

2025



SECTION 4-

OPEN CLASS CULINARY ARTS

2025

PAYNE COUNTY FREE FAIR

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 2025

1pm-4:00 pm Payne County Fairest of the Fair – Princess & Pre-Teen Division Contest
7pm-9:30 pm Payne County Fairest of the Fair – Teen & Miss Division Contest

MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2025

9am-6pm 4-H North Building Entries will be taken, must be in place
9am-2pm OHCE North Building Entries will be taken
2:00 pm All OHCE Entries Must Be in Place
5:00 pm Jr. Horse Entries Due in Main Office
6:00 pm Open Judging of OHCE Exhibits

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2025

ENTRY DAY for North Building Open Class Exhibits. (8am to 7pm)
8:00 am Fair Office Open, Entries Taken
10:00 am Weighing of goats- All Goats MUST BE in place
8:30 am-4:00 pm Poultry, Pigeons & Rabbits must be in place for pullorum-typhoid test & check health papers on rabbits
2:30 pm All Jr. Horses Must Be in Place
5:00 pm GOAT SHOW (Open & Jr)
5:30 pm JUNIOR HORSE SHOW
8:00 pm All Swine must be in place to start weighing and check registration papers
7:00 pm All exhibit buildings closed

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2025

8:00 am Fair Office Open
8:00 am SWINE SHOW (Open & Jr)
9:00 am Exhibit Hall to be closed during the judging of the following exhibits: Open Class & 4-H
10:00 am Weighing and checking papers of sheep- All sheep MUST BE in place
4:00 pm Check dairy cattle registration papers- All dairy MUST BE in place
4:00 pm June's Barnyard Opens, Closes at 9 pm
5:00 pm SHEEP SHOW
5:00-7pm 4-H Market Place Booths
6:00 pm Weee Entertainment Amusement Rides Opens, closes at 10 pm
6:00 pm POULTRY, PIGEONS & RABBIT SHOW
6:00 pm EXHIBIT HALL & BOOTHS OPEN FOR VIEWERS
6:00 pm Open Horses must be entered with Main Office.

8:00 pm Junior Horses will be released

10:00 pm Exhibit Building & Commercial Booths closed

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 2025

7:00am-1:00pm Receive Open Class, OHCE and 4-H Plants and Flowers Entries

8:00 am Exhibit Buildings Open

9:00 am DAIRY CATTLE SHOW (Open & Jr)

2:00 pm Judging of Plant and Flower Exhibits

June's Barnyard Opens, Closes at 9 pm

5:00-7pm 4-H Market Place Booths

5:30 pm Pet Parade & Show – Indoor Arena

6:00 pm Weee Entertainment Amusement Rides Opens, closes at 10 pm

6:00 pm Horse and Mule Team Performance Contest

6:30 pm "Power of the Past" Antique Tractor Parade"

7:00 pm Barnyard Olympics - Indoor Arena

8:00 pm Draft Horse Pulling Competition – in Outdoor Arena

9:00 pm Exhibit Building closed

10:00 pm Commercial Booths closed

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 2025

7:30 am Open Horse starts arriving

8:00 am Exhibit Buildings Open

8:00 am Bucket Calf must be in place

9:00 am Bucket Calf Interviews- Sales Coliseum

9:00 am CATTLE FITTING CONTEST

10:00 am Weighing of Steers & checking Beef Heifer registration and tattoos- All beef Must Be in place

12:30 pm Heart of Payne County Bucket Calf Show

1:00 pm Bucket Calf Show – in Indoor Arena

2:30 pm Open Horses Must Be in Place

June's Barnyard Opens, Closes at 9 pm

5:00-7pm 4-H Market Place Booths

5:00 pm BEEF CATTLE SHOW - Beef will be released at the conclusion of the beef show

6:00 pm Weee Entertainment Amusement Rides Opens, closes at 10 pm

6:30 pm "Power of the Past" Antique Tractor Parade"

7:00 pm Lawn and Garden Tractor Pull, in Outdoor Arena

9:00 pm Exhibit Building closed

10:00 pm Commercial Booths closed

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 2025

8:00 am Exhibit Building Open

8:30 am OPEN HORSE SHOW

9:00 am Children's Barnyard Opens, closes at 10 pm

9:00 am 4-H Cupcake Wars Contest

10:00 am 4-H Horticulture Judging

1-1:45 pm Saturday Afternoon Contest - Cookie Jar Contest, Cake Mix Plus Contest and Pie Baking Contest

2:00 pm All judging beginnings for Saturday afternoon contest

June's Barnyard Opens, Closes at 9 pm

6:00 pm Weee Entertainment Amusement Rides Opens, closes at 10 pm

6:30 pm "Power of the Past" Antique Tractor Parade"

7:00 pm Chupp's Kid Pedal Tractor Pull Contest

7:00 pm Cattle Dog Event- Outdoor Arena

7:00 pm Poultry, Pigeons & Rabbits Released

8:00 pm Open Horses Will Be released

9:00 pm Exhibit Building closed

10:00 pm Fair Officially ends

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2025

6:00 pm Weee Entertainment Amusement Rides Opens, closes at 10 pm

****The Payne County Model Railroad Club****

Will be displayed in the Heritage Hall (middle building)

Wednesday- Saturday, starting at 2pm-10pm.

