



# Morrill County 4-H Update

## Jan/Feb 2017

### 4HOnline Ready For 2016/17 Enrollment

4HOnline is ready to take enrollments for the 2016/2017 4-H year. Each member, leader and volunteer must re-enroll in 4-H each year online at: [ne.4honline.com](http://ne.4honline.com)

**Returning 4-H Members DO NOT set up a profile. You already have an account.** Your login is your email address. If you have forgotten or do not know your password, please select "I forgot my password". A temporary password will be sent via email.

Profile information may have changed so it is important that everyone (youth and volunteers) update their profile before submitting. Please be sure to double check your address, phone number, and email address and update if needed. Remember that there should only be **one 4HOnline profile per family**. If you are having problems logging on please contact the Extension office.

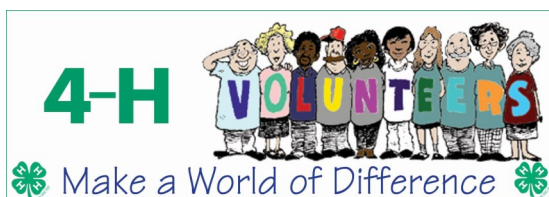
**If you are new to 4-H** and have never logged on to 4hOnline before, you will need to build your family profile. Each family should have one profile that lists all family members involved in 4-H. Please use the following steps to setup your profile:

Click on the "I need to setup a profile" option below. Fill in the information asked. Remember that the email address that you entered is the email that you will logon with. You may change/update your profile info at any time after the initial enrollment.

**Enrollment fees** will be taken online with a credit/debit card only—No cash or checks unless you have made other arrangements. Your enrollment will not be complete until payment is submitted.

### Treasurer's Reports Due

**All Clubs and Councils are required** to submit a year end treasurer's report to the local Extension Office by the end of January for each bank or savings account your club or council has. Forms are available online at: <http://4h.unl.edu/clubresources>



### Events & Deadlines

Jan 20- Special Garden Deadline  
Feb 2- Bridgeport Private Pesticide  
Feb —Fruit Sales Begin—Tentative  
Feb 8- Council Meeting  
Feb 9- Fairboard Meeting  
Feb 14- Valentine's Day  
Feb 20- Presidents' Day (Office Closed)  
Feb 25— Market Beef Weigh-In Day  
Mar 3- Foundation scholarships Due  
Mar 17- Extension Scholarship Due  
Mar 31- Council Scholarship Due  
April 22- District public Speaking Contest

### What Else can 4-HOnline Offer?

4-H online is an amazing resource that we, as a county, use everyday. We send out emails and text, about up coming events or to reach out to a specific group. We also post all of our Newsletters under the connect tab click on "newsletters." Also, under the connect tab you will find when the office will be closed under "schedules". Lots of great information right at your finger tips! Check it out at <https://4honline.com/>

**4HOnline**  
4-H Enrollment and Event Registration

New 4-H Project  
Resource Central  
Available [online](#).



## 4-H Scholarships

### Nebraska 4-H Foundation Scholarship Program

The Nebraska 4-H Foundation supports 4-H in many ways, there are several statewide Nebraska 4-H Foundation scholarships including:

- Murdoch's Ranch & Home Supply Scholarships - \$1,000 each awarded to two individuals residing in Scottsbluff and Morrill Counties
- 4-H Legacy Scholarships - \$1,000 each awarded to three individuals

To view information and requirements and to download applications, please go to the following link at: <http://ne4hfoundation.org/recognition/>.

All applications must be received by March 3, 2017.

### 4-H Council Scholarship

Applications for the 4-H scholarships are available again this year at the Morrill County Extension Office. The 4-H Council will be offering 3 scholarships in the amounts of \$1000, \$750, and \$500. **Please have your application turned in along with your record book no later than March 31<sup>st</sup>.**

### National Assoc. of County Extension Boards Scholarships

The Nebraska Association of County Extension Boards (NACEB) Scholarship Program includes the following:

- One \$1000 scholarship at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR) or in the College of Education and Human Sciences (CEHS) for an incoming student (freshmen or transfer student).
  - One \$1000 scholarship for a current student (sophomore or higher) enrolled in CASNR or CEHS.
- Applications are being accepted on-line this year on the NACEB website. Application materials must be received by March 17, 2017.**

### Tom Holman Scholarship

A \$250.00 award will be given to one Scotts Bluff and one Morrill County 4-Her annually in remembrance of Extension Educator Tom Holman. The 4-Her must complete the scholarship application available at <http://ne4hfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/THE-TOM-HOLMAN-SCHOLARSHIP.pdf>.

**Applications are due by September 23.** The recipients will be announced at the annual 4-H awards event in their respective county. The scholarship will be paid directly to their college/university upon successful completion of their first semester.

