



ALFALFA COUNTY
EXTENSION

4-H Clover Connection

Oklahoma 4-H offering ATV safety course

Whether they are being used for farm and ranch work, hunting and fishing or just for pleasure, all-terrain vehicles are valuable tools – but must be used safely.

More than 100,000 people across the country are injured each year in ATV accidents, and the Oklahoma 4-H Youth Development program is stepping up to the plate to help cut down that number. The Oklahoma 4-H ATV Riders Course, which can accommodate up to eight riders at a time, is now offered at the Oklahoma Farm Bureau/Oklahoma 4-H Training Facility in Guthrie, Oklahoma. Jim Rhodes, Oklahoma State University Extension educator - Oklahoma youth safety, said Oklahoma Farm Bureau is a sponsor of the program that is designed to provide 4-H members, FFA members, church groups, family units and others an opportunity to learn how to safely use ATVs in all aspects of their lives.

“The goal with this program is to promote safety awareness to Oklahomans, as well as teach them the importance of protective wear, the fit of an ATV and how to be a safe active rider,” Rhodes said. “While

these vehicles often are used for pleasure, they aren’t a toy.”

Oklahoma averages between 18 and 24 ATV-related deaths each year and ranks between 15th and 20th in the nation for ATV deaths. In addition, Rhodes said Oklahoma has one of the highest rates in the nation for injury for those ages 16 and under.

“Part of this training course is focusing on the importance of fit for the rider and the ATV. This is important because close to 90% of ATV crashes in the state involved a rider under the age of 16 who is riding an adult-sized machine,” he said.

Participants must complete the online course first before participating in the hands-on training. The rider course alone, which takes about three and a half hours, is available to participants for \$5 per person. Rhodes said he also offers the rider course coupled with team-building activities for \$25 per person. This option takes about six hours to complete and includes lunch. For those who are interested and live more than two and a half hours from Guthrie, Rhodes can make arrangements to bring the ATVs to your location for the rider

course.

The riding course involves 11 different lessons that build on throttle control, weight shift and braking.

“A lot of times the drivers are a little timid when they first get on the machines, but after learning more about the key components of throttle control, weight shift and braking, I can see their self-confidence build and they really love it,” Rhodes said.

All participants in the riders course must wear long pants, long sleeves and boots that cover the ankles. All other safety gear is provided, including helmets, gloves and protective eyewear.

All classes follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s COVID-19 recommendations for social distancing and masks are required.

For more information about the 4-H ATV safety program or to schedule a class, email Rhodes at jim.rhodes@okstate.edu. Reservations are being taken through August 2021.

CLOVER EQUINE Challenge 2020-2021



The Clover Equine Challenge is intended to advance the knowledge base of youth in equine handling skills, particularly but not limited to groundwork with young horses.

There were five colts awarded to 4-H members enrolled in 4-H that are eligible to show at the West Region, North District 4-H Horse/Ranch Horse Show. Mrs. Loretta Doak donated the five colts to the program. Mr. Cleon Parkin donated all vet fees and vaccinations. Thank you to all that participated and donated!



(Left) Jessica Corey pictured with Loretta Doak (Right)



(Left) Porscha Binning Alfalfa County 4-H Officer pictured with Loretta Doak (Right)





SHOWMANSHIP 101

Held in conjunction with



Youth and their equine partner will work together to understand the dynamics of Equine Showmanship.

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**4-H HORSE
ENTHUSIASTS
& THEIR
EQUINE PARTNER**

**10:00-12:00 A.M.
JANUARY 30, 2021**

**ALFALFA COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS
602 WEST 5TH STREET
CHEROKEE, OK 73728**

-CLINICIANS-

-  *Erin Metcalf, POAC
Carded Judge*
-  *Tommy Puffinbarger,
Alfalfa County
Extension Educator*
-  *Sarah Donahue,
Grant County
Extension Educator*



