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OKFUSKEE COUNTY
4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

September/ October 2020

Okfuskee County 4-H Newsletter

2020-2021 4-H Enrollment....

It's time to re-enroll!!!

We are now taking 4-H enrollment for the new 4-H program year!!!

All youth will need to enroll for the new year, even if you are already enrolled for the 2019-2020 year. All members must re-enroll for the new year.
Families can enroll on 4-H online at:
https://ok.4honline.com
We highly encourage all families enroll online using 4-H online, but we will take paper enrollment if need to.
*** Enrollment fee cost is $20.00 per youth enrolling. Enrollment Fee can be brought in the extension office or paid online when you enroll. **Remember you are not fully enrolled until you have paid your enrollment fee and turned in your enrollment form for 2020-2021**. All steps of the enrollment process will need to be completed before any youth can participate in 4-H events and activities

4-H Enrollment Fee Scholarship:
This year we have two enrollment scholarships youth can apply for.
Okfuskee County OHCE Enrollment Scholarships: ten, $20 scholarships to current active 4-H Members, 5 $20 scholarships to Cloverbud, and 5 $20 scholarships to new 4-H members to help pay for their enrollment fee for the 2020-2021 4-H program year. OHCE Enrollment Scholarships are due by September 30th.

Okfuskee County AFR Enrollment Scholarship
Applications are available at the Okfuskee County OSU Extension Office.

ENROLL NOW!

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Website:
https://extension.okstate.edu/county/okfuskee/4-h.html

Social Media:
Facebook & Instagram Okfuskee County 4-H

4-H volunteers are vital to a successful 4-H program. Volunteers wear lots of different hats and provide their time, talents and resources at the club and county level. Leadership will include planning, developing, implementing activities, being a positive role model and working cooperatively with 4-H families, 4-H volunteers and Extension Educators.

2020-2021 Enrollment: 4-H Volunteers please submit your enrollment by September 1st. Trainings must be completed before or by December 1st. All volunteers must have their enrollment and trainings completed.

Trainings can be completed on 4-Honline or in person. We will be having a in person training in November.

Fall Clover Rally…

When: November 12,2020

Registration Due: November 9, 2020

Where: Okfuskee County Fair Building

Check-in: 5:30pm **Contest Starts:** 6:00pm

During Fall Clover Rally you can enter the impressive dress , fashion revue. Don't forget that since the fall clover rally is right after Halloween we have added a costume category to the impressive dress contest.

Registration is due November 9th to the Extension Office.

Registration and guidelines can be found in the 2020-2021 4-H yearbook

Quilt Block Contest.

Join the excitement of the 100th State 4-H Roundup! Enter a 4-H themed quilt block that will be made into a quilt celebrating the 100th Anniversary of State 4-H Round-Up.

Registration is due September 30, 2020.

A $10 registration fee will be collected with the registration form and you can register for multiple blocks.

Completed block entries should be postmarked by : November 30, 2020

The contest is open to all youth and adults (alumni, volunteers, parents, educators, etc.) Prizes will be awarded to the top Round-Up youth delegate, the top youth, the top adult, and a Director's award where all blocks will be judged together. The finished Quilt will be on display at the 100th State 4-H Round-Up happening in July 2021.

Quilt Block Contest Registration and a complete list of guidelines are available at the Okfuskee County Extension Office.

STEM Challenge….

The race to land humans on Mars is on! The 2020 4-H STEM Challenge will explore sending a mission to Mars with the activity, *Mars Base Camp*. *Mars Base Camp* is a collection of activities that teaches kids ages 8-14 STEM skills like mechanical engineering, physics, computer science, and agriculture.

MARS BASE CAMP
4-H STEM CHALLENGE

Okfuskee County 4-H will have 6 Mars base camp STEM Challenge kits available for check out any time through out the 4-H year for youth, clubs and families to check out.

