



MAY — JULY 2024
IMPORTANT DATES

May 31— **DUE** by 5PM Extension Office State Horse ID's & Online Entries

June 14— **DUE** Extension Office
 • ALL County Animal ID's & Copies Registration Papers
 • State Fair Livestock DNA
 • State Fair Livestock Entries, Online

July 10— **DUE** Extension Office
 • ALL Pre-Fair Entries
 • Cat & Dog Health Forms
 • YQCA Training Complete

July 20— Fair Clean-up, 9:00am until done, Fairgrounds

July 20— Bike Rodeo, 9:00am, Fairgrounds

July 20— Ice Cream Roll Contest, 11:00am, 4-H Building

July 23— Clothing Construction & Fashion Review, 9:00am, 4-H Building

July 23— 4-H Night & Performing Arts & Presentations Contests, 7:30pm, 4-H Building

July 27— July 31
Merrick County Fair

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MERRICK 4-H TIMES

SUMMER 2024 Issue

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Merrick County 4-H, Nebraska (UNL Extension)



March 21, 2024 Pancake Feed

- ◆ Thank you to ALL those who volunteered their time and ate pancakes! The Pancake Feed was a HUGE SUCCESS this year thanks to ALL of you!
- ◆ Approximately \$2916 was made for scholarships and educational programming!
- ◆ Jr. Leaders Cake Walk made \$239!



Congratulations to ALL the 4-Hers who participated in the **County Communication Contest!**
 Londyn Fisher & Brianna Powell

April 1, 2024



Brianna has the opportunity to represent Merrick County at the Nebraska State Contest June 18, at UNL.

Merrick County 4-H Ambassadors attended the Merrick County Board of Supervisors Meeting February 13, 2024 to present a proclamation declaring March - Merrick County 4-H Month!

They are pictured here with the County Board of Supervisors!
 Shelby Hostler & Chloe Jefferson



REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

To register for a workshop, you must log into your 4-HOnline (<https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>) profile and head to the events tab. (This can be found on the left hand side of your screen.)

From there, you will find the workshop you are wanting to sign up for and click on it to complete the registration steps. Once your registration has been completed, you will receive an email for that workshop.



LAST CHANCE!

Are you JOINING 4-H in 2024?

⇒ Login to your family account at v2.4honline.com or use the QR Code to re-enroll.



⇒ Need help? Click the QR Code for step-by-step directions!

⇒ **Final Date: Saturday, June 15th**



Login Email
 Password

Sign in



Animal Science...



PASE SPIN CLUB

(PREMIERE ANIMAL SCIENCE EVENT)

Pre-register here
Open to 4-Hers age 10-18 years.

2024 Practice Dates:

Merrick Co. 4-H Building
(1784 Fairgrounds Rd, Central City)

- **Tuesday, May 28**
 - 8-9am - Poultry Judging
 - 9:30-10:30am - Skill-a-thon
 - 11am-noon - Livestock Judging
- **Tuesday, June 4**
 - 8-9am - Poultry Judging
 - 9:30-10:30am - Skill-a-thon
 - 11am-noon - Livestock Judging
- **Tuesday, June 11**
 - 8-9am - Poultry Judging
 - 9:30-10:30am - Skill-a-thon
 - 11am-noon - Livestock Judging
- **Tuesday, June 18**
 - 8-9am - Poultry Judging
 - 9:30-10:30am - Skill-a-thon
 - 11am-noon - Livestock Judging

PASE Contests at UNL
(East Campus Animal Science Complex)

- **Thursday, June 20**
 - Meats Judging
 - Poultry Judging
 - Livestock Skill-a-thon
- **Friday, June 21**
 - Livestock Judging

For more information please contact
Merrick County Extension Office
308-946-3843 or
email kwells5@unl.edu



UNL Horse Programs!



- State 4-H Rodeo
- Equine Webinars
- **Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Expo**
 - Entries **DUE, JUNE 1 by 5:00 P.M.** via horse.fairwire.com
 - State Horse ID's **DUE, MAY 31 by 5:00 P.M.** to Extension Office

- Horsemanship Study Courses
- Horsemanship Advancement Levels

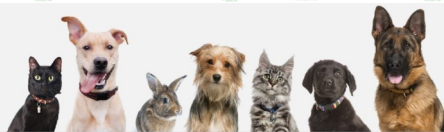
...and so much more HORSE can be found here!



4-H Companion Animal Opportunities

4h.unl.edu/companion-animal

(Go to the website, click and explore!)



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Check-out the Facebook folder:

2024 Out-of-County 4-H Shows, Workshop, Clinics & Camps



LIKE US ON

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Are you showing an animal at the county fair? YES—Read on!