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## 2017 Photography Theme

Unit II and Unit III NEBRASKA EXHIBIT PRINT: **Reflect your definition of rural Nebraska.** Capture rural living in your Nebraska county through your camera lens. Use your photo to express what rural means to you, why you value rural life or how rural life is changing. This is your story to tell.

***New Classes in Unit II and III for 2017***

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## Shootings Sports Enrollment

All youth of the ages from 8-18 who are planning on being involved in shooting sports this year you **MUST** be enrolled as a member, attend meetings, go to at least 3 practices in order to compete.

If you have questions, please contact Dean Cline for more information.

308-262-9955





## This Year's Special Garden Project

The Special Garden Project is a way to offer 4-H members the chance to grow unusual and fun projects in their gardens. 4-H members expressed an interest in this year's Special Garden Project which is focused on the tasty, Sunburst Summer Squash. Sunburst squash has yellow scalloped shaped fruits with bright-green blossom ends. The plants are very productive and are an All-American Selection winner for its early fruit production and for producing a large number of fruits per plant. On average it will take about 52 days from seeding date until the squash is ready to harvest.

### 4-H Members enrolled in the Special Garden Project will:

- \* Receives seeds of Sunburst Summer Squash
- \* Receive a newsletter and evaluation about planting, growing, harvest, and possible problems you may encounter
- \* Be able to enter this unique veggie at County and State Fair



**NEW THIS YEAR.** Youth should enroll for Special Garden Project through 4-H online. Once enrolled in 4-H Online, youth are supposed to call their local office to sign up and put in a seed order. By enrolling through 4-H Online, youth will have access to the box folder with the educational materials including the growing newsletter and evaluation.

**If you would like to participate in this project, call the Extension Office to reserve a packet of seeds.**

## 4-H Speech Contest

The Morrill County Speech Contest will be held this spring, please watch for further details. The District Contest will be held April 22.

### General Rules:

- Length of Speeches: Junior Division: 1-3 minutes, Intermediate Division: 3-5 minutes, Senior Division: 5-8 minutes
- ♦ All speeches must be original and include 4-H as the major component of the speech.
- ♦ Speeches given at other speech competitions may not be used verbatim for the 4-H contest. It is okay to use the same ideas from a speech previously delivered in competition, but it must be 4-H related. 4-H public speakers **MAY NOT** use an old speech written by a sibling, other 4-H member, or anyone else.
- ♦ Acknowledge the source of information used in the speech. For example, an article from a magazine may be used for reference but should not be quoted directly unless you tell the audience your source.
- ♦ Use of visual aids and props are not allowed.
- ♦ No Costumes or special effect clothing

### Public Service Announcement (PSA) Category Rules

- ♦ All PSA's are 60 seconds in length.
- ♦ The state theme for the 2016 Public Service Announcement is **4-H Grown**. . . and should be incorporated in the PSA.
- ♦ All radio PSA's must promote 4-H and be general enough to be used anywhere in Nebraska at any time of the year.

All 4-H PSA's must include the following tag line within the last ten seconds of the PSA: **"Learn more about the University of Nebraska Extension 4-H Youth Development Program at 4h.unl.edu."** All PSA's must be the original work of the presenter. Contestants may not use PSA's written and provided by the state or national staff.

Additional information check out the website: <http://4h.unl.edu/public-speaking>





## Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic Livestock Judging Contest

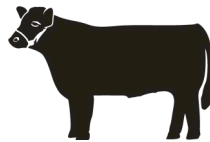
The 2017 Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic Livestock Judging Contest will be held on Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds. This is a great learning opportunity for youth as they progress through their judging careers, and an exceptional "warm-up" for State Contests to be held later this year. The Cattlemen's Classic is a huge supporter of everything youth related, especially judging and they have graciously funded over \$5,000 in awards. We would highly encourage anyone and everyone to attend.

There will be 8 classes of cattle and ages will split into two divisions. Juniors (ages 8-13) and Seniors (ages 14-19). These ages are as of January 1, 2016. You're more than welcome to move a Junior contestant up to the Senior division to make a full team, if necessary.

Questions can be directed to Extension Educator/Livestock Judging Coach Brad Bennett at 402.472.8834 or [bbennett8@unl.edu](mailto:bbennett8@unl.edu).

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## Market Beef Weigh-In



- ◆ February 25, 8:00-11:00am, @ the East Lapaseots Feedlot
- ◆ Snow date will be March 4

All members wanting to participate in the Market Beef Rate of Gain must weigh-in on this day.

Those of you who are planning on showing at the 2017 Nebraska State Fair your animal will be tagged with an EID tag if there isn't one already intact. You will also need DNA collected which will be \$6 and possibly need to fill out a Breeding Nomination card for your animal.

