



## Ottawa County 4-H Newsletter

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### This Month's Events:

**June 1 – Tulsa State Fair Nominations Open**

**June 1-15 – Ottawa County Fair Pre-Entry Open**

**June 3 – Livestock Club 4-5 PM**

**June 4-6 – Northeast District Contest Days**

**June 7 – County Record Book Workshop @ 8:30 AM**

**June 7 – OCHC Awards Banquet, 6-8 PM**

**June 10 – 4-H Leader's Meeting**

**June 12 – 4-H Day Camp, FCS Day, 8:30-4:00**

**June 12 – Order TSF Kits for office pick up**

**June 14 – OCF Tag-In, Miami Fairgrounds, 5-9 PM**

**June 15 – OCF Tag-In, Miami Fairgrounds, 7-9 AM**

**June 19 – Office Closed/Juneteenth**

**June 21 – County Record Book Workshop @ 8:30 AM**

**June 21-22 – State 4-H Parent/Volunteer Conference**

**June 22 – Cherokee Tractor Pull, Fairland Arena, 4-H  
Concession Stand**

**June 26 – 4-H Day Camp, Technology Day, 8:30-4:00**

**June 29 – OCF Tractor Pull, Miami Fairgrounds, 4-H  
Concession Stand**

### Livestock Exhibitors

**Tulsa State Fair Nominations** will be available on June 1st. The link to the Nomination website will be on the Ottawa County Extension website. If Ottawa County exhibitors (4-H or FFA) order a nomination kit by June 12th, Reba Palmer will pick them up and bring them to the Ottawa County Fair Tag-In. **\*EXHIBITORS MUST LET US KNOW IF THEY HAVE ORDERED A KIT TO BE PICKED UP BEFORE OR ON JUNE 12th.** Email Reba, [rmmccar@okstate.edu](mailto:rmmccar@okstate.edu), or call the Extension office to let us know if you need a kit picked up. Reba can help pull hair for the kits if needed. Kits must be mailed to the Tulsa State Fair office by July 8th.

<https://www.tulsastatefair.com/p/getconnected/lsahs/nomination>

The **Ottawa County Fair** pre-entry will open on June 1st. The pre-entry link can also be found on the Ottawa County website. <http://www.fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/20301>

Livestock and Dairy entries close on June 15th. Disregard the information in the May newsletter about entering animals as a pen, enter each as a single animal. Make sure all of your entries have your Club or Chapter on them, unless they are in the Open class. Please enter all "Bred & Owned" animals in both the "Registered" class and "Bred & Owned" class. If you have questions, call the office!

All other entries close on August 1st. This includes Horse Show, Dog Show, Tractor Driving Contest, Poultry, Rabbit, Bucket Animals, and Indoor Exhibits. Call the Extension office with any questions.

**OCF Tag-In** will be June 14th 5-9 pm and June 15th 7-9 am. You will receive your county tags and 840 tags here. All livestock and dairy animals **MUST** come to Tag-In. All Market Steers, Market & Breeding Heifers, Market & Breeding Goats, Market & Breeding Sheep, Market & Breeding Swine. All Dairy Goats and Dairy Cattle. Dairy goats, breeding goats, and breeding sheep need to have scrapie tags. All Breeding and Dairy Animals need to have birthdate available. Bring registration papers for heifers.

### Ottawa County 4-H Record Book Workshops

Ottawa County 4-H'ers are welcomed to the Extension office Conference Room to have help building their record books. We will have three Record Book work days this summer for 4-H'ers and Cloverbuds who would like to submit one!

- We will have laptops for 4-H'ers to use.
- Bring all your pictures of working with your project or at 4-H events.
- Bring any notes and calendars that can be used to help remember what you did this year.

This is a great experience for all 4-H'ers to start logging their 4-H careers to use in the future when writing State Books and filling out scholarships. Dates are on Fridays, June 7th, June 21st, July 5th. Books are due on Friday, July 12th.

### 4-H Day Camps and Cloverbud Day Camp

Ottawa County 4-H is offering day camps for 4-H'ers to learn more about different projects areas and create indoor exhibits for the Ottawa County Fair. The topics we have for this year include Family and Consumer Science (FCS) Day, Technology Day, and Nature Day. We look forward in creating fun projects with you this summer! Dates are Wednesdays, June 12th, June 26th, and July 10th. Call the office to sign-up!

The Cloverbud Day Camp will involve many different projects as well, more details to come.

### Summer 4-H Concession Stands

We will need 4-H'ers to work these events. Get in touch with Kathy Brock or the office to volunteer.

**Cherokee Tractor Pull:** June 22nd, Fairland Arena. Time slots are 1-3pm, 3-5pm, 5pm-close.

**OCF Tractor Pull:** June 29th, Miami Fairgrounds. Time slots are 5-7pm, 7-9pm, 9pm-close.

**OCF Youth Ranch Rodeo:** August 3rd, Miami Fairgrounds. Time slots are 4-6pm, 6-8pm, 8pm-close.

**Ottawa County Fair Shows:** Miami Fairgrounds. Time slots vary, more info will be available soon.

**OCF Demolition Derby:** August 31st, Miami Fairgrounds. Time slots are 4-6pm, 6-8pm, 8pm-close.

### Ottawa County Fair Exhibitor Enrollment

Youth over the age of 9 must be in 4-H or FFA in order to show in the livestock, dairy, poultry, rabbits, tractor driving, and 4-H or FFA indoor exhibits. Livestock Exhibitors' 4-H Enrollments MUST be done by the end of Tag-In on June 15th. All other fair Exhibitors must be done by July 1st to enter in the 4-H Indoor Exhibits, Poultry, Rabbit, & Tractor Driving Divisions.

