



Otoe County



4-H Monthly Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2021

4-H Council Highlights

ACHIEVEMENT CELEBRATION

November 7th at 5:00 p.m.

The Otoe County 4-H Achievement Celebration will be Sunday, November 7, at the Kimmel Event Center with the award presentation starting at 5:00 p.m. Valentino's pizza will be served following the ceremony. We will be having a red carpet theme this year.

The 4-H Achievement Celebration is a chance for us to recognize accomplishments from the this 4-H year, "graduate" our Clover Kids, honor our senior members, present awards and year membership pins to our 4-H members, leaders and volunteers, and have fun!

Please make plans to join us for a fun filled evening!

4-H COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Elections to be held during Achievement Celebration

4-H Council elections will be held this year during the 2021 Achievement Celebration on November 7th at Kimmel Event Center. Listed below are the 4-H members and adults who are up for election to the Otoe County 4-H Council. As always, youth will vote for a youth from their own district, while adults will vote for an adult from their own district. The two-year term will start at the November 4-H Council meeting. Good luck to everyone!

East Adult: Leslie Wagner

East Youth: Mavryc Morgan

Center Adult: Sherlyn Damme

Center Youth: Timothy Lovelace

West Adult: Julie Hippen

West Youth: Emily Van Meter

OTOE COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION GRANTS

Grants are due November 30th

The Otoe County 4-H Foundation has allocated funding to provide grants to the Otoe County 4-H members and 4-H clubs to strengthen 4-H in Otoe County. The mission of the Otoe County 4-H Foundation is to enhance 4-H programming, secure financial support for local 4-H programs, and to develop area youth for future generations. Successful grants would assist the 4-H Foundation in achieving its mission. Grant requests can be between \$50 and \$500. Deadlines for submitting grants are November 30th and February 28th each year.

All 4-H Clubs are encouraged to write a grant application, but 4-H Foundation policy is that 4-H clubs are limited to submitting two grants per year. Grant application forms can be found at otoe.unl.edu under the Otoe County 4-H tab and then clicking on Otoe County 4-H Foundation.

OTOE COUNTY FAIR 2022

July 28 - 31, 2022



4-H Council officers and Extension Office staff met with the State and Livestock Superintendents. The groups discussed what went well with fair, what could be improved upon, what changes the groups would like to make for the upcoming year, and suggested fair schedule changes. Those changes were brought to the 4-H Council for approval and have since been taken to the Ag Society for their approval.

The council is working on the budget for the 2022 4-H year. This budget is how the Council funds the 4-H program each year.

Thank you to everyone who came out to the two Runza Night fundraisers and those that purchased your Otoe County 4-H clothing from the online store. Just a reminder that those orders can be picked up at the Achievement Celebration on November 7th.

The next 4-H Council meeting will be Tuesday, November 9th at 7:00 p.m. at the Extension Office.

Dates Extension Office Will Be Closed

- Closed in observance of Veteran's Day on Thursday, November 11th.
- Closed to attend the Dr. Temple Grandin presentation on Friday, November 12th.
- Closed in observance of Thanksgiving on Thursday and Friday November 25th and 26th.

GALACTIC QUEST

The 2021 4-H Stem Challenge



Space Cadet, your mission is launching...

The four activities in this kit will take kids on a journey from a first look at the stars to cultivating crops on a far-off planet, all while offering kids fun ways to explore different aspects of STEM career pathways!

FUTURE SPACE TRAVELERS...ASSEMBLE!

Blast off with this year's 4-H STEM Challenge activity kit, Galactic Quest! Including everything you need to embark on four fun adventures, the kit will challenge kids to assemble, build and decode what it takes to live and work in zero gravity.

ABOUT GALACTIC QUEST

Developed by Clemson University, the kit takes kids ages 8-14 on an out-of-this-world adventure where they'll tackle some of the same questions as today's top aerospace scientists and engineers! Learn more about the four unplugged, hands-on activities included:

1. Astro Adventure: Work as a team to gather the resources you'll need to live and work in space in this fun board game.
2. Stellar Optics: build a telescope to learn about physics and light.
3. Cosmic Claw: engineer a mechanical arm that works to harvest space crops.
4. Cyber Satellite: learn about cyber security and decoding to avoid obstacles in orbit.

For a limited time, get \$5 off educator kits and \$3 off family kits thanks to our signature partner, The United States Space Force. Shop now at <https://shop4-h.org>.

MARTHA AND DON ROMEO SCHOLARSHIP

Applications Due November 30th



This Scholarship is awarded during the Nebraska Association of Fair Managers Convention Banquet, which will be held in Kearney, Nebraska, on Saturday, January 22, 2022. Winners will be notified by January 3, 2022.

Return completed application to your local County Extension Office by **November 30, 2021**. Applications can be downloaded at <https://go.unl.edu/qvid>.

CLOVER KID GRADUATION

All Clover Kids who have turned 8-years-old prior to December 31, 2021 will officially graduate from the Otoe County Clover Kid program and move up to 4-H during the Achievement Celebration on Sunday, November 7th. We will be honoring these youth with a Clover Kid diploma, a Clover Kid pin, and a 4-H lanyard for all the pins they will receive in the future during their 4-H career.



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RAIKES SCHOOL

Application Deadline November 15th



Nebraska 4-H youth participants interested in pursuing a STEM-related major at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln may be interested in the Raikes School. The Raikes School at Nebraska is a leading educational honors program offering an interdisciplinary education in computer science, engineering, business, and innovation for high-ability students. The Raikes School aims to develop leaders for information technology driven industries through industry and community partnerships, project-oriented curriculum, and real-world application.

