



Okfuskee County 4-H Newsletter

2021-2022 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 2020-2021 year. All members must re-enroll for the new year.

We highly encourage all families enroll online using ZSuite, 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 2021-2022. 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.

**NEW Enrollment System
 Fall 2021**

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

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 Okemah, OK 74859

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Amanda Sestak:
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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.

2021-2022 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.



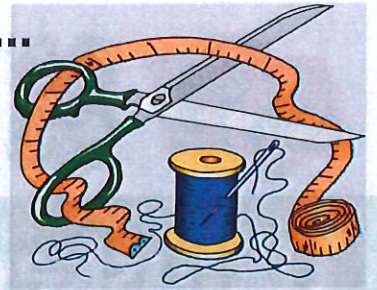
When: October 24, 2021

Fall Clover Rally...

Registration Due: October 18th

Where: Okfuskee County Fair Building

Check-in: 1:00pm **Contest Starts:** 1:30pm



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.

Please use QR code to turn in your Registration.

4-H TUESDAY TOOL TIME



For Volunteers, Parents and Extension Professionals

Tuesday Tool Time 6:30 – 7:15 pm.

This continuing education opportunity is brought to you by the [State 4-H Volunteer Board](#). By attending Tuesday Tool Time these trainings will count toward Volunteer continuing education trainings for Volunteer Certification.

2021 Schedule

September 28 – Shifting 4-H Stereotypes
December 7 – Appreciation and the 4-H Experience

2022 Schedule – Topics to be Determined

February 8

April 5

August 9

November 8

Galactic Quest 2021 4-H STEM Challenge

The 2021 Challenge theme of space exploration takes youth on an out-of-this world adventure and makes connections to the 4-H pillars—STEM, civic engagement, healthy living, and agriculture. The challenge activities allow youth to develop inquiry, observational, and problem-solving skills while they make discoveries and develop their STEM identities.

Galactic Quest is ideal for youth ages 8 to 14 years to spark an interest in STEM and inspire real-world actions. For families wanting to engage with the activities right away or youth working on their own, the Youth Guide can be used as a Quick Start Guide to the challenge.



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:

Clarissa Smith: Advanced Agriculture

Taylor Neely: Advanced Citizenship and Advanced Achievement

Rylee Young: Beef

Project Finalist:

Kyleigh Bleeker: Sheep

Kelsey Smith: Dairy (Goats)

Dylan Neely: Citizenship and AOP Small Animals; Rabbits

State Hall of Fame: Blue Award Group

Taylor Neely

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

Rylee Young; Agriculture

Kyleigh Bleeker: Sheep

Level 3 Graduating High School Senior Scholarships:

Taylor Neely: Rule of Law Graduating Senior and Hessel Memorial Scholarship– Civic Engagement
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



KYLEIGH BLEEKER
SHEEP

State Project Book and Level 3 Scholarship

Winners



RYLEE YOUNG
AGRICULTURE



TAYLOR NEELY
RULE OF LAW GRADUATING SENIOR
& HESSEL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP -
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

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 27th – October 1st**
 - ◆ Okfuskee County 4-H Week Activities:
 - ◆ Sunday, October 3—4-H to Church
 - ◆ Monday, October 4—Teen Officers/Volunteers to 4-H Proclamation
- ◆ Signing at County Commissioners Meeting – 8:45 a.m. to 9:15 a.m., Courthouse
 - ◆ 4-H Week Posters Due, 4:30 p.m.
 - ◆ Tuesday, October 5—Wear green and/or white to school/work day
 - ◆ Thursday, October 7—Announcement of 4-H Week Poster Results
 - ◆ Friday, October 8—Delivery of 4-H Thank You Gifts (members/volunteers)

OKFUSKEE COUNTY 4-H

Be a Teen Leader

Join the Teen Leadership Team

Teen Leader Meetings for 2021-2022

Start Time: 5:15pm @ Okfuskee County Extension Office

- September 13,2021
- October 11,2021
- November 8,2021
- December No Meeting
- January 10,2022
- February 14,2022
- March 7,2022
- April 11,2022
- May 9,2022
- August 8,2022



We invite you to come and be apart of the Leadership Team

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Parent Volunteer Organization

PVO Meetings for 2021-2022

Start Time: 5:15pm @ Okfuskee County Extension Office

- September 20,2021
- October 18,2021
- November 15,2021
- December No MTG.
- January 11,2022
- February 21,2022
- March 21,2022
- April 18,2022
- May 16,2022
- August 15,2022



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National 4-H Week Poster Contest...

