



Otoe County



4-H Monthly Newsletter

DECEMBER 2021

4-H Council Highlights

DECEMBER YQCA TRAININGS

December 29th at 10:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.



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 livestock. This training must be completed by June 15, 2022.

The first in-person trainings will be held on **Wednesday, December 29th** for all ages. The first session will be held at **10:00 a.m. at the Morton James Library in Nebraska City** and the second session will be held at **1:00 p.m. at the Fair Center in Syracuse**.

To register, you must first sign up for 4-H at V2.4HONLINE.COM. Then you register for your session of choice at <https://yqca.learnrow.io/>. If you have questions or need assistance, please call the Extension Office at 402-269-2301.

4-H FOUNDATION BANQUET

Saturday, February 5th

Mark your calendars for the Otoe County 4-H Foundation Banquet on Saturday, February 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Kimmel Event Center in Syracuse. This year's featured speaker will be Mike Boehm, IANR Vice Chancellor.

Mike grew up in a suburb on the west side of Cleveland, Ohio. Growing up he was not in 4-H, as 4-H and Extension were not very visible in his community where most parents worked on auto assembly lines, the shipyards or steel mills. His message is sure to entertain and inspire us.

Check out the enclosed flyer for more information. **The foundation is accepting donations for auction items. If you have anything you would like to donate, please let us know!**

OTOE COUNTY SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Due January 15, 2022



Two scholarship applications available from the Otoe County 4-H Foundation will be mailed to Otoe County 4-H members in early December. They will also be given to the guidance counselors at the four Otoe County high schools. These scholarships are:

- **Otoe County 4-H Foundation Scholarship** - up to five \$1,500 scholarships are awarded to Otoe County 4-H seniors.
- **Miyoshi-Smith Family Leadership Scholarship** - one \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to an Otoe County 4-H member.

The applications are due **January 15, 2022** to the Nebraska Extension in Otoe County office. The Scholarships will be awarded at the Otoe County 4-H Foundation Banquet on Saturday, February 5, 2022.

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

The council voted to keep the elected officers the same for the 2022 year. Those are:

- President - Julie Hippen
 - Vice President - Monty Lovelace
 - Secretary - Emily Van Meter
 - Treasurer - Julie Van Meter
- Thank you to everyone who attended the Achievement Celebration!

Something new the 4-H Council is doing this year is to honor our outgoing seniors with a senior banner. All of the graduating seniors were presented with a banner at the Achievement Celebration. We will be using these banners to promote 4-H throughout the year. The banners will be retired to the youth during the 4-H ice cream social on Sunday of the fair.

The next 4-H Council meeting will be Tuesday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m.

OTOE COUNTY FAIR 2022

July 28 - 31, 2022

Extension Office Will Be Closed

- Closed in observance of Christmas on Friday, December 24th.
- Closed in observance of New Year's Day on Friday, December 31st.

UNIFIED SHOWING 4-H CLUB

2nd year in Otoe County

Unified Showing is in its third year of operation and this will be our second year in Otoe County! We are super excited to be continuing this journey and growing our reach. Unified Showing 4-H Club empowers youth with special needs by pairing them with buddies who ensure the safety of the youth showman and lamb. For those of you who are interested in Unified Showing, there will be a selection process for both showmen and buddies in which we can verify each individual.

The selected showmen would need to join 4-H and then join Unified Showing - Otoe County. This club will house both the showmen, the buddies, and adult leaders. We will also try to have 4-H meetings and hangouts once a month to ensure everyone feels comfortable and can make connections with other members. Parents and siblings will also be invited in order to form bonds with people who can better understand their experiences.

During the summer, practices will be held at the Walbrecht farm in southwest Lincoln once a week. Youth will practice with their designated lamb that Walbrecht family owns. These practices will be approximately an hour and will include the showmen having the opportunity to lead their animals around and bathe, feed, and learn about them. Buddies will be at the practices and will accompany the showmen into the show ring to ensure both the animal and child safety. Family members will also be given the option of staying on site with their child or returning at the end of the practices.

At the end of the summer, the showmen will be able to see their hard work pay off as they will have their own class at the Otoe County Fair. This will be when they lead their sheep around the ring with the help of their buddies. The judge will also ask the youth questions about their lamb and themselves. At the end, they will be given a prize for participating and working so hard in Unified Showing.

