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4-H News of .....Otoe County
"Your Front Door to the University of Nebraska"

June 15, 2018

2018 Otoe County Fair Theme: "All Roads Lead to the Fair"

Favorite Foods Revue & FFR With Beef Theme
Thursday, July 12, 6:30 p.m.

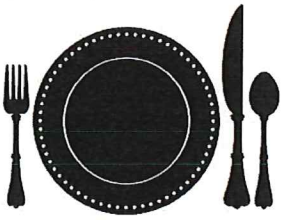
The Favorite Foods Revue (FFR) combines food preparation, menu planning, and table setting skills. 4-H members participating in the FFR need to plan a menu suitable for an indoor or outdoor meal. One food prepared by the 4-H member should be brought to the Revue with the selected table service, centerpiece, menu card, recipe card, and card table/picnic blanket. 4-H members enrolled in any 4-H Foods projects are eligible to participate.

The FFR is divided into three age divisions: 1) Clover Kids; 2) Juniors - those 11 and under as of January 1, 2018, and 3) Seniors - 4-H members 12 and older. More information is found on the enclosed flyer.

The FFR with Beef Theme is similar, but the food product has to be made using beef, you need a team of two, and you must use technology. See the enclosed flyer for more info. This contest is for 4-H members 10 and older.

Again this year there are awards in five theme categories. The top participant in each of the following areas will receive a $10 award:

1) Picnic
2) Casual
3) Formal
4) Holiday
5) Beef Theme - (each team member will receive $10)



These awards are in memory of Wilma Clem, who was passionate about the Favorite Foods Revue. These category awards are in addition to the Grand and Reserve Champion awards in both the Junior and Senior Division.

The FFR and the FFR with Beef Theme will be **Thursday, July 12, 6:30 p.m. at the Fair Center in Syracuse.** Pre-register by contacting the Extension Office at 402-269-2301. Pre-registration is due Wednesday, July 11th.

Please note the Junior Division 4-H Life Challenge Contest and the FFR/FFR with Beef Theme will run simultaneously, so everyone can participate in both contests!

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4-H Performing Arts Contest

Plan now to join in the fun of the 4-H Performing Arts Contest on **Friday, July 27, 6:00 p.m. on the Kimmel Event Center stage**. The Performing Arts Contest is combined with the Fashion Show.

The rules for the Performing Arts Contest can be found on the attached flyer in this TIPS newsletter.

The registration deadline is July 16. If you need more information, contact the Extension Office or check out the Fair Book on page 10. A thank you to Emily Johnson for sponsoring the Superior Performance plaque.

Otoe County 4-H T-Shirts

Otoe County 4-H T-shirts are for sale at the Extension Office before and during the Otoe County Fair. The cost is $7.00. Checks are payable to: Otoe County 4-H Council. Stop by and get yours today! We have green AND black t-shirts this year!

Junior Division Life Challenge Contest

The Junior Division 4-H Life Challenge Contest will be **Thursday, July 12 at the Fair Center in Syracuse**. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m., with the ribbons and awards presentation scheduled for approximately 8:30 p.m.

This contest is for boys and girls 11 and under as of January 1, 2018. Youth will judge four placing classes and take a short quiz.

Please note both Favorite Foods Revues and the Junior Division Life Challenge Contest will run simultaneously, so everyone can participate in these contests!

4-H Council Voting

Serving as a member of the Otoe County 4-H Council is a very important and fulfilling job. Again this year we will be voting during the County Fair. Voting takes place at the Extension Office and at various 4-H entry locations. Youth vote for youth and adults vote for adults.

Voting is not the only important duty, serving on the council during your involvement in 4-H is also important. **If you would like to be on the ballot contact Jeff Chambers at 402-416-9129, Lori Kirchhoff at 402-269-5210, or the Extension Office at 402-269-2301.** It would be great if every club had a candidate for their district!

Fairgrounds Clean-Up

Clean-up day this year will be **Saturday, July 21**. We will start at 8:00 a.m. and go until we are finished. The Ag Society has purchased new small animal cages so we need help to get Royal Arena set up for the fair.

Rolls will be provided by the Otoe County Ag Society for all the workers.

