



Alfalfa County Cooperative

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Extension News

Oklahoma 4-H'ers set to celebrate organization in October

The Oklahoma 4-H Youth Development Program is something to be celebrated all year long, but it gets extra celebration time in October when clubs observe National 4-H Week during the first full week of the month.

National 4-H week sees millions of youth, parents, volunteers and alumni come together to celebrate the positive impact 4-H has on its members and communities, said Kristin Young, marketing coordinator in the State 4-H Office at Oklahoma State University.

“National 4-H Week has been a longstanding tradition for the youth development organization,” Young said. “In fact, the week we celebrate now doesn’t look much different than it did in its beginning more than 90 years ago when it originated in 1926. The first known documentation of a 4-H Week was the proclamation of Club Week by Minnesota Governor Theodore Christianson to promote 4-H work.”

This year’s National 4-H Week is Oct. 4-10 with the theme Opportunity4All. This campaign, created by the National 4-H Council, is to rally support for Cooperative Extension’s 4-H program and identify solutions to eliminate the opportunity gap that affects 55 million youth across America.

Young said with so many children struggling to reach their full potential, 4-H leaders believe young people in partnership with caring adult mentors can play a key role in creating a more promising and equitable future for youth, families and communities across the county.

“In 4-H, we believe every child should have an equal opportunity to succeed, and we believe every child should have the skills they need to make a difference in the world,” she said.

To celebrate National 4-H Week, local clubs are encouraged to turn to social media to help highlight the positive impact 4-H has on youth in the community. One idea is to feature 4-H’ers throughout the week who are deserving

of recognition and share how they are making a difference.

“It’s always fun to have a blast from the past, so dig up some photos of 4-H alumni who made an impact on the county program,” Young said. “Post selfies wearing your favorite 4-H shirt and indicate you’re celebrating National 4-H Week. Keep in mind that Oct. 7 is National 4-H Spirit Day. This is a day to show your 4-H pride by wearing your favorite 4-H t-shirt to school, work and other extracurricular activities. Be sure to adhere to social distancing and mask guidelines in your community.”

When posting on social media, including Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, Young encourages clubs to use these hashtags, including #Opportunity4All, #OK4H, #National4HWeek, #TrueLeaders, #4HGrown and #Fourward.

Young said she hopes Oklahoma 4-H’ers are excited about this year’s 4-H STEM Challenge that occurs annually during National 4-H Week. This year’s theme is Mars Base Camp. Developed by Google and Virginia Cooperative Extension, Mars Base Camp is a collection of activities that teaches youth STEM skills, including mechanical engineering, physics, computer science and agriculture.

“We’re so excited about National 4-H Week and all the activities that are planned in counties across the state,” Young said.

4-H is the youth development component of Extension and empowers more than 6 million youth in the United States, involving 110 land-grant universities and more than 3,000 local Extension offices serving every county and parish in the country.

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*County Fair Exhibits
can be
picked up in the Alfalfa
County OSU
Extension Office.
Congratulations to all!*



Dates to Remember

October

- 4-10 National 4-H Week
- 16 West District Action Conference
- 31 Commercial Pen of Calves Weigh-in

November

- 7 Turkey Preparation @9 A.M.
- 8 4-H Turkey Benefit Dinner
- 20 CUTS Livestock Judging Contest

INTERESTED IN 4-H?



4-H Club & Project Leaders

4 Him 4-H	Mary Etta Campbell
Burlington 4-H	Courtney Schupbach
Cherokee 4-H	Amber Guffy
Timberlake 4-H	Debra Fesmire
Burlington Cloverbuds	Sarah Bellamy
Cherokee Cloverbuds	Erin Metcalf
Horse Club	Donna Binning
Shooting Sports Shotgun	Roger Diller
Shooting Sports Archery	Richard Jackson

Please Call the Extension Office for Meeting Times, Dates, and Locations! Have a Great 4-H Experience!



