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OTOE COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

05/01/2023

COUNCIL MEETING - MAY 10TH

2023 OFFICIAL FAIR BOOK



July 27th-30th

OTOE COUNTY FAIR

Theme: 150 Years -
Honoring the Past. Embracing the Future.

FAIRBOOK

Fairbooks are out, and they have changed a bit. We hope you enjoy the new format, and are able to find everything you need to know about the Otoe County Fair in this new edition. Any questions, please call the office. If you need a fairbook, we have copies here at the office!



ENROLLMENT

Thank you to everyone that has gotten their enrollments completed, if you haven't already please get this done. As the summer gets closer, you will need to have those kids enrolled to take advantage of everything coming up in the next several months.

<https://v2.4honline.com>

2023 Award Choices

OTOE COUNTY AWARDS WILL BE DIFFERENT THIS YEAR, AND HAVE MORE CHOICES THAN IN THE PAST. EVERY CHAMPION AND RESERVE CHAMPION AWARD WINNER WILL BE GIVEN A CARD TO FILL OUT AND RETURN TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE. EACH MEMBER WILL ALSO BE GIVEN A THANK YOU CARD TO FILL OUT WHICH NEEDS TO BE RETURNED WITH THE CARD. CARDS WILL NEED TO BE RETURNED TO THE OFFICE BY TUESDAY, AUG 1ST, AND THE MERCHANDISE WILL BE ORDERED. LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS, [BEEF, SHEEP, SWINE, GOATS, RABBITS, AND POULTRY] WILL ALSO BE GIVEN A BANNER TO HANG UP WITH THEIR ANIMALS DURING THE FAIR, HOWEVER, THESE NEED TO BE RETURNED TO THE OFFICE FOR USE NEXT YEAR IN ORDER TO ORDER THEIR AWARD(S). IF YOU WANT A BANNER, WE WILL OFFER BANNERS, IF YOU WANT A TROPHY, YOU CAN GET THAT, HOODIES AND T-SHIRTS WITH CHAMPION, OR IF YOU PREFER- JUST GO FOR THE CASH!



CONGRATULATIONS ON EARNING

Champion Senior Presentation



Scan code to see items

T-Shirt	Size:
Hoodie	Size:
Banner	
Trophy	
\$20	

Exhibitor Name: _____

Phone: _____

Thank You Received: _____

Date: _____

Extension Staff: _____

You will be called when your award is ready to pick up

Sherlyn Damme keeps 4-H program alive and strong



In observance of the Week of the Volunteer, Nebraska 4-H is proud to celebrate some of the 2023 Nebraska 4-H Volunteer Award Winners.

Sherlyn Damme is receiving the Outstanding Adult Volunteer Award for Zone 11. Sherlyn volunteers with the Otoe County 4-H program and was nominated by Cheryl Goff, Nebraska Extension Office Manager in Otoe County.

"Sherlyn is well known by most Otoe County 4-Her's, and they know they can count on her to help them grow and thrive," shared Goff. "Every county needs a Sherlyn to keep the 4-H program alive and strong."

Sherlyn started the Otoe County 4-H shooting sports program four years ago and has since seen membership more than double! She is now working with other volunteers to start shotgun and archery clubs. Sherlyn is an active 4-H Council member and attends all Ag Society meetings as the council representative. This year, she was invaluable in helping update the county fairbook and awards program. Last year, Sherlyn was instrumental in developing the Exploration Area at the Otoe County Fair. Sherlyn can be found leading an activity at the Clover Kid Camp every year. While helping her own children participate in events, Sherlyn also volunteers her time in the 4-H Exhibit Hall at the Nebraska State Fair.

"She doesn't ask for any credit but deserves so much for her continued time and effort to make our 4-H program strong and resilient," wrote Goff.



Tell us about yourself.

Married to my husband, Lynn. We have two boys, Cody - age 18, and Ryan - age 15. We live and farm in the country near Lorton, NE. I taught Physical Education, coached for 10 years, and then substitute taught for 17 years. My favorite hobbies when I have time include gardening, crafts/woodworking, and photography. I also enjoy watching my kids and their peers in all the activities they participate in.

What do you look forward to when you step into your volunteer role?

As a volunteer, I simply look forward to helping others and making a positive impact in 4-H. I have been blessed to work alongside other amazing volunteers and professional staff that make up the 4-H community.