Come check it out, they add exciting new items every year.

Chupp's Kid Pedal Tractor Pull Contest

Saturday August 30th @7:00 pm

Free to Kids

ENTERING OPEN OR JUNIOR LIVESTOCK:

ALL LIVESTOCK JUNIOR OR OPEN CLASS MUST BE PRE-ENTERED:

Beef, Dairy, Swine, Sheep, Goats, Poultry, Pigeons, and Rabbits

****Only livestock NOT pre-entered will be Jr. & Open Horses**

All Junior/Open Class entries must be submitted on-line by Ag Teachers or OSU Extension Office.

Open Class Livestock entries must be submitted on-line.

Please contact DeeDee Shenold at the Payne County Expo Center 405.377.1275 for instructions.

ALL PRE-ENTRIES DUE: Thursday Aug 14, 2025

HAPPENINGS AFTER COUNTY FAIR

ALL NORTH BUILDING EXHIBITS RELEASED IN THE EXPO HALL:

TUESDAY, September 2nd, 2025, 3:00 - 6:00 pm

North Building EXHIBITS NOT PICKED UP WITHIN 2 WEEKS WILL BE DISPOSED OF.

Exhibits will not be returned without surrender of the claim check.

Be sure to keep your claim check until you come after your entries.

NO ENTRIES WILL BE RETURNED WITHOUT CLAIM CHECKS.

ATTENTION:

EXHIBITS not picked up between 3:00-6:00 p.m. September 2nd, 2025, will be stored in the fair office. Exhibits may be picked up next week by presenting your claim check to the Main Office at the Expo Center during the office hours 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday Only.

All premium checks will be mailed out by the Payne County Clerk's Office.

**ALL PREMIUM CHECKS MUST BE CASHED IN 90 DAYS OR
THEY WILL BE VOIDED AFTER THAT DATE.**

FOREWORD

The Payne County Fairboard of the Payne County Free Fair Association announced that the 111th Annual Free Fair will be held in Stillwater, Oklahoma, August 26- August 30, 2025.

The Exhibit Buildings will be closed during the time of judging. After judging, all exhibits will be arranged for proper display when the fair officially opens Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. August 27th.

All livestock will need to be officially entered and in place per the fair program schedule.

A properly conducted fair should be representative of the agricultural enterprises in the county. It should stimulate exhibitors to improve their skills and techniques.

Three major components of the fair should be education, competition, and entertainment.

Traditionally the county fair is the largest agricultural activity of the year. It brings together citizens of all communities in the county and allows the opportunity for renewal of old friendships and the opportunity for meeting new friends.

The success of the Free Fair depends much upon the interest manifested by the various exhibitors, and the premium list has been made as large as the appropriate requirements will justify.

It has been the goal of the Payne County Fairboard to offer a premium for all kinds of livestock, handiwork and farm products that will be exhibited from Payne County that are found worthy.

The Payne County Fairboard will spare no pain to make everything pleasant and as comfortable for the public as possible to do, as well as to make it profitable.

Remember, this is a free fair. No gate admission will be charged. It is your fair. With the right kind of cooperation, Payne County Fair will be second to none in the State.

PAYNE COUNTY FAIR BOARD MEMBERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

CHAIRMAN - Darrell Stiles, DIST 1

VICE CHAIRMAN - Roy Blankinship, DIST 1

TREASURER - Bob Wettemann, DIST 2

SECRETARY - DeeDee Shenold

BOARD MEMBER - Pecos Bridenstine, DIST 3

BOARD MEMBER - Bret White, DIST 1

BOARD MEMBER - Thomas Walraven, DIST 3

BOARD MEMBER - Kurt Murray, DIST 3

BOARD MEMBER - Roger Sahs, DIST 2

BOARD MEMBER - Janice Mitchell, DIST 2

PAYNE COUNTY EXPO CENTER STAFF:

DIRECTOR - Josh Taylor

ASST. DIRECTOR - Michael Benson

OUTSIDE SUPERVISOR - Toni West

SECRETARY - DeeDee Shenold

STAFF - Garrett Barrows

STAFF - Nathan Melton

STAFF - Randi Lemmons

STAFF - Josh Cavaness

STAFF - Greg Worsham

PAYNE COUNTY OSU EXTENSION STAFF:

