



TULSA COUNTY EXTENSION

June 2026

Highlights

Tulsa County 4-H'ers Create Lasting Impact with Route 66 Pollinator Project



During the Tulsa County 4-H on Route 66 event, held June 3–4, Tulsa County 4-H members, under the guidance of Agriculture Educator Hannah Hough and Northeast Area Agricultural Literacy/STEM 4-H Educator Kylie Nicholson, completed a community beautification project along a historic stretch of Route 66 while showcasing the importance of Oklahoma agriculture.

The centerpiece of the two-day experience was a community service project at Tulsa Fire Station 66, where participants installed native pollinator flower beds along the iconic highway. The project was supported by a \$4,700 Keep Oklahoma Beautiful grant and completed in partnership with the City of Tulsa and Tulsa Fire Station 66.

"This is something that's going to be around for a lot of people to enjoy for a really long time," said Hannah Hough, Tulsa County OSU Extension agriculture educator. "Anybody traveling to celebrate the Route 66 Centennial is going to get to see beautiful flowers that were placed here by Tulsa County 4-H."

Native pollinators supported by the plants play a critical role in agriculture and the food system, reinforcing the connection between conservation and community while creating a lasting visual impact at a highly visible and historic location.

Nick Berry, a Tulsa County 4-H'er who helped design the project, said he enjoyed seeing his ideas come to life.

"I came up with the plants because they attract pollinators, and we placed them so they would grow well and highlight the area," he said. "It's really cool to see something

I sketched turn into something real." Berry said the project also helped him better understand the importance of pollinators.

"Pollinators help plants grow better, and we don't have as many as we need," he said. "This will be really good for the area."



The project emphasized youth leadership and hands-on learning while giving Tulsa County 4-H'ers the opportunity to make a visible impact in their community.

"Our hope is not only for them to learn more about pollinators and why they're important, but also to realize there are ways they can give back to their community," Hough said. "This is a great community service project for them and a way to learn how they can make a difference."

Additional programming throughout the event reinforced connections between agriculture, history and community. Participants explored the role of pollinators in supporting crops and ecosystems through interactive, Route 66-themed activities on the first day and visited the Heart of Route 66 Auto Museum in Sapulpa.

The program was organized in collaboration with Northeast Area Agricultural Literacy/STEM 4-H Educator Kylie Nicholson and designed to highlight the connections between agriculture, Oklahoma heritage and civic engagement.



Through both education and service, Tulsa County 4-H on Route 66 showcased how youth can create meaningful change while gaining a deeper understanding of their communities and Oklahoma's agricultural legacy.



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OSU EXTENSION 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Get Ready to Hit the Road with 4-H

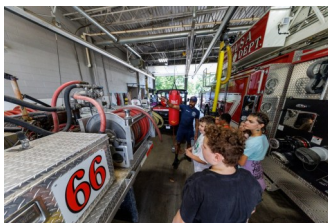
4-H youth celebrated the Route 66 Centennial in true 4-H fashion—hands-on, educational, and full of fun! This exciting two-day program combined history, creativity, horticulture, STEM, and community service into an unforgettable experience.



Participants created a native pollinator garden as a community service project (highlighted on the previous page), explored the importance of pollinators and native plants through hands-on activities, completed projects that can be entered in the county fair, connected with the firefighters at historic Fire Station 66 in Tulsa, and visited the Heart of Route 66 Auto Museum. Along the way, they made lasting memories and enjoyed spending time with friends.



I couldn't be more proud of this outstanding group of 4-H'ers and grateful for the parents, volunteers, coworkers, Tulsa Fire Department, our grant sponsors, and everyone else who contributed their time and talents to make this program possible. Together, we honored the legacy of the Mother Road and left our own mark on Route 66 history!



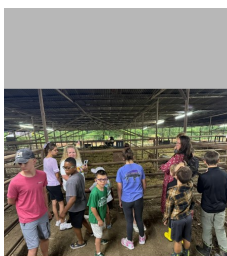
**Kylie
Nicholson**

**Ag Literacy/
STEM**



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4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



We enjoyed a beautiful morning at Yo Grows You-Pick Farm, where Miss Yolanda shared her knowledge of flower production, floral design, and agritourism. Participants gained a behind-the-scenes look at what it takes to operate a successful flower farm while learning about the many opportunities in agriculture.

Another fun Wondrous Wednesday was spent touring the Collinsville Sale Barn and Feed Store! Participants learned about the livestock marketing process, from buying and selling animals at the sale barn to walking through the catwalk and scales. They also explored the importance of proper feed storage and livestock nutrition.



Baylee White

**4-H Youth
Development
Educator**

Summer Workshops

We kicked off our summer workshops with a bead craft and bandana tote bag project, giving participants creative items they can enter in the county fair!

Our Metal Craft and Paper Craft workshops featured holiday garlands and stenciled foil art, providing additional opportunities for youth to create unique fair entries while developing new skills.





OSU EXTENSION 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Urban 4-H campers have been learning about water conservation in the month of June, with the help of our Oklahoma State University Intern, Samantha Hibbert. Campers constructed a riparian zone and learned that it is the transition area between land and a body water with vegetation that stabilizes banks, filters pollutants from our aquatic zones, and supports biodiversity. They will be visiting a riparian zone this week and collecting aquatic organisms to study.

Campers also built their own water filtration system using various biodegradable items. They each added dirty water to their filtration system and were so excited to watch it come out clean.



Kim Arnold

Urban 4-H





OSU EXTENSION FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

Stacey Jones Family and Consumer Sciences/4-H



Elevate your charcuterie board with Pickled Quail Eggs!

