

# Cherry County 4-H Alert

February/March 2022



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## Calendar of Events

### *UPCOMING DUE DATES (Bold=Local)*

February 25 - CEA Contest Entries

**March 1 - Babysitting Basics Registration**

**March 4 - Cherry Co 4-H Foundation Grant Applications**

**March 4 - Valentine Jr. Robotics Registration**

March 15 - Jarvis Memorial Scholarship Application

**March 31 - Cherry Co. 4-H Council & Kerry Bryant Memorial Scholarship Applications**

April 1 - State 4-H Virtual Companion Animal Contest Applications

**April 14 - Kilgore Jr. Robotics Registration**

**April 15 - Project & Club Grant Applications**

**May 1 - Horse ID's DUE for COUNTY & DISTRICT/STATE**

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**

### LOCAL EVENTS

February - Nebraska 4-H Month

February 6 - Luck of the Draw Set-Up, @Ext. Office, 1:00 pm CT

February 7 - Cabin Fever, @Ext. Office, 6:00-7:30 pm

February 8 - Town & Country 4-H Club After School @Valentine Methodist Church 3:45-5:00 pm CT

February 8 - Indoor Dog Practice, @Cherry Co. Fairgrounds, 6:00-7:00 pm CT  
 February 12 - Luck of the Draw Annual Fundraiser @Heart City Drug, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
 February 17 - Town & Country 4-H Club After School, @Valentine Methodist Church, 3:45-5:00 pm CT  
 February 19 - Quilts of Valor Group Sewing Day, @Valentine Methodist Church, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
 February 22 - Indoor Dog Practice, @Cherry Co. Fairgrounds, 6:00-7:00 pm CT  
 February 28 - Cabin Fever, @Kilgore Community Center, 4:00-6:00 pm MT  
 March 4 - Communications & Expressive Arts (CEA Contest), @Valentine Methodist Church, 5:00 pm CT  
 March 7 - Cabin Fever, @Ext. Office, 6:00-7:30 pm CT  
 March 7 - Cherry Co. 4-H Council Meeting, @Ext. Office, 7:00 pm CT  
 March 8 - Town & Country 4-H Club After School, @Valentine Methodist Church, 3:45-5:00 pm CT  
 March 8 - Cherry Co. 4-H Foundation Annual Meeting, @Ext. Office, 7:00 p CT  
 March 8 - Indoor Dog Practice, @Cherry Co. Fairgrounds, 6:00-7:00 pm CT  
 March 14 - Valentine Jr. Robotics Begins, @Ext. Office, 3:45-5:00 pm (each Monday through April 4)  
 March 17 - Town & Country 4-H Club After School, @Valentine Methodist Church, 3:45-5:00 pm CT  
 March 22 - Indoor Dog Practice, @TBD  
 April 12 - Town & Country 4-H Club After School, @Valentine Methodist Church, 3:45-5:00 pm CT  
 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  
 July 7 - Clothing Day (TENTATIVE)  
 July 14 - Special Foods Competition (TENTATIVE)  
 August 5-14 - Cherry Co. Fair 4-H Activities

### **HIGHLIGHTED REGIONAL/STATE/NATIONAL EVENTS**

February 26 - State Robotics Competition @Grand Island, NE  
 March 19-20 - Shooting Sports Instructor Training @Sidney, NE  
 March 19 - State BB Gun Championships @Scottsbluff, NE  
 March 20 - State Air Rifle Championships @Scottsbluff, NE  
 March 26 - Horse Stampede @Lincoln, NE  
 March 26 - Chick Days @Lincoln, NE  
 June 1-2 - LOG-N Leadership Camp for Middle Schoolers @Halsey, NE  
 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  
 June 24-26 Youth Leadership Conference for High Schoolers @Halsey, 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!** Anyone participating in activities (Quilts of Valor, CWF, robotics, etc.) MUST re-enroll immediately, along with any active volunteers. 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.**

## Welcome Andrea!

We want to welcome Andrea Schadel as our new Office Manager!

