

>>> OTOE COUNTY 4-H <<<

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Otoe County 4-H Council



Senior Scholarship Opportunities

There are two scholarships available from the Otoe County 4-H Foundation.

- **Otoe County 4-H Foundation Scholarship** - up to 5 Winners of \$1500 Scholarship
- **Miyoshi-Smith Family Scholarship** - 1 Winner of a \$1000 Scholarship

The information has been emailed to all families of Seniors. You can also find the information and forms at the Extension Office and on [our website](#) under 4-H Resources.

Applications are due back to the EXTENSION OFFICE by **January 15th, 2024**.

Beef Weigh-In 2024

Beef Weigh-In & Tagging is set for Saturday, **January 27th from 9:00-12:00** at the Kimmel Arena. All market beef animals for both 4-H & FFA should attend this event, including all Bucket Calf +1 calves. Tags are \$3 each-cash or check. Must be at weigh-in to participate in the Rate of Gain contest!

DNA samples will be collected for anyone wishing to exhibit animals at either the Nebraska State Fair or Aksarben.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

FROM BEN, ELIZABETH AND CHERYL

The Extension Office will be closed from Dec. 25th through Jan. 1st. We will reopen on January 2nd.

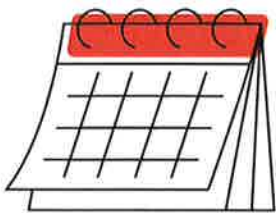
Don't forget to enroll on 4-H Online!

v2.4honline.com



2023 Achievement Night

Thank you to all 4-H Members, families, and leaders that made it out to the 4-H Achievement Night! It was a great night of celebration and recognition. Dozens of awards were earned and given out, with high attendance for the event. We look forward to next year's event where we can celebrate even more 4-H youth!



New events are regularly being added to the Extension Office calendar! Please check the county website for updates.

<https://events.unl.edu/OtoeCounty/upcoming/>



Thank you to Jim Stuart for 40 Years of Club Leadership!

Don't Forget!

Otoe County 4-H Open House & Project Fair; Sunday, December 3rd 4:30-6:00 @ the Fair Center.

Year End Treasurer's Report

The Year-End Treasurer's report for the 2023 4-H year is due from each 4-H club into the Extension Office before **January 31, 2024**. 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 FAIR
JULY 25-28, 2024**

2024 4-H Council

The purpose of the 4-H Council is to assist the County Extension staff in the promotion of 4-H work, and to help plan and implement various activities related to the county 4-H program. They were elected to be your voice, so please share your ideas with them!

WEST District: Julie VanMeter, **Brooke Hay**, Emily VanMeter, & Erin Chambers

CENTRAL District: Sherlyn Damme, Monty Lovelace, Ryan Damme, & **Bryn Boitnott**

EAST District: **Mike Wieckhorst**, Jaclyn Kreifels, Brianna Johnson, & Justus Kreifels

*New members in bold.

Chair: Monty Lovelace

Vice-Chair: Sherlyn Damme

Secretary: Emily VanMeter

Treasurer: Julie VanMeter



2023 Achievement Night Recap

Project Awards

Aerospace - Kaden Knake, Kirsten Knake
Beef - Jolie Kreifels
Clothing & Textiles - Daisa Smidt
Dog Care & Training - Lauren Brehm
Forestry - Cody Damme
Food & Nutrition - Liatrix Hay, Emily VanMeter, Lydia VanMeter
Home Environment - Amber Schropfer, Hadily Santema, Westleigh Santema, Ryan Damme
Horticulture - Ryan Damme
Horse - Bryn Boitnott
Poultry - Hadley Bakan, Emily VanMeter, Lydia VanMeter
Photography - Jolie Kreifels
Swine - Kirsten Knake
Visual Arts - Daisa Smidt
Woodworking - Westleigh Santema



County Special Awards

Clover Awards: Hubbard Hay, Michael Wood, Hadily Santema, Sydney Hoffman, Leighton Brehm, Sarah Schropfer, Kirsten Knake, Lauren Brehm, Maci Smidt, Jolie Kreifels, Amber Schropfer, Daisa Smidt, Emily VanMeter, Ryan Damme, Kaden Knake
Community Service Awards: Bryn Boitnott, Kaden Knake
Character Awards: Maci Smidt, Daisa Smidt
4-H Volunteer Awards: Westleigh Santema, Timothy Lovelace
Hard Luck Award: Hadley Bakan
Leadership Award: Bryn Boitnott, Daisa Smidt

Outstanding Member Awards

Junior: Michael Wood
Intermediate: Lydia VanMeter
Senior: Emily VanMeter

Diamond Clover Awards

Amethyst: Hadley Bakan, Kayla Kuszak, Michael Wood
Ruby: Kirsten Knake, Maci Smidt
Sapphire: Daisa Smidt
Emerald: Bryn Boitnott, Lauren Brehm

Club Awards


Club Community Pride: 1st-Better Ba-C's, 2nd-NV Helping Hands
Clubs of Excellence: Better Ba-C's, NV Helping Hands, Otoe County Aggies, Silver Creek, Wyoming Feeders

Adult & Community Awards

Friend of 4-H: Farm Credit Services
Leader of Excellence: Jess Kirchhoff
4-H Alumni: Greg Stukenholtz
10 Year Leader: Kelsey Stubbendick



December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 Open House	4	5	6 4-H Council Mtg	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	 25 Merry Christmas	26	27	28	29	30
31	-----Otoe County Extension Office Closed-----					

January 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1 Happy New Year	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 4-H Council Mtg	11	12 Senior Scholarship forms due into office	13
14	15 Office Closed MLK Holiday	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Static Supt Mtg	25 Livestock Supt Mtg	26	27 Beef Weigh In 9am to noon
28	29	30				