



4-H Clover Connection

State Leadership Council Hits the Ground Running

The new slate of officers on the state 4-H leadership council has barely had time to order their new green jackets, but the plans for their year in office are well underway.

The officers serve as the youth voice at the state level, said Cathleen Taylor, state leadership and civic engagement specialist with the state 4-H office at Oklahoma State University.

“We use the council as a sounding board and they work alongside the state staff to make 4-H more of a youth-driven program,” Taylor said. “Building life skills has long been a building block in our programming, and while serving in office, these leaders continue to build upon the skills they’ve developed during their time in 4-H.”

Bridger Arrington, state council president and Logan County 4-H’er, said one of the council’s goals is to visit clubs in all 77 counties across the state.

“Although the council is spread over a large area of Oklahoma, I want all 77 counties to be visited by at least one council member this year,” Arrington said. “I believe it shows 4-H members across the state that we are active and that all members, regardless of location, are important.”

He said that the council also is working on revising the Spirit Contest that takes place each year at State 4-H Roundup. Although nothing has been finalized just yet, he said the council’s main goal is to find something in which everyone can easily participate.

Community service plays a big role in Oklahoma 4-H and will continue under the new council’s leadership. Change for Change has been a long-standing project that has raised over \$147,555 for the Children’s Health Foundation. Taylor said the Children’s Health Foundation brings in researchers to help improve the health of Oklahoma children. In addition, the foundation is part of the Make-A-Wish Foundation, and all funds raised stay in Oklahoma.

Pull for Kids is the state service project benefitting the Ronald McDonald Charities of Oklahoma. The Ronald McDonald House Charities provides a home away from home for families of seriously ill or injured children who are receiving medical treatment in the Oklahoma City or Tulsa areas.

“The Service Committee has set ambitious goals for Change for Change and Pull for Kids,” Arrington said. “Our goal for Change for Change is \$20,000 and 150 pounds of pop tabs per county for Pull for Kids. Although this is a lofty goal, I’m confident we can achieve it. Also, each council member has set a personal goal to raise \$1,000.”

Taylor said the biggest event the State Council works on each year is the planning of State 4-H Roundup.

“Although the 104th State 4-H Roundup is still months away, the planning started just as soon as the council members were elected in July,” Taylor said. “They’re coming up with a theme and will design the t-shirts, as well as taking care of other details to ensure a successful event. It’s a lot of work for the entire council.”

The council will host the winter formal on Jan. 11, 2025, in Chickasha, with all proceeds benefitting Change for Change. In addition, they will continue the Member Highlight reels on social media featuring club members from across the state discussing the different projects available, along with advice on how to start them.

“We have a great group of talented youth on this year’s state council and all Oklahoma 4-H’ers can look forward to a great year,” Taylor said.

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COUNTY-WIDE FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who is participating in the County -Wide 4-H Fundraiser. Sales will be ending October 23rd so you still have time to get some items sold! Items will be in on Wednesday, November 6th at the fairgrounds.

We need at least one adult per club present at 1:30 p.m. to help unload the truck. Individual member orders can begin being picked up around 2:30 p.m. There will be extra items that may be purchased on a cash-only basis that day. All items must be picked up by 4:30 p.m.!



COUNTY-WIDE 4-H MEETING

The next County-Wide Meeting of 4-H Parents, Members and Volunteers will be held on **Monday, October 28 at 6:00 p.m., at the county fairgrounds.** Trainings for certified volunteers will take place in addition to discussions of upcoming events.

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Planning ahead- this contest will be held on Monday, January 27 in conjunction with the countywide meeting that will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds. Entries will be due by January 17.

The contest is divided into:

- * **Regular Talks**— no props (5 - 7 minutes)
- * **Illustrative Presentations**— using pictures or posters, models, charts, and animals. Includes presentations showing final completed products. (5-7 minutes)
- * **Power Point Presentations** (5-7 minutes)



Entry forms will be available as it get closer to the contest.

SHOOTING SPORTS COACHES TRAINING

Are you interested in volunteering your time so our 4-H members can have more opportunities in 4-H Shooting Sports? A training for certified coaches is coming up on December 14 and 15 in Kellyville. The archery training is full , but there are openings in shotgun, air & .22 rifle and air & .22 pistol. Let us know soon as we can get you through the process!

Check Facebook for Updates!

Be sure to check our Facebook page for regular updates: Major County OSU Extension
Information is shared on this page that may miss our newsletters as well as reminders for entry deadlines, etc.



4-H SHARE THE FUN CONTEST

This contest will be Sunday, November 17th beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the Fairview Schools Arts and Education Center.



Entries are due by November 7th.

Entry forms are available at the OSU Extension Center.

What can you do in 4-H Share the Fun? Lots of things! Acts can be musical (vocal, instrumental or a combination of both), dramatic plays or readings, novelty (stunts, skits, aerobic or rhythmic acts, folk dances, twirling, pantomiming, or a combination of these.

