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Alfalfa County Cooperative Extension News

Friendship, love and kindness for children

It's all about love in the month of February. Valentine's Day, Make a Friend Day and Random Acts of Kindness Day are all celebrated this month. These special days on the calendar are positive and upbeat celebrations of loving and caring for our families, friends and communities.

In spite of so much love and light found in these celebrations, February is also a cold and dreary month. On Feb. 1, Oklahomans will get only 10.5 hours of sunlight compared to just over 14.5 hours on June 21. What can parents do to keep themselves and their children from dealing with the "winter blues?"

"In addition to making sure children continue to eat nutritious meals and get lots of physical activity during the winter, parents need to make sure children have opportunities to spend quality time playing with their friends, said Laura Hubbs-Tait, [Oklahoma State University Extension](https://extension.okstate.edu/alfalfa) parenting specialist. "Recent research on adolescents emphasizes the importance of close friendships for teens' mental health and earlier research demonstrated the importance of friends for children."

Hubbs-Tait and Eileen Kerrigan, a recent graduate of the marriage and family therapy master's program in OSU's Department of Human Development and Family Science, have recently completed several fact sheets to help parents guide their children in making friends and helping teens with anxiety.

"Children with supportive friends enjoy school more, are more altruistic and suffer fewer negative consequences if they do experience bullying. They also adjust more positively to transitions – for example, when moving from elementary to middle school," said Hubbs-Tait.

Kerrigan said there are specific things parents can do starting when children are toddlers to help

them be more likely to have friends and to develop friendships they can rely on during times of stress, such as staying inside for longer periods of time during the winter.

"The first way parents can help children develop good friendship skills is to practice emotion coaching," Kerrigan said. "This includes listening and accepting children's feelings and labeling and confirming them."

Acknowledging feelings is vital. Hubbs-Tait said showing children that you've listened to them and accepted their feelings is important.

"When a child's voice sounds sad, ask them if they're feeling sad. This gives the child a label they can apply to their feelings," she said. "As a parent, you can then ask them if a hug would make them feel better. Being able to say, 'I'm mad' or 'I'm sad' is essential to a child's ability to be a good friend."

Help your child develop calming techniques such as taking deep breaths or counting slowly. Kerrigan said this helps children learn to control their feelings and is a good emotion coaching routine.

"This can help them relax and talk about why they're mad, sad or overexcited," she said.

Older children may still need to be reminded to take deep breaths, but parents also need to encourage positive self-talk.

"When your teen comes home from school saying they're upset because they're being rejected from joining groups at school, using positive self-talk can make a big difference," Hubbs-Tait said. "Tell them they are a good friend and encourage them to tell themselves 'I am a good friend and I need to ask them why they're mad and what I can do to help.'"

Social skills developed and used at home may not work with

neighborhood children or classmates. Kerrigan said children should use the "pause and take a breath" routine before asking to join the group.

"Children may need to observe quietly and understand what the others are doing before asking to join the activity. Then, do something related to that activity," she said. "For example, if the group is playing softball and no one is gathering up foul balls, go get the balls and bring them to the catcher or toss them to the pitcher."

Something else Kerrigan said to keep in mind is avoid the don'ts – don't criticize, don't interrupt, don't try to change the rules and don't force yourself into the group. Instead – be patient. Do something fun on your own and when other children come to see what you're doing, invite them to join you.

If a child or teen may harm themselves or a parent is unsure about whether a child is suicidal and what they should do, or needs immediate support, the American Academy of Pediatrics says call the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline or text TALK to 741741. Trained lifeline staff will help parents or caregivers figure out immediate steps to protect the child.

More information about [what parents can do to support friendships or helping children make friends at school](https://extension.okstate.edu/alfalfa) is available online.

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OHCE News & Notes



Dates to Remember

- February 24th—March Leader Lesson @ 2:00 PM—Mediterranean Diet
- February 27th—Reality Check @ 1:00 PM
- March 20th—OHCE Spring Association Meeting Register @ 6:15PM Meeting @ 6:30PM
Hostess: Jet Industrious Registration: WheatHearts
- March 24th—April Leader Lesson @ 2:00 PM - Eating Healthy with Rising Food Costs
- March 25th—West District OHCE Meeting— see flyer
- March 27th—Blood Drive
- April 28th—May Leader Lesson @ 2:00 PM—What Shoe Are You?
- May 7th –13th—OHCE Week
- May 10th—Flower Show



Flower Show

Wednesday, May 10, 2023



Open to the public (must be a resident or live in the school district of Alfalfa County)

Entries 7:30am – 9:30am

Judging 10:00am – 12:00pm

Dismissal of exhibits 3:00pm

Educational Programs are open to the public from - 1:00pm – 3:00pm

More information will be coming.
Each group will be asked to bring a door prize.



