



Ottawa County 4-H News

4-H Achievement Celebration & Fundraiser

4-H members were recognized at the 77th Annual 4-H Achievement Celebration on Saturday, November 23 at the First Christian Church in Miami. We had 16 members complete record books covering 116 project areas, and 5 cloverbuds complete a book. 2 members completed their State 4-H Record Book. We had 6 JR members complete a 1st Year Record Book and they received their 4-H member gate sign. Berekley Ulrey was recognized as a graduating senior and received the County Hall of Fame award. His portrait will hang at the Security Bank downtown location.

The Honorary 4-H Members were Josh & Jenna Newton, the Alumni Award was Candy Fuser. The County Officer Team voted for the 4-H Leader of the Year, and that went to Kathy Brock.

After the awards were presented a thank you dinner was served from the 4-H leaders to guests and 4-H families. Baked potato bar and pulled pork sandwiches with cake for dessert.

A silent auction and stick party ended the day with lots of fun and laughter. The money raised is split between the County Clubs to be used for supplies or club parties.

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Newly Elected County Officer Team



4-H members in attendance at the Achievement Celebration elected the 2024-2025 County Officer Team. They had to sign in and wait in line to vote. After voting they received "I Voted" stickers and wore them proudly during the event.

President: Gracie Smith	Teen Council Meeting
Vice President: Taylor Fry	Dec. 17
Secretary/Reporter: Cooper Ellison	6:30PM
Recreation Leader: Dillon Foster	OSU Extension Office
Intermediate Vice President: Case Ellison	

Junior Vice Presidents: Josiah Dorey & Hope Cox
Council Members: Kaylyn Wise, Raelynn Wright, Rylie Oakley, Harper Lucky, Madison Goforth, & Gracie Collins

Teen Council-Service Project



The Ottawa County Teen Council comprised of the County Officer team and 4-H members in 7th-12th grades have come up with two service projects and are asking for help. "We are asking for donations to help with the expenses of making hygiene kits and birthday boxes," says Cooper Ellison. "You can also donate items for the kits too," says Gracie Smith. The hygiene kits are going to be collected and assembled and dropped off at area middle school and high schools. The birthday boxes will be made available for the Salvation Army and Crisis Center for their clients.

Hygiene Kits

Pencil Pouch or Small bag
Deodorant
Body Wash
Tooth Paste/Tooth Brush
Feminine Hygiene Products
Shaving Cream/Razor
Body Spray
Shampoo/Conditioner
Travel size is preferred.

Birthday Boxes

9x13 Foil Pan
Cake Mix
Frosting
Birthday Candles
Cake plates, napkins, balloons, forks
Can of Soda
Birthday Invitations

All items or donations can be dropped off at the OSU Extension Office.

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Ottawa County 4-H Enrollment is open until June 15th, 2024!

County 4-H & Cloverbud Club Meetings

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.

Miami Club

3rd Tuesday of each month, Sept-May.
5:00-6:30 pm, Extension Office.
Lead by Jamie Foster.

Quapaw Club

Last Wednesday of each month, Sept-May.
4:00-6:00 PM, Quapaw 1st Baptist Church Annex
Lead by Dakota Riley and Brandi Harris

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, & Dog Club.

4-H Enrollment

All 4-H enrollments are handled online through Z Suite. Families must create a family profile then sign up each youth for enrollment. Enrollment costs \$20 per year. If a family can't afford the enrollment ask about our scholarships and assistance forms. 4-H members must have active enrollment to compete as a 4-H member at County, District, State events, including the County Fair, Tulsa State Fair, & Oklahoma Youth Expo. Please check with the office to make sure your child is an "active" member.



4h.zsuite.org



Join 4-H using the QR code.
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Ottawa County 4-H FRTEP: Federally Recognized Tribal Extension Program



Jamie Foster, our FRTEP/4-H Educator is working hard at bringing more Extension Programs to our county. Last month Jamie & Kathy worked with the Miami Innovation Center for the first round of School Enrichment programming. Working with these youth teaching them life skills and having some fun. The students learned about kitchen safety, food safety, and got some hands on skills with cookie decorating.

