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**Ottawa County 4-H Newsletter**

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**This Month's Events:**

- Nov. 1** - Giving Tree Exhibit Set-Up, 9 AM, Extension Office
- Nov. 2** - OCHC Shodeo, 12 PM, NEO Arena
- Nov. 4** - 4-H Leader's Meeting, 4 PM, Extension Office
- Nov. 4** - **OYE Nomination Order Deadline for Extension Office Pick-Up**
- Nov. 5-Jan.18** - Giving Tree Exhibit
- Nov. 9** - Park of Lights Set-Up, 9 AM, Twin Bridges Park
- Nov. 9** - Veteran's Day Parade, Miami Main Street.
- Nov. 11** - **Office Closed/Veteran's Day**
- Nov. 16** - Horse Science Academy, Stillwater
- Nov. 16** - 4-H STEM Day, Stillwater
- Nov. 21** - **OYE Sheep, Goat, Beef Nominations Due**
- Nov. 23** - 4-H Achievement Celebration & Fundraiser, First Christian Church, Miami, OK, 10 AM
- Nov. 25** - Christmas Parade Float Set-Up, 9 AM, Miami Fairgrounds
- Nov. 26** - Gingerbread House Workshop
- Nov. 27** - **AFR Food Drive Due to Extension Office**
- Nov. 28-29** - **Office Closed/ Thanksgiving**
- Nov. 29-Dec. 15** - TCS Paper Clover Campaign

**Achievement Celebration & Fundraiser**

This Celebration is an awards ceremony for 4-H'ers who submitted a record book and individuals who represented 4-H at District and State events. All Ottawa County members are welcome to come to the Achievement Celebration to support their fellow 4-H'ers. The 4-H Fundraiser is held shortly after the Achievement Celebration. A silent auction is held during the day's events but the main fundraiser is a "stick party". For dinner, we will have Pulled Pork and a Baked Potato Bar! We ask that attending 4-H'ers bring 1 item for the silent auction and 1 item for the stick party.

Stick Party Explanation: Participants buy bid sticks and use the sticks to bet. Each bet costs a quarter. The sticks are all numbered and have a matching coin with the same number. The auctioneer will ask who wants to bet their sticks on the item. Participants can bet however many sticks they have. The sticks that have a bet are "live", while the number is being drawn participants hold up these sticks. Sticks without a bet are "dead", leave these sticks on the table while the number is being drawn. A number is drawn for each item, whoever has that "live" stick wins the item. If the number drawn is a "dead" stick, the number will be drawn again until it is won by a "live" stick. New bets are placed with each item!

This is a fun fundraiser for each club, be sure to save all your quarters and come participate. Please collect items for both the silent auction and "stick party".

**Achievement Celebration  
 November 23rd.**

**Registration Deadline Nov. 8th.**



## Ottawa County 4-H Events

### Giving Tree Exhibit

Last year, the Dobson Museum on Miami Main Street held the Giving Tree Exhibit for the first time. Ottawa County 4-H participated in the event and decorated a 4-H themed Christmas tree that was displayed. The tree had 4-H promotion on it and a donation box was near it. We are participating in this fun event, again! Watch Facebook for the decoration date!

### Park of Lights

Park of Lights is a beautiful drive-thru Christmas Light display at the Twin Bridges Area, Grand Lake State Park in Fairland, OK. Ottawa County 4-H has set-up a display at this light show for over 20 years! Help us with this year's display on November 9th at 9 AM. Dress warm in case of weather.

The Park of Lights workdays, for 4-H'ers to work the display gates, are Dec. 6th and Dec. 19th from 5:45 - 9:00 PM. If you are interested in working the gates, contact Kathy Brock!

### Oklahoma Youth Expo Nomination Deadlines

OYE Nominations are now available on the OYE website. OYE Nominations that are ordered and paid for by November 4th can be picked up by our office. You MUST notify the office if you order nominations that you wish for us to pick the kits up! Call with the name on the order, phone number, club/chapter, and the receipt number. The kits will be available for pick up starting Nov. 6th.

- Beef, Sheep, and Goat nominations are due back to the OYE office on Nov. 21st.
- Swine nominations are due to the OYE office on Dec. 5th.

