



4-H Clover Connection

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April 2023

<i>Sewing Club Meeting</i>	<i>April 8</i>
<i>PVA Meeting</i>	<i>April 10</i>
<i>Archery Practice</i>	<i>April 15</i>
<i>Air Rifle Certification</i>	<i>April 21</i>
<i>District Trap @ Goodwell</i>	<i>April 29</i>
<i>Pioneer Day Parade Decoration</i>	<i>May 5</i>
<i>Pioneer Day Parade</i>	<i>May 6</i>
<i>Rifle Practice</i>	<i>May 25</i>
<i>State 4-H Round Up</i>	<i>July 25-28</i>

Quote of the Month

"Like so many things,
it is not what's outside, but
what is inside that counts."

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ALADDIN



Oklahoma 4-H offers ATV safety course



The weather is warming up and soon students will be on summer vacation. A fun activity for many youth is riding All-Terrain Vehicles, otherwise known as ATVs and utility task vehicles, also known as UTVs.

To help ensure both youth and adults ride safely, the Oklahoma 4-H Youth Development Program offers the [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, said Ravyn Bevard, [Oklahoma State University Extension](#) youth ATV safety educator.

"As we transition from winter to warmer weather, more people want to get outside and enjoy the outdoors," Bevard said. "The overall goal for the ATV Rider Course is to provide youth and adults with the opportunity to learn how to safely ride these vehicles. With National ATV Safety Week observed May 13-21, now is a great time to get your organization, family or group signed up to take the course."

The two-part course consists of a two-hour online E-Course coupled with a three-hour hands-on riding component conducted by licensed ATV Safety Institute instructors. Participants are asked to complete the online course before the hands-on course.

Bevard said the actual riding part of the training can take place at the riding facility near the Logan County Fairgrounds in Guthrie, Oklahoma, or she can take the machines to the participants' location. It can be taught at a school, church or other location with an open field or gravel lot. Groups must have at least four participants.

"At our facility in Guthrie riders will get the full experience for all of the exercises, including trail riding, hills and an open field," she said. "If we go on location, participants will do a circuit ride in various patterns."

She also covers proper gear to wear to ride, including a helmet, gloves, long sleeves, long pants and closed-toed shoes that come up over the ankles. She familiarizes the group safety information as well as basic ATV controls, including brakes, foot brakes, choke, lights and ignition."

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ATV Cont.

"One of the most important lessons we teach in these classes is weight shift. ATVs are very rider-active," she said. "Riders have to know how to shift their weight for different scenarios they encounter, such as rounding a corner or driving over an obstacle on the trail. ATVs have long seats to allow riders the space they need to shift. That extra room isn't there to make room for another rider. Bevard said 90% of fatalities are related to individuals not wearing a helmet or riding an ATV that's too big for them.

"Unfortunately, about 90% of kids ride adult-sized ATVs, which is dangerous," she said. "These machines are expensive, and kids can quickly outgrow the smaller machines, but it's important to ride the correct size. Consider buying the smaller machines for younger youth and trading them in as they grow." A grant provided by the Southwest Ag Center at the University of Texas was used to purchase helmets and participants who go to the class at Guthrie will receive a free helmet while supplies last. The class costs \$10 per person and reservations can be made by emailing Bevard at rbevard@okstate.edu or call 405-744-4141.

"With summer just around the corner, kids will have more free time. With that free time, we want them to be safe," Bevard said.

District Trap Shoot at Goodwell

Saturday, April 29, 2023

Pre-registration due April 21, 2023

8:00 a.m. Registration

8:30 a.m. Shoot Begins

4 location

OPSU Shooting Complex, Goodwell, OK

Grand National Gun Club, Enid, OK

Clinton Gun Club, Clinton, OK

Duncan Gun Club, Duncan, OK

Fees \$25 per person will include both contest (50 targets) and one practice round (10 targets). Checks should be made payable to West District OSU Extension.

Age by August 1, 2022

Junior 10-11

Intermediate 12-13

Senior 14-19

Contact Ashely for more information.



PVA Meeting

Next meeting will be: April 10, 2023 at 6pm.

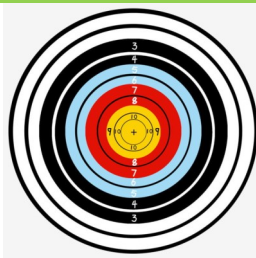
At Mazzios

Dinner will be on your own.

