

Bow Knot

4-H Newsletter



2016

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UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL	MAY (continued)
1 Deadline for 4-H ONLINE Enrollments	15 4 th Annual Custer County Challenge Beef Progress Show, Fairgrounds in Broken Bow
1 Deadline for 4-H membership contest	16 4-H Council Meeting, 4-H Building, 8:00 p.m.
2 Nebraska State 4-H BB Gun Championships, Wayne	24 Arnold Horse Camp, Arnold
3 Nebraska State 4-H Air Rifle Championships, Wayne	26 Animal Science Youth Field Day, Curtis
4 Quality Assurance Training Registration and Biosecurity Forms due in Extension Office	30 Office closed for holiday
8 Registrations for Custer County 4-H Indoor Archery Match due in Extension Office	
8 Market Beef DNA Deadline for State Fair & Ak-Sar-Ben	JUNE
10 2016 CWF Final Pre-Conference Meeting, 4-H Building, 2:00 p.m.	4 Summer 4-H Horse Show, Broken Bow
11 Deadline for 4-H membership fees due in the Extension Office	4-5 Nebraska State 4-H Outdoor Archery Tournament, Grand Island
16 County 4-H Indoor Archery Match, Shooting Range, Fairgrounds	5-10 Big Red Summer Camps
16-17 Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification, Arlington	6-21 2016 CWF Conference
22-23 Canine Companions for Life: Nebraska 4-H Dog Expo, Hastings	7 4-H Sheep Weigh-In and Identification Day, Fairgrounds, Broken Bow, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
23-24 State 4-H Clay Target Championships, Grand Island	9 Registrations for 4-H Presentation Contest due in Extension Office
29 Office closed for holiday	13 District 4-H Horse Show, Kearney
30 Quality Assurance Training, Broken Bow	14 District 4-H Horse Show, Chadron
30 West Central Regional 4-H Speech & Interview Contests, North Platte	15 District 4-H Horse Show, McCook
MAY	15 State Fair & Ak-Sar-Ben DNA Samples due for Market Swine, Market Lambs, Meat Goat, & Feeder Calf
1 Camp Counselor Applications Due	15 4-H Livestock ID's due in Extension Office
1 Pre-registrations due for 4 th Annual Custer County Challenge Beef Progress Show	16 4-H Presentation Contest, 4-H Building, 9:30 a.m.
2 4-H T-Shirt Orders due	16 District 4-H Horse Show, Leigh
2 Deadline for Life Challenge Sign-Up	17 District 4-H Horse Show, Bloomfield
6 4-H Horse ID's due in Extension Office	20-21 P.A.S.E. Animal Science Judging Contest, UNL, Lincoln
6 State and District 4-H Horse Show Entries due in Extension Office	20-21 Life Challenge Event, UNL Campus, Lincoln
15 2018 CWF Payment Due	21 District 4-H Horse Show, Lincoln
	26-July 1 2016 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships, Grand Island, NE

CUSTER COUNTY FARM BUREAU TO SPONSOR CUSTER COUNTY 4-H T-SHIRTS



The Custer County Farm Bureau will again be a sponsor for the Custer County 4-H t-shirts in 2016. The Custer County 4-H t-shirts will be available to any 4-H member. The kelly green t-shirt is made of 50% cotton, 50% polyester with reinforced collar and hemmed sleeves. It will have white lettering on the left front shoulder area. The Farm Bureau logo will be printed between the shoulders on the back of the t-shirt. Cost is \$5.00 for youth sizes and \$5.50 for adult sizes. These t-shirts are approved as proper dress for showing all livestock species, except horses and dogs, at county fair. Youth sizes are 6-8, 10-12, and 14-16. Adult sizes range from small to 3X. (Price increases with each X.) Youth may each order one shirt.

A t-shirt order form is included in this Bow Knot issue to organizational leaders. All orders are due May 2. Money must accompany orders. **This will be the only order made until May 2017.**



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CUSTER COUNTY YOUTH ANIMAL QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING



Nebraska Extension in Custer County is once again partnering with Adams Land and Cattle to hold a Youth Quality Assurance Training the **morning of Saturday, April 30**. Registration forms and biosecurity forms are due to the Extension Office by **April 4**.