The application process will begin **January 1, 2022** and end at midnight March 13, 2022. The team will then be posted on the Unified Showing Facebook page on March 31, 2022 as well as notifications will be sent to all that applied.

If you have any questions about Unified Showing or to request an application form please contact via the Unified Showing Facebook group page or email amnwalbrecht@gmail.com.

NEW CLOVER KID CLUB

Little Clovers Clover Kid Club



Otoe County has a new 4-H Club **just for Clover Kids!** The new club is called the Little Clovers Clover Kid Club. This club will be led by Erin Steinhoff and Jaclyn Kreifels.

The club will meet on the first Monday of each month starting in January, unless it is a holiday, then the meeting will be the following week. They plan to meet from **6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Fair Center in Syracuse** unless otherwise announced. Each month they will have a lesson and activity in a different Clover Kid project area. All supplies will be provided.

Any youth ages 5 - 7 before January 1st is invited to join the club. A parent or guardian **must** accompany the Clover Kid to every meeting. There will be a \$5/year club due per member to help with the cost of meeting activities.

The goal of the leaders is to involve other Otoe County 4-H Clubs each month to help with the activities so Clover Kids and their families have a chance to learn more about the existing clubs in the county and make connections with those clubs and their members. **If your club would like to volunteer to help at one of the meetings, please contact Erin at (402) 269-2301 or erin.steinhoff@iastate.edu.**

This is a great opportunity to recruit future members for your clubs.

Please see the enclosed information or contact Erin if you have any questions. **The first meeting will be held January 3rd at St. John's UCC Church at 511 7th Street in Syracuse from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

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SAVE THE DATES

2022 STATE 4-H EVENTS

- 4-H Horse Stampede - March 26
- District 4-H Horse Shows - June 6-10
- Premier Animal Science Event (PASE) - June 22-23
- State 4-H Public Speaking Contest - June 24
- Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Expo - July 9-13
- Nebraska State Fair - August 26-September 5

PREMIUM CHECKS

Cash your checks



The Otoe County Ag Society would like for you to please cash your premium checks before February 1!

2022 OTOE COUNTY FAIR THEME

Open Class turn to pick the 2022 theme



The Otoe County Fair theme for 2022 has been announced. It is....

"The Fair is the Place to Bee."

4-H PROJECT IDEA OF THE MONTH

Barn Quilts

A barn quilt is a large piece of wood that is painted to look like a quilt block.

Supporting information is required for this exhibit. Information must include elements or principles of design used and the steps taken to complete the project. Tag templates can be found on the 4-H State Fair website in the Static Exhibits section of Home Environment information sheets: <https://4hfairbook.unl.edu/>. Exhibits without supporting information will be dropped a ribbon placing.

Quilt Quest

Class C21. Barn Quilt created that is less than 4' x 4'.

Class C22. Barn Quilt created that is 4' x 4' or larger.

Both exhibits would be judged with scoresheet SF208B found at <https://go.unl.edu/gn3m>.

To enter this project at the fair, you must enroll in the project are Quilt Quest. In Quilt Quest, 4-H'ers learn skills as they progress through the project.

Quilt Quest exhibits will be entered on Tuesday, July 26th from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the Kimmel Event Center in Syracuse. Interview judging will be optional on Wednesday morning between 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. at Kimmel. We highly recommend all youth try the interview judging. 4-H'ers will learn so much from the judges during this process!

The Quilt Quest manual is available to purchase on CD for \$9.95 from the Extension Office or at <https://marketplace.unl.edu/ne4h/curriculum/4h1310.html>.



2021 OTOE COUNTY 4-H WINTER WORKSHOPS

SEW A WINDSOCK

Limited Seats Available!

December 28th 1:00 to 4:00 pm at the Extension Office or
December 30th 9:00 am to 12:00 pm Extension Office

Suggested ages: 11 & up; must have intermediate sewing skills.

Come create a one of a kind windsock! You'll learn how to stitch zigzag seam allowances, topstitch, make a casing & trim corners.

Bring: 5/8 yard light weight fabric, assorted colors of fabric for 9 streamers (6 1/2" wide x 21" long) & matching thread. Prewash fabric.