## OTTAWA COUNTY FAIR CHECKS

- PLACING checks are available at the Ottawa County OSU Extension Office. These are for all county fair exhibitors (open and youth) for placing in classes whether it was indoor, poultry/rabbit, livestock, horse, dog, or tractor driving.

## 4-H Future Events

**Dec. 2** - AFR Dinner, 6 PM, Extension Office  
**Dec. 5** - OYE Swine Nominations Due  
**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  
**Dec. 14** - Fairland Christmas Parade  
**Dec. 21** - Afton Christmas Parade  
**Dec. 24-25** - Office Closed/Christmas

### 2025

**Jan 11** – Oklahoma 4-H Winter Formal  
**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  
**Feb 8** - Horse Communication Event  
**Mar 1** - State 4-H Ambassador Applications Due  
**Mar 11-21** - OYE  
**Mar 12-16** - IGNITE Conference  
**Apr 11-16** - National 4-H Conference  
**Apr 12** - 4-H Rising Leaders  
**Apr 18** - State 4-H Horse Judging  
**Apr 23** - 4-H Day at the Capitol  
**Apr 26** - State 4-H Meat, Land, and Livestock Judging Contests  
**Apr 28** - **State Record Books Due online**



## Ottawa County 4-H at the Tulsa State Fair

### 4-H Indoor Exhibits

#### **Gracie Collins**

1st - 303: 4-H Creative Arts 35: Miscellaneous

3rd - 313: 4-H Wood Science and Industrial Arts 19: Metalwork: Embossed, tooled, etched

#### **Jensen Dorey**

3rd - 302: 4-H Photography 11: 4 Photos Showing Good Composition

4th - 304 4-H Science & Technology 12: Geocache Box

#### **Josiah Dorey**

1st - 306: 4-H Design & Construction 20: Apparel Design Project Portfolio

1st - 306: 4-H Design & Construction 41: Interior Design Project Portfolio

1st - 306: 4-H Design & Construction 43: Decorative Textile Technique

2nd - 306: 4-H Design & Construction 57: Hobbies & Textiles Design Project Portfolio

3rd - 302: 4-H Photography 23: Digitally Adjusted Photo

3rd - 302: 4-H Photography 25: Digitally Altered Photo

3rd - 303: 4-H Creative Arts 07: Art Portfolio

3rd - 307: 4-H Baby Sitting Child Care 02: Puzzles Help Children Learn

4th - 306: 4-H Design & Construction 39: Functional Home Accessory for Special Needs

5th - 302: 4-H Photography 14: Best Individual Photo-Intermediate Skill

6th - 306: 4-H Design & Construction 05: Simple Sewn Fashion Accessory

7th - 303: 4-H Creative Arts 17: Print Process Article

8th - 306: 4-H Design & Construction 07: Recycled/Upcycled Apparel or Accessory

10th - 304: 4-H Science & Technology 01: Flat Flyer

#### **Colton Dry**

3rd - 303: 4-H Creative Arts 15: Pottery: Original design

#### **Trust Forrest**

6th - 322: 4-H Home Gardening 08: Pumpkin, jack-o-lantern

#### **Dillon Foster**

6th - 303: 4-H Creative Arts 33: Duct Tape Craft

8th - 304: 4-H Science & Technology 08: STEM: Draw a Scientist

9th - 308: 4-H Food Science Exhibits 05: 3 yeast cinnamon rolls-no icing

9th - 308: 4-H Food Science Exhibits 25: Educational Poster based on protein food safety

9th - 324 4-H Horticulture 05: Dish Garden

10th - 307 4-H Baby Sitting Child Care 03: Child Care Poster

#### **Taylor Fry**

6th - 304: 4-H Science & Technology 09: STEM: Careers in STEM

7th - 302: 4-H Photography 18: Best Individual Photo-Intermediate Level

#### **Madison Goforth**

9th - 303: 4-H Creative Arts 31: Plastic Craft

#### **Harper Lucky**

3rd - 300: 4-H Poster 03: Poster OK 4-H History

#### **Rylie Oakley**

1st - 301: 4-H Educational Booth 03: Display using 4-H Grows Here

1st - 317: 4-H Geology 05: Energy/Petroleum Display (Grades 3-5)

