**SEPTEMBER 2009**

**Fair Dates and Times to Note**

**Monday, Sept 14, 2009**
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.: Entry for OHCE Clothing, Food Preservation, Crafts, and Needlework exhibits. Baked Foods, Food Crops, Plants and Flower exhibits may also be brought in if the exhibitor chooses.

**Tuesday, Sept 15, 2009**
7:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.: Entry for OHCE Baked Foods, Food Crops, Plants and Flower exhibits.
9:30 a.m.: OHCE Exhibit Judging
8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.: Entry for Open Class Domestic Science and Fine and Domestic Arts exhibits

**Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009**
9:00 a.m.: Judging begins for Open Class Domestic Science and Fine and Domestic Arts exhibits.

**Sunday, Sept 20, 2009**
1:00 - 2:30 p.m.: Exhibits released

**Leader Training**

Building on the educational purpose of the fair, the leader training for this month is the judging of the county fair exhibits. To get the full benefit, we encourage each group to have members attend the judging of OHCE exhibits and make note of the comments made by the judges. During your October meeting, please share the judges comments so all members can benefit from the judges comments. It is possible that you might need several people to be in different parts of the building so you can hear the comments of all judges.

**Fair Notices**

By now you should have received your fair book in the mail. If not, they are available at Chambers of Commerce offices throughout the county.

Again this year, there is a Clothing Construction Judging Contest for youth and adults to be held Wednesday, September 16, 2009 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the Arts and Science Building. We would love to have you try your skill at judging a few classes for the fun of it. Winners will receive premiums, too.

Remember to have a member or two demonstrating a skill during your Country Kitchen shift. Evening hours, when the largest crowds are at the fair will be the most effective, but you are welcome to do so at any time. If each group will let Echo know what skill they will be demonstrating and when it will be, she will advertise in the newspaper.

Stacie Grossardt, Chair of OHCE Issues Committee, reminds everyone to bring your used books and magazines to the fair. That table promotes reading and is one more drawing card to bring people into the building. Also bring your used eyeglasses, hearing aids and cell phones for donation to Habitat to Humanity, Lion’s Club and Domestic Violence Shelter.

**Country Kitchen**

While working in the Country Kitchen please remember to lock excess cash in the kitchen. For obvious reasons the money box should be kept in the kitchen, not on the table. At night (closing time) all money received should be taken to Marjorie’s house along with the building key.
Here’s Your Chance!

Enclosed is a survey for suggestions for the 2010 county fair. The survey is a way for each member to share their thoughts concerning the fair before the Fair Committee meets to determine rules and exhibits for next year.

This is your best chance to be heard! Keep this form handy and jot your ideas down as they come to you during the fair. We also welcome thoughts from members who did not enter exhibits.

If you respond by the date on the form, your answers will be included in the report prepared for the committee’s discussion. These responses are considered as decisions are made.

Return your responses in whatever way is most convenient to you.

Fair Volunteers

OHCE Fair Committee members and other members will be assisting with entry and judging of exhibits. Hours for these jobs are:

Monday, September 14, 2009
  Training:  9:00 a.m.
  Entries:  10 - 2:00 p.m.
  Committee work:  2 – 2:30 p.m. (approx.)

Tuesday, September 15, 2009
  7:45 a.m. until judging is completed
  Set up group booths after judging
  5:00 p.m.  Country Kitchen opens

OHCE Executive Committee

Date: September 28, 2009
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: New Royal China Buffet, 2101 N 14th (Ponca Plaza) Ponca City, Dutch Treat
Who: Executive Committee members: appointed and elected county officers, county committee chairmen, group Presidents, group Secretaries.
Why: - Plan the October County Meeting
- Schedule committee meetings
- Other business that may properly come before this committee.

Group Organization Form

Each group will be receiving a form to submit your officers and committee chairmen for the coming year. We ask that this be returned by September 23. This information is used to contact individuals for the county committee meetings that will be scheduled for October. We also need to have this information for preparation of the OHCE yearbook. Thank you for your timely response!

OHCE Dues

Forms are going out for collection of 2010 dues. Please make every effort to have those to Stacie Grossardt on time so the state deadline may be met. Please compare the treasurer’s list of those paying dues with the secretary’s membership list before sending them in to prevent errors at the county and state level.

Kay County OHCE Calendar

September
  1  OHCE Fair pre-entry forms due
  7  Labor Day, Courthouse Closed
  14  OHCE Fair entries taken: 10:00 -2:00
      (Clothing, food preservation, crafts, needlework)
  15  OHCE Fair entries taken: 7:45 - 9:00 a.m.
      (Baked foods, plants and flowers, food crops)
      OHCE Fair exhibit judging: 9:30 a.m.
      Open Class entries taken 8:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m.
  16  Open Class judging
  17-19 Kay County Free Fair continues
  20  Kay County Free Fair entries released: 1-2:30

October
  1  OHCE Leadership Training, OKC
  11  OHCE Picnic, Lake Ponca Shelter #3, 4:00 p.m.
  15  2010 Dues and Membership Rolls due
  21  FCS Ambassadors Luncheon and Meeting, OKC
  26  October Association Meeting
       Collection of personal items for Domestic Violence Shelter
       Collection of hats and mittens for underprivileged children.

March, 2010
  26  Northwest District OHCE meeting, Fairview
EXHIBITS SURVEY

PLEASE RETURN BY SEPTEMBER 23, 2009

Return to: Mary Rhyne, PO Box 430, Newkirk OK 74647-0430

NAME: _______________________________ (optional)

List items you believe were successful in 2009 and you would like to see repeated in 2010:

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List items you believe could have been more successful in 2009 if minor changes had been made. Suggest changes for those exhibits:

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List items you think should be discontinued altogether for 2010:

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List ideas for new items for 2010:

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Other suggestions for planning, conducting or evaluation of the fair: