



NEW! 4-H Cake Decorating Kits, Clover Brown Bag Kits, and LEGO® SPIKE™ Prime Kits

Learn how to decorate a cake by purchasing a 4-H cake decorating kit. All you need is the cake, frosting and practice time! Check out the flyer on page 4.

4-H Clover Brown Bag kits have been developed for Otoe County youth to experience fun and science at home. Check out the flyer on page 5. Snowflakes and snowmen are ready for winter fun!

NEW LEGO® SPIKE™ Prime Kits are now available for check out. See page 6!

4-H Foundation Banquet Cancelled

The health and safety of our 4-H family throughout Otoe County and beyond is the utmost of importance to us. As a result, the Otoe County 4-H Foundation Board of Directors canceled the 2021 Otoe County 4-H Foundation Banquet normally scheduled in February due to the risks associated with COVID-19.

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***The Nebraska Extension in Otoe County Office will close
Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 25 .***

We will also be closed Friday, January 1.

***We wish you a
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!***

4-H Achievement Celebration Thank You!

Thank you to all - 4-H members, parents, leaders, and council members - who made the 4-H Drive-By Achievement Celebration a fun and successful event!

Congratulations to the following who were voted on by the 4-H Council and received their awards at the Achievement Celebration:

- Outstanding 4-H Alumni - Ken Malone, Palmyra
- Friend of 4-H - James "Doc" Stuart, DVM, Nebraska City

reminder

Year End 4-H Club Treasurer's Report Due

Just a reminder! The Year End 4-H Club Treasurer's report for the 2020 4-H year is due from each 4-H club by **January 15, 2020** into the Extension Office. The form will be sent to each organizational leader in late December. This needs to be completed even if the club has a zero balance in their checking account.

Otoe County Senior Scholarships

The Otoe County 4-H Foundation Scholarship applications for high school seniors were mailed to Otoe County 4-H members in early December. They were also given to the guidance counselors at the four Otoe County high schools. The applications are due **January 15, 2021 into the Nebraska Extension in Otoe County office**. The Foundation will award up to five \$1,500 scholarships. Get your applications in!

Congratulations

4-H Achievement Drive-By Celebration Prize Winners

Congratulations to the following 4-H youth for being in the right spot at the right time! They received the Drive-By Celebration prizes:

- #1 - Hadley Bakan - 4-H Bear
- #10 - Brooke Parsons - 4-H Cup
- #15 - Sophie Sayer - \$15 Subway card
- #30 - Morillo-Fox - \$30 Barnes & Noble card
- #50 - Amber Schropfer - \$50 Clover Dollar scholarship

2021 4-H Council Officers and Members

Chair: Julie Hippen
Vice Chair: Monty Lovelace
Secretary: Emily Van Meter
Treasurer: Julie Van Meter

The adult members are: Megan Brehm, Mendy Houghton and Cara Morgan. The youth members are: Erin Chambers, Cody Damme, Emma Houghton, Emily Van Meter, Katelynn Moser, and Sydney Parsons.

The purpose of the Otoe County 4-H Council is to assist the County Extension Staff in the promotion of 4-H work and to help plan and carry out the various activities pertinent to the county 4-H program. Please visit with any 4-H Council member or Extension Staff about your ideas to enhance the Otoe County 4-H program.

Otoe County 4-H Beef News

- The 2021 Otoe County 4-H Market Beef Weigh-In/Tagging on Saturday, January 30th has been cancelled due to COVID-19.
- There will be no Beef Rate of Gain Contest in 2021.
- ID sheets, DNA envelopes and EID tags may be picked up at the Extension Office. There will be a \$3.00 charge for each EID tag, one per head of beef.
- ID sheets are due to the Extension Office on June 15th. A picture of the market beef showing the tag, ear, and head is also required by June 15 to the Extension Office.
- Market Beef that want to show at STATE FAIR or AKSARBEN must have DNA samples. DNA envelopes can be picked up from the Extension Office but exhibitors are responsible for pulling their own DNA and nominating their own animal by June 15th online at: www.showstockmgr.com.



Wednesday What-Nots

Every Wednesday the Nebraska Extension in Otoe County Office sends out an email providing up-to-the-minute 4-H information for families. This email is sent to the email address used to register for 4-H. Many local and state-wide 4-H and Extension programs are highlighted in this email.

Currently the email comes from this source: 4HOnline - Erin Steinhoff <ne-otoe@4honline.com>. Check it out weekly to discover what's new with 4-H!

4-H Horse Stampede

The 4-H Horse Stampede will be **Saturday, March 27th, 2021**. This event offers a variety of 4-H horse contests that don't require live horses, including public speaking, demonstration, quiz bowl, art, and photography contests. Youth have the opportunity to display their equine knowledge through these contests both as an individual and as part of a team. Register at: <https://4h.unl.edu/horse/stampede>.

Registrations are due to the Extension Office by Friday, March 5. Register now - don't delay!

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Training

All 4-H members enrolled in beef, dairy goat, meat goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine projects are required to complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training to exhibit their livestock. This training must be completed by June 15.

The in-person YQCA December classes were cancelled due to COVID. However, over Christmas vacation take time to complete your YQCA online. Go to YQCA.org to complete your training. Don't wait until June 14 to finish!

If you have questions or need assistance, please call the Extension Office at 402-269-2301.

Office hours are Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



4- H Cake Decorating Kit

Cake decorating is a sugar art that uses icing or frosting and other edible decorative elements to make plain cakes look fun! Cakes can be molded and sculpted to resemble three-dimensional persons, places and things. Decorating a cake is a great way to make a celebration special.

Learn how to decorate a cake by purchasing the 4-H Cake Decorating Kit and then spend time practicing, practicing, practicing! The kit includes:

- A 4-H Cake Decorating Project Manual - Units 1-4.
- 8-piece cake decorating set, which includes 6 stainless steel decorating tubes, coupler, 10" Flex decorating bag, instructions and recipes.
- You have to add the practice!

Contact the Extension Office to reserve your kit and to arrange pickup. The cake decorating cost is \$12.00 with checks made payable to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL).

CAKE PANS AVAILABLE FOR CHECK OUT

Practice cake decorating with fun cake pans. Over 20 different cake pans styles have been donated to the Extension Office for 4-H members and their families to use. Pans available for check out are listed below. Please contact the extension office via phone at 402-269-2301 or via email at otoe-county@unl.edu to reserve yours now!

- Ball
- Bunny
- Care Bear
- Darth Vader
- Dinosaurs - mini
- Elmo
- Gingerbread man
- Guitar
- Heart - single & double
- Horseshoe
- Open Book - small & large sets
- Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer
- Smurfette
- Strawberry Shortcake
- Teddy Bear
- Winnie-the-Pooh
- Witch - high flying
- Wreath





4- H Clover Bag Fun



4-H Clover Bag kits have been developed for Otoe County youth to experience fun and science at home. Two kits are being offered, the first is free, while the second kit will cost \$2.00. All of the supplies necessary to complete the activity will be included in each kit. Please contact the Nebraska Extension in Otoe County office at 402-269-2301 or otoe-county@unl.edu to request one or both kits. Kits can be picked up at the extension office or arrangements may be made for delivery.

Beaded Pipe Cleaner Snowflakes

Create your own beaded snowflake while learning fun snowflake facts!



Snow Puffy Paint

Learn the history and fun facts about snowmen, plus gather tips for building a snowman. Create your own snowman with puffy paint!



LEGO® SPIKE™ Prime Kits for Check-Out



**THE LEGO®
SPIKE™ PRIME IS HERE!**

Combining colorful LEGO building elements, easy-to-use hardware, and an intuitive drag-and-drop coding language based on Scratch, SPIKE Prime continuously engages youth through playful learning activities to think critically and solve complex problems, regardless of their learning level.

From easy-entry projects to limitless creative design possibilities, including the option to explore text-based coding with Python, SPIKE Prime helps youth learn computer skills while having fun!

The Nebraska Extension in Otoe County has three kits available for check-out! The LEGO® SPIKE™ Prime is designed for youth in grades 6 – 8. Families will need a device of some type* – PC with Windows 10, Mac, iPad, Chromebook and Android tablet – to utilize the kit. Contact the Extension Office to reserve a kit today.

* Not all devices can use SPIKE™ Prime. When contacting the extension office for check out, please ask for the system requirements or space needed on Hard Drives.

**Contact the Otoe County Extension Office at 402-269-2301
or otoe-county@unl.edu to reserve your kit!**





Otoe County 4-H Foundation Established 2012

P.O. Box 473

Syracuse, NE 68446

December 15, 2020

Dear Friend of 4-H,

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Since our inception in 2012, the Otoe County 4-H Foundation has seen steady growth financially. This has allowed us to now sponsor five \$1500 scholarships annually for high school seniors, summer scholarships for 4-H campers, and grants throughout the year for our 4-H clubs. We couldn't do it without your support!

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If you have any questions, please contact any of the Otoe County 4-H Foundation directors. Our phone numbers and email addresses are listed on the insert. We will be happy to answer any questions. Thank you again for your support of Otoe County 4-H.

Sincerely,

Mark Easter, President
Lacy Johnson, Secretary/Treasurer
Megan Brehm, Director
Lynnet Talcott Director
Michael Wieckhorst II, Director

John Crook, Vice President
Dave Hall, Director
Erin Steinhoff, Director
Sydney Wellsandt, Youth Director
Sarah Purcell, Ex Officio, Extension Educator

Enclosure

December 2020

Merry Christmas

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