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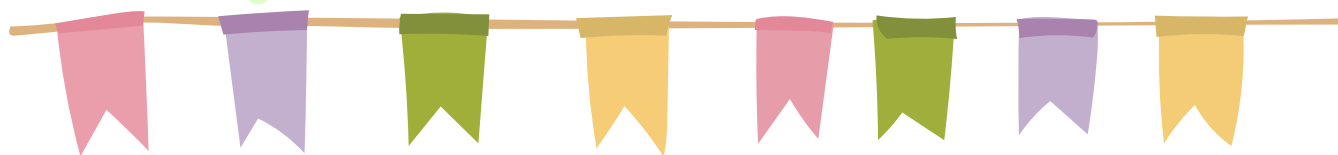
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Blaine County 4-H Youth Shine at the Oklahoma State Fair



Blaine County 4-H members recently showcased their talents and dedication at the Oklahoma State Fair, and we couldn't be prouder of their accomplishments! From creative arts and crafts to educational exhibits, our youth put in countless hours of hard work preparing their entries—and it showed. Their efforts were rewarded with amazing results, reflecting both their commitment to excellence and the values of the 4-H program.

In addition to exhibit entries, several Blaine County 4-H members also competed in various livestock shows at the fair. These young exhibitors demonstrated outstanding care, skill, and sportsmanship in the ring. Their success is a testament to the time, effort, and responsibility they invest in their projects year-round.

We applaud all of our 4-H participants for representing Blaine County with pride and enthusiasm. Their achievements at the State Fair are a reflection of their dedication, and we look forward to seeing what they accomplish next!



Brighter Future Enrollment Now Open!

Oklahoma 4-H is now enrolling high school students in the Brighter Future program. Online modules are available to help students build college and career skills, with benefits including pre-admission to Oklahoma State University for those who complete the four-year program.

Enroll today at okla.st/4h-bf-register. For more information, contact Mindy Aragon at mindy.aragon@okstate.edu.

Oklahoma 4-H Month & National 4-H Week



October is a time to celebrate the impact of
4-H across our state and nation!

Join us in recognizing Oklahoma 4-H
Month and gearing up for National 4-H
Week, happening Oct. 5-11.

This year's theme, Beyond Ready, highlights
how 4-H youth are empowered with the
skills, resilience and confidence they need
to thrive in an ever-changing world.



Oklahoma 4-H Dog Adventure Day

Join us for Dog Adventure Day on Saturday, Nov. 8, at
Totusek Arena
(2707 W. McElroy Rd., Stillwater, OK).

This fun, educational event is perfect for 4-H members in
the Dog project!

Cost:

\$15 per handler/dog (includes 3 activities)

\$5 for each additional activity

Vaccination form due by Oct. 31 at 5 p.m.

Activities include: Agility, Trick Dog, Rally, Scent Work,
Barn Hunt, Showmanship and more! Each activity is limited
to 50 participants.

For more information about the event, contact Kris Hiney.
For help with registration, contact Leah Haxton.

4-H Leadership Team Set to Make an Impact Statewide

The culmination of the closing assembly at State 4-H Roundup each year is the announcement of the new state leadership council. Fourteen motivated and excited club members took their place on stage as their name was called – ready to take on the leadership roles for which the 4-H Roundup delegates cast their votes. Cathleen Taylor, state leadership and civic engagement specialist with the state 4-H office at Oklahoma State University, said each new officer team meets shortly after State 4-H Roundup to develop their plan of action for the year.

“The officer team sets goals for our service projects early in their officer tenure,” Taylor said. “The team meets quarterly, and this year they decided they wanted an educational component to each meeting. We’ll be doing a lesson that the officers can take back to their 4-H clubs in their counties.”

This year, the team wants to increase donations for Change for Change. Oklahoma 4-H’ers have raised nearly \$170,000 and donated to the Children’s Health Foundation. The officer team set a goal of \$21,000 this year. The donations help bring researchers and doctors to treat Oklahoma youth, so families don’t have to leave the state to seek specialized treatment.

The leadership team will continue the Pull for Kids service project that raises funds for the Ronald McDonald Charities of Oklahoma. This year’s goal is 4,444 pounds of pull tabs. Taylor said she challenges each officer to set their personal goals along with the state goals.

“This is important because the skills they learn as they set goals and put their plan into action will carry over into all aspects of their lives,” she said. “They’ll use these skills in high school, college, trade school and whatever professional career they choose.”

In addition to the state service projects, the leadership council is also a driving force behind the 2026 State 4-H Roundup planning. (Continued on page 7)

4-H Leadership Team Set to Make an Impact Statewide, cont.

“This officer team has participated in Roundup for several years, but as an officer, they get to see the other side of Roundup – the side that plans workshops and works out all of the details that make each Roundup a success,” Taylor said. “They’re working on strategies now that will help increase participation in Roundup next year.” Kate Sherrill, Pawnee County, was elected to serve as the 2025-2026 president of the leadership council. She said she’s enjoying getting to know her fellow officers better and traveling the state while representing 4-H.

Taylor reminds the leadership team that they are role models for all 4-H’ers in Oklahoma and beyond, and Sherrill has some advice for younger 4-H’ers who hope to become state officers down the road.

“Don’t be scared to run for office. Even if you don’t get elected, you’ll meet some of the most amazing people,” Sherrill said. “Take every opportunity you possibly can, because with those opportunities you’ll make some of the greatest memories. Oklahoma 4-H has truly shaped me into the person I am today. I would still be a timid girl who didn’t want to take a chance, but now I want to be involved in as much as I possibly can.”

Sherrill also said the officer team hopes to visit all 77 counties throughout their year as state officers. Taylor said in addition to working hard to plan events, community service projects and serve as role models, the officer team has opportunities to meet many new people.

“These youth are the face of Oklahoma 4-H, and that comes with opportunities not afforded to everyone,” Taylor said. “Just recently, some team members met with Brook Rollins, the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture. That kind of opportunity doesn’t come along every day. Plus, they’re interacting with business leaders on behalf of 4-H to help spread the word on the positive impact 4-H has on its members and communities across the state.”

While this officer team may still be getting their bearings as leaders, they’re off to a great start to help ensure all 4-H’ers across the state continue to make the best better.



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DATES TO *remember*

October 1st to 31st - Oklahoma 4-H Month

October 5th to 11th - National 4-H Week

October 8th - Watonga 4-H Club Meeting & Cloverbuds

4p-5p at Blaine County Fairgrounds Foley Building

October 8th - Fairboard Meeting

7pm at Blaine County Fairgrounds Foley Building

October 10th to 11th - Watonga Cheese Festival

October 11th - OSU Cimarron Classic

Livestock Judging Contest

October 13th - Columbus Day - OSU Office

& County Courthouse Closed

October 15th to 17th - 4-H Leadership Conference

October 21st - Okeene 4-H Club Meeting

October 31st - Halloween

November 8th - 4-H Dog Adventure Days

November 22nd - STEM for Y'all Conference

November 25th - Winter Shoot

November 27th to 28th - Thanksgiving Holidays -

OSU Office & County Courthouse Closed

November 28th - National 4-H Congress

December 3rd - Wheat Show Banquet

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