Be sure to set your clock back Saturday

It's time to "Fall Back" as daylight saving time ends this weekend. The clock will officially turn back one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday morning. For most of us that means resetting the clocks at home before going to bed Saturday night.

County-wide OOR program offered

Chase County is leading a cooperative effort to provide some needed renovation to homes within the county.

Using funding provided by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, Chase County has leveraged a partnership with USDA Rural Development to assist families utilizing the program which has helped Wauneta home-owners make improvements to their homes in recent years.

The housing program, referred to as Owner-Occupied Rehab, provides families living at a moderate to low income level who own their homes, a financial resource to complete renovation work such as new windows, doors, siding, roofing, heating systems and insulation.

Where the homeowner falls in the Area Medium Income will determine if the dollar amount of assistance is a "forgivable loan" with no repayment necessary as long as the family maintains the property as their primary residence, or the loan will be paid back over the next 10 years with no interest charged.

Families may qualify for substantial assistance, allowing extensive renovation projects to be

accomplished on their homes. At this time, funding is available for eight families to receive up to $24,500 in housing assistance.

Applications are now being accepted for this rehabilitation program. For more information or an application, contact Southwest Nebraska Community Betterment Corporation at (308) 352-4338.

Palisade blood drive coming up Nov. 7

The American Red Cross will host a blood drive in Palisade on Nov. 7 at the Legion Auxiliary Building on Main Street. Blood donations will be taken from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. MT/noon to 6 p.m. CT.

To make an appointment you can call Iris Barnes at 285-3716 or Darlene Bixler at 285-3475. As always, walk-ins are welcome, notes Bixler.

4-H youth and volunteers to be recognized

Each year 4-H members, parents and volunteers gather together for the Chase County 4-H Achievement Program. This year's program will be held Monday, Nov. 7, at 7 p.m. MT in Imperial at the Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall.

The 4-H Achievement Program is held each year to honor and celebrate the accomplishments of 4-H youth. Awards will be presented for record books, diamond clover accomplishments,

years in 4-H, community service and more. The 4-H Program could not exist without 4-H volunteers. We will honor 4-H club leaders and name our Friend of 4-H and 4-H Alumni Award winners.

All 4-H families, volunteers, sponsors and donors are invited to attend this evening of celebration. Don’t forget to attend this grand 4-H event! For more information on the 4-H Program, please contact the UNL Extension Office in Chase County at (308)882-4731.