



# TULSA COUNTY EXTENSION

October 2025 Highlights

## Celebrating National 4-H Week and Oklahoma 4-H Month



A proclamation was signed and presented recognizing **October 6–12, 2025, as National 4-H Week** and **the month of October as Oklahoma 4-H Month** in Tulsa County.

4-H youth exemplify the motto **“To Make the Best Better,”** building leadership, citizenship, and life skills through hands-on learning and community service. Research from Tufts University shows that 4-H members are three times more likely to contribute to their communities than their peers.

In Oklahoma, nearly **200,000 youth** and **4,400 adult volunteers** participate in 4-H programs. In Tulsa County alone, more than **400 club members** and **22,000 students** engage in 4-H activities, supported by over **150 certified volunteers** and **2,500 episodic volunteers**.

**Stacey Jones**, Family and Consumer Sciences Educator, and **Jan Dawson**, County Extension Director, participated in the **Union Public Schools Farm to Student** event at **Rosa Parks Elementary**. Their station highlighted the importance of eating fruits and vegetables, and they offered samples of **fresh watermelon salsa**, which was a big hit among students.

The **Tulsa Master Gardeners** also participated in the event. Their station focused on the importance of **earthworms** in soil health and gardening. Students had the opportunity to **observe live worms up close** and learn how these helpful creatures improve soil by breaking down organic matter and enhancing plant growth.







## OSU EXTENSION 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

It was a privilege to spend the day with the STEAM classes at Newman Middle School learning about the Dairy industry and making cheese!



**Kylie  
Nicholson**

## **Ag Literacy/ STEM**



Pumpkin day (also Halloween) and Marrs Elementary was buzzing with festivities! Pumpkin investigations, gate building, and making play dough jack-o'-lanterns glow.

### **It's pumpkin season!**



Baylee and I had the opportunity to spread some pumpkin cheer throughout some Union and Tulsa Public classrooms. We read pumpkin stories and made fall pumpkin seed art.







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## 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

We had a great fall break at Youth In Action! Luke campaigned for NED Office, Alice and Katelyn led a Tortilla In A Bag Workshop, and Evan led the Pledge of Allegiance during an assembly.



**Baylee White**

**4-H Youth Development Educator**

Congratulations Tulsa County 4-H'ers, we are proud of your hard work throughout the year!

🍀 Bronze - Communication and Expressive Arts Sweepstakes - 2025 Tulsa State Fair

🍀 Bronze - Science and Technology Sweepstakes - 2025 Tulsa State Fair









## OSU EXTENSION **FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES**

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

The Tulsa County OSU Extension, Family and Consumer Sciences, recently presented a Pear Butter Workshop for the Tulsa County Master Gardeners. The workshop went well with 19 in attendance. The Pear Butter Workshop was also filmed for our Small Acreage Workshop participants. If you would like to view this informative Workshop, just click the link attached at the bottom of this page. Happy canning!



Pear Butter Workshop Link: [https://youtu.be/Mb\\_3k3GnieY](https://youtu.be/Mb_3k3GnieY)

-AND-

Get ready for some spooky science in your cup: In this Halloween edition of Cooking Corner, we're brewing up color-changing teas using natural ingredients like butterfly pea flower, hibiscus, and turmeric. Watch as your drink transforms before your eyes with a splash of lemon or a sprinkle of baking soda—it's a tasty chemistry experiment! Catch the full segment on Channel 6's Cooking Corner or check out the video link below to brew along with us!

Cooking Corner Link: <https://youtu.be/BJs9TgCzvWM>



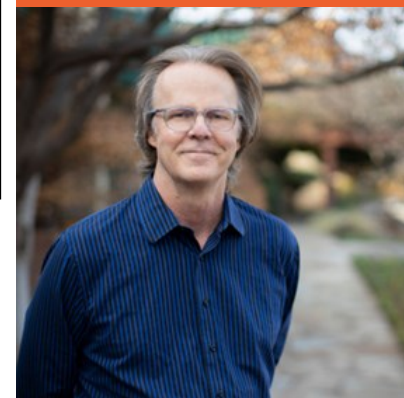


# OSU EXTENSION TULSA COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

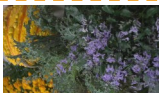
**A group of Tulsa County Master Gardeners had a great time planting pansies at Eden Village.**



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



**Tom Ingram**  
**Horticulture**  
**Program**  
**Assistant**



Channel 6 interview with Brian on  
Tips to prepare your yard and garden before the first freeze

Still harvesting at our  
Seed to Supper Farm.  
250 pounds recently  
for area food pantries.