Cost: \$5

Instructor: Erin Steinhoff, 4-H Extension Assistant

Register at: <https://go.unl.edu/ta78>



2021 OTOE COUNTY 4-H WINTER WORKSHOPS

YQCA

December 29th 10:00 to 11:00 am at Morton James Library, Nebraska City or
December 29th 1:00 to 2:00 pm at the Fair Center, Syracuse

Suggested ages: 8 & up

Nebraska 4-H members ages 8-18, who are enrolled in Beef (bucket calf, feeder calf, breeding beef, market beef), Dairy Cattle, Goat (breeding meat goat, dairy goat, meat goat), Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep (breeding sheep, market sheep) or Swine livestock projects are required to participate in an annual YQCA training. YQCA is a quality assurance program focused on three core pillars: food safety, animal well-being, and character development.

Cost: \$3

Instructor: Erin Steinhoff, 4-H Extension Assistant

Register at: <https://yqca.learn-grow.io/>



2021 OTOE COUNTY 4-H WINTER WORKSHOPS

SEWING FOR FUN 2!

Limited Seats Available!

December 28th 9:00 am to 12:00 pm Extension Office or
December 30th 1:00 to 4:00 pm Extension Office

For Ages: 10 & up; must have some basic sewing skills.

Come create a sleeping bag for your favorite doll or stuffed animal & a quick tote bag. You'll learn how to measure & cut fabric to size, stitch seam allowances, backstitch, clip curves, trim corners & seams, slip stitch or overhand stitch, & topstitch.

Bring: For sleeping bag - 1 1/4 yards cotton flannel fabric (44-45" wide), 3/4 yard of 3/8" wide ribbon, & matching thread. Preshrink fabric.
For tote bag - 3/8 yard firm, durable fabric (44-45" wide such as denim, sailcloth, canvas or poplin), 3/8 yard lightweight cotton fabric for inner bag, & matching thread.

Cost: No cost

Register: Enroll at <https://go.unl.edu/p0qj>

Instructors: Erin Steinhoff, 4-H Extension Assistant

Family Celebrations From Around The World

Class 1. Name Rhyme - On an 8 1/2"x11" paper hand write a rhyme answering "What does my given name mean?"

Clover Kid enter all exhibits (except Livestock) Tuesday, July 26th from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the Kimmel Event Center in Syracuse.

CLOVER KID PROJECT OF THE MONTH

Name Rhyme

Ask your child what their full name is. Do they know where their name came from or what it means? Help your child look up what their name means. Then have them hand write a rhyme answering "What does my given name mean?" on an 8 1/2"x11" paper.

UNIFIED SHOWING



4-H CLUB



empowering youth in Otoe County



Showmen:

- youth with disability age 8-18
- learn about and show a provided lamb

Buddies:

- age 14-18
- assist and ensure safety of both showmen and animal



for more information contact
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Nebraska Extension is a Division of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln cooperating with the Counties and the United States Department of Agriculture. The 4-H Youth Development program abides with the nondiscrimination policies of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the United States Department of Agriculture.



LITTLE CLOVERS CLOVER KID CLUB



**THERE'S A NEW 4-H CLUB IN
OTOE COUNTY!**

LITTLE CLOVERS CLOVER KID CLUB

Youth ages 5 - 7 by January 1 are invited to join!

LITTLE CLOVERS WILL MEET THE FIRST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH!

The primary goal of Clover Kids is to promote the child's stages of development - intellectually, physically, socially, and emotionally. Members will enroll in the Otoe County 4-H program and can participate in all contests, events and county fair.

Member dues will be
\$5.00/year to help cover
costs of all meeting
activities.

Meetings will be held from
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
at the Fair Center in Syracuse.



YOU'RE INVITED TO THE FUN!

MEETING DATES & LESSON TOPICS:

All meetings will be held from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Fair Center unless otherwise announced.

Held at St. John's UCC

Monday, January 3rd:

Healthy Lifestyles - Food Science @ 17th St, Syracuse

Monday, February 7th:

Science & Technology - Aerospace

Monday, March 7th:

Community & Expressive Arts - Textures Around Us

Monday, April 4th:

Animal Science - Animal Caretaker

Monday, May 2nd:

Plant Science - Flowers, Watch Them Grow

Monday, June 6th:

Environmental & Earth Science - Insects

Monday, July 11th:

Citizenship & Civic Education - Our Country, Our Flag

Monday, September 12th:

Consumerism & Family Science - Stitch It Up

Monday, October 3rd:

Personal Development - Feelings

Contact Erin Steinhoff at (402) 297-1210 or send her an email at erin.steinhff@unl.edu for more information!

