



# NEWSLETTER

## Be diligent with ATV safety this summer

School is out and for families in the agriculture industry, children likely will spend countless hours lending a hand with various chores. While safety is important any day of the year, summer is a time of year to be even more diligent.

[Jim Rhodes, Oklahoma State University Extension west district 4-H Youth Development](#) program specialist, said the top three causes of fatalities on the farm/ranch are machinery, motor vehicles and drowning. The top three causes of injuries are falls, livestock and machinery/vehicles.

“Just over 40% of farm/ranch accidental deaths of children under the age of 15 involve a tractor. An extra rider on a tractor contributes to this number,” Rhodes said. “It’s imperative for Oklahoma families to take the time to train youth on the safe operation of farm machinery.”

Summer also is a time of year when youth will spend more time on their all-terrain vehicles (ATV) or their recreational off-highway vehicle (ROV) for farm work, fun or sport. Rhodes said families often use ATVs and ROVs to work the land or simply explore the great outdoors.

ATV injury is an increasingly important public health concern that disproportionately affects populations in rural environments. Numerous studies indicate that ATV injuries are much more common in rural areas due to their applications in farm work, hunting and recreation.

OSU Extension offers a Tractor/Machinery Safety Course for 14- and 15-year-old youth that meets

the federal requirement for youth who work off the family farm for someone not directly related to them. This course provides the needed educational safety skills to participants. Contact your local [OSU Extension County office](#) for more details.

“This is an excellent course for any youth who works on the family farm, too,” Rhodes said. “Sometimes youth are more receptive hearing the safety message from someone other than a family member. It helps drive home the point of safety.”

OSU Extension also offers the [4-H ATV Youth Riders Course](#) to Oklahoma 4-H clubs, families, youth groups and schools to help teach youth about the importance of ATV safety. Rhodes led this course for the past several years, but it is now under the leadership of Ravyn Bevard. For those who would like to schedule a class, please call Bevard at 918-798-7286 or send an email to [Rbevard@okstate.edu](mailto:Rbevard@okstate.edu).

This course covers all aspects of ATV safety, including driving the ATV and all the proper gear needed, such as a Department of Transportation-compliant helmet, over-the-ankle boots, long-sleeved shirt, long pants, and gloves. Participants get hands-on experience on ATVs and go through an obstacle course to learn proper riding techniques.

“We certainly want youth to have fun and enjoy all that the great outdoors has to offer, but safety must be at the top of the list,” Rhodes said. “Accidents can happen in the blink of an eye and can change a family forever. Our goal is to provide the skills and tools needed to keep youth safe this summer while out of school, and throughout the rest of the year.”

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## County Public Speaking and Demonstration Contests July 22 at Fair Grounds in Taloga 4:00 p.m.

### Demonstration Contest

This is an opportunity for 4-H members to practice their public speaking skills while showing how to do something learned in their 4-H project. Each member may present an individual and/or team (2 members) demonstration.

### Public Speaking Contest

The County Public Speaking Contest has three categories.

**Speeches** – no props or illustrations

**Illustrated talk** – must include a prop or illustration (Think “show and tell”)

**PowerPoint Presentation** – 4-7 minutes presentation using 5 or more slides.

### Clover buds

Clover buds may do a demonstration or speech, but they will not be judged competitively, they may do an individual team, or group presentation.

## Dewey County Public Speaking and Demonstration Contests July 22, 2022 Registration is due July 18, 2022

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Age Division

\_\_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> timer \_\_\_\_ Jr. \_\_\_\_ Int. \_\_\_\_ Sr. \_\_\_\_

### Category:

Speech \_\_\_\_ PowerPoint \_\_\_\_ Illustrated Talk \_\_\_\_

### Demonstration

Individual \_\_\_\_\_ Team \_\_\_\_\_

### Clover bud

Demonstration \_\_\_\_ Other Presentation \_\_\_\_

Title:

\_\_\_\_\_

## County 4-H Awards Program July 30, 2022 Taloga Fair Grounds at 6:30

We are wrapping up another 4-H year, and it has been a great one! So, it's time to celebrate.

