



4-H Clover Connection

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Safety is no accident

As much as parents and other adults try to protect children from harm, youth often participate in activities that put them in harm's way. Fortunately a number of Extension/4-H safety programs have been developed to take a proactive approach against injuries and even death.

The Oklahoma 4-H Program offers Tractor and Machinery Certification for youth ages 14 and 15, said Kevin Hackett, Northwest District program specialist.

"Youth who successfully complete the course are then legally allowed to work on a farm," Hackett said. "This course has piqued the interest of many families who now attend classes together. Tractor rollovers and runovers are the No. 1 cause of death to children on a farm. With some training, these accidents can hopefully be avoided.

Even though it may be tradition to give children rides on the tractor or other farm equipment, it's not a good idea. It takes just a second for a child to fall and the results can be deadly. Injury and death can result to an extra rider even when in an enclosed cab."

Even if children ask, never let a child younger than 12 years of age on or near a tractor or other equipment. Those who are over the age of 12 should only be there if they are the operator and have had a good amount of safety and operating instructional training.

Not only are farm machinery something to be concerned about, caution also needs to be exercised with All Terrain Vehicles.

"ATVs are popular as recreation vehicles, but parents and riders must make sure that the ATV is the appropriate size for the rider and that they always use the proper safety equipment regardless of the setting or length of ride," he said. "Most ATVs are built for only one rider. A good rule to

keep in mind is that if there's just one seat, there's room for the operator only."

More than 20 Farm Safety Days take place in Oklahoma each year with most affiliated and supported through the Progressive Agriculture Foundation. Tractor and Machinery Operators contests take place at a number of county fairs across the state, as well as at State 4-H Roundup and the Tulsa State Fair.

Another area in which safety must be a top priority is lawn care. Many youth around the state earn money during the spring and summer months doing lawn care for friends and neighbors.

"The power equipment used can be just as dangerous as larger equipment. Youth under age 12 shouldn't use power equipment without direct adult supervision and training," Hackett said. "Anyone involved in lawn care and maintenance should always use proper safety equipment and wear proper clothing and footwear."

Sun exposure also is a key safety issue for 4-H families, whether they are involved in leisure activities, project work or farm and yard work. Proper sun, wind and temperature precautions should always be taken.

Hackett said the 4-H program sees a number of reports in record books of youth preparing talks and demonstrations on farm and home safety topics. These youth also provide related workshops at overnight and day camps, mall days, summer workshops and project days.

"Safety is something that should always be practiced every day and never taken for granted. It can mean the difference in life and death. Although many people may recall the time their grandpa took them on a ride on the combine, safety must be the number one factor. Remember, it's easier to bury a tradition than a child," he said.

TULSA STATE FAIR WINNERS

Congratulations to all Kay County 4-H'ers who placed at the Tulsa State Fair.

All exhibits will be taken to your club leader to be picked up.