Summer Leister - County Extension Director | 4-H Educator | Agriculture Educator

Hannah Hawkesworth - Communications and Marketing/4-H Educator

Laura Payne - Horticulture/4-H Educator

Jennifer Patterson - Agriculture Educator

Dea Rash - Family and Consumer Sciences/4-H Educator

Tina Hunt - Extension Administrative Support Specialist

PAYNE COUNTY FFA ADVISORS:

CUSHING – Shane Caldwell
Travis Peery

RIPLEY – Shannon Knuffman

GLENCOE – Cary Shell

STILLWATER – Tanner Nipper
Robby Branscum
Bailey Kiewer

PERKINS – Brandon Brunker
Kaleb Wood

YALE – Mitch Fuss

PAYNE COUNTY 4-H CLUB LEADERS:

CIMARRON VALLEY – McKayla McCasland

DISCOVERY CLUB – Denise Turner

GLENCOE – Krystal Voight

HERITAGE – Lisa Stejskal

PC HORSE CLUB – Miriam McGaugh

PC LIVESTOCK CLUB – Melissa Early

PERKINS – Shelby Leonard

RIPLEY – Melanie Oliver

TWIN MOUNDS – Maria Percell

PC SHOOTING SPORTS – Byrd-Roach-Hansen-Arnell-Nelson-Griggs

PAYNE COUNTY FREE FAIR

GENERAL RULES

1. The Association will keep an efficient police force on the grounds at night to take care of all articles on exhibit and keep good order generally, but in no case will the Association be responsible for any damage.
2. No gambling or betting will be permitted under the jurisdiction of the Association.
3. The possession of intoxicating beverages in any form will not be permitted under any circumstances. The finding of intoxicating liquor on the premises of any exhibitor will be considered as evidence of possession. To ensure "quality air" in the exhibit areas no sale, use, or give away of chemicals that give off noxious odors (i.e. stink bombs) will be permitted on the grounds or in the facilities.
4. Exhibitors of livestock will be required to keep their stalls open, in good order, and their livestock accessible to visitors at all reasonable hours during the fair.
5. Due to the staggering of release times of livestock, the Fairboard asks everyone to keep travel in the north/south fire lane (Asphalt Road on east side of livestock barns running north/south) to a minimum. Any vehicles left unattended in the north/south fire lane will be towed at the owner's expense. Staggering livestock release times will not be possible in the future if traffic cannot be kept to a minimum in the fire lane.
6. All property of every character entered for competition or display, or any other purpose or being anywhere on the Fair Grounds shall be subject to the control of the Board of Directors, but in no case shall the Fair Association or any of the officers be held responsible for any loss, damage or injury of any character or any such property while same is under their control, or at any other time or place if the property owners or others interested in the property desire protection against loss, damage or injury from fire, or from any other cause, they must make their own arrangements.
7. **4-H and FFA members cannot show the same animal in the Junior Department and the Open Class, however they can show in both classes if they have a different animal to show.**
8. For animals to be shown they must be entered and stalled or penned with the exhibits of their species.
9. ALL EXHIBITORS MUST SHOW THEIR OWN ANIMALS UNLESS IN A CASE OF EMERGENCY THEN THE EXHIBITORS MUST HAVE THE APPROVAL OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR SOMEONE ELSE TO SHOW THEIR ANIMAL.
10. Each exhibitor may have only one non-livestock entry per class, including horses. Beef, dairy, sheep, swine, goats, and poultry may show no more than three animals in one class.
11. **The same registered heifer breeds used in the Tulsa State Fair will be used by Payne County Fair. A beef/dairy heifer's first competition in Payne County will designate the breed classification for the heifer's entire show career in Payne County.**

12. All 4-H and FFA members exhibiting at the Payne County Fair must participate in their respective organizations and must be residents of Payne County or attending school in Payne County and have neither graduated from high school before May of current year nor reached their 19th birthday.
13. Eligibility is limited to 4-H and FFA members who participate in their respective organizations and must be residents of Payne County or attending school in Payne County and have not graduated high school.

14. 4-H Membership & Enrollment Guidelines:

All 4-H members must be officially enrolled in a Payne County 4-H club. Membership must be on file in the Payne County Extension Office, Administrative Office, 315 W. 6th Stillwater, OK. 4-H members must be 8 years old and going into the 3rd Grade or unless they have reached their ninth birthday by the opening date of the fair and have filled out a 4-H enrollment card (and be affiliated with a county 4-H club). Members must reside or attend school in Payne County Oklahoma. Grade for Enrollment: 4-H age will be determined by the youth's public-school grade as of September 1 each year. A child's "grade division" will not change until re-enrollment on August 1. Youth may enroll in 4-H on August 1 if they are 8 AND in the 3rd grade. If they turn 8 after September 1 and are in 3rd grade, they will not be eligible to enroll in 4-H until the next 4-H year, but they may participate as a Cloverbud. When a child turns 9, they may join as a 4-H member regardless of grade level. 4-H membership ends on July 31 following the completion of the 12th grade or having reached the age of 19 or before September 1, whichever comes first. Graduated high school seniors may complete their 4-H career by exhibiting in the fall fairs.