1st - 318: 4-H Wildlife Projects 01: Scrapbook of Oklahoma Wildlife

2nd - 308: 4-H Food Science Exhibits 19: Educational Poster Breads or Cheeses

3rd - 308: 4-H Food Science Exhibits 21: Educational Poster recipe modification Healthy

3rd - 308: 4-H Food Science Exhibits 28: Bicycle Poster

4th - 300: 4-H Poster 01: 4-H Promotional Poster

4th - 300: 4-H Poster 02: Poster National Campaign

## Ottawa County 4-H at the Tulsa State Fair

### 4-H Indoor Exhibits

#### **Rylie Oakley**

5th - 308: 4-H Food Science Exhibits 03: 3 Baked Dropped Cookies  
5th - 308: 4-H Food Science Exhibits 24: Educational Poster based on Food or Kitchen Safety  
5th - 316: 4-H Forestry Exhibit 05: Self Determined Exhibit  
5th - 318: 4-H Wildlife Projects 09: Notebook of 5 OK Fish  
5th - 325: 4-H Companion Animals and Livestock 03: Companion Animal & Livestock Display  
7th - 318: 4-H Wildlife Projects 18: Notebook of 15 pictures, drawings, photos of birds  
9th - 308 4-H Food Science Exhibits 02: 3 Rolled Biscuits

#### **Jace Riggs-Austin**

4th - 306: 4-H Design & Construction 29: Home Accent Bedroom-2 pieces

#### **Gracie Smith**

1st - 301: 4-H Educational Booth 02: Community Service Booth Display  
2nd - 302: 4-H Photography 03: 4 Photos Showing Common Mistakes  
10th - 303: 4-H Creative Arts 16: Pottery: Original design

#### **Kaylyn Wise**

1st - 306: 4-H Design & Construction 24: Home Accent Storage-no bags  
2nd - 318: 4-H Wildlife Projects 02: Self-Determined Wildlife Exhibit  
4th - 301: 4-H Educational Booth 01: Educational Booth Display  
4th - 314: 4-H Shooting Sports 03: Archery  
5th - 325: 4-H Companion Animals and Livestock 01: Companion Animal & Livestock Poster  
7th - 303: 4-H Creative Arts 09: Creative Writing

### 4-H Beef Exhibitors

#### **Trevor Henry**

Breed Champion Limousin Market Steer, Lot #15 Night of Champions

#### **Avery Dugan**

3rd - Class 1 Shorthorn Market Steer

#### **Addison Dugan**

2nd - Class 22 Polled Hereford Breeding Heifer  
6th - Class 3 Charolais Market Steer

### 4-H Sheep Exhibitors

#### **Sophia Rexwinkle**

3rd - Class 4 Shropshire Breeding Ewe  
3rd - Class 6 Shropshire Breeding Ewe  
3rd - Class 3 Hampshire Breeding Ewe  
3rd - Class 4 Hampshire Breeding Ewe  
4th - Class 5 Hampshire Breeding Ewe

#### **Aiden Victor**

2nd - Class 2 Hampshire Breeding Ewe

#### **Brynlee Victor**

10th - Class 4 Hampshire Breeding Ewe

#### **Gracie Smith**

2nd - Class 4 Hampshire Market Lamb, 6th - Overall Hampshire Market Lamb, Lot #123 Night of Champions  
6th - Intermediate Market Lamb Showman

## Ottawa County 4-H at the Tulsa State Fair

### 4-H Goat Exhibitors

**Gracie Smith**

4th - Class 6 Wether Meat Goat  
3rd - Intermediate Market Goat Showman

### 4-H Swine Exhibitors

**Acen Earp**

10th - Class 3 Duroc Breeding Gilt

**Chloe Merit**

4th - Class 3 Light Cross Breeding Gilt, 11th - Overall Light Commercial Breeding Gilt, 35th - Overall Commercial Breeding Gilt, Lot #52 TSF Gilt Sale  
10th - Class 8 Dark Cross Breeding Gilt  
Champion Junior Breeding Gilt Showman  
Reserve Champion Overall Breeding Gilt Showman

**Case Ellison**

2nd - Class 3 Spot Breeding Gilt  
7th - Class 2 Dark Cross Gilt  
Champion Intermediate Market Barrow Showman

