



Morrill County 4-H to date

March/ April 2017



4-H Clover Chase: A Nebraska 150 Event Starts March 1st



Nebraska 4-H, in partnership with the [Nebraska 4-H Foundation](#), is celebrating the [Nebraska Statehood 150](#) with the 4-H Clover Chase!

Between March 1 - August 15, 2017, Nebraska 4-H will be hosting a photo scavenger hunt for all 4-H members. Using an app, participants will complete challenges and submit photo entries on social media using #NE4HChase. After submitting photos and earning 150 points, participants will be eligible to receive a commemorative water bottle from their local Nebraska Extension Office and will be entered into a drawing to win a drone with video capability. The Nebraska Extension Office with the highest percentage of participation wins a free National Youth Science Day kit!

Complete details about the 4-H Clover Chase can be found at <http://4h.unl.edu/clover-chase>. Celebrate Nebraska's Statehood, and Nebraska 4-H, by participating in this fun-filled opportunity with your friends, club, or family!

REMINDER

2016/17 Enrollment Deadline

The 2016/2017 4-H year enrollment deadline is fast approaching—**March 1st**. Each member, leader and volunteer must re-enroll in 4-H each year online at: ne.4honline.com

If you have any questions feel free to call the office or stop in and I will print you off a "Steps to Enroll Online" handout OR I can email you one as a word document or PDF.

4-H Enrollment Fee

Our 4honline payment program is not updated. Please, stop into the Extension office and pay your fee before weigh-in or projects are entered.

- \$5 fee per exhibitor
- Make checks payable to Morrill County 4-H Council
- We do NOT except credit or debit cards
- Livestock families need to have it paid before you are able to weigh-in.
- Office hours are 8 AM -Noon and 1- 4:30 PM

Events & Deadlines

- Mar 1—4-H Clover Chase begins
- Mar 1—Raise Your Hand Promotion
- Mar 1—4-H Enrollment Deadline
- Mar 2- Supers/Club Leader meeting @6
- Mar—8 4-H Council meeting at 6:30PM
- Mar 9- Fairboard Meeting
- Mar 29-Public Speaking Contest deadline
- Mar 11- Youth Day Oshkosh Heifer Devlp
- April 12- Public Speaking Contest
- April 15—NAYI application deadline
- April 15- Camp Discounts End
- May 1- PASE/Life Challenge reg. opens
- April 22- Horse Judging School

**Morrill County 4-H
Council Meeting**
Wednesday, March 8, 6:30PM
Wednesday, April 5
7:00 PM
At the Extension Office
**Morrill County Fairboard
Meeting**
Thursday, March 9
Thursday, April 6
6:00 PM
At the Extension Office

Look us up on Facebook!



Keep up with all the Morrill County 4-H and Extension happenings, updates, newsletters, and more!

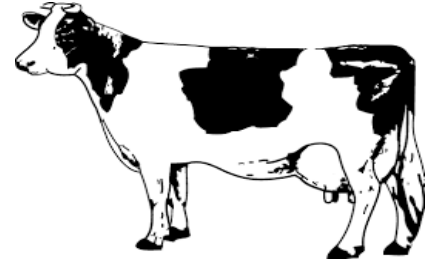
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Oshkosh Heifer Development 4-H Youth Day

Bring the whole family and learn more about cattle handling and our local Heifer Development program March 11, at 10:00 AM. Oshkosh Heifer development is located 8 miles West of Oshkosh. The day will include:

- Learn low-stress, quiet methods of cattle handling
- Observe 20 Dairy heifers being processed in a state of the art facility
- Learn the importance of EID tagging and the technology behind it
- Will have an extensive tour of the facility



To register contact the Garden County Extension Office for more information (308)-772-3311

Livestock Quality Assurance 2017

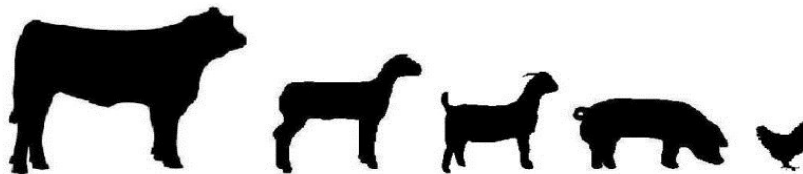
New this Year—YQCA replaces LQA

We are excited to announce that Nebraska is part of a national team introducing a new QA Curriculum called Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). The YQCA course will be available online 24/7 and the new course will be available tentatively on or about March 1.

Be looking for locations, date, and time for face-to-face trainings in the Panhandle on our Facebook page

- Cost will be \$5.00 each.
- This will complete your Livestock Quality Assurance for 2017.
- Nothing to complete online!! If you already completed yours for 2017 on the old LQA site please turn your certificates in to the office.

If you choose not to participate in the face-to-face you will have to go online to the NEW YQCA website to complete your requirements. The site will be sent out on Facebook as soon as it is released. The new fee is \$12.00 per person.



Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute

The Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute, is a five-day summer program for current high school juniors and seniors, is celebrating its 46th anniversary this year. The Institute will be held July 10-14, 2017, at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's East Campus.

NAYI provides youth with an opportunity to explore the ag industry, discover potential ag-related careers. Applications for the 2017 NAYI application download is available now from the Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) website at <http://www.nda.nebraska.gov/nayi/nayi.html>. Students interested in applying must have applications postmarked by **April 15th to apply**.