The county awards program will be held on July 30, 2022, at the county fairgrounds in Taloga. The program will begin at 6:30 with dinner, followed by the presentation of individual and club awards. 4-H members, parents, and guests are welcome to attend.

There will be a delicious potluck meal. The county 4-H boosters will provide the meat. Each family may bring a side dish or dessert.

There is no fee to attend, but families should RSVP by calling the extension office (580) 328 5351. Deadline to RSVP is July 20<sup>th</sup>.

## County 4-H Officer Elections

The county 4-H officer elections will be held on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, following the public speaking contest at the fairgrounds in Taloga. Following the public speaking contest. Each club will have five voting delegates for the election of each office. Club leaders may rotate the delegates to allow more members to experience the electoral process.

Qualified candidates may submit applications to the extension office by 4:30 on July 18<sup>th</sup>. Each candidate will have 2-4 minutes to present a campaign speech before the elections. If a candidate is unable to attend the officer elections, a fellow club member may speak on his/her behalf.

Candidate qualifications: president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer -must be 14 years old with 4 years as a 4-H member and must have turned in a record book for the 2021-22 year.

Game and song leaders -must be 12 years old with 2 years as a 4-H member and must have turned in a record book for the 2021-22 year.

\*Ages as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

## Clover Bud Workshops

Clover buds are members in grades K-2<sup>nd</sup>. There will be three clover bud workshops – June 22, July 6, and July 13. Members may register to attend one or more workshops by calling the extension office.

Teen leaders and/or volunteers are welcome to help with these workshops. It is a great leadership activity for teens.

## Barn Quilt Workshop

**June 25, 2022**

**10:00 A.M. at the County Fairgrounds**

Come learn about barn quilts and quilt trails. Paint your own barn quilt. This workshop is open to youth and adults. Youth participants, grades 6 and under, must have an adult partner.

Supply fees are \$20.00 to paint a 1'x1' barn quilt and \$30.00 to paint a 2' X 2' barn quilt. Bring a sack lunch and enjoy a day painting.

**DON'T FORGET  
DUE BY JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>.**



There will be a record book workshop on June 21<sup>st</sup>. Or call the extension office for assistance, any time. Monday – Friday 8:00 – 4:30.

## Sewing Workshop

**July 5, 2022**

**1:00 – 4:00**

Participants will make a chef's apron. All supplies are furnished. Register by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

## 4-H Calendar

### June

- 16 – 25 – Citizenship Washington Focus
- 17 – Register for clover bud deadline
- 21 – Register for Barn Quilt Deadline
- 21 – County record book workshop
- 22 – Cloverbud Workshop
- 25 – Barn Quilt Workshop
- 28 & 29 – District Discovery Days

### July

- 1 – County Record Books Due
- 5 – Sewing Workshop
- 6 – Cloverbud Workshop
- 8 – deadline to register for July 13 Clover bud workshop
- 13 – Clover bud workshop
- 15 – deadline to register for Appreciate Dewey County
- 18 – deadline to register for public speaking contest  
County Officer forms due
- 20 – RSVP County Award Program  
Record Book Interviews
- 21 – Appreciate Dewey County
- 22 – Public Speaking Contest  
Introduction to Entrepreneurship Project  
County Officer Elections
- 28-29 – State 4-H roundup
- 30 – County Awards Program

### Looking Ahead!

#### August

- 24 – Fairest of the Fair entries due

#### September

- 2 -Register for Entrepreneurship project
- 7 – 4-H Market/silent auction  
Fairest of the Fair contest
- 8 – 10 – County Fair

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8:00 AM – 4:30 PM Monday – Friday

Office Hours:

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Contact your local 4-H leader or the county extension office 328-5351

Sign up at 4h.zsuite.org  
Using your email and password (you create)  
Make a household account  
Enroll your 4-H member(s)

Enroll in 4-H for the 2021-2022 year:



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