What's happening

Washington County 4-H

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Horse Exhibitor Reminder

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Washington County 4-H Summer Clinics

See Attached sheets at back or visit our website at - http://bit.ly/23YHruf

NEW BUCKET CALF RECORD BOOK—

VISIT http://bit.ly/1XmZbPG

Miss the 4-H Update??

◊ See here, http://bit.ly/1VJ2mC6 for what you missed!

P.A.S.E. & Life Challenge

-Deadline June 1

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REMINDER:

Enrollment deadline June 15

* Leaders and 4-Hers need to re-enroll for 2016. Make sure your "Number of Years in 4-H" is accurate!

Washington County Family Livestock Judging Contest

June 12

Shooting Sports

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New Swine Antibiotics Regulations

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Show Livestock?

Please visit so you don't miss out
http://extension.unl.edu/statewide/washington/livestock/

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.

2016 WASHINGTON COUNTY 4-H HORSE PROJECT DEADLINES

ALL paperwork MUST be submitted to the Nebraska Extension Office in Blair by the set deadline to be eligible to exhibit. NO EXCEPTIONS***!***

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1 DEADLINE

4-H HORSE PROJECT MEMBERS NOT ENTERING STATE & DISTRICT HORSE SHOWS

4-H Member Online Enrollment

4-H Horse Identification Certificates

FRIDAY, JULY 1 DEADLINE

4-H HORSE PROJECT MEMBERS ENTERING FREMONT 4-H FAIR

4-H Horsemanship Level Tests I, II, III & IV

FRIDAY, JULY 22 DEADLINE

4-H HORSE PROJECT MEMBERS ENTERING WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR & AKSRABEN 4-H HORSE SHOW

4-H Horsemanship Level Tests I, II, III & IV

Equine Herpes Virus (EVH-1) in Nebraska

According to a press release from Nebraska State Veterinarian, Dr. Dennis Hughes, three cases of Equine Herpes Myeloencephalopathy (EHM) have been confirmed at Fonner Park. EHM is the neurological version of EVH-1. The horses at Fonner Park have been quarantined, but this is still very important information. Read more at http://bit.ly/1TJs6L3

Attention Swine Exhibitors

ATTENTION - Pork Producers and Exhibitors: It's Time to Prepare for New Antibiotic Regulations The new Food and Drug Administration regulations will affect all U.S. poultry and livestock producers, including anyone raising pigs, including youth exhibitors. Because of this, the National Pork Board has been urging all its stakeholders to get ready now, before the new antibiotic regulations take effect on Jan. 1, 2017.

"If they haven't already done so, pork producers and youth exhibitors should sit down with their veterinarians and determine what they need to do to comply with the new veterinary feed directive (VFD) and prescription requirement for water-based medications," says Jennifer Koeman, DVM, Pork Checkoff's director of producer and public health.

Although certification in the Pork Quality Assurance® Plus or Youth Pork Quality Assurance® Plus program should provide a good foundation, Koeman says some new requirements, such as keeping original copies of VFDs for two years (producer, veterinarian and feed mill) will be adjustments. To help keep things simple, the National Pork Board has introduced the USCARE checklist. It offers six key steps for producers and exhibitors to take to prepare for the regulatory changes. For additional information about the antibiotic changes, visit www.pork.org/antibiotics.

Washington County 4-H Shooting Sports BB GUN

The Washington County Fair 4-H Shooting Sports BB Gun Contest will be held on Saturday, July 23 in the Commercial Building at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Arlington. There will be six flights to choose from and include: 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m., 2:15 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. NOTE the MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS TO COMPETE: Shooters must have attended ONE hour practice session of safety and competition overview every THREE years with a 4-H Shooting Sports Certified Instructor. The Washington County 4-H Shooting Sports BB Gun Certification data base is available at the Nebraska Extension Office in Blair.

Contest entry deadline is Monday, July 11 by 5:00 p.m. Completed entry forms are to be submitted to the Nebraska Extension in Washington County Office – Blair. For more details, refer to the 2016 Washington County Fair Book (http://goo.gl/pofkOJ)

2016 BB GUN PRACTICES SESSIONS:

NOTE: Practice sessions may be combined or canceled due to low or no preregistration.