All kits that are checked out from the extension office will need to be returned to the office. All of the kit materials provided in the box must be returned so others will be able to check out the kit and participate in the Mars Base Camp STEM Challenge fun.

Meet the 2020-2021 Okfuskee County Teen Leader

President: Rylee Young, Mason 4-H Club
Vice President:: Kyleigh Bleeker, Okemah Sr. 4-H
Secretary: Clarissa Smith, Mason 4-H Club
Reporter: Kelsey Smith, Mason 4-H Club
Recreation Leader: Dylan Neely, Okemah 4-H Club
Song Leader: Callie Davis, Okemah 4-H Club
Members at Large: Donavin Evans, Okemah 4-H Club and Emma Davis, Okemah 4-H Club

Over the next 4-H year this leadership team will work on coming up with new and fun ways for 4-H members to get involved, come up with citizenship projects and help promote the county 4-H program. These members will work closely with the county 4-H educator and 4-H volunteers. "To make the best better!"

Learn more by visiting the Conference Website - https://www.4hvcoss.com/

OVERVIEW OF THE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Wednesday, September 23
Schedule and links emailed to registered participants

Thursday, September 24

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Curricula Exploratory *[level 2 and 3 reg. ONLY]*
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Opening General Session – Everyone
8:15 - 9:00 p.m.	Create & Connect Sessions *[level 2 and 3 reg. ONLY]*

Friday, September 25

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Workshops – Everyone
5:00 - 5:45 p.m.	Guest Speaker [level 3 *reg. ONLY]*
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Teen Panel – Everyone
8:15 - 9:00 p.m.	Create & Connect Sessions – Everyone

Saturday, September 26

9:00 - 9:45 a.m.	In the Kitchen – *[level 2 and 3 reg. ONLY]*
11:00 - 12:00 a.m.	Workshops – Everyone
12:15 - 12:45 p.m.	Guest Speaker *[level 3 reg. ONLY]*
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.	Workshops – Everyone
2:15 - 2:45 p.m.	Networking Time – Everyone
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Workshops – Everyone
4:15 - 4:45 p.m.	Networking Time – Everyone
5:00 - 5:45 p.m.	Special Event *[level 3 reg. ONLY]*
7:00 p.m.	Closing Event w/guest speaker Dr. Bo Ryles, National 4-H Council - Everyone

National 4-H Volunteer Conference

Volunteers we have another exciting opportunity!

The virtual experience will include workshops, speakers, opportunities for fellowship and pre-recorded sessions.

There are three levels of registration - $10 (level 1), $20 (level 2) and $30 (level 3). Visit the conference website to learn more about each registration package.

If you are committed in participating in this conference, Oklahoma 4-H is committed to providing a $10 scholarship which would completely pay for the level 1 registration package. There is $10 coupon that can be applied to upgrade registration.

Volunteers will receive continuing education credit by participating in the workshops and educational programs.

Please contact Amanda: atressl@okstate.edu for the coupon code.

Okfuskee County 4-H T-shirt and Hoodie

County 4-H t-shirt or hoodie, we have some available for purchase at the extension office. If we run out of the shirts and hoodies that we have here in the office. We can place another order if we have 12 or more orders of the same item.

Sizes Available:

T-shirts:

3 Small

3 Medium

3 Large

3 XLarge

Hoodies:

3 XLarge

T-Shirt Prices:

Youth – Adult XL: $10

Adult 2XL- 5XL: $12

Hoodie Prices:

Youth– Adult XL: $20

Adult 2XL: $23

Adult 3XL: $24

Adult 4XL: $25

Okfuskee County National 4-H Week Activities:

- Posters must be displayed September 28– October 2
- Sunday, October 4—4-H to Church
- Monday, October 5—Teen Officers/Volunteers to 4-H Proclamation Signing at County Commissioners Meeting – 8:45 a.m. Courthouse and 4-H Week Posters Due, by 4:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 6—Wear green and/or white to school/work day
- Thursday, October 8—Announcement of 4-H Week Poster Results
- Friday, October 9—Delivery of 4-H Thank You Gifts (members/volunteers)

