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4-H'ers Make a Big Showing at National Shooting Sports Contest

A delegation of 27 Oklahoma 4-H shooting sports members took part recently in the 2024 4-H Shooting Sports National Championship in Grand Island, Nebraska. There were more than 700 youth participating, ranging in age from 14-18 years old.

Ruth Pratt, Oklahoma State University Extension assistant specialist in the state 4-H office, serves as the statewide coordinator for the shooting sports program.

“This is the major competition in the country for youth involved in the 4-H shooting sports program,” Pratt said. “Our youth worked hard and continually set goals to better themselves in order to be a part of the National 4-H Shooting Sports team. This was a national competition, so the 27 youth from Oklahoma were competing against the best of the best from around the United States.”

The national competition features nine disciplines and Oklahoma was represented in eight of them. Pratt said her goal for shooting sports participants is to have representation in all nine disciplines at the 2025 competition.

As with all projects and activities in 4-H, building life skills is a prominent focus in everything club members do. The shooting sports

program encompasses all the goals of the Oklahoma 4-H Youth Development Program, and provides participants with hands-on learning opportunities on the range and builds life skills that can be used off the range.

“We’re all about providing educational opportunities through positive youth development,” Pratt said. “Members learn life skills, safety and personal development through the shooting sports project. The skills youth learn on the range can be used in all aspects of their lives.”

Shooting sports emphasizes safe and responsible use of firearms, archery and other shooting disciplines. They learn responsibility, discipline, teamwork, goal setting, confidence and more. Participants also develop positive relationships with caring adult leaders and mentors.

Elisabeth Bensch represented Garfield County on the National Air Pistol team. The team placed 2nd in the Silhouette portion of the contest. Shooting Sports coach Crystal Bensch accompanied the team as their coach for the week.

For more information about shooting sports, contact the county OSU Cooperative Extension office.



Be sure to ‘like’ and follow Garfield County 4-H to keep up on reminders and the latest in 4-H.



DATES TO REMEMBER

County Cloverbud Workshop	Aug 1
County Record Books Due	Aug 5
Back to School Bash	Aug 6
Sewing Club	Aug 20
Enid/Kremlin 4-H	Aug 21
PLO	Aug 19
Cooking Club	Aug 22
Cloverbuds	Aug 28

Life Skills Judging	Sep 4
Garfield County Fair	Sep. 4-7
Dist. Officer App Due	Sep 10
EYO	Sep 12-15
Oklahoma State Fair	Sep 12-22
Tulsa State Fair	Sep 26-Oct 6

County-Wide 4-H Meeting	Oct 9
Dist. Leadership Conf,	Oct 16-18



PLO meeting
August 19
5:30

2024 25 COUNTY OFFICERS

- ◆ President Bailey Nickels
- ◆ V. President Shelbi Prince
- ◆ Secretary Joe Sharp
- ◆ Reporter Brett Gainer
- ◆ Recreation Leader Josiah Benson
- ◆ Executive Jayton Zimmerman

TULSA STATE FAIR DEADLINES

July 1, 2024: Junior Market Broiler Order Deadline

July 8, 2024: Junior Livestock Show Nomination Deadline

August 1, 2024: Livestock & Horse Show Entries Open

August 26, 2024: Livestock & Horse Show Entry Deadline

September 2, 2024: Contest Deadline

September 2, 2024: Livestock & Horse Show Late Entry Deadline

September 9, 2024: Late Contest Entry Deadline

September 20, 2024: 4-H & FFA Competitive Exhibits Entry Deadline

September 23, 2024: Junior Livestock Show Substitution Deadline

FAIR DATES: SEPT. 26—OCT. 6

QUESTIONS:

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Coordinator
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Coordinator
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EYO at the Oklahoma State Fair September 12 - 15

If you haven't heard already, the EYO staff will be running EYO at the Oklahoma State Fair.

Entries: August 1 - August 25.

State Fair Dates: Sept. 12 - Sept. 22



JUNIOR RECORD BOOKS

DUE TO 4-H OFFICE: August 5, 2024.

The form for the junior record book is located on our Garfield County website:

<https://extension.okstate.edu/county/garfield/4-h.html>





Garfield County Fair
Wed. Sept. 4 - Sat. Sept. 7
Chisholm Trail Expo Center, Enid

COUNTY FAIR BOOK

The newspaper will no longer be printing the 4-H portion of the county fair.
 The Fair book is available online at the Chisholm Trail Expo website and
 copies will be available mid- July at the office.

COUNTY FAIR WORKING DISPLAY

There will be opportunities for youth to have a working display at the county fair Thursday and Friday evening or all day on Saturday. Come share with others about your project.

