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4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

2025 – THIRD QUARTER

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4-H Clover Connection

4-Her's Compete in National Shooting Sports Competition

A group of Oklahoma 4-H'ers and volunteers were among representatives from 40 states participating in the 2025 Shooting Sport National Championships in Grand Island, Nebraska.

Oklahoma's delegation was 45 members strong, including 36 club members and nine volunteers, said Ruth Pratt, Oklahoma State University Extension specialist and statewide coordinator for the Oklahoma 4-H shooting sports program.

"This is the major shooting sports competition in the nation," Pratt said. "Our 4-H members work hard and set goals year after year to be a part of the National 4-H Shooting Sports team. We send the top four participants from our qualifying contests to the national competition, where they compete against the best youth from around the country. We'd set a goal of being able to take a full team of 36 and we were able to meet that goal in the qualification events."

In all, 740 youth, ages 14-18, from 40 states participated in the competition. As a team, Oklahoma placed eighth. The shotgun-trap team placed first and the shotgun team placed fifth.

"Our delegates had a full schedule while in Nebraska competing, and they learned so much and had a chance to make new friends," she said. "I'm so proud of them and their hard work to make it to this national competition."

As with other 4-H clubs and teams, human growth and development is the primary focus of the Oklahoma 4-H shooting sports program. Participants can use the life skills they've learned in all areas of life.

"All of our shooting sports coaches are certified and go through extensive training to prepare them for introducing safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment to Oklahoma youth," Pratt said. "These leaders also help instill self-discipline, sportsmanship, ethical behavior and an appreciation for the outdoors."

Contact the OSU Extension office to learn more about the 4-H Shooting Sports program.

"It's all about education, positive youth development, working with caring adult volunteers and having fun," Pratt said.

ARCHERY, AIR RIFLE & AIR PISTOL

The new season of 4-H Archery, Air Rifle & Air Pistol will begin with the first practice on Thursday, September 18 at 6pm at the fairgrounds.

We will be hosting a statewide Invitational 4-H Archery Contest on Saturday, November 15 at the fairgrounds. Other contest dates will be shared on the GroupMe app to those that are signed up in the group.

If you are a returning or new Archery participant make sure to get re-enrolled/enrolled for the new 4-H year and make sure that the medical information section is completed online in your ZSuites account as well.

If you are interested and would like more information, contact the OSU Extension office.



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ENROLLMENT FOR 2025-2026 4-H YEAR



August 1 started the new 4-H year!

Enroll at <https://4h.zsuite.org/>

If you are a RETURNING 4-H Member or Volunteer, log in with the email associated with your profile, and update your information, and pay your enrollment fee. Please DO NOT create a new profile.

If you are a NEW 4-H Member or Volunteer you will need to create a new profile and then complete your enrollment.

The \$20 enrollment fee can be paid online (which is preferred and is the quickest way to complete enrollment) or by coming to the Major County OSU Extension Office and paying with cash or check. Youth are not fully enrolled until enrollment fees are paid.

If you have any questions, please call our office.



4-H CONCESSION STAND AT THE MAJOR COUNTY FAIR

Each Major County 4-H Club is asked to provide at least 4 dozen wrapped snacks (that will sell for \$1 each) by Friday, September 5th at 10:00a.m.. Please have at least one adult and one youth present at all times when your club is scheduled to work.

The work schedule is as follows:

Thursday, September 4

2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.: Fairview

Friday, September 5

8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.: Aline-Cleo

1:00 p.m. to close of events: Ringwood

Saturday, September 6

9:00a.m. to close of events: Cimarron

State Fair 4-H Indoor Exhibits

First place exhibits in the 4-H division at the county fair will go on to the OKC State Fair for judging on September 10. Those placing there will be on display in Oklahoma Expo Hall during the fair and will be back in the OSU Extension Center after lunch on September 22. **Please have any items that you did not leave at the county fair to the OSU Extension Center by noon on Monday, September 8.** Contact Dana with any questions.

MAKE IT YOURSELF WITH WOOL CONTEST

The District Make it Yourself With Wool Contest is November 8th in Woodward with a postmarked entry deadline of September 15th. Fabrics that garments are made of and entered must be of at least 60% wool content. Age categories are Preteen (12 & under), Junior (13-16), Senior (17-24), and Adult (25 & older).

