Cherry County 4-H Alert

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Calendar of Events

UPCOMING DUE DATES (Bold=Local) April 14 - Kilgore Jr. Robotics Registration April 20 - Cherry Co. Champion Awards Survey April 30 - Panhandle Community Service Project Challenge Hours DUE May TBD - Project & Club Grant Applications (one month after released in April) May 1 - Horse ID's DUE for COUNTY & DISTRICT/STATE May 1 - Cherry Co. 4-H T-Shirt Design Contest Entries May 1 - Sandhills PASE Team Registration May 6 - District Horse Contest Entries May 23 - Registration for UNL Livestock Judging Camp June 1 - Livestock ID's DUE June 15 - Enrollment Deadline for County & State Fair Eligibility June 15 - State Fair Livestock Nominations

LOCAL EVENTS

April - Panhandle Community Service Project Challenge April - Cherry Co. 4-H T-Shirt Design Contest April 12 - Town & Country 4-H Club After School, @Valentine Methodist Church, 3:45-5:00 pm CT April 18-22 - 4-H Volunteer Week Lunch & Learn Series April 19 - Kilgore Jr. Robotics Begins, @Kilgore Community Center, 4:00-6:00 pm MT (each Tuesday through May 3) April 21 - Town & Country 4-H Club After School, @Valentine Methodist Church, 3:45-5:00 pm CT May 10 - Town & Country 4-H Club After School, @Valentine Methodist Church, 3:45-5:00 pm CT

May 23-24 - Babysitting Camp, @Ext. Office, 9:00 am-4:00 pm CT May 25-26 - Babysitting Camp, @Kilgore, 9:00 am-4:00 pm MT June 1-2 - LOG-N Leadership Camp for Middle Schoolers @Halsey, NE June 6-7 - Camp for grades K-1 with Niobrara Council, 9:00 am-12:30 pm CT June 6-7 - Clover Kid College, Valentine site TBD, 2:00-5:00 pm CT June 8 - Camp for Pre-K with Niobrara Council, 1:00-5:00 pm CT June 9-10 - Design Camp on the Niobrara June 11-13 - Camp for grades 6-8 with Niobrara Council June 14 - Livestock Judging Contest, @Cherry Co. Fairgrounds, 9:00 am CT June 15 - Summer Reading 4-H Day, @Valentine Public Library, 9:30 am CT June 15 - Clover Kid College, Valentine site TBD, 1:00-4:00 pm CT June 16-17 - Camp for grades 2-3 with Niobrara Council June 24-26 Youth Leadership Conference for High Schoolers @Halsey, NE June 28 - Cookie College w/ Brenda Aufdenkamp, @TBD, 10:00 am-12:00 pm CT June 29-30 - Camp for grades 4-5 with Niobrara Council July 7 - Clothing Day, @Ext. Office, TBD July 12 - Bread Making w/ Brenda Aufdenkamp, @TBD, 10:00 am-1:00 pm CT July 12 - Cake Decorating w/ Brenda Aufdenkamp, @TBD, 2:00-5:00 pm CT July 14 - Special Foods Competition, TBD July 18 - Quilts of Valor presentation at Quilt Guild, @Valentine Baptist Church, 7:00 pm CT August 5-14 - Cherry Co. Fair 4-H Activities

HIGHLIGHTED REGIONAL/STATE/NATIONAL EVENTS

June 8-10 - UNL Livestock Judging Camp @Lincoln, NE June 12-17 - Big Red Academic Summer Camps for High Schoolers @Lincoln, NE June 22-23 - PASE Competition @Lincoln, NE June 24 - State Public Speaking Competition @Lincoln, NE July 9-13 - State 4-H Horse Show @Grand Island, NE August 26 - State Fair Begins September 17 - State Outdoor Archery Championships @Grand Island, NE

2021-2022 4-H Enrollment Open!

