



## Groundbreaking for the New OSU Extension Building at OSU Tulsa Campus

The spirit of development and community growth was evident as we gathered to celebrate the groundbreaking of the new OSU Extension building at the OSU Tulsa campus. This exciting milestone marks a significant step forward for the university and the surrounding community. The new facility will serve as a hub for educational programs, outreach initiatives, and collaborative efforts designed to empower local residents. By fostering connections



and providing resources, OSU Extension aims to enhance community engagement and support. The County Commissioners are very enthusiastic about this project and the fact that is finally becoming a reality. Dr. Stephens, Interim President, OSU Tulsa and President, OSU Center for Health Sciences welcomed the group and is excited about the possibilities of collaborations between OSU Tulsa and OSU Extension. Dr. Doye, Associate Vice President, OSU Extension spoke about some of the activities Tulsa County Extension is involved with in the county. Everyone is excited to see this project come to fruition.



This new building will offer new opportunities to collaborate with groups, organizations, and individuals. OSU Extension will continue to offer similar programs and add new possibilities that will be supported by the new space and assist educators in fostering learning and growth in the community.

As we turn the soil for this new building, we also

turn a new page in our commitment to community service and education. The OSU Extension is poised to make an even greater impact, and we can't wait to see all the ways Extension will enrich our community.





# OSU EXTENSION TULSA COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

The current Master Gardener class had a field trip day in October. They visited Tulsa Grass and Sod Farm, Mingo Valley Research Station where the Seed to Supper Garden is located, Southwood Nursery, Heard farm and had a demonstration from We-Be-Trees, certified arborist and got a detailed tour of The Gathering Place. It was a fun day with a lot of learning taking place.



**Brian Jervis**  
**Horticulture**  
**Educator**



**From Bixby Outreach Center**

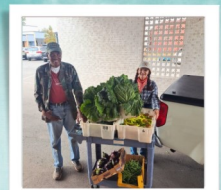
Thank you to our friends at Tulsa County Master Gardeners Oklahoma State University Extension for their donation of fresh produce that will help



We now have donated over 11,000 pounds of produce area food banks this year with still more to come!



**Thank you!**



OSU Master Gardeners



# AGRICULTURE



**Hannah Hough**

**Urban  
Agriculture/  
4-H Youth  
Development  
Educator**

Tulsa County 4-H just wrapped up the Tulsa State Fair with fun and success! Our members have put in countless hours of hard work, feeding, washing, walking, exercising, and caring for their livestock projects. We had members



exhibiting rabbits, poultry, cattle, sheep, goats, and pigs. Not only are these livestock



projects fun for the kids, they also teach them countless valuable life skills such as work ethic, responsibility, accountability, record keeping, and finances to name a few.

On October 14, FCS and Ag educators Stacey and Hannah partnered together for their Fall small Acreage Series Class #4 "Apple Butter Canning" and it was a sweet hit! In the spring, participants of the small acreage series learned about home fruit and fruit tree production so now they have the knowledge to grow their own apples and now how to preserve them as well in a delicious butter.



At the start of each beginner/Small-Scale Farmers and Ranchers sequence dubbed the "Small Acreage Series" in Tulsa County, we begin with talking to beginner agriculturalists on how to start their operation, where to start, what resources are available to them (such as us at OSU Extension), and what assistance programs may be available to them. This specific class in the series has been so successful and in demand, that Ag Educator Hannah is partnering with Washington County OSU extension to offer "From the Start" Beginning Farm and Ranch Meeting: a deep dive on December 19<sup>th</sup> at the Tulsa County office. This program will be an informational meeting with speakers from various agricultural entities, highlighting beginning farm and ranch startups, funding, and programming opportunities. This program will also be in partnership with local ag. Agencies such as: Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry (ODAFF), and the Farm service Agency (FSA).



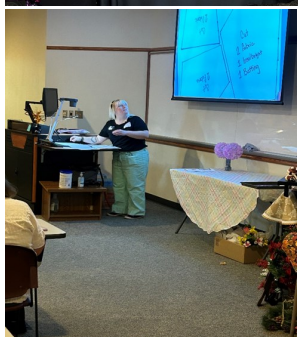


# OSU EXTENSION FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

**Stacey Jones**  
**Family and**  
**Consumer**  
**Sciences/4-H**



OHCE Completed their 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Demonstration Day. There were over 60 people who attended this event from 3 other



counties. OHCE also rounded out the month by having a trip to Shepard's Cross in which the members enjoyed the sunshine and pumpkins.