To be eligible to show at the 2025 Payne County Fair, 4-H Members MUST BE ACTIVE

(enrolled & dues paid) MEMBERS BY AUGUST 14, 2025.

2026 Payne County Jr. Livestock Show REMINDER:

To participate in Payne County youth events, 4-H and FFA members must be "members in good standing" with their respective organizations. Members must be listed on their respective rosters and dues/fees paid to their respective organizations no later than December 1, 2025, to be considered a "member in good standing" and be able to participate in the Payne County Fair representing either Payne County 4-H or their FFA chapter. Students who transfer to a school in Payne County, after December 1 and were a "member in good standing" in previous school/county, are eligible to exhibit. 4-Hers must also attend a minimum of 3 meetings of their primary Payne County 4-H Club (following enrollment and payment of dues) and must be in 3rd Grade and 8 years or 9 years old, regardless of grade, the day they walk into the show ring. Students must meet the academic eligibility requirements of their school as of the first day of the show. If a student is ineligible, his/her livestock entries are also ineligible.

15. 4-H and FFA Members attending school in Payne County and/or living in adjoining county can exhibit in only one county fair. The location where animals are kept must be provided to Extension Agents and FFA advisors for project visitation.

16. Payne County OHCE group members residing outside the county may exhibit in the OHCE Group division but must assess property in Payne County to exhibit in Open Class.
17. **ADULT EXHIBITORS MUST EXHIBIT IN OPEN CLASS. NO OUT OF COUNTY EXHIBITORS IN ADULT DIVISION UNLESS THEY ASSESS PROPERTY OR LIVESTOCK IN PAYNE COUNTY.** Any person or person who does not abide by these rules and regulations may be subject to disqualification from any future county shows. Any animal leaving grounds not approved by the superintendent will forfeit all premiums.
18. Any exhibitor or resident of Payne County who has a complaint regarding exhibits or exhibitors in the Payne County Fair must file a signed written protest and \$25.00 to the Payne County Fairboard by the first working day after the conclusion of the fair by 10:00am before action will be taken.
19. In case there is only one entry in a class, it will be at the judge's discretion whether it is worthy of first place.
20. NOTICE TO LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS YOUR FAIR BOARD IS ASKING THAT ALL LIVESTOCK EXHIBITS BE REMOVED WITHIN 24 HOURS AFTER RELEASE TIME OF EXHIBIT IN ORDER THAT MAINTENANCE CREWS WILL BE ABLE TO CLEAN PREMISES AND MAKE AREA READY FOR OTHER USES.
21. Parents and/or grooms' people will refrain from grooming animals as they enter the show ring. Superintendents will prohibit parents and grooms' persons from the show ring entrance.
22. Sheep, swine, and goats will be shown by breeds listed in the book regardless of the number of animals entered. See beef cattle rules for class/breed information.
23. Any person or person who does not abide by these rules and regulations may be subject to disqualification from this and any future county shows. Premium money from the show and bonuses or special awards will be forfeited. The Payne County Fairboard, a member of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions has approved and adopted the "Show Ring Code of Ethics" as stated in the agreement for state and county livestock shows that are sponsored by the membership of I.A.F.E. The following dress code is strongly recommended. FFA junior exhibitors will be required to wear for the show: the official FFA jacket, clean pressed jeans; clean shirt with collar; regulation FFA tie and white shirt are optional. 4-H junior exhibitors will be required to wear for the show: jacket that is representative of 4-H, clean pressed jeans, clean shirt with collar; tie or scarf optional. Because apparel requirements are predetermined for junior dairy and junior horse exhibitors, they will be required to wear the 4-H or FFA emblem when showing in their respective competitions. Exhibitors must adhere to the dress code to be allowed in the show ring. The dress code also will be enforced during the Premium Auction while junior exhibitors are appearing before the media or other special functions where they are representing their organization. In extremely hot weather, show management may modify the jacket requirement. Believing it is in the best interest of all youth livestock exhibitors and breeders of livestock to maintain a reputation of integrity and to continue to present a wholesome and progressive image in the show ring, the following list of practices are considered unacceptable in the presentation of livestock. The use of such practices or procedures is therefore considered a violation of the Rules and Regulations governing this show. Final interpretation of the following rules will be made by show management. Management decisions are final.
 - a. The exhibitor must be the sole owner of any animals show in his/her name. Junior exhibitors must have owned, cared for daily and fed market animals from no later than the date nominated, or date

listed in premium list of show. All other animals, including dairy animals, must be owned by or transferred to the exhibitor by the required date listed in the show premium list.

