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# 4-H Clover Connection

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## Oklahoma 4-H'ers gear up for county and state fairs

Oklahoma 4-H'ers are nearing the time of year when they are able to showcase their hard work as they prepare for their county fairs, as well as the 2009 Oklahoma State Fair and the Tulsa State Fair.

Club members have been showcasing project work for the Oklahoma State Fair for a century now in Oklahoma.

“As Oklahoma 4-H continues to celebrate its centennial this year, club members and alumni from around the state have an opportunity to look back in celebrating 100 years of project work at the fair,” said Kevin Hackett, Northwest District 4-H program specialist.

The selection of 4-H Centennial classes has been revised for the 2009 fairs and will continue at the 2010 fairs. Alumni classes are an effort to promote even greater participation as former club members also can get in on the fun.

There are classes for 4-H alumni to exhibit past project work, memorabilia, photographs and even their 4-H recordbook.

“For a century fair exhibits have been an important part of the 4-H Youth Development Educational Program by allowing young people the incentive to apply skills and then to exhibit the results of what they've learned and accomplished,” he said.

This year's Oklahoma State Fair will take place Sept. 17-27. Judging day will occur on Sept 16. The Tulsa State Fair will run Oct. 1-11. Exhibits will be judged on Sept. 29.

The excitement and interest the new Centennial classes added last year for the first time was so great a decision was made to extend the classes to the 2010 fairs.

“It also identified the need to provide new educational materials on preserving, documenting, and displaying collections and collectibles” Hackett said. “After 2010 we anticipate new classes or even a new 4-H project area centered around collectibles to be added to carry on the objective of the centennial exhibits which

is to learn about and document our 4-H heritage through the process of identification and preservation.”

Each item in the classes will require research, documentation and reporting to authenticate the item being exhibited.

All 4-H Centennial exhibits entered at the state level at both of the fairs will receive a commemorative 4-H Centennial ribbon. An overall “Best of Show” will be selected for each of the six categories, which includes 4-H collections, photography, family living, mechanical sciences and plant science.

“All 4-H'ers who participate in the 4-H Centennial Road Trip have the opportunity to showcase their experiences through new fair exhibits added for the 2009 fairs,” he said.

In keeping with tradition, visitors to the fairs will still be able to see a wide variety of 4-H project work in the 4-H exhibits, including woodworking, fabrics and fashion, science and discovery, technology, shooting sports, wildlife, crops, food science and nutrition, entomology and postmarks, just to name a few. Projects seen at the fair represent many of the project areas in which club members work on throughout the year.

Visitors to the Oklahoma State Fair can see all of the exciting 4-H exhibits in the Hobby, Arts and Crafts Building. Individuals who are making plans to visit the Tulsa State Fair should plan to stop by the Ford Truck Arena and see the 4-H exhibits in the Exhibit room of the arena.

“Over the years we've moved locations at both the Oklahoma State Fair and the Tulsa State Fair. This year's locations for the 4-H exhibits provide us with ample opportunity for visibility and gives fair-goers the opportunity to see first-hand all of the different types of projects are available to club members and the positive impact 4-H has on today's youth and the communities in which they live,” Hackett said.

Classes for 2009 and all changes made from the 2008 guidelines for both the Oklahoma State Fair and the Tulsa State Fair can be found on the 4-H Web site at <http://oklahoma4h.okstate.edu/events/statefair.htm>.

## Record Book Evaluation

Leaders are asked to attend the Blaine County Record Book Evaluations on Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at noon – Blaine County Fairgrounds, Foley Building. Lunch will be provided.

## State 4-H Roundup

Recently returning from State Roundup were James & Bethany Syzmore, Tory Pierce, Karson Henke, Michelle Helm, and Kristi Burghardt. James ran for State 4-H Secretary; however, lost in a close race. He will continue to represent NW District as a State Representative.

## Centennial Ideas & Events

There will be a BIG 4-H Party October 10<sup>th</sup> at the 4-H Centennial Maze near Hydro on the P-Bar Farm. Plans are to include a dance that evening. Costs are yet to be determined. You can also visit the maze during regular business hours this fall.