Contact Dana for an entry form and/or more details.

West District 4-H Leadership Conference



This event for 4-H members in the 7th grade and up will be October 15th to 17th at the Delta Marriott and Reed Conference Center in Midwest City. The conference begins at 7:30pm on the 15th and ends by noon on the 17th.

This is a great opportunity to learn and grow with other members from across the district. The goal of the leadership conference is to share ideas and information that can be brought back to counties and communities as well as improve the youth themselves.

The cost is \$125 (4 per room) or \$200 (2 per room) and registration is due to the county office no later than September 9.

This is also the time that district 4-H officers are elected if anyone is interested in applying for or learning more about those opportunities as well.



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 news- letters as well as reminders for entry deadlines, etc.

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.

STEM for Y'all

November 22
in Stillwater



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 thru 8th grades, certified volunteers, and educators are invited to come explore STEM in a variety of hands-on workshops and participate in a service-learning project to take STEM back to their counties. Registration will be available on ZSuites from Oct 1-Oct 31, or until filled.



COUNTYWIDE 4-H FUNDRAISER

Our countywide 4-H fundraiser will start on October 1st-- please make plans to participate!
Sales will end on October 22 with all monies due to your club leaders by October 24.
Items will be in for delivery on November 5.
Items to be selling will be pies, cookie dough, egg rolls, pizzas, etc.
Proceeds from this fundraiser are used to help fund educational activities, trips, awards, etc.



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.

STATE FAIR CUPCAKE WARS

OKC State Fair- Saturday, September 20
at Capital City Auditorium



Rules and scoresheets can be found here:

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

Entry is due August 30, contact Dana soon if interested.



OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:

-Tuesday, October 7: **County Awards Dinner**, for those that completed county 4-H record books. You will receive details in the mail.

-Monday, October 27: **Countywide 4-H Meeting** at the fairgrounds in Fairview. Begins at 6:00 p.m.

-Saturday, November 1: **Oklahoma 4-H Junior Governor program** in Ag Hall on the OSU Campus in Stillwater. This is for 4-H members grades 4-6 to learn about the three branches of government, develop a platform and run for office. More information will be available soon.

-Sunday, November 16: **County 4-H Share the Fun Contest** at the Fairview Schools Arts & Education Center. More details to come.

-Monday, January 26: **County Public Speaking Contest**. Location to be determined. More details to come.

National 4-H Week

We will be celebrating National 4-H Week October 5 to 11 and Oklahoma 4-H Month during the entire time in October. Be thinking of how you as members and volunteers can help promote this organization!

Some ideas could be to offer a coloring contest or a poster contest, or do some service projects in your communities.





4-H/Family & Consumer Sciences Workshops



2025 Sessions & Topics

Explore 4-H through Family & Consumer Sciences related projects at these once a month workshops!

Major County Fairgrounds in Fairview



- **Thursday, January 23: Apparel Design & Construction**
We will make fleece hats and scarves.
- **Thursday, February 20 Date Change-Monday, March 3: Food Science, Civic Engagement**
We will discuss MyPlate, make soup, cornbread, and items for a community service project.
- **Thursday, March 20: Personal Development**
We will discuss goal setting and make project-related fair entries.
- **Thursday, April 17: Consumer Education**
We will learn about the Consumer Judging Contest and more!
- **Wednesday, May 21: Safety, Child Care**
Babysitting Workshop at NW Tech Center from 10am to 3:30pm; \$20 fee, register through NW Tech Center
- **Tuesday, June 17: Apparel Design & Construction**
We will sew simple aprons from 9am to Noon; list of supplies will be provided.
- **Thursday, July 17: Food Preservation, Civic Engagement**
We will make jam, jelly, and biscuits from 1pm to 5pm; \$10 fee.
- **Thursday, August 21: Personal Development**
We will discuss goal setting, make project-related fair entries, etc.; 5:30pm to 8pm; \$5 fee.
- **Monday, September 15: Food Science, Civic Engagement**
We will discuss MyPlate, make a meal, and items for a community service project; 5:30pm to 8pm; \$10 fee.
- **Thursday, October 23: Interior Design & Construction**
We will make holiday table runners; 5:30pm to 8pm; \$5 fee.
- **Thursday, November 20: Personal Development**
We will discuss goal setting, make project-related fair entries, etc.; 4:30pm to 7pm; \$5 fee.
- **Thursday, December 18: Food Science, Civic Engagement**
We will make a holiday jam, biscuits, and an item for a community service project; 5:30pm to 8pm; \$10 fee.

