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Fair Helpers Needed

We will be entering exhibits from 4:00 to 7:00 pm on Wednesday, August 20. I need youth & adults to help take and tag exhibits for judging. Please call me at 255-0510 and let me know if you can help.

4-H Cookbook

To celebrate the 25th Annual Stephens County 4-H Cook-Off Contest we will be compiling a cookbook made up of the past top winners and this years entries. We are looking for those recipes that have placed in the past 25 years. The cookbook committee will then select recipes baste on there placing that year and the number submitted for that year. Also if you would like your recipe that you are submitting for this year’s cook-off you can submit it for the cookbook. Just remember that there is a limited number of recipes that we can submit for our book so get yours recipes in quick. All recipes that would like to be published in the Stephens County 4-H Cook-Off Cookbook need to be submitted before Monday, August 4, 2008. We are having these cookbooks professionally done in a very nice 3 ring binder with a hardcover. The cost of the book will be $20. You can pre-pay for your book at the OSU Extension Office in Duncan. Cookbooks will be available at the cook-off.

4-H Cook-Off Contest
Monday, November 10, 2008

Those not wanting to submit their recipe for the anniversary cookbook needs to submit their recipe by Monday, October 13, 2008. 4-H’ers may turn in one hand written or typed entry form for each of the 16 categories. (Please see the Pre-Entry form for a list of all of the categories.) The top eight recipes in each of the 16 categories will be selected from the recipe entry forms tand those winners will be asked to bring their “prepared recipe to the Cook-Off Finals, at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 10, 2008 at the Stephens County Fairgrounds Conference Center. Cloverbuds may enter one recipe from any of the 15 categories!!!
Have you been working on your 4-H Exhibits and Educational Displays for the Fair this summer? Exhibits can be things you have made this past school year so start digging out projects that you can exhibit. To see what exhibits you can enter, come by the Extension Office for a Fair Book. Many exhibits change from year to year so it’s important to check the book for all guidelines.

**REMEMBER:** All exhibits must be permanently signed and dated on the back. This is to insure that members enter new exhibits each year. Fair checks will be issued at this time as well. If you want to do an Interactive Display at the County Fair, please call the office by August 10th and reserve your time slot. If you need help getting started, just give me a call and we’ll work together to get you going!!

Also, if you are going to do the Oklahoma Report Form this year, this would be a really great experience for you to add to your “What have you done in your project area” section!!

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**Summer Camp “4-H - Discover The Treasure”**

**July 23, 24, & 25, 2008**

Stephens County will be attending camp with Cotton, Jefferson, and Garvin Counties. This year camp has a Pirate Theme. The dates are July 23-25 with the camp counselor training on July 22. Counselors are Sr. 4-H members who are 13 years old (4-H age). Camp will be held at Camp Faith in Faxon with a cost of $30. Camp fees and RAM forms are due **Tuesday, July 8th**. RAM forms are available online or at the extension office.

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**Fair Books Available July 11th**

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**ALL LIVESTOCK SHOW ON SATURDAY**

**Saturday, August 23**

- 8:00 am Horse Show Entries
- 9:00 am Horse Show
- 11:00 am Sheep Show
- Noon Cattle Show
- 5:00 pm Release all animals

- 4:00-6:00 pm Opry
- 7:00 pm Carnival Opens
- 7:00-10:00 pm Rodeo W/Grand Opening Ceremony
- 9:30 pm Entertainment

**Monday, August 25**

- 4:00-6:00 pm Release Exhibits & Premium Checks
Tax Exempt Number

All 4-H youth who show animals are eligible to apply for tax exempt status to purchase feed for their animals. To do this go to the County Assessor’s Office to pick up a form and then bring it out for Kim to sign.

4-H’ers Exhibiting at OKC State Fair or Tulsa State Fair

If you are planning on exhibiting a hog at either of the State fairs you must have a current **PQA Plus** training. If you have not had this training or need to update contact our office to set up a time with Kim. There will be no PQA Plus Training offered at either fair.

**Note:** 4-H Jr. Exhibitors will be required to wear for show: a 4-H jacket that is dark or Kelly green in color, with a 4-H clover (green with white H’s no smaller than seven inches on the back and/or at least three inches on the front.) Clean pressed jeans, clean shirt with collar and tie or scarf.

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**4-H Planning Meeting**

**Tuesday, Aug. 12**

**Stephens County Fairgrounds Conference Center**

Adults & Youth Welcomed!!!

Here is your chance to have a say in when we schedule events and what events we offer for the next 4-H year.

