



# TULSA COUNTY EXTENSION

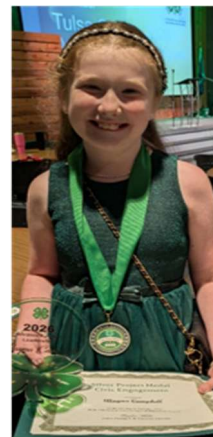
September 2026  
Highlights

The 2026 Tulsa County 4-H Achievement Banquet was held on September 15th. Congratulations to all our medal and award winners! Great job to all our 4-H members for their hard work and accomplishments throughout the year.

A special thank you to all our 4-H volunteers who dedicate their time to working with our youth and helping them "Make the Best Better." Your time and commitment to the 4-H program is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to Commissioner Stan Saltee for joining us and sharing words of encouragement and praise with our 4-H members. We also appreciate the update on the new OSU Tulsa building. Thank you for taking the time to visit with our members and parents and show your support for our program.

We would also like to thank all our generous donors who make these awards possible. Without your financial support, we would not be able to provide these awards and recognition opportunities for our youth. We truly appreciate your continued support of Tulsa County 4-H!





# OSU EXTENSION FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

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

## OHCE DEMO DAY 2026

Thank you to OHCE, Master Gardeners, and 4-H for taking the time to share your talents and expertise through your Demo Day presentations! The event was a tremendous success. We enjoyed outstanding demonstrations, raised scholarship funds for Tulsa County and OHCE, and saw firsthand the dedication and passion you have for your community. Your love for serving others and supporting OHCE truly shined throughout the day.





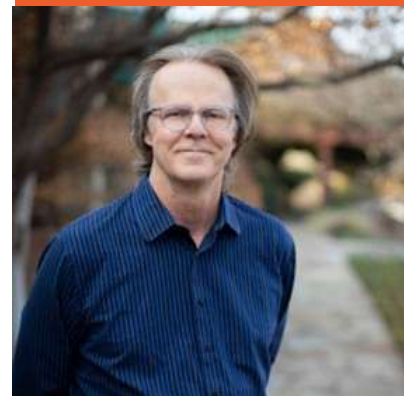
# OSU EXTENSION TULSA COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

Bobbye Marshall McCay taught the boys at Tulsa Boy's Home about trees. After the lesson they planted four new trees with assistance from some of the other Master Gardeners.



**Brian Jervis**  
Horticulture  
Educator

**Tom Ingram**



**Horticulture  
Program  
Assistant**

Several Master Gardeners man the educational/informational booth at the Broken Arrow Farmers Market. You can also find them at the Tulsa Farmers Market on the third Saturday each month through October.





# AGRICULTURE

## Fall Prescribed Fire Workshop & Field Day

On September 23, Hannah hosted a Fall Prescribed Fire Workshop and Field Day at John 3:16 Mission Refuge Farm & Ranch, bringing together more than 40 participants for a day of research-based education and hands-on learning about prescribed fire. Participants included Tulsa County Emergency Management and Osage Nation Emergency Management personnel, producers, ranchers, landowners, prescribed burn association members, and Extension educators.

The morning sessions highlighted the many ways prescribed fire can be used as a land-management tool. Topics included **“Considerations for Conducting Prescribed Burns,” “Prescribed Fire Effects on Wildlife,” “The Benefits of Prescribed Fire for Livestock, Forage, & Pollinators,”** and **“Pasture Weed Control Considerations when using Prescribed Fire.”** Participants also discussed equipment and Prescribed Burn Associations before moving into the field.

The field portion provided a true hands-on experience rather than simply a demonstration. Participants took part in burning a pond area, a small pasture, and several small, wooded areas, allowing them to observe fire behavior across different vegetation types and terrain. They were able to see firsthand the planning, preparation, equipment, communication, and teamwork required to conduct a prescribed burn safely and effectively.

A key part of this workshop was demonstrating a **growing-season burn**, providing a different perspective than the dormant-season burn conducted during the February workshop. Seeing prescribed fire used at different times of the year helped demonstrate how burn timing can be intentionally selected to meet different management objectives. The discussion connected prescribed fire to forage and grazing management, vegetation and weed control, wildlife habitat, pollinators, and overall land health—reinforcing that prescribed fire is a versatile management tool, not simply a wildfire prevention practice.

The timing of the workshop also added an important layer to the program. With wildfire activity affecting communities across Oklahoma, including the Tulsa County area, participants were able to see how proactive land management and prescribed fire can also contribute to wildfire preparedness by reducing available fuels before fire conditions become critical. Having emergency management personnel participate alongside producers, landowners, and prescribed burn practitioners helped connect prescribed fire to broader community preparedness while keeping the primary focus on responsible land management.

This workshop builds on the momentum of February’s Prescribed Fire Workshop and Field Day and continues to strengthen the local network of people using fire as a management tool.