b. In breeding classes, beef, dairy, sheep, swine and goats' entries must be registered and recorded in the sole name of the exhibitor. Tattoos, brands, registry association tags and flock tags must match the papers and be correctly located. Swine ear notches must be correct and healed; purebred barrows must have healed ear notches in both ears.

c. All exhibitors are expected to provide the primary care and grooming of their animals throughout the show. An exhibitor may be assisted in grooming their animal. However, the exhibitor must be present and apply the level of expertise appropriate for that exhibitors' level of experience as deemed by their FFA advisor or county 4-H agent. As a result, beginning showman is allowed more assistance than seasoned showman.

d. Any junior exhibitor entering livestock in competition must be present to lead and show said animal in competition, or the animal will be disqualified, and entry fees will not be refunded. Any infraction of rules will cause forfeiture of any premiums earned. The only exception to this rule is where a bonafide owner has more than one animal in each class and, due to an extreme emergency, the bonafide owner is not able to be in attendance. Such cases must be approved by the management. Each animal offered for sale must be handled in the ring by the bonafide owner.

e. Soft Muzzles will be allowed on sheep and goats.

f. Do not misrepresent the age of the animal for the class in which it is shown. Birth dates, transfer dates and other information on registration papers must be correct.

g. Treating or massaging any part of the body internally or externally with an irritant, or other substance to temporarily straighten a weak back or loin; to produce unnatural animation or to cause swelling or changes in contour or handling qualities is prohibited.

h. Minimizing the effects of campiness or to affect handling qualities or contour by feeding or injecting drugs, depressants or applying packs (hot or cold) or using any artificial contrivance or therapeutic treatment except normal exercise is prohibited.

i. Striking the animal to cause swelling is prohibited.

j. Surgery or any other procedure performed to change the natural process of growth, maturation, contour, or appearance of any animal, to include teeth, is prohibited. Not included is removal of teats or horns, clipping and dressing of hair and trimming of hooves.

k. The injection or insertion of foreign materials under the skin or into the muscle is prohibited.

l. The use of alcoholic beverages in feed/food or as a drench is prohibited.

m. Force filling of any type by any means to include stomach pumps is prohibited. Rehydration of lambs will be allowed as needed.

n. No alteration or simulation with respect to color of hair will be permitted on any junior animals. This includes all products, natural or manmade; false switches are permitted. If alteration or addition is detected by a show official or through a protest, the exhibitor, organized group, or individual involved will be disqualified and barred from exhibiting. These grooming rules apply to both sexes, all species, for the duration of the junior division of the show. In swine, no powdering, oiling, painting, or dressing other than water will be permitted. **NEW RULES: No Paint, Belly Wool or Live Fungus is ALLOWED on any Open or Junior Class Sheep**

o. The use of any chemical and/or compound that is not approved by the Food and Drug Administration for use in meat-producing animals and the illegal use of approved chemicals and/or compounds are prohibited. All animals shall be subject to test (blood, urine, and tissue) for foreign substances that exceed the acceptable levels established by the United States Department of Agriculture and/or the Food and Drug Administration. A positive test will result in disqualification, forfeiture of any premiums and/or awards and will exclude the exhibitor, organized group, or individual involved from future competitions at this show. All medications at the show will be administered by licensed veterinarians only.

p. Balancing the udder by any abnormal means including the use of a mechanical contrivance or the injection of fluid or drugs, setting the teats and/or occluding (sealing the ends) with a mechanical contrivance or with the use of a chemical preparation, treating or massaging the udder or its attachments with an irritant or counterirritant will not be permitted. The use of common products such as fly spray, ointment, or liniment in excess to the extent that it is irritating is included as an irritant.

q. Criticizing or interfering with the judge, other exhibitors, breed representatives or show officials before, during or after the event may result in an individual or group being expelled, placed on probation, declared ineligible, or barred from exhibiting at the event.

r. Exhibitors, organized groups or any individual switching animals at any time and changing ear tags and other forms of identification will be barred from showing and will forfeit all prizes and premium money.

s. Junior exhibitors, and adults involved with the exhibitors are expected to adhere to the General Rules and Regulation of junior livestock show including the Show-Ring Code of Ethics as well as the Rules and Regulations governing the Junior Division.