**Cooper Ellison**

3rd - Class 2 Light Cross Breeding Gilt, 6th - Overall Light Commercial Breeding Gilt, 22nd - Overall Commercial Breeding Gilt  
4th - Class 1 Poland China Breeding Gilt  
Lot # 35 TSF Breeding Gilt Sale

**Dani Douthit**

9th - Class 5 Duroc Breeding Gilt

**Skylar Forkner**

4th - Class 2 Spot Breeding Gilt  
6th - Class 1 Yorkshire Market Barrow

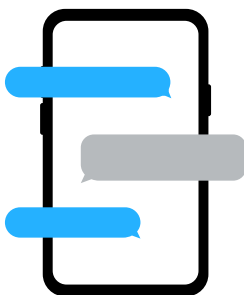
**Harper Lucky**

4th - Junior Market Barrow Showman

## Ottawa County 4-H Text Messages

**Would text message 4-H reminders work better for you?**

If so, what app do you or your scholl us to send out group reminders? Please email [spirit.cox@okstate.edu](mailto:spirit.cox@okstate.edu) what app you would prefer if Ottawa County 4-H was to add a text remind system in addition to the monthly email newsletters.



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## What is FRTEP? Federally Recognized Tribal Extension Program:

The purpose of this program is to establish an Extension presence and support Extension outreach on Federally Recognized Indian Reservations and Tribal jurisdictions of Federally-Recognized Tribes. This program seeks to continue the Land Grants mission of inclusion - providing education and research-based knowledge to those who might not otherwise receive it.

## Maple Syrup Production Basics

### Workshop:

**Thursday, November 14**  
**@ 8:45 AM**

Ottawa County OSU Extension Office  
123 E Central Ave, Ste. 101, Miami, OK



## What can FRTEP do for you?

Our office offers a variety of topics for AG, FCS, 4-H & Youth Development. With established partners throughout our community, we want to hear from you. Do you have a program or idea that you think we could work together on? Let Jamie know at [jamie.foster@okstate.edu](mailto:jamie.foster@okstate.edu)

**Pictured left to right:** Miami 4-H members: Berkeley Ulrey, Brayden Johnson, Jace Riggs-Austin, and former Miami 4-H member: Alexis Riggs-Austin. They volunteered their time at the Riverview Park Clean-up on October 20th.



## Ottawa County 4-H Club Meetings

### Active Project Clubs:

#### Shooting Sports



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| <b>Shotgun</b>   | <b>Air/.22 Rifle/Pistol</b>   | <b>Archery</b>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Discussing practices.</li><li>◦ Coach is Dale Smith.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Practices will start soon!</li><li>◦ Coach is Spirit Cox.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Practices will resume soon!</li><li>◦ Coaches are Jake &amp; Mindy Wise and TJ Brewster.</li></ul> |
- 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

- **Board meeting: November 8th @ 6 PM**
- Contact spirit.cox@okstate.edu and/or watch Facebook for more info.



#### Animal Science Club

- Ottawa County wants 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.!
- Coach is Reba Palmer, contact her if you are interested.



#### Teen Leaders

- In this club, young teens learn how to become leaders to youth and peers and prepare them for many different situations as leaders.
- It is open to the Ottawa County Youth Officer Council and 7th-12th graders.
- **Next meeting: November 19th @ 6 PM**

For more information, contact Jamie: jamie.foster@okstate.edu



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

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

### County 4-H & Cloverbud Club Meetings

#### Afton Club

2nd Thursday of each month, Sept.-May.  
After school-4:30 PM, Afton Elementary Science Room.  
Lead by Sarah Bowen, Alisha Gaines, and Stacy Jarvis

#### Miami Club

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

#### Commerce Club

Need a Club Leader! Call for more info.  
Welcome to attend Miami or Quapaw Club meetings

#### Quapaw Club

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

#### 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.

#### Wyandotte Club

2nd Wednesday of each month, Sept-May.  
After school-5:30 pm, Wyandotte Schools Commons Area.  
Lead by Kathy Brock.

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



## **Charitable gifts have a lasting impact on 4-H members**

Oklahoma 4-H'ers have gained new skills, built confidence, made lifelong friends and created memories they'll be able to tell their grandchildren about, thanks in part to charitable giving to the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation. The Foundation is gearing up for its annual fundraiser of unrestricted funds and this year's theme is "It matters to me!"