We are always excited to kick-off a new 4-H year! Online enrollment is open on an upgraded 4-H online system. NOTE THE NEW URL: **v2.4honline.com**! <u>Anyone participating in activities (Quilts of Valor, CWF,</u> <u>robotics, etc.) MUST re-enroll immediately, along with any active</u> <u>volunteers.</u> Enrollment stays open through June 15 and you can add and drop projects during that open time. Don't forget that you must pay your \$5 enrollment fee to the Extension Office for the process to be complete. Plus, it's always best to work on your projects year-round, so



don't hesitate to get started! If you need or want enrollment help, please set up an appointment with Michelle.



Cherry County 4-H T-Shirt Design Contest

Our current supply is getting low and after polling several Cherry County 4-H members, it looks like there is interest in designing a NEW official Cherry County 4-H shirt! We have had the current version for several years, and although we all love it, the time has come for something fresh. (Please note that the current version of our 4-H shirt will still be acceptable to wear at Fair for at least one more year.) **Any 4-H member is welcome to submit a shirt design to the Extension Office by May 1** (can be hand-drawn or electronic). Please note that the official clover is a requirement on the shirt and we try to stick to one color (the Clover can be 4-H green, black, or white). The winner will receive \$50 to use toward a 4-H project or camp and will be recognized and Fair and Achievement Night.

Champion Award Survey 2022 - VOTE by April 20

Attention 4-H youth! We are looking at expanding what we offer for awards this year. We currently offer leather plaques and hoodie



sweatshirts. Youth are able to select an option for each Champion award they win. This year, we would like to offer at least three prize choices and possibly shake it up! Please <u>VOTE</u> by April 20 on your TOP 3. Please, one vote per 4-H member. If your child already voted at the CEA contest or a Town & Country 4-H club meeting, please do not vote again. We look forward to hearing your feedback!

Cherry County Fair Premium Book

The 2022 Cherry County Fair Premium Book is almost done! For those new to 4-H, this contains all of the guidelines and project entries for Fair and pre-Fair competitions. Once again, the Premium Book will be available on our website and a paper copy is available upon request. As soon as the book goes live, we will send a special e-mail and create a Facebook post. It is critical to read each section carefully as many projects require special write-ups, have size restrictions, etc.

Communications & Expressive Arts Contest Results

Congratulations to all the youth who participated in the annual Cherry County Communications and Expressive Arts Contest on March 4! Judges were Chelsea Luthy for music and talent and Brianna Butler for public speaking.

Results:

Purple ribbon winners also receiving Champion awards in their music and talent categories -Gracey Taylor Senior Self-Accompanied Vocal Solo Jenalee Garwood Senior Piano Solo Gage Sandoz Intermediate Guitar Solo Allen Ward Intermediate Piano Solo Gage Sandoz Intermediate Self Accompanied Vocal Solo Gage Sandoz & Harley Thorpe Self Accompanied Vocal Duet Harley Thorpe Junior Self-Accompanied Vocal Solo Harley Thorpe Junior Vocal Solo **Blue Ribbon Winners** Jocelyn Jordan Senior Vocal Solo Emilia Ward Junior Piano Solo and Reserve Champion Purple ribbon winners also receiving Champion awards in their public speaking categories. (All Intermediate and Senior speakers receiving purple ribbons in 4-H related categories can advance to State) -Marybelle Ward Senior Non 4-H-Related Speech Jocelyn Jordan Senior 4-H Speech Jenalee Garwood Senior 4-H PSA and 4-H Illustrated Presentation Rylee Wackler Intermediate 4-H Speech Adalin Wickman Junior 4-H Speech Will Cox Junior 4-H Illustrated Presentation Keene Taylor & Jaeden Garwood Cowboy Poetry Duet August Wickman Novice Speech Purple & Reserve Champion Adalin Wickman Junior 4-H Illustrated Presentation Clover Kid Speaker Cameron Wackler



Music and Talent Participants



Public Speaking & Presentation Participants



PANHANDLE

N * Community Service EXTENSION Project Challenge



Join us April 1st-30th, in the Panhandle Community Service Project Challenge. Local 4-H clubs & individuals are challenged to help reach the Panhandle's goal of 1,000 hours of community service. The County with the most community service hours will be presented a traveling trophy.

Be a part of the challenge by doing trash pickup, collecting pop tops, painting & cleaning up your fair grounds, helping at a nursing home, constructing blankets for those in need, or more.

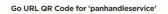
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Tracking and recording your Panhandle service

Use the QR Code here to electronically record your hours spent doing community service this month. Let's see if Cherry County can take home the prize! And to keep your children motivated, print off this <u>tracking</u> <u>sheet</u> and put it up on your refrigerator. For every 60 minutes of service completed, color in a 4-H clover.





2022 Horse Packet Now Available - IDs DUE May 1!

In just one month, all Cherry County youth who plan to be in horse for 2022 must submit ID forms to the Cherry County Extension Office. All returning 4-H members must submit forms by May 1 or be subject to a \$10 late fee. Late IDs and IDs for youth new to 4-H will be accepted until

June 15. Please note that if you are planning to compete at Districts, you must register by May 6 after submitting horse ID forms.

Please download and carefully read this year's <u>horse packet</u> for more detailed information. Summer horse practices will be announced soon. Questions? Contact Eve Millar, 4-H Aide, at 402-389-0119.



2022 NEBRASKA DISTRICT 4-H HORSE SHOWS all entries due by May 6th, 2022 Note: ALL Level testing required for participation in the 2022 District 4-H Horse Shows MUST be completed by MAY 6th, 2022



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Reminder: All Entries for the State Horse Show must be completed by May 6th, 2022.

2022 Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Show July 9-13, 2022



Enroll for CWF 2023 OR 2025!

The Cherry Co. Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) trip scheduled to depart in the summer of 2022 has been postponed until the summer of 2023 due to complex COVID regulations. That means, registration for CWF is opening up NOW in 2 WAYS:

- 1. Any youth who will be at least 14 years old by approximately June
- 1, 2023, is welcome to register for the 2023 trip.

2. We are sticking to our regular future schedule, so the next cohort will still start forming for 2025 this spring/summer. Any youth who be at least 14 years of age by approximately June 1, 2025, may register for that trip and start fundraising now.

Cost of the trip is approximately \$3,000 and several fundraising opportunities are offered each year. To read more and download a registration form, visit: <u>Citizenship Washington Focus & 4-H Camps |</u> <u>Nebraska Extension (unl.edu)</u>



Attention older youth! This is a great opportunity for anyone attending brandings. Please visit www.SandhillsCattle.com for an agenda and registration information.

Next steps for dog practice

Indoor dog practices were well-attended this winter and our dog leaders, Addie Kierl and Liz Kierl, are excited to start organizing practices outdoors. We would also like to welcome Jamie Seipel to our dog volunteer crew. She will be helping with agility! Please scan the QR code to help the dog volunteers develop the spring/summer schedule.





Junior Robotics Season

Attention youth ages 5-8! It's time for Junior Robotics! There are two options depending on your location:

The deadline has passed for Valentine.

There is still time to sign up for the Kilgore session! April 19, 26, May 3 4:00-6:00 pm MT at the Kilgore Community Center (Michelle will meet students at school and walk over). Pre-register by April 14.

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4h.unl.edu/volunteer-lunch-learn

MONDAY, APRIL 18 4-H Club Meeting 101

TUESDAY, APRIL 19 Youth Voice in Planning Your 4-H Year

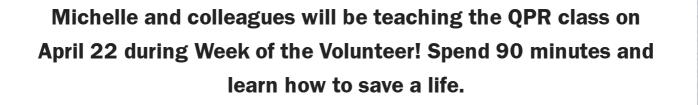
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20 Volunteer Role in Youth Spark