Registration form: <http://go.unl.edu/yayb>
Biosecurity form: <http://go.unl.edu/0pga>

Schedule of Events for Saturday, April 30

- Registration begins at 8:45 AM at the Adams Land and Cattle (ALCC) Corporate Office, 327 S. First Avenue, Broken Bow.
- The program will begin at 9:15 AM and will last approx. 2 hours.
- After registration and welcome, the kids will be transported via bus to the ALCC South Lot for the remainder of their modules and will then return to the ALCC office for parents to pick up at 11:30 AM.

This training will meet the requirements for Quality Assurance to show animals at the Custer County Fair, Nebraska State Fair, and Aksarben. During the training, youth will move through a series of stations to educate them on animal Quality Assurance. All Custer County youth who need Quality Assurance training are encouraged to attend.

Attendees will receive a 2016 Custer County Youth Animal Quality Assurance Training t-shirt. We would like as many 4-H'ers as possible to attend this exciting and interactive Quality Assurance training.

Any 4-H member (4-H age 8-18) or FFA member who plans to show sheep, beef, swine, dairy, rabbits, poultry, and/or goats at the Custer County Fair, Nebraska State Fair, and/or Aksarben needs to be trained for Quality Assurance.

OPTIONS FOR YOUTH UNABLE TO ATTEND THE APRIL 30 QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING...

- Ages 12-14: "test out" of the intermediate level using intermediate level test. Testing will be conducted at the Extension Office.
- Ages 15-18: "test out" of the senior level using senior level test. Testing will be conducted at the Extension Office.
- Participate in a club training.
- Participate in the Quality Assurance online training. **Cost of the online training is \$5.00 per person.** The web address for the training is: <http://4h.unl.edu/qualityassurance>
A video on this website will help youth register for the training. This website will close on June 15. Names of youth trained will be emailed to our office.

All training and/or testing must be completed, and training logs turned in to the Extension Office by June 15.



CUSTER COUNTY SUMMER 4-H HORSE SHOW DATES

June 4 - Broken Bow
July 9 - Arnold
July 16 - Callaway





CONGRATULATIONS YOUNG RIDERS 4-H CLUB

The Nebraska 4-H Foundation would like to congratulate the Young Riders 4-H Club for being awarded the Nebraska 4-H Club of the Month for March 2016. This 4-H Club from Broken Bow, NE in Custer County has truly made a difference in their community. The club is very dedicated to building strong citizenship and teamwork through various community service activities.

The Young Riders 4-H Club has been very active with fundraising efforts to help their local county fairgrounds. The club hosted a bake sale to help raise money for fairgrounds improvements and also donated enough money to purchase a sign for the fairgrounds entrance to help visitors during their stay at the fairgrounds. The Young Rider's community service project was to install the sign, with each member helping to dig the post holes by hand and mount the sign. "It was a great learning experience and involved team work and cooperation" says club leader, Becky Pearson.

The membership for Young Riders has increased significantly in the past year, with a 20% increase in active participating members. "Many of the members are younger than 12, but still jump in and help whenever they can" says Pearson. They also have weekly riding practices for the members that are enrolled in the horse project, so that the members can learn the basic horsemanship skills in the beginning and then can advance to more skilled events such as roping, reining and goat tying.

Lastly, the club hosts an open 4-H horse show that is open to all participants enrolled in the 4-H horse project in Nebraska. The members solicit sponsors for awards and lunch. They are going on their second year of hosting the show. "All of the members enjoy being a part of something bigger than themselves" says Pearson. The members help design the awards, decide which events to have and help to put the show on.

The Nebraska 4-H Foundation provides 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/recognition> or e-mail ne4hclubofthemonth@gmail.com.



ARE YOU ENROLLED IN THE 4-H BUCKET CALF PROJECT?

****The following information does not apply to Clover Kids who plan to show a bucket calf.**
See February Bow Knot for Clover Kid bucket calf guidelines.**



Only 4-H members 8-12 years of age as of January 1 of the current year are eligible to show in the bucket calf project. All calves must have been born between January 1 and May 15 of the current year and raised by artificial means. **By June 15, all bucket calves must be castrated (if bulls), dehorned, tagged with the official eartag, and officially identified on the bucket calf ID form (available at the Extension Office or online at http://extension.unl.edu/statewide/custer/Animal%20ID%20Sheets/2016_Bucket%20Calf_Affidavit.pdf).** Your bucket calf ID form must be turned in to your organizational leader prior to June 15.