What is your favorite memory as a 4-H volunteer?

As a shooting sports leader, I get to watch the excitement a 4-H member has when they find success, especially after struggling and being frustrated. There is something about their expressions and enthusiasm that is unforgettable. Those moments are why I do what I do.

How have you helped youth find their spark through 4-H?

I think I have helped youth find their spark by being an active listener, by being encouraging, and by helping provide new local 4-H opportunities for youth.



- Reserve Champion Jr. Speech- Josie Hippen
- Champion Jr. Speech – Eli Wood
- Reserve Champion Intermediate Speech- Jolie Kreifels
- Champion Intermediate Speech – Maci Smidt
- Reserve Champion Sr Speech- Madeline Wood
- Champion Sr Speech – Daisa Smidt
- Champion ^{SR} Int Presentation – Daisa and Maci Smidt
- Champion Jr Presentation – Maddie Stubbendick
- Champion Intermediate PSA – Jolie Kreifels

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS!!!!!!

All Intermediate & Senior purple ribbon winners will be competing at the state level in Lincoln











Better Ba-c's 150 Challenge

The Better Ba-C's collected WAAAY over 150 books to share with some local groups and The Friendship Home in Lincoln--great work!

April is our food pantry collection month--The Better Ba-C's took the trailer around Syracuse and asked for donations--community members were so supportive. We easily met our goal of over 150 food items AND \$150 cash for the Syracuse Food Pantry. We would be glad to accept any other items left at the Extension Office.

We challenge other clubs in the county to gather items for the Nebraska City, Syracuse, or Palmyra areas. The need is great. Our next challenge is a county goal of picking up 150 miles of trash on Otoe County roads--please share if your group or family has completed any miles so we can share our results.

<p>Monday, June 12 9:00 AM – 11:00 Ages 10 and under</p> <p>Syracuse Library</p> <p>1:00 – 3:00 Ages 11 and over</p>	<p>Cyber Security for kids</p> <p>Cyber Security for older kids</p>		<p>Monty Lovelace, Nebraska State Patrol</p>
<p>Monday, June 12, 2023- 1:00PM Extension Office FREE Ages 8+ If they would like, they may also bring something about an ancestor they're interested in learning more about, and talk about that item - an heirloom, photograph, or something else that may have sparked their interest in family history and genealogy.</p>	<p>Genealogy for Kids</p> <p>My Family History</p>		<p>Wendy Callahan Genealogy Expert</p>
<p>Tuesday, June 13 9:00- 12:00 Extension Office \$20 Fee 10 yrs. and Up, 8 participants max Building Rockets on this day, Launching the next day. <i>Cannot have built a Rocket before, this is for beginners.</i></p>	<p>Beginning Rocket Building</p>		<p>Sherlyn Damme</p>
<p>Wednesday, June 14 8:00 am Extension Office 8 participants max Launching Rockets built the previous day. <i>Cannot have built a Rocket before, this is for beginners.</i></p>	<p>Beginning Rocket Launching</p>		<p>Sherlyn Damme</p>

<p>Wednesday-June 21 9am – Noon Southeast Community College Nebraska City Ages 10-14 \$29</p> <p>Need to register at https://www.southeast.edu/</p>	<p>Babysitting 101 Become a great babysitter, learn about the business of babysitting, child development, safety, and fun ways to keep children entertained</p>		<p>Southeast Community College</p>
<p>Monday, June 26 Kimmel More details to come</p>	<p>Livestock Showmanship Clinic Will cover beef, goats, sheep, and swine.</p>		<p>Danny Davis, last year's beef Judge</p>
<p>Monday, June 26 3:00 Fair Center</p> <p>All Ages 8-18 Bring an item to swap. We will not be doing any work on the items at this time, just providing ideas</p>	<p>FLEA MARKET FLIP 4-H Style</p> <p>Swap items and come up with a plan to exhibit at the fair</p>		<p>Sherlyn Damme Cheryl Goff</p>
<p>Tuesday- June 27</p> <p>9:00 am- 12:00pm 1:00 pm-4:00pm Clover Kids only</p> <p>\$12 Fee</p> <p>Fair Center</p>	<p>CLOVER KID CAMP</p>		<p>Extension Staff Jaclyn Kreifels Volunteers</p>