



LINCOLN COUNTY EXTENSION

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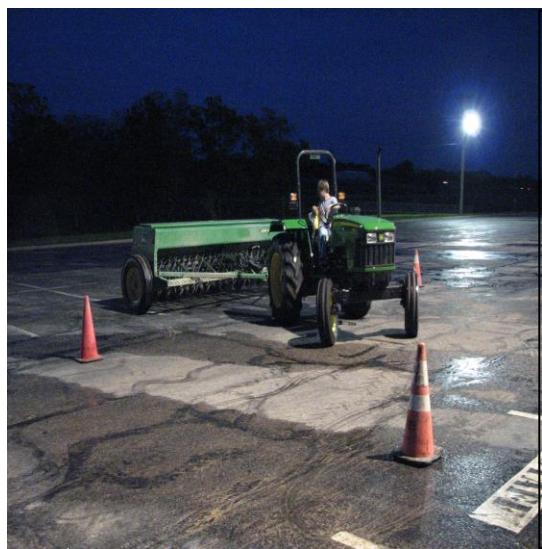


Philosophy of Extension Work

I believe that education is a life-long process and the greatest university is the home; that my success as a teacher is proportional to those qualities of mind and spirit that give me welcome entrance to the homes of the families I serve. Always, striving to accomplish what 4-H and Cooperative Extension Program teaches, "To Make the Best, Better, changing the world one person at a time."

Youth Development

Training and mentoring provided to youth in 46 different 4-H project areas to build leadership and life-skills throughout their 4-H career allows them to build a life-long tool set today to become the future generation of leaders tomorrow.



Tractor and Machinery Operators course.

Training Courses are offered annually in tractor training. These 24 hour courses, required by OSHA, allow youth from 14-16 years of age to work for farmers and ranchers that might not be directly related to them while providing needed educational safety skills to participants.

IMPORTANT MILESTONES

- 27 years of Extension Service
- 20 Year Lincoln County Extension Educator
- OAE4-HA and NAE4-HA Distinguished Service Award
- 22 Year Certified Crop Advisor and Consultant
- 11 Year Master Tractor and Machinery Certification Trainer
- 10 Year ASI ATV accredited Instructor
- 38 State 4-H Level I Winners
- 6 State 4-H Level II winners
- 17 Blue Award Hall of Fame Winners
- 8 State 4-H Hall of Fame Winners
- 13 State Officers including 2 State 4-H Presidents
- 14 Senior and 11 Advanced Scholarship Recipients



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Safety Program Areas

Lincoln County 4-H offers a wide variety of safety trainings. Two are ATV Safety and Tractor Machinery Safety. Lincoln County youth have the opportunity to experience ATV safety training and ATV riding instructional courses. 1167 youth completed ATV safety training classes in 2019. In conjunction with Lincoln County Farm Bureau and Sehorn Yamaha, we provided 33 helmets to ATV riders who didn't have helmets.



Numerous 3 hour rider courses and ATV Safety Day Camps were conducted to teach safe riding practices under the ATV Safety Institute Standards. Providing programs that change behavioral practices in many instances is critical before we can make a total impact on clients lives. ***Saving lives is vital before we can change lives.***



Cooperating partners are vital to expand the total impact of programs available through the Cooperative Extension Service These partners vary from local, county and state grass roots organizations to local businesses and cooperating educators volunteers and parents.



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