Saturday, June 4 – 8:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

Washington County Fairgrounds, Commercial Building

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED: By contacting the Extension Office (402-426-9455) by Thursday, June 2 at 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 2 – 8:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

Washington County Fairgrounds, Commercial Building

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED: By contacting the Extension Office (402-426-9455) by Thursday, June 30 at 5:00 p.m

Archery News

The Washington County 4-H Archery Program is currently underway. Listed below are the practice times available for youth ages 8-11 years old on January 1, 2016 who will be shooting at 10 yards and for youth ages 12-18 years old on January 1, 2016 who will be shooting at 20 yards.

Also listed below are the contests available to those enrolled in the Washington County 4-H Archery Club. In order to compete in the contests, new (to the Archery Club) 4-H members are required to have taken FOUR HOURS of practice and returning (in the Archery Club last year) are required to have taken TWO HOURS of practice. 4-H club leaders will do their best to work with 4-H members who need more hours to compete. For more information, contact Dwight and Elizabeth Nielsen at brokenbutsaved@gmail.com.

PRACTICE - 10 Yards

Youth ages 8-11 years old on January 1, 2016

6:30 p.m. / Orion Archery Club @ Blair One Place, 1526 Washington Street, Blair, NE

Thursday, May 26

Thursday, June 9

PRACTICE - 20 Yards

Youth ages 12-18 years old on January 1, 2016

6:30 p.m. / Orion Archery Club @ Blair One Place, 1526 Washington Street, Blair, NE

Thursday, July 7

CONTESTS

3-D Shoot for 4-H Awards—All Youth ages 8-18

Sunday, May 22 / Tomack

Washington County Fair 4-H Archery Contest -

(Ages 8-18) Saturday, July TBA / Washington County Fairgrounds, Arlington

4-H Enrollment for 2016 beginning– Deadline June 15

- **Access the on-line enrollment system @ https://ne.4honline.com/**
- 4-H enrollment will be done directly by the 4-H families using the on-line system .
- Once an enrollment has been submitted, it will be electronically forwarded to the Nebraska Extension in Washington County Office email address. Office staff will then need to "Approve" (confirm) the enrollment to make it official.

GENERAL OVERVIEW: http://4h.unl.edu/qualityassurance

ONLINE WEBSITE: http://campus.extension.org/

REGISTRATION INFORMATION VIDEO: http://goo.gl/13p0lu (Gives step-by-step on how to pay and get registered. ***Highly Recommended!***)

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The Online Livestock Quality Assurance Course— Deadline June 15

All youth showing in a livestock, poultry, or rabbit project must complete either the online Quality Assurance Course or test out here at our office, in order to participate in 4-H shows. If choosing the Online version the youth must complete 3 modules within their age group **(**Junior, 8-10; Intermediate, 11-14; Senior 15-18). Once youth complete their modules they will need to print or email their certificate for those modules and email or mail them to our office (Washington-county@unl.edu). DEADLINE FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE IS JUNE 15, 2016. `

Youth must have completed the Online 4-H enrollment at ne.4honline.com before they can access the Livestock Quality Assurance Course. The course is located at http://campus.extension.org. An annual fee for participation is $5 per youth. The fee helps to provide for support of the website and development of curriculum.

Each youth member will need to use their own unique e-mail address. They can use a school e-mail, parent e-mail or you can create one through a free site (Hotmail, yahoo, etc.) Please record your e-mail address for future reference.

Intermediate or Senior level youth **may test out** of Quality Assurance for the remainder of their years in their respective level by coming into our office and taking a written test.

Please contact our office with any questions, concerns, or difficulties with Quality Assurance.

For more information about any of the following opportunities, please contact our office at 402-426-9455 or email us at Washington-county@unl.edu

Scholarships—http://bit.ly/21xmc3e

Applications—http://bit.ly/21xmc3e

Science Saturdays

Nebraska Mystery Foods Event - June 3, 2016

National Dairy 4-H Conference—deadline June 15, occurring October 2-6

Washington County 4-H Family Livestock Judging Contest

Sunday, June 12, 2016

Washington County Fairgrounds, Arlington

- Registration: 5:30pm-6pm
- Meal served at 5:30
- Judging begins at 6:30
- Free for the whole family