Requirements:

Nebraska 4-H youth age 8-18, enrolled in any of the livestock projects below are required to complete YQCA annually either Instructor-Led or online at <http://yqca.org/>

- ◆ Beef (bucket calf, feeder calf, breeding beef, market beef)
- ◆ Goat (breeding meat goat, dairy goat, meat goat)
- ◆ Sheep (breeding sheep, market sheep)
- ◆ Swine (breeding swine, market swine)
- ◆ Dairy Cattle
- ◆ Poultry
- ◆ Rabbit

Youth enrolled in the following projects must complete YQCA: Beef, Dairy, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, Swine, Instructor-Led (\$3 per youth) or online at <http://yqca.org/> (\$12 per youth)

PRE-REGISTER!

By 5:00 p.m. the weekday prior to class!

402-694-6174 Hamilton County Extension Office
308-946-3843 Merrick County Extension Office

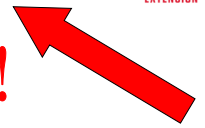
A parent or guardian **MUST ATTEND** with the youth 4-H ages 8-12!

ALL youth must have YQCA completed by Monday, July 10th, 2023!

Watch the county Facebook pages for more classes possibly to come.



DUE JULY 10!



Contact the Ext. Office to book an Instructor-Led Class with your 4-H club!

Jr. Leaders Journal

For all 4-H members ages 13-18 years!



March 3, 2024



Jr. Leader Banquet

- ◆ Officer Installation
- ◆ Senior Recognition
- ◆ New Jr. Leader Initiation

Leader Ledger

For all 4-H Leaders Past, Present, & Future!

⇒ Club Leader Resources



- Club Meeting How-To
- Club Activities & Projects
- Curriculum, Activities & Lesson Plans

⇒ Thank you club leaders and volunteers for all your help getting your club's file in order! If you would still like help getting your club back on track for the 2024 4-H year, call or email the Ext. Office, we're here to help, 308-946-3843 or merrick@unl.edu



2024 Tentative Plan



- ◆ Sunday, May 19, 1:30 p.m. –Escape GI, meet at 4-H Building to carpool, must pre-register before going
- ◆ June –Help with Summer Workshops
- ◆ July –Fair Prep Meeting, 4-H Building
- ◆ July 29 –Judge Clover Kids Exhibits at Fair, 4-H Building
- ◆ Sept. –Fall Cookout w/Hamilton County
- ◆ Oct. –Review Clover Kid Record Books, 4-H Building
- ◆ Oct./Nov. –Achievement Party
- ◆ Nov. –Friendsgiving w/Hamilton Co.
- ◆ Dec. –Merrick/Hamilton Lock-In, Merrick 4-H Building

Clover Kids Corner

For all 4-H members ages 5-7 years!

Clover Kid Project Day!

Clover Kids will make decorative tea light jars, a miniature fairy garden, a snack, and a unique canvas painting!



Registration thru Events in your 4honline.com account!
See instructions on the front cover.



GARDENING SPIN CLUB

This gardening partnership with Merrick Medical will allow youth to grow vegetables, herbs, and flowers in raised beds; and have mini lessons with dieticians throughout the growing season to learn different ways to use what was produced!

BEGINNING:

- ✓ Wednesday, May 15th (after TBD throughout growing season)
- ✓ WHERE: Merrick Medical TIME: 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- ✓ Age 8+
- ✓ 9 SPOTS AVAILABLE!

FREE!

REGISTER NOW



This activity is partially funded through Merrick County 4-H Council, 1784 Fairgrounds Road, Central City, NE 68826, (308) 946-3843. The 4-H Youth Development program abides with the nondiscrimination policies of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the United States Department of Agriculture.



4-H Summer Reading Program

COME AND JOIN US FOR FUN DURING THE 4-H SUMMER READING PROGRAM IN CONJUNCTION WITH YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY! THIS YEAR'S THEME IS "ADVENTURE BEGINS AT YOUR LIBRARY," FOLLOWING THE COLLABORATIVE SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM THEME WITH 4-H PROGRAMMING.



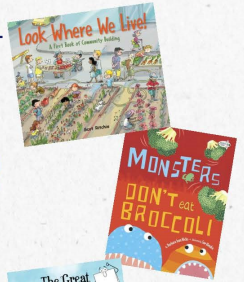
4-H Summer Reading Program Schedule:

(June 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th)
 10am - 11am Central City Library
 1pm - 2pm Clarks Library
 3pm - 4pm Silver Creek Library

Grades K - 6

June 3

Adventures in Your Community -
 This lesson focuses on the **Head!** We can all use our brains to learn and explore our communities in new and different ways.