Impressive Dress & Fashion Revue Results

FASHION REVUE

Overall Grand Champion, Top Seamstress, & Jr. Top Model - *Kortney Campbell*

Reserve Champion Jr. Model & Champion Costume - *Lauren Thomason*

Champion Senior Model & Champion Pants - *Mylee Sims*

Champion Fun Item - *Rylee Sims*

Champion Knitted Item - *Garret Sims*



IMPRESSIVE DRESS

Overall Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Senior - Mylee Sims

Overall Grand Champion Intermediate - Emma Schupbach

Overall Reserve Grand Champion Intermediate— Kaycee Matzke

Overall Grand Champion Junior - Hudson Schupbach

Overall Reserve Grand Champion Junior - Lauren Thomason

Champion Senior Casual Wear - Mylee Sims

Champion Intermediate Casual Wear - Emma Schupbach

Champion Junior Casual Wear - Kortney Campbell

Reserve Champion Casual Wear - Remington Farney

Blue Ribbon Award - Price Poe

Blue Ribbon Award - Savelina Ofiu

Blue Ribbon Award - Hudson Schupbach

Blue Ribbon Award - Ella Fesmire

Blue Ribbon Award - Rylee Sims

Blue Ribbon Award - Garrett Sims

Blue Ribbon Award - Lauren Thomason

Cloverbud Award - Perry Poe

Champion Intermediate Sportswear - Kaycee Matzke

Champion Junior Sportswear - Hudson Schupbach

Reserve Champion Junior Sportswear - Price Poe

Blue Ribbon Award - Lauren Thomason

Blue Ribbon Award - Morgan Matzke

Blue Ribbon Award - Owen Bellamy

Blue Ribbon Award - Rebecka Carlson

Cloverbud Award - Perry Poe

Cloverbud Award - Benny Bellamy

Champion Senior Dress Wear - Mylee Sims

Champion Intermediate Dress Wear - Emma Schupbach

Reserve Champion Dress Wear - Kaycee Matzke

Champion Junior Dress Wear - Hudson Schupbach

Reserve Champion Dress Wear - Lauren Thomason

Blue Ribbon Award - Owen Bellamy

Blue Ribbon Award - Savelina Ofiu

Blue Ribbon Award - Ella Fesmire

Blue Ribbon Award - Rylee Sims

Champion Junior Formal Wear - Lauren Thomason

Reserve Champion Formal Wear - Savelina Ofiu

Blue Ribbon Award - Hudson Schupbach

Blue Ribbon Award - Kortney Campbell





Turkey Benefit Dinner



Alfalfa County 4-H and its members would like to say, “Thank You” to everyone who supported the curbside “4-H Turkey Dinner”!! Individuals and businesses have truly been a blessing to our 4-H youth and the 4-H organization.



4-H State Record Books



Record Books will once again be turned in electronically like last year. You will receive more information about the turn in process a little closer to that time. Record Books will be due on **April 26th, 2021 by NOON.**

Pickens Scholarships are due by 5:00pm emailed to ok4h@okstate.edu on **February 1, 2021.**

Record Book judging will be on **May 11th, 2021.**

Our plan as of 11/17/2020 is to judge virtually like last year.

Record Book interviews for the finalists will be on **June 8th, 2021.** It is still undetermined how those interviews will be conducted.

These dates will not be published on the website in order for you to set your own Record Book deadlines. However no record books after **NOON on April 26th, 2021.**

Oklahoma 4-H Healthy Living Ambassador

Do you have an interest in healthy living and are a current freshman, sophomore, or junior in high school? If so this might be for you! 4-H Healthy Living Ambassadors will serve one year. They are an asset to accomplishing the goals and outcome of the 4-H Healthy Living Mission Mandate. Oklahoma 4-H Healthy Living Ambassadors

will work closely with their team to plan and conduct an Oklahoma 4-H Living Summit and provide support and programming to local 4-H clubs and county programs. The applications are due January 15, 2021 in the State 4-H Office. If you are interested or have questions contact the Alfalfa County OSU Extension Office.

2021 Dr. Ron and Linda Sholar 4-H Essay Contest

Oklahoma 4-H Youth Development Program

Who: 4-H members who are in 8th-12th grade and ACTIVE in 4-H Online.

What: Dr. Ron and Linda Sholar Essay Contest

When: Essays are due to the State 4-H Awards Data Base on April 26th, 2021 by NOON. All entries become property of Oklahoma 4-H. This is when essays are due to the State 4-H Office, please feel free to set your own due date.

Application includes: Dr. Ron and Linda Sholar Essay Contest application (must have all appropriate signatures), essays of 850-1,000 words on the topic “How can Oklahoma 4-H Change a Community?” and a scanned headshot of the 4-H member.

All entry information is attached and can be found at: <https://4h.okstate.edu/members/record-book-and-scholarship-information/record-book-and-scholarship-info.html>