Clinics & Classes—http://bit.ly/1WODHbZ

Missouri Valley Horse Judging Contest - May 14
Horse Judging Workshops - May 17
Deuel County Progress Show - May 21
Rodeo Queen Clinic & Horsemanship Clinic - May 21
Pitzer 4-H Horse Judging Contest - May 25
Animal Science Youth Field Day - May 26
Lively Livestock Progress Show - May 27-28
South Central Nebraska Livestock Judging Clinic & Contest - June 1 @ Bladen, NE
South Central Nebraska Livestock Exposition - June 4 @ Bladen, NE
Midwest Livestock Jackpot Shows - June 3 & 4
Sheridan County Progress Show - June 5
Winners Unlimited Livestock Judging Camps - June 7-9 and June 11-13
Free Fitting & Showing Clinic hosted by Wranglers 4-H Club - June 11
Bridle & Saddle 4-H/Open Horse Show - June 11
Bit N Spur 4-H Pre-District Horse Show - June 11
Washington County 4-H Family Livestock Judging Contest - June 12
Perkins County 4-H Horse Show - June 18 registration form
Buckle Up Show Camp - June 24
Final Drive Sheep & Goat Show - June 25
Holbrook Days Pre-Fair Show - June 25
Wheeler County Progress Show - June 25

Papio Valley Market Broiler Show - June 25
Papio Valley 4-H Show - June 25
NE Pork Youth Conference - October 16-18

Seeking Adult and Youth members for Washington County 4-H Council

Want to provide leadership OR build your leadership? Now is your chance!

There are FOUR ADULT openings for the Washington County 4-H Council. The 4-H Council encourages any adult who has a shared interest in youth development and would like to assist the Washington County Extension 4-H Staff in the promotion of 4-H and to help plan and carry out the various activities pertinent to the Washington County 4-H Program to consider running for the Washington County 4-H Council. In addition, there are SIX YOUTH openings on the ballot for enrolled 4-H members who are currently 14-18 years old on January 1, 2016 who would like to take part on this leadership experience.

Elected adults will serve a two-year term from November 2016-October 2018 and the elected youth will serve a one-year term from November 2016-October 2017. Voting will take place during the Washington County Fair from Saturday, July 30-Wednesday, August 3. Check the 4-H Office on the fairgrounds for the location of the ballot box. Adult council members will be voted on by currently enrolled Washington County 4-H leaders/volunteers. Youth council members will be voted on by enrolled Washington County 4-H leaders/volunteers and enrolled 4-H members who are eight to 18 on January 1, 2016.

If interested in providing your leadership and/or building your leadership, contact the Nebraska Extension Office in Washington County at 402-426-9455 to get your name on the 2017 Washington County 4-H Council Ballot BY FRIDAY, JULY 22.

4-H Fair book

The 2016 Washington County 4-H Fair book has been posted! Please visit http://bit.ly/25boN8c to see the 4-H section. There were some changes made so please check it out!

2016 Fremont Fair King and Queen Contest

Any County youth is eligible to compete, doesn't need to be a county king or queen. For more information visit http://extension.unl.edu/statewide/dodge/2016FFContests.pdf

ENTRY DEADLINE: Monday, June 13 to the Dodge County Extension Office, 1206 West 23rd Street, Fremont, NE 68025

4-H KING & QUEEN INTERVIEWS: Thursday, June 23 at 6:00 pm OR Tuesday, July 5 at 11:30 a.m. at Dodge County Extension Office in Fremont

4-H KING & QUEEN CONTEST/CORONATION CEREMONY: Friday, July 8 at noon in the Multi-purpose Building, Christensen Field

Nebraska State Fair Schedule and Rules Released

To see the schedule and rules for the 2016 State Fair, please visit http://www.statefair.org/p/getinvolved/270

Looking for 4-H Camp Counselors

We are looking for outstanding leaders to assist at both of our 4-H Camps this summer. Being a camp counselor is a great opportunity to refine and gain new leadership skills, as well as, build lasting friendships, gain confidence, and experience the outdoors all while having a fun experience. We do not need a summer long commitment from counselors, counselors can sign up for the sessions that fit their schedule. Both the Nebraska State 4-H Camp in Halsey and the Eastern Nebraska 4-H Center in Gretna are accepting counselor applications. Camp Counselor and Leader training takes place at both locations May 31-June 4th. The training provides counselors with knowledge and skills to be a successful counselor while at camp. Youth will learn valuable youth development concepts, leadership skills and how to handle difficult and emergent situations. Please contact: Lindsay Shearer, Phone: (402) 472-2846