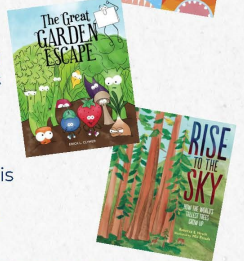


June 10

Adventures in Food Science -
 This lesson focuses on **Health!** We will work to empower our body and mind as we explore our senses by tasting and observing.

June 17

Adventures in Gardening -
 This lesson focuses on **Heart!** We can make connections to horticulture and STEAM Clothing as we explore what is in our gardens!



June 24

Adventures in the Forest -
 This lesson focuses on **Hands!** Nature is a great teacher and we will learn the benefits of getting our bodies outside for movement.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln is committed to providing accommodations necessary to allow individuals with disabilities to function effectively and safely while participating in 4-H events. If you believe you may need accommodation, please contact Faculty/Staff Disability Services at access@unl.edu or call 402-472-3417

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Indoor Archery Contests:



February 13 & 20, 2024

Shotgun Contest:

April 27, 2024



Outdoor Archery Practices & Contest:

Outdoor Archery Practices

- ⇒ Fairgrounds—Every Tuesday
- ⇒ 6:30 p.m.
- ⇒ May 7 —June 25
- ⇒ 4-H age 8—18 years



Merrick County Outdoor Archery Contest

- ⇒ Saturday, June 29, 2024
- ⇒ 8:30 a.m. Check-in
- ⇒ 9:00 a.m. Contest
- ⇒ Fairgrounds



Four practices with a Certified Shooting Sports Instructor are required to compete in Merrick County shooting sports contests.

Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshops

- ◆ For more information go to:
- ◆ <http://4h.unl.edu/shooting-sports/instructor/calendar>



Indoor BB Gun Contest:

December 16, 2023



Indoor Air Rifle Contest:

March 2, 2024



HELP WANTED!
4-H Shooting Sports Coaches are needed for young people who would like to shoot air pistol & smallbore pistol for Fall 2024-Winter 2025..



***ALL youth participating must be enrolled in the particular project and be active at 4honline.com**

2024 Fair Saturday, July 27-Wednesday, July 31!



Raegan Ferraro

Senior Scholarship Recipients!

CONGRATULATIONS to our
4-H Council and Dan & Susan Monaghan
scholarship recipients:

Raegan Ferraro & Kyleigh Muller

We wish both of these 4-Her's, and all the
graduating seniors, success in their future endeavors!



Kyleigh Muller

Project vs. Entry!

⇒ **Difference between project and county fair entry.**

- Projects are curriculum in the form of a project manual.
- Projects help youth gain knowledge and skill.
- A product of learning is a county fair entry or exhibit.

⇒ **Ask: "What projects interest my child that they could learn from?"**

- The county fair entry or exhibit should be a result of learning.

⇒ **How to select a 4-H project?**

- 1) Go to 4h.unl.edu and type in "Pick Your Project" in the search bar (top right corner).
- 2) Choose from over 150 different projects!
 - Select the ones your child is interested in.
 - If it's a new project, start with the first level, some areas have multiple levels.



⇒ **What are project camps for?**

- They're offered to supplement project learning.
- Remember to enroll in the corresponding project at v2.4honline.com



2024 Premium

Books

Are ready

**to be picked-up from the
Merrick Extension Office!**



April— Ali Flodman, Kolt Francis, Camden Urban, Charlotte Hale, Gavin Root, Cooper Root, Stephanie Kroeger, Zoey Malander, Delaney Moeller, Ella Zimmerman, Lane Mottl, Sawyer Groetzinger, Gavin Medinger, Camrie Brondel, Mason Strasburg, Cora Sanborn

May— Lydia Flodman, Augustus Stuhmer, Sophie Forbis, Owyn Herrick, Londyn Fisher, Isabelle Deibert, Emmett Blanchard, Claire Blomstedt, Kaylee Powell, Kinley Meyer, Levi Webb, Tyler Zimmerman, Matilda Paup

June— Aleah Ericksen, Josey Neel, Emmett Stettner, Rex Ferris, Eliza Sanborn, Emersyn Fisher, Eli Ferris, Kindall Francis, Katelynn Blomstedt, Beau Wegner, Hadley Rodenbaugh, Brayden Benson, Brynn Ratliff, Audrey Smith, Ryan Brandes, Taiya Buller

July— Jackson Roberts, Kyndall Talbott, Samantha Zmek, Bailey Meyer, Cole Broekemeier, Braysen Miller, Avery Blauhorn, Emerson Earl, Riggan Earl, Addilyn Smith, Makenna Mottl, Jacob Zimmerman, Adam Schuele, Westyn Olson, Victoria Ferraro, Brinlee Galles, Hadley Dobson, Noah Dexter, Keir Albert, Maycee Nelson, Briggs Buller, Blakely Dobson

