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Lincoln, NE – October 31, 2011- Shooting Stars 4-H Club from Seward County has been selected as the 4-H Club of the Month for the month of October by the Nebraska 4-H Ambassadors and Nebraska 4-H Foundation. 4-H clubs from throughout the state of Nebraska nominated themselves by explaining why their club should be Club of the Month. Stories about community service projects, trips to museums and other fun activities were shared.

The Shooting Stars 4-H Club has been in existence since 1999. The club focuses on making hands-on learning fun at its monthly meetings. Basic life skills such as cooking, sewing and leadership are the focus while exploring other learning areas. Every year, they give back to their community through service projects. This year they chose to clean-up an abandoned cemetery by pulling weeds, placing white crosses at every head stone, and even added a flag with a solar light. They also trimmed tree branches, cleaned the headstones, painted the gate and put up a new, more durable sign. Next year they plan to add a raised-bed, butterfly garden to the cemetery. Not only are the Shooting Stars active members in their community, they participate in various 4-H activities on the state level. The Nebraska 4-H Foundation and Nebraska 4-H Ambassadors are proud to call Shooting Stars the 4-H Club of the Month for October 2011.

The Nebraska 4-H Ambassadors together with the Nebraska 4-H Foundation provide the 4-H Club of the Month program to all Nebraska 4-H clubs throughout the state. Clubs can nominate themselves by telling why their club should be chosen as Club of the Month. A different club will be chosen each month and will be awarded with a certificate and \$50 cash card. For more information go to the Nebraska 4-H Foundation website at <http://www.ne4hfoundation.org/events/4-h-club-of-the-month> or e-mail ne4hambassadors@unl.edu.

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