2020 County Medals Burlington



Remington Farney	Clothing Fabrics & Fashion Citizenship & Community Development
Owen Bellamy	Sheep Citizenship & Community Development
Emma Schupbach	Goats
Mylee Sims	Poultry Food & Nutrition
Rylee Sims	Goats Clothing Fabrics & Fashion
Morgan Matzke	Sheep
Kaycee Matzke	Sheep



Alfalfa County Jr. Leaders

2020-2021



President:	Mylee Sims
Vice President:	Emma Schupbach
Secretary/Treasurer:	Kaycee Matzkee
Reporter:	Bianca Binning
Game/Song Leader:	Jazzmin Binning



★ ★ ★ Officer Highlights ★ ★ ★

“Hey guys I’m Mylee Sims your Alfalfa County President!! I hope you all are staying safe and healthy!!! I’m going to talk about why I was so inspired to be a 4-H member and eventually become an officer!!! When I was young I was around 4-H all the time!! I would go to the Iowa Marion County Fair where my cousins showed market steers, hogs, and sheep. When I was four it was my first time to walk a 1,500 pound steer and I was so excited! That was when I first knew that I wanted to become a 4-H member and help younger kids find their interests !! Remember 4-H week is coming!! Remember represent 4-H!!!” -Mylee Sims



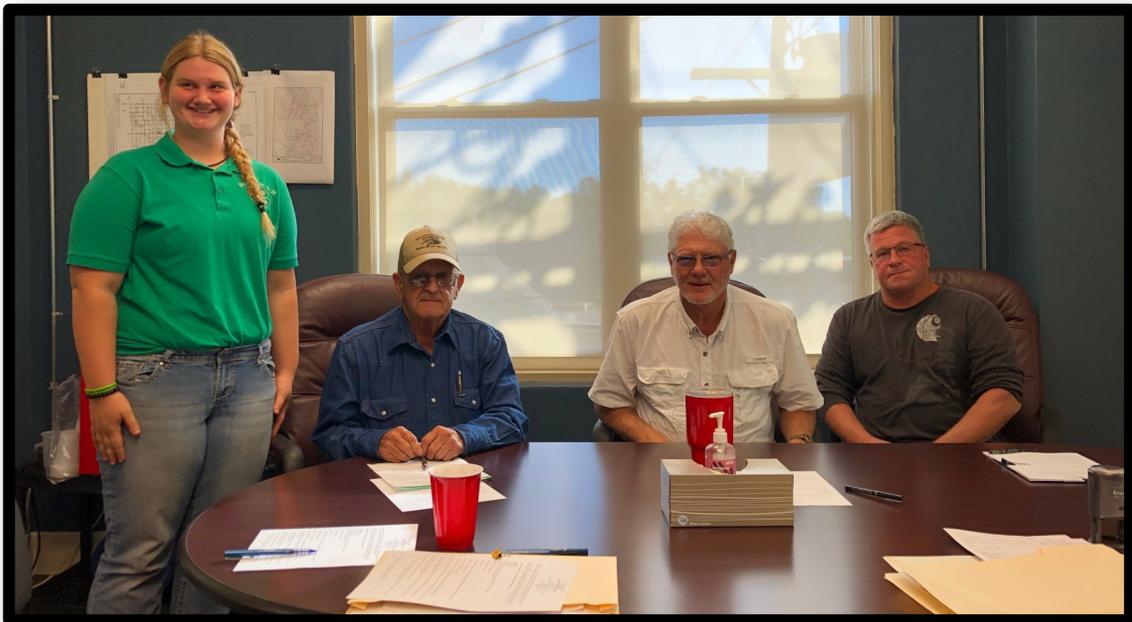
“Hello my name is Emma Schupbach. I am the Alfalfa County 4H Vice President. I love showing horses and goats, especially at the county level. Bigger shows are really fun too! I participate in speech contests, I show livestock, I attend camps and food show-downs. My hobbies are riding horses and raising goats. I encourage kids to join 4-H and explore all the possibilities in life! Our county officers are always ready to help where help is needed. If you have any service projects, we’re always open to ideas and ready to help our community. I know this is a difficult time for everyone and I hope you are all doing well.” Take Care, Emma