Be sure to bring a School Calendar to plan future contest



County Rifle Certification



April 21, 2023

Hooker Ag Room from 8-2

Sign up by April 17, 2023

For members 9 and up

Bring a sack Lunch

Shotgun Certification/practice

For members 10 years old and up, Practice and become certified for Shotgun. Classes begin Saturday April 8th, 15th and 22nd from 2pm to 4pm at OPSU Shotgun Range in Goodwell.



If you need shotguns please contact Ashley.

Be sure to bring eye, ear protection, close toe shoes, as well as your own ammo.

Pull for Kids Service Project

The Ronald McDonald House Charities provide a home away from home for families of seriously ill or injured children who are receiving medical treatment in the Amarillo area.

Where to collect tabs

⇒ Home

⇒ Home games or events

⇒ Local Businesses

Collect the tabs and bring them to the County Office. Top Club receives special prizes.



Save the Date!!



102nd State 4-H Round
UP

Mark your calendars
and spread the word
about State 4-H Round-
up.

July 26 – 28, 2023

July 25 County Night
Out

More info to COME!!

West District North Region Horse Show

June 2 & 3, 2023 – 9:00 A.M.

Alfalfa County Fairgrounds, West 5th Street,
Cherokee, Oklahoma

Registration Due April 28, 2023

For More Information Contact the County
Office.

Outdoor Adventure 4-H Camp

4-H members 14 years
and older can
participate
Looking for Adult
Chaperones 25 years
or older.



Application Deadline May 1, 2023

Shakedown training May 19-21, 2023 at Lack
McMurtry

Trip Dates: July 10-16, 2023 in the Petrified
forest and Grand Canyon

Registration deposit \$150 Due May 1st

Total Cost \$450 per Participant Due June 15,
2023

Learn more at [https://4h.okstate.edu/events/
outdoor-adventures/](https://4h.okstate.edu/events/outdoor-adventures/)

West District Stem Day

May 13, 2023 10am to 4:30
Mac Center in Kingfisher Fair
Grounds
300 S 13th St.



Registration due April 14, 2023

Goals

- ☐ Use scientific method to gain an understanding of how things work and variables that affect them.
- ☐ Take an open and creative approach to problem solving
- ☐ Learn that a successful outcome is based not on personal opinion but on scientific fact
- ☐ Improve written and visual communication skills

4-H members are encouraged to base their science fair project on issues related to their project

Categories for the contest are

*Behavioral and social Sciences

*Earth and Space Science

*Botany and Zoological Science

*Environmental Science

*Biochemistry medicine and Health Science.

*Physical Science

*Engineering

*Mathematics

*Computer Science

Oklahoma Shooting Sports Ambassador

Are you interested in Shooting Sports?

Do you want to meet and make new friends

who have an interest in Shooting Sports?

Do you want to be an advocate for Oklaho-
ma Shooting Sports.

Shooting sports Ambassador is the position
for you!! Oklahoma 4-H Shooting Sports Am-
bassador is looking for individuals 9th-12th
grade and have a love and interests in
Shooting sports and would like to partici-
pate in Leadership opportunities. Contact
the County office for the application.

Major County Archery Contest

Saturday April 22, 2023

Major County Fairgrounds in Fairview

Registration begins

at 9am Contest starts at

9:30

Preregistration due by

April 17, 2023





April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		Loyal Doers 4-h meeting	Yarbrough 4-H Meeting			Sewing Club Meeting Shot Gun Practice 2pm @
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	PVA Meeting @ 6pm Mazzios					Archery Practice @ OPSU Range 9-12 Shot Gun Practice 2pm
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Goodwell 4-H Meeting	Rifle Certification RSVP Due			Guymon Jr 4-H Meeting 4:30	Rifle Certification @hooker Ag Room 8-2	Shot Gun Practice 2pm @
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
						District Trap Shoot
30	May 1	May 2	May 3	May 4	May 5	May 6
					Pioneer day Float Decoration Day	Pioneer Day Parade.


Oklahoma Teen Drivers!
You could win!



Oklahoma
Challenge
OklahomaChallenge.org

2023 Safe Driving App Contest

Everything you need to know!

What are the contest dates? March 20 - May 1, 2023

What app is used? The Drivewell Go App 

Where do I get the app?  & 

What does the app do? The app measures speeding, braking, turns, acceleration & phone use while driving.