### FUTURE 4-H EVENTS

**July 2-3** – “Sew Fun” Sewing Camp

**July 4** – Office Closed/Independence Day

**July 5** – County Book Workshop @ 8:30 am

**July 8** – Day Camp Sign up Due

**July 10** – 4-H Day Camp

**July 12** – County Record Books Due

**July 16-18** – Big Three Field Days, Livestock Judging Contest

**July 24** – Cloverbud Day Camp

**July 24-26** – OK State 4-H Round Up

**Aug. 3-10** – Ottawa County Free Fair

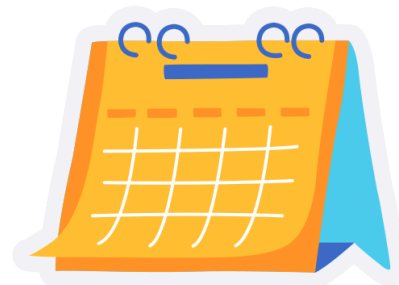
**Aug. 3** – OCF Youth Ranch Rodeo, Miami Fairgrounds

4-H Concession – 4pm-6pm, 6pm-8pm, 8pm-10pm

**Aug. 31** – OCF Demo Derby, Miami Fairgrounds

4-H Concession – 4pm-6pm, 6pm-8pm, 8pm-10pm

**Sept. 1**–4-H Enrollment Opens for 2024-2025



## Active Project Clubs:

### Shooting Sports:

- **Shotgun** meets Sundays @ 2 pm @ Shawnee Skies, weather permitting and as coaches are available.  
-Coaches are Dale Smith and Mike Williams
- **Air Rifle**  
-Starting on June 2nd will meet on Sundays @ 2 pm @ the Miami Fairgrounds.  
-Coach is Spirit Cox.
- **Archery, Practices will resume in the fall!**  
-Coaches are Jake & Mindy Wise and TJ Brewster.  
• Watch the Ottawa County 4 H Shooting Sports Oklahoma Facebook page for updates.
- **If you know someone who may be interested in leading or helping with any 4-H shooting sports activity please let office know!**



### Horse Club:

- The OCHC Awards Banquet will be held June 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm
- We are planning another Trail Ride!
- **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.



### Dog Club:

- Dog Club practices are held every Tuesday at 6:30pm
- Youth and dogs will learn obedience, agility, and rally.
- Practices are held at the Miami Fairgrounds and at the Schertz residence in Miami.
- Coach is Deanna Steinbach.



### Livestock Club

- Ottawa County is wanting to build a Livestock Quizbowl team and offer more opportunities for Livestock Judging and Skill-a-thons.
- Learn more about cattle, sheep, goats, swine, poultry, fish, and horses. We will explore these species through Kahoot games, Trivia, Quizbowl games, Quizlet, etc.!
- **Next practice: Monday, June 3rd from 4-5 pm.**
- Coach is Reba Palmer, contact her if you are interested.

**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!**

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## 4-H/Cloverbud Meetings

4-H/Cloverbud meetings will resume in the fall during schools.

4-H and Cloverbuds attend the same meetings. Meetings consist of a craft/project activity, a snack, and a business-like meeting discussion.

**We need volunteers to be Club Leaders in Afton, Commerce, and Quapaw! If you are interested, please contact the office! Your help is greatly appreciated!**



## Safety is vital when using ATVs

With school out for the summer, Oklahoma youth will be spending a lot of time participating in outdoor activities such as swimming, hiking and riding bikes. Some youth will also be riding all-terrain vehicles and utility-task vehicles.

Just as people take safety precautions when swimming and biking, safety must be a top priority when riding ATVs and similar vehicles, said Ravyn Bevard, [Oklahoma State University Extension](#) youth ATV safety educator.

“Parents don’t think twice about putting their kids in life jackets or bicycle helmets,” Bevard said. “Following all safety rules and regulations for ATVs and UTVs is just as important.”

ATVs and similar vehicles are useful for various tasks around the home and farm and simply for enjoying the outdoors, but it is vital for all riders, especially youth, to wear Department of Transportation-approved apparel, including helmet, goggles, long sleeves, long pants, gloves and over-the-ankle boots.

“Of all the safety equipment suggested, a helmet is the most important piece of safety gear,” she said. “Research has shown that wearing a DOT-compliant helmet can reduce the risk of death in a crash by up to 42%.”

In addition to proper safety gear, it is also important to ride a machine that’s the appropriate size. About 90% of kids who are riding ATVs are riding adult-size machines. Having machines that are the proper size can help reduce the chance of an accident. Larger, adult-sized machines are harder to handle, especially for riders ages 10 to 16. Smaller versions are easier and safer to handle.

Don’t exceed the rider limit on any machine. If there’s one seat, only one rider at a time. The same is true for side-by-sides. If the vehicle has two seats, only allow two riders at a time. Adult supervision is encouraged at all times, especially for younger riders.

Bevard said maintaining a safe speed is important for overall safety of the riders, especially those who are new to this experience.

As the name implies, all-terrain vehicles are designed to be ridden off-road. Avoid riding on paved roads whenever possible. If the need arises to cross a paved road to get from one area to another, stop and look both ways before crossing the road.

“One of the best ways to ensure safety while using an ATV or UTV is to take a rider safety course,” she said. “These courses cover the basic safety information in a classroom environment and provide hands-on learning opportunities.

The Oklahoma 4-H Youth Development program offers an [ATV Riders Course](#) to groups, organizations, families and individuals ages 10 years and older who are interested in learning more about safely operating both ATVs and UTVs. Contact Bevard at [rbevard@okstate.edu](mailto:rbevard@okstate.edu) or 405-744-04141 for more information.

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