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## 2017 State Fair Livestock Fees

Nebraska State Fairboard voted to add a bedding fee onto the entry fee for all livestock exhibitors; the fee will be;  
**\$15 for beef and dairy and**  
**\$5 for sheep, goats, and swine**

The Fairboard also voted to add a \$3 per head fee for 4-H & FFA market animals to help defray the costs of drug testing. These costs are in addition to the existing entry fees that will stay the same for 2017. The Nebraska State Fair continues to be supportive of FFA and 4-H and values all that youth and families bring the Fair; however, escalating costs for bedding, bedding removal, etc. have forced them to reassess their fees. They are also aware that there are other costs for families including DNA sampling and EID tags. While this does add a financial burden; hopefully, by knowing early, families can make appropriate decisions about nominating animals and their plans for exhibiting.

*Questions? Contact Kathleen Lodi at [klodi1@unl.edu](mailto:klodi1@unl.edu) or at 402-472-9012.*



## Premises ID

Premises Identification is a new requirement for State Fair. Exhibitors of 4-H and FFA beef, swine, sheep, and goats that carry an EID tag will be required to obtain a Premises ID number through the Nebraska Department of Agriculture at no cost to the exhibitor. Exhibitors without a premises ID number will not be allowed to exhibit at the Nebraska State Fair

Premises ID, along with EIDs are important steps in tracking where animals are raised, marketed, and exhibited in order to rapidly respond to any animal disease event.

Premises ID numbers are simple to obtain and easy to use. They correlate to the address or location where livestock are housed. The Steps to obtaining a Premises ID are as follows:

- Set up an account with the NDA by email or phone  
Ross Baker: ross.baker@nebraska.gov  
Jean Gibson: jean.gibson@nebraska.gov  
Call 402-471-2351 and ask for Premises ID info
- Provide the following:
  - Name of the individual owning or in control of the location (parent, grandparent)
  - Address (where you receive your mail, Post office address, PO Box)
  - Address (street or 911 address) where the animal is actually located
  - Phone number of the control person of the location

After completing these steps, a Premises ID will be assigned and that information to the account holder within 24-48 hours. PLEASE KEEP TRACK OF THIS NUMBER IT DOES NOT CHANGE.

If you believe you already have a Premises ID on file, call 402-471-2351 and ask for Premises ID information.

**If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the Extension office or stop in and pickup a pamphlet.**

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## Youth Livestock Projects and the VFD Regulation

Youth Livestock Participants are you prepared for the new FDA Veterinary Feed Directive. If you feed medicated feeds to your livestock, visit with your Veterinarian and Feed Dealer to determine if you will be required to have a VFD Order before purchasing and feeding these products. For more information visit the Nebraska BQA VFD Webpage at: <http://bqa.unl.edu/veterinary-feed-directive>







## 2017 Livestock Quality Assurance

All 4-H/FFA enrolled in beef, bucket calf, feeder calf, cow/calf pair, dairy, goats, sheep, swine, rabbit, and/or poultry, must complete a [Livestock Quality Assurance Training](#).

Youth will have 2 options to receive their LQA Certification.

1. They can complete 3 online modules at a cost of \$5 until March 1st. After March 1st cost will go up.
2. Face to Face certification at a cost of \$5, dates to be announced for each county

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## 2017 District 4-H Horse Shows

All Entries for State Horse Show much be mailed by **May 12, 2017**. This includes Showmanship, Halter, all Cattle Classes, Hunter Hack, Dressage, Advanced Hunter Under Saddle, Hunt Seat Equitation, Western Pleasure and horsemanship, Trail, 2 year old and 3 year old Western Pleasure ad working ranch.

- All Level testing required for participation in the 2017 District 4-H Horse Show **MUST** be completed by **May 12, 2017**.
- Lexington—June 12
- Taylor—June 13
- Wayne- June 14
- **Hemingford—June 19**
- Lincoln- June 20

2017 Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Show will be July 16-20, 2017.

For additional information, contact the Extension Office, or visit

<http://animalscience.unl.edu/anscextensionequine>

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## 4-H Horse Stampede

The 4-H Horse Stampede is held annually on the University of Nebraska–Lincoln East Campus. This year's 4-H Horse Stampede will be held **Saturday, April 1, 2017**. This event offers a variety of 4-H horse contests that don't require live horses, including public speaking, demonstration, quiz bowl, art, and photography contests. Youth have the opportunity to display their equine knowledge through these contests both as an individual and as part of a team. There is a \$10 entry fee per contestant. A Brown Bag Lunch is available through a pre-order form. Along with lunches, T-shirts will also need to be pre-ordered in order to secure a shirt.

Visit <http://4h.unl.edu/horse/stampede> for more information.



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## **January/February 4-H Newsletter**

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