## Centennial Green Tie Gala

A 4-H Gala will be held November 6<sup>th</sup> at the Skirvin-Hilton in Oklahoma City. Tickets are \$125 for adults & \$100 for students.

## Back to School Picnic & Meeting

Our annual County-Wide Back to School Picnic and Meeting will be held **Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> Roman Nose State Park.** 4-H members may swim during the afternoon (courtesy of our leaders). Parents and siblings are also welcome to swim (at their own expense). Our meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a picnic. (In the event of rain, the picnic will be held at the fairgrounds beginning at 6 p.m.). The 4-H Leaders/Boosters will furnish the hotdogs, buns, chips and drinks. Each family is requested to bring dips, salads, desserts, and veggies to complete the picnic.

Plans are for the leaders to meet and set the calendar for the upcoming 4-H year. Our teen members (over 13 years of age) will also meet, elect officers and plan for the 2009-10 program year.

**Bring your school calendars to help in scheduling!**

## 4-H Enrollment & Meeting Information

Membership in 4-H is open to any youth ages 9-19 or has began 4<sup>th</sup> grade. 4-H enrollment is on-going, however, during August local clubs are asked to update enrollment and enroll new members. Check with your local 4-H club leaders to find out when your next 4-H meeting is and make sure your enrollment is current.

Being an active member of 4-H starts by attending your local 4-H club meetings. A 4-H meeting should be scheduled on a regular basis at a consistent time and place. It should be run by officers elected by the membership with supervision and instruction from positive and caring adults. A good meeting will have three parts: business, education and recreation. 4-H members should have fun and have opportunity for recognition and peer support. A well-organized meeting encourages members to participate. Plan in advance, start and end on time, stay on task, use parliamentary procedure and be informative.

## New 4-H Year Begins

The year is off and running and so is 4-H. By the time you read this newsletter, you may have already attended your first 4-H meeting of the year. If you've just joined 4-H, welcome to the Blaine County 4-H program! If you are continuing as a 4-H member, it's great to have you remain with us. If you have not enrolled in 4-H for this coming year, please fill out a new enrollment form. Enrollment forms may be picked up at the OSU Extension Office (located in the basement of the courthouse) or from your local leaders located in each community.



## Ice Cream Contest

Dairy MAX is sponsoring a "From Cow to Cone: Homemade Ice Cream Contest" on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at the Oklahoma State Fair. Entries are due August 15<sup>th</sup>. Rules and guidelines are on-line at (<http://agweb.okstate.edu/fourh>).

## Summer is Ending

Summer is coming to a quick end and the fair will be happening next week! We hope that you have lots of exhibits ready to display at our county fair. Be sure and check out the schedule and place your entries. Exhibits that place 1<sup>st</sup> in the 4-H Division are eligible for the Oklahoma State Fair. These exhibits remain at the Extension Office, or if you choose to take them home, they must be returned to the Extension Office by Monday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. Food items that need to be replaced will need to arrive at Alvin's home by 8 p.m. on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. We need time to label and pack these articles for the State Fair. Ask either Alvin or Joy, if you need further assistance.

## Geary Tri-County Fair

If you are interested in entering items at the Geary Fair, contact District #1 County Commissioner's Office at 405-884-2301 for more information. 4-H members from all area communities are encouraged to participate on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

## 4-H Day at a Cowboy Football Game 2009

4-H Day at an OSU Cowboy Football Game is planned for Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> against Rice University. Group ticket rate of \$40 per person also includes a hot dog, soft drink and water station for event participants and guests. Game day T-Shirts are not part of the \$40. They can be purchased for an additional charge to be picked up at the State 4-H Office on game day. If you are interested, call the Blaine County Extension Office for more details. Orders are due by September 4<sup>th</sup>.



## A Weeklong Celebration of 4-H Across the Country October 4-10, 2009

Plan community service activities during National 4-H, Service Week, October 4-10, 2009. Recognize your volunteers! This is a great time to publicize 4-H in your communities. Recruit new members! Celebrate!