Megan Holman, Newkirk Go-Getters	.....	Poster-"Join 4-H"-2 nd place
	.....	Food Science-Cinnamon Rolls-3 rd place
	.....	Food Science-Sugar Cookies-4 th place
Jordan Zimmerschied, Ok Okies	.....	Photography-4 photos "Chow Time" -3 rd place
	.....	Sr. Cultural Art-Metal Salt & Pepper Holder-1 st place
	.....	Cultural Art-Sr. Fabric Craft- Jean Quilt-4 th place
Joshua Zimmerschied, Ok Okies	.....	Cultural Art-Jr. Leather-craft-leather Mask-1 st place
Jessica Miller, Newkirk Go-Getters	.....	Cultural Art-Sr. Watercolor-1 st place
Shane Rippe, Newkirk Go-Getters	.....	Cultural Art-Jr. Pottery-"Brown Bowl" - 4 th place
Jim Denney, Tonkawa 4-H	.....	Cultural Art-Jr. Woodcarving-3 rd place
	.....	Crops-10 ears yellow corn-4 th place
	.....	Home Gardening-White Potatoes-3 rd place
	.....	Home Gardening-Summer Squash Zucchini-4 th place
	.....	Home Gardening-Tomatoes-5 th place
	.....	Home Gardening-Watermelon, long-1 st place
Rachael Smith, Western Wranglers	.....	Cultural Art-Sr. Bead Article-Christmas tree ornament-2 nd place
	.....	Fashion & Fabric-Polar Fleece-"Blanket" -3 rd place
Hunter Thomas, Newkirk OK Okes	.....	Fashion & Fabric-Polar Fleece-"Blanket" -5 th place
Brooke Bergman, Ok Okies	.....	Fashion & Fabric-Poster-"Different Shape & Sizes of People"-5 th place
Carissa Blevins, Kay County Mounties	.....	Food Science-1/2 loaf Bread-2 nd place
	.....	Shooting Sports-Gun Safety Poster-5 th place
	.....	Fashion & Fabric-Poster-"Teacher"-3 rd place
Michele Stephens, Newkirk Go-Getters	.....	Food Science-Salsa-1 st place
Zane Blubaugh, Tonkawa 4-H	.....	Food Science-Bread & Butter Pickles-3 rd place
	.....	Shooting Sports-Poster-"Parts of a 22 rifle"-2 nd place
Karsten Blevins, Kay County Mounties	.....	Shooting Sports-Poster-"Shot Gun Safety"-5 th place
Austin Sawyer, Tonkawa 4-H	.....	Wildlife Project-"Self Determined Poster-Striped, Furbearers"-3 rd place
Michael Horinek, Newkirk Go-Getters	.....	Crops-10 heads of grain sorghum-1 st place
Wyatt May, OK Okies	.....	Crops-Wheat "other"-1 st place
	.....	Crops-Wheat-Duster-2 nd place
Nathan McMillen, Tonkawa 4-H	.....	Home Gardening-Red Potatoes-4 th place
Shelby Brown, Tonkawa 4-H	.....	Home Gardening-Red Onions-2 nd place
Cindy Love, Tonkawa 4-H	.....	Home Gardening-Okra-3 rd place

2009 NATIONAL 4-H WEEK



READY FOR THE CHALLENGE?

Youth across the nation are leading efforts to solve problems in their community, raise awareness about environmental issues, and make a difference for their families.

October is "National 4-H Month" and October 4-10 is "National 4-H week". ALL 4-H members should promote 4-H at their schools during the month of October. Some ideas would be one day out of the week wear a 4-H shirt, make posters and hang them up to recruit new members for your club or make clover shape copies and hand them out. Try to think of something and have fun doing it.

Livestock News

ALL 2009 Oklahoma Youth Expo nominations (steers and swine) will be a self nomination, mail in process.

Nomination kits must be requested from the Extension Office no later than Oct. 14, 2009.

Kits may NOT be requested by individual exhibitors or families. Only school and Extension Office checks will be accepted.

Steers nomination kits

- Mail in nomination
- Deadline: **October 29, 2009**

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)

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 also.

Green Tie Gala

Join Oklahoma 4-H in celebrating its centennial year!

Oklahoma 4-H Green Tie Gala
Friday, **November 6, 2009**

Skirvin-Hilton Hotel, Oklahoma City

Beginning at 6:30 p.m.; adults-only reception to follow
Visit <http://celebrateok4h.okstate.edu> for details about the evening's festivities and other centennial events



Make A Difference Day

The national day to help others October 24, 2009, the 19th annual Day



October 24, 2009 has been designated as *National Make A Difference Day*. Each year numerous 4-H clubs across our nation are choosing to participate. We encourage local clubs to look into this excellent Service-Learning opportunity at: <http://www.usaweekend.com/diffday/>.

SHARE-THE-FUN



Share-The-fun is scheduled for Saturday, **November 14, 2009**, at 7:00 p.m. at the NOC Performing Arts Auditorium.

This year there will be a dinner with the program to follow. The dinner will be from 5:30 -6:30 p.m. and will consist of Hamburgers with all the fixin's, baked beans, chips, chocolate sheet cake and a drink for **\$5.00** at the door. The show 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 2nd** by 4:00 p.m. to allow us time to put together the program. We need names of skit and participant(s) name in writing. No acts will be taken over the phone! 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>

PARENT LEADER OFFICERS MEETING

The Parent Leaders meeting will be held October 26th at 6:30 p.m. in the basement of the courthouse. Share-The-Fun will be discussed along with Family Night.