A little about Andrea:

*My name is Andrea Schadel. My family and I moved to Valentine June of 2021 when my husband, Jake, became the new United Methodist pastor. Growing up in western Kansas I often had friends who were involved with 4-H, and I always thought it was a great program! Now that I am the Office Manager at the Extension Office in Cherry County, I get to see the immense impact 4-H and the many programs that it has to offer, positively influence the kids and community! I am heavily involved in our church and in ministry. I just received my associate degree in Psychology and have plans to apply it when coaching married couples and those planning on getting married, how to achieve a healthy marriage.*

*Cherry county is full of beauty, kindness, and hospitality and I am fortunate to call it my home. As the office manager, I will get to meet and serve many of you and I so look forward to it!*



## Luck of the Draw Annual Fundraiser Breaks New Record!!!

Thank you to everyone who helped make the 4-H Council Luck of the Draw fundraiser a huge success! Due to the generosity of our community, 134 baskets were available, 26,500 tickets were sold and gross earnings were \$24,000!!! A new record!!! Hats off to everyone who helped sell tickets prior to the event or collect items, set-up and clean-up helpers, volunteers at the event, those who shared info on Facebook and more. We want to especially recognize Melanie Radant and Bodell Bachelor who were Co-Chairs this year, and the other 4-H Council members who put in a lot of time and effort! You do not need to be on 4-H Council to serve on the Luck of the Draw committee, simply let the Council know if you are interested. If you have ideas or suggestions on how we can utilize our funds, the next 4-H Council meeting will be held March 7 at 7:00 pm CT at the Extension Office and that will be the big budget meeting for the year! You are welcome to attend or send your ideas ahead of time.

## Congratulations! State Indoor Archery Results

The State Indoor Championship was held in Columbus January 29. Participating from Cherry County was Dylan Naslund, Ayden Naslund, and Kaden McNare. Dylan received the 3rd place medal in the Young Adult Bowhunter Freestyle Target Class.



## **Robotics Team Advances to State, Core Values Winners!**

The Cherry County 4-H Badger Bots Robotics team competed at the Regional Qualifier in Henderson, NE on February 5. Team members include Isaac Utecht, Cole Boes, Allen Ward, Duncan Mosner, Tilden Foster, Kaden Garwood, Tyler Harp, Jhett Jespersen, Kross Kasner, and Dawson Fleagle. Coaches are Andrew Utecht and Michelle Garwood. The team received the first place award out of 26 teams for Core Values, which is based on teamwork and character. They also qualified to compete at the Nebraska 4-H State Robotics competition at Raising Nebraska in Grand Island on February 26. Livestream of the event will be available at [Home - Nebraska FLL](#). See information below on the upcoming Jr. Robotics season for youth ages 5-8. Volunteers are needed and welcome!



## **Kieborz Selected for Nebraska Youth Beef Leadership Symposium**

The annual Nebraska Youth Beef Leadership Symposium was held at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Animal Science Complex November 19 - 21, 2021. Austyn Kieborz from Cherry Co. 4-H was selected to participate. The annual symposium for 10th-12th graders is designed to introduce youth to career opportunities and current issues in the beef industry, as well as offer education and practice in the use of leadership skills.

### **Showcasing Beef: A Culinary Challenge Program Goals**

- get more in-depth information about the beef industry
- interact with faculty and learn about genetic markers, reproduction, environment/manuare management, and antibiotic resistance
- develop and market a beef product and work with a professional chef from Omaha Steaks
- learn more about career opportunities in the beef industry

At the Sunday luncheon, teams presented their new products and marketing plans to a panel of judges. Parents and guests had a chance to taste their products! The beef menu item Austyn's group came up with got first place, "The All In One Breakfast," ground beef patty seasoned like sausage, then an egg, all encased in pancake batter with your choice of apples, blueberries or bananas in the batter!