**OKLAHOMA COOPERATIVE
EXTENSION SERVICE**

2023 BACK TO BASICS WORKSHOPS

-Brought to you by the OSU Extension Centers in Alfalfa, Blaine, Major and Woods Counties-



Thursday, February 9 at the Alfalfa County Fairgrounds, Cherokee
Bread Making

Thursday, May 4 at the Woods County Fairgrounds, Alva
Jam and Jelly Making

Thursday, August 3 at the Major County Fairgrounds, Fairview
Pie Making

Workshop times: 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day

Fee: \$15/per person each workshop

Holiday Happenings- Thursday, November 2 at the Blaine County Fairgrounds, Watonga
Details and fee will be announced as it gets closer.

Please RSVP and pay fee no later than the Monday prior to the workshop you plan to attend.

Contact the OSU Extension Center in your county:

Alfalfa County-580.596.3131

Blaine County-580.623.5195

Major County-580.227.3786

Woods County-580.327.2786

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West District OHCE Meeting (North Region)

"GET A CLUE WITH OHCE"



Host Counties:
Alfalfa, Garfield, Grant & Woods

SATURDAY
MARCH 25, 2023

NWOSU Campus
(Easy Access & Handicap Accessible)
2929 E. Randolph - Enid

MEETING REGISTRATION: \$25 DUE BY FEBRUARY 28TH
LATE REGISTRATION: \$30 – NO LUNCH GUARANTEED

SEND TO:
ALFALFA COUNTY OSU EXTENSION OFFICE

SATURDAY ~ MARCH 25TH ~ 8:30 A.M.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ Registration/Refreshments
- ❖ Business Meeting/Awards
- ❖ State OHCE Business Report
- ❖ State Conference Update
- ❖ President's Message
- ❖ Numerous OHCE State Committee Sessions in the morning!
- ❖ Door Prize Winners Announced

WORKSHOPS

- Cookie Decorating
- Drug Awareness
- Eating Healthy with Rising Costs
- Help! Bugs Are Eating My Garden
- History of Aprons
- Napkin Folding
- Spring Holiday Canvas Painting
- Succulents
- Value Added Products – Wheat & Beef



DESIGNATED CONFERENCE HOTEL

\$98/NIGHT

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RESERVE YOUR ROOM BY MARCH 1, 2023



Agriculture Newsletter

Less Heifers in Feedlots...Finally

Derrell S. Peel, Oklahoma State University Extension Livestock Marketing Specialist

The January Cattle on Feed report from USDA-NASS showed the fourth consecutive month of declining feedlot inventories starting in October. The January 1 on-feed total for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more was down 2.9 percent year over year. The January 1 feedlot total of 11.682 million head was larger than the December 2022 total by a scant 9,000 head but still below the November total of 11.696 million head. It looks increasingly like the early November seasonal peak will hold. If so, the November total was 4.1 below the previous seasonal peak in February 2022 and suggests sharply tighter feedlot numbers going forward.

December marketings were down 6.1 percent year over year, close to pre-report expectations. The marketings number is in line with December fed (steer + heifer) slaughter, which was down 5.9 percent year over year. Feedlots appear to still be current though the lower December marketings may reflect delayed shipments due to the December winter storm.

December placements were down 8.0 percent year over year, also as expected. Monthly feedlot placements were down year over year in nine of the twelve months of 2022. Total placements the last six months from July – December, which accounts for almost all cattle in the feedlots currently, is down 3.1 percent from last year.

The latest report also included the quarterly breakdown of steers and heifers in feedlots. The steer total on January 1 was down 4.5 percent year over year. Steers in feedlots have decreased on a year over year basis for 6 of the last 7 quarters going back to July 2021. The feedlot heifer inventory on January 1 was down by 0.5 percent year over year. This is a small decrease but significant as it is the first year over year quarterly decrease in feedlot heifer inventories since July 2021. Large heifer numbers in feedlots supported the 4.8 percent year over year increase in heifer slaughter in 2022 and was the largest heifer slaughter total since 2004. The decrease in feedlot heifers does not, at this point, reflect heifer retention but simply a lack of heifers due to large heifer slaughter the past two years.

