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4-H NEWS OF OTOE COUNTY
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WELCOME! GREAT TO HAVE YOU IN 4-H!

We are thrilled to have nearly 400 youth enrolled as either a 4-H member or Clover Kid this year! We are expecting a record number of youth involved in our Otoe County program!

4-H grows happy and healthy youth, families and communities. It's great to have you in 4-H! We're fortunate to work with some of the greatest families in Otoe County. It's exciting to see youth develop and grow. We also welcome at this time new families! We're looking forward to working with you. Please stop by the Extension Office anytime, utilize our website, and call or email when you need information.

We encourage 4-H families to adopt these expectations: 1) Attend a majority of your club meetings, 2) Meet project goals as designated by your family or club, 3) Give a presentation at your club and/or county contest, 4) Make county fair exhibits, 5) Participate in community service activities, 6) Read the monthly 4-H TIPS newsletter, 7) Turn in the new 4-H Annual Achievement Application, and 8) Practice good character and sportsmanship.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are thankful for our Otoe County 4-H Volunteers! We need you to make the Otoe County Fair run and run smoothly! We have created a 4-H Volunteer Sign Up Sheet for the Otoe County Fair found at <https://go.unl.edu/fairvolunteer>. Please sign up by July 1 - if not before! We thank you in advance for helping to make the 2021 Otoe County Fair a success!

4-H WORKSHOPS

Register now for 4-H workshops being offered this summer! Check out pages 5 - 9 for more information on the great 4-H workshops that have not filled. Contact the Extension Office at 402-269-2301 to register. Hope to see you this summer!

LIVING ROOM LEARNING IS BACK!

Looking for a summer experience that you can participate in from the comfort of your home? Join Nebraska 4-H in June and July for Living Room Learning+! A hands-on, virtual activity will be shared during these live experiences with youth joining from across Nebraska. Each session will use inexpensive, easy-to-find materials. The completed project may be showcased at county fair. A career connection to the project will also be made. Sessions will focus on Food + Science and Entrepreneurship + Art. The first 25 pre-registrations received for both sessions will receive the Nebraska 4-H Project of the Year educational kit (a \$25+ value!) mailed to them for use during Living Room Learning+ in July. Pre-register today at <http://4h.unl.edu/living-room-learning!>

The sessions will feature the following topics:

- Wednesday, June 9, at 10am CT - Food + Science
- Wednesday, July 7, at 10am CT - Entrepreneurship + Art

CONGRATULATIONS OTOE COUNTY 4-H GRADUATES!

We are proud of you and wish you all the best in your future endeavors!

ONLINE HORTICULTURE JUDGING CONTEST

The 2021 Nebraska 4-H Online Horticulture Judging Contest is just around the corner. This year the contest will be available from June 4 at 8:00 a.m. until June 21 at 8:00 a.m. It is composed of three areas: identification, judging, and general knowledge. It is open to all 4-H youth. The link below will take you directly to the contest: 4h.unl.edu/ohjc

Study materials for the Online Horticulture Judging Contest and the State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest held during State Fair are the same and they can be found at: <https://4h.unl.edu/online-horticulture-judging-contest>.

Contact Elizabeth at 308-385-5088 or at elizabeth.exstrom@unl.edu if you have any questions.

4-H PLANT SCIENCE CONTEST

Lancaster County is offering a 4-H Plant Science Contest on Wednesday, June 9, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Lancaster County Extension Office, 444 Cherrycreek Road in Lincoln. This contest is open to all 4-H youth ages 10 to 18. Register by Monday, June 7 by calling 402-441-7180. Participating youth will be able to use a list of plants while identifying samples. Ribbons will be mailed after the contest. Premiums will be paid. Study materials are online at: <http://lancaster.unl.edu/hort/youth/fair>.

HOME ENVIRONMENT AND LEGOS®

4-H members who love Legos® can create items for the home in the “Design My Place” 4-H projects. Check out Class C905 - Simple accessory made using plastic. This class is a great place to enter your Lego® creation.

If you did not enroll in this project, please go online to: ne.4honline.com and enroll by June 15.

ONLINE INSECT ID CONTEST

The 2021 Nebraska 4-H Online Insect ID Contest is just around the corner. This year the contest will be available from June 4 until June 21. The contest consists of insect identification and multiple-choice questions. Participants will gain knowledge about insects and entomology through this competition. It is open to all 4-H youth. The link below will take you directly to the contest: 4h.unl.edu/oiic.

Study materials for the Online Insect ID Contest and the State 4-H Insect ID Contest held during State Fair are the same and they can be found at: <https://4h.unl.edu/online-insect-id-contest>.