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**Stephens County**

**Teen Leader Meeting**

**When:** June 26, 2008  
**Time:** 6 p.m.  
**Where:** Stephens County Conference Center

Here is the chance for all teens 13 and over to get involved with 4-H on a county level. If you are wanting to serve as a counselor, county officer, or in a teen leadership position, this is a meeting that you need to attend. We will be getting to know each other and start designing fun activities for the summer. Don’t miss out on the fun!!!
The Achievement Banquet will be Tuesday, August 5 at the Stephens County Conference Center Banquet Hall. The program will start at 6:30 p.m. Come and enjoy, as we recognize this past year’s winners at our 4-H luau. Instead of worrying about bringing a side dish we are asking all that attend to purchase a ticket at the Extension Office before August 1st. The charge for tickets is $5/person. The dinner will be catered by OSU Stephens County Extension Office. The dress code for this fun filled event is still dressy. You are encouraged to get into the theme and join this fun celebration. So put on your best dress or tie and come enjoy a night at “Clover Island.” We will be decorating the Banquet Hall on August 4th at 5:00 p.m. We need all the help decorating we can get. Remember anyone and everyone is invited to attend this fun filled event as we celebrate our 4-H Treasure.

Children's Books Needed!!!

The Stephen County 4-H Teens Leaders are collecting Children's Books for the Duncan Regional Hospital. I encourage you to take a moment to clean out your cabinets and help out with this good cause. I’m sure that many of you have old books that no one reads or uses anymore. We are looking for anything that is till useable and can make the stay of a young person in the hospital a little bit more bearable. You can drop off your books at the Stephens County Extension Office any time between 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday. We hope to reach our goal before school starts.

Happy 4-H New Year!!!

That’s right, Happy New 4-H Year! July 1 is the start of a brand new 4-H year. Time to set new goals and start working on a new record book. Also that means time for new enrollment cards and RAM forms. To be enrolled in 4-H you will need to fill out a green enrollment card and a RAM form. Enrollment cards/RAM forms are due to the Extension office by September 1. Make sure everything is up to date on the health form before you turn it in. In order to receive a county newsletter and to participate in any 4-H event your current enrollment card must be on file at the Extension office. So, make sure you get your card in so you can stay up to date.
Return your pre-entry form immediately so we may plan pen space for your animals. If your pre-entry does not reach the Extension Office by August 1st your animals may not have room to be stalled with your club or group. Fill out and return the pre-entry form to Stephens County Free Fair, 2002 S. 13th, Duncan, OK 73533.

All OKC pre-entries must be done on-line. TULSA pre-entries must be done on-line and must be postmarked no later than August 29. NO ONLINE ENTRIES WILL BE CONDUCTED OVER THE PHONE.

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June
20 State Volunteer Conference Registration due to the State 4-H Office
   Last Day to order Swine Nomination Packets for Tulsa State Fair
19-21 State 4-H Horse Show, Shawnee
27-29 County Day Camp, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Conference Center
29 Teen Leader Meeting, 6 p.m., Conference Center

July
1 Tulsa State Fair Lamb & Goat Nomination, Chickasha
       Swine Nomination Packets due into the Tulsa State Fair Office
4 Extension Office Closed
7 Food Handlers Training, 6 p.m., Conference Center
8 Summer Camp Registration due into the Extension Office
8-10 OSU Livestock Judging Camp, Stillwater
12 State Volunteer Conference, Stillwater
15-17 OSU Field Days, Stillwater
22 Summer Camp Counselor Training, Faxon
23-25 Summer Camp, Faxon

July 29 - Aug. 1 State 4-H Round-Up, Stillwater

August
2 Stephens County Fair Pageant
4 Recipes for Cookbook due to the Extension Office
   Decorating for Banquet, 5 p.m., Banquet Hall
5 Stephens County 4-H Achievement Banquet, Conference Center
12 4-H Planning Meeting, 6 p.m., Conference Center
20-23 Stephens County Fair, Fairgrounds

September
11-21 Oklahoma State Fair

October
13 Cook-off Entries due into the Extension Office
15-17 Youth-In-Action Conference, Oklahoma City

November
10 Stephens County 25th Annual Cook-Off Contest

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Dear 4-H’ers,

Summer can be a fast pace time with lots of fun and exciting activities. I challenge you to approach all of these activities, good and bad, with a positive attitude. Try finding the good or the fun in everything you do. If you do this I assure you that you will have tons of memories to share with your friends when school starts.

Best Wishes,
Kim

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