



4-H Clover Connection

Canadian County

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Creating Blue Ribbon 4-H'ers

- ❖ The purpose of 4-H projects is to create a blue ribbon child, not a blue ribbon project.
- ❖ Through project work members "Learn by Doing."
- ❖ The 4-H project is a tool for helping boys and girls develop into more capable adults by learning to plan, set goals, make decisions and evaluate.
- ❖ 4-H members learn desirable habits and attitudes through 4-H project work.
- ❖ Projects focus on helping members learn to help themselves, which leads to learning to help others.

Life Skills developed include:

- ❖ Decision making
- ❖ Planning, implementing and evaluating
- ❖ Communicating
- ❖ Accepting responsibility
- ❖ Record keeping

The goal of project work is to:

- ❖ Develop Skills
- ❖ Learn by Doing
- ❖ Gain Knowledge
- ❖ Accept Responsibility
- ❖ Create Ownership
- ❖ Explore Careers
- ❖ Gain Achievement





4-H Opportunities

Got Horticulture???

Canadian County Extension is pleased to announce that they will now be offering horticulture education to people of all ages. Casey Sharber, of Sapulpa, OK, was recently hired specifically for this purpose. Over the next year, she will be developing both Master Gardener and Junior Master Gardener Programs.

The Master Gardener Program is a volunteer program for adult. It is designed so participants are trained in horticulture first and then in return volunteer in various ways to help educate others about horticulture.

The Junior Master Gardeners is a youth program designed to help kids have a better understanding of plants and why they are important through various lessons and activities.

Casey was first introduced to horticulture when she was young. She participated in horticulture judging and entered several horticulture projects in the fair. In addition to developing the educational programs, Casey is happy to help 4-H'ers who may be interested in developing a horticulture project.

Casey is excited to make horticulture a strong component of Canadian County Extension and looks forward to all the possibilities. If you are interested in receiving more information about horticulture activities, please contact the Canadian County Extension office and ask to be put on the Horticulture newsletter mailing list.



4-H Christmas Social

Thursday, December 13
3—8 p.m.

Kirkpatrick 4-H Farm, Yukon

We will have Christmas goodies to munch on along with Christmas music. Every 4-H'er/family is encouraged to bring an unopened/unwrapped gift for a child, ages toddler to teen. The gifts will be donated in each of the communities in the county that are set up to accept donations. Please R.S.V.P. by December 10.

Record Books

Gain the recognition you deserve for your 4-H work by turning in a 4-H Record Book. Forms and due dates are as follows:

State Level Competition

- ❖ 4-H'er must be 14 by January 1, 2008 and complete an Oklahoma Report Form.
- ❖ Oklahoma Report Form is due to the county office by March 7. It will include information from March 20, 2007 through March 7, 2008.
- ❖ If you would like help developing your Oklahoma Report Form contact Susan or Tom.

County Level Competition

- ❖ Open to all 4-H'ers ages 9-19. 4-H'ers may complete a 4-H Record Book or a County Medal Folder.
- ❖ These forms are due to the county office by May 15. They will include information from May 15, 2007 thru May 15, 2008.
- ❖ If you need help filling out these forms contact Susan or Tom.

Junior 4-H Camp

- ❖ Age guidelines: **Campers will be ages 9—13 as of January 1, 2008**
- ❖ Youth leadership teams at camp will be ages 14—19 as of January 1, 2008. There will be 20 youth leadership positions available at camp. Leadership positions will be filled through an application process. To learn more about the application process check out page 4 of this newsletter.
- ❖ Youth ages 14—19 **will not** be able to attend camp as a camper. There will be an alternate activity for this age group. (Tri-County Retreat)

County Event Dates

Christmas Social.....	December 13
Appropriate Dress.....	April 5
Dress Revue	April 5
Public Speaking	April 5
Job Readiness	April 5



Training Offered

Executive Council Meeting & Training:
 Date: February 19
 Time: 7 p.m.
 Location: 4-H Farm
 Topic: 4-H Recognition & Awards
 (new record books)

Executive Council Meeting & Training:
 May 13 at Super Tuesday
 Time: 7 p.m.
 Location: 4-H Farm
 Topic: Developing Projects

On TRAC
 July 8
 Time: 1st Session—3 p.m.
 2nd Session—4 p.m.
 Council Meeting—5 p.m.
 Club Planning—6 p.m.
 These trainings will cover project development, 4-H year development and working with local officers.

Susan's Notes

Reminder!!

Certified leaders are required to attend four trainings a year. Be sure to take advantage of some of the listed trainings. If there are other trainings that you would like to see offered, please call the office.



4-H Know How!!

2008 SW District Volunteer Conference
 Saturday, February 2 at the Tech Center in Lawton
 R.S.V.P. by January 4 to have the county pay your costs.