## Communications & Expressive Arts Contest March 4, 2022

The annual Communications and Expressive Arts Contest will start at 5:00 pm CT at Valentine Methodist Church on March 4. 4-H leader, Angie Jordan, is willing to help edit your speech, give you pointers, etc. if you set up an appointment with her: 402-322-1233. Don't forget, there is a local cowboy poetry category too! *The PSA theme for 2022 is "Opportunity 4 All" and the final electronic copy of your PSA must be e-mailed as a MP3 file to [mgarwood3@unl.edu](mailto:mgarwood3@unl.edu) by February 25. All entry forms are also DUE February 25. Contact [mgarwood3@unl.edu](mailto:mgarwood3@unl.edu) for a form and set of guidelines, or stop in to the Extension Office for a copy.*



## Junior Robotics Season Coming Soon!!

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

March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11

3:45-5:00 pm CT at the Cherry Co. Extension Office.

Pre-register by March 4.

OR

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.

## Babysitting Basics Course

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 March 1** to register and select from possible class dates:  
March 14 - April 11, 6:00 - 8:00 pm CT each Monday evening in Valentine  
April 22, 6:00 - 9:00 pm & April 23, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm CT weekend intensive (site TBD - Cody OR Valentine depending on interest)

## **Cherry Co. 4-H Foundation Annual Meeting & Grant Applications**

The Cherry County 4-H Foundation meeting is scheduled for **March 8 at 7:00 pm** at the Extension Office. If your creative juices are flowing and you have a project in mind to “make the best better” in 2022, consider applying for a Cherry County 4-H Foundation Grant! The form is currently available on the Cherry County 4-H Website under “Project Resources”. The Foundation typically meets and awards grants annually in March, but additional meetings can be called if inspiration strikes! Examples of recent projects supported by this grant:

- 3D archery targets & bows
- Trap thrower and accessories
- Robotics equipment upgrade
- Horse clinic support
- Dog agility equipment
- Quilts of Valor material & supplies

The purpose of the 4-H Foundation is to act as an integral support system of 4-H programs and youth in Cherry County. The goal of the foundation is to develop leadership and to stimulate interest in lifelong learning, while encouraging the betterment of Cherry County and its communities. Funds generated by the Cherry County 4-H Foundation are to be used for adult and youth training, program development and acquisition of equipment to benefit 4-H and youth. **The applications will be due March 4 by 4:30 pm if dropping off at the office, or midnight if e-mailing to [mgarwood3@unl.edu](mailto:mgarwood3@unl.edu).** Please contact Michelle for a copy of the grant application.

## **Youth Project Grants & Club Grants - Applications Available March 15**

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 on March 15, after the March Council meeting where the budget will be set 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 April 15, 2022.





## Quilts of Valor Work Day - Feb. 19

Doesn't the cold weather just put you in the mood to SEW?? Last summer, we covered 25 area Veterans with Quilts of Valor and we are excited to see how many we can make for 2022! Quilts of Valor is open to anyone in the community, not just 4-H. If you are interested in being involved in any way, please contact the Extension Office at 402-376-1850 or email [mgarwood3@unl.edu](mailto:mgarwood3@unl.edu). As always, sewing helpers and fabric donations are welcome! Just one more group sewing day scheduled for this winter. Come any time between 9:00 am - 3:00 pm CT to the Valentine Methodist Church on February 19.

## Scholarships

Be sure to visit the [Resources](#) page on our website or contact the office to check out scholarships that are available to high school seniors and current college students. Currently available:

Jarvis Memorial Scholarship (for a female residence hall at UNL - contact office) - due March 15

Cherry Co. 4-H Council Scholarships - due March 31

Kerry Bryant Memorial Scholarship - due March 31

## Cabin Fever Workshops - Clover Kids welcome!!

It's that time of year again... the nights are long and cold and our attention turns to the indoors. Let 4-H help you spark your creativity during the long winter months with lessons on design and hands-on projects (die-cut, simple sewing, felting, etc.) that can turn into fair exhibits!

February 28 - @ Kilgore Community Center - "Spring Theme"  
All ages 5-18, 4:00 - 6:00 pm MT (older youth can join at 4:30)

March 7 - @ Cherry Co. Extension Office - "Spring Theme"  
All ages 5-18 6:00-7:30 pm CT

We encourage parents to attend with Clover Kids (ages 5-7).