The Cattle report to be released on January 31 will include a feedlot total for all feedlots. The total U.S. feedlot inventory for January 1 averages 122.9 percent of the monthly January 1 total and accounts for feedlots smaller than 1,000 head capacity. This suggests that the January 1 U.S. feedlot inventory is expected to be 14.4 million head, down 2.3 percent from 2022.

“Increasing the Quality of Bermuda Grass through Management Practices” & “Heifer Development For Optimal Performance”



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February 16, 2023 @ Noon

Alfalfa County Annex Building

Alfalfa County Fairgrounds

Cherokee, Oklahoma

Meal Sponsor: American Plains CO-OP

“Intensive Grass Fertility for a Higher Quality Product”

Dr. Brian Arnall

Precision Nutrient Management
Plant & Soil Sciences, OSU



“Weed Control and Tonnage”

Josh Bushong

NW Area Agronomist OSU

“Heifer Development”

Dana Zook

NW Area Animal Science OSU

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Beef Cow Herd Calendar

FEBRUARY

Fall Calving

1. Continue supplemental feeding program.
2. Remove bulls after a 90-day breeding season.
3. If needed, continue limit-fed creep to calves.

Spring Calving

1. Continue supplemental feeding and increase feed amount for cows that calved early, especially first calf heifers and thin cows.
2. Thirty days before breeding, vaccinate replacement heifers with 7-way Clostridial bacterin; IBR, BVD, PI3, and BRSV modified live vaccine; and 5-way Leptospira-Campylobacter bacterin. Consult your veterinarian on vaccine types and other vaccinations recommended in the area.

3. Deworm if needed. Also, evaluate growth of yearling replacements. Will they be big enough to breed in April or May?
4. Check the cows regularly for possible calving difficulties, and baby calves for scours or pneumonia.
5. Complete selection and culling of yearling heifers as outlined in January.
6. Prepare for herd sire selection and procurement as outlined in March and April.

General Recommendations:

1. On small grain pasture, continue to limit-graze cows for protein needs and creep-graze calves.
2. Begin anaplasmosis control program. At the time of this printing Anaplasmosis vaccine is not in production, with no definite time of restarting production. The following recommendations are made with the assumption that a vac-

cine will be available soon. Consider vaccinating before parasite carriers become active and while cows are open. If cows are not vaccinated and there is a potential problem, begin feeding chlortetracycline in mineral mix in late February and continue throughout the entire growing season. Vaccinate bulls for anaplasmosis, regardless of antibiotic use. If the herd is purebred and the cattle are shipped in interstate commerce, consult with your veterinarian on a control program because the vaccine will cause cows to react to the test.

3. Fertilize fescue and small grain pastures depending on moisture, soil test, and forage production needs.
4. Oats can be drilled in Bermuda sod in February or March.
5. Sprig Bermudagrass during late February and March in a clean firm seedbed.
6. Use prescribed fire to improve forage quality, reduce ticks, and control weeds and brush.

MARCH

Fall Calving

1. Continue to creep-graze calves and limit-graze cows on wheat and other small grain pasture.
2. Continue supplemental feeding of cattle wintered on low quality forage. If grass is in short supply, feed hay or other supplemental energy.
3. Vaccinate all heifer calves between four and ten months of age for brucellosis. Calves may also be vaccinated with 7-way Clostridial bacterin, 5-way Leptospira bacterin, and an Intranasal IBR-PI3 vaccine or IBR, BVD, PI3 & BRSV vaccine that may be used around pregnant cows.

Spring Calving

1. Continue supplemental feeding. Increase protein and energy intake to offset increased nutrient requirement for lactation.

2. Semen evaluate bulls, trim feet if needed and

vaccinate with Leptospira/Campylobacter bacterin. Address internal and external parasite problems.

3. Purchase new bulls. Use EPD's along with other performance and pedigree information to make selection decisions. Check health history, including immunizations and diseases from farm of origin.
4. After calving and before breeding (30 days preferable), vaccinate cows with 5-way Leptospira/Campylobacter bacterin, IBR, BVD, PI3, and BRSV vaccine. Vaccines used should be recommended by the local veterinarian.
5. Supplement cows to maintain body condition at calving to enhance re-breeding performance.
6. Monitor development of replacement heifers. Make certain they are gaining enough to reach 65% of their expected mature weight by the begin-

ning of the breeding season (715 pounds if mature weight is 1100).