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TEEN LEADER MEETING

The Teen Leaders Meeting will be held October 26th at 6:30 p.m. in the basement of the courthouse. Teen Leaders is open to all 4-H'ers that are 13 years and older. Hope to see you there.

EACH ONE REACH ONE

If every current 4-H member recruits and enrolls one new member in his/her local club, Oklahoma's 4-H enrollment doubles. We not only want to increase enrollment, but also to increase the retention and participation of new 4-H members.



To participate in "Each One, Reach One", an enrolled 4-H member recruits one "new" member into his/her local club and mentors that person during the first year of enrollment. Mentoring means you help the individual and his/her family to understand 4-H and encourage attendance and participation at club meetings, activities and 4-H events. During the first year of enrollment you will also provide the new member with the leadership and guidance necessary to plan and carry out project work in one 4-H project area.

Our goal is "quality not quantity". We want you to make an investment in the individual so the new member becomes as passionate about 4-H as you are! It is important to understand that participation, cooperation and self-determined goals are just as important as participation in peer competition in the retention of new members during the first year. Contact the County Extension Office for a participation/report form.

2009 American Farmers & Ranches 65th Annual Speech Contest November 23rd at Fairview Middle School Deadline: October 24th, 2008.

This popular event is held in the fall of each year and is available to members and non-members. Students in grades 4-12 compete in their respective category at District contests held around the state. First and second place winners in each of the categories advance to the State Speech Contest held in Stillwater on the campus of Oklahoma State University. While competing in the contest, the top three category winners in each of the four divisions receive plaques and special recognition. Each contestant receives a certificate of participation.

First, second and third place state contest winners receive plaques and U.S. Savings Bonds.

All District Contest registrations will begin at 4:00 p.m. and the contest briefing will begin at 4:30 p.m.

Novice Division – Students in grades 4, 5 and 6.

Time limit: 2-4 minutes. (Novice speakers may only compete in the AFR Category)

Junior Division – Students in grades 7 and 8.

Time limit: 4-6 minutes.

Intermediate Division – Students in grades 9 and 10.

Time limit: 4-6 minutes.

Senior Division – Students in grades 11 and 12.

Time limit: 4-6 minutes.

State Finals will be Saturday, **December 5th**, OSU, Classroom Building, Room 313. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the contest will begin at 10:00 a.m. The Awards Ceremony will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the Student Union Little Theater. Pre-registration forms will be available in the Extension Office or the county website <http://www.oces.okstate.edu/kay>

Registration due by **November 13, 2009**. For more information contact Larry Klumpp at 580-362-3194.



Sunday, October 4th, the 4-H clover and website address was featured on the back TV panel of the No. 24 DuPont Chevrolet driven by Jeff Gordon at the Kansas Speedway!

This is a fantastic promotional opportunity that put 4-H in front of millions of NASCAR fans, 4-H alumni and new friends—and is the result of a very generous donation made possible by National 4-H Council's Board Chair, Jim Borel of DuPont. You can help thank DuPont for their generous support of 4-H and 4-H National Youth Science Day, by encouraging all 4-H fans to post their comments, support and thanks on [4-H.org](http://www.4-H.org) or our [4-H Facebook](#) fan page.

**OAKWOOD MALL DAYS
JANUARY 9, 2010
NOW IS THE TIME TO BEGIN PREPARING
FOR THIS EVENT. MORE INFORMATION
WILL BE IN THE NOVEMBER
NEWSLETTER.**

FRIGHT FEST!



Kay County 4-H Teen Leaders are planning to host a district wide Fright Fest at Frontier City on October 24th, 2009 from 4:00 to Midnight. Cost will be \$20.00 per person. If interested please pre-register at the Kay County Extension office by October 16th, 2009.

Parent's Corner

Sewing Notions and Wool Fabrics

Each year 4-H members have the opportunity to enter clothing construction contests through 4-H and Make It with Wool. I have received a large number of zippers, notions and wool fabrics and am offering them free of charge to 4-Her's needing help with the expense of these projects. If you are interested in looking at what I have available, please call the office to make an appointment.

