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# TIPS ON TAP



## Fair is Approaching!

Fair time is fast approaching and the office is abuzz with preparations. We are working diligently to make the fair a smooth process for all involved, particularly our 4-H families.

As shared in recent Wednesday What-Nots, a Google Drive Folder has been created to house fair resources. There you can find a document that covers some basic "How-To's," information on this year's Choice Awards, and other helpful information. If there is something you would like to see in that folder, please contact the Extension Office. We hope to get it on the website eventually, but a Google Folder seems to be the easiest for families to access at this time.

[Fair Resources Google Folder](#)

Looking forward to a great fair,  
Elizabeth

## Summer Workshops

There is still some room in a few of our summer workshops, so check them out on the Events tab in 4-H Online today!



Some items of note:

- Registration closes the Friday before the workshop.
- Registration is not considered "complete" until payment (cash or check) is received.
- Supplies will only be ordered for the number of youth whose registration is complete.

## Leader's Corner

Leaders,

Club meetings are a great time to remind your 4-H'ers about this year's deadlines! Please remind everyone that June 15th falls on a Saturday this summer. Extension staff will not be in the office that day, so any questions should be directed to staff by June 14th. Online enrollment and ID entries will not be accepted on Monday, June 17th!

4-H members and families are welcome to come to the Extension office to receive help with online enrollment and/or workshop registration.

Please also note that the first workshop deadline is May 31st! If a 4-H family cannot see a workshop on 4-H Online, then it is full.

Leaders- thank you for all that you do!

Stephanie

## Trapshooting Contest

The Otoe County Fair Trapshooting contest was held on Sunday, May 19th at Otoe County Wildlife Club. From the Intermediates, Andyn Luff earned Champion with 40/50 clays and Jacob Hippen Reserve Champion with 36/50 clays.

From the Senior group, Ryan Damme earned Champion with 71/75 clays and Cody Damme Reserve Champion with 66/75 clays. Congratulations to all who participated and a special thank you to Dee Moore for putting on a great event!



Intermediates: Finley Long, Hope Jones, Philip Armknecht, Grant Wheatley, Kelsey Steinhoff, Andyn Luff, Jacob Hippen, Alex Buddenberg



Seniors: Kalyn Smith, Max Gorham, Jason Moore, Brandon Steinhoff, Cody Damme, Ryan Damme

## Fairbooks are OUT!

2024 Fairbooks are now available! Stop by the Extension Office to pick one up. They will also be available at the Morton James Public Library in Nebraska City, the Syracuse Public Library, and the Palmyra Library. A list of other locations will be posted on our social media. It will also be available on [otoe.unl.edu](http://otoe.unl.edu).

There are some small changes from previous years, so please look through it carefully.

State fairbooks are also available at <https://4h.unl.edu/state-fair>. Along with state fair divisions and classes, you can also find judging sheets, required supporting documentation, and resources. It is a great place to start when beginning projects!



## Official Show Shirts

Beck's Seed has graciously sponsored t-shirts for every enrolled 4-H member to be worn at fair! Please complete your 4-H enrollment online before June 1st so these can be ordered!



## Livestock Tags

Ear tags for all livestock species are available for purchase at the Extension Office.

Beef & swine EID tags are \$3.

Poultry bands are \$.50.

Sheep tags are \$2 & required this year.

Goats only need scrapies tags.

Taggers are available for check out.

## Club Booths at the Fair

4-H Clubs wishing to reserve space for a 4-H booth need to notify the Extension Office by July 15th. The booth size is 4'x6'x6' and must be set up between noon and 6:00pm on Tuesday, July 23rd. Booths should focus on one of two topics: community involvement (service, etc) OR telling the 4-H story to prospective new members.

# FAIR PREP

**DEADLINE**

## IMPORTANT DEADLINES

A document outlining important 4-H dates is included in this mailing, but we wanted to bring special attention to the following deadlines:

- **Saturday, June 15th**
  - 4-H Enrollment (online)
  - Animal ID Sheets (to office)
  - YQCA Certificates (to office)
  - DNA (to office)
  - Livestock State Fair Nominations (online)
- **Monday, July 1st**
  - FairWire/ShoWorks entry for ANIMALS (livestock, horse, dog)
  - Horse advancement levels (to office)
- **Monday, July 15th**
  - FairWire/ShoWorks entry for STATIC (including Clover Kid)

**Please note that June 15th is a Saturday & the office will not be open to help with enrollment or any other questions you may have. Please take care of these things by Friday, June 14th to ensure success!**

## Entry Worksheets

Do you struggle with organizing all of your 4-Her's project entries while combing through the fairbook? We created a "worksheet" to help you with just that! Use the worksheet to find and organize the projects you have done BEFORE getting into FairWire/ShoWorks. Available at the Extension Office or in the [Fair Resources Google Folder](#), these worksheets will help make online entry a breeze-or at least a bit easier!