General Recommendations:

1. Vaccinate bulls for anaplasmosis, if not previously done this year.
2. Begin grazing Bermudagrass pastures overseeded in fall with small grains. Use for lactating cows, stocker calves, or as a creep for nursing calves.
3. Sample soil from established Bermudagrass, old world bluestem, and lovegrass pastures to determine fertilizer needs.
4. Remove old growth from weeping lovegrass and old world bluestem by grazing, clipping, or burning.
5. Plant spring-seeded legumes, such as lespedeza, sweet clover, red clover, and white clover. Inoculate legume seeds before planting.
6. Use prescribed fire to improve forage quality, reduce

“What About Our Native Grass” & “Understanding Nutritional Needs of Cows This Spring”



March 16, 2023 @ Noon

Meal Sponsored by: Johnston Seed Company

Alfalfa County Annex Building

Alfalfa County Fairgrounds

Cherokee, Oklahoma

“Native Grass Reclamation Through Drought and Grazing”

Dr. Laura Goodman

Extension Rangeland Ecology

NREM, OSU



**ALFALFA COUNTY
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“Nutritional Needs of Cows on Native Grass”

Dana Zook

NW Area Animal Science OSU

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February Horticulture Tips



General

Base any plant fertilization on a soil test. For directions, contact your county Extension Educator.

Provide feed and unfrozen water for your feathered friends.

Clean up birdhouses before spring tenants arrive during the middle of this month.

Avoid salting sidewalks for damage can occur to plant material. Use alternative commercial products, sand or kitty litter for traction.

Join *Oklahoma Gardening* on your OETA station for the start of its season beginning in February on Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. and Sundays at 3:00 p.m.

Trees & Shrubs

Fertilize trees including fruit and nut trees and shrubs according to a soil test. ([HLA-6412](#))

Most bare-rooted trees and shrubs should be planted in February or March. ([HLA-6414](#))

Finish pruning shade trees, summer flowering shrubs and hedges. Spring blooming shrubs such as forsythia may be pruned immediately after flowering. **Do not** top trees or prune just for the sake of pruning. ([HLA-6409](#))

Look for arborvitae aphids on many evergreen shrubs during the warmer days of early spring.

Gall-producing insects on oaks, pecans, hackberries, etc. need to be sprayed prior to bud break of foliage.

Dormant oil can still be applied to control mites, galls, overwintering aphids, etc. ([EPP-7306](#))



Turf

A product containing glyphosate plus a broadleaf herbicide that are both labeled for this use can be used on **completely tan dormant** bermuda in January or early February when temperatures are above 50°F for winter weed control. ([HLA-6420](#))



Vegetables

Cool-season vegetable transplants can still be started for late spring garden planting.

By February 15 many cool-season vegetables like cabbage, carrots, lettuce, peas, and potatoes can be planted. ([HLA-6004](#))



Flowers

Force spring flowering branches like forsythia, quince, peach, apple, and weigela for early bloom indoors.

Forced spring bulbs should begin to bloom indoors; many will need 10 to 12 weeks of cold, dark conditions prior to blooming.

Feed tulips in early February. Wait to prune roses in March.



Fruit & Nuts

Spray peaches and nectarines with a fungicide for prevention of peach leaf curl before bud swell. ([EPP-7319](#))

Mid-February is a good time to begin pruning and fertilizing trees and small fruits.

Collect and store graftwood for grafting pecans later this spring.

Begin planting blackberries, raspberries, strawberries, grapes, asparagus, and other perennial garden crops later this month.

Choose fruit varieties that have a proven track record for Oklahoma's conditions. Fact Sheet [HLA-6222](#) has a recommended list.

Raising The Orphan Calf

Rosslyn Biggs, Oklahoma State University State Extension Beef Veterinarian

Raising an orphaned beef calf can be time consuming and may require additional expense. Additionally, calves may not be thriving at the time they are orphaned so managing health and nutrition can present challenges. Below are considerations when creating a plan.

Nutrition

Age has significant influence on the nutritional considerations for an orphaned calf. High quality colostrum should be fed to calves that lose their dams at less than 24 hours of age. Producers should not wait to administer colostrum if there is evidence the calf has not nursed.

