, the fee is \$75. If you do not pre-register yet want to participate, the fee will be \$35.

This event will be held at the Animal Science Arena McElroy west of Western, Stillwater, OK on November 4, 2006.

Registration: 8-9 A.M. Break: 10:30 A.M. Clinic: 9 A.M. to Noon Presentation: Noon

For more information or a copy of the registration form go online to <http://www.ansi.okstate.edu/student/blockbridle>.

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Oklahoma Vegetable of the Month: Pumpkin

Pumpkin is definitely an October food, since 80 percent of the pumpkin supply in our country is available in October. Since the most common way to eat them is in pie, most of us think of pumpkins as fruit, but the pumpkin is actually a vegetable - another cucurbit - like squash, cucumbers and watermelon.

Here's a great way to combine our Fruit and vegetable of the month. Pour cold cider in a pumpkin punch bowl. Thoroughly clean out a pumpkin, making sure to remove all the pulpy strings. Paint a jack-o-lantern face on the outside, using markers. Refrigerate the pumpkin until you are ready to serve.

- The largest pumpkin pie ever made was over five feet in diameter and weighed over 350 pounds. It used 80 pounds of cooked pumpkin, 36 pounds of sugar, 12 dozen eggs and took six hours to bake.
- Pumpkins were once recommended for removing freckles and curing snake bites.
- The tradition of carving pumpkins at Halloween started with the Irish, but the original jack-o-lanterns were made from turnips. When the Irish immigrated to the U.S., they found pumpkins a plenty, and they were much easier to carve.



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