

Morrill County 4-H Newsletter January 2017

Welcome back to another year of 4-H activities and events! I would personally like to thank everyone for being patient with us as we work to fill the positions in the Morrill County Office! Until that position is filled, we will work to keep everyone informed of upcoming dates.

Enrollment

4-H enrollment is now open and we are encouraging everyone to enroll by the end of **February**. Here is the link to our 4honline enrollment.

<https://ne.4honline.com/Login.aspx?403D4050364539525371705375593D>

Shooting Sports Enrollment

If you are active in shooting sports, you **MUST** be an enrolled member, attend meetings, and have at least 3 practices in order to compete. If you have additional questions, please contact Dean Cline.

Volunteer Enrollment

Volunteers also need to re-enroll in the 4honline system! If you are working with youth in any capacity, we must ensure that all volunteers have completed and submitted a screening form. This is a simple process, but must be completed every 4 years. Please follow the link: <http://4h.unl.edu/volunteer> and click on "**Youth Protection 4-H Volunteer Screening**". A form will pop up with a barcode (please do not make additional copies as every download has a unique barcode!) Please print the form, fill it out, and return to your local Extension office. If you are unsure if your screening is up to date, please contact the Extension office.

Beef Weigh-in

Beef Weigh-in will be held at the East Lapaseotes Feedlot on **Saturday, February 25th** from **8-11am** with the snow date set for the following week **Saturday, March 4th**. The cost of DNA collections will be \$6. Other fee information will be available in the February newsletter.

4-H Scholarships

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 \$500, \$300, and \$200. Please have your application turned in along with your record book no later than March 31st.

NAYI

The Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute is a weeklong experience for high school juniors and seniors from all across Nebraska to learn about career opportunities within agriculture. This conference features speakers, workshops, agricultural education, networking with peers and industry leaders, professional development, leadership experience, fun and new friends!

The NAYI Application will be available on February 15, 2017.

<http://www.nda.nebraska.gov/nayi/nayi.html>

Public Speaking Contest

The Public Speaking/PSA contest in Morrill County will be held later this spring. Please watch for further details.

Morrill County Fair

Please mark your calendars, the Morrill County Fair dates are **July 22-29** with the fashion show on **Saturday, July 15th**.

- We are currently looking for individuals interested in managing or catering in the 4-H Kitchen. Please contact the 4-H Council for more information.
- The 4-H Council is taking bids for a photographer willing to cover the fair. If you are interested, please have your bid to the Morrill County Extension office by February 3rd!

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