A competitive applicant has a passion for computing, business, and a desire to pursue a rigorous education. There are no strict cutoffs for academics, but competitive applicants typically earn a 3.8+ GPA and 30+ ACT/1400+ SAT. High school coursework in math, computing, and business are encouraged. Ideally looking for well-rounded students that exhibit leadership skills and a desire to serve their community.

We recommend students apply to Nebraska by October 15th. The Raikes School Honors application must be submitted by November 15th. Students can submit their Honors application via MyRed after applying to the University.

Students can learn more about the Raikes School on our website: <https://raikes.unl.edu>. Follow our social media on Instagram, Twitter, Facebook and YouTube. Check out a full virtual tour of the Kauffman Center, home of the Raikes School, at raik.es/tour.

If students have questions about the Raikes School, contact Adam Britten, Assistant Director of Recruitment and Outreach, at adam.britten@unl.edu or 402-472-0737.

More details at: <https://raikes.unl.edu>

4-H VOLUNTEER ROAD SHOW

All New Volunteer Professional Development

Have you heard? Nebraska 4-H is hitting the road this fall with an all-new volunteer professional development opportunity. Learn more at 4h.unl.edu/volunteer-road-show. The Beatrice registration deadline is November 10th.

Cheryl and Erin will be going to the Beatrice session. If anyone wants to carpool, call the Extension Office to line up your spot.

GRADUATING SENIORS

New this year at the 4-H Achievement Celebration will be the honoring of our graduating 4-H Seniors! All Seniors who will officially graduate from the Otoe County 4-H program in 2022 will be honored during the award ceremony. We hope you all can make it!



IMAGINE SCIENCE OMAHA
PRESENTS:

DATA DETECTIVES CLUB

Join the Imagine Science team as we travel through time in this adventure novel to explore epidemics and pandemics of the past or present!



Register Here:
<https://go.unl.edu/isbookclub>

Questions?
Please contact Tiffany Sessions at tiffany.sessions@unl.edu or Mirissa Scholting at mscholting2@unl.edu.

IMAGINE SCIENCE BOOK CLUB

The Case of the COVID Crisis

Douglas-Sarpy 4-H will be offering a book club specifically for 4th-8th grade youth. The book that we will be reading is called "The Case of the COVID Crisis" by Pendred Noyce. It is an adventure novel that leads youth through time travel expeditions to learn about various past pandemics/epidemics, how they were treated, and how it ties to our current experience with COVID-19. Each chapter is linked to a hands-on activity to help youth better grasp concepts covered, and youth will have the opportunity to meet a professional who works in virology or related-field!

Program: Data Detectives Club

Dates: Every Tuesday from November 2nd - January 4th

Time: 5-6:30pm

Facilitation Mode: Virtual via Zoom

Cost: **Free**

Registration Link: <https://go.unl.edu/isbookclub>

LIVESTOCK ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

Livestock Members of Excellence

We are excited to announce the second year of the Nebraska 4-H Livestock Achievement Program. This additional opportunity for enrolled livestock project youth, is designed to promote all educational aspects of 4-H livestock projects including selection, production, leadership, and exhibition by recognizing youth striving to improve in their livestock project knowledge and leadership.

The program recognizes Members of Excellence across all 4-H livestock project areas, including: beef, sheep, meat goat, swine, dairy cattle, dairy goat, rabbit, and poultry.

The program consists of two levels that require 4-H members to plan and report a broad range of age-appropriate and project-related accomplishments. For each level, the Livestock Achievement Program provides a list of accomplishments from which 4-H members choose their goals. Each accomplishment is worth a specific number of points. Intermediates, ages 10-13, must complete 100 points worth of activities to receive the distinction of Intermediate Member of Excellence. Seniors, ages 14-18, must complete 150 points worth of activities to receive the distinction of Senior Member of Excellence. The Plan and Reports, linked on the webpage, show examples of the project related accomplishments they can choose, or they can identify their own with approval of their local educator.

Applications/Sign up are **due June 15th** through the application form link on the website. Plan and Reports, as well as Project Records will be **due August 10th** via the completion form on the website. Youth completing the achievement program and receiving member of excellence recognition in the various species will be recognized during the Parade of Champions, 4-H weekend at the Nebraska State Fair.

For more information or to apply, go to: 4h.unl.edu/livestock-achievement-program.

STATE FAIR PREMIUM CHECKS





Check Will Be Available at Achievement Night

If you exhibited at the Nebraska State Fair this year for Otoe County, we received your premium checks here at the Extension Office. We will be handing them out during Achievement Celebration. Any checks not picked up will be mailed out the following week.



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| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| 31  | 1 Ag Society Annual Meeting @ 8:00 p.m. | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7  Achievement Celebration 5:00 p.m. Kimmel Event Center | 8 | 9 4-H Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. Extension Office | 10 | 11 Office Closed  | 12 Office Closed - Dr. Temple Grandin Presentation @ Buffalo County | 13 |
| 14 | 15 AKSARBEN Calf Challenge Applications Due Ag Society Meeting @ 7:30 p.m. | 16 | 17 | 18 Volunteer Road Show @ SCC Beatrice | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 Extension Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. via Zoom | 24 | 25 Office Closed  | 26 Office Closed | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 4-H Foundation Grant Applications Due | 1 4-H Fed Steer Challenge Applications Due | 2 | 3 | 4 |