As a part of the Small Acreage Workshops, I taught an Apple butter canning class. The class was very well attended and everybody left with a jar.





# OSU EXTENSION 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

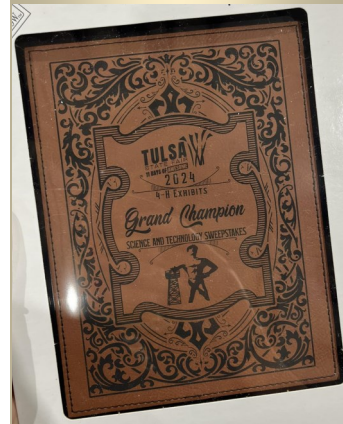
The Tulsa County BOCC proclaimed October 6-12 as National 4-H Week and October as Oklahoma 4-H month. They honored Ainsley Trzebiatowski and Matthew Martin as the 2024 4-H Hall of Fame recipients. Their photos will hang on the wall at the Tulsa County HQ building for the next year.



## Baylee White 4-H Youth Development Educator

Way to go Tulsa County 4-Hers, Grand Champion Science and Technology Sweepstakes! We are proud of everyone and your hard work at the 2024 Tulsa State Fair!

This group had a fun time attending Youth in Action at Fin and Feather last week! A few highlights include; Skating and Dancing, Severe weather talk with Von Castor/News on 6 Storm Tracker, workshops and much more.





### What's your brand?

To some people the drawings on the balloons may not look like anything but a doodle, but last Friday, Darnaby first graders learned the importance of cattle branding. They learned why farmers and ranchers would brand their cattle and then they got to create their own brand for their "cow". I shared with them that when creating a brand, you want to be unique so they can stand out. That's important when a cow is lost, it can be easily spotted amongst others. I loved what they came up with!



**Kylie  
Nicholson**

**Ag Literacy/  
STEM**



# OSU EXTENSION 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



Tulsa County 4-H officers Alice Geary and Joslyn O'Daniel represented 4-H at the Farm to School program held at Webster High School.



**Kim Arnold**

**Urban 4-H**

The 4-H officer team held a two day sew-a thon. They made 200 stockings and donated them to Blue Star Mother's.





## TULSA COUNTY EXTENSION



**Maritza  
Martinez**  
**Strong Dads  
Field Program  
Coordinator  
Bilingual**



**Lacey McCause**  
**Strong Dads  
Field Program  
Coordinator**

October was a month focused on education and networking, aimed at building new partnerships and strengthening existing ones. In addition to facilitating 3 English and 1 Spanish cohort, Tulsa County facilitations participated in the following:



On October 13, Tulsa County Bilingual Coordinator, Maritza Martinez attended the Festival de la Herencia Hispana. The event was aimed to uplift the districts largest minority, showcasing Hispanic culture and traditions in a positive light.

From October 15-17, 2024 both Tulsa County coordinators for the Strong Dads program attended the Oklahoma Human Services Familyhood Statewide training in Oklahoma City. This event provided facilitators with valuable opportunities to deepen their knowledge and enhance the quality of services offered to participants in the fatherhood program. Sessions included topics such as “Empowering Families: The role of Tribal Nations in Oklahoma”, “Strengthening Families through Faith-Based and Community Partnerships,” “Serving Justice-Involved Families,” Mastering Leadership, “Navigating Multiple Roles to Support Families,” Cultural Considerations and Strategies for Serving Diverse Families, and “Fatherhood and Cooperative Parenting.” The training not only offered educational insights but also allowed for networking opportunities, which will support program growth and foster new partnerships.

On October 18, Strong Dads coordinator Lacey McCause attended the Wings of Freedom Gala. Wings of Freedom is widely recognized as one of the most successful sober living programs in the state, also providing support for individuals involved in the justice system. Some Strong Dads participants have also been part of this program, and Lacey hopes to continue strengthen this partnership.



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## Upcoming Events and Activities

### November 2024

- 7 OHCE Yearbook Planning meeting
- 7 VOICE Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium
- 11 Veteran's Day – Office will be closed
- 14 Exploring Insects
- 14 4-H County Officer Retreat
- 21 OHCE Bunco for Scholarships, 10:00 to noon at the Extension office
- 28 & 29 Thanksgiving Holiday – Office will be closed



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