## 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 [mgarwood3@unl.edu](mailto:mgarwood3@unl.edu). The after school sessions will help youth find their "spark" in 4-H and explore entrepreneurship.



## Indoor Dog Practices

Jr. Leader, Addie Kierl, will be leading indoor dog practices this winter. They will be the **second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, from 6:00-7:00 pm CT**. If there is enough interest in the Cody/Kilgore area, we will hold some practices in those communities. Valentine practices will be held at the Cherry County Fairgrounds. Please contact the Extension Office at 402-376-1850 or [mgarwood3@unl.edu](mailto:mgarwood3@unl.edu) if you will be attending practice for the first time. Vaccination records must be presented at your first practice.

## Welcome NEW 4-H Council Members! Committee spots available!

Welcome to our NEW 4-H Council members!

Amanda Jones

Sherry Dahn

Brian Rahn

Connor Barnes

Addison Kierl (youth member)

We still have ONE YOUTH SEAT AVAILABLE for 2022 for a 4-H member age 14 and up!

**Committees** (Please contact Michelle **ASAP IF interested in serving! Youth WELCOME!**)

- Awards/Achievement Night/Scholarships & Grants
- Communications & Expressive Arts (CEA)
- Clover Kids
- Community Service & Citizenship - NEW
- Family & Consumer Sciences
- Horse
- Livestock
- Luck of the Draw Fundraiser
- Shooting Sports
- Small Animal/Dog
- STEM/Robotics/Plant Sciences



## Plan Your 4-H Year with the Diamond Clover Program

Want to learn how to start the Diamond Clover program for 2022?? Visit <https://4h.unl.edu/diamond-clover> and talk to Michelle! It's a great way to plan out your 4-H year and goals and take better advantage of everything 4-H has to offer (camps, after school, online, clubs, school enrichment, traditional clubs, etc.). Levels 4-6 are perfect for youth wanting to plan their own service projects and grow leadership skills. And after working your way through the 6 levels, you earn a Diamond Clover pin!

