



Ottawa County 4-H Newsletter

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This Month's Events:

Feb. 2-3—4-H Night at Science Museum @ 7pm-7am

Feb. 3—Horse Communication Contest @ 9am

Feb. 3—OCHC Shodeo

Feb. 12—4-H Leaders Meeting @ 5:15pm

Feb. 13—Fairland 4-H Meeting

Feb. 14—Wyandotte 4-H Meeting

Feb. 15—4-H Day at the Capitol Registration Due

Feb. 17—OCHC Shodeo

Feb. 19—Office Closed/President's Day

Feb. 20—Miami 4-H Meeting

Feb. 21—Afton 4-H Meeting

Feb. 23—OYE Entries Due

Feb. 23—Discovery Unlimited Registration Due



County Contest Day

March 9th, Registration @ 9:30am, Start @ 10am. Enter by March 1st.

The contest will be held at the Ottawa County Extension Office and Community Room. Awards will be announced in the Community Room after the contest. Any 4-Her who attends can do a skill-a-thon, they do not have to be entered in the contest.

Sign up through the Extension Office or by email! Check the ZSuites website for the guidelines packet!

Categories:

- Public Speaking
- Photography
- Graphic Design
- Educational Posters
- Impressive Dress
- Design & Construction
- Skill-a-thons

*Most entries can be saved and entered in this year's Ottawa County Fair!

Change and Pop tabs will be due at this event for the yearly challenge.

The winning club will get a pizza party at their April 4-H Meeting!

Future 4-H Events

Mar. 1—Registration for Contest Day Due

Mar. 8—Ottawa County Farm Bureau Scholarship due to Farm Bureau office.

Mar. 9—Contest Day & County Challenges Due @ 9:30am

Mar. 10—Rachel Wright Memorial Horse Show

Mar. 11-22—Oklahoma Youth Expo

Mar. 11—4-H Leaders Meeting

Mar. 12—Fairland 4-H Meeting

Mar. 13—Afton 4-H Meeting

Mar. 13—Wyandotte 4-H Meeting

Mar. 19—Miami 4-H Meeting

Mar. 22-23—Discovery Unlimited

Mar. 23-24—Shooting Sports Coach Training

Mar. 29—Office Closed/Good Friday

Mar. 31—Rachel Wright Memorial Scholarship Due to Extension office.

Apr. 2-4—Master Sewing Volunteer State Workshop

Apr. 8—4-H Leader's Meeting

Apr. 9—Fairland 4-H Meeting

Apr. 10—Wyandotte 4-H Meeting

Apr. 13—Midwest Invitational Meat Judging Contest

Apr. 16—Miami 4-H Meeting

Apr. 17—4-H Day at the Capitol

Apr. 17—Afton 4-H Meeting

Apr. 22—State Record Books Due. *Due to office April 15th*

Apr. 27—State 4-H Land Judging

For more info on any of these please contact the office!



Ottawa County Farm Bureau Scholarship

This scholarship is for high school seniors in Ottawa County who are pursuing an Agriculture degree. If you are interested in this scholarship application, go by the Ottawa County Farm Bureau office or email Spirit for a copy.

Rachel Wright Memorial Horse Show

Join us in remembering former Wyandotte 4-H'er and OCHC member, Rachel Wright. Rachel was an inspiration to many of her horse club peers. She was very passionate about horses and family. Rachel was a spirited tomboy and a great horsewoman. She competed in many district and state 4-H horse events and won awards for her accomplishments.

There will be Showmanship at Halter, English, Western, Fun Stick Horse, and Timed Event Classes.

We will also be having an auction for the buckles from 2020 along with other donated items.

If you are a high school senior and live in Ottawa County or participate in OCHC you are eligible for the Rachel Wright Memorial Scholarship. Ask Spirit for information!

Active Project Clubs:



Shooting Sports:

- **Shotgun** meets Sundays @ 2 pm @ Shawnee Skies
-Coaches are Dale Smith and Mike Williams
- **Archery**
-Confirming dates but planning to start in the middle of this month. Watch the Ottawa County 4 H Shooting Sports Oklahoma Facebook page for updates.
- **If you know someone who may be interested in leading any 4-H shooting sports activity please let office know! There is a training coming up in March 2024.**

Horse Club:

- February 3rd
- February 17th
- Rachel Wright Memorial Horse Show: March 10th



- Rachel Wright was a former Ottawa County 4-H'er who sadly passed away. She was very active in the horse club and was inspiring to many. Rachel had a lively, tomboy spirit. She is missed by many.

-RWMHS will have English, Western, Fun Classes and Timed Events! Come out for the silent auction!

- We are planning another Trail Ride in April!
- **If you would like to volunteer to help with the series please contact Spirit.**

-Contact spirit.cox@okstate.edu and/or watch Facebook for more info.

If there is a club that you would like to participate in, please let the office know so we can try to get one organized!

4-H Meetings

Fairland: 2nd Tues. each month, after school-5:30, 1st Christian Church

Wyandotte: 2nd Wed. each month, after school-5:30, Commons Area

Miami: Sept. 21st, Oct. 24th, 3rd Tues each month Nov.-May, 5:00-6:00, Extension Office Conference Room

Afton: 3rd Wed. each month except Dec. 13th and Mar. 13th, after school, Mrs. Marino's class



4-H Clubs encouraged to participate in State of Orange

While green is the traditional color associated with the Oklahoma 4-H Youth Development program, clubs in all 77 counties will be seeing orange as they take part in the State of Orange project slated April 13.

State of Orange is a statewide, collaborative effort of Oklahoma State University to engage in a day of meaningful service, said Cathleen Taylor, state leadership and civic engagement specialist with the State 4-H office.

“Civic engagement and service learning are the cornerstones of the 4-H program. The time and effort club members put out each year is immeasurable,” Taylor said. “They’ve given millions of hours to their communities all across the state. This opportunity fits right into our programming.”

4-H clubs from around the state are encouraged to participate in a community service project in conjunction with State of Orange this spring. Taylor said this is a great opportunity for 4-H volunteers to plan and implement an activity at the local level. One example is to plant a fruit or nut tree in a local park or community garden.

“Think about all of the community service opportunities available in the county. We encourage 4-H clubs to reach out to other local and county organizations such as Master Gardeners or Oklahoma Home and Community Education groups,” she said. “The more people who come together in this effort, the bigger the impact that can be made.”

4-H’ers from all 77 counties are working on the Change for Change project and have set a goal of raising \$12,000 for the Children’s Health Foundation. A community service or civic engagement project for State of Orange could be another way for club members to raise funds to help meet the statewide goal. Volunteers and club members are encouraged to plan and implement their activity at the local level.

Currently, there are nearly 11,000 youth enrolled in community clubs, and of those, 437 are enrolled in the civic engagement or citizenship project.

Community service doesn’t end after this event is complete. Taylor encourages club members to discover what they like to do and find additional ways to give back to their communities by turning what they enjoy into service-learning opportunities.

Taylor said taking part in this type of opportunity helps bring home the life skills that are taught in the 4-H Youth Development program.

“It provides a sense of generosity and giving back. It also helps our club members understand how they are connected to their community and how much of an impact they can have,” she said.

State of Orange is a great opportunity to show how 4-H and OSU Extension are vital parts of every community across the state and how 4-H is connected to OSU.

“In addition, forming partnerships with other like-minded organizations within the community is a win-win for everyone involved. State of Orange can help us live the 4-H motto ‘To make the best better.’”

More information about how to register your county’s event will be available soon. Contact Cathleen Taylor at 405-744-8888 or cathleen.taylor@okstate.edu for more information.

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