



**OKLAHOMA COUNTY  
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## **REPORT TO THE PUBLIC August 2022**

### **Oklahoma County Free Fair**

Oklahoma County residents were invited to enter exhibits and attend the 108th Annual Oklahoma County Free Fair held Thursday, August 25th, through Saturday, August 27th in the Expo Hall at State Fair Park. The fair offered categories for Open Adult and Youth, 4-H, and OHCE (Oklahoma Home & Community Education). County residents could enter their exhibits in a variety of areas such as: Horticulture, Photography, Food Preservation, Culinary, and Arts & Crafts. 4-H members who received blue ribbons for their exhibits will compete at the Oklahoma State Fair in September.

Saturday was a day of family fun. Youth activities included the Ice Cream Sundae Making contest followed by the Kiddy Tractor Pull. The fair also offered adult competition such as the Ice Cream Freeze-Off, Saucy Salsa, and Pie Baking contests. Many residents participated and took home plaques and ribbons!





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## Oklahoma County Free Fair Horse Show

Oklahoma County horse lovers recently participated in the 4-H and Open County Fair Horse show held at State Fair Park. Youth and adults competed in speed events, English and Western riding, and jumping classes. Three 4-H horse clubs were well-represented at the show, and winners earned ribbons and prize money for their efforts. President of the Oklahoma Paint Horse Club, Jarrod Rees, served as show judge.





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## Summer Canning Workshops

Summer is a busy time for the home canner.

Taylor Conner, Family and Consumer Sciences Educator and Registered Dietitian, taught three canning workshops during the month of August. This included both water bath and pressure canning classes. On August 24th, participants created peach rosemary jam using fresh, local peaches. Attendees also learned tips on how to safely water bath high acid foods such as jams, jellies, fruits, tomatoes, and pickled foods.





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**4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

## 4-H Volunteer and Leadership Training

On August 6th, 4-H Educators, Mindy McNeil and Cody Yount, held a training day for volunteers and teen leaders. Every year volunteers are required to complete two specific trainings for child safety and continuing education. Having several new volunteers and teen leaders in officer roles, it was beneficial to hold an all day event to prepare our leaders for teaching and interacting with children from a variety of backgrounds. These leaders learned about icebreaker activities, team building games, record book keeping, project development, county, district, and state level leadership opportunities, as well as club management and officer responsibilities. The leaders went away from this experience with a refreshed excitement of 4-H and new tools for their leadership toolboxes.





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