## NEW - Livestock Info Series

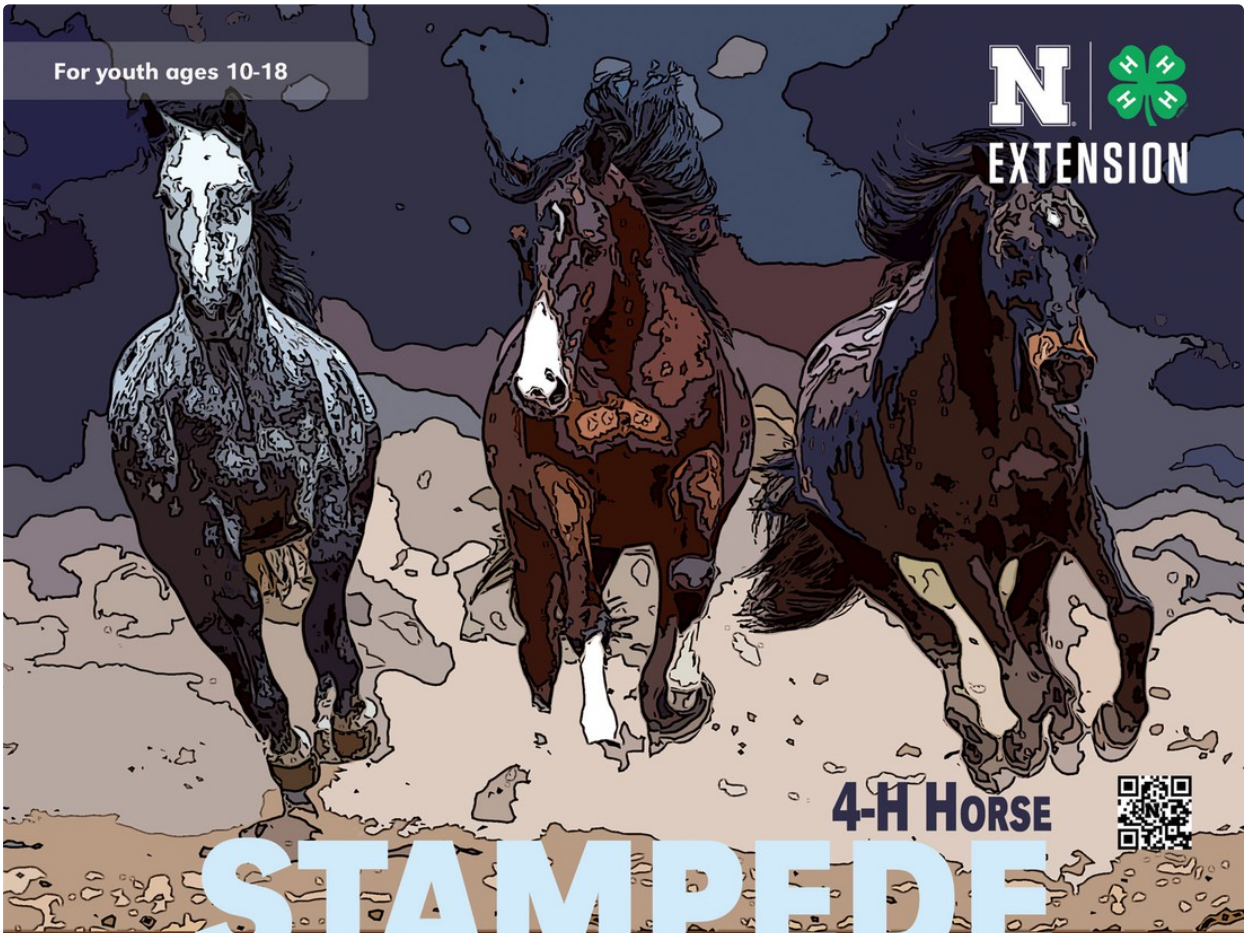
Interested in learning about tattooing livestock? How about determining the quality of a lamb carcass? Or you'd like to learn how to make a tough steak more tender?



We have resources to answer these questions and more! The Nebraska 4-H Livestock Information Series provides resources for 4-H members, leaders, and parents to gain knowledge in various livestock-related topic areas. We have everything from videos and handouts to hands-on activities and lesson plans. Plus new resources are still being added.

Visit [4h.unl.edu/livestock-info-series](https://4h.unl.edu/livestock-info-series).

For youth ages 10-18



4-H HORSE



# STAMPEDE

MARCH 26, 2022 | UNL ANIMAL SCIENCE BUILDING

- CONTESTS: Demonstration | Photography | Horse Bowl | Speech | Art
- Contest rules & entry forms: <http://4h.unl.edu/horse/stampede>
- For more information, contact Grace Kim at [grace.kim@unl.edu](mailto:grace.kim@unl.edu).
- Entries due to your county office March 4.



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## 2022 UNL Chick Days: March 26, 2022 10am -2pm



An educational event for small and back-yard poultry producers and youth featuring speakers on the following topics:

**10:00 am-- Backyard flock health - Dr. Don Reynolds**

**10:30 am-- Inspection regulations for small flock egg and meat producers- Dr. Gary Sullivan**

**11:00 am-- A balanced diet for your backyard flock - Dr. Patrick Biggs, Purina**

**11: 30 am-- Planning ahead for your 4-H Poultry Projects - Brett Kreifeis, Douglas/Sarpy County Extension Leader**

*Plus Youth and Adult Exhibits and Competitions in Egg Art and Photography*

**12:00 pm-- Lunch (see cost below)- Question/Answer period with speakers**

**1: 00 pm-- Poultry Judging Short Format Clinic**

**Animal Science Complex, University of Nebraska-East Campus, Student Commons**

**RSVP to [spurdum2@unl.edu](mailto:spurdum2@unl.edu) by March 20--your interests, # attendees and lunch order**

**COSTS:** Symposium talks-FREE

Lunch: \$10/youth; \$15/Adults;