Beyond the first day of life, calves need 10-12% of their body weight in milk per day. A good rule of thumb is that one gallon of milk equals eight pounds. Feeding multiple times per day from a bottle or bucket are both options, however, nursing from a bottle closely mimics the nursing of the udder.

The quality of a milk replacer is critical, and the calf should be consistently fed with the same product. Milk replacers should, at a minimum, be at least 15% fat and 22% protein. Milk should be at 101-105 degrees F when fed.

Within the first week after birth, offer a calf starter ration of pellets or other creep feed along with high quality hay. Once the calf is beginning to consume ½ to 2 pounds of dry feed daily, slow bottle weaning can be initiated. Unlike in dairy calves, best results are seen if a beef calf is fed milk for several months. At eight weeks of age, the calf's weight should have double since birth.

Fresh water should be always available. Water buckets, bottles, and feed pans should be regularly cleaned and sanitized.

Temperature

Calves, especially newborns, do not have the ability to easily maintain their core temperatures. Environmental conditions such as wind and outside temperatures below 50 degrees F may lead to cold stress. Especially during the winter, calves may need to be taken indoors for rewarming and fluids if their temperature drops below 99 degrees F.

Bedding can also help maintain calf temperature. Deep bedding such as straw should be available and regularly refreshed. Housing should be well ventilated areas, clean, and dry.

Health

Fever, decreased appetite, coughing, and diarrhea can all be clinical signs of concern. Producers should work with their veterinarians in advance to develop treatment plans and have medications on hand for commonly seen conditions.

4-H Clover Connection

State 4-H Ambassadors continue to make the best better

Oklahoma 4-H'ers looking to further develop the life skills they have learned in 4-H should consider applying to become a State 4-H Ambassador. For more than a quarter of a century, club members have been serving as ambassadors to the [Oklahoma 4-H Youth Development](#) program, and continuing to make the best better.

Cathy Allen, 4-H curriculum coordinator at the State 4-H Office at Oklahoma State University said [applications](#) to be part of this select group are due March 15. Applicants must be 13 years of age or older by the application deadline and have at least one year of high school remaining.

"Ambassadors have a unique role within 4-H as they serve dual roles in working with club members, as well as adult partners. They make 4-H more visible in their counties and across the state, maintain relationships with 4-H alumni and supporters and help club members tell the 4-H story," Allen said. "Our ambassadors this last year were involved in a variety of activities that not only enhanced the 4-H program overall, but also helped them build upon the life skills they had already started developing."

Clarissa Smith, a State 4-H Ambassador from Okfuskee County, said her ambassador experiences have truly enriched her overall 4-H experience.

"The State 4-H Ambassador program has allowed me to network, learn valuable life skills and create memories that will last a lifetime," Smith said.

"Since becoming an ambassador, I've

been able to participate in and learn more about 4-H than I ever had."

Smith was instrumental in helping with the Ambassador Alumni Tailgate event that took place last fall at an OSU football game and said she used many of the life skills she had developed during her years in 4-H.

"My favorite part of working on this event was seeing the ideas come to life, from talking about buying football game tickets to working with the ticket office to secure them," she said. "I also enjoyed working with local donors while planning the tailgate. I was able to use skills such as time management, responsibility, communication and organization."

Smith said she would eagerly encourage other club members to become ambassadors because of the amazing opportunities the program provides.

"This is a great way to make new friends. As ambassadors we're taught important skills such as writing thank-you cards, speaking at banquets and donor relations, all of which will be useful in the future," she said. "I feel that the State 4-H Ambassador program is an amazing opportunity to create personal growth and to become part of an amazing community."

Seminole County 4-H'er Ella Allen also said deciding to apply and being selected to serve as a State 4-H Ambassador has had a positive impact on her 4-H experiences.

"This has introduced me to so many

amazing people and opened doors to countless opportunities," Ella Allen said.

The skills Ella Allen has learned as an ambassador helped her when she was part of the planning team for the Clover Classic Golf Tournament. She used her public speaking skills as she addressed the group to express her appreciation to the 4-H donors. She was also part of the awards presentation following the tournament.

"Becoming an ambassador has been one of the greatest decisions I've made in terms of bettering my 4-H career," she said. "Just submitting your application and going through the interview process allows club members to grow and better themselves."

Cathy Allen said the three-part interview process includes an extemporaneous speech, a face-to-face interview and a writing assignment.

