



**OKLAHOMA COUNTY
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REPORT TO THE PUBLIC July 2021

NE OKC Local Flavor Market Vendor Resource Fair

The Vendor Resource Fair took place on July, 22nd, 2021, and was hosted by Oklahoma County OSU Intern, Jordan Baze. The purpose of the Vendor Resource Fair was to provide producers and other vendors the resources they need to expand or start their business. In addition to providing these resources, participants were informed about the new "NE OKC Local Flavor Market" that will be opening Spring 2022. Jordan, with the help of Horticulture Educator, Julia Laughlin, and Agriculture & Natural Resources Educator, Joshua Campbell, secured a panel of agriculture experts including Micaela Danker from the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry; James Arati of Langston University; Madeline Alewine and Chris Sala, from the Farm Service Agency.

Twenty-five participants attended the Vendor Resource Fair. Bedlam Barbeque, graciously donated the dinner. This event was a great success and Extension Educators, plan to continue it for years to come.





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Pressure Canning Workshop

During the month of July, Taylor Conner, Family Consumer Sciences Educator, led another Pressure Canning Workshop. The class was full of individuals eager to learn about the canning process. For this class, fresh beets purchased from a local farm were used for the demonstration.

The 3 1/2 hour, hands-on workshop led the participants through preparing the produce, packing it into jars, and processing them using the pressure canning method. Each individual took home a Ball Blue Canning Book, a jar of beets, and other resources on canning. There will be one more Pressure Canning workshop this year in August.





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Plant-It Earth Day Camp

On July 16th, 2021, Oklahoma County Horticulture Educator, Julia Laughlin, and the Agriculture Natural Resources Educator, Joshua Campbell, hosted "Plant-It Earth" for youth. This camp focused on educational activities related to the environment and the conservation of natural resources.

Students were engaged in lessons and hands-on activities including making seed balls for wildflower gardens to sow this fall, planting a take-home fall garden in their own "Smartpot" with tomatoes and basil, and a tour of the Extension's teaching gardens. Students also learned about pollinators, the origins of agricultural and food crops, and the importance of water conservation. They created water conservation posters and will compete in the Oklahoma County Free Fair in August.

Twenty-eight youth attended the camp. They were served a locally sourced lunch by Chef Kamala Gamble of "Kam's Kookery" in Oklahoma City. The youth were also taught a lesson on locally grown food sources. It was a great day for everyone!



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OSU Extension Booth at Community Health Fair

OSU Extension Educators, Lisa Hamblin and Rachel Morse hosted a booth at the Southern Oaks Recreation Center Community Health Fair in Oklahoma City. They provided information about the 4-H Youth Program and parenting workshops available through the Oklahoma County Extension Center.



OHCE Donates to Veterans

Members of the Oklahoma County Oklahoma Home and Community Organization (OHCE) donated personal care bags to the patients at Veterans Medical Center in Oklahoma City. To recognize the veterans' service to this country, Oklahoma County members filled bags with items such as razors, shaving cream, puzzle books, shampoo, toothbrushes, and toothpaste. Seventy-five bags were delivered as a special surprise for the 4th of July.





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4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

Camp H2O

Camp H2O was held on July 1st, 2021, and was open to youth ages 8-12. Mindy McNeil and Cody Yount, Oklahoma County 4-H Educators, hosted the camp. Youth learned about the chemical structure of water, the hydrological cycle, of Oklahoma's aquifers and water sources, and various methods of water conservation through hands-on activities.



4-H's Centennial Round Up

Oklahoma County 4-H youth headed to Stillwater, Oklahoma, this July to participate in the 100th Roundup in Oklahoma 4-H History. At Round Up the youth enjoyed workshops, assemblies, contests, and gatherings. It was a wonderful event filled outing that celebrated another year's worth of achievements, and voting on the new 4-H State Council members. This year's Roundup was definitely one for the books!





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