

Mulhall-Orlando FFA Chapter

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Local FFA Officer Team Puts a New Spin on Agriculture Awareness

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MULHALL, Okla. – Every August the Mulhall-Orlando Fair Board, in conjunction with Mulhall-Orlando Public Schools, hosts a fair consisting of carnival games, concessions, as well as a livestock show for the local students to showcase their livestock projects. The fair is a two-day event that is typically used to raise money for each high school class; however this year, the Mulhall-Orlando FFA Officer Team decided to put a new spin on the games being played by those in attendance.

Karlie Thomason, chapter treasurer, came up with the unique idea to provide a booth tailored to agriculture awareness and advocacy. She designed the game, and the officer team helped execute her vision. Karlie started by painting various colors onto the round piece of wood that would become the wheel. Next, nails were driven around the edges of the wheel. The wheel was then attached to a piece of standing plywood, and a ticker was installed at the top of the plywood. The object of the game was to spin the wheel and answer a question about a topic on which the wheel stopped spinning. Karlie designated one color for each of the following four categories: animals, food, production, and FFA. The booth was a huge hit for the officer team, and Karlie's enthusiasm for bringing awareness to agriculture and FFA was evident to every person, young and old, who visited the booth.

When asked what her inspiration was for this booth, Karlie responded, "I wanted to educate people. I also wanted to see how much people in my community really know about agriculture."

"It was fun hearing people respond to the questions," said Sydney Johnson, Chapter President. "There

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are so many aspects of agriculture that it's nearly impossible for anyone to be an expert! I think everyone learned something through this game.”

M-O Fair Board Vice President Brenda Johnson added, “I was impressed by the amount of effort that the chapter put into the game. It was a nice addition to the fair.”

For more information, please refer to the Mulhall-Orlando Fall Fair page on Facebook.

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