Their vibrant color, tangy flavor, and bite-sized appeal pair perfectly with cheeses, cured meats, olives, crackers, and fresh fruit. Give your next board a gourmet touch!

This week's Cooking Corner featured Quick Pickled Quail Eggs—a flavorful snack that's packed with tangy, spicy goodness!

[Cooking Corner - Quick Pickled Quail Eggs June 2026](#)

Tulsa County OSU Extension was proud to collaborate with Washington County OSU Extension on a multi-generational Food Preservation Workshop. Partnerships like these allow us to share expertise, expand opportunities, and better serve the people of Oklahoma.

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make this event a success. We look forward to future collaborations!





OSU EXTENSION TULSA COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

Tulsa Boy's Home

A few pictures of the beautiful blooms across the Tulsa Boy's Home campus.

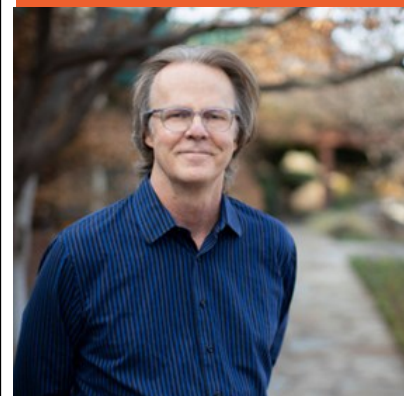
Thanks to the Tulsa County Master Gardeners Oklahoma State University Extension for keeping our grounds gorgeous and helping the boys create a place they are proud to call home for a while, develop skills that will last a lifetime, and learn the lesson that true growth happens with care, patience and consistency.



Brian Jervis
Horticulture
Educator

Tulsa Master Gardeners harvested corn and assorted vegetables from their Seed to Supper Garden...all delivered to area food pantries!

Here is a link to a news story about the garden: [Seed to Supper: Master gardener volunteers grow veggies for area food pantries](#)



Horticulture
Program
Assistant



AGRICULTURE

In June, Hannah Hough attended the Oklahoma Association of Extension Agriculture Agents (OAEAA) Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference in Sulphur, Oklahoma. OAEAA is the professional organization representing Oklahoma State University Extension Agriculture Educators and is dedicated to advancing professional excellence, strengthening Extension programming, fostering leadership, and encouraging collaboration among Agriculture

Educators across Oklahoma and the nation. The annual meeting provides opportunities for educators to enhance professional competencies, exchange innovative programming ideas, and discuss issues impacting county Extension offices and the future of Extension.

Conference attendees participated in association business meetings focused on organizational governance, professional improvement initiatives, leadership development, and discussions with OSU Extension administration regarding issues affecting county offices. Participation in these meetings allows Agriculture Educators to advocate for county needs, contribute to statewide decision-making, and strengthen the effectiveness of Oklahoma Cooperative Extension.

As part of the conference, Hannah participated in the Horticulture Tour, which highlighted innovative agricultural businesses and emerging technologies across south-central Oklahoma. The tour began at Chickasaw Farms Landscape and Produce Gardens facility, where participants explored large-scale greenhouse and nursery operations, native plant production, sustainable horticultural practices, and landscape management techniques that support environmental stewardship and beautification efforts throughout the Chickasaw Nation.

The group then visited Savage Equipment in Madill, Oklahoma, a nationally recognized leader in the pecan industry and manufacturer of specialized pecan harvesting, cleaning, storage, and processing equipment. Participants gained firsthand insight into the technological innovations that have improved efficiency, reduced labor demands, and advanced pecan production. Learning directly from industry leaders provided valuable perspective on Oklahoma's specialty crop industry and emerging technologies that can be incorporated into future Extension educational programming.

The final stop was Oklahoma Steel & Wire Company, where participants toured the manufacturing facility and learned how agricultural fencing products are engineered and produced for livestock operations across the country. The tour reinforced the important connection between agricultural manufacturing and production agriculture while expanding participants' knowledge of the industries that support Oklahoma producers.

During the conference awards banquet, Hannah was honored to receive three statewide OAEAA awards recognizing excellence in Extension communication and programming: **State Winner – Best Feature Story**, **State Winner – Best Computer Generated Presentation with Script**, and **State Winner – Search for Excellence in Agriculture, Wildlife, Environment, and Natural Resources Programming**. These statewide recognitions reflect a commitment to delivering innovative, research-based educational programs and communications that effectively serve the agricultural producers and citizens of Tulsa County.

This past year, Hannah served as the Northeast District Senior Director for OAEAA and was re-elected by her peers to continue serving in this leadership role for another term. In this position, she represents Agriculture Educators across Northeast Oklahoma, facilitates communication between district members and the state association, and contributes to statewide organizational planning and professional development efforts. The 2027 OAEAA Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference will be hosted in Tulsa County. As Northeast District Senior Director, Hannah is serving on the conference planning committee and is assisting with conference development, coordination, and local arrangements to help ensure a successful and enjoyable statewide meeting. This leadership opportunity will showcase Tulsa County's agricultural industry and Extension programming while supporting the continued professional growth of Agriculture Educators across Oklahoma.



Hannah Hough

**Urban
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July 2026

8	Wonderous Wednesday E2 Pecan Farm and Store Tour
12-14	OHCE State Meeting
14-17	Tulsa County Free Fair
14	Fair Entries taken for Indoor Exhibits 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM
15	Fair Entries Judged
16	Kid Zone, Rabbit Show, Family Night, Cupcake Wars, 4-H Has Talent, View Exhibits and Activities
17	Kid Zone, OHCE Membership Tea, View Exhibits and Exhibit Checkout from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM
22-24	4-H State Roundup
30	Farm Succession Planning, 6:00 pm, Tulsa County OSU Extension Office



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