2016 Online Horticulture Judging Contest

The 2016 Nebraska 4-H Online Horticulture Judging contest is just around the corner. This year the contest will be available from June 10th at 8:00 a.m. until June 20th at 8:00 a.m. It is composed of three parts; general knowledge questions, plant part and seed identification, as well as a judging portion. Visit our website for more information about this event! http://extension.unl.edu/statewide/washington/general-information-events-and-news/

Premier Animal Science Event (PASE) -http://bit.ly/26Qrsml

A two-day event designed to help you learn about issues related to the animal industry, explore career opportunities that are available, compete with other teens from across the state and have FUN! The event is sponsored by Nebraska 4-H, the College of Agricultural Science and Natural Resources, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Nebraska Investment Finance Authority. Opportunities at PASE include livestock, meats, and poultry judging contests, as well as livestock skill-a-thon and quiz bowl. Youth can participate in more than one contest or event as their schedule allows. Event is on June 19-21 and deadline to enter is June 1.

Life Challenge—http://bit.ly/26Qrsml

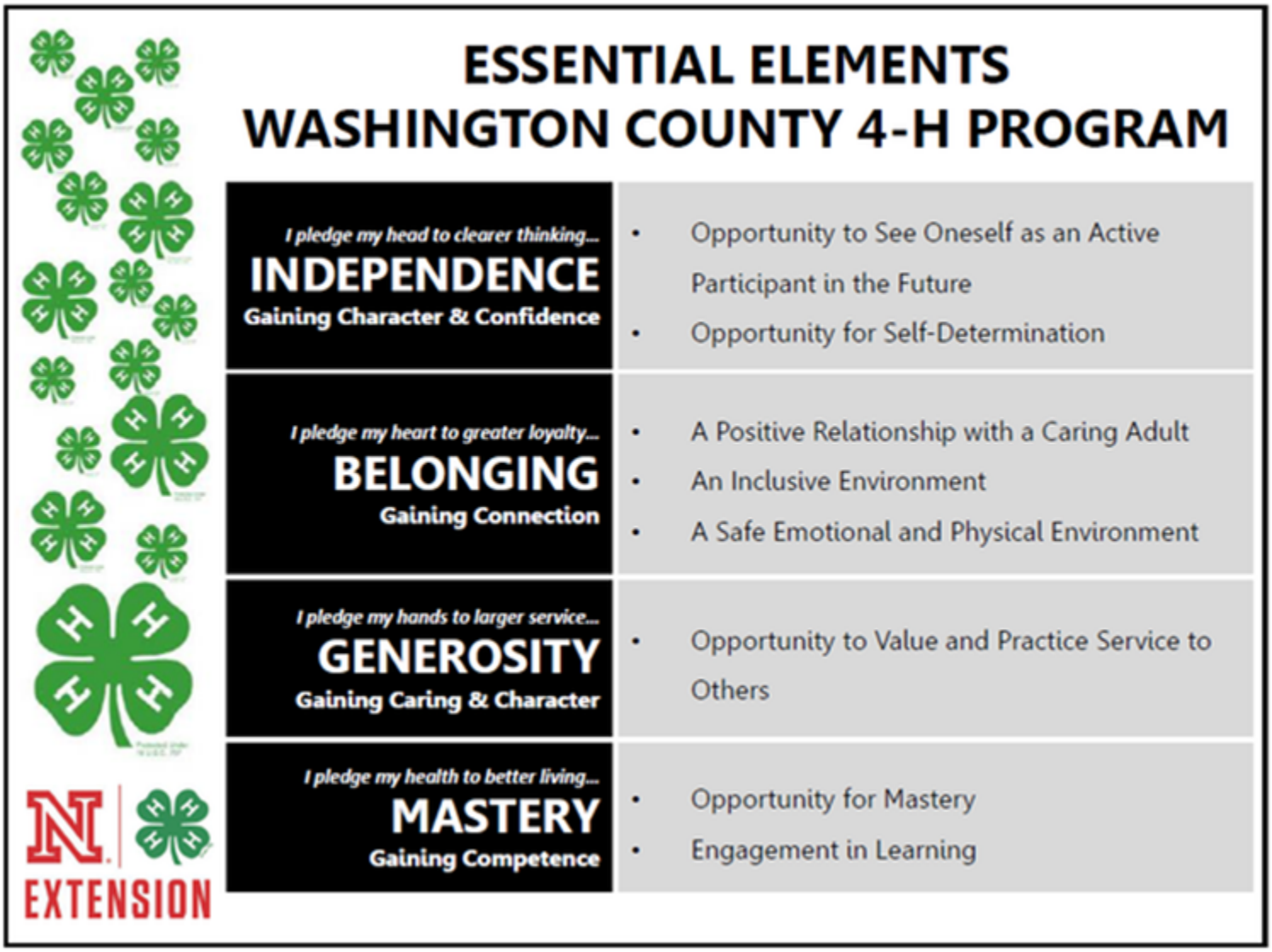
two-day event designed to help youth learn about issues related to Family and Consumer Sciences, explore career opportunities that are available, compete with other teens from across the state, and have fun! Opportunities at Life Challenge include family and consumer science team problem solving challenges, social activities, and campus tours. Youth can participate in any or all of these activities. . Event is on June 19-21 and deadline to enter is June 1.