Fees vary per workshop activities.

**Register by calling the Major County OSU Extension Center at 580-227-3786
no later than 3 days prior to the session you plan to attend.**

**Dates and topics are subject to change; there will be a minimum and maximum number of participants for each session.*

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Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication or program information or reasonable accommodation, please contact Dana Baldwin at 580-227-3786 at least one week prior to the workshop.

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4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**



2025 Major County Fair

Major County Fairgrounds Fairview, Oklahoma

September 4, 5 & 6

Monday, August 4th to Friday, August 29th

8:30 AM-4:30 PM: Pre-entry forms received- *see full details

Thursday – September 4th

10:00-11:00 AM: OHCE and Volunteers entries received
12:00-7:00 PM: All non-livestock entries received
(bring items with entry tags attached)
12:00 PM: OHCE Concession Stand opens
2:00-7:00 PM: Vendor Booths set-up
5:00-7:00 PM: OHCE Fried Onion Burger Special
5:00-7:00 PM: Poultry & Rabbits entered and tested
5:30 PM: Horse Expo
7:00 PM: Poultry & Rabbits judged

Friday – September 5th

7:30 AM: OHCE Concession Stand opens
8:00 AM: All livestock must be in place
8:30 AM: Sheep and Goat Weigh-In and Cards due
9:00 AM: Vendor Booths open
9:00 AM: Judging of all non-livestock entries
10:00 AM: Livestock Judging Contest
12:30 PM: Special Needs Livestock Show
2:00 PM: Sheep Show followed by Goat Show
4:00 PM: Poultry & Rabbits released
4:00 PM: Swine and Beef Weigh-In and Cards due
5:00-7:00 PM: OHCE Indian Tacos Special

Saturday– September 6th

7:30 AM: OHCE Concession Stand opens
10:00 AM: Vendor Booths open
10:00 AM: Swine Show, Bucket Calf Show
following Swine Show
12:00-1:00 PM: Free Lunch in Expo Lobby
1:00 PM: Beef Show
2:00-4:00 PM: All Exhibits Released

For ENTRY AND GENERAL INFORMATION
580-227-3786 (OSU Extension)

NOTICE:

Exhibitors must either be a resident of Major County, attend a school in Major County, be a bonafide member of a Major County 4-H Club, FFA or FCCLA Chapter or an OHCE Group or reside in a Major County school district.

Exhibits must be made, grown, or raised by the person entering them. If an article has been entered in a previous Major County Fair, it is not eligible to compete in the 2025 Major County Fair.

4-H & FFA livestock exhibitors: to be eligible for the 2026 Major County Jr. Livestock Show Bonus Auction you must enter at least one animal, *or* two exhibits in the 4-H or FFA non-livestock division (whichever organization you are a member of), *or* participate in the livestock judging contest and enter one exhibit in the 4-H or FFA non-livestock division (whichever organization you are a member of).

*PRE-ENTRY/EXHIBIT INFORMATION:

ALL exhibits must be pre-entered! Pre-entry is required and will be received anytime between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday, August 4 to Friday, August 29 at the OSU Extension Center located on the first floor of the Major County Courthouse in Fairview. Pre-entry forms must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, August 29. You may mail pre-entry forms to be received at this time as well. Use the pre-entry forms provided with fair books.

For all entries *except livestock*, you will be notified when your entry tags are printed. They must all be picked up from the OSU Extension Center by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 3. Entry tags will not be printed for livestock.

There is also an online entry option- details for that will be posted on the Major County Fairgrounds and Major County OSU Extension Center Facebook pages by August 4.

Orion Homemakers OHCE will have a concession stand.

Breakfast- Pancakes & Sausage, Biscuits & Gravy

Lunch and Dinner- Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Baked Potatoes, Chicken & Noodles, Walking Tacos, Homemade Pies/Cakes.

Opens Thursday at 12:00 PM; Friday & Saturday at 7:30AM

Thursday Night Special-Fried Onion Burgers

Friday Night Special-Indian Tacos

PICK UP A FAIR BOOK

at the OSU Extension Center in the county courthouse.

It will also be online at:

<https://extension.okstate.edu/county/major>

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