

»»» OTOE COUNTY 4-H «««

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Otoe County 4-H Council



Sharing 4-H

4-H can be hard to understand for someone who has never been involved. Many might see it as “bringing livestock to the fair and doing a sewing project.” YOU all know 4-H is that and MUCH more. You know that 4-H empowers young people to be true leaders. It gives you what you need to have confidence; know how to work well with others; endure through challenges; and stick to a job until it gets done. Not to mention, it is a LOT of FUN!

Sharing the fun of 4-H can help others enjoy those same benefits. The Otoe County 4-H Council wants you to share the FUN of 4-H by inviting a friend to the 4-H Bowling Party. Details are in the flyer, but call the Extension Office if you have any questions. We hope to see a lot of youth & their friends there!

~Elizabeth



Pop Tab Update

Keep saving those pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House in Omaha! Our most recent drop off was 88,500! We are only 131,000 away from hitting 3 MILLION!

Check out our name on the “Thanks a Million Page” here: <https://rmhcomaha.org/get-involved/donate-pop-tabs/>

Grow an Herb Garden Workshop

- LEARN HOW TO PASTURIZE PLANTING MEDIUM
- PLANT YOUR OWN HERBS TO TAKE HOME
- PRACTICE USING HERBS IN TASTY RECIPES
- PAINT YOUR OWN CLAY POT

SIGN UP ON 4-H ONLINE

MARCH 29TH
9 - 11 AM

AGES: 8+
COST: \$10*

KITCHEN GARDEN

FAIR CENTER, SYRACUSE

*CASH OR CHECK DUE TO OFFICE BY MARCH 20TH

THANK YOU!

THANK YOU Richard P. Kimmel and Laurine Kimmel Charitable Foundation, Inc. for awarding the Otoe County 4-H Council a \$2500 grant for culinary education in Otoe County!



THANK YOU!

THANK YOU Farm Credit Services of America for awarding the Otoe County 4-H Council a \$2000 Working Here Funds Grant to expand agriculture education in the 4-H Exploration Area at the 2024 Otoe County Fair!



Summer Opportunities

Thanks to the generosity of the Otoe County 4-H Foundation, there are a limited number of scholarships available for Otoe County 4-Hers to attend 4-H Camp. This includes camps through Nebraska State 4-H Camp, and Big Red Camps hosted on UNL's campus. Registration is now OPEN for both opportunities.

Please call the Extension Office for information on scholarship availability.

Leader's Corner

Leaders,

Have your officers ever asked what they should be doing during your 4-H club meetings? We have you covered!

4-H has multiple guides to help streamline your 4-H Meetings: Officer's Guide, Secretary's Handbook, Treasurer's Handbook, and Reporter's Handbook. Your club officers can use these handbooks to keep track of spending, minutes, and write up your events to submit to the newspaper! You can email me at sstephens9@unl.edu to get a pdf version of these guides, or ask for a printed copy!

Stay tuned for club project ideas!

~Stephanie



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)




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BIG RED CAMPS

JUNE 9-14, 2024

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

FAIR PREP



2024 Otoe County In-Person YQCA Training Dates

- February 5, 2024 @ 6 PM
- March 17, 2024 @ 6 PM

Trainings will be held at the Fair Center at the Fairgrounds

ALL livestock (including poultry & rabbit) exhibitors must complete YQCA either online or in-person and send their certificate to the Extension office by June 15th



Register online at YQCAprogram.org

TUESDAY, APRIL 2ND
6:00-7:00 PM
FAIR CENTER

SPECIAL AGRONOMY PROJECT WORKSHOP

SIGN UP
4-H ONLINE
EVENTS

LEARN ABOUT:

- Uses of sugar beets
- How beets are processed into sugar
- Why they can be grown in Nebraska
- Sugar beet production compared to corn & soybean, and more
- How to grow YOUR project

Workshop led by Water & Cropping Systems Extension Educator John Nelson!

Don't forget to register for your seeds by 2/29!

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 & goats only need scrapies tags. Taggers are also available for check out.



Sheep & Goat Weigh-In



Sheep & goat weigh-in will be Saturday, April 27th from 9:00-11:00AM at the OK Pavilion.

The 2024 Otoe County Fair will include a Market Goat Rate of Gain contest! Animals must participate in the weigh-in to be considered for the Rate of Gain Contest.



4-H Music Contest

The 2024 Otoe County 4-H Music Contest will once again be a virtual event in partnership with Johnson, Pawnee, & Nemaha Counties. Entries are due on April 27th by noon. Details on events and how to submit will be coming to families through the 4-H Online email system.



Wider Extension Opportunities

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Eastern & Central Nebraska Soil Health Conferences



Register
NOW

Learn about innovative soil health and cover crop practices from farmers, researchers and industry representatives.

EASTERN NEBRASKA SOIL HEALTH CONFERENCE
 February 29, 2024 * 8:30 am to 3.30 pm
 West Point Nielsen Community Center, 200 Anna Stalp Avenue, West Point, NE

CENTRAL NEBRASKA SOIL HEALTH CONFERENCE
 March 5, 2024 * 8:30 am to 3.30 pm
 Adams County Fairgrounds, 947 S Baltimore Ave, Hastings, NE

REGISTRATION & DETAILS:






<https://go.unl.edu/2024soilhealthconferences>

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Agenda: <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/enreec/nebraska-soil-health-conference/>



GROBigRed

Virtual Learning Series

Wednesdays | 12 p.m. CST



Join the experts from Nebraska Extension to learn and ask questions about:

- 2/14 — Starting Plants for Your Garden • Nicole Stoner
- 3/13 — Maximizing Garden Potential • David Lott & Ian Peterson
- 4/10 — Rain — Use It, Don't Lose It! • Kelly Feehan
- 5/8 — Simple Landscape Design • Elizabeth Exstrom
- 6/12 — Summer Lawn Care • John Fech
- 7/10 — Vegetable Garden Disease • Sarah Browning
- 8/14 — Fall Garden Maximization • David Lott & Ian Peterson
- 9/11 — Pollinator Habitats • Scott Evans & Mary Jane Frogge

Register at: <https://iles.unl.edu/grobigrd>

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Save the Dates!

Savvy Full Season Soybean Management

A Three-Part Webinar Series

MARCH 08	Pre-Season Maturity Group, Planting Date, and Biological Seed Treatment Choices
MARCH 15	In-Season Fertilizer and Fungicide Applications
MARCH 22	Late-Season Desiccation Decisions

All webinars will be held at 1 pm EST/12 pm CST

Register using the QR code or by visiting go.ncsu.edu/savvymanagementregister.

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SUCCESS

Based on the Science of Soybeans





MARCH

2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
25	26	27	28	29	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 4-H Council Meeting 7:00PM	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 UNL CHICK DAYS Spring Rabbit Show
24 YQCA Training 6:00PM	25 Ag Society Meeting	26	27	28	29	30 Bowling Party
31	1	2	3	4	5 Grow a Herb Garden Workshop	6

APRIL

2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 4-H Council Meeting	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Meat Goat and Sheep Weigh In 9-11
28 BB Gun/Air Rifle New Shooters Clinic 4pm	29	30	1	2	3	4