Early Bird Activities Tentative Schedule

- 8:30 a.m. **Register for District Speech Contest** –Building 600
District Officers in Charge
- 9 a.m. **District Speech Contest**
- 9:30-11 a.m. **Early Bird Sessions (pre-enrollment required)**
 Session 1– Putting the Health Back 4-H, - Karla Knoepfli
 Session 2 – Photoshop — Kent Murray
 Session 3 – 4-H Centennial Road Trip
- 10-11 a.m. District Horse Council – Room 301 B
- 10:30 a.m. Registration and Set up Mini Fair Displays – Bldg 300
- 10:45 a.m. **4-H Day at the Capitol Training**
- 11:15 a.m. Lunch for full day participants – Room 301
- 11:45 a.m. Welcome, Introduction of Board Candidates, Voting
Recognition of County Volunteer & Lifetime Volunteers of the Year
- 12:30 – 1:15 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions**
 Session 1 – Consumer Judging – Brenda Gandy
 Session 2 – Communicating with Decision-makers (tentative)
 Session 3 – Horse Judging – Kevina Green
 Session 4 – Jump into Fun and Fitness – Brenda Hill
 Session 5 – Parliamentary Procedure – Rep. Joe Dorman
- 1:30 – 2:15 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions**
 Session 1 – Youth Led Service Projects – Julie Bragg & Haley Armstrong
 Session 2 – Mini-Society – Alan VanDeventer
 Session 3 – Keeping Tweens and Teens (tentative)
 Session 4 – Hunting and Wildlife – Jeff Dill
 Session 5 – Etiquette – Linda Riley
- 2:30 – 3:15 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions**
 Session 1 – Public Speaking - Derek Ott
 Session 2 – Emergency Preparedness – Glynadee Edwards
 Session 3 – What Can Cloverbuds Do? – Brenda Dodd
 Session 4 – Food Safety for Volunteers – Ranel Lasley
 Session 5 – 4-H Promotion (tentative)

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Building Leaders for Tomorrow

Oklahoma 4-H Youth Development

December Meeting

December 9, 2007
Location & Time TBA
Teen Leader Christmas Party

We will send a post card out to all of the teen leaders about the Christmas party the week December 3.

JANUARY MEETING

January 28, 2008
6:30 p.m., Kirkpatrick 4-H Farm
We will have a business meeting to plan activities for the rest of the spring. Plan to attend.

February Meeting

February 25, 2008
6:30 pm, Kirkpatrick 4-H Farm

This meeting will be planned at our January meeting and details will be sent in a postcard after the January meeting.

Tri-County Retreat

- ❖ The Tri-County Retreat is scheduled for June 23—25.
- ❖ The location and program will be determined at a later date. If you would like to be involved in the planning, contact Tom or Susan.
- ❖ The retreat will serve as the alternative to 4-H Camp for those youth that do not get to attend camp as part of the leadership team.
- ❖ This activity involves the same counties as camp and is aimed at youth ages 13 and over.
- ❖ Details about the retreat will be available in the next newsletter.

4-H Camp

Those between the ages of 14 and 19 will only be able to attend camp as part of the camp leadership team. There will be 20 leadership positions available.

To become part of the camp leadership team you will need to fill out an application and return it by the due date and attend the planning session and trainings.

Leadership positions include:

Camp Counselor—this position is responsible for their cabin's campers.

Camp Staff—this position helps facilitate the running of camp.

Both positions will be involved in the planning process and will go to camp a day early to prepare the camp grounds for the campers.

Important dates: (Required)

February 20
Applications due

April 17—7 p.m.
Camp Planning Meeting
Location & time—TBA

May 29
Leadership Team Training
Location & time—TBA

June 2
Leadership Team arrives at camp
Travel Plans—TBA

June 3—6
4-H Camp

Important Dates

December 3

Share the Fun

December 9

Teen Leader Christmas Party

December 13

4-H Christmas Social

January 28

Teen Leader Meeting

February 2

SW District Speech Contest
SW District Leaders Conference

February 20

Camp Leadership Forms Due

February 25

Teen Leader Meeting

March 7

State Forms Due
Oklahoma Report Form, Scholarship forms, Conference, etc...

Clovers Toll!...



Congratulations! to

all of the participants of the Oklahoma City and Tulsa State Fairs. Canadian County was well represented by its 4-H members.

Good Job! to all of the participants of the 4-H Café held November 3rd at Myers Elementary.

Special thanks to those presenting workshops.

Thanks & Congratulations

to everyone that made the 10th Annual Bean & Soup Dinner a success! We fed approximately 240 people and raised a little over \$6,000. The money will be shared with the clubs that participated in the event and help pay for trainings, awards, and 4-H activities at the county level.