Feedback from youth:

"Wow, this was fun!"

"Cool."

"I learned something new."

Park of Lights-Twin Bridges

The beautiful Twin Bridges Park of Lights will open Thanksgiving night November 28th from 6-9 pm nightly through December 30th. Donations will be accepted at the exit. All donations go towards park improvements and supplies for 2025! Santa nights will be announced! Stay tuned! 4-H members will work the entrance and exit gates on **December 6th and December 19th. 5:45 PM- 9:00 PM.** Please contact the office 918.542.1688 or Kathy B. to sign up.



4-H Parade Schedule

AFTON

Friday, December 6th. Starts at 6 PM. Line up at 5:30 meet at Afton High School parking lot

QUAPAW

Saturday, December 7th. Starts at 12 PM. Line up at 11:30 meet at Elementary Parking Lot.

COMMERCE

Saturday, December 7th. Starts at 3PM. Line up at 2:30 meet at the Assembly of God Church.

MIAMI

Saturday, December 7th. Starts at 6PM. Line up at 5:30 meet at the float, by AT&T Store.

FAIRLAND

Saturday, December 14th. Starts at 12 PM. Line up at 11:30 meet at the First Baptist Church.

Parade Reminders!

Dress warm! Bring a blanket, wear a coat and gloves.

If riding your horse, please check in with an adult and get your 4-H member sign. Please only 1 rider per horse. Check the OCHC FaceBook page for the horse meeting area.

Before dropping off your child, make sure to check in with an adult for after parade pick up.



Upcoming Events & Deadlines

Dec. 1 - Sign up for Salvation Army Bell Ringing-All Month!

Dec. 2 - AFR Dinner, 6 PM, Extension Office

Dec. 5 - OYE Swine Nominations Due

Dec. 6 - Afton Christmas Parade

Dec. 6 - Park of Lights Work Day, 5:45-9 PM, Twin Bridges State Park

Dec. 7 - Horse & Dog Volunteer Conference, 9 AM—4 PM, Stillwater

Dec. 7 - Quapaw, Commerce, Miami Christmas Parades

Dec. 14 - OCHC Shodeo, 12 PM, NEO Arena, Miami 4-H working

Dec. 14 - Fairland Christmas Parade

Dec. 15 - Registration for Night at Science Museum Opens

Dec. 24-25 - Office Closed/Christmas



4-H Night at Science Museum



4-H Members

3rd-12th grade

Cost is \$50

Space is limited. If interested please contact the office.

Register through z suite account.

Future Events

2025

Jan 11 – Oklahoma 4-H Winter Formal

Jan 15 - Night at the Science Museum Registration Due

Jan 17 – Volunteer Recognition Forms Due

Jan 20 – Presidential Inauguration event – Grady County

Jan 23-27 – New Mexico 4-H Senior Leadership Retreat

Jan 28 - Tuesday Tool Time Webinar

Jan 31 - Night at the Science Museum

Feb 8 - Horse Communication Event

Feb 21 - OYE entries due online*must be entered by Extension Educator or FFA Advisor

Mar 1 - State 4-H Ambassador Applications Due

Mar 11-21 - OYE

Mar 12-16 - IGNITE Conference

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

Reba Palmer, AG/4-H Youth Development Educator

Jamie Foster, FRTEP FCS/4-H Youth Development Educator

State 4-H Record Books

Now is the time to start planning your State 4-H Record Book. Any 4-H member that is in 8th-12th grade can complete and submit a State 4-H Record Book. Many scholarships and awards are only available through this process.

State 4-H Record Book Workshops:

Christmas Break-Date & Time TBA

We are here to help you! Contact Jamie if you are interested or want more information. jamie.foster@okstate.edu