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

Preferred Current Theme for the 2021 National 4-H Week is:

“Inspire Kids to Do”

- ◆ Must be displayed in a public place in Okfuskee County: Posters must be displayed **September 27th – October 1st**
Due to OSU Extension Center: **Monday, October 4th 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, 2021
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.

2020-2021 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. Portraits of the recipients will be displayed at the OSU Extension Center for your viewing.

Senior Hall Fame Winners: Dylan Neely, Okemah 4-H Club



Okfuskee County Achievement Banquet...

This year the 4-H Achievement Banquet was held on August 14th at 6:00pm. We recognized the diversity of projects and educational activities available in the 4-H program and the contribution of 4-H volunteers and supporters.

Award Winners

Certified Volunteers: Tonia Smith, Jerold Smith, Karie Neely, Rick Davis, John Davis, Amanda Riker, Brett Riker, Jean Wilbourn, Elayne Evans and Danielle Deere.

Leader of the Year: Amanda Riker, Okfuskee County 4-H volunteer and Club Leader from Weleetka.

Friend of 4-H: Okfuskee County Farm Bureau

County Project Award Recipients:

Mason 4-H Club

Rylee Young– Project Pin for Agriculture Master and Livestock Master
Clarissa Smith– Project Pin for Goats
Kelsey Smith– Project Pin for Sheep

Okemah 4-H Club

Dylan Neely– Project Pin for Agriculture and Animal Husbandry
Taylor Neely– Project Pin for Rabbits and Citizenship
Kyleigh Bleeker– Project pin for Goats

Bearden 4-H Club

Means Harrison – Project Pin for Entomology and Forestry
Allie Harrison- Project Pin for Fashion Review and Citizenship

Cloverbuds:

Jazzmin Neal
Jacob Canfield

Out of State Trip: Denver National Western 4-H Roundup Delegate Clarissa Smith

Outstanding Sr. Record Book Award Winner: Taylor Neely

Outstanding Jr. Record Book Award Winner: Brylen Riker

Outstanding Public Speaking Award Winner: Dylan Neely

Outstanding Citizenship Award Winner: Clarissa Smith

Outstanding Leadership Award Winner: Kyleigh Bleeker

Outstanding Senior Agricultural Achievement Award Winner: Rylee Young

Outstanding Junior Agricultural Achievement Award Winner: Brylen Riker

Outstanding Senior Achievement Award Winner: Taylor Neely

Ron Vick Agriculture Award Winner: Kyleigh Bleeker



****If you would like to know how to apply for these awards for 2021-2022 4-H year please contact Amanda Sestak at the Extension Office**

County Contest Award Winners:

4-H events and activities provide many of the most unforgettable memories for 4-H members. Several of us can probably still remember our first speech, sewing that first garment, or even our first livestock show. These events and activities also provide opportunities for our youth to meet new people, make new friends, enjoy new experiences, learn more about themselves, show off their project work, and increase visibility of the program. In addition, 4-H events provide an opportunity for education, evaluation, and recognition of all their hard work.

Cupcake Wars: Sponsored by Okfuskee Co. Vet Clinic

Junior Champion: Eliyah Bumgardner
Intermediate Champion: Sarai Bumgardner
Intermediate Reserve Champion: Keziah Bumgardner
Senior Champion: Yashua and Ashira Bumgardner
Senior Reserve Champion: Allie and Mena Harrison

Speech Contest: Sponsored by Simple Simons

Junior Power Point Champion: Maddie Callahan
Junior Impromptu Champion: Cadence Smith
Senior Power Point Champion: Kyleigh Bleeker
Senior Power Point Reserve: Dylan Neely
Senior Illustrated Presentation Champion: Rylee Young
Senior Illustrated Presentation Reserve: Taylor Neely
Senior Speech Champion: Clarissa Smith
Senior Speech Reserve: Kelsey Smith
Senior Demonstration Champion: Rylee Young and Clarissa Smith
Senior Demonstration Reserve: Allie and Mena Harrison
Senior Impromptu Champion: Rylee Young
Senior Impromptu Reserve: Clarissa Smith

Favorite Food: Sponsored by Sue Beets-OkReal State

Champion Senior: Mena Harrison
Reserve Champion: Allie Harrison

Skill-a-Thons Contest: Sponsored by Glenn White

Feed and Seed

Champion Junior Companion Animal: Brylen Riker
Champion Junior Livestock: Brylen Riker
Champion Senior Livestock: Kyleigh Bleeker
Champion Senior FCS Skill-a-thon: Kyleigh Bleeker
Reserve Champion Senior Livestock: Rylee Young
Champion Senior Dairy: Rylee Young
Champion Senior Companion Animal: Rylee Young
Champion Senior Rabbit and Poultry: Rylee Young



Food and Farm Festival 2021...