# AGRICULTURE

## Hands-On Learning in the Field: Educators Gain Real-World Experience at Wyant Farms



Tulsa County OSU Extension recently hosted the **Northeast District Ag Producer Visit In-Service at Wyant Farms**, a local cattle operation east of Tulsa. The training, designed for county educators across the district, offered a full day of hands-on learning and practical livestock management experience.

The event was coordinated by **Hannah Hough**, Tulsa County OSU Extension Agriculture Educator, and **Earl Ward**, Northeast Area Livestock Specialist. Together, they built a program focused on immersing new educators in the realities of on-farm management and problem-solving — from pasture evaluation to herd health practices.

Participants began the day in the pasture, where discussions and demonstrations covered **fertilizing, weed control, forage production, and rotational grazing strategies**. The morning continued with a **hands-on cattle working session**, giving educators the chance to learn by doing — drawing blood, administering vaccines, implanting beef calves, practicing fence line weaning, weighing cows and calves, culling management, and even castration techniques.

After lunch, Earl led an **on-farm cow pregnancy testing workshop** utilizing the blood samples pulled to let the producer know that all his cows were bred, followed by an interactive **livestock nutrition exercise** that tied together the day's lessons in herd management and decision-making.

While the agenda was packed with educational value, one theme resonated throughout the day: the power of strong producer relationships. Hannah has worked closely with **Frank Wyant**, owner of Wyant Farms, since just six days after starting her position in January 2024. Through numerous field visits and in-office sessions, she has provided guidance on **weed and pasture grass identification, rotational grazing, stocking rate adjustments, weed control strategies, and herd health improvements**. Frank also completed Tulsa County's **first Master Cattleman Series**, led by Hannah.

"The most striking thing about the day was seeing the relationship Hannah has built with Frank," said NE Area ANR leader Scott Clawson. "It's clear he truly trusts and values her recommendations. That kind of producer-educator connection is what Extension is all about."

The event exemplified the mission of OSU Extension — connecting research-based information with real-world application. By providing hands-on learning in a genuine production setting, Hough and Ward helped equip new educators with the skills and confidence to better serve their own county producers.

It was a very worthwhile day for everyone involved. Earl and Hannah wanted to make sure educators walked away with practical knowledge they could immediately apply — and they couldn't have done that without producers like Frank who are willing to open their operations for the benefit of others.



**Hannah Hough**

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



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Promoting Strong Dads and Papás Fuertes. at Catholic Charities, on radio and Fox23 television. Promoted OSU Extension and Strong Dads and Papás Fuertes at the Tulsa Farmers Market.



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

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Seven participants graduated from Papás Fuertes Cohort 9.  
One was not able to attend. I am so proud of them all.



**Vacant  
Strong Dads  
Field Program  
Coordinator**



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## Upcoming Events and Activities

### November 2025

6	Exploring Insects
11	Veterans Day, Office Closed
13	Master Cattleman Class Series Begins
20	Master Cattleman Class 2
27-28	Thanksgiving Holiday, Office Closed



### December 2025

2	Master Cattleman Class 3
4	4-H Christmas Party
5	Master Gardeners Monthly Meeting
9	Master Cattleman Class 4
11	OHCE Holiday Luncheon, 11:00 AM, Extension Office
11-13	Tulsa Farm Show
12	OHCE Family Holiday Party, Tulsa County Transitional Living Center, 6-8 P.M.
13	Master Cattleman Class 5
25-26	Christmas Holiday, Office Closed

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