t. Any violation of the Rules and Regulations incorporated in the premium list, the Show-Ring Code of Ethics and the Junior Division Rules and Regulations may result in forfeiture of all premiums and awards, disqualification and expulsion or probation of the exhibitor, organized group the exhibitor represents any individual or livestock involved. Probation, disqualification, expulsion, or other disciplinary actions of the show management will be final. Such action will require application for readmission under such terms as the management may prescribe before the group or individual is allowed to exhibit at future events. Violations of rules at a show which is a member of show support organizations including the Oklahoma Association of Fairs

and Festivals, the AOB Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers Association, and the international Association of Fairs and Expositions may affect the eligibility of the violators for participation in any show throughout the country, regardless of the show's membership in these organizations.

u. Any parents, participating in adults or students, interference, misconduct, outburst, or inappropriate language, during the show will not be tolerated, that exhibits a bad example for all who participates. The result of these actions can be your child or exhibitor being put on probation or excluded from ever showing here again and your removal from the facilities/grounds. We are examples for our children and youth at these shows. If you have a question or problem about or during the show, please conduct yourself in a correct and calm manner to a superintendent or fairboard member.

ENTRIES

1. No animal or article will be allowed to be entered in the name of any other person than the bonafide owner or agent. If this rule should be violated, the Fairboard will withhold the premium if such should be awarded by the judge.
2. Any fruit, vegetables, grain, or seeds to compete for a premium must be owned and grown by the exhibitor during the year 2025 in Payne County. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE GROWN OR MADE IN 2025
3. The right is reserved by the Payne County Fairboard to interpret, revise, or add to the rules as its interests may require.
4. ENTRIES MUST NOT BE REMOVED BEFORE THEIR SPECIFIED RELEASE TIME. EXHIBITS REMOVED BEFORE THEIR RELEASE TIME WILL HAVE PREMIUMS WITHHELD.
5. All exhibitors shall abide by the stall assignments made and posted on the grounds. Superintendents of each species shall have the authority to supersede the posted stall assignments at their own discretion, or as circumstances require. An effort will be made to provide spaces for tack every 10 to 12 stalls if room is available.
6. No commercial business labeling is allowed on exhibits. The Payne County Fair Entry Tag with exhibitor name and town or local group/chapter is to be attached to exhibits.

AWARDING COMMITTEE

1. All judges and the awarding committee must be wholly disinterested directly or indirectly in the decisions which they may have voiced. The Fair Board reserves the right to substitute judges in case of necessity. Awards will be paid as marked by the judge and not by ribbon attached in case of misunderstanding.
2. Exhibitors must be promptly on time at the calling of the superintendent and according to the published program.
3. No interference with the judges will be allowed. Exhibitors shall give all the desired information correctly and may be called upon to explain without argument or persuasion the special merit claimed for articles exhibited, when requested to do so by the Fairboard and/or superintendents.
4. When the judges have carefully examined all articles entered for a given premium and marked their decision, the Superintendent of the class will properly mark the committee books and attach blue ribbons to articles for first premium and red ribbons for second premiums, etc.
5. No exhibit deemed unworthy shall be awarded a premium.

HERE'S HOW TO ENTER THE FAIR!

1. Check the Fair Catalog or website www.pcexpocenter.com to see if there is a class for your exhibit that you have made, grown, painted, etc. in the past year.
2. Read the rules, so you will get the exhibit ready to enter.
3. Entry tags, canning labels, & entry sheets are available in advance of the fair. Each exhibitor must have an exhibitor number, and each exhibitor must fill out an entry sheet. Each year you will have a new exhibitor number, your number from last year **DOES NOT** carry over. You will receive a new entry number once you enter on Tuesday. Entry tags and entry sheets are also available at the County Extension Office at the Payne County Administration Building.
4. Fill out the entry sheet, one for each person entering, and list on it all you are bringing to the exhibit. Fill out the entry tags and bring them with you ready to attach to the exhibit(s) as you enter.
5. Entry Day for all exhibits, except for Flowers & Plants, Livestock and Special Contest is Tuesday, August 26th, 8am-7pm. Bring your exhibits to the Exhibit Hall during that time, and superintendents in each department will assist you in entering. You may pull your vehicle up to the west door of the Exhibit Hall, unload onto a cart, and then park your vehicle before coming in to enter. Keep the stubs the superintendents will give you as you enter to show when you come to pick up your exhibits on Tuesday, September 2nd, 2025. If you have any questions about entering, call 405.377.1275 or 405.747.8320 for more information.

