



OKLAHOMA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

MUSKOGEE COUNTY 1ST QUARTER 2025 STAKEHOLDER'S

Education Everywhere for Everyone



4-H Food Showdown Contest

was held at the MLK Center on **February 6**. Forty-Six 4-H members participated in the youth culinary challenge. Teams of three competed to create a dish while demonstrating their knowledge in foods and nutrition, kitchen safety, equipment and creativity in food preparation. Teams created their dishes using only a clue, provided secret ingredients and items from the common pantry.

Western Heritage Project

Training was held in the Ralph Ayers Building at Warner Public School on **February 8 & 9**. This is a combination of 4-H Shooting Sports and a living history of the frontier west from 1860-1900. Fifteen 4-H members from Muskogee and other counties participated in the two-day event. Youth were instructed through Classroom Presentations, First Shot Fundamentals as well as Firing Range Time.

Muskogee County & Muskogee Regional Junior Livestock Shows

The county JLS was held **February 9**-189 exhibitors and a total of 906 animals nominated. [See County photos here.](#) The Muskogee Regional JLS was held **Feb 16-23** with 701 exhibitors and 1994 animals nominated. [See Regional photos here.](#)



AT A GLANCE

4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

- Food Showdown
- Heritage Shooting Sports
- Muskogee County Junior Livestock Show
- Muskogee Regional Junior Livestock Show
- School Enrichment: Character Building
- Cupcake Wars
- Table Setting Contest

AGRICULTURE & RURAL DEVELOPMENT

- Cattlemen's Association
- Master Gardener's
- Soil / Water / Forage Testing

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

- Farmer's Market
- Oklahoma Home & Community Education Spring Meeting





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Character Critters is an enrichment program using animal puppets to teach preschool children six key character elements: Responsibility, Caring, Trustworthiness, Fairness, Citizenship and Respect. It's presented to HeadStart, Childcare and School settings.



Cupcake Wars Contest
On **March 3** Cupcake Wars, Table Setting and Food I.D. contests were held at the MLK Center. These contests promote nutritional knowledge and skills as well as teamwork and, of course, fun!



With approximately 125 members and 15 board members, the **Muskogee County Cattlemen's Association** meets the first Tuesday of the month to discuss and support the beef industry in our community through scholarships and educational programs.

The OSU **Soil, Water and Forage Analytical Laboratory** (SWFAL) provides soil testing, plant, animal waste and water analyses for anyone who needs agricultural testing services. In the past 3 months Muskogee County residents and producers received results from the following: **51 soil, 10 chicken litter, 1 water, 7 forage and 7 soil texture tests**. These results help users protect and utilize their soil, water, animal manure and forage resources efficiently and effectively.



Muskogee County Master Gardeners are volunteers, trained by OSU Extension, who help the county meet the demand for horticulture knowledge as well as community beautification projects. They meet on the 4th Thursday of the month with 43 members attending the January meeting.



Muskogee Farmers' Market is supported by various OSU programs: Master Gardener's, Family & Consumer Science (FCS), & Community Nutrition Education Program (CNEP). Planning meetings are underway for the 2025 season.



Oklahoma Home and Community Education (OHCE) groups promote good nutrition, exercise, emotional well-being, anti-bullying, military support, financial well-being, literacy, and leadership development for the Muskogee County community. Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

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