***IF YOU DO NOT SEE YOUR NAME IN THE BIRTH MONTH LISTED ABOVE, RE-ENROLL IN 4-H, ASAP!**





May 5, 2024 — July 27, 2024

For more information please contact the Extension Office 308-946-3843 or email merrick@unl.edu



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 <u>May</u>	6 <i>*7pm 4-H Council Meeting, 4-H Building</i>	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 <i>*4pm, Gardening SPIN Club, Merrick Medical</i>	16 <i>*5-7pm, Sheep & Goat, Rate-of-Gain Weigh-Day, 4HB Arena</i>	17	18
19 <i>*1:30pm, Jr. Leaders, GI Escape</i>	20	21	22 <i>*5-7:30pm, Kids Night, Merrick Medical</i>	23 <i>*9:30am-3:30pm, Building Better Babysitters, 4HB</i>	24 <i>*11am-noon, Cat & Companion Animal Showmanship, 4HB *1-3pm, Rabbit & Poultry Project, 4HB</i>	25
26	27 Office Closed—Memorial Day	28 <i>*8am-12pm, PASE SPIN Club, 4HB</i>	29 <i>*9am-3:30pm, Outdoor Adventures, Timberlake</i>	30 <i>*10am-12pm, Mixed Media, 4HB *2-4pm, Creative Cardboard Vase, 4HB</i>	31 DUE 5pm—State Horse ID's, Ext. Office & Online Nominations <i>*1-3pm, Small Animal Showmanship, 4HB</i>	1 <u>June</u>
2	3 <i>*3 Locations, 4-H Library Programming *1-3pm, Ice Dyeing to Dye For (Day1), 4HB</i>	4 <i>*8am-12pm, PASE SPIN Club, 4HB *1-3pm, Ice Dyeing to Dye For (Day2), 4HB</i>	5 <i>*Jr. Camp, Whispering Cedars near</i>	6 <i>Genoa, NE</i>	7	8
9	10 <i>*3 Locations, 4-H Library Programming *9-10am, Green Thumb Gathering, Wild Roots Greenhouse</i>	11 <i>*8am-12pm, PASE SPIN Club, 4HB *1-3pm, Clover Kid Project Day, 4HB</i>	12 <i>*8am-12pm, 1st Session Woodworking, 4HB *1-5pm, 2nd Session Woodworking, 4HB</i>	13 <i>*10am-12pm, Sew Fun (Tote-Day1), 4HB *2-5pm, It's Sew Time, (Shorts-Day2), 4HB</i>	14 DUE—ALL County Animal ID's & State Fair DNA Ext. Office <i>*10am-12pm, Sew Fun (Tote-Day2), 4HB *2-5pm, It's Sew Time, (Shorts-Day2), 4HB</i>	15 DUE—ALL State Fair Nominations, Online
16	17 <i>*3 Locations, 4-H Library Programming *State Communication Contests—UNL</i>	18 <i>*8am-12pm, PASE SPIN Club, 4HB *1-3pm, Create with Clay, 4HB</i>	19 Office Closed—Juneteenth	20 <i>*State PASE Contests—UNL</i>	21	22
23	24 <i>*3 Locations, 4-H Library Programming</i>	25	26 <i>*9am-12pm, Rise & Shine Bakery, 4HB *2-5pm, Muffin Magic, 4HB</i>	27 <i>*9am-12pm, Rise & Shine Bakery, 4HB *2-5pm Put 'em Up, 4HB</i>	28	29 <i>*9am Outdoor Archery Contest, Fairgrounds</i>
30	1 <u>July</u> <i>*7pm 4-H Council Meeting, 4-H Building</i>	2	3	4 Office Closed—4th of July	5	6
7	8	9 <i>*11am LAST YOCA Instructor-Led Class, 4-H Building</i>	10 <i>DUE—ALL Pre-Fair Entries, YOCA, & Animal Health Forms, Ext. Office</i>	11	12	13
14	15	16 <i>4-H Building Meetings 6pm Clothing Supers 7pm Static Supers 8pm Livestock Supers</i>	17	18	19	20 <i>*9am Fair Clean-up, Fairgrounds *9am Bicycle Rodeo, Fairgrounds *11am Ice Cream Roll, 4-H Building</i>
21	22	23 <i>*8am Clothing Construction, 4-H Building *7:30pm 4-H Night & Performing Arts Contest, 4-H Building</i>	24	25 <i>*1-5pm Static Check-in 4-H Building</i>	26 <i>*8am-5pm Static Check-in, 4-H Building</i>	27 <i>*7am Horse Show, Indoor Arena *8am-12pm Static Check-in, 4-H Building</i>