OPEN CLASS

1. All exhibits must be entered from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 26th, including baked foods and candies, but not including flowers. **Flower entry sheets will be available, but entries will be taken** on Thursday, Aug. 28th, 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Special Home Economics Food classes may be entered for Saturday, August 30, 2025.
2. All exhibits must be produced and made the day following entry day of the current year to entry day of the next year's fair by the individual exhibitor.
3. No exhibitor will be permitted two entries in any one class.
4. Should any exhibit be entered in the wrong class and the error discovered prior to judging; the superintendent may make proper corrections in the entry.
5. ENTRIES MUST NOT BE REMOVED BEFORE THE CLOSE OF THE FAIR. EXHIBITS REMOVED WILL HAVE PREMIUMS WITHHELD. The quality of the fair depends upon the exhibits; therefore, do not ask to remove your exhibit before release time.
6. Judges' names are submitted to the Fair Board for approval prior to the fair.
7. The same exhibitor will not be eligible to receive Grand Champion and Reserve Champion in any department.
8. Premium list for Family Living Division includes: Home Community Education group exhibits, Open Class exhibits in Home Furnishings, Food Preservation, Photography, Clothing, Foods, Fine Art, and Arts & Crafts

PREMIUMS:	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u>
Open Class Sections 1-11	\$14.00	12.00	10.00	8.00	6.00
4-H Class Sections 17-49	\$14.00	12.00	10.00	8.00	6.00
Saturday Special Contest	\$14.00	12.00	10.00	8.00	6.00
HCE Class Sections 12-15	\$14.00	12.00	10.00	8.00	6.00
HCE Group Winners	\$21.00	18.00	15.00	12.00	9.00
HCE Special Booth Winners	\$50.00 each group				

JUDGING: Wednesday, August 27th • 9:00 a.m. Family Living • Open Class • 4-H Homemaking

RELEASE TIME: Tuesday, September 2nd, 2025, 3 pm - 6 pm in Expo Hall

PREMIUM CHECKS: Will be mailed out by the Payne County Clerk's Office. NOT PICKED UP.

NO ENTRIES WILL BE RETURNED WITHOUT CLAIM CHECKS

OPEN CLASS DIVISION:

SECTIONS 1 - 11 Sections are in alphabetical order

SECTION 4 - CULINARY ARTS - OPEN CLASS

1. Read carefully the rules governing the Family Living Division which apply to this department.
2. All entries must be made and in place by 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 26TH, except those listed under Special Home Economics Contests.
3. The Superintendent shall have the right to remove any exhibit or part thereof, which is unsightly.
4. No recipes are required except for those listed in the special contest rules.
5. Judges will cut all cakes.

2025 STATE "BEST OF WHEAT" BREAD BAKING CONTEST

Sponsored by the Oklahoma Wheat Commission County *Contest Rules are as follows*

Senior Division - (18yrs and older) Class

1. White Bread
2. Whole Wheat Breads
3. Dinner Rolls
4. Other Wheat Breads
5. Sweet Breads
6. Bread Machine

County Champion and Reserve Champion winners (excluding bread machine class) will receive awards from the Oklahoma Wheat Commission. Premiums will be provided only if the individual county does so.

Recipes winning first place at the 2024 State Contest are ineligible to be used in the 2025 contest.

Each entry must be prepared and baked by the person whose name is on the entry form, with phone numbers submitted on the entry forms.

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(Duplicate recipes may not be entered by different family members in any class or division.)

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Whole Wheat Bread Class #2

Will include only the use of whole wheat flour and/or a whole white wheat flour. **No all-purpose or bread flour included in this category.** Dough enhancers, vital wheat gluten and whole grains, in addition to whole wheat, are permissible.

Dinner Rolls Class # 3 and #8

It should consist of three (3) rolls per entry. Any shape acceptable.

Other Wheat Breads Class # 4 and 9

Will include other breads made with yeast such as cheese, French, onion, sourdough, challah, focaccia, etc. NO QUICK BREADS unless yeast is used as a leavening agent. (All bread must use yeast as a leavening agent.)

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Let your imagination go: animals, people, objects, etc. **All garnishes must be edible.** Twists and star breads should be entered in the "Other Wheat Breads" or "Sweet Breads" category and not the "Specialty Shape Breads" class.

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QUICK BREADS & CAKES - Use 6" plates for all small items, to be exhibited in clear plastic bags.

CAKES (1/2 cake or 1 layer) 8" or 9" round or square exhibited in a disposable clear cake cover, or clear zipper bag.

7. Nut, fruit or Vegetable bread, 1/2 loaf
8. Muffins, any kind (3)
9. Rolled Biscuit (3)
10. Angel Food (with icing or glaze)
11. Fruit and/or Nut Cake, frosted
12. Bundt Cake
13. Butter Cake (white or yellow), frosted
14. Chocolate Cake, frosted
15. German Chocolate, **frosted only between layers & on top**
16. Chiffon
17. Pound Cake
18. Other Cakes not listed above (not refrigerated)

DECORATED CAKES -Any theme or shape

19. Children - 12 & Under

20. Youth class - 13 to 18 years of age

21. Adults - over 18 years of age

ALL DECORATED CAKES and DECORATED CUPCAKES OF ANY THEME OR SIZE WILL BE CUT.