THURSDAY, APRIL 21 Connecting Youth to New Opportunities

FRIDAY, APRIL 22 QPR Suicide Prevention Training







Youth Project Grants & Club Grants

Each year, the Cherry Co. 4-H Council provides project grants for individual 4-H members who are in need of funds to help support their learning efforts for the year. The youth completes an application and must report on their grant project with a poster display at Achievement Night in September. They are also encouraged to attend a 4-H Council meeting in the fall to share as well. Some examples of how grants have been utilized in the past (grants are intended to supplement funds the 4-H member is supplying, not usually the entire cost of the project): archery equipment, livestock supplies (waterers, huts, show halters, etc.), support for purchasing livestock, sewing machines, partial camp scholarships, etc. Clubs are also able to apply for grants to help with recruitment, activities, service projects, etc. The applications will be available this month, after the 4-H Council budget is finalized and grant dollar amounts will be determined. Grant applications will be available under "Project Resources" on the Cherry Co. 4-H website and will be due one month later. Watch for a special Alert e-mail when the grant applications become available.

Town & Country 4-H Club Hosting After School Sessions Twice Monthly

Town and Country 4-H Club will be hosting after school 4-H with help from 4-H staff and other partners the second Tuesday and third Thursday of the month from 3:45-5:00 pm at the Valentine Methodist Church. You don't need to be in 4-H or T&C to participate, simply stop with a parent/or guardian prior to the meeting to complete a registration form. For more information, contact Bodell Bachelor or the Extension Office at 402-376-1850 or <u>mgarwood3@unl.edu</u>. The after school sessions will help youth find their "spark" in 4-H and explore entrepreneurship.





2022 Summer Schedule Shaping Up

There are still some dates to finalize for Cherry County 4-H Summer 2022, but many activities are on the calendar at the top of this newsletter. So start planning now! If you have an idea for a summer workshop, please let Michelle know. Volunteers are always welcome! Here are some of the activities still in the works:

- Clover Kid College in Cody/Kilgore
- STEM/Robotics Day Camps in Valentine and Cody/Kilgore
- Entrepreneurship Camp
- YQCA In-Person Training (new platform for 2022)
- Home Environment Workshop
- Cattle Fitting Workshop with Heart City Cattle Battle
- Goat, Sheep and Hog Day
- Photography Workshop
- Horse Practices
- Shooting Sports Practices
- Dog Practices

Building Better Babysitters Summer Course

Couldn't make it to the April class? Join our summer 2022 session!

Want to become a UNL Certified Babysitter? This course is for ages 12 and up and offers what young people need to know to be confident and competent when caring for younger children. Learn the basics of starting a business, cover ages and stages of human development, develop skills in First Aid/CPR and general child care, identify age



appropriate activities, compile a healthy snack recipe file, and more. Youth will walk away from class with fair exhibits for the Child Development project.

Please contact the Extension Office **by May 13** to register and select from possible class dates: May 23-24 at the Extension Office in Valentine OR May 25-26 at Kilgore Community Center. Both camps will have a 9:00 am - 4:00 pm schedule for both days. (Kilgore will be 9:00 am - 4:00 pm MT.)

Summer Foods Workshops with Brenda

Locations may be Kilgore or Valentine, depending on interest, so register early by contacting the Extension Office. Carpooling options will be available. No payment due until workshop time.



Join UNL Extension Nutrition Educator, Brenda Aufdenkamp, for fun and learning in the kitchen this summer!

Cookie College

Become an expert at baking and selecting the "best" cookies. Students will learn baking fundamentals, explore the science behind baking temperatures, how to safely store cookies, and evaluate 4 different cookie recipes with samples to take home. Cookies to be sampled: cosmic, painted, refrigerator, whole grain, and frosting decorated.

Ages: 8 and up Cost: \$15.00 *Date: June 28, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM*

Site: TBD

Objectives:

- 1. Students will learn fundamentals of baking cookies
- 2. Students will explore the science behind baking temperatures
- 3. Students will learn how to safely store cookies
- 4. Students will evaluate different cookie recipes.