4-H FARM NEWS

Politics, Producers and Attitudes!

Happy Holidays Canadian County and how's everybody? As we finish the election season and come into the holiday season, it always amazes me the type of advertisements we see. These advertisements are produced to create an attitude about change, a certain candidate, a store or even to create an awareness of charities or groups. No matter what the message, it all goes back to our own attitude. Some people are HARD CORE Democrats or Republicans and won't change their way of thinking no matter what good points might be brought up by the opposition, while others are open to anything, anytime. Either way, success relies on how we react to situations, commercials, advertisements or other things that affect us daily. We saw a definite reaction in the elections this year based on attitudes towards politics, and we are definitely seeing changes in the Holiday vs. Christmas season issue, etc. No matter who or what is involved, you are the producer of your own attitude and it is up to you to ensure success for yourself and the programs you believe in. I close this month's letter with a statement from Charles Swindoll:

"The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude to me is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than success, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, gift or skill. It will make or break a company.. a church.. a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past... we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the string we have, and that is our attitude. I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you... We are in charge of our attitudes".

So I challenge you Canadian County! Wake up each day with an attitude of success. Make the best of any situation that comes along no matter if it originates from a bad situation. I leave you with these basic rules to enhance your attitude. As always, thank you for your continued support and have a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Life is too short to waste time hating ANYONE!
No one is in charge of your happiness except YOU!
Life is too short for long pity parties.

Don't take yourself so seriously. (Nobody else does!)
Be eccentric now—Don't wait for old age to wear purple!
Get busy living or get busy dying!



It's never too late to have a happy childhood, but the second one is up to you and no one else!
Frame every so-called disaster with these words: "IN FIVE YEARS, WILL THIS MATTER?"

Tomas

OKC Nominations

Goat Nominations—Goats will be nominated at home by the family, ag teacher, or Extension agent. The nomination fee is \$10/head. All Market Wethers and Doe goats must be nominated to be allowed to show at OKC.

Swine Nominations are due no later than January 4. All hogs (barrows & gilts) must be nominated to show at OKC. **It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to obtain the kit** from the Extension office/ag teachers and return to the Oklahoma Youth Expo by January 4. All PQA certifications must be complete and numbers must be on the nomination forms. Each swine nominated will cost \$10.

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE THE 1ST ANNUAL GOAT WORKSHOP A HUGE SUCCESS!!!!

November and December are good months to schedule a livestock visit or get assistance finding a project; please call Tom at the office or the 4-H Farm.

PQA CLASS & UPDATE

If you need to update your PQA certification, please contact Tom no later than Dec.15. If enough requests are made, a class will be scheduled for later in December.

It is getting COLDER, so be sure to provide good, clean bedding and fresh water for your livestock projects. It is easier and more cost effective to keep them healthy than it is to have to doctor them!

DATES TO REMEMBER


December 1 Goat nominations due to OKC
December 5 4-H Christmas Dinner
January 4 Hog nominations due to OKC
February 10 4-H Day
Feb. 14—17 SW District Livestock Show
..... Chickasha
March 3—6 County Spring Stock Show
March 7—19 OKC Spring Youth Expo

THIS IS A WEEK EARLIER THAN LAST YEAR!

MUST HAVE A PQA NUMBER ON PIG NOMINATION FORM!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
DECEMBER						1
2 	3 Share the Fun Tech Center	4	5	6	7	8
9 Teen Leader Christmas Party	10 Foundation Christmas	11	12	13 Christmas Social 4-H Farm	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 30	24 31	25 Merry Christmas!!	26	27	28	29

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JANUARY						5 SW District Share the Fun
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Office Closed	22	23	24	25	26 
27	28 Teen Leader Meeting	29	30	31		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
FEBRUARY					1	2 SW District Leader's Conf.
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Happy Valentine's Day!	15	16
17	18 Office Closed	19 Leader Training & Business Mtg.	20 Camp Counselor Applications Due	21	22	23
24	25 Teen Leader Meeting	26	27	28	29	

Forms & Replies

Return form(s) to Canadian County 4-H, P.O. Box 519, El Reno, OK 73036-0519 or Fax to 262-2267

Due December 10, 2007



Name: _____ Number Attending: _____

Due December 11, 2007

PQA TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION

Name: _____ Age: _____ Club: _____

Certification Type (check one): _____ New _____ Re-certification

Due January 4, 2008

SW District Leaders Conference

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Club: _____

Number Attending: _____

Sign me/us up for:

_____ Volunteer Conference only (begins at noon, eat lunch before you arrive) \$2.00

_____ Full Day – includes lunch and Early Bird Activities \$5.00

The leader's council will pay these costs if you R.S.V.P. by the due date!

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!!