Contact Michael at 308-284-6051 or at meskelson2@unl.edu if you have any questions.

4-H CLUB OF EXCELLENCE

The Nebraska State 4-H Office is recognizing 4-H Clubs of Excellence. To receive the designation as a 4-H Club of Excellence in Nebraska, 4-H clubs must meet the following:

- Have at least five members from at least three different families
- Recite the 4-H Pledge at meetings
- Meet at least six times per year
- Choose/elect youth officers
- Give youth leadership roles
- Have one club project (related to curriculum) which the club can do together
- Have adult role models (parental involvement)
- Are facilitated by a volunteer/organizational leader who has successfully completed the Volunteer Profile
- Have members who perform a presentation or public speaking at the club level or above
- Complete one community service project
- Have members who participate in a county, district, or state event(s)
- Celebrate member and club achievements

If a club meets all these requirements they will receive a charter and a seal the first year and an additional seal in subsequent years. These will be presented at the 4-H Achievement Celebration in the fall.



YQCA IN-PERSON TRAININGS

All 4-H members enrolled in beef, dairy goat, meat goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine projects are required to complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training to exhibit their livestock. This training must be completed by June 15.

To begin YQCA, **you MUST be enrolled in Otoe County 4-H for 2021**. Enroll at: ne.4honline.com.

The next trainings will be:

- Monday, June 7: 9:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.
- Monday, June 7: 1:00 p.m.—2:30 p.m.

These sessions may not run quite the full time. Each youth needs to bring a notebook and pencil or pen.

Please call the Extension Office at 402-269-2301 to pre-register, but **you still need to register online at <https://yqca.learn-grow.io/>**.



ANIMAL ID SHEETS DUE JUNE 15

All Otoe County Animal ID's for Breeding Beef, Feeder Calves, Bucket Calves, Companion Animals, Dogs, Dairy Goats, Breeding Meat Goats, Market Meat Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Breeding Sheep, Market Sheep, Breeding and Market Swine are due in the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 15.

All State Fair entries are due, June 15, by 11:59 p.m.

Animal ID sheets can be found online at: <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/otoe/4h/>.

ANIMAL ENTRY SHEET DUE JULY 12

All Otoe County Animal Fair Entries for Breeding Beef, Feeder Calves, Bucket Calves, Companion Animals, Dogs, Dairy Goats, Breeding Meat Goats, Market Meat Goats, Horses, Poultry, Rabbits, Breeding Sheep, Market Sheep, Breeding and Market Swine are due in the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, July 12.



2021 NEBRASKA STATE FAIR & AKSARBEN ANIMAL INFORMATION

Exhibitors showing market animals (Goat, Sheep and Swine) or Feeder Calves at the Nebraska State Fair must have signed and sealed an official DNA envelope with hair samples for DNA verification. This envelope needs to be turned into the Otoe County Extension Office by June 15th. The completed nomination in showstockmgr.com and the payment needs to be submitted online by June 15th.

DNA envelopes can be picked up from the Otoe County Extension Office.

Exhibitors showing breeding beef, sheep and goats at the Nebraska State Fair will need to complete an online nomination at showstockmgr.com by June 15th.

Those 4-H members wanting to show at AKSARBEN need to go to the AKSARBEN website at:

<https://www.aksarbenstockshow.com> for all information.

CLOVER KID BUCKET CALVES

Bucket Calves must be born after January 1, 2021 and weigh no more than 350 pounds. Exhibition includes a short interview with the judge to discuss the youth's knowledge of caring for and raising the calf. The calves will be shown starting at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, July 23, before the 4-H Beef Show.

Clover Kids must purchase and tag the calf and complete Animal ID sheet by June 15th which are all available at the Extension Office.

COUNTY FAIR BEDDING FEES

The Otoe County Ag Society will be collecting money for livestock bedding. At that time you check-in at fair, you will need to pay for your wood chips and/or shavings. The money will be collected by the Ag Society. All cattle will be charged \$10.00/head, except stocker feeders and bucket calves are \$5.00/head.

4-H PRESENTATION CONTEST

It's time to start thinking about your topic for the 4-H Presentation Contest, which is **Thursday, June 10**. Youth gain valuable communication skills by participating in the 4-H Presentations Contest. 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 Illustrated Presentation time limit 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 Teaching Presentation time limit 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, 2021, and you would like to be considered for the Nebraska State Fair, your 4-H Presentation - either Illustrated Presentation or Teaching Presentation - should be related to how you are learning through 4-H educational experiences focused on the priorities of career and college readiness, community development, entrepreneurship, food supply confidence, healthy living, leadership development, and STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.)