## Static Entry Day Changes

Some entry & judging days for static have changed from previous years. An easy way to think of it is: If it melts or wilts, bring it on Wednesday!

The only static departments that are entering and judging on Wednesday are Healthy Living (including SAFETY) and Plant Science.

IMPORTANT:

- Safety is no longer with Ag Misc, but rather in Healthy Living like it is at the State Fair.
- Garden Decorations is no longer with Plant Science, but with Consumer & Family Sciences: Home Design & Restoration.

For more specific information, please see the [Fair Resources Google Folder](#) or your Fairbook.

## Clover Kid Livestock Exhibitors

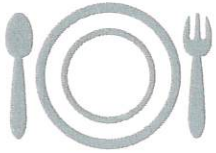


Clover Kids can be involved in showing livestock as well! Don't forget: their animal will need to be tagged (if applicable) and they will need a backtag for the show.



## Fair Clean-Up Day!

Fair Clean-Up Day is scheduled for **Saturday, July 20th**. Clean up will start at 8:00am and go until all is done. Please make sure to check in with the Superintendents for a list of things that need to be done. When one area is finished, please make sure to help out in other areas. Please bring along your tools & equipment!



# FAIR PREP

## Favorite Foods Revue

Mark your calendars! The Favorite Foods Revue will be Sunday, June 30, 1:00pm at the Kimmel Event Center. The Favorite Foods Revue combines food preparation, menu planning, and table setting skills. 4-H members participating in the Favorite Food Revue will need to plan a menu suitable for an indoor or outdoor meal. One food from the menu should be prepared by the 4-H member and brought to the Revue with the selected table service, centerpiece, menu card, recipe card, and card table.

More information will be send to 4-H families directly through email. Please make sure your email in 4-H Online is current!



## Fashion Show

Be on the look out for an email containing details and instructions for registration and entry into this year's fashion show. Judging will take place on Sunday, July 21st, 1:00pm at the Kimmel Event Center.

The PUBLIC Fashion Show will be Thursday, July 25th, 6:00pm at the Kimmel Event Center.



## Choice Awards



The Awards Committee of the Otoe County 4-H Council has approved award choices for the 2024 fair. You can find more information in the [Fair Resources Google Folder](#).

NOTE:

- Banners are still being designed, but are an option.
- Champion & Reserve Champion have different choices this year.
- Choice Cards not returned by Friday, August 2nd will have the cash award selected for them.

## Wider Extension Opportunities

### FSA Youth Loans

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) makes loans to youth to establish and operate agricultural income-producing projects in connection with 4-H clubs, FFA and other agricultural groups. Projects must be planned and operated with the help of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience.

For more details, including eligibility, go to: <https://newsroom.unl.edu/announce/4hstaff/17492/95387>



## 2024 Otoe County 4-H Dates

Saturday, April 27	Sheep & Goat Weigh-In – O.K. Pavilion – 9:00-11:00 am
Sunday, May 19	County Shotgun Contest – Otoe County Wildlife Club – 10:00 am
June	4-H Workshops TBD
Saturday, June 1	DEADLINE: <u>State</u> Horse Expo (only): Horse Advancement Levels, Horse ID Sheets, & Entry
Saturday, June 15	<b>4-H Enrollment Deadline;</b> DEADLINE: Animal ID Sheets, Horse ID Sheets, YQCA certificate of completion, DNA, Livestock State Fair Nominations
June 17-18	Premier Communications Event – UNL’s East Campus
June 20-21	Premier Animal Science Event (PASE) – UNL’s East Campus
Sunday, June 30	Favorite Foods Revue – Kimmel Event Center – 1:00 pm
Monday, July 1	DEADLINE: 4-H, Clover Kid, & FFA <u>Livestock</u> (Horse & Dogs included); Horse Advancement Levels (county fair) Entries on FairWire/ShoWorks
Monday, July 8	County Rifle Contest – Kimmel Arena
Wednesday, July 10	County Archery Contest – Kimmel Arena – 6:00 pm
Sunday, July 14	County BB Gun Competition
Monday, July 15	DEADLINE: 4-H, Clover Kid, & FFA <u>Static</u> Entries on FairWire/ShoWorks
July 13-17	State Horse Expo
Saturday, July 20	Fair Clean Up Day
Sunday, July 21	Textiles, Quilts, & Apparel Entry & Judging; Fashion Show Judging
Sunday, July 21	Otoe County Fair Dog Show
Tuesday, July 23	Entry & Judging for: Communication & Expressive Arts; Family & Consumer Sciences; Leadership, Citizenship, & Personal Development; Clover Kids; Environmental Education and Earth Science; Science, Engineering, & Technology
Wednesday, July 24	Entry & Judging for: Healthy Living; Plant Science
Wednesday, July 24	Livestock (including poultry & rabbit) & Horse Check In and Weigh In
July 25-28	Otoe County Fair
Aug. 23-Sept. 2	Nebraska State Fair

