The air is crisp, the leaves are changing color and the shelves at sporting goods stores are loaded with hunter orange clothing.

Hunting can be a great way for parents and children to spend time together, said Kevin Allen, state 4-H shooting sports coordinator.

“Before climbing into a hunting blind or stepping out onto a field to hunt big or small game, it’s important to have gone through a hunter education course,” Allen said. “These courses not only cover hunting with firearms, but also archery.”

It appears hunter education pays off. Over the last 30 years, hunting accidents have been reduced by 32 percent nationwide. This can be attributed to the fact that 49 states now require hunter education. In addition, laws are in place requiring hunter orange and restricting loaded firearms in vehicles.

In Oklahoma, hunters 9 years of age or younger must be hunter education certified in order to hunt deer.

“Youth age 9 or younger cannot buy any big game license or hunt any big game if they aren’t certified,” Allen said. “Youth ages 10 through 15 can buy a hunting license, but if they’re not hunter certified the license will have an apprentice designation and will have additional hunter requirements.”

Certified hunters between the ages of 10 and 35 can buy any hunting license (if required) and hunt big or small game alone.

Those who are 15 or younger and no license is required, must carry their hunter education certification while hunting small game.

There are three options for completing the hunter education certification, including attending the traditional 8-hour class, the home study class or the Internet version of the home study class.

“You’ll also want to remove any personal information such as tax records and financial data from the device or request that the receiving organization remove the data,” he said.

Because e-waste is quickly filling up the nation’s waste stream, consumers are urged to help reduce this trend through smart acquisition and good maintenance. Using equipment for as long as possible and recycling those components that cannot be repaired are two steps that can be taken to help slow down the accumulation of e-waste.

“There is some research that indicates as much as 75% of old electronics are in storage mainly because of the uncertainty of how to manage the materials,” Sallee said. “Combine this with increasing advances in technology and the wide variety of new electronic products headed toward the market and it’s clearly no wonder that e-waste is becoming such a hot topic.”

Some consumers may be wondering what to do in the event there is no appropriate recycling or disposal option readily available in their area. Patience is the best answer.

Laws and policies are rapidly evolving and may subject portions of the old equipment to hazardous waste regulation.

It is important to correctly manage these materials, and as the laws evolve, options for managing e-waste will also evolve.

“Check your local Yellow Pages under Computer Dealers – Used and Recycled; Environmental and Ecological Services; Recycling Equipment and Services, Scrap Metals; Waste Disposal – Hazardous; or Waste Disposal, Reduction and Recycling to see if services are available in your area,” Sallee said.
Livestock News

ALL 2009 Oklahoma Youth Expo nominations will be a self nomination, mail in process.

Nomination kits FOR SWINE must be requested from the Extension Office no later than November 23, 2009.

Kits may NOT be requested by individual exhibitors or families. Checks only accepted from School or Extension office.

Swine nomination kits:
Mail in nomination: December 10, 2009.

Sheep and goats: Nominated through a manual, on-site nomination process at one of the following locations:
*Muskogee County Fairgrounds
Muskogee, OK – Tuesday, November 3, 2009 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

*Grady County Fairgrounds
Chickasha, OK – Wednesday, November 4, 2009 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

*Chisholm Trail Expo Center
Enid, OK – Thursday, November 5, 2009 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

More information available at:
http://okyouthexpo.com (under nominations)

FYI: All livestock showing at the Kay County Jr. Livestock spring show must be nominated through the Oklahoma Youth Expo. There will be no county nominations except for commercial groups, commercial heifers and registered heifers. All commercial groups must be nominated at the Blackwell Livestock Sale Barn on November 4th at 3:00 p.m. This includes all commercial heifers.

KAY COUNTY 4-H FUNDRAISER
NOVEMBER 14, 2009
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
NOC Ag Center

HAMBURGER WITH ALL THE FIXIN’S....
BAKED BEANS, CHIPS, CHOCOLATE SHEET CAKE AND A DRINK FOR $5.00

SHARE-THE-FUN will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the NOC Performing Arts Auditorium.

PARENTS & LEADERS TRAINING
Date: November 23, 2009
Time: 6:30 p.m.
OSU Extension Center, Courthouse in Newkirk

Let’s plan on bringing a fellow parent along with you for the evening.

TEEN LEADERS MEETING
Date: November 23, 2009
Time: 6:30 p.m.
OSU Extension Center, Courthouse in Newkirk

All 4-H’ers who are 13 years of age are encouraged to participate. We will be discussing our holiday party and signing up for the Festival of Angels Christmas Display.
KAY COUNTY 4-H CLOVER CONNECTION
NOVEMBER, 2009

SHARE-THE-FUN
NOVEMBER 14, 2009
7:00 P.M. in the NOC Performing Arts Auditorium

This year Kay County 4-H will be holding a fundraiser Dinner from 5:30 – 6:30 prior to Share-the-Fun. The dinner will consist of Hamburgers with all the fixin’s, baked beans, chips, chocolate sheet cake and a drink for $5.00 at the door.

Share-The-Fun will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Auditorium. Everyone in the community is invited as this will be a Kay County 4-H Fundraiser, so come out and support 4-H and enjoy an evening full of fun and entertainment.

This year there will be no age divisions. The only requirement is that you are a 4-H member. Nine year-olds can participate with 16-year olds. We will be able to send two group acts (one small consisting of two to four individuals, and one large consisting of five or more members) and one individual act to the District Share-The-Fun on December 5th. A 4-H’er can participate in one individual act, as many small or large group as they want.