## 2009 District & State Officer Candidates Filing Applications

Applications for District office are due in the NW District by October 1, 2009. District officers will be elected at the 2009 NW District Leadership Conference. For more details, contact the Extension Office. All applications and materials for district and state officer candidates have been posted on line at <http://oklahoma4h.okstate.edu/leadership/>. Carefully follow the instructions provided with each filing application.



## 2009 Tulsa State Fair

Market steers, sheep, goats and swine have been nominated to show at the 2009 Tulsa State Fair. One important step is left and that is the August 28<sup>th</sup> deadline to complete the online entry. Complete rules are available on the internet at [www.tulsastatefair.com](http://www.tulsastatefair.com). Click on the blue Tulsa State Fair tag, click on Livestock Book, click on Jr. Livestock Show and Contests. Entry fee for market steers and breeding heifers are \$30, Market whether lambs, market barrows and market meat goats is \$20 per head. Entry fee for breeding ewes, breeding gilts and breeding does is \$15 per head.

## Visit the Oklahoma 4-H Centennial Garden

If you're in Stillwater, make sure you visit the 4-H Centennial Garden at the Oklahoma Botanical Gardens, west of the OSU campus. For directions and hours, please visit

<http://www.oklahomagardenin.g.okstate.edu> or call Jessica Stewart at 405-744-7960.



## Septemberfest

Oklahoma 4-H will once again participate in Septemberfest at the Governor's Mansion on September 12<sup>th</sup>. 4-H'ers are asked to provide games and activities to teach youth and potential 4-H'ers what 4-H is all about. Forms are available on line or at the Extension Office. You should plan for an activity that can be repeated and captures the urban audiences attention. Examples are dog club activities, sport fishing, water resources, etc. Registration is available online or at the Extension Office. Deadline is August 14<sup>th</sup>.

## Volunteers for Kids Crafts



If you would like to volunteer at the Oklahoma State Fair, the Theater and City Arts Center is coordinating a kid's craft area on the weekends. You must be 12 years old and able to work a

2- to 3-hour time slot. Forms are available at the State 4-H Website

(<http://oklahoma4h.okstate.edu/events>)

or from the Blaine County Extension Office. Slots are available on a first-come, first-scheduled basis. Call right away, if you are interested

## State Fairs

**Oklahoma State Fair  
September 17 – 27, 2009**

**Tulsa State Fair  
October 1 – 11, 2009**

## Fair Catalogues

Fair catalogues are available in locations around your community or can be picked up at the Extension Office located in the basement of the courthouse in Watonga or on line at our website:

<http://oces.okstate.edu/blaine>.

Be sure and check the special categories available!

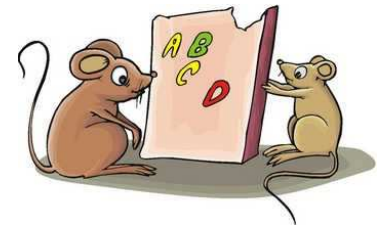


## Interactive Displays at Oklahoma State Fair

If you and a small group are interested in doing an interactive display at the State Fair of Oklahoma, there are opportunities for you. Groups are invited to set up and do a working display on the weekends of the State Fair in Oklahoma City. Forms are available at the State 4-H Web-Site or in the Extension Office. You will receive free tickets to the fair, as well as good parking. The deadline to be considered is September 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Watonga Cheese Festival Food Contest

The Cheese Festival will be held this year on October 9 & 10, 2009. The Food Contest will be held and conducted at the Blaine County



Fairgrounds on Friday,

October 9<sup>th</sup>. Entry forms can be obtained at the Extension Office or on our web-site at

<http://oces.okstate.edu/blaine>. Click on Family & Consumer Sciences and then on '2009 Watonga Cheese Food Contest File'.

Classes that can be entered: Cheese Main Dish, Vegetables, Breads, Desserts, Cheese Snack, and Salads & Salad Dressings. Junior entries can be submitted on Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Judging begins at 10:00 a.m.