Please call the office to let Jessica know when you would like to do one.

Project Clubs are starting back!

Cloverbuds: August- April -4th Wednesday of the month @ 4:30. NO MEETING IN DECEMBER.

Cooking Club: August -April -4th Thursday of the month @ 4:30. Exceptions: Nov. 12 and Dec.19.

Junky to Funky Craft Club -October -April -2nd Wednesday of the month @ 4:30. Exception - Oct. 8.

Lego Club: September -April -3rd Tuesday of the month @ 4:30. Exceptions - Oct.29 and Dec. 10.

Robotics Club: October - April -1st Wednesday of the month @ 4:15.

Sewing Club: First meeting Aug. 22 @ 4:00. Following meetings 2nd Thursday of the month @ 4:00.

OKC State Fair Cupcake Wars & Fruit and Vegetable Sculpting Contest
September 28 **September 29**

Entry for the OKC State Fair Cupcake Wars and Fruit and Vegetable Sculpting opens August 1 and is limited. Please let the office know if you would like to compete. Registration cost is \$20 per team.

OKC Cupcake Wars - Rules- <https://4h.okstate.edu/events/okc-tulsa-state-fair/>

OKC Fruit and Vegetable Sculpting - Rules- <https://4h.okstate.edu/events/okc-tulsa-state-fair/>

SEWING CLUB
AUGUST 20 @ 4:00

MUST sign up by August 12.

This month we will be making an apron.

Fabric provided, so all you need is your sewing kit.



COOKING CLUB
AUGUST 22 @ 4:30

MUST sign up by August 16.



CLOVERBUDS
AUGUST 28 @ 4:30

Come have fun with Shelbi and Sydnee and learn all about water-melons.

Sign up by August 21.



District Officer
Applications

If you would like to run for a district office, let Jessica know and she will get you the application.

Applications due: September 10 to the county office.



2024-2025 4-H Enrollment

Enrollment for the new 4-H year will begin August 1, 2024. Anyone that is 8 AND in the 3rd grade or 9 years old may join 4-H. Members must be enrolled 30 days prior to compete in a county event and 60 days prior to compete in a state event. Enrollment is not complete until the \$20 enrollment fee is paid.

YOU MUST BE RE-ENROLLED TO COMPETE AT THE COUNTY FAIR

LIVESTOCK, CONSUMER & FCS SKILL-A-THON JUDGING **September 4, 1PM — 6PM**

Livestock, Consumer, and the FCS Skill-a-thon will be set up to judge at the extension office September 4, from 1 to 6. This is a come and go and a great way to test your knowledge. All are encouraged to participate.

West District 4-H Leadership Conference **October 16-18, Oklahoma City**

Cost for the conference will be: \$127 for those that did not participate in the fundraiser
\$100 for those that did participate.

You must sign up at the Extension office by August 28.

This trip is for all youth 7th grade and up.

Transportation will be provided. We will leave the afternoon of the 16th and return the afternoon of the 18th.

State Fair Interactive Booth

Are you or your club interested in having an interactive booth at the state fair? If so, sign up at:

Application for Adopt a Night- <https://forms.office.com/r/V67pxAZYZS>

Application for Interactive Booths- <https://forms.office.com/r/4Hdg3qRQjx>

COUNTY SERVICE PROJECTS

We have several youth with service projects in the county and they would love your help!

Any donations can be brought to the Extension Office and we can get them to the youth.

Shelbi and Sydnee Prince, Garber, are collecting items for their pillowcases for kids at the youth shelter. They need hygiene items and other small items that kids like.

Joe Sharp will take any coats you have off your hands to donate for his coat drive project.

Bailey Nickels is collecting birthday plates, cups, and napkins for her Birthday in a Bag project. It costs \$7/ bag and monetary donations can be accepted too.

Averly Conner & Hadleigh Simpson, Chisholm, are collecting items for their H.U.G.S project for seniors. They need hand cream, house shoes, soap, gift cards, night gowns, undershirts, shampoo socks game books, or



ANNUAL



BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

COME CELEBRATE THE START OF SCHOOL AND
INVITE A FRIEND TO GET THEM INTERESTED IN
JOINING 4-H!



WHERE: KREMLIN POOL

**August 6th
6:00PM**

**FREE SWIMMING
PIZZA COOKIES &
DRINKS PROVIDED**

**PLEASE BRING DONATIONS TOWARDS
YOUTHS' COUNTY SERVICE PROJECTS:
RAZORS *SHAVING CREAM
TOOTHBRUSHES TOOTHPASTE
DEODORANT *COMBS *BRUSHES
BROWNIE MIXES *
BIRTHDAY PLATES & NAPKINS**



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