The length of the act cannot exceed 6 minutes from the time the curtain opens until it closes. No more than ten minutes total time is allowed for any one act, which includes set up and take down.

Divisions will be: -Large Group (5 or more participants), Small Group (2-4 participants), and Individual 4-H members can be in one individual act and two group acts.

Judges will award either blue, red or white awards to all acts. A champion and reserve champion will be named in each division. All acts may choose to participate at district competition on January 25 as well. All grades will compete together. Cloverbuds can *participate* as well.

2024 Spring Dates of Interest for Livestock Exhibitors

Major County Jr. Livestock Show and Bonus Auction
February 7 (weigh-ins), 8 (shows) and 11 (bonus auction)

Woodward District Jr. Livestock Show
February 14 to 25

Enid District Jr. Livestock Show
February 18 to 24

Oklahoma Youth Expo
March 11 to 21



OYE Nominations

The Oklahoma Youth Expo nomination procedure will be the same as last year. In Major County you must request your nomination kit through your Ag Ed Instructor. Make sure to communicate with them how many kits you need.

Kits are \$20.00 each per all species.

Nomination deadlines are:

Sheep, Goat & Cattle:

November 21, 2024 (postmarked by this date)

Swine:

December 5, 2024 (post marked by this date)



STEM is for you, STEM is for me, STEM is for Y'all!

From the achievement project to wildlife and fisheries, and all other projects in between, STEM is everywhere! 4-H members in 3rd through 8th grades, certified volunteers, and educators are invited to come explore STEM in a variety of hands-on workshops and participate on November 16 in Stillwater in a service-learning project to take STEM back to their counties. Participants may also choose to take part in a share fair, where they can show how they use STEM on their 4-H Journey. There is a registration fee of \$10 to cover a T-shirt, meals and other supplies. Registration is available on [ZSuite](#) until Oct. 31 or until filled. Participation is limited to the first 100 who sign up.

Exploring Careers in the Agriculture Industry

On November 12, The National Cowboy Museum is holding an event for late-middle school and high school students to explore careers in the agriculture industry. Courtenay DeHoff is the guest speaker, and students will have the opportunity to talk with participating organizations like Oklahoma Farm Bureau, Oklahoman Cattleman's Association, and more.

The event is free for students and space is limited. Register here: <https://nationalcowboymuseum.org/event/agriculture-adventure/>.



District Archery, Air Rifle & Air Pistol Contest

We will be hosting the District Contest for Archery, Air Rifle & Air Pistol contest on Tuesday, November 26 at the county fairgrounds.

The contests begin at 9:30 a.m. - if you are interested in any of these shooting sports disciplines, coming and watching on this day would be a great way to see what they are all about.

If a club is interested in having the concession stand that day, please let us know!

New Mexico 4-H Senior Leadership Retreat

4-Her's ages 15 by January 1, 2025 can participate in this retreat on January 23-27 in Glorieta, New Mexico with other members from Oklahoma. The cost is \$900 and the registration deadline is November 22. Contact us if interested.

ATV Riders Safety Course

Are you interested in participating in an ATV Riders Safety Course at the Oklahoma Farm Bureau/Oklahoma 4-H training facility in Guthrie with your club? Groups can be a maximum of 8 riders at a time. Call the OSU Extension Center for more details.

STATE SERVICE PROJECTS

"Change for Change"

Change collected benefits the Oklahoma Children's Hospital Foundation for supporting specialties such as cancer, genetics, autism, and infectious diseases. Collect change at your 4-H meetings or other events and turn it in to the OSU Extension Center where it will then be sent to the State 4-H Office.

"Pull for Kids"

Collect pop tabs to support the Oklahoma City Ronald McDonald House. Turn tabs into the OSU Extension Center. You are encouraged to collect the entire can and use the money to support your 4-H club, but we only want the tabs turned in to us. The tabs will be sold and the money sent to the State 4-H Office for distribution to the Ronald McDonald House.



NEW

Livestock Learning Academy

A once monthly evening series designed to enhance general livestock knowledge. Participants will engage in hands-on activities and educational sessions, preparing for future livestock skill-a-thons and judging events. This series is a fantastic opportunity for all experience levels to explore their understanding and skills in livestock judging. Join us each month to learn, grow, and connect with fellow 4-her's!

Informational Meeting & Sign Up

Dec. 17th From 6-7 pm

@ Major County Fairgrounds

This is a Come and Go Event to learn more!

Horse Science Academy

This year's Horse Science Academy will be November 16 at the Cline Center in Stillwater. This one day STEM workshop is designed for high school equivalent students. Call 405-744-9291 to register.

NW District 4-H & FFA Livestock Judging Contest

This event will be held at Enid on Wednesday, February 5, 2025. Watch for more details as it gets closer.

-New for 2025-

4-H/Family & Consumer Sciences Workshops

Make plans to explore 4-H through Family & Consumer Science related projects on the 3rd Thursdays of each month in 2025 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. at the county fairgrounds.

We will sew, cook, bake, work on personal development and money topics and more. Look for full details to come!



Are you into it?

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