Each member enrolled in the Bucket Calf project must complete the 4-H Bucket Calf Project Record Book, which is a part of the judging process at the county fair. The record book contains a diary which 4-H'ers must keep on their bucket calf, indicating how they cared for their calf. Records and diary should be in the 4-H'ers own handwriting. **The 4-H Bucket Calf Project Record Book is due in the Extension Office on or before 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 1, along with the county fair entry form.** County fair entry forms will be mailed to 4-H'ers with the June Bow Knot newsletter.

Classes will be interview judged based on completion of records and diary to the best of the member's ability. Calves should be clean and brushed; clipping optional. 4-H'ers should have knowledge concerning the proper care of their bucket calf. Calves will be shown by rope halters only. The quality and breed of the calf will not be considered, since the purchase is not made on that basis. Classes may be split at the Bucket Calf Superintendent's discretion. A 4-H member may exhibit one bucket calf. Bucket calves must be checked-in at the covered show ring on Sunday, July 31, 4:30-5:30 p.m. and will not be released until 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 4. The Bucket Calf Interviews will start at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, August 1. The Bucket Calf Parade will be held at 11:00 a.m.

If you have questions regarding the bucket calf project, please contact Troy at the Extension Office.

SCHOOL PROJECTS VS. 4-H PROJECTS



4-H members, while you think about or begin to work on 4-H projects for the 2016 year, please keep in mind that articles entered at the county fair as a 4-H project must have been completed as a 4-H project and not used as a project for any other organization or school. Violation of rules renders the exhibitor subject to loss of premium money, ribbons, other awards, and/or elimination from the show.

LIFE CHALLENGE

If you are a 4-H'er, 12 years old or older, you are invited to participate in Life Challenge June 19-21 at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.



Life Challenge is a two-day event designed to help 4-H'ers learn about issues related to Family and Consumer Sciences, explore career opportunities, compete with other teens from across the state, and have FUN! THE FINAL DATE TO SIGN UP IS MAY 2, 2016.

Custer County 4-H'ers will get together several times before going to Lincoln to practice problem solving techniques and teamwork. Practice dates will be determined later.

Custer County has been very successful at the Life Challenge competition in the past. Our teams have brought home at least one first place award each of the last four years. Those 4-H'ers each won a \$500.00 scholarship to the College of Education and Family Sciences at the University of Nebraska. We've brought home many other top awards as well.

Maybe you're not sure if you'd like to participate in Life Challenge. To get your questions answered, give Jessye a call.

2016 NEBRASKA AGRICULTURAL YOUTH INSTITUTE

"NAYI 2016...Empowering Potential" is the theme for the 45th annual Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute (NAYI). The institute is an opportunity for young men and women who are Nebraska high school juniors and seniors to learn about career opportunities within agriculture. The conference features speakers, workshops, agricultural education, networking with peers and industry leaders, professional development, leadership experience, fun, and new friends! NAYI will be held July 11-15 at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. Knowledgeable speakers will strive to motivate and educate the delegates by addressing current agricultural issues and pointing out the many opportunities this industry has to offer. One of the more popular events is the computer-simulated farm management game which challenges the delegates to work together as teams to manage their own farms. There will also be group discussions, as well as a variety of evening activities. Applications are available on the web at <http://4h.unl.edu/newsletterarticles/nayiapplicationsnowavailable> or from the Extension Office. Applications must be postmarked no later than April 15.

4TH ANNUAL CUSTER COUNTY CHALLENGE BEEF PROGRESS SHOW



4-H and FFA beef exhibitors should plan to attend the 4th Annual Custer County Challenge Beef Progress Show. The show will be held on Sunday, May 15 at the Custer County Fairgrounds in Broken Bow. Classes will be held for breeding heifers, market heifers, market steers, and showmanship. Check-in time is 7:30-9:00 a.m. and the show will begin at 10:30 a.m. The pre-entry fee for Custer County 4-H and FFA exhibitors is \$10 per head. The show is sanctioned by the Junior Nebraska Cattlemen. Cash prizes will be awarded to Champion and Reserve Breeding Heifer and Market Animal. For more information contact 308-631-4250. Registration forms are available at the Extension Office.

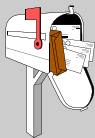
4-H PROGRESS SHOWS AND CLUB ANIMAL SALES



We are beginning to receive information about 4-H youth progress shows and club animal sales in the area. If you are interested in specific information, stop by the Extension Office.



Enclosures



To Organizational Leaders-
Custer County 4-H T-Shirt Order Form
January 4-H Council Minutes



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