DECORATED CUPCAKES - Six - Decorated cupcakes (no filling) to be exhibited on 9" paper plate and in clear zipper plastic bag. Cupcakes can be decorated all the same or have different designs based on a common theme. All decorations must be edible.

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SMALL CAKES AND COOKIES - Three each (unless otherwise specified) to be exhibited on 6" paper plates and in clear zipper plastic bags.

25. Sugar free cookies

26. Brownies 2"X2"

27. Chocolate Chip Cookies

28. Peanut Butter Cookies

29. Snickerdoodles

30. Plain Oatmeal Cookies- No raisins, nuts, coconut, or fruit additions

31. Fruit and or Nut Cookies

32. Other Drop Cookies not listed

33. Ginger Cookies

34. Bar cookies other than brownies, 2"X2"

35. Other refrigerated dough cookies, not listed

36. Sugar Cookies

37. Decorated homemade Holiday sugar cookies for one event or several, (6) on a 9" paper plate

38. Cupcakes, any kind, un-iced -3

39. Stove top or no bake cookies

CANDY - Exhibit 3 pieces of candy in a wide mouth pint jar with plain lid.

40. Fudge

41. Peanut Brittle

42. Other Nut Brittle

43. Divinity

44. Candy made in the microwave, only 3 pieces

45. Candy, not listed

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Junior Division- (under 18 yrs of age at time of county entry)

Class

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- 47. Dinner Rolls**
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- 50. Specialty Breads**
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YOUTH QUICK BREADS

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53. Muffins, any kind (3)

YOUTH COOKIES - Three each to be exhibited on 6" paper plates and in plastic bags.

54. Chocolate Chip Cookies (3)

55. Other Drop Cookies, any recipe

56. Peanut Butter Cookies (3)

57. Other shaped refrigerated dough cookies, such as Snickerdoodles, Sugar, Etc. Not listed

58. Stove top or no bake (3)

59. Cookies, not listed (3)

60. Brownies 2"x 2"

61. Bar Cookies 2"x 2"

GIFT BASKETS

Gift baskets entered should include a minimum of six different edible food items and six different non-edible items, but not necessarily homemade. Edible items must be safely kept at room temperature. The theme for the basket is the individual's choice and should be listed on the entry tag. All baskets should be covered in transparent wrap to protect the items inside, cellophane, shrink-wrap. Etc.

62. Gift baskets by child 12 & under

63. Gift basket by youth 13 to 18 years of age

64. Gift basket by adult ages 18 & over

SATURDAY ONLY SPECIAL HOME ECONOMICS CONTESTS

Cookie Jar Contest

Pie Baking Contest

Cake Mix Plus Contest

Brownie Mix Plus Contest

Saturday, August 30th

Saturday's Special Contest will be held near the kitchen area of the Exhibit Hall.

All entries must be entered from 1pm to 1:45pm

The contest will begin at 2:00pm

All exhibits will remain on display until the conclusion of judging and the presentation of awards.

Entries will be retained until the contest has officially ended and the exhibition is fully complete.

COOKIE JAR CONTEST - Open to Groups or Organizations Only

The exhibit will consist of a one-gallon clear jar decorated with the theme "A Day at the County Fair". The jar should be at least three-fourths full of at least five different kinds of homemade cookies with a closed lid. A separate plate with one sample cookie of each kind should be provided for the judge to taste.

65. Any Group or Organization

PIE BAKING CONTEST

Entry should consist of a whole 8" or 9" pie in the pie pan or springform pan.

66. Youth, under 18, two-crust pie

67. Youth under 18, single crust pie

68. Youth under 18, crumb crust, any filling

69. Cream

70. Two-crust cherry

71. Two-crust apple

72. Two-crust fruit, other

73. Custard, pecan, pumpkin, etc.

74. Cheesecake, baked

75. Adult- crumb crust, any filling

CAKE MIX PLUS CONTEST

The exhibit shall consist of one cake or other product using a cake mix as a part of the ingredients. A recipe should be attached. Exhibits will be judged on originality, quality of product, taste, and use of common ingredients and cooking methods.

76. Youth under 18- any item

77. Adult- any item

78. Adult- Cookies, rolls & other products, 3 items

79. Youth under 18-Cookies any kind, 3 items

BROWNIE MIX PLUS CONTEST

The exhibit shall consist of one cake or other product using a brownie mix as a part of the ingredients. A recipe should be attached. p.m. Exhibits will be judged on originality, quality of product, taste, and use of common ingredients and cooking methods.

80. Youth under 18- Brownies

81. Adult-Brownies