“I have been in 4H for 9 years. I have participated in a lot of various project from food preservation, shooting sports, welding, Dairy, Foods, Gardening, Chickens, photography, swine and goats , but my favorite is Beef. I enjoy showing and working with cattle. I have shown at NWSS, American Royal, Jr Nationals and 4 different state fairs. I wanted to be an officer at the county level to get an opportunity to meet other kids involved in 4H in the area since we just moved here. I also enjoy playing volleyball gymnastics and taking pictures.” - Bianca Binning



“This is my 8th year as a 4Her unless you count the 2 years as a clover bud following around my 2 big sisters. I have been enrolled in a variety of projects including clothing construction, Dairy, cats, swine, photography, swine, shooting sports, Foods, arts, and beef. My favorite project is photography. I also am involved in volleyball, cross country, and cheer. In my spare time I also love to work out at the gym and playing with my cats. I thought being an officer would be a good way to learn more about Oklahoma 4H.” - Jazzmin Binning



Alfalfa County 4-H President (Mylee Sims) with the Alfalfa County Commissioners after the signing of the National 4-H Week Proclamation!

Annual Alfalfa County

4-H Benefit Dinner

ALFALFA COUNTY EXHIBIT BUILDING
CHEROKEE, OK 73728
MEALS SERVED: 11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M.
COST BY DONATION!



SUNDAY

8

NOVEMBER



The 2020 Alfalfa County 4-H Benefit Dinner will be held Sunday, November 8. To help keep our community and supporters safe during Phase 2 of the Coronavirus issue, there will be NO cafeteria seating for the dinner. ALL meals will be handled as to go orders. No need to call ahead for your order, or to leave your car. There will be containerized meals brought directly to your vehicle as you drive up in front of the Alfalfa County Exhibit Building. 4H'ers will still be making local deliveries, call 580-596-8144 for ordering and directions for delivery personnel.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ALFALFA COUNTY 4-H! PROCEEDS FROM THIS DINNER PROVIDE FEE WAIVERS FOR 4-H MEMBERS TO ATTEND DISTRICT, STATE AND NATIONAL EVENTS.

COMMERCIAL PEN OF CALVES
Alfalfa County
SPRING LIVESTOCK SHOW
2020-2021

- Open to any student in Alfalfa County schools or home schooled. Ages: Jr. 8-13: Sr. 14-19, **enrolled in 4-H or FFA.**
- Weigh-in will be **October 31, 2020** at the Cherokee Sales Company Facilities, **9:00-11:00 am.**
- Each entrant may weigh in **3 or 4 animals (heifers or steers).**
- May have no more than 2 entries
- Ear tags will be assigned to each calf and calves will be tagged at the weigh-in.
- Calves will be evaluated and priced with an average of the 3 animals determining the weigh-in value.
- Weigh-out will be **February 19th, 2021** at the Cherokee Sales Company Facility **4:30-5:00 pm.**
- Each pen will return with 3 of the animals only.
- Calves will be valued with the average of the three being the weigh-out value of the pen.
- Minimum weigh-in weight 350#, maximum weigh-in weight 650#.
- Proof of ownership must be established by weigh-in (**cancelled check, bill of sale**).
- Final placings will be determined by:
 - **1/3 on value gained. (Values weigh-in to weigh-out)**
 - **1/3 on records.** Excel spreadsheet provided for record keeping. (**Plus receipts, bill of sale, cancelled checks, etc.**)
 - **1/3 on oral or written interview. (Choice of entrant)**
- Value gained equals value weigh-out less value weigh-in.
- All entries will be placed with a Champion & Reserve Champion Pen of Steers and Heifers.
- All entries placed **will be eligible** for the Alfalfa County Spring Livestock Show Premium Sale.
- Records must be turned in between 9-11am, February 22, 2021. (or first day of stock show.)
- Interviews will be 2-4pm, February 22nd (or first day of stock show.)

