Clover Connection

Lincoln County News

October –November December– Edition

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If you are in the third Grade and 8 years old by September 1, 2021, you are now 4-H age.

Time to Re-Enroll

It is that time of year once again. Enrollment for 2022 4-H project year began August 1st. Hopefully, you can enroll at your local club meeting or enroll online at Z suites. Please enroll in the upcoming months so you don't miss the Newsletter. Don't forget, livestock exhibitors in the Lincoln County Junior Livestock Show or the Oklahoma Youth Expo, you must be enrolled by January 1st of the program year. Also, don't forget to pay your $20.00 enrollment fee.

Leaders and Teen Leaders Meeting

The regular leaders meeting will be October 12 at the Courthouse. I know this is different than originally announced, but due to The Tulsa State Fair during the first week of October, and Columbus Day on October 11, (the courthouse is closed, we must meet on Tuesday. Make plans to attend this important meeting. There will be training for **ALL Certified Adult and Teen Volunteers**. We will be covering your On Trac planning for the new year. The November meeting will be on November 1, 2021, and the December meeting on December the 6th. Teens, you do not have to be a county officer to attend. Attendance is open to all teen members (7th grade and older) and parents.

OKLAHOMA 4-H ABOUT 4-H

Congratulations 2022 Teen Officer Team

McKayla Hunt	President
Kyndra Darphin	Vice-President
Ethan Stone	Secretary
Elizabeth Smith	Reporter

County and LCCA Steer Nomination

The nomination for Lincoln County Bred Steer feed-out program will be October 19 from 4 to 7 pm at the Deep Fork Cattle Company Headquarters south of Chandler. This program is for steers that have been born and raised from Lincoln County Cattlemen's Association producers' herds. If you have questions concerning this program, contact the Extension Office. If you are only showing a county steer, and aren't nominating for OYE, you must nominate here as well.

Oklahoma Youth Expo Nominations

Nominations kits for OYE must be ordered. The cost is $20.00 per animal for Cattle, Goat, and Sheep and Swine. Nominations may be ordered from the Extension office by beginning October 21, 2021. An exhibitor's information, along with their animal's information, must be submitted online by November 12th, 2021 for sheep, goats, and steers; and by December 7th, 2021 for hogs. DNA samples must be postmarked/mailed by the same deadlines as listed above.

To Apply for Trip Scholarships

The Leaders Council will be implementing a criteria for scholarships for out of county trips like 4-H Camp, Youth in Action Conference and State 4-H Roundup. This will also be used to determine the level of

county support 4-H'ers will be able to receive for out of state trips like Denver Western Regional Roundup and Citizenship Washington Focus. All criteria will be based on the members level of participation. Due to Covid this was relaxed last year but plans are to reimplement this for 2022.

What do you need?

Local 4-H club and project club leaders, I need to know what you need for the upcoming year. If you need me to present programs, educational lessons, or whatever, please let me know. I need to make preparations in my calendar and you need to make plans in your On-Trac planning for those months you need programs. Contact me at your earliest convenience to schedule me for your club.

Change for CHANGE

Every piece of change counts! It's simple; CHANGE the life of a child, family, or research by collecting loose "change" at meetings, events, and activities for the Oklahoma Children's Hospital Foundation. This year was highly successful in raising over $13,000. Our 2022 state goal is to continue to raise to help the Foundation to bring services to rural Oklahoma, think how many more youth can be served with something like loose change.

During the coming year set up a container at home or bring one to club meetings or county events to collect loose change. Even the council members do this at their quarterly meetings. It is amazing how fast the change adds up.

Youth Garden Grant

The National Garden Association will award 100 garden grants to winning applicants for use during the 2022 calendar year. Award packages include quality tools, seeds, plants and garden products. Programs involving at least 15 children between 3 – 18 years are eligible. To obtain an application form, visit NGA's web site at https://kidsgardening.org Deadline for completed applications is October 29, 2021.

2021 Pig Roast and Auction and Pie Auction

The Lincoln County 4-H Pig Roast and Benefit Auction is scheduled for November 6th at the Agri Civic Center in Chandler. This is our big fundraiser for the year. Last year, we were unable to hold this event because of Covid. *We will be having a pie baking contest in conjunction with the auction. Please see the enclosed flyer concerning the divisions who are eligible and the contest details. The contest will be for 4-H members, 4-H alumni, 4-H parents, and grandparents, past and present.* You must have some family tie to the Lincoln County program. This money is used as trip awards, camp sponsorships, and to purchase awards for many of the events and activities throughout the year. Once again, we will be asking our teens and clubs, including leaders, to work on collecting items for the auction and all the 4-H'ers to help sell tickets for the meal. Mark November 5th on your calendars as well. We need help getting ready that evening. We will be selling the tickets for $10.00 for an all you can eat meal until the 5th and $12.00 at the door. Mark your calendars and get ready to help.

2022 Speech Contest

Tuesday, November 2, 2021 has been selected as the date for the County 4-H Speech Contest. The contest will be held at Wellston Elementary School in Wellston located on the Highway 66 business loop beginning at 6pm. **Entries for the speech contest must be turned into the Extension Office by Tuesday, October 26.** Entry forms and contest guidelines are available at the Extension Office or may be obtained from your Local 4-H Club Organizational Leader after leaders meeting. If you are in the 3rd grade and 8 you will be competing as a 4-H'er. The guidelines are the same as last year. There are 4 divisions: Clover bud, Beginners, Intermediate, and Senior. REMEMBER, if you are 13 by January 1st, and want to go to State 4-H Roundup, you must give a speech or a demonstration in the county competition to be eligible.

