



## TIPS ON TAP

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

February 14, 2019

### 4-H Night at Valentino's Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Valentino's in Nebraska City is hosting a "4-H Night" on February 26. The Otoe County 4-H Council will receive 10% of net profits that evening. Thank you to Nile Farris, the owner of the Nebraska City Valentino's for this donation. We hope you join us for a delicious meal!

### 4-H Public Speaking Contest

Plan now for the 4-H Public Speaking Contest. The contest will be **Sunday, April 28, 6:30 p.m. at the Fair Center in Syracuse.** The PSA theme for 2019 is "Inspire Kids to Do." More information will be coming in the March newsletter.

### Enroll Now in 4-H for 2019!

Have you signed up for 4-H? All youth and leaders enroll in 4-H for the 2019 program year through the web-based enrollment system at [ne.4honline.com](http://ne.4honline.com). The deadline is May 1st. **If you were enrolled last year, you MUST re-enroll this year. NOTE: When signing up as an Independent 4-H member, make sure one parent enrolls as a 4-H leader.**

For more information, contact the Extension Office at 402-269-2301 or visit our website at [otoe.unl.edu](http://otoe.unl.edu) for a detailed enrollment cheat sheet to help you get signed up.

### Otoe County 4-H Foundation Camp Scholarships Available



It's time to dream about summer and 4-H camps! Enclosed in this Tips on Tap is a colorful brochure promoting 4-H Camps in Nebraska, as well as page 6 showcasing an additional camp. The Otoe County 4-H Foundation will help Otoe County 4-H members attend these 4-H camps!

The Otoe County 4-H Foundation will pay \$100 or 50% of the camper registration fee, whichever is greater.

This offer is for Otoe County 4-H members and Otoe County Clover Kids at the Nebraska State 4-H Camp near Halsey and the Eastern Nebraska 4-H Center near Gretna.

To register for this camp scholarship, contact the Extension Office at 402-269-2301. You will receive online registration instructions along with a scholarship code. You will be responsible for the remaining portion of the camp registration fee.

This offer is on a first-come, first-served basis. Up to \$5,000 will be provided for scholarships by the Otoe County 4-H Foundation.

Save 10% by registering on or before April 15, use the "Early Bird 2019" code at checkout. Sibling discounts are also available. Summer camps are a great opportunity for youth to meet new friends, experience a wide variety of exciting activities, and develop the traits of a confident and caring person.

## 4-H Foundation Scholarship Winners

This year's winners of the Otoe County 4-H Foundation scholarships are: Ashley Baragary, Aprille Johnson, Valerie Miller, and Jason Stukenholtz. They each received a \$1,500 scholarship. There were a lot of great applicants this year and everyone that entered has had a great 4-H career. Remember 4-H is your first class from the University of Nebraska.

*Congratulations!*

## February is Nebraska 4-H Month

We at Otoe County are proud of our 4-H members and leaders, the 4-H program, and all the learning that takes place because of the attention to quality projects and careful learning. Help us promote 4-H this month. When you have your 4-H Club meetings, discuss and decide what you want to do as a club; then as individuals promote 4-H and invite others to be a part of 4-H!

4-H is a good thing! The Positive Development of Youth: Comprehensive Findings from the 4-H Study of Positive Youth Development has done a study and reported that **4-H youth excel beyond their peers**. 4-H members are about:

- ◆ **Four times** more likely to make contributions to their communities (Grades 7-12);
- ◆ **Two times** more likely to be civically active (Grades 8-12);
- ◆ **Two times** more likely to make healthier choices (Grade 7);
- ◆ **Two times** more likely to participate in Science, Engineering and Computer Technology programs during out-of-school time (Grades 10-12); and
- ◆ 4-H girls are **two times** more likely (Grade 10) and nearly **three times** more likely (Grade 12) to take part in **science programs** compared to girls in other out-of-school time activities.



So help us promote 4-H in our county! It's a win-win!  
Registration deadline is May 1st!



## Shooting Sports 4-H Club

Otoe County 4-H has two certified Shooting Sports Instructors! These 4-H Leaders completed the two-day intensive 4-H training and are offering training in the following disciplines.

- ⇒ **Archery** - Junior Grotrian - 402-269-5591
- ⇒ **BB Gun/Air Rifle** - Sherlynn Damme - 402-269-5668

Youth interested in joining this 4-H club, please contact the appropriate 4-H Leader.