Nominate your club for 4-H Club of the Month

The Nebraska 4-H Foundation and Nebraska 4-H Ambassadors have joined together to start a program which recognizes 4-H clubs throughout the state of Nebraska. Any 4-H club may nominate themselves to be the Club of the Month. Nominations are due the second Friday of the month before the club will be the Club of the Month. The club who is 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 Social Media along with the State 4-H website and Facebook and in their local newspaper. See http://ne4hfoundation.org/recognition/ for more information.

Pork Youth Conference

The 2016 Nebraska Pork Youth Conference, “Makin’ Bacon … and a WHOLE Lot More!” will be heldOctober 16-18, 2016. The conference is sponsored by the Nebraska Pork Producer’s Association, Nebraska Extension, and the UNL Department of Animal Science. The program is limited to 32 high-school aged youth. Online applications will be available between August 15 – September 9, 2016. Those applications will be reviewed and conference participants selected. For more information visit http://4h.unl.edu/tags/educationalprograms



Diamond Clover Program

Diamond Clover Recognition

Now is the time to complete the "PLAN" part of the project!

The Nebraska 4-H Diamond Clover Program is designed to encourage 4-H youth to engage in a variety of projects and activities that will enable members to acquire the life skills necessary to lead successful lives as competent, caring and contributing citizens. The program's overall goal is to provide 4-H members a rich and diverse learning experience.

The program consists of six levels that require a 4-H member to plan and report a broad range of age-appropriate accomplishments. The program is designed to enable every 4-H member willing to exert the effort an opportunity to be recognized, regardless of how they are involved in 4-H.

Please visit our website for more information.
http://extension.unl.edu/statewide/washington/diamond-clover-program/

2016 Washington County 4-H Calendar

(This calendar includes dates known and set at this time. Events and dates may change or be added throughout the coming year, so please stay tuned to the monthly newsletter for new information.)

June

5-10 UNL Big Red Summer Camps
9 Dodge County Family Livestock Judging Contest
12 Washington County Family Livestock Judging Contest
13 District Horse Show-Kearney
14 District Horse Show—Chadron
15 District Horse Show—McCook
15 **4-H Project Enrollment Deadline**-all members
15 **Livestock ID Deadline & Quality Assurance**
-DNA & Breeding Nomination cards due for State Fair & Aksarben livestock entries.
16 District Horse Show - Leigh
17 District Horse Show - Bloomfield
18 District Horse Show - Lincoln
28-30 PASE/Life Challenge

July

6-9 Fremont Fair
10-14 State Horse Show—Grand Island

Fairs & Shows

June 13-18	*District Horse Shows*
July 6-9	*Fremont Fair*
July 10-14	*Nebraska State Horse Show*
July 29– Aug. 3	*Washington County Fair*
Aug. 26- Sept. 5	*Nebraska State Fair*
Sept 17-18	*AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show – Horse Show* *Chance Ridge, Elkhorn, NE* *PRE-ENTRY DEADLINE: Monday, August by 5:00 p.m.*
Sept 22-25	*AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show* *CenturyLink Center, Omaha* *PRE-ENTRY DEADLINE: Monday, August 8 by 5:00 p.m.*

Weekly 'Smore' emails are the best way to receive updated and important information. Let us know if you're not receiving it!

Washington County Fair

"Get your boots on"

July 29—Aug. 3, 2016

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