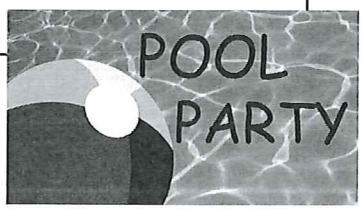
4-H Fashion Show & Clothing Construction

4-H'ers, are you busy sewing? 4-H members enrolled in clothing projects will be receiving a mailing on the fashion show and clothing construction judging. Entry forms for the fashion show for ALL clothing constructed items will be included in this packet. They are due to the Extension Office **Wednesday, July 11**. Judging will take place on Saturday, July 21 at Luther Memorial Church in Syracuse.

Please note: The public Fashion Show will be Friday, July 27, 6:00 p.m. at the Kimmel Event Center. The Fashion Show and Clothing Construction judging will be Saturday, July 21 at the Luther Memorial Church in Syracuse.

4-H Pool Party

The Otoe County 4-H Council is hosting a free pool party for all Otoe County 4-H members and your friends! The pool party is **Friday, July 13, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the Syracuse Aqua Center.** Free watermelon will be served! Come for a swimming great time! Of course, parents and leaders are welcome too!



Youth Crop Scouting Competition

On Thursday, July 26th, the 4-H Youth Crop Scouting Competition will be held at the UNL Agricultural Research and Development Center near Mead. Teams of youth will learn how to scout soybeans and corn, obtain knowledge helpful for potential careers, and network with University and industry professionals. Check out more details at http://cropwatch.unl.edu/cropsscoutingcompetition.

Deadline to register is July 18th. Call Brandy VanDeWalle at the Nebraska Extension in Fillmore County Office at 402-759-3712 if you have questions. This event is sponsored by the DuPont Pioneer, Nebraska Independent Crop Consultant Association, and Farm Credit Services of America.

State Fair Tickets for 4-H Families ONLY!

You may order State Fair tickets through the Extension Office again this year. The tickets prices are $5.00 with a $1.00 handling charge per family and there will be no refunds. Tickets must be paid for in advance. Parking on the fairgrounds is **FREE**. Please place your ticket orders by **Friday August 3rd. Checks should be made payable to: University of Nebraska-Lincoln.**

Character Counts! Throughout 4-H

Ribbons and trophies are only a small part of 4-H competitions and events with character development the cornerstone. Parents are a powerful influence on the behavior their children exhibit.

At 4-H events, members are expected to follow a code of conduct based on the Six Pillars of Character: respect, responsibility, caring, fairness, citizenship, and trustworthiness.

When parents practice the Six Pillars, especially during the heat of competition, kids are more likely to embrace those values.

Parents should strive to do the following at 4-H events:

- Treat 4-H members, parents, University of
- Nebraska-Lincoln Extension staff, judges, and others with respect. Avoid insults, name calling, and yelling.
- Model the importance of obeying the laws and 4-H rules as an obligation of citizenship, responsibility, fairness, and trustworthiness.
- Model kindness and compassion. Recognize that everyone has unique skills and talents that can be used to help others and the community.
- Teach fairness by being open to others' ideas, suggestions, and opinions. Treat all 4-H Members impartially.
- Provide a safe environment, not carelessly or intentionally harming youth or adults in any way - verbally, emotionally, or physically.

By following these guidelines, parents provide a positive 4-H experience not only for their children, but for other youth and adults at the Otoe County Fair.

4-H Fair Booths

A $10.00 deposit is required by July 16th to reserve space for a 4-H booth. This $10.00 will be refunded after the fair if the booth was set up. Booth size is 4' x 6' x 6'. 4-H booths must be in place by 7:30 p.m. the Wednesday of the Fair. The booths will be judged that evening by 8:00 p.m.

Pop Tabs

Otoe County 4-H has reached its goal of 2 million tabs! Now we have a new goal of 3 million tabs! Keep saving your tabs to help us reach our 3 million tab goal. This is an easy and great community service project for Otoe County 4-H members, their families, and all of Otoe County.

Cake Pans

Wilton cake pans have been donated to the Extension Office for 4-H members to use. They can be used for great cake decorating projects. Pans available for check out are: Elmo; Strawberry Shortcake; Smurf; two teddy bears; Darth Vader; double heart; gingerbread boy; high flyin' witch; mini-dinosaurs; rabbit; Rudolph, the Red nosed Reindeer and a wreath.