"We're looking for 4-H'ers who are self-motivated, enthusiastic about the program and youth who are looking to enhance their leadership skills and accept responsibility," Cathy Allen said. "As an ambassador, youth will also develop their public speaking skills to promote the 4-H organization across the state."

For more information about the State 4-H Ambassador program or the application process, contact Cathy Allen at 405-744-8892 or cathy.allen@okstate.edu.



COMMERCIAL PEN OF CALVES
Alfalfa County
SPRING LIVESTOCK SHOW
2022-2023

Open to any student in Alfalfa County schools or home schooled. Ages: Jr. 8-13: Sr. 14-19, age as of September 1, 2022 and **enrolled in 4-H or FFA.**

Weigh-in will be **November 5, 2022** at the Cherokee Sales Company Facilities, **2:00 PM.**

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 17th, 2023** 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 20, 2023 (or first day of stock show).

Interviews will be 2-4pm, February 20th (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

Senior Champion pen of steers = \$250

Junior Champion pen of heifers = \$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
Tommy Puffinbarger
(580) 596-3131

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

Alfalpa County Spring Livestock Show

February 20 -22, 2023

Schedule of Events

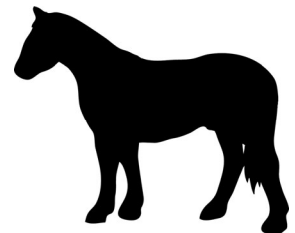
Monday, February 20

9:00 – 10:00 AM Weigh All Livestock
Sigh Up for Showmanship
Check Papers
Enter Horses
1:00 PM Goat Showmanship
Goat Show
Sheep Showmanship
Sheep Show
2:00 – 4:00 PM Commercial Pen of Calves Interviews
5:00 PM Cattle
Dairy Showmanship
Dairy Show
Beef Showmanship
Beef Show



Tuesday, February 21

9:00 AM Swine Showmanship
Swine Show
1:00 PM Horse Showmanship
Horse Show
Livestock Judging Contest



******* Livestock Judging Contest begins at the conclusion of the Horse Show.**

******* All Livestock will be released following the Judging Contest. Any animal leaving before will forfeit all premiums and awards!**

******* All stalls must be cleaned, and all equipment must be removed before the banquet.**

Wednesday, February 22

5:30 PM Banquet and Awards Program
Banquet meal will be served by
The Cherokee Junior Class.
6:30 Premium Sale



Oklahoma Youth Expo

March 6-17, 2023

www.okyouthexpo.com

- All animals must be Youth Expo nominated
- All swine must be pseudo rabies and brucellosis tested
- All swine exhibitors must have a Premise Identification number
- PQA certificate is not required, PQA certified exhibitors will receive additional premium based on placing. Refer to Youth Expo Website.



2023 Schedule of Events

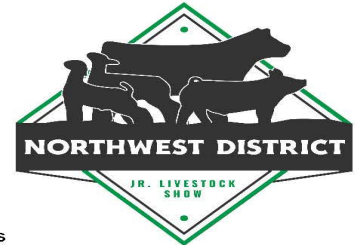
Chisholm Trail Expo Center
Enid, OK

Monday, February 27th

12:00 pm Fairgrounds open for stall set-up and cattle move in

Tuesday, February 28th

7:30 am Show Office opens
8:00 am Cattle scales will be available
10:00 am **Beginning Beef Showcase**
10:00 am **Steer cards due** and steers must be in place on the Fairgrounds
12:00 pm **Steer Show**
6:00 pm All **papered & commercial heifer cards due** in Show Office and Heifers must be in place on the Fairgrounds
Ag Mechanics projects to be in place on the Fairgrounds



Wednesday, March 1st

7:30 am Show Office opens
8:00 am **Heifer Show**
10:00 am **Ag Mechanics judging begins**

Thursday, March 2nd

7:00 am Show Office opens
7:30 am Lamb Classification (Order same as show order. Bring entry card to ring.)
Ewe Registration Check-In
(Order same as show order. Bring entry card, animal, & registration papers.)
9:00 am Lamb Lead (Pre-registration with District 4-H Office required.)
10:00 am **Ewe Show**
Lunch Break **Wether Lamb Show begins immediately following the Ewe Show**

Friday, March 3rd

7:30 am Show Office opens
8:00 am All goats must be in place and **goat cards** (does and wethers) **due** in Show Office
9:30 am **Breeding Doe Show**
Wether Goat Show to begin following the Breeding Doe Show
7:30 pm All **barrow cards due** in Show Office