Win a Pig Contest

Are you interested in swine? As an innovative contest, we will be awarding up to 20 students swine projects. These pigs are from the Agtropolis birthing center at the State Fair of Oklahoma. To participate in the contest, you must be at least 7 years of age and in the second grade and reside in a Lincoln County or Okfuskee County School District. The contest is open to 4-H and FFA members as well. Details on this activity can be accessed through the Extension Office. It will include writing an essay and keeping some records about your pigs' growth and include exhibiting your animal husbandry skills.

Extension Open House

You and your family are invited to attend this year's Extension Open House December 1 from 2-4pm at the OSU Extension Center. 4-H members from all across the county will be displaying their projects in the courthouse lobby. 4-H member, if you would like to have an action booth describing your project, it isn't too late. If you are interested, contact the Extension Office.

Holiday Baskets - scheduled in December

It's time to spread that holiday cheer. In the spirit of giving, we are assembling holiday gift baskets that will be distributed by 4-H members. We have the baskets, the county is taking care of fresh fruit, and what we need from you are some of you most favorite baked goods, candies and just all around specialties. We are meeting at the Courthouse lobby on Wednesday, December 19th at 9:00am to assemble and distribute this good cheer. Leaders bring your members. We usually assemble around 50 baskets. We need a group from every community representing your club. This will help in the assembly and distribution of the baskets. The question I have for you is not if you can help, it is how much are you capable of doing. Please make every effort to make this a special event for the county

Working the Project

At the beginning of each year, a member will complete an enrollment card. On the card they will check 4-H projects that they are interested in learning about.

Most but not all of these projects have a project manual that will guide the family in learning fundamentals and opening doors to other opportunities Each manual is developed with age appropriate materials and projects. Families need to request a list of exhibits to work on throughout the year. In the fall the best of their exhibits should be entered in the county fair.

The fair is considered the end of the 4-H year's work. It is the time to show the project work completed between July of the previous year until late August of the current year. 4-H project work can be accomplished very easily by developing a simple plan to accomplish one project/activity each month during the Year.
To make 4-H project work happen

1. Set goals
2. Make a Plan
3. Work the Plan
4. Present your work
5. Seek Evaluation
6. Refine your skills
7. Set New Goals!!!!!!!!!`

As 4-H members and their families plan, they need to consider working smart by "piggybacking" projects and project work. This is the idea of adding a related project to an existing one to provide a broader or more challenging experience. Many projects can be done this way. For example if you have an interest in Pork, you can not only relate that to swine production, you can also take it to the level of food science. Food science can be related directly to Horticulture production and selection; health and food safety. If you need help looking for things related to your primary project area, visit with your 4-H Leader or the County Extension Office. We are always more than willing to present ideas.

October is State 4-H Month
Show your 4-H Pride!!!

UPCOMING DEADLINES AND EVENTS

EVENT	DEADLINE	EVENT DATE
LCCA Steer Nominations		October 19
County Leaders and Teen Leaders Meetings		November 1
Mandatory Working with Minors, Title VII and IX Training for youth and adults		November1
Lincoln County 4-H Speech Contest	October 26	November 2
Pig Roast, Pie Contest and Auction.		November 6
OYE Steer Sheep and Goat nomination Kits	October 21	November 12
Win a pig	Essays Due November 5	Pig selection and distribution November 12
County Leaders and Teen Leaders Meeting		December 6
Extension Open House		December 1
OYE Swine Kits	November 12	December 7
4-H Baskets		December TBA

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@ Lincoln County Oklahoma 4-H

Coming in January----4-H has Talent

Note to members: I would like to conduct another ATV Ride Safe Certification School in November/early December. If you are at least 10 years of age and would like to attend, Please contact the Extension Office.

Sincerely,

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1st Annual Lincoln County 4-H

Pie Contest and Auction

November 6, 2021

This fall you can bake pies for a fun new contest and do something good for your county 4-H program at the same time!!

Bake 2 pies, just alike.

One will be judged and served at the 4-H Annual Pig Roast.

The second will be auctioned off.

Open to all

- Current Lincoln County 4-H members
- Lincoln County 4-H Alumni
- Lincoln County 4-H parents or grandparents (of current members or alumni)

Call the OSU Extension Office to pre-enter by November 3rd at 4:30 pm.

Drop entries off at the Agri-Civic Center at 2:00 pm, November 6th.

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4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Official Lincoln County 4-H Pie Contest Rules:

1. Only one entry per participant may be entered.
2. Each entry must consist of two identical (or almost identical) pies.
3. Recipe must be included, but participant name should not be on the recipe.
4. All pies should be in 9 inch, disposable containers.
5. Pies must be made from scratch— no store bought crusts or fillings.
6. No pies needing refrigeration will be accepted.
7. No hot pies will be accepted.
8. First place in each participant category will receive 2 free tickets to the Pig Roast dinner.
9. Second place in each participant category will receive 1 free ticket to the Pig Roast dinner.
10. Best of Show will receive a Mystery Prize.