Check these cake pans out for county fair 4-H projects or for practice decorating throughout the year!

Read Your Fair Book!

The Otoe County Fair Book is updated and printed each year so 4-H members and families know what they may exhibit at the county fair. It also contains rules for county fair exhibitors as well as rules for project exhibits. It is extremely important for you to read your Otoe County Fair Book! You can also find it online at www.otoe.unl.edu or get a copy at the Extension Office.

4-H Presentations Contest

It's time to start thinking about your topic for the 4-H Presentations Contest. Youth gain valuable communication skills by participating in the 4-H Presentations Contest. There are plaques for the top 4-H member in the Junior and the Senior Division.

Check out page 11 of the Otoe County Fair Book for ***all the details***, but brief rules are:

1. Individuals or teams of two may compete in the Illustrated Presentation, the Teaching Presentation, and the 4-H FilmFest.

2. A 4-H member need not be enrolled in the project area in which they are making a presentation.

3. Classes include:
a) Illustrated Presentation
b) Illustrated Presentation Special Topic: Nebraska Agriculture
c) Illustrated Presentation Special Topic: Nebraska Agriculture Food Preparation
d) Teaching Presentation
e) Teaching Presentation - Special Topic: Nebraska Agriculture
f) 4-H FilmFest – (Digital Video) - Public Service Announcement, Narrative, Documentary **OR** Animation)

4. The time limit for the Illustrated Presentation is 6 to 8 minutes for individuals and 8 to 10 minutes for a team of two. 4-H Presentations should include an introduction (the "why" portion of the topic), a body (the "show and tell" portion of the topic), and a conclusion or summary (the "what" portion of the topic).

The time limit for the Teaching Presentation is 30 minutes, whether an individual or team.

The length of the 4-H FilmFest is a one minute introduction with a 3 to 5 minute video except for a digital video PSA, which is both a one minute introduction and a one minute long PSA. These times are for both individuals and teams of two.

5. If you are 10 or older as of January 1, 2018, and you would like to be considered for the Nebraska State Fair, your 4-H Presentation should be related to how you are learning about science, agricultural literacy, citizenship, or healthy living through your 4-H experiences or 4-H projects.

The 4-H Presentations Contest is **Tuesday, July 10, 7:00 p.m. at the Fair Center in Syracuse. Pre-registration is due Thursday, July 5**. For more information or to pre-register contact the Extension Office at 402-269-2301. Sarah is available to work with 4-H members on their presentation. Please call for an appointment.

4-H 5K Run instead of 4-H Food Stand

As many of you know, the Otoe County 4-H Food Stand takes a lot of work, but hungry 4-H families are fed and dollars are raised for the 4-H Council to support the 4-H program. However, due to problems associated with securing 4-H members and volunteers to work the 4-H Food Stand, the 4-H Council voted to drop the 4-H Food Stand and give it back to the Ag Society. Raising dollars to fund the 4-H program will still be important. The 4-H Council is planning on sponsoring a 4-H 5K run during National 4-H Week in October. The 4-H Foundation graciously voted to give the 4-H Specialty Food Auction to the 4-H Council, as another way for the 4-H Council to secure dollars. Please support the 4-H Council at the 4-H Specialty Food Auction during the fair and at the 4-H 5K run in October. Lots more information will be coming your way!

Livestock/Animals

Otoe County Livestock Entries Due

All County Livestock Entries are due **Monday, July 16 by 4:30 p.m.** Entry sheets can be picked up at the Extension Office or can be found on our website: www.otoe.unl.edu under 4-H Resource.

State Fair Livestock Entries

4-H and FFA exhibitors will select which animal entries they have chosen to show at State Fair on the State Fair entry website, www.statefair.org. All nominated and validated animals will be automatically listed as a choice option for pre-entry registration. 4-H and FFA youth participants will declare which youth organization they will show their animal projects by August 10 in ShoWorks. If an animal is entered online by August 10 or shown in FFA at the State Fair, it is eligible for AKSARBEN. Exhibitors will be required to bring the breed registration association paperwork to check-in at State Fair for animals wanting to show in a breed class. The exhibitor's name should be identified on the registration paper.