State Record Books

Youth that complete and submit a state record book in April are trying for a $1,200 scholarship in their respected project areas. A member must go through two rounds of judging. During the first round of judging, books are reviewed and scored based on the written materials including the Oklahoma Report form, Photo Pages and 4-H Story. Once the top three finalists in each project area are selected these youth go through the final round of judging. The 4-H interview process. Awards are given to the members with the highest final score after both the book judging and interview judging are finalized. This year Okfuskee County submitted 9 total record books from 6 different youth

State Record Book Submissions:

Dylan Neely: Achievement and AOP Small Animals; Rabbits

Rylee Young: Beef

Project Finalist:

Kyleigh Bleeker: Sheep

Kelsey Smith: Dairy (Goats)

Taylor Neely: Citizenship

State Hall of Fame: Blue Award Group

Taylor Neely

Project winner receiving a $1,200 Scholarship this year:

Taylor Neely– AOP Small Animals; Rabbits

Clarissa Smith– Dairy; Goats

If you are interested in learning how to start your own state record book please contact Amanda Sestak the Okfuskee County 4-H Youth Development Educator

State Project Winners

National 4-H Week Poster Contest...

Guidelines for Posters for National 4-H Week, October 4-10

Preferred Current Theme for the 2020 National 4-H Week is:

"Inspire Kids to Do"

Must be displayed in a public place in Okfuskee County: September 28– October 2

Due to OSU Extension Center: **Monday, October 5th at 4:00 p.m.**

Divisions: Beginner (3-5 grade)
Intermediate (6-8 grade)
Advanced (9-12 grade)

Poster must display on front:
National 4-H Week
"4-H Inspire Kids to Do"

Back of the poster must have:
Name,
Grade as of August 1, 2020
School or Hometown
Okfuskee County
Signed and dated by 4-H member
Signed by the business where it was displayed

Full Guidelines for the National 4-H Week poster contest can be found at the Okfuskee County Extension Office or on the county website.

Poster must be constructed on poster board 14" x 22" (1/2 of a poster board). They may be horizontal or vertical. Poster may be produced by any medium — watercolor, ink, crayon, acrylic, charcoal, collage, computer, etc. — Posters must be flat. Do not use three-dimensional pieces on posters. Posters will be judged on (1) educational idea portrayed, (2) public appeal, and (3) creative and original ability presented. Copyrighted or trademarked cartoon characters or other designs must not be used due to copyright restrictions.

2019-2020 Senior Hall Fame Winners

Hall of Fame Winners: Receiving the Hall of Fame award is the highest achievement a 4-H member can attain within the county level. The county 4-H program is always excited to share the accomplishments and endeavors of these 4-H members with elected officials, such as our congressman and senators. They, in turn, are proud to communicate these accomplishments with their colleagues and recognize the 4-H members by issuing a citation from the entire legislature of the great state of Oklahoma. We would like to present these citations authored by Senator Roger Thompson and Representative Logan Philips as we recognize the 2019-2020 Hall of Fame recipients. Portraits of the recipients will be displayed at the OSU Extension Center for your viewing.

Senior Hall Fame Winners: Kyleigh Bleeker, Okemah 4-H Club

Okfuskee County Achievement Banquet…

This year the 4-H Achievement Banquet was held virtually on August 15th at 6:00pm on Facebook. We will be having in person presentation on November 20th at 6:00pm. Due to COVID-19 we are having our banquet in two parts this year to insure the safety for all our 4-H members, sponsors, volunteers and their families. We are hoping that things will start to look a little better in November so we can have everyone attend our in person presentation.