4-H Financial Education Field Trips

Eastman National Bank is hosting a tour of their Ponca City location, 222 E. Grand, on Tuesday, October 20, 2009 for 4-H members and interested adults. The tour will begin at 3:45 p.m. and will include a tour of their bank (including the vault!), a discussion of banking services for youth, and how banking practices can affect your future.

Ann Bandy will be hosting a field trip to her insurance office on Tuesday, October 27, 2009 at 3:45 p.m. She will discuss how to make car purchases with the best insurance rates in mind as well as other details that affect auto insurance rates for teens and young adults. As you save money for your first vehicle, be sure you can afford the insurance!

If you would like to participate in either of these two field trips, please contact me at the extension center no later than October 13, 2009. I need to let the sites know how many to expect.

All clubs are encouraged to consider participating in this year's 4-H Ronald McDonald House fundraising campaign. The campaign benefits the Ronald McDonald House charity as well as our county 4-H program and the 4-H Foundation. Every member who raises at least \$25 will receive a prize, and the more you raise the more prizes you receive. The top four fundraisers in the state receive special savings bond prizes up to \$1,000, and every county that raises at least \$250 will receive a \$75 savings bond for their top fundraiser. This year's campaign begins as soon as you receive coupons and runs through February 26, 2010, when all donations and forms will need to be turned in to the county office. Please contact the County Extension Office for registration forms. All clubs wishing to participate must sign up in the County Office by November 16, 2009 as forms are due at the state office November 20, 2009.

POP TAB COLLECTION



Collecting pop tabs is a great way to teach kids about philanthropy and the importance of recycling, and to raise funds to help children and their families at the same time. Some of our Chapters raise thousands of dollars with their pop tab collections. Start collecting now! Each gallon of pop tabs equates to the cost of one families stay for one week at the house.

Pop Tab Run Facts:

- ◆ The Ronald McDonald House Pop Tab Collection Program was established in 1987 by the Minneapolis/St. Paul Ronald McDonald House community.
- ◆ To date, more than 400 million pop tabs have been collected, generating more than \$4 million.
- ◆ The ring-pull can was invented in 1962.
- ◆ The pop tab was invented by Ermal Frazee in Kettering, Ohio.
- ◆ Kettering's Frazee Pavillion, a popular amphitheater in Dayton, OH is named after the pop tab.

**Kay County Bread Buffet will be
October 23rd, 2009 at the Kay County
Courthouse. Contact Cynthia Blevins
for more information at 765-3602.**

4-H CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

October 2009 Calendar

- 4-10 NATIONAL 4-H WEEK
- 12 Extension Office Closed
- 13 Registration-call office for Tour of Eastman Bank
- 14 **ALL**Nomination Kit Requests due for Ok Youth Expo
- 16 Fright Fest at Frontier City
- 17 Pre-Registration for Block & Bridle Clinic
- 20 Eastman Bank Tour
- 23 Kay County Bread Buffet
- 24 National Make a Difference Day
Block & Bridle Youth Livestock Clinic
- 27 Field Trip for Ann Bandy Insurance Office
- 29 OYE Steer Nomination Deadline

November 2009 Calendar

- 2 Share the Fun Acts Due in Extension Office
- 3 OYE Sheep Nomination Muskogee, OK
- 4 OYE Sheep Nominations Chickasha, OK
Commercial Groups and Commercial Heifer nominations at Blackwell Sale Barn 3:00 p.m.

- 5 OYE Sheep Nominations Enid, OK
- 6 Green Tie Gala, Skirvin-Hilton Hotel, OKC
- 13 Registration due for American Farmers & Ranches Speech Contest
- 14 Kay County Share the Fun
- 16 Clubs sign up Ronald McDonald Campaign "Kids Helping Kids"
- 23 Deadline to request swine nomination kits
Annual Farmer & Ranches Speech Contest at Fairview Middle School
- 26 Parent Leader Officer and Teen Leader Mtg.

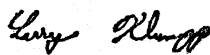
December 2009 Calendar

- 5 District Share-The-Fun
American Farmer & Ranches Speech State Finals at OSU-Rm 313.
- 10 OYE Swine Nomination Deadline

January 2010 Calendar

- 9 Oakwood Mall Day, Enid

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