

>>> OTOE COUNTY 4-H <<<

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Otoe County 4-H Council



Welcome Stephanie!

Join us as we welcome Stephanie Stephens to Otoe County Extension!

Stephanie will be serving as the 4-H Assistant. She is from Elm Creek, Nebraska, and was a 4-H'er in Buffalo County for 13 years, where she showed goats and cattle and exhibited many static projects. She recently graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where she majored in Agriculture Education and minored in Animal Science. She also served as a 4-H intern for Lancaster County for three summers.

Stop by the Extension Office to say hello and introduce yourself!



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 16th, 2024**. (Moved from 1/15 due to office closure.)

Reminder

4-H Club Treasurer's Reports are due to the county extension office on or before **January 31st**.

Here is a link to the new reports:

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/otoe/4-h-resources/>

4-H Volunteer Impact Study

What you do makes a difference! We are excited to share that our state will be participating in the 4-H Volunteer Impact Study of volunteers in the North Central Region.

This survey is being conducted as a part of 12 state effort to document the impact of volunteering.

It will focus on three areas:

- the personal benefits of your volunteer experience;
- the impact you have on the organization by volunteering; and
- how your volunteer efforts contribute to your community in which you live and work.

A random sample of volunteers of 1000 volunteers from each state will be surveyed. This study will be conducted through an electronic survey. If you are selected you will receive an email to let you know you have been selected to participate.

You may be picked!!! If you are, please respond. We want to hear from you and learn from your volunteer experiences.

Your comments will be used to quantify the personal, organizational and public impacts of volunteers involved with 4-H Youth Development Programs in our twelve-state region.

Your impact is great and we want to hear from you!!!



Special Garden Project

The 2024 Special Garden Project will focus on Princess of India Nasturtium. This Victorian-era heirloom flower can be grown in a variety of ways including in containers. It provides a splash of color from its scarlet flowers and much of the plant can be eaten.

What is the Special Garden Project?

This project is open to all youth of 4-H age and it will give them the opportunity to learn about growing, harvesting, and exhibiting this unique flower. The Special Gardening Project lets 4-H members try their hand at growing unusual vegetables, flowers, and herbs. The project allows experienced 4-H gardeners to grow something fun, new, and different while letting those new to gardening get their feet wet in this project area.

Participants receive a seed packet from the Extension Office (must sign up on 4-H Online), receive newsletters about the project, and be eligible to exhibit at Otoe County & State Fair.



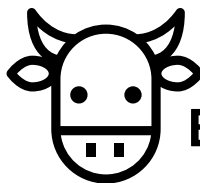
<https://4h.unl.edu/special-garden-project>

****New for 2024**** Register for your seed packet in [4HOnline](#) using the Events tab. You must be enrolled in the 2024 4-H year to register for a seed packet. Please also choose Horticulture as a Project Area when you enroll.



Shooting Sports Contests Dates

Sunday, May 19	County Shotgun Contest
Monday, July 8	County Rifle Contest
Wednesday, July 10	County Archery Contest
Sunday, July 14	County BB Gun Contest



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.



Sheep Weigh-In

Sheep weigh-in will be Saturday, April 27th @ 9:00AM at the OK Pavillion.

Summer 2024 CAMP
The power of being green

CHADRON JUNE 1-5 JUNE 6-8	10-14 YEARS 8-10 YEARS
COZAD JUNE 16-20 JULY 1-3	10-14 YEARS 8-10 YEARS
BURWELL JULY 17-19 JULY 20-24	8-10 YEARS 10-14 YEARS

REGISTER TODAY
[4H.UNL.EDU/CAMPS-REGISTER](https://4h.unl.edu/camps-register)



Superintendent meetings will be held on **Jan. 24th** (Static) & **25th** (Livestock & Horse) at the Fair Center from 6-8PM.

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JUNE 9-14, 2024
[HTTPS://4H.UNL.EDU/BIG-RED-CAMPS](https://4h.unl.edu/big-red-camps)

The Extension Office will be closed on the following dates in January & February:

- Monday, January 15th for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Monday, February 19th for President's Day