Saturday, March 4th

7:00 am Show Office opens
8:00 am **Barrow Show**
All barrows must be in place at the Fairgrounds to be eligible to show
12:00 pm Ag Mechanics projects may start to release
7:30 pm Purebred gilt cards are **due** in Show Office

Sunday, March 5th

7:30 am Show Office opens
7:30 am **Commercial gilt cards are due** in Show Office
8:00 am **Gilt Show**
All gilts must be in place at the Fairgrounds to be eligible to show

Monday, March 6th

6:15 pm **Awards Presentation and Premium Sale Auction**

Speech/Illustrated Presentation/Power Point Contest

April 10, 2023 @ 6:30 P.M.

The Alfalfa County 4-H Speech & Illustrated Presentation / Power Point contests will be held **April 10, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.** at the **Alfalfa County Exhibit Building in Cherokee.** We will be following the Power Point guidelines used at State 4-H Roundup. However all 4-H members in the Alfalfa County are eligible

to participate in the Power Point contest in the county. For the Power Point contest you may pick up the guidelines in the office or go to our web page at <http://oces.okstate.edu/alfalfa>. **Power Point presentations have to be brought into the extension office before April 5th, so we can make sure everything is**

compatible with our equipment. All other entries need to be in the extension office by April 5th. If you have any questions please contact the extension office at (580)596.3131

ENTRY FORM

Name _____

Club _____

Entry Title _____

Contest Category

Speech

Illustrated Presentation

PowerPoint

Age Division: (as of September 1, 2022)

Cloverbuds (5-8)

Junior (8-11)

Intermediate (12-14)

Senior (15-19)

Cloverbuds are exhibition only, they will not be judged.

Note: Only one entry per form

Please return to the Alfalfa County Extension Office by April 5, 2023

4-H Dates To Remember

- February 6th: Adult Leaders Meeting—Extension Office @ 6:30 PM
- April 10th: Speech/Illustrated Presentation/Power Point Contest Exhibit Building @ 6:30 PM
- May 20th: Food Show Down/Cupcake Wars/Vegetable Sculpting New Building @ 10AM
- June 2nd & 3rd: NW District 4-H Horse/ Ranch Horse Show—Cherokee
- June 19th—21st: 4-H Camp—Vici, Oklahoma
- August 7th: Achievement Banquet Practice—Exhibit Building @ 2PM
- August 8th—Achievement Banquet—Exhibit Building @ 6PM
- November 4th—Turkey Dinner Prep—Exhibit Building @ 9AM
- November 5th—Turkey Dinner—Exhibit Building @ 11AM



Mark your calendars:

June 19th—21st!



2023 Alfalfa County 4-H Has Talent Results

All of the following acts received blue ribbons

Cloverbud acts received participation ribbons



We are proud of the talented members, leaders & parents in Alfalfa County 4-H!

Champion Senior Large Group - “Americana” - Burlington 4-H

Zoey Graham, Carlee Graham, Wyatt Morgan, Garrett Sims, Rylee Sims, Mylee Sims, Savelina Ofiu, Owen Bellamy, Remington Farney, Kennedy Jantz, Dayton Thomason, Laruen Thomason, Maddox Morgan & Cooper Callison

Champion Senior Small Group - “Wrangler” - Cherokee 4-H

Laura Brown, Cheyenne Brown, Stetson Metcalf

Champion Junior Small Group Act- “Hunting Skit”- Burlington 4-H—Wyatt Morgan, Owen Bellamy & Maddox Morgan

Champion Senior Individual – Emma Schupach, Burlington 4-H –Piano- “Cruella de Vil”

Champion Junior Individual – Savelina Ofiu, Burlington 4-H – Solo- “Friend Like Me”

Reserve Champion Junior Individual – Hudson Schupach, Burlington 4-H– Piano- “Amarillo By Morning”

Blue Ribbon Winner– Lauren Thomason, Burlington 4-H– Solo- “I Don’t Know My Name”

Cherokee Cloverbud Large Group-“We Will Rock You” Julie Beisel, Hudson Hansel, Bryson Jenlink, Mason Goeken, Sterling Metcalf, Harrison Bockelman, Koen Goodwin, Chloe Claflin & Jocelyn Ordonez

Cloverbud Small Group– Burlington Cloverbuds- “Life On The Farm” Mazie Ferrell, Aidan Graham, Benny Bellamy & Grayson Bellamy