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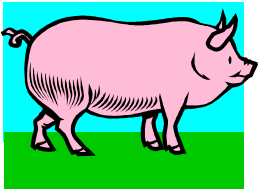
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## 2009 NW District Leadership Conference

Leadership Conference will be October 14-16, 2009 and arrangements are progressing at the current time to hold it in Enid. We anticipate the registration fee will be \$95 for youth and \$93 for adult sponsors. Registration information and fees are due to the Blaine County OSU Extension Office September 16<sup>th</sup>.

### Swine Exhibitors Required to Have Premise Identification



Swine exhibitors are required to have an official premise identification card issued by the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture,

Food & Forestry effective August 1, 2009 to show their animals in the 2009 fall shows. This includes all swine shows, including the Blaine County Free Fair, State Fair of Oklahoma and Tulsa State Fair.

The process to register for a Premise Identification Card can be done by visiting the Oklahoma Dept. of Ag webpage at the following address and filling out the Premise Identification form

<http://www.oda.state.ok.us/forms/ais/preiseid.pdf> or by contacting your local FFA Advisor or your Blaine County OSU Extension Office for a copy of the registration form.

Officials say the rule will protect both economic and social interests. "This is a very proactive step that lets Oklahomans decide how best to protect the health of our citizens, our livestock and our livestock show industry," said Governor Brad Henry. "Suggestions were made earlier by the Centers for Disease Control and some commercial producers to eliminate swine shows completely, but this is a much better alternative that lets our 4-H and FFA members compete in livestock shows."

### 4-H & FFA Wheat Show

Blaine County has been notified that 22 of the top 25 wheat entries were submitted by Blaine county 4-H & FFA members. Awards will be given on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

## BLAINE COUNTY FREE FAIR SCHEDULE August 27, 28 & 29, 2009

### Program and Events Blaine County Fairgrounds - Watonga, Okla.

#### THURSDAY

- 4:00p.m. - Entries by Exhibitors - THURSDAY evening
- 4:00p.m. - Livestock Entries Weigh-in By Superintendents
- 6:30p.m. - Entries close for non-livestock exhibits
- 8:00p.m. - All livestock Entries must be in place, including Poultry & Rabbits
- 9:00p.m. - Exhibit Room Closes

#### FRIDAY

- 7:30a.m. .... Non-livestock Entries by Exhibitors Livestock Entries must be entered on Thursday Eve.
- 8:00a.m. .... Commercial exhibits open
- 9:00a.m. .... Judging of Cattle Exhibits
- 9:00a.m. ... Judging of Poultry & Rabbits Exhibits
- 10:00a.m. .... All exhibits must be in place
- 11:00a.m. .... Judging of Home & Community Education, 4-H, Agricultural, & Open Class
- 2:00p.m. .... Judging of Goats Exhibits Sheep to follow at completion of Goats
- 4:00p.m. .... Blaine Co. Elected Officials Watermelon Feed
- 6:00-7:00pm – Practice for Tractor Driving Contest
- 6:00p.m. .... Bucket Calf Show
- 6:00p.m. .... Entries to Pet Show, Arena Building
- 6:30p.m. .... Pet Show
- 6:30p.m. .... Judging of Homemade Ice Cream
- 7:00p.m. .... Tractor Driving Contest
- 7:00p.m. .... Ice Cream served
- 7:30p.m. .... Cake Auction, Foley Bldg
- 9:00p.m. .... Exhibit Room Closes &

#### Release of Poultry & Rabbits ONLY

#### SATURDAY

- 7:00a.m. .... Judging of Swine Exhibits
- 8:00a.m. .... Commercial & Fair Exhibits open
- 9:00-12noon. .... 4-H Consumer Judging Contest, Foley Building
- 1:00p.m. .... Entries for Pie Baking Contest Taken
- 2:00p.m. .... Judging of Pie Baking Contest
- 3:00p.m. .... Most Man Appealing Pie Contest, Foley Building
- 6:00p.m. .... Entries to Youth Horse Show
- 6:00p.m. .... Non-Livestock Entries Released
- 7:00p.m. .... Youth Horse Show