Let's Make Bread

What's your favorite bread? Explore quick, yeast, focaccia and tortillas all in this day-long workshop. Learn the function of each ingredient and understand how to adapt your bread to fit your family. Participants will make their lunch while exploring the world of bread.

Cost: \$20.00 lunch will be provided (lunch will be tacos on homemade tortilla bread)

Date: July 12, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Site: TBD

Objectives:

- 1. Students will explore what their favorite type of bread is.
- 2. Students will learn the function of each ingredient and how to adapt your bread for preference.
- 3. Students will explore bread from around the world.

Youth will learn cake decorating skills using butter cream frosting and introductory decorating techniques. Youth will be prepared to decorate a cake to exhibit at the county fair. Youth need to bring at least one of each decorator tips to the workshop along with an 8-inch round cake. Star tips #18, #21, #32 – Line Tips #7, #8 #10 – Leaf Tips #352, #366

Cost: \$15.00 each

Date: July 12, 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Site: TBD

Objectives:

- 1. Identify primary and secondary colors.
- 2. Learn to properly cover cake boards.
- 3. Practice decorating tips using frosting boards.
- 4. Practice smoothing techniques
- 5. Practice frosting skills using cupcakes.
- 6. Create an 8" or 9" round cake using smoothing technique, star tip, leaf tip and writing tip.



Sandhills PASE Team Forming for 2022

Attention Sandhills youth, if you are interested in participating in this state level event with youth from the area, please contact Michelle at 402-376-1850 or <u>mgarwood3@unl.edu</u> by MAY 1, 2022! Practices will be held in May and June. Volunteer adult chaperones may be needed depending on team size.

The Nebraska 4-H Premier Animal Science Event (PASE) features a variety of state-level animal science contests. The two-day event is designed to help youth explore issues related to the animal industry, discover college and career opportunities, and work with other teens from across the state. Youth have the opportunity to participate in <u>livestock judging, meats judging</u>, and <u>poultry judging</u> contests, as well as <u>livestock skill-a-thon</u> and <u>livestock quiz bowl</u>. Youth can participate in more than one contest or event as their schedule allows. In addition, youth will have chances to explore East Campus, meet with faculty members and current college students, and have fun with friends! PASE is held annually at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln East Campus. This year's event will be held **June 22-23, 2022**.

Niobrara Summer Camps & New Outdoor 4-H Projects

Once again this summer, 4-H is assisting Niobrara Council and the Niobrara Valley Outdoor Education Partnership (NVOEP) to deliver outdoor summer camps for Pre-K through 8th grade. (High school volunteers are welcome!) Please see the calendar at the top of this



newsletter for all of the dates and watch your child's backpack for the registration flyer coming soon!

In addition, Nebraska 4-H launched NEW outdoor education projects for 2022, so check out the Premium Book for new projects you can take to Fair! Talk to Michelle about curriculum options to

support your projects. Participating in Niobrara Council summer camps will help you complete several experiences you can turn into posters for Fair, and even some items you can exhibit at Fair.

And don't forget, we have a special NIOBRARA CONNECTIONS option in our Premium Book, for a variety of projects that can be related to the river valley. Special prizes are awarded by the National Park Service each year in this category.

4-H Design Camp



JUNE 9-10 2022

Are you at a STEAM Level Clothing l and have little to no experience sewing? Are you up to the challenge to strengthen your sewing techniques? If you are, the 4-H Design Camp is for you!

Youth will design and construct an original skirt or shorts using trendy dyeing techniques, create their own jewelry, and will construct a simple pillow while trying their hand at batik!

BONUS: Many exciting memories will be made as you take a trip on the Niobrara River and overnight camp at Valentine City Park. Enjoy creating your own outfit to show on the runway at the end of the camp with all of your new friends!

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Design Camp has been held in Halsey for several years. This year, it is being offered at 3 different sites across the Panhandle. If the Valentine date doesn't work for you, ask Michelle for more details.