The 2021 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

Honey Exhibits

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

Kids Coloring Sheets

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

Poster Contest

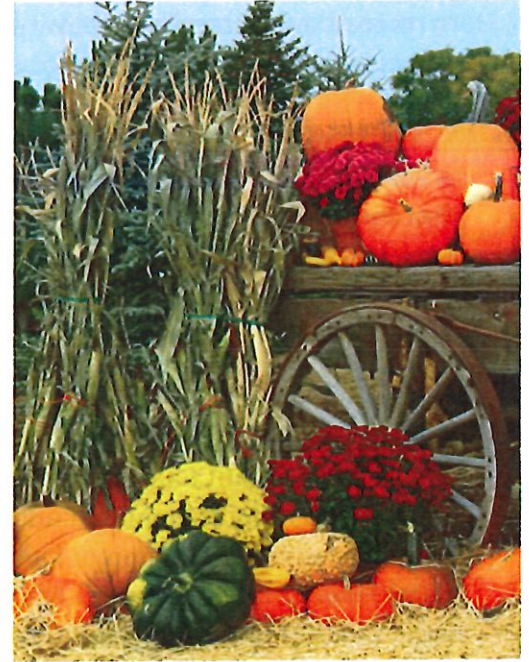
- * Poster should promote the Food and Farm festival.
- * Poster Contest is for any youth in the 3rd- 12th grade.

Food Exhibits

- * Pecan Class
- * Peanut Class
- * Honey Class

Pumpkin Exhibits

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



2022 OYE 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 18th in order for Amanda to pick up tags on October 21st.

- ◆ Goats, Sheep, and Steers kits are due back to the Extension Office by November 8th

If you are planning on showing hogs at OYE this year please have your nomination kit order and fee to the OSU extension office by November 8th in order for Amanda to pick up tags on November 12th.

- ◆ Swine Kits are due back to the Extension Office by November 29th

- ◆ Kits are \$20.00 each



County Wide 4-H Club Meeting

County Wide 4-H Club Meeting

October 21st at 5:15pm, Where: OSU Extension Office

We will go over upcoming events and activities and youth will participate in a fun educational activity.





Pre-entries in the Make It Yourself With Wool Contest must be postmarked by September 15, 2021. Make It With Wool is an annual youth-centered sewing competition to promote the beauty and versatility of wool fabrics, yarns, and fibers. A program administered by an all volunteer group of District and State Directors, the National Advisory Board, and a National Coordinator — Make It With Wool encourages personal creativity in sewing, knitting, crocheting, spinning, weaving, and other needlework arts.

Categories for the Oklahoma contest are: Pre-teen (12 and under); Junior (13 – 16); and Senior (17-24).

Preteens may enter: Dress, jumper, skirt, pants, shorts, vest, sweater, blouse/shirt, jacket, or a combination of garments. Juniors & Seniors may enter: One piece garment: Dress, jumper, outerwear jacket, coat or cape; Two-piece outfit: Coat, jacket, cape, blouse/shirt, vest or sweater with dress, jumper, skirt, pants or shorts; or an Ensemble (3 or more garments worn together at one time): Coat, jacket, cape, blouse/shirt, vest, and/or sweater with dress, jumper, skirt, pants or shorts. To be eligible, a garment must have been completed after January 1, 2021.

This year, the Oklahoma District II contest will be held Saturday, November 6th at the Okfuskee County OSU Extension Center in Okemah with the State contest being held Saturday, December 4th at the Northwest Technology Center in Fairview.

Counties in District II include: Adair, Cherokee, Craig, Creek, Delaware, Haskell, Hughes, Kay, Latimer, Leflore, Lincoln, Mayes, McCurtain, McIntosh, Muskogee, Noble, Nowata, Okfuskee, Okmulgee, Osage, Ottawa, Payne, Pittsburg, Pushmataha, Rogers, Sequoyah, Tulsa, Wagoner, and Washington.

Make It With Wool registration forms may be obtained from the Okfuskee County OSU Extension Center, 1201 E. Columbia, Okemah. For more information about the contest, the other two district contests, and/or to schedule learning sessions, contact Jan Maples at the OSU Extension Center 918-623-0641.

4-H Yard Signs

4-H is selling yard signs to promote the Okfuskee County 4-H Program and as a fundraiser. To help raise money for the 2021-2022 Program year.

We will have signs here in the office for pick up starting on October 1st. If you would like to pre-order your sign before October 1st please stop by the Extension Office and we will get you on the list for a sign and will notify you once signs are in. You do not have to pre-order a sign to get one. Once signs get here you can stop by and pick up your sign anytime from 8am-4:30pm

Signs are \$10.00 each





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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

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