"Our 4-H youth wouldn't have the opportunities they have without the generous charitable support of philanthropic donors," said Milford Jenkins, Oklahoma 4-H Foundation executive director. "This fundraising effort is another opportunity to further bolster the capacity of the 4-H Foundation to better serve Oklahoma's 4-H youth."

The Foundation's original fundraising goal was set at \$50,000 to be achieved through generous, unrestricted charitable contributions. If this goal is met, an anonymous donor will provide an additional \$20,000 unrestricted donation.

"In keeping with the theme 'It matters to me,' the Foundation has increased its original goal to \$75,000 to provide even more opportunities for our youth. These unrestricted funds play a crucial role in the Foundation's budget and our ability to provide more opportunities to 4-H club members," he said. "Charitable donations made through this campaign can be of a tax benefit, too."

These unrestricted funds are used in various ways and the impact is felt statewide. Just this year, the 4-H Foundation has provided \$7,500 for State 4-H Roundup and \$10,000 for the ATV Safety Training program, as well as \$25,000 to the state parent/volunteer leader program including the educational conference offered this summer. These unrestricted funds also help offset travel expenses to educational activities such as Citizenship Washington Focus.

Jenkins said the 4-H Foundation also welcomes restricted funds that are used specifically how the donor wishes, whether for a certain activity or scholarship, to provide funding in a specific county or another aspect of 4-H the donor chooses to support.

"An even more meaningful and powerful way for individuals and couples working on estate plans and considering planned giving strategies with their financial advisors and legal counsel is to name the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation as a charitable beneficiary," he said.

At the State 4-H Roundup this past July, 4-H'ers were awarded nearly \$168,000 in educational scholarships, thanks to continuous support from donors

Bridger Arrington, state 4-H leadership council president, said the contributions made to the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation don't go unnoticed.

"Many 4-H'ers have benefitted greatly from their donations, and on behalf of Oklahoma 4-H, we are very grateful," Arrington said.

Former 4-H'er Tori Booker is pursuing her doctoral degree in crop science with a concentration in cropping systems at Oklahoma State University. She also holds a bachelor's degree in agribusiness and plant and soil science. 4-H matters to her.



“The scholarships I received from the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation were extremely beneficial in obtaining a degree,” Booker said. “Because of the scholarships, I attended OSU for my bachelor’s degree with almost no cost. This enabled me to focus on my courses and make deeper connections in my department, which further provided me with an opportunity to continue my education in graduate school. I’m where I am today because of the generosity of the many donors who believe in the next generation. I have been so deeply impacted and I am inspired to be a donor one day.”

Jenkins is available to visit with 4-H alumni and friends of the 4-H Youth Development program who are interested in contributing to 4-H. The establishment of permanent endowments, charitable provisions for 4-H in estate plans and giving outright cash gifts or appreciated securities annually are just a few of the charitable giving strategies available to donors who want to make a difference by supporting 4-H youth in Oklahoma.

Giving end-of-year charitable cash gifts to support 4-H youth is easy, simple and no different than any other time of the year. Simply write a check payable to the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation and mail it to the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation, 293 Agricultural Hall, Stillwater, OK 74078; visit the Foundation’s website at [oklahoma4hfoundation.com](http://oklahoma4hfoundation.com) and click the Donate button; or call Jenkins on campus at 405-744-5390, or email him at [milford.jenkins@okstate.edu](mailto:milford.jenkins@okstate.edu).

“Every donation makes a difference in supporting club members and volunteers, pushing existing programs to new levels of success, stimulating the development of new programs and providing scholarships for pursuing higher education,” Jenkins said. “Our 4-H’ers are rising to the challenge thanks to the generosity of our supporters. 4-H matters to all of us.”

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## Ottawa County 4-H represented at NED 4-H Youth In Action



Gracie Smith, Sophia Rexwinkle, and Dillon Foster attended workshops and NED Officer elections during the 2024 Youth In Action leadership conference.

The service project this year was donations for schools that lost materials in the storms this past year. We were able to donate a large box of supplies for the Quapaw Schools to Teacher’s Toolbox.



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