**The Alfalfa County Cattleman's Assn. will award the following additional premiums &/or awards in each division.*

Junior Champion pen of steers = \$250
Junior Champion pen of heifers = \$250

Senior Champion pen of steers = \$250
Senior Champion pen of heifers = \$250

Alfalfa County Cattleman's Assoc.
 President: Bo Ferrell
 (405) 612-4488

Alfalfa Co. Cooperative Extension
 602 W. 5th St,
 Cherokee, OK 73728
 Tommy Puffinbarger
 (580) 596-3131

Cherokee Sales Co.
 60902 Harmon Rd
 Cherokee, OK 73728
 Owner: Jarrid Herrmann
 (785) 564-0869

1st Annual CUTS Judging Contest

(Open to all Oklahoma 4-H and FFA members)

Where: Alfalfa County Fairgrounds, Cherokee, Oklahoma.

When: Friday, November 20th

Registration 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM.

Contest starts 9:00 AM

(Each contestant must submit the pre-entry form, \$5 entry fee and a signed Covid release form)

Contest will consist of 8 classes (2 of each species)

Divisions will be consistent with OKC and Tulsa State Fair guidelines:

Junior 4-H and Junior FFA – 2 sets of reasons.

Senior 4-H and Senior FFA – 3 sets of reasons.

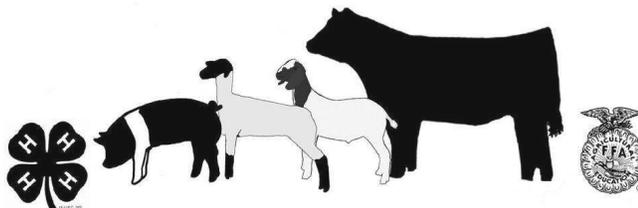
(Reasons takers provided by Northern Oklahoma Junior College,
Coach: Jennifer Bedwell)

Awards: Top 5 announced, top 3 awarded

Award Sponsor: Oklahoma Farm Bureau

Lunch provided for contestants, coaches and volunteers

Lunch sponsor: Farm Credit of Enid





Open to all actively enrolled 4H members that are eligible to show at the West Region, North District 4H Horse/Ranch Horse Show.

This program is intended to advance the knowledge base of youth in equine handling skills, particularly but not limited to groundwork with young horses.

There is no limit to the number of 4H'ers that may apply and participate in the round pen and future equine demonstrations/workshops. There are however only 5 colts that will be awarded to (5) 4-H members. Applications must be filled out completely and accompanied with a letter of recommendation from an industry leader, Extension Educator or veterinarian. The letter must state the qualifications of the youth to care for the individual animal. This includes feeding, veterinary, hoof care, safe facilities for the equine and overall ability to carry out the program which would include adult help.

What is Available:

- ◆ 5 weanling colts
- ◆ Mix of fillies and stud colts
- ◆ All horses will be grade, none are registered
- ◆ Various Breeds
- ◆ Halter Broke (May not lead well or be extremely gentle)
- ◆ Current on Vaccinations
- ◆ Current Coggins test

Once the youth takes possession of the weanling, it is theirs. They may trade, sell or keep and train their project with the opportunity to participate in a Clover Equine event. This event will be held in conjunction with the West District, North Region Ranch Horse Show, where the youth will have the opportunity to showcase (demonstrate what they have taught their equine project), with awards presented following the showcase.

Auction (Optional)

After the event showcase and awards, youth will have the opportunity to sell their project horse at auction. There will be no fees associated with the sale of the animal and the youth will retain all monies from sale of their entry.

For more information about this project contact the following:

Tommy Puffinbarger	Alfalfa County Extension	580-596-3131
Sarah Donahue	Grant County Extension	580-395-2134
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