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4-H Clover Connection

4-H ATV Safety Program Under New Guidance

The Oklahoma 4-H ATV RiderCourse is under new leadership, and she's revving up plans to increase rider safety training across the state.

Abigail Daniel is the new 4-H ATV safety program specialist for Oklahoma State University Extension. She came on board in July and is fully immersed in bringing educational training opportunities to 4-H'ers and others.

"I'm looking forward to interacting with the kids," Daniel said. "ATVs are popular for all ages, and I'm ready to provide educational training that will teach them the right and safe ways to ride."

Oklahoma ranks high in ATV-related fatalities, averaging 20 to 26 deaths per year. This is just one reason why it is imperative to have ATV safety training.

ATVs can be used in various ways, including recreational activities such as trail riding and hunting and functional ways on farms and ranches. People of all ages enjoy these activities, so learning the safe way to ride is vital.

Daniel said the ATV RiderCourse is open to 4-H youth ages 10 to 18, as well as families or other groups. Groups are limited to eight participants and must be at least 10 years old.

There are two types of classes – the original three-hour rider course, which can be taught at schools, and the seven-hour leadership course, both conducted by licensed ATV Safety Institute instructors. The shorter course is \$10 per person, and the longer course, which can be taught only at the facility in Guthrie, Oklahoma, is \$25 per person and includes lunch. Group classes require at least four participants.

The ATV RiderCourse is two parts. All participants must complete the e-course ahead of the hands-on rider course. Through interactive activities and videos, the e-course helps participants develop safety knowledge and awareness. This course covers protective gear, environmental concerns, riding strategies and local laws.

The hands-on course allows participants to practice basic riding skills in a controlled environment under the supervision of a licensed instructor.

"I'm excited about teaching everyone the importance of ATV safety and general safety skills overall," Daniel said. "I want them to know they can have fun and be safe on an ATV at the same time, and be comfortable and confident in any riding situation."

To schedule a class, call Daniel at 405-744-4141 or email abigail.daniel@okstate.edu.



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COUNTY-WIDE FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who participated in the County-Wide 4-H Fundraiser. Sales ended October 22- items sold will be in on Wednesday, November 5 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 27 at 6:00 p.m., at the county fairgrounds.** Upcoming events will be planned and discussed.

2026 Spring Dates of Interest for Livestock Exhibitors

Major County Jr. Livestock Show and Bonus Auction
January 30 and 31

Woodward District Jr. Livestock Show
February 14 to 24

Enid District Jr. Livestock Show
February 19 to 24

Oklahoma Youth Expo
March 10 to 20

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.

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 16 beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the Fairview Schools Arts and Education Center.

Entries are due by November 10.

Entry forms are available at the OSU Extension Center or on the Major County OSU Extension Facebook page.

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. Cloverbuds can participate (non-competitive).

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 24 in Fairview as well. All grades will compete together.

OYE Nominations

The Oklahoma Youth Expo nomination process 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 13, 2025 (postmarked by this date)

Swine:

December 3, 2025 (postmarked by this date)



Welcome Andrea!

We were pleased to welcome Andrea Perkins to the Major County OSU Extension office on September 30 as the Extension Educator- Agriculture/4-H.

She joins Dana Baldwin, Extension Educator- Family & Consumer Sciences/4-H, and Jamie Locke, Extension Admin Support.

Please join us in giving her a warm welcome!

Other Important 2026 Dates to Know:

District Speech Contest & Contest Day: March 31
Mail-In Fishing Tournament begins: April 1
County Food Showdown/Cupcake Wars: April 23
Countywide 4-H Meeting: April 27
County Fashion Revue/Impressive Dress: April 27
County Consumer Judging Contest: April 27
District Spring Trap Shoot: May 2
District Food Showdown/Cupcake Wars: May 27
District Horse Show: May 29 & 30
Multi-County 4-H Camp: June 24, 25 & 26
District Discovery Day: July 1
District Volunteer Conference: July 1
Big 3 Field Day: July 14, 15 & 16
State 4-H Roundup: July 22, 23 & 24
Countywide 4-H Meeting: August 3



4-H/Family & Consumer Sciences Workshops

Two 4-H/Family & Consumer Sciences Workshops are scheduled for the rest of this year. Some times/dates have changed from the original schedule due to conflicts:

-Thursday, November 20: *Personal Development*, time is 4:30-6:00pm; we will discuss goal setting, make project-related fair entries, etc. The cost is \$5.

-Tuesday, December 9: *Food Science, Civic Engagement* time is 5:30-8:00pm; we will make a holiday jam, biscuits, and an item for a civic engagement project. The cost is \$10.

Please RSVP to Dana at least 3 days prior to the workshop.

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 into 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 into us. The tabs will be sold and the money sent to the State 4-H Office for distribution to the Ronald McDonald House.

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Planning ahead- this contest will be held on Monday, January 26 in conjunction with the countywide meeting that will begin at 6:00 p.m. at (location to be announced). Entries will be due by January 20.

The contest is divided into:

* **Speech (individual)**- no props
(grades 3 to 5: 3-5 minutes
grades 6 to 8: 5-7 minutes
grades 9 to 12: 5-7 minutes)

* **Illustrated Presentations (individual or team)**- using pictures or posters, models, charts, and animals. Includes presentations showing final completed products.
(grades 3 to 5: 3-10 minutes
grades 6 to 8: 5-12 minutes
grades 9 to 12: 5-12 minutes)

* **Digital Presentations (individual)**- PowerPoint, Prezi, Google Slides, etc.
(all grades: 5-7 minutes)

* **Famous Person/Character Contest (individual)** portraying a person or character from sports, pop culture or history.
(grades 3 to 7: 2-5 minutes
grades 8 to 12: 5-7 minutes)

* **Storytelling/Reading to Children (individual)**- oral presentation, may use props.
(all grades: up to 15 minutes)

* **Extemporaneous Speech (individual)**- subject matter given to participants; the participant will be given 5 minutes to think of what to say about the subject.
(all grades: up to 15 minutes)

Entry forms will be available at the OSU Extension office and on our Facebook page as we get closer to the contest.



Statewide Invitational 4-H Archery Contest

We will be hosting a Statewide Invitational 4-H Archery Contest on Saturday, November 15 at the county fairgrounds in Fairview. The contest begins at 9:30 a.m..

District Archery, Air Rifle & Air Pistol Contests

We will also be hosting the District 4-H Contests for Archery, Air Rifle & Air Pistol on Tuesday, November 25 at the county fairgrounds in Fairview. These contests begin at 9:30 a.m..

If you are interested in any of these shooting sports disciplines, coming and watching on either of these days would be a great way to see what they are all about.

Are you into it?

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