AKSARBEN Stock Show is Moving

The new location for the 2017 AKSARBEN Stock Show is Grand Island!

The new facilities allow us to ensure the sustainability and growth of AKSARBEN's 90 year old 4-H livestock exhibition.

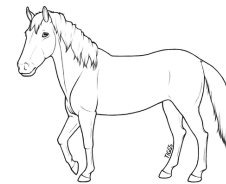
The dates for the show are Thursday, September 28– October 1. There will be some schedule changes from our previous days and times in Omaha. The exact schedule will be coming soon.

The DNA nomination deadline will remain the same . Market Beef DNA nomination are due to the county extension office by April 15. DNA nominations for feeder calves, market goats, market hogs, and market lambs are due by June 15. For more information on DNA nominations, visit aksarbenstockshow.com.

Horse Judging School

The 2017 Horse Judging School will take place, **April 22, 2017**, at the UNL Animal Science Complex, on East Campus from 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM.

This horse show judges school is a must for current judges, aspiring judges, judging team coaches, and youth. UNL Extension Equine Specialist Kathy Anderson said the judges school is also perfect for exhibitors because it is the best way to learn how one is being judged, so exhibitors can do a better job when in the arena. The Nebraska 4-H Horse Show Judging Certification test will be offered at no additional cost for those needing to be re-certified, or desiring to become new 4-H Horse judges.



Speakers include:

- Kathy Anderson, UNL Extension Equine Specialist
- Lena Luck, UNL Extension Equine Specialist for youth
- Rebecca Gunderson, UNL equine graduate student

The cost per person is \$30 for youth, ages 10 -18 years old, and \$40 for adults, ages 19 years and older. Please register at <http://go.unl.edu/hyjc> to reserve your spot. We look forward to seeing you at this year's Horse Judging School. For more information on the Nebraska 4-H Horse Show Judge Certification test, visit: <http://animalscience.unl.edu/horse-judging-information#tab4>.

Feel free to contact Kathy Anderson for more information at 402-472-6414 or kanderson1@unl.edu or visit: <http://animalscience.unl.edu/horse>.

Public Speaking Contest –April 12, 2017 5:30 PM

Pre-register by March 29, 2017

2017 Public Service Announcement is "4-H Grown"

- All PSA's are 60 seconds in length.
- Radio PSA's will be submitted electronically along with the PSA text and registration form.

All speeches must be original and include 4-H as the major component of the speech.

Length of Speeches:

- Junior Division: 1 to 3 minutes, Intermediate Division: 3 to 5 minutes, Senior Division: 5 to 8 minutes.

Age Divisions

- Three age divisions are used in the 4-H Public Speaking Contest and are based on the 4-H member's age (the age of the youth before January 1 of the current year).
- Junior Division: 4-H ages 8-10, Intermediate Division: 4-H ages 11-13. Senior Division: 4-H ages 14-18

Only Senior Division regional winners in the Speech and PSA categories will advance to the State Public Speaking Contest.



Summer Camp Early Bird Discount

Check out the list of Camps with camp fees, locations, and dates at <http://4h.unl.edu/summer-camp>.

Act quickly to receive an Early Bird DISCOUNT and save 10% when you register online by April 15! Be sure and take advantage of this opportunity!



4-H Alumni: Immediate attention Needed!

Between March 1 – June 30, 2017, National 4-H will kick off the “Raise Your Hand” promotion. This promotion is super EASY but we need all our local alumni to help out. Alumni are asked to:



- 1) Raise Your Hand – Complete the form at <http://4-h.org/raise-your-hand> to show your pride as a 4-H alum.
- 2) Compete for your state – Raising your hand is a vote towards a \$20,000, \$10,000 or \$5,000 award for the states with the most alumni hands raised.
- 3) Pay it Forward – Tweet, post and share your #4HGrown experience or support and tag fellow alumni asking them to raise their hands for their state at <http://4-H.org/RaiseYourHand>.

If Nebraska wins, the money will go towards educational supplies for each county to use. So get online today and Raise Your Hand for Nebraska!

PASE/Life Challenge

Registration will open on May 1st, 2017 and will close on June 1st, 2017

Premier Animal Science Events (PASE) is a two-day event designed to help youth 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! 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. Some 4-H'ers might also want to participate in the Life Challenge Events that will be taking place on campus at the same time as PASE.

- This competition is open to any current 4-H'er who is 10 and older on January 1st of the current year
- 4-H members participating in any of the judging , quiz bowl, or skill-a-thon contest are required to pay a non-refundable entry fee of \$8.00 per individual.
- Check out <http://4h.unl.edu/pase> for more information!

Life Challenge is also a 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! The event is being sponsored by the Nebraska 4-H Foundation with the support of the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority and the College of Education and Human Sciences. Opportunities at Life Challenge include family and consumer science team problem solving challenges, ESI Contest, and campus tours. Youth can participate in any or all of these activities.

- Event is open to any current 4-H'er who is at least 12 years of age as of January 1st of the current year
- 4-H members involved in any of the challenges are required to pay a non-refundable entry fee of \$6.25 per individual per challenge
- Check out <http://4h.unl.edu/life-challenge> for more information!