Award Winners

Certified Volunteers: Brandi Bumgardner, Paul Bumgardner, Chris Cheatwood, Darrell Crow, Tonia Smith, Jerold Smith, Karie Neely, Rick Davis, John Davis, Janis Hawkins, Melanie Young, Matt Young, Amanda Riker, Brett Riker, Jean Wilbourn, Elayne Evans and Danielle Deere.

Leader of the Year: Elayne Evans, Okfuskee County 4-H volunteer leader from Okemah.

Friend of 4-H: Okfuskee County American Farmers and Ranchers

County Project Award Recipients:

Okemah 4-H Club:

Nakiah Evans: Foods Nutrition Medal, Fabrics and Fashion Certificate
Donavin Evans: Foods Nutrition Medal, Citizenship Medal
Dylan Neely: Technology & Engineering Medal, Leadership Medal
Taylor Neely: Veterinary Science Medal , Wildlife and fisheries Medal
Kyleigh Bleeker: Beef Certificate and Citizenship Medal
**Tia Neal: Foods Nutrition and Sheep Certificates and a 1st year gate sign

Mason 4-H Club:

Clarissa Smith: Dairy and Leadership Medals
Kelsey Smith: Dairy and Citizenship Medals

Bearden 4-H Club:

Mena Harrison: Demonstration and Foods & Nutrition Medals
Allie Harrison: Breads and Clothing & Textiles Medals

Weleetka 4-H:

**Brylen Riker: Sheep Certificate and a 1st year gate sign

Out of State Trip: Denver National Western 4-H Roundup Delegate Dylan Neely
Outstanding Sr. Record Book Award Winner: Taylor Neely
Outstanding Public Speaking Award Winner: Clarissa Smith
Outstanding Citizenship Award Winner: Clarissa Smith
Outstanding Leadership Award Winner: Kyleigh Bleeker
Outstanding Senior Agricultural Achievement Award Winner: Rylee Young
Outstanding Senior Achievement Award Winner: Dylan Neely
Ron Vick Agriculture Award Winner: Kyleigh Bleeker

****If you would like to know how to apply for these awards for 2020-2021 4-H year please contact Amanda Sestak at the Extension Office**

County Contest Award Winners:

This year due to COVID-19 we were not able to have all of our normal county contest. But please keep an eye out for this years county contest information

Fashion Revue

- Sr. Champion: Mean Harrison

Impressive Dress

- Jr. Champion: Cadence Smith
- Sr. Champion: Mena Harrison
- Sr Res. Champion: Mena Harrison

Share the Fun Contest

- Jr. Individual Act Champion: Nikki Deere;
- Jr. Individual Act Reserve: Mahia Parkhurst;
- Jr. Small Group Champion: Jinessa Barrett, Nathan Vannasdall, & Jacquorrie Shelburn;
- Jr. Small Group Reserve: Ashlyn Quick and Nyah Heneha;
- Sr. Small Group Champion: Keziah Bumgardner and Ashira Bumgardner
- Sr. Small Group Reserve: Sarai Eliyah Zion and Yahshua Bumgardner
- Sr. Large Group champion: Okemah 4-H
- Sr. Large Group Reserve: Micah Eliyah Zion & Yahshua Bumgardner

Speech Contest

- Junior Demonstration Champion: Eliyah Bumgardner
- Junior Demonstration Reserve: Emma Davis
- Junior Power Point Champion: Sarai Bumgardner
- Junior Power Point Reserve: Keziah Bumgardner
- Junior Illustrated Presentation Champion: Peyton Edwards
- Junior Speech Champion: Sarai Bumgardner
- Junior Speech Reserve: Keziah Bumgardner
- Junior Impromptu Champion: Sarai Bumgardner
- Junior Impromptu Reserve: Cadence Smith
- Senior Demonstration Champion: Mena and Allie Harrison
- Senior Demonstration Reserve: Ashira, Keziah and Sarai Bumgardner
- Senior Power Point Champion: Callie Davis
- Senior Power Point Reserve: Ashira Bumgardner
- Senior Illustrated Presentation Champion: Taylor Neely and Dylan Neely
- Senior Illustrated Presentation Reserve: Clarissa Smith
- Senior Speech Champion: Callie Davis
- Senior Speech Reserve: Donavin Evans
- Senior Impromptu Champion: Rylee Young
- Senior Impromptu Reserve: Taylor Neely