All livestock entries must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. Central Time on August 10, 2018.

AKSARBEN Entries

The responsibility for making proper entry rests upon the exhibitor. All entries must be submitted online through the online process via aksarbenstockshow.com by August 31. Registration begins July 1.

County Fair Bedding Fees for Beef

The Ag Society will be collecting money for livestock bedding. Livestock entries are due Monday, July 16. At that time you will need to pay for your wood chips and/or shavings. The money will be collected at the Extension Office. All beef animals will be charged $10.00/head, except stocker feeders are $5.00/head. There will be no refunds for animals that do not come to the fair.

Horse Class

If anyone is interested in entering the Driving Class, contact the Extension Office for additional rules/guidelines.

Beef, Goats, Horses, Sheep, and Swine Superintendent Stalling Meeting - Thursday, July 19th - 7:00 p.m. - Extension Office

JUNIOR DIVISION 4-H LIFE CHALLENGE

The Junior Division 4-H Life Challenge Contest is **Thursday, July 12 at the Fair Center on the Fairgrounds in Syracuse.** Registration begins at 6:30 p.m., with the ribbons and awards presentation scheduled for approximately 8:00 p.m. The Junior Division Otoe County 4-H Life Challenge is for all 4-H boys and girls ages 11 and under as of January 1.

At the county contest, junior division 4-H members will participate in four placing classes. In placing classes, they will rank, in order four items by how the items meet criteria. For example, deciding how appropriate four toys are for a toddler. Besides the placing classes, junior division 4-H members will also take a short quiz. Subject matter areas include:

Junior Division Placing Classes and Quiz
Citizen Safety
Cooking 101
Design My Place
Kids on the Grow 1
Making Cents of It
STEAM Clothing 1
Common Sense!

A cash prize of $20.00 will be given to both the Champion and Reserve Champion Junior Division 4-H members in this contest. Valentino's of Nebraska City and the Commercial State Bank of Nebraska City are sponsoring the awards. Everyone will receive ribbons and premium money!

There is no pre-registration. Come and join in the fun and learning! Hope to see you Thursday, July 12!

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4-H PERFORMING ARTS CONTEST

Friday, July 27 - 6:00 p.m.
Kimmel Event Center Stage

Contest Entries due Monday, July 16

Number - All participants must be 4-H members. A 4-H member may perform in one individual and one group class.

Time - Each group is allowed two minutes to arrange themselves on the stage and begin performing. Props are not encouraged, but if used, must be in place within the time limit. The performance of each group is limited to six minutes.

Selection - Any number of songs may be performed within the six minute time limit. 4-H'ers may perform selections of their choice.

Accompaniment - Recorded background music may be used only in Classes B901, B903, B905 and B907. Please bring your own CD player, if recorded accompaniment is used. Other classes may be accompanied by piano, guitar, or other instruments. Live accompaniment, if used, may be by a 4-H member or leader.

Music Stands - Please provide your own music stands.

Director - Song groups, combos, and bands may appear with or without a director. The director of a group must be a 4-H member.

Clover Kids - Clover Kids can participate in the 4-H Performing Arts Contest as long as they are performing as a group along with regular 4-H members.

State Fair - There is no State Fair 4-H Performing Arts Contest.

Classes:

B901. Drill Team - May be a drill, square or folk dance, tap dance, or any routine done as a group. Must have at least three participants.
B902. Song Group - Piano, guitar, or other instrument.
B903. Song Group - Recorded music for accompaniment.
B904. Combo or Band - Group must be three or more with instruments of their choice, including piano. May include vocalists.
B905. Solo or duet: vocal
B906. Solo or duet: instrumental
B907. Solo or duet: dance

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FAVORITE FOODS REVUE

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The Favorite Foods Revue will be **Thursday, July 12**, with set up beginning at 6:30 p.m. The Revue is at the Fair Center in Syracuse. Pre-register by Tuesday, July 11 by calling the Extension Office at 402-269-2301.

The agenda for the contest is:

6:30 p.m.	- Set up
6:45 p.m.	- Orientation for Favorite Foods Revue
6:50 p.m.	- Favorite Foods Revue
*8:30 p.m.	- Approximate time of Ribbon Presentation and Judge's Comments

CONTEST GUIDELINES

1) Each 4-H member will bring his/her favorite food in/on the appropriate bowl/plate, etc. The judge will not taste the food prepared.