Judging Clinic: \$15.00

**Fun Prizes—Cash and Ribbons**



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June 12-17, 2022

# ***BIG RED CAMPS***

[4h.unl.edu/big-red-camps](http://4h.unl.edu/big-red-camps)





# VIRTUAL COMPANION ANIMAL CHALLENGE

Entries Due: 5:00 p.m., April 1, 2022

**CONTESTS:  
DEMONSTRATION  
PHOTOGRAPHY  
DOG TRIVIA  
CAT TRIVIA  
ESSAY  
ART**



More information at:  
<https://4h.unl.edu/companion-animal-challenge>



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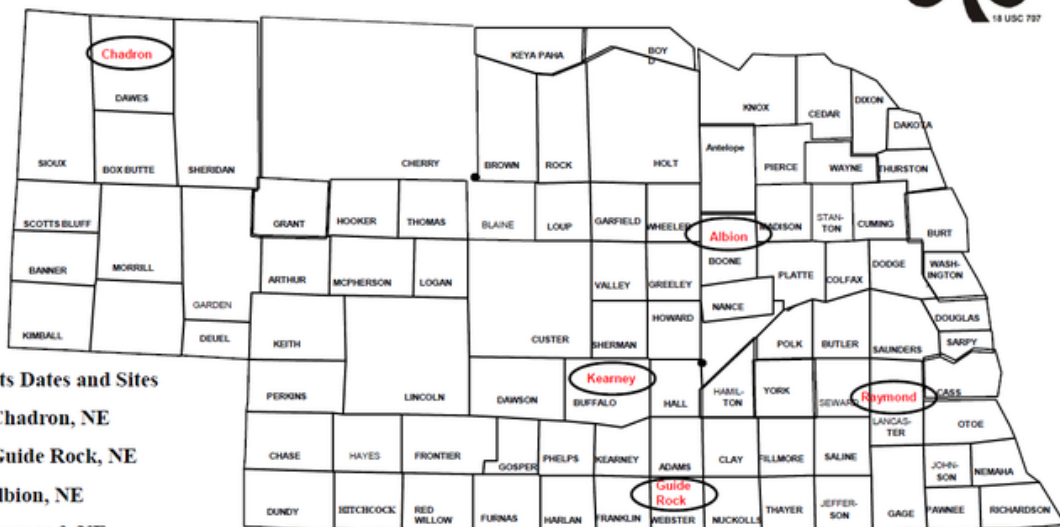


## SPECIAL GARDEN PROJECT

[4h.unl.edu/special-gardening-project](http://4h.unl.edu/special-gardening-project)

### 2022 NEBRASKA DISTRICT 4-H HORSE SHOWS all entries due by **May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Note: **ALL** Level testing required for participation in the 2022 District  
4-H Horse Shows **MUST** be completed by **MAY 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022**



#### 2022 Districts Dates and Sites

June 6<sup>th</sup> – Chadron, NE

June 7<sup>th</sup> – Guide Rock, NE

June 8<sup>th</sup> – Albion, NE

June 9<sup>th</sup> – Raymond, NE

June 10<sup>th</sup> – Kearney, NE

Reminder: All Entries for the State Horse Show must be completed by **May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022**.

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



Winners Unlimited

# UNL LIVESTOCK JUDGING CAMP

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.

[GO.UNL.EDU/JUDGING-CAMP](https://go.unl.edu/judging-camp)

Questions? Contact  
Blaine French at  
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# Shooting Sports Instructor Training

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MARCH 19-20

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Sidney, NE

For more information visit:  
[HTTPS://GO.UNL.EDU/H6WK](https://go.unl.edu/h6wk)



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## 2022 Special Agronomy Project



for more information: [cropwatch.unl.edu/special-agronomy-project](https://cropwatch.unl.edu/special-agronomy-project)



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# 4-H HORSE CAMP

June 9-11, 2022

Fort Robinson State Park  
Crawford, NE



*"Through These Doors Have Walked  
Some of the World's Finest Horsemen"*



## BROCHURE AND REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE APRIL 4!

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