What can I win? (contest ends 5/1 - winners announced May 5th)

One of 4 Grand Prizes of \$400!

The top 25 ranked drivers will win \$100 (wow!)

Win \$\$ for your school/club

Weekly random drawings for \$25!!

Please use Token: safe3 - Safe3 is for student use only!

If adults want to try the app out please use Safe10 to register

Contest Terms & Conditions: <https://www.oklahomachallenge.org/safest-driver-app>

The  is put on by  Teen Traffic Safety Program

with support from:





TALK IT OVER

Why do you think bubbles are round rather than other shapes?

Where do bubbles exist in nature?

Why do bubbles move through the air the way they do?

Where do bubbles go when they pop?

What is inside bubbles?

What makes a bubble pop?

GOOD TO KNOW

- ▶ Use two sheets of clear plastic (overhead sheets or page protectors). Dip both sheets and the blocks in the bubble solution, then put one sheet on a table and place the second sheet on top with small blocks between them. Then blow bubbles between them. When bubbles are about the same size as each other (uniform), they form perfect hexagons.
- ▶ Have older students explore why bubbles are round.

THE SCIENCE BEHIND IT

A bubble is air wrapped in a soapy film. The outside and inside surfaces of a bubble consist of soap molecules. A thin layer of water lies between the two layers of soap molecules, sort of like a water sandwich with soap molecules for bread. The bubble pops when it runs into something or the layer of water evaporates. Adding glycerin lengthens the lifespan of bubbles. Glycerin forms weak hydrogen bonds with water, delaying evaporation. Dry air or dry hands can still burst a bubble.

RESOURCES

- ▶ Your local university Extension office
– <http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county>.
- ▶ Science Blast website – http://4h.msue.msu.edu/programs/science_technology/science_blast.
- ▶ PBS – <http://www.pbs.org/parents/education/science/activities/preschooler-kindergarten/>.

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DATES TO REMEMBER



- ◇ **April 8, 2023**-Sewing Club Meeting @9am
- ◇ **April 8, 2023**-Shot Gun Practice @opus Range 2pm
- ◇ **April 15, 2023**– Shooting Sports Practice (Archery) @ OPSU Range
- ◇ **April 15, 2023**-Shot Gun Practice @ OPSU Range 2pm
- ◇ **April 21, 2023**-Rifle Certification at Hooker Ag Room 8am-2pm
- ◇ **April 22, 2023** Shot Gun Practice @ OPSU Range 2pm
- ◇ **April 29, 2023**-District Trap shoot at Goodwell
- ◇ **May 5, 2023**-Parade Float Decoration Day
- ◇ **May 6, 2023**-Pioneer Day Parade
- ◇ **May 25, 2023**– Shooting Sports Practice (Rifle) @ OPSU Range
- ◇ **May 31-June 1, 2023**– County Camp (tentatively)
- ◇ **June 5, 2023**-Food Workshop
- ◇ **June 10, 2023**-County Food Contest Day
- ◇ **June 16, 2023**-Metal Art Workshop
- ◇ **June 17, 2023**– Shooting Sports Practice (Muzzleloader) @ OPSU Range
- ◇ **June 20, 2023**-Woodworking Workshop
- ◇ **June 22, 2023**-Cloverbud Camp
- ◇ **June 28-30, 2023**-Sewing Camp and Impressive Dress Contest
- ◇ **July 3, 2023**-Job Readiness Workshop and County Contest
- ◇ **July 6, 2023**-Shooting Sports Workshop
- ◇ **July 15, 2023**– Shooting Sports Practice (Shotgun) @ OPSU Range
- ◇ **July 21, 2023**-Workshop (To be determined)
- ◇ **July 25-28, 2023**-State 4-H Round UP
- ◇ **August 4, 2023**-Workshop (County Fair project finish up)
- ◇ **August 16-19, 2023**-County Fair
- ◇ **August 19, 2023**—County Shooting Sports Contest
- ◇ **August/September**-Record Book Workshops
- ◇ **September 8, 2023**-Record Books Due to County Office



- Texas County 4-H has a Facebook page!
- Texas County Website at <http://oces.okstate.edu/texas>
- Oklahoma State 4-H website: <http://oklahoma4h.okstate.edu/>



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April ♥



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4-H is for FUN !**