With more volunteers other disciplines such as Air Pistol, Smallbore Rifle - .22 caliber, Smallbore Pistol - .22 caliber, Shotgun, and Muzzleloading can be offered. Anyone interested in becoming a certified 4-H Shooting Sports leader, please contact the Extension Office at 402-269-2301. The Otoe County 4-H Council will pay the registration fee for the training.



## Nebraska 4-H Club of the Month

The Nebraska 4-H Foundation and the Nebraska 4-H Ambassadors celebrate Nebraska 4-H Clubs! Each month, a 4-H club is chosen as the Nebraska Club of the Month.

In order to be selected, 4-H clubs must nominate themselves by the second Friday of the preceding month. Clubs will need to fill out the application (available at the Extension Office), or find the form on the Nebraska 4-H Foundation’s website at [ne4hfoundation.org/recognition](http://ne4hfoundation.org/recognition). This will include club information along with a story or write-up of the activity, project, or other reason why their club should be the Club of the Month.

The club chosen to be Club of the Month will receive a \$50 cash card from the Nebraska 4-H Foundation and their story will be showcased on the Nebraska 4-H Foundation’s Facebook, Twitter, and website along with the State 4-H website and Facebook, and in their local newspaper.

## Pop Tabs

Keep saving your pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House in Omaha. This is an easy and great community service project for Otoe County 4-H Clubs and 4-H members. You can drop your tabs off anytime at the Extension Office. Please help us reach our 3 million goal!



## Bake and Take Month

Show someone you care and celebrate Bake and Take Month in March. Bake and Take Month is a time to bake an item and then take it to someone to let them know you’re thinking about them. This “someone” can be a friend, neighbor, teacher, elderly person, or shut-in.

Contact the Extension Office for Bake and Take pamphlets and stickers to include with your baked goods. Bake and Take Month is sponsored by the Nebraska Wheat Growers Association and the Nebraska Wheat Board. This is a great community service project for 4-H members.



## 4-H Workshop Suggestions

Please contact the Extension Office at 402-269-2301 with any topic suggestions for summer 4-H workshops. Workshops can be created to help a club enhance a project or provide 4-H members with unique opportunities. We welcome your ideas! If you would like to teach a workshop, that would be great too! Just let us know!

## 2019 4-H Photography Themes

### Unit 2: Theme Print - Beautiful Nebraska

Nebraska’s state song, Beautiful Nebraska, talks of peaceful prairieland, rivers, hills of sand, dark green valleys and rainbows reaching to the ground. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and everyone has their own ideas of what makes Nebraska great. Entries in the theme print class should capture and share what the exhibitor finds beautiful in or about Nebraska.

### Unit 3: Theme Print—N150

February 15, 2019 marked 150 years since the day the State of Nebraska chartered the University of Nebraska. That’s 150 years of history to appreciate, impact to unpack, and stories to tell. Much has happened since 1869, all for the purpose of changing lives, advancing knowledge, and fulfilling dreams. How has the University of Nebraska impacted you, your family, or your community? How can you tell this story through photography?



## Governor's Ag Excellence Awards

The Nebraska 4-H Foundation is pleased to again offer the Governor's Agricultural Excellence Awards. Sponsored by the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA), this award recognizes Nebraska 4-H clubs. Recognition is in the form of a \$500 check issued to the club's treasury to be used as described in the award application form completed by the club.

This EASY, fillable application is available at <http://ne4hfoundation.org/recognition>. Completed applications can be emailed to Peggy Jeffries at the 4-H Foundation Office at [pjeffries1@unl.edu](mailto:pjeffries1@unl.edu) and must be received by March 1, 2019. **Please indicate in the subject line that it is a Governor's Ag Excellence Application. Applications will be accepted by email only.**

## Bring A Friend!

Right now is an excellent time to recruit new members and families for 4-H! If you have a friend who might be interested or who likes to just hang out with you, bring them to a 4-H club meeting! Tell your classmates and their families what you do in 4-H: like how much fun it is creating exhibits, caring for animals, going to 4-H camp, and showing at the Otoe County Fair. Classmates might also enjoy going to 4-H with you. It's the season to share the fun!



## Otoe County 4-H Foundation Grants

The Otoe County 4-H Foundation will provide grants to Otoe County 4-H members and 4-H clubs to strengthen 4-H in Otoe County. Grant requests can be between \$50 to \$500. Contact the Extension Office for more information and for an application or go online to <http://otoe.unl.edu> to find the application. Applications are due twice a year – February 28 and November 30. Apply now!

## Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute (NAYI)

The Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute (NAYI) is a weeklong experience for high school juniors and seniors from across Nebraska to learn more about career opportunities within agriculture. This conference features speakers, workshops, agricultural education, networking with peers and industry leaders, professional development, leadership experience, fun and new friends!

NAYI 2019 is five days of educational exposure to the many aspects of Nebraska agriculture. **This FREE institute is July 8 – 12, 2019 in Lincoln.**

The NAYI program is coordinated and conducted by the Nebraska Agricultural Youth Council. The Council consists of 21 college-age men and women who have been appointed to serve and educate Nebraska's youth on the importance of the ag industry.

Applicants must be high school juniors or seniors during the 2018-2019 school year who are interested in agriculture. Selection will be based on leadership skills, interest, and involvement in agriculture. Applications are available online at: <http://www.nda.nebraska.gov/nayi/>. **Applications must be emailed by April 15, 2019, by 11:59 p.m.** You do not need to be enrolled in 4-H to apply for this FREE conference.

## Nebraska 4-H Horse Stampede

The 4-H Horse Stampede is a group of contests for youth interested in horses. These contests do not require youth to have a horse all they need is to have an interest and be willing to learn about horses. This year's 4-H Horse Stampede is **Saturday, March 30, 2019**.

Events include public speaking, quiz bowls, demonstration, art, and photography contests. Youth have the opportunity to display their equine knowledge through these contests both as a team or as an individual. There is a \$10 entry fee per contestant.

Entry forms are due March 1. Entry forms and more information on the stampede can be found at <http://4h.unl.edu/horse/stampede>.

Questions? Contact Lena Luck at 402-472-9098 or at [lena.luck@unl.edu](mailto:lena.luck@unl.edu). Brown Bag Lunches and T-shirts are available for contestants and need to be pre-ordered via the Entry Form.

## Companion Animal Challenge

The 4-H Companion Animal Challenge is **Saturday, March 30, 2019** on the University of Nebraska–Lincoln East Campus. The Companion Animal Challenge offers a variety of 4-H companion animal contests that don't require live animals, including a Demonstration Contest, Dog Skillathon Contest, Cat Skillathon Contest, Essay Contest, Art Contest, and Photography Contest. Youth have the opportunity to display their companion animal knowledge through these contests, both as a team or as individuals.

There is a \$5 entry fee per contestant. Entry forms are due **March 8 by 5:00 p.m.** Forms and can be found at: <https://4h.unl.edu/companion-animal/challenge>.

Questions? Contact Lisa Karr at: [lisa.karr@unl.edu](mailto:lisa.karr@unl.edu). Brown Bag Lunches and T-shirts are available for contestants and need to be pre-ordered via the Entry Form.

## 2020 Citizenship Washington Focus Opportunity

Southeast Nebraska 4-H members again have the opportunity to attend the Citizenship Washington Focus (C.W.F.) Conference at the National 4-H Conference Center in June 2020. At this time, the 2020 group of delegates is represented by youth from Richardson, Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe, and Cass Counties. Currently there are 37 youth registered. Right now, the plan is to attend the conference the third full week of June 2020 (approximately June 19-June 27). The estimated cost is \$2,300. The 4-H members will visit New York City, Gettysburg, and Washington, D.C.

The recommended age for C.W.F. is 15 to 18 years of age at the time of the conference. If you are interested in participating, please contact the Nebraska Extension - Otoe County at 402-269-2301 for more information.

A C.W.F. DVD is available for check out from the Extension Office to discover more about this memorable educational once-in-a-lifetime experience!



# MARCH 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Febr 24	Febr 25	Febr 26 "4-H Night" at Valentino's in Nebraska City	Febr 27	Febr 28 4-H Foundation Grant Applica- tions Due ----- 4-H Council @ 7:00 p.m.	March 1 Governor's Ag Excellence Award applications due	2
3	4 	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 	18 Otoe County Ag Society 7:30 p.m.	19	20	21	22	23
24/  31	25 4-H Enrollment Event @ Palmyra Library 4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	26 Extension Board 7:30 p.m.	27	28	29	30 4-H Companion Animal Challenge & 4-H Stampede @ UNL's East