2) Each 4-H member will bring a card table/picnic blanket and all paper goods/linens, glasses, plates, and utensils for one place setting. A centerpiece should be a part of the exhibit. The 4-H member should exhibit proper table setting practices when setting up the exhibit.

3) Each 4-H member will bring the menu featuring the favorite food and the recipe for the favorite food. The menu and the recipe can be printed on individual cards or the same card.

4) Each 4-H member will visit with the judge for 2- 3 minutes. The 4-H member will share the following:
   a. the 4-H food project the 4-H member is enrolled in;
   b. a brief description of the chosen occasion;
   c. an explanation of menu choices (nutrition, meal planning principles, etc.); and
   d. an explanation of the table setting chosen (type, articles included, etc.).

5) Each 4-H'er will set his/her table and give a presentation without the assistance of parents, friends, or leaders. An adult can carry in and setup the card table.

6) The contestant's parents, friends, or leaders may observe the setup, presentation and judging of the contestant's exhibit from chairs, which will be provided.

7) Relax, have fun, and enjoy the contest!

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Favorite Foods Revue with Beef Theme

Thursday, July 12 – 6:30 p.m. at the Fair Center in Syracuse

Demonstrate healthy decision making through nutrition, menu planning, food preparation, and food safety.

Who can enter?

- ★ 4-H youth, 10-18 years working in teams of two (2)
- ★ 4-H members enrolled in a Foods & Nutrition project

What do I have to do?

- ★ Choose a theme and design a table setting
- ★ Create a menu
- ★ Prepare one food item and bring it to the contest!
- ★ Include the **Challenge Ingredient: Beef**
- ★ Live interview with judge
- ★ Use of **technology** during interview
- ★ Bring a table, table setting, menu, and food product with beef to the contest

What about the interview?

- ★ Talk about your table & food (theme, nutrition, menu, cost, food safety)
- ★ Juniors (10-12 years) 8-10 minute interview
- ★ Seniors (13-18 years) 12-15 minute interview
- ★ Present using technology using iPad, laptap, PowerPoint, picture story, video -- BE CREATIVE!

How can I learn more?

Contest Information for County and State Fair:
http://food.unl.edu/food-projects

If you have questions and to register by Wednesday, July 11 call Nebraska Extension in Otoe County - 402-269-2301

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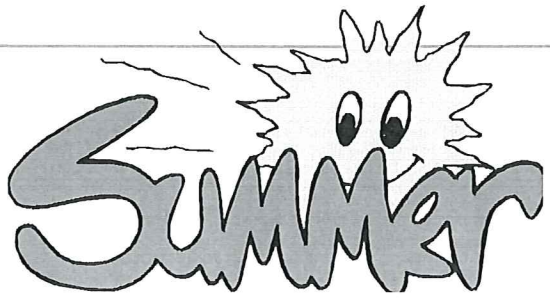
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8	9	10 Pillowcase Fever 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 --- Communications Contest - 7:00 pm	11 4-H Fashion Show Entry Sheets Due --- 3-D Modeling Camp 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. --- 4-H Council - 7:00 p.m.	12 Tote Bag 9:00 am-4:00pm --- Jr. Life Challenge/FFR 6:30 p.m.	13 4-H Pool Party 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	14
15	16 **4-H Livestock, Performing Arts, & Booth Entry sheets due by 4:30 p.m.**	17	18 Code Camp 9:00-11:30 a.m. @ Ext. Office	19 Large Animal Superintendent Stalling Meeting 7:00 p.m. @ Ext. Office	20	21 Fairgrounds Clean-Up @ 8:00 a.m. --- Clothing, Fashion Show, Photography Entry - 9:00 a.m.
22	23	24 Enter 4-H Home Environment & ALL Clover Kid items - 4:00 - 6:30 p.m.	25 Enter 4-H Foods & Ag Misc. - 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. --- Enter Sheep, Meat Goats, Dairy Goats, and Beef	26 **OTOE COUNTY FAIR**	27 **OTOE COUNTY FAIR**	28 **OTOE COUNTY FAIR**
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