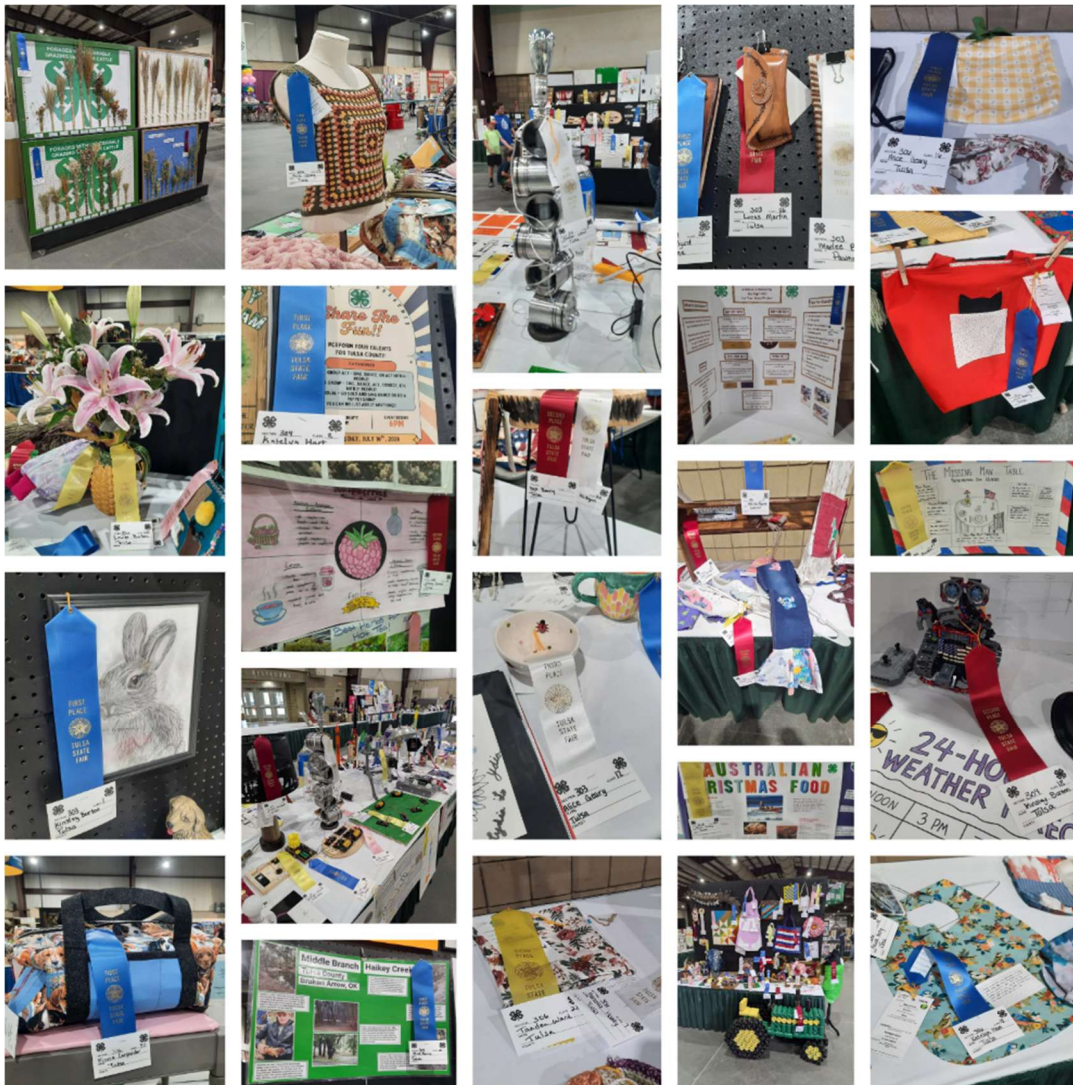
**By combining research-based education with hands-on experience, the program helped participants better understand how intentional, well-planned fire can benefit soil, forage, livestock, wildlife, pollinators, and overall land health—while also serving as an important component of wildfire preparedness.**



**Hannah Hough**

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







## **In September... we had Applesauce Day!**

A few years ago, I started a tradition that we kick off fall at Darnaby with an apple lesson and make applesauce. It was messy, but oh so worth it! I had students tell me that homemade applesauce is way better than what you can find at the store. They were licking their bowls clean they liked it so much!



**Another Successful  
Applesauce Day!**



**Kylie  
Nicholson**

**Ag Literacy/  
STEM**





## OSU EXTENSION 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

September was a busy month for Tulsa County 4-H and Extension programming. The month included the Tulsa County Fall Livestock Show, providing opportunities for youth to showcase their livestock projects and apply skills gained through their 4-H experiences.

School enrichment programming also began at Monroe Demonstration School. Students participated in hands-on lessons focused on agriculture, nutrition, and food science. Students learned about cereal grains, including their role in agriculture and nutrition, while enjoying a cereal snack. Next was a dairy lesson where students explored the process of making butter and had the opportunity to make and taste their own butter.



**Baylee White**

**4-H Youth  
Development  
Educator**



These hands-on activities helped connect agricultural concepts to foods students encounter in their everyday lives.

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### Upcoming Events

*October 2026*

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| 13       | Lunch and Learn at Central Library                                       |
| 14       | Lunch and Learn at Bronson Brookside Library                             |
| 14,21,28 | New Master Gardener Class –<br>(7 <sup>th</sup> is a tour to Stillwater) |
| 13-15    | NED Youth in Action                                                      |
| 15       | Lunch and Learn at Hardesty Library                                      |

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