Burlington Cloverbud Individual – Emmett Morgan “Psalm 23”

Cherokee Cloverbud Individual – Koen Goodwin “David & Goliath”

Burlington Cloverbud Individual – Mazie Ferrell “Two Front Teeth”

Cherokee Cloverbud Individual – Harrison Bockelman “Jesus Loves Me”

Burlington Cloverbud Individual– Lisiate Ofiu “My Girl”

2023 Alfalfa County 4-H Has Talent Results

Fourteen (14) individual acts, three (3) small group acts, and one (1) large group act from ten (10) counties (Alfalfa, Caddo, Cimarron, Garfield, Grady, Kingfisher, Major, Washita, Woods, and Woodward) were on the program Saturday, January 28, 2023, for the West District North Region 4-H Has Talent.

Individual Acts

1st Place– Friend Like Me– Savelina Ofiu
Alfalfa County

2nd Place– Hopelessly Devoted to You– Cady Bulls,
Cimarron County

3rd Place– I Don’t Know My Name– Lauren Thomason,
Alfalfa County

Small Group Acts

1st Place– The Littlest 4-Her– Pioneer 4-H, Garfield

2nd Place– Hunting Skit– Burlington 4-H, Alfalfa

3rd Place– Ringwood 4-H Club, Major

Large Group Act

1st Place– American Roots– Burlington 4-H

Carlee Graham, Zoey Graham, Remington Farney, Wyatt Morgan, Owen Bellamy, Lauren Thomason, Dayton Thomason, Garrett Sims, Cooper Callison, Maddox Morgan and Savelina Ofiu



Fashion Revue & Impressive Dress Results

FASHION REVUE

Top Seamstress - **Kortney Campbell**

Champion Senior Top Model & Champion Fun Item Senior Division - **Mylee Sims**

Champion Intermediate Top Model & Champion 2 Piece Garment Intermediate Division - **Kortney Campbell**

Champion Junior Top Model & Champion Fun Item Junior Division— **Garrett Sims**

Champion Fun Item Intermediate Division - **Rylee Sims**

Champion Simple Bottoms with Elastic Waistband Junior Division - **Stetson Metcalf**



IMPRESSIVE DRESS

Overall Grand Champion Senior - **Cheyenne Brown**

Overall Grand Champion Inter.— **Lauren Thomason**

Overall Grand Champion Junior— **Garrett Sims**

Overall Reserve Grand Champion Senior—**Laura Brown**

Overall Reserve Grand Champion Inter.—**Kortney Campbell**

Overall Reserve Grand Champion Junior—**Carlee Graham**

Casual Wear

Champion Senior —Mylee Sims

Reserve Champion Senior—Cheyenne Brown

Blue Ribbon Award Senior —Laura Brown

Champion Intermediate—Kortney Campbell

Reserve Champion Intermediate—Lauren Thomason

Blue Ribbon Award Intermediate-Remington Farney

Blue Ribbon Award Intermediate-Rylee Sims

Champion Junior—Stetson Metcalf

Reserve Champion Junior—Dayton Thomason

Blue Ribbon Award Junior—Zoey Graham

Blue Ribbon Award Junior—Hayden Hansel

Cloverbud Participation—Sterling Metcalf

Cloverbud Participation—Harrison Bockelman

Cloverbud Participation—Mazie Ferrell

Formal Wear

Champion Senior —Mylee Sims

Champion Intermediate—Lauren Thomason

Reserve Champion Intermediate—Rylee Sims

Cloverbud Participation—Harrison Bockelman

Active Sports Wear

Champion Senior —Cheyenne Brown

Reserve Champion Senior—Laura Brown

Champion Intermediate—Wyatt Morgan

Champion Junior—Garrett Sims

Reserve Champion Junior—Dayton Thomason

Cloverbud Participation—Grayson Bellamy

Cloverbud Participation—Emmett Morgan

Cloverbud Participation—Hudson Hansel

Cloverbud Participation—Harrison Bockelman

Cloverbud Participation—Sterling Metcalf

Dress Wear

Champion Intermediate—Kortney Campbell

Reserve Champion Intermediate—Remington Farney

Blue Ribbon Award Intermediate—Rylee Sims

Champion Junior—Carlee Graham

Cloverbud Participation—Sterling Metcalf

Cloverbud Participation—Mazie Ferrell

Cloverbud Participation—Harrison Bockelman