

2026

PAYNE COUNTY FAIR

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Weee Entertainment Carnival Rides Open
Wednesday - Sunday 6pm- Close

MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2026

9am-6pm 4-H Community Building Entries will be taken, must be in place

9am-2pm OHCE Heritage Hall Entries will be taken

12pm-10pm Goats can move in

2:00 pm All OHCE Entries Must Be in Place

6:00 pm Open Judging of OHCE Exhibits

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2026

ENTRY DAY for Heritage Hall Open Class Exhibits (8am to 7pm)

8:00 am Main Fair Office Open

10:00 am Weighing of Goats

8:30 am-4:00 pm Poultry, Pigeons & Rabbits must be in place for pullorum-typhoid test & check health papers on rabbits

5:00 pm GOAT SHOW

8:00 pm Weighing and checking registration papers of Swine

7:00 pm All exhibit buildings closed

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2026

8:00 am Fair Office Open

8:00 am SWINE SHOW

9:00 am Community Building & Heritage Hall to be closed during the judging of the exhibits

10:00 am Weighing and checking papers of Sheep

12:00 pm Commercial Booths Open in the Expo Hall

4:00 pm Check Dairy cattle registration papers

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 POULTRY, PIGEONS & RABBIT SHOW

6:00 pm EXHIBIT BUILDINGS OPEN FOR VIEWERS

6:00 pm Jr/Open Horses must be entered with Main Office.

10:00 pm Exhibit Building & Commercial Booths closed

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2026

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

8:00 am Exhibit Buildings Open

9:00 am DAIRY CATTLE SHOW

12:00 pm Commercial Booths Open in the Expo Hall

2:00 pm Judging of Plant and Flower Exhibits

4:00 pm June's Barnyard Opens, Closes at 9 pm

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

5:30 pm Pet Parade & Show – Indoor Arena

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

7pm-10pm Live Music in the Entertainment Tent

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 28, 2026

7am-7pm Jr/Open Horse move in

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

11:00 am Heart of Payne County Bucket Calf Show

12:00 pm Commercial Booths Open in the Expo Hall

1:00 pm Bucket Calf Show – in Indoor Arena

4:00 pm June's Barnyard Opens, Closes at 9 pm

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

5:00 pm BEEF CATTLE SHOW

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

7:00 pm All Jr/Open Horses Must Be in Place

7pm-10pm Live Music in the Entertainment Tent

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

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 29, 2026

7am-8pm Final Arrival of Jr/Open Horses

8:00 am Exhibit Building Open

8:00 am Commercial Booths Open in the Expo Hall

8:30 am OPEN HORSE SHOW - horses will be released at the conclusion of the horse show

9:00 am June's Barnyard Opens, Closes at 10 pm

12-4:00 pm Payne County Smoke Show- BBQ Contest Cook-Off

1:00 pm Payne County Royalty Competition – Princess, Pre-Teen & Prince Division

1-1:45 pm Homemade Ice Cream Freeze-Off Contest Sign Up

2:00 pm All judging beginnings for The Homemade Ice Cream Freeze-Off Contest

6:00 pm Payne County Royalty Competition – Teen, Queen & King Division

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

7pm-10pm Live Music in the Entertainment Tent

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

7:00 pm Poultry, Pigeons & Rabbits Released

7:30 pm Cattle Dog Event- Outdoor Arena

9:00 pm Exhibit Building closed

10:00 pm Fair Officially ends

Events and Times are subject to change

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

Will be displayed in the Expo Hall

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

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

Chupp's Kid Pedal Tractor Pull Contest

Friday Aug. 28 & Saturday Aug. 29 @7:00 pm

In McVey Arena

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: FRIDAY Aug 14, 2026

HAPPENINGS AFTER COUNTY FAIR

ALL OPEN, OHCE & 4-H EXHIBITS RELEASED:

TUESDAY, September 1, 2026, 3:00 - 6:00 pm

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 1, 2026, 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 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Monday through Friday Only.

PREMIUM CHECKS:

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.**

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FOREWORD

The Payne County Fairboard of the Payne County Free Fair Association announced that the 112th Annual Free Fair will be held in Stillwater, Oklahoma, August 24- August 30, 2026.

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 – Pecos Bridenstine, Dist. 3
- BOARD MEMBER - Bret White, Dist. 1
- BOARD MEMBER - Roy Blankinship, Dist. 1
- BOARD MEMBER - Thomas Walraven, Dist. 3
- TREASURER - Bob Wettemann, Dist. 2
- SECRETARY - DeeDee Shenold
- BOARD MEMBER - Kurt Murray, Dist.
- 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
- Courtney Arnell - 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
- Lyndsie Cook – Extension Administrative Support Specialist

PAYNE COUNTY FFA ADVISORS:

- CUSHING – Shane Caldwell & Travis Peery
- GLENCOE – Cary Shell
- STILLWATER – Tanner Nipper,
Robby Branscum and Bailey Kliwer
- RIPLEY – Shannon Knuffman
- PERKINS– Austin Hooten & Kasen Humble
- YALE – Mitch Fuss

PAYNE COUNTY 4-H CLUB LEADERS:

- CIMARRON VALLEY – McKayla McCasland
- DISCOVERY CLUB – Denise Turner
- GLENCOE – Aaron Matheson & McKayla Wirtz
- HERITAGE – Lisa Stejskal
- PC HORSE CLUB – Miriam McGaugh
- PC LIVESTOCK CLUB – Melissa Early
- PERKINS – Shelby Leonard
- RIPLEY – Melanie Oliver
- TWIN MOUNDS – Maria Percell
- YALE – Shelby Fuss
- PC SHOOTING SPORTS – Byrd-Roach-Hansen-
Arnell-Richards-Turner

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. **East Lane loading and unloading is permitted during move in and move out times for each particular livestock species. Please see gate schedule for more details. There will be no parking in the east lane at anytime.**
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 2026 Payne County Fair, 4-H Members MUST BE ACTIVE
(enrolled & dues paid) MEMBERS BY AUGUST 14, 2025.**

2027 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, 2026, 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 IMMEDIATELY AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SHOW. UNLESS PRIOR ARRANGEMENT HAVE BEEN MADE WITH THE MAIN OFFICE.**
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 2026 in Payne County. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE GROWN OR MADE IN 2026
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.pcexpoctr.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 25, 8am-7pm. Bring your exhibits to the Community Building for 4-H and Heritage Hall for Open Class during that time, and superintendents in each department will assist you in entering. You may pull your vehicle up to the west side of the Community Building and Heritage 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 1, 2026, from 3pm-6pm. 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 25, including baked foods and candies, but not including flowers. **Flower entry sheets will be available, but entries will be taken** on Thursday, Aug. 27, 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Heritage Hall. **Homemade Ice Cream Freeze-Off Contest will be held on Saturday, August 29, 2026.**
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
Homemade IceCream 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 26, 2026, • 9:00 a.m. Family Living • Open Class • 4-H Homemaking

RELEASE TIME: Tuesday, September 1, 2026, 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