General Rules: No use of live animals, no hay, water or any other substances that could cause harm or damage to the stage, building or facilities. REMEMBER ALL TAPES MUST BE CUED!

All Share-The-Fun acts must be turned into the OSU Extension office by November 9th to allow us time to put together the program. Can bring to office, mail or fax entry form. Entry form available at the Extension office or the county website: http://oces.okstate.edu/kay

4-H DAY AT OAKWOOD MALL IN ENID - JANUARY 9, 2010

Registration forms due by December 11, 2009 to NW District Office (late entries may not be scheduled, but will be considered as alternates to fill in the day of the event.) Entries will be scheduled as they are received. Registration form available at the County Extension office or on-line http://oces.okstate.edu/kay

4-H Day at Oakwood Mall is an activity designed to cultivate and promote the 4-H Club Program in Northwest Oklahoma. (FORMS AVAILABLE IN THE EXTENSION OFFICE)

The committee and Oakwood Mall, reserve the right to decline a program, act or entry inappropriate or dangerous to the Mall facility or the public.

WORKING DISPLAYS
Displays will be set up at several locations throughout the Mall, and will be running from 9:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. 4-H’ers should plan to give an informal presentation about their projects. A six foot table will be provided (some may be eight feet). Participants will need to provide their own posters, equipment, and extension cords (3 prong 15 amp cords only). No cooking appliances (electric skillets, deep fat fryers, microwaves, or related cooking appliances) will be allowed. **Any electrical equipment used in the demonstration/working display must be specified on the application** and may not be allowed. If an extension cord is used, you are required to bring enough duct tape to safely secure it to the floor. It cannot cross a public traffic area. It is required to **indicate the need for an electrical outlet on the application** as all locations will not have electricity available.

Each participant (or team of older and/or younger participants) will have a one hour time block to set up, give presentation and take down the equipment used. The 4-Her(s) must occupy the full hour without running over into the next hour segment. If there is a no show in the time slot after yours you may be invited to stay another hour.

Please complete the form to include needs for an electrical outlet, time preference, and special equipment being used. If more than one person is involved in the same working display then all names should be listed on each form.

PARADE OF MINI-FLOATS
As an inspirational way of beginning a day full of fun and rewarding programs for the public, a short parade of mini-floats has been scheduled for 10:30 a.m. 4-H Floats may represent a club, a community or the county. The District Officers request that County Officers be responsible for designing and building a mini-float representative of their county. The officers or county/club representatives will then march with the float in the parade. 4-H members are encouraged to wear T-Shirts, jackets or
green and white representative of their county or club. The District Officers will be leading the parade. Mini-floats should be built on a child’s wagon or similar base and manually operated. The float may be designed around any theme promoting 4-H in general, or any particular project or activity. The maximum size for a mini-float will be 6 feet in length and 3 feet in width. (This does not include the tongue of the wagon.) Some years the mall management does not allow us to have the parade but floats will be displayed. We will work to have a parade but if not the floats will just be displayed.

The floats may be checked in, assembled and lined up beginning at 9:30 a.m. The parade will begin at 10:30 a.m. Once parade is completed, floats will be parked at the Penney’s and/or Dillard’s Courts for the remainder of the day. The floats must remain on display through 5:30 p.m. Floats must be removed by 5:30 p.m.

### 4-H TALENT AND STYLE SHOWS

This year both 4-H Talent and Style Shows will be included in each show but we will have all Style Show entries, and then have all Talent Act entries for that show. The 4-H members will choose from the 3 shows, 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 3:00 p.m. The NW District Officers and Ambassadors will M.C. the 4-H Talent and Style Shows along with selected teen leaders.

### 4-H TALENT

Each county will have the opportunity to bring three acts from County Share-The-Fun contest. Additional acts from a county will be taken as alternates. We would like quality acts. Acts may include group or individual acts from county Share-The-Funs. We would like for you (the educator) to help us select acts by recommending only those you feel will best represent Oklahoma 4-H to the public. Talent presentations will have up to 10 minutes to set up, perform, and take down.

A piano will not be available. There will not be a dressing room, a backstage area, or curtains that can be pulled, so please consider this when putting acts together. Each act must be checked in at the stage area 15 minutes prior to scheduled show. Please be as accurate as possible in estimating the length of an act, include set-up and tear down. The accuracy is necessary for scheduling. Each act should bring the day of the event an index card listing how they want to be introduced by the narrator.

### STYLE SHOW

There is no limit on the number of entries a county may have, but only one garment per 4-Her. It could be a self-made garment or a garment entered in the impressive dress or similar program. The only space available for dressing will be the public restrooms. For this reason, it would be best to wear garments if possible. Both Junior and Senior age 4-Hers may take part.

All participants should be dressed, checked in at stage and ready to go 15 minutes prior to the scheduled show time.

Each entry should bring, the day of the event, an index card listing what they want to be read as a narration (description of outfit, 4-H project, hobbies) by the narrator.
SHARE-THE-FUN

November 14, 2009
Registration Due by: November 9th, 2009 to Extension Office

ALL INFORMATION MUST BE COMPLETED

YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: ____________________________

NAME OF SKIT: ____________________________________________

CLUB NAME ______________________________________________

PLEASE CHECK ONLY ONE

_____ Jr. Individual Act (9-12 years old)  _____ Sr. Individual Act (13-18 years old)

_____ Small Group (2-4 individuals)  _____ Large Group (5 or more individuals)

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING: (PLEASE PRINT ALL)

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