

# Ottawa County 4-H Newsletter

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## Community Service Projects

- **State Service Projects:**
  - Change for Change- all changes raised are donated to the Children's Hospital in OKC.
  - Pop Tabs- tabs are collected and donated to the Ronald McDonald House.
- **County Service Projects:**
  - Hygiene Kits- items donated to local schools.
  - Birthday Boxes- donated to the Salvation Army & Community Crisis Center
  - Riverview Park Clean Up
- **Eastern Shawnee Tribe Cultural Camp:**
  - July 30 – August 1
  - 8:30 AM – 4 PM
  - Ages 16+ needed for camp counselors.
  - More info contact Jamie.

## State 4-H Record Books & State 4-H Round-Up

- We had 3 members turn in a State 4-H Record Book! Gracie Smith-Wyandotte, Taylor Fry-Fairland, & Berkeley Ulrey-Miami.
- **State 4-H Round Up** is July 23-25 in Stillwater. Registration is due by May 28. The cost is \$200. This covers lodging, workshops, assemblies, and some meals. 4-H members that have completed 7 grade-12 grade are eligible to attend. Registration forms are in the Extension Office. This is a fun, hands on camp for members. Please reach out to the office with any questions!

## County 4-H Record Books

- A County Record book is documentation on a members 4H project work for one year. The books are designed to assist members complete a state record book in the future.
- Members can report on 5 projects, what they learned, leadership, civic engagement, 4-H awards, Non-4-H experience, a story and picture pages.
- We host workshops in June & July for members to complete county books.
- County Record Books, County Officer applications and 4-H Member Point Sheets can be found on the website or pick up from the Extension Office. Cloverbuds, JR, INT, & SR divisions.
- **The DEADLINE to turn in a county record book is July 18.**

## **Information on Club Meetings**

Ottawa County 4-H Enrollment is open until June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025!

County 4-H & Cloverbud Club Meetings

Enroll online at [4h.zsuite.org](http://4h.zsuite.org)

- Afton Club
  - 2nd Thursday of each month, Sept.-May.  
After school-4:30 PM
  - Afton Middle School Science Room.
  - Lead by Sarah Bowen and Alisha Gaines.
- Commerce Club
  - Need a Club Leader! Call for more info.
  - Welcome to attend Miami or Quapaw Club meetings.
- Fairland Club
  - 2nd Tuesday of each month, Sept-May. After school-5:30 pm
  - Fairland First Christian Church.
  - Lead by Kathy Brock, Mindy Wise, and Heather Knepp.
- Quapaw Club
  - Watch Facebook for Dates, Sept-May.  
4:00-6:00 PM
  - Quapaw AG Building
  - Lead by Dakota Riley and Spirit Cox.
- Wyandotte Club
  - 2nd Wednesday of each month, Sept-May.  
After school-5:30 pm
  - Wyandotte Schools Commons Area.
  - Lead by Kathy Brock.

***Check with the office for project club meetings and practice times. Shooting Sports, OCHC, Teen Council & Dog Club.***

- Teen Council Meeting: May 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM

## **May = Mental Health Awareness Month**

May is #MentalHealthAwareness Month. 1 in 5 people will experience a mental health condition in any given year, and everyone faces challenges that can affect their mental health. People take care of their mental health in many different ways; some people focus on self-care, others see a counselor, some people take medications, and most do a combination of things. Taking care of your mental health is just as normal as going to the doctor for a check-up – it's all about staying healthy. Everyone deserves to feel their best!

## **Ottawa County 4-H FRTEP: Federally Recognized Tribal Education Program**

**Classroom enrichment** offers a variety of lessons and programs for your classroom. Giving youth hands-on experience while teaching them other life skills. Roosevelt Elementary 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades and the Miami Innovation Center incubated eggs in their classrooms they gained hands-on experience with life cycles, taking care of animals, and where their food comes from. The Innovation Center also planted their own sunflowers and salad in a bowl: four varieties of lettuce were planted that they can harvest. The Miami Public Library hosted a hands-on activity with making dish gardens. We also did a lesson on pollinators and the benefits they provide for the garden. We helped with the Woodlawn Academy Family Night while they planted their raised vegetable gardens.

## **Northeast District Contest Days**

NED Contest Days will be June 11-13 at the Payne County Fairgrounds. All entries must be completed through the Extension office, the DEADLINE to sign up is MAY 2. 918-542-1688

- Contests include: Consumer Judging, Skill-A-Thons, Job Readiness, Archery, Tractor Driving, Food Showdown, Livestock Quiz Bowl, ATV Skills Contest, Speech Contest, Dutch Oven Cooking, Cupcake Wars, Fabrics & Fashions, 4-H Has Talent, & Sidewalk Chalk.

Entries are limited in some contests, please only sign up, if you are going to attend. We will provide transportation.

## **Ottawa County Fair Information**

- Ottawa County Free Fair: August 2-9, 2025
- County Fair Livestock Tag-In
  - Miami Fairgrounds
  - Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 5-9 PM
  - Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 7-9 AM

- All livestock (market, breeding, & dairy) must be brought to tag-in.
- Market Steers, Market & Breeding Heifers, Market & Breeding Goats, Market & Breeding Sheep, Market & Breeding Swine, Dairy Goats & Dairy Cattle.
- \*Registered Heifers\* must have a copy of their papers to the Extension Office by end of tag-in.
- Pre-entry will be open on FairEntry
  - May 15<sup>th</sup> - May 31<sup>st</sup> for Livestock and Dairy
  - May 15<sup>th</sup> – July 28<sup>th</sup> for Indoor Exhibits, Dog Show, Tractor Driving, Horse Show, Poultry & Rabbits.
  - If you need help, please call the Extension Office. Sign up for the workshop. 918-542-1688
- FairEntry Workshop
  - May 20<sup>th</sup>
  - 9-11 AM or 6:30-8 PM
  - Bring your entries and we will help you!

## **2025 Tulsa State Fair Nomination Kits**

Online purchase only

Starting June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Nominations entered online & postmarked by July 7<sup>th</sup>.

If you need assistance let Jamie or Reba know! 918-542-1688

## **Ottawa County 4-H Day Camps**

- 4-H Day Camp
  - 4-H Members (8 & in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade). Must have ACTIVE enrollment.
  - Hands-on activities, making entries for the Pecan Food Show & County Fair.
  - June 4, June 18, July 2
  - Sign up 1 week before each day camp.
  - Must bring lunch and drink.
- Cloverbud Day Camp
  - 4-H Cloverbuds ages 5-8.
  - July 16<sup>th</sup>. Sign up 1 week before.
  - Must have ACTIVE enrollment to attend.
  - \*Older members needed to assist.
  - Must bring lunch and drink.

## **Upcoming Events & Deadlines**

### **May 2 – Entries due for OK 4-H Public Speaking Contest**

May 12 – Shooting Sports Practice, 5:30 PM

May 17 – Oklahoma 4-H Public Speaking Contest

May 19 – Shooting Sports Practice, 5:30 PM

May 23 -Fairland Ag Boosters Swine Show

May 24-25 - EKSSS Swine Jackpot Miami

Fairgrounds

May 30-31 – Northeast District Horse Show

May 30-31 - Ottawa County Fair Livestock Tag In

June 4 - Pecan Food Show-Day Camp

June 11-13 - NED Contest Days

June 18 -Day Camp

July 2 - Day Camp

July 9 - Day Camp

July 16 - CloverBud Day Camp

July 23-25 - Oklahoma 4-H State Round Up

**Kathy Enyart, CED, FCS/4-H Youth Development Educator**

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