Cloverbud Participation for 2019-2020

- Share the Fun: Jacob Canfield and Cody Layman
- Speech Contest: Micha Bumgardner
- Okfuskee County Cloverbuds Activity Sheets:
- Jazzmin Neal 1st year Cloverbud
- Jacob Canfield 1st year Cloverbud
- Cody Layman 1st year Cloverbud

Win a Hog Contest:

- Showmanship Winner: Clarissa Smith
- Notebook: Clarissa Smith
- Interview: Clarissa Smith
- Class Winner: Clarissa Smith
- Overall Win a Hog Contest Winner: Clarissa Smith

State Roundup Contest Results

- **Job Readiness Contest:** Champion Senior Maintenance Person: Dylan Neely
- **Fashion Review Contest:**
  - Receiving a Blue and Top 4 Honors: Mena Harrison
  - Receiving a Blue and Top 4 Honors: Allie Harrison
- **ATV Safety Contest:**
  - Receiving a Red Award: Kyleigh Bleeker
  - Receiving a White Award: Donavin Evans
- **Livestock Quiz Bowl:**
  - 3rd Place Team: Okfuskee County; Team Members: Kyleigh Bleeker, Rylee Young, Clarissa Smith and Kelsey Smith.

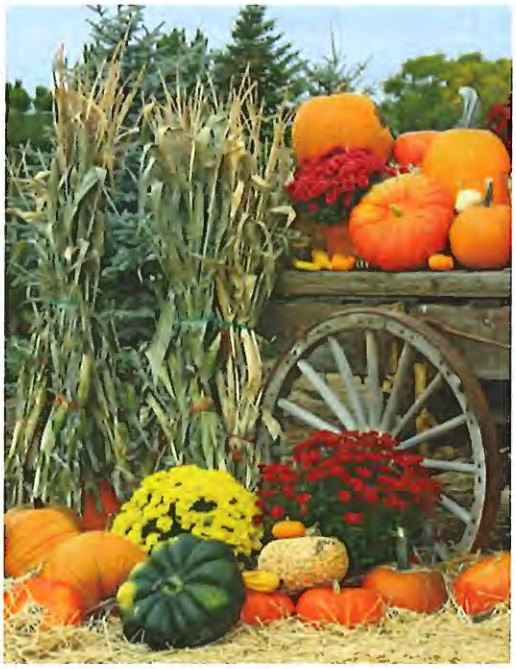
Food and Farm Festival 2020…

This year due to COVID-19, the Okfuskee County Food and Farm Festival will be held virtually. Instead of bringing your exhibit to the fair building, take a photo of your item. Then email the photo– along with your name, contact number, and a description of your exhibit to Jan Maples (janelle.maples@okstate.edu) or Amanda Sestak (atressl@okstate.edu).

*****PLEASE NOTE: each exhibit photo & related information will be posted to Facebook for viewing. Their will not be monetary premiums given for this virtual event, due to exhibits not being judged. However, a special commemorative souvenir or special gift will be given to those participants.**

Exhibit photos must be submitted no later than November 19th.

The 2020 Okfuskee County Food and Farm Festival is open to residents of Okfuskee County, OHCE members, or students in any Okfuskee County school are eligible to exhibit. We have four great exhibit categories



What categories are available Food and Farm Festival?

Nuts in the shell
* Native Large Group Class
* Native Small Group Class
* Pecan Improved Varieties

Food Exhibits
* Pecan Class
* Peanut Class
* Honey Class

Honey Exhibits
* Bulk White Comb Honey Class
* White Extracted Honey Class
* Amber Bulk Comb Honey Class
* Amber Extracted Honey Class

Pumpkin Exhibits
* Field Type Class
* Jack-o-Lantern Class
* Giant Class

Kids Coloring Sheets
* The coloring sheet category is for kids 3 years old to 2nd graders.

