

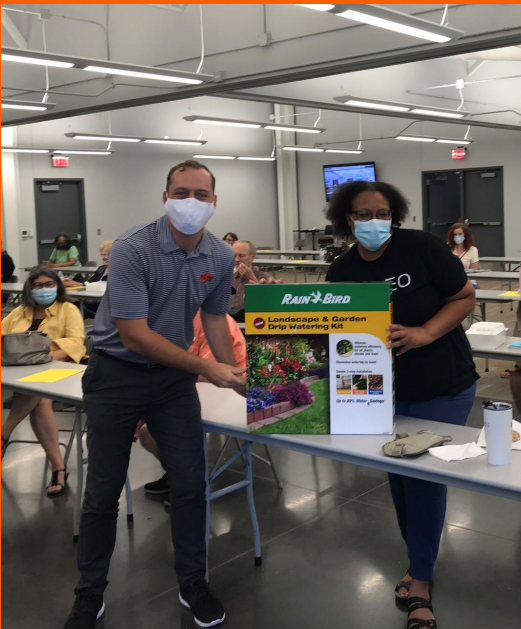


**OKLAHOMA COUNTY
EXTENSION**

REPORT TO THE PUBLIC JULY 2020

Home Irrigation Technology Workshop

The Home Irrigation Technology workshop was held on Friday, July 10th for both a live and virtual audience. The class taught participants about the importance of efficient irrigation practices as we maintain our gardens and landscapes during the summer months. Participants learned about the best methods for water plants and about affordable technology available to improve the efficiency of home watering whether watering with an automatic sprinkler system or with a garden hose. At the end of the program, there was a question and answer time for the in-person and virtual audience and irrigation technology prize drawings were given to a few lucky, in-person participants.



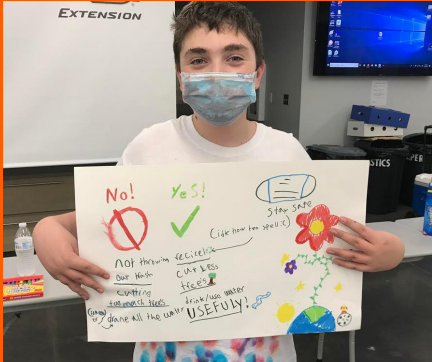


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Kids Learn About Horticulture & the Environment at Plant-It-Earth Day Camp

The Plant-It-Earth Youth Day Camp was held on July 17th. The camp was taught by Horticulture Educator Julia Laughlin and Urban Agriculture and Natural Resources Educator Joshua Campbell. Students learned about many subjects related to horticulture and the environment. Activities included lessons on growing food, flowers, making compost and conserving natural resources such as water.

The kids made wildflower seed balls that attract beneficial pollinating insects, they potted vegetable gardens to take home and enjoy squash and basil through the summer and fall. They also took home a garden and participated in a contest, where they created posters highlighting topics they learned about during camp.



Babysitting 101

Teens recently completed the two day Babysitting 101 workshop taught by FCS Educator, Lisa Hamblin, and held at the OSU-OKC Child Development Center. The students were certified in CPR, First Aid and AED by guest speaker Don Gust, safety coordinator for Oklahoma County. Other instructors were from City/County Health Dept. and the Extension CNEP program taught important topics such as effective hand washing and infant safe sleep.





FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

Junior Jelly Trails

Kids, ages 8-12 years old learned all about making jam and water bath canning at the Jr. Jelly Trails workshop on July 9th. With safety precautions in place, Taylor Conner, FCS Educator, led the workshop starting out with the kids working in groups to prepare jam with peaches fresh from Wind Drift Orchard. After cooking and filling the jars, the jam was processed in electric water bath canners. Cody Yount, 4-H Educator, led physical activity games while waiting for the jam to process. All of the kids took home a yummy jar of peach jam!



Pressure Canning

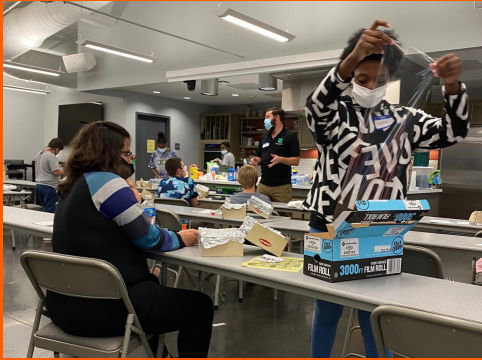
Summertime is canning time! During the month of July Taylor Conner, FCS Educator, led three adult canning workshops. On July 13th and 29th, Taylor held pressure canning workshops at the Extension Center. During these classes, participants learned the ins and outs of pressure canning and the importance of taking the proper steps to ensure safety whenever individuals are canning at home. Everyone followed along with Taylor in prepping, cooking, packing, and processing fresh carrots in jars.

On July 16th, Taylor also taught the water-bath canning workshop Jelly Making Trails—Peaches. At this three-hour workshop, attendees learned the basics of how to use boiling water bath canners to process high acid foods such as fruits, tomatoes, jams, jellies, and preserves. While in groups, individuals prepared peach jam and processed jars in an electric water bath canner. Attendees also took home a jar of peach jam.



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OKLAHOMA COUNTY 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



4-H STEM & Project Camp Engages Youth Despite the Pandemic

Utilizing social distancing practices, Oklahoma County youth ages 8-14 had the opportunity to participate in a fun, engaging day full of hands on learning. Youth in attendance learned how to develop projects, engage in science experiments, and see what 4-H has to offer. This camp was also a valuable experience for some of our older 4-H'ers as most of the workshops were taught by them. This gave them the opportunity to develop their leadership, and teaching abilities.


OK County 4-H Roundup Successes

Throughout July, Oklahoma 4-H hosted RoundUp virtually. There were weekly workshops and contests wrapping up with Honor Night and Closing Ceremony. On Honor Night, Mia Mitchell, Oklahoma County 4-H President, received the Key Club Scholarship and Jazmine Walker, Oklahoma County 4-H Vice President won 2nd place in the Ron and Lisa Sholar Essay Contest. During Closing Ceremony, the State 4-H Council Officers for the upcoming year were announced. Our very own, Mia Mitchell, will be representing us well as next year's State 4-H Council Reporter. Congratulations Mia and Jazmine!



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Oklahoma County OSU Extension continues to fulfill its mission of serving Oklahoma County with research-based information and services to help Oklahoma County residents improve their lives. One of the ways we have continued this during the pandemic is by providing timely, research-based educational media content for Oklahoma County residents through regular television appearances, YouTube and social media content.

Our educators have weekly television spots highlighting gardening and parenting topics on Fox 25's Living Oklahoma show. In March, we launched our own YouTube channel to better serve Oklahoma County residents. Regular video content is being created for our new YouTube channel. Many of these videos have been shared via social media through our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram platforms as well.

Subscribe to our channel and check our videos using the link below!

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCB9BldNoz0SA3wh0HfZAm2g?view_as=subscriber



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What's Coming Next:

OSU Extension is continuing to offer in-person and virtual workshops to the public. If you would like to receive our monthly newsletter with upcoming programs, feel free to call our office at 405-713-1125 and ask for Diana. She will add you to our email list.

You can also check out our new website for our calendar of events @ <https://calendar.okstate.edu/oces/>.

We continue to take calls and answer questions daily. Please follow us on Facebook for a glimpse into how your Oklahoma County Extension Educators and Staff are continuing to serve the community.

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