4-H Design Camp

Date: June 9-10, 2022	Location: Valentine, NE
Begins: 9:00 AM CT, June 9, 2022	Runway Show: 3:30 PM CT, June 10, 2022
Cost: \$65	(Families are welcome to attend the runway show!)
Registration Name	
Address	
Telephone	
Cell Phone	
Email	
Measurements	Fill Out Attachment
Favorite Color	
Parent's Name	
Choose One (Circle Choice):	SHORTS SKIRT
Clothing Project Requiren Participants must be at Clothing Level Please submit this form with a check	

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Registrations due by May 21

Items to Pack: Sewing machine, white thread, scissors/seam ripper, swimming suit, sunscreen, bug spray, towel, water shoes (no flip flops), tennis shoes are required for archery.

Activities:

- T.R.U.S.T. Obstacle Course
- Canoeing & Zip Lining
- Service Learning Project
- Leadership Skills
- Creating Memories!
- And More!





Leadership Opportunities for Growth in Nebraska 4-H "POSITIVE ME makes WE"

Location: State 4-H Camp-Halsey Date: JUNE 1-2 Cost: \$85 (Scholarship maybe available, contact your local 4-H Council) Grades: 5th-7th grade in 2021-2022

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To Apply Contact: Nebraska Extension-Garden County - Sarah 308-772-3311 Box Butte County - Melissa 308-762-5616 Cherry County-Michelle 402-376-1850 Registration Form: https://go.unl.edu/logn2022

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Michelle is on the planning committees for LOG-N (above) AND Youth Leadership Conference (below) and car-pooling will be available!



YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

June 24-26, 2022

State 4-H Camp, Halsey, NE

4h.unl.edu/leadership-conference



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REGISTRATION OPEN

BigRedCamps.unl.edu

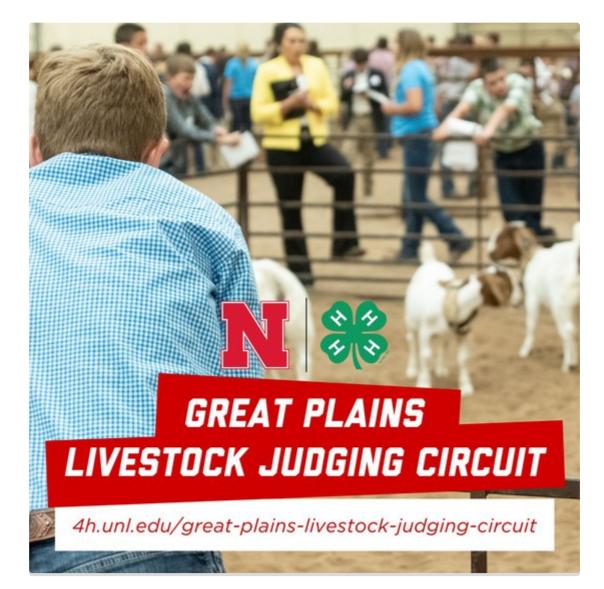


BIG RED CAMPS

JUNE 12-17, 2022

Acting • Ag & Natural Resources • Animation • Digital Media Engineering • Filmmaking • STEM • Fashion • Unicameral Legislature Veterinary Science • Weather & Climate Science







JUNE 8-10 | LINCOLN, NE

The UNL Livestock Judging Camp is designed for 4-H and FFA members looking to improve their livestock evaluation and oral reason skills. Activities will focus on proper evaluation with an emphasis on reasons format, terminology, and presentation.

Registration is \$300 per person and includes all meals, lodging, and materials. The registration deadline is May 23.



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Questions? Contact Blaine French at bfrench6@unl.edu, 402-472-8834



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SPECIAL GARDEN PROJECT

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There are extra seeds for the Special Garden Project AND the Special Agronomy at the Extension Office. If you have enrolled, stop in to get your seeds!

Enroll Today 2022 Special Agronomy Project



for more information: cropwatch.unl.edu/special-agronomy-project