Poster Contest
* Poster should promote the Food and Farm festival.
* Poster Contest is for any youth in the 3rd- 12th grade.

2021 OY E Nominations Kits…

If you are planning on showing goats, sheep, steers and hogs at OYE this year please have your nomination kit order and fee to the OSU extension office by October 20th in order for Amanda to pick up tags on October 22nd.

- **October 22, 2020 - Goats, Sheep, Steers, Hogs Available**

If you are planning of showing hogs at OYE Amanda will be picking up hog nominations kits on November 12th you must have your total number of kits and kit fee turned in by November 10th

- **November 12, 2020 - Swine**

- **Kits are $20.00 each**

Nomination Kit Deadlines:

Goat, Sheep, and Steer nominations must be turned in to Amanda by November 9th by 4:30pm in order to get them entered online before the due date.

- **November 12, 2020: Breeding Does, Commercial Breeding Ewes, Market Goats, Market Lambs, Market Steers, Wether Dam Breeding Doe**

Hog kits must be turned in no later than December 4th by 4:30pm in order to get them entered online before the due date:

- **December 8, 2020:ALL Swine**

Water Connects Us All Take Home Kit…..

Okfuskee County 4-H is offering take home kits for youth to participate in a fun at home water experiment. In our curriculum water connects us all youth will learn about the valuable services ecosystems provide. Youth will explore watersheds, wetlands, and water quality and build models of engineered conservation practices to learn how those solutions support the benefits of natural ecological systems. Youth will learn that everyone can contribute to protecting our water supply.

If you are interested in participating in this at home experiment please email Amanda Sestak (atressl@okstate.edu) by September 28th.

Club Meeting Information…

If you are needing more information about your club meetings and needing to contact your club leader please contact Amanda Sestak to get your club leaders contact information.

Club	Club Leader	Meeting Info
Bearden	Danielle Deere	Contact Danielle for Meeting Information
Graham/Dustin 4-H	Darrell Crow	1st Wednesday @ Graham Auditorium, 12:35pm
Mason 4-H	Tonia Smith	2nd Wednesday @ Mason Cafeteria, 3:45pm
Okemah 4-H (Jr. and Sr.)	Karie Neely	1st Monday @ Okfuskee Co. Extension Office, 5:15pm
Okfuskee County Cloverbuds (K-2nd grade Youth)	Amanda Sestak and Okfuskee County Teen Leaders	1st Monday @ Okfuskee Co. Extension Office, 5:15pm
Paden 4-H	Amanda Sestak (Needing a Volunteer to take over Club)	Last Monday @ Paden Cafeteria, 3:30pm
Weleetka 4-H	Brett and Amanda Riker	First Tuesday, 3:45pm, Weleetka School
Okfuskee County Teen Leaders	Amanda Sestak	3rd Monday @ Okfuskee County Extension Office, 5:15pm
Project Clubs		
Okfuskee County Shooting Sports Practice	Air Riffle: Chris Cheatwood	Practice Dates and Times will be announced as they are scheduled on Facebook
Okfuskee County STEM Club	Paul Bumgardner	2nd Monday @ Okfuskee County Extension Office, 5:15pm

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***I'd love to hear from you all and your clubs on what you have been up to throughout the 4-H year. In each newsletter I will post an article about an event or program your club is doing. Help me out by sending in a small article and some pictures and it will go in the newsletter.

***All entries and guidelines can be found on the county website along with copies of all the newsletters. Or you can contact Amanda Sestak 4-H Educator for more information. Another good resource to stay up to date with all that we have going on is by following us on Facebook and Instagram

Sincerely, Amanda Sestak

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