If you are 10 or older as of January 1, 2021, and you would like to be considered for the Nebraska State Fair, your 4-H FilmFest (Digital Video) should engage the audience and teach them about something you learned about science, healthy living, citizenship, and agricultural literacy.

The 4-H Presentation Contest is Thursday, June 10, 7:00 p.m. location TBA. Please pre-registration by Monday, June 7. For more information or to pre-register contact the Extension Office at 402-269-2301. .



DOG PRACTICES

4-H Dog practices are starting every Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. in the Extension Office yard. Anyone enrolled in the 4-H Dog project is welcome to attend! If you would like help, please contact Dr. Evangline Stuck. Dr. Stuck can be reached at 402-873-0600.

Dr. Stuck is the superintendent of the Dog Division and is extremely knowledgeable about working with dogs. She is willing to help you and your dog grow in the 4-H Dog project.

4-H HORSE & LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTESTS

This year Otoe County 4-H'ers can participate in the Cass County 4-H Horse Judging contest on Sunday, August 8, 12:30 p.m. The 4-H Livestock Judging Contest will be Saturday, August 14, 9:00 a.m. at the Cass County Fairgrounds, with registration starting at 8:30 a.m.

However, Otoe County 4-H'ers who want to participate in either contest need to pre-register at the Otoe County Extension Office by Wednesday, August 11 so materials can be prepared in the Otoe County Office for these events. Otoe County 4-H'ers will be judging alongside Cass and Sarpy County 4-H'ers.

JUNE 2021



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30 Please re-enroll in Otoe County 4-H! 4-H!	31 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED	1 Sewing For Fun 9:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. @ Extension Office	2 Meat Science 9:00 a.m. @ Fair Center Pour Painted Pots 12:00 p.m. @ Extension Office Livestock Judging Team Practice 5:30 p.m. @ Extension Office Dog Practice 6:30 p.m. @ Extension Office	3 Rabbit Showmanship 6:30 p.m. @ Extension Office	4 Goat Showmanship 6:00 p.m. @ OK Pavilion	5 Floral Design 1:00 p.m. @ Fair Center
6	7 YCQA 9:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. @ Fair Center	8 Cake Decorating 9:00 a.m. @ Fair Center Healthy Snacks 1:00 p.m. @ Fair Center 4-H Council Meeting 7 p.m.	9 3D Modeling via Zoom 10:00 a.m. Code Camp via Zoom 1:00 p.m. or 3:00 p.m. Livestock Judging Team Practice 5:30 p.m. @ Extension Office Dog Practice 6:30 p.m. @ Extension Office	10 3D Modeling via Zoom 10:00 a.m. Presentation Contest 7:00 p.m. @ TBA	11 Tractor Safety Training @ Cass County Animals Inside & Out 9:00 a.m. @ Extension Office 3D Modeling via Zoom @ 10:00 a.m.	12
13	14 Let's Learn to Paint Pillowcase Fever 9:00 a.m. @ Extension Office Simple Table Rubber 1:00 p.m. @ Extension Office Sheep Showmanship 6:00 p.m. @ OK Pavilion	15 Animal ID Sheets Entries Due YCQA Deadline Last Day to Enroll in 4-H!	16 Pencil Drawing 1:00 p.m. @ Fair Center Livestock Judging Team Practice 5:30 p.m. @ Extension Office Dog Practice 6:30 p.m. @ Extension Office	17 District Horse Show @ Lincoln 3D Modeling via Zoom 10:00 a.m. Code Camp via Zoom 1:00 p.m. or 3:00 p.m.	18 Bread Baking Basics 8:00 a.m. @ St. John's UCC Charcoal Drawing 1:00 p.m. @ Fair Center	19
20	21 Swine Showmanship 6:00 p.m. @ OK Pavilion Ag Society Meeting 7:30 p.m.	22 Clover Kid Camp 9:00 a.m. or 1:15 p.m. @ Kimmel Event Center	23 Livestock Judging Team Practice 5:30 p.m. @ Extension Office Dog Practice 6:30 p.m. @ Extension Office	24 Soil Science 9:00 a.m. @ Fair Center	25 Paper Basket 9:00 a.m. @ Fair Center I Spy 9:00 a.m. @ Extension Office	26
27	28 PASE Competition @ East Campus	29	30 State Speech Contest Entomology Workshop 9:00 a.m. @ Fair Center	1 Beef Showmanship 6:00 p.m. @ OK Pavilion	2	3
4 4th of July	5 OFFICE CLOSED	6	7	8 Favorite Foods Revue 7:00 p.m. @ Kimmel Event Center	9	10 State Horse Show @ Grand Island