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DAWES COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

December 2023

4-H Calendar



October 1: Start of NEW 4-H Fiscal Year!

November 30: 4-H Shooting Sports Archery, every Thursday, Fairgrounds, 6 pm

December 2: Shooting Sports Air Rifle and BB Gun, every Saturday, Fairgrounds, 9 am

December 6: Melissa in the office

December 8: Tinsel & Truffles Workshop 2-3:30PM

December 8: Rockin' Reindeer Food Workshop 3:30-4:30 PM

December 13: Catch Kids Club w/ Ashley at Chadron Primary JFK Afterschool Program

December 15: Melissa in the office (afternoon only)

December 17: 4-H Holiday Maker Day, 1-4PM

December 25-29: OFFICE CLOSED - Christmas

February 17: Beef Weigh Ins, Crawford Livestock market, 9 AM-12 PM

Deadline Dates:

December 1: Maker Day Registration

December 1: Rockin' Reindeer Food Workshop Registration

December 1: Tinsel & Truffles Workshop Registration

January 5: Special Edition Stories & Jr. Leader Ad Sales



Dawes County Extension Office Updates

The Dawes County Extension Office will be short staffed for awhile. Therefore, we may have a day or two where we need to be closed all day or close early. We will do our best to post on Facebook and send a Remind text any days we have to be closed all day or close early but feel free to give us a call before you come in, to make sure someone is in the office.



2nd Annual 4-H Holiday Maker Day

Our 2023 4-H Holiday Maker Day will be December 17th at the Dawes County Fairgrounds! Registration Deadline is **Friday, December 1st**. We must have the registration form to be registered. Youth may select up to 4 projects.

Youth do not need to be enrolled in 4-H to participate so tell your friends to join in on the holiday fun!

Registration forms can be found on our website:

<https://extension.unl.edu/Maker%20Day%20Flyer.pdf>

A festive flyer for the 4-H Holiday Maker Day. The background is light green with scattered colorful stars and dots. At the top, contact information for Nebraska Extension Dawes County is listed: 250 Main St., Ste 8, Chadron, NE 69337 and phone number 308-432-3373. The main title '4-H Holiday MAKER DAY' is prominently displayed, with '4-H Holiday' in a pink banner and 'MAKER DAY' in large, bold, green letters. Below the title, it says 'JOIN US!' and '1PM - 4PM 17 DECEMBER'. The location is 'DAWES COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS'. A registration deadline of 'Friday, December 1st' is noted. A note states: 'This workshop may not last the entire session, for most participants it will only take 2 hours.' Another note says: 'Youth do not need to be enrolled in 4-H to participate. Maker Day is for youth ages 5-18.' The bottom of the flyer features several stylized Christmas trees in red and green with various patterns. Logos for the University of Nebraska and Dawes County are at the bottom, along with a non-discrimination statement and the year (c) 2023.

Nebraska Extension Dawes County 250 Main St., Ste 8, Chadron, NE 69337 308-432-3373

4-H Holiday
MAKER DAY

JOIN US!
1PM - 4PM **17** DECEMBER

DAWES COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

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4-11 Holiday MAKER DAY PROJECTS

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Maker Day Flyer

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Youth Workshops on December 8th

Rockin' Reindeer Food Workshop
Ages 5-7

Friday, December 8
3:30-4:30 pm
Fee: \$10
Dawes County Fairgrounds
Register by 12/1
Call (308)432-3373

Come make a delicious treat for you & Santa's reindeer!

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Tinsel & Truffles Workshop
Ages 8+

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8
2:00-3:30 PM
FEE: \$15
DAWES COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
REGISTER BY 12/1
CALL (308)432-3373

'Tis the season for delicious sweets!
Join us as we make festive & colorful holiday treats!

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Come join our Food, Nutrition & Health Educator, Ashley Ahrens and make some fun holiday treats with us!

Rockin' Reindeer Food Workshop- Youth ages 5-7 can come make a special treat for themselves and for Santa's Reindeer

Tinsel & Truffles Workshop- Youth ages 8+ can come make festive and colorful holiday treats to take home

Both of these workshops have limited registrations with a deadline of December 1st. Give us a call to sign up (308)432-3373

4-H Special Edition Needs Your Stories & Photos



Each year the Dawes County 4-H Jr. Leaders, with the help of the Crawford Clipper, put together the 4-H Special Edition. It is a newspaper insert FULL of wonderful stories and photos submitted by YOU - Dawes County 4-H Members! It is an outstanding promotional tool and also a fundraiser for the Jr. Leaders. Each

member is asked to submit via email, a typed, short article of 200-400 words, along with a digital photo, telling what you like about 4-H. It might be a special project you completed, something that happened during the year, or about a person who helped you.

Seniors -We will use the biography and photo you provided for the Achievement Luncheon unless you send something else.

Please submit your stories and photos by Friday, January 5th. It is published the first week in February in honor of Nebraska 4-H Month. This is circulated to over multiple households! Email your story and photo to Chelsey at chelsey.scherbarth@unl.edu

Reminders

Last Month to Pick Up Premium Checks!

The fair ribbon premiums, provided by the Dawes County Ag. Society, are available in our office. Fair premiums are for anyone in 4-H ages 8-18 who exhibited any project at the Dawes County Fair in 2023. Please pick them up at your earliest convenience. **If they are NOT picked up by December 31st, they will be given back to the Ag Society.**



If you had items sent to the Nebraska State Fair, those premiums are available to be picked up as well!

Champion Prizes Need Picked Up!

Below are lists of individuals who need to pick up their Champion Prizes at the Extension Office. Please do this as soon as possible. Any champion cash not picked up by December 31 will be returned to the 4-H Council.

- Fisher, Johnathan
- Nicholson, Julia
- Obando, Alexander
- Obando, Mikayla
- Penaluna, Cody
- Phillips, Kaylie
- Rasmussen, Lauren
- Alexa Tollman
- Garrett Tollman
- Werner, Josephine

Dawes County 4-H Council Members:

Congratulations to our newly elected 4-H Council Members! They have held their first meeting and elected officers which include:

President - Kris Pyle

Vice President - Ryan Sellman

Secretary - Kris Vahrenkamp

Treasurer - Julie Schommer

Members at large: Kevin Keim, Justin Tollman, Buffy Hourt-Allred

Youth Members: Alexa Tollman, Roudy Schommer, Ava Pyle, Miranda Betson, Kendall Sellman

These people are your VOICE! Please contact them with suggestions, concerns, or ideas that will improve the educational benefit for our youth membership.



2024 Fair Updates from the 4-H Council Meeting:

- Clothing Narrations will be due the Tuesday before Clothing Day
- Fair Entries will be due July 1st with late entries being accepted from July 2nd to the 10th with a fee. **Nothing will be accepted after July 10th**
- All rules and regulations governing the Dawes County Fair 4-H Dog Show will be taken from the Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Rules 4H421
- Only Level 1 Horse Exhibitors will be eligible to participate in Dummy Roping

Market Beef Weigh-Ins



Dawes County 4-H will hold their Market Beef Weigh-In on **Saturday, February 17th, from 9 am to noon, Crawford Livestock Market**. All youth planning to exhibit a market beef animal at the Dawes County Fair must bring it to the weigh in to be tagged and identified. Youth planning to show at the Nebraska State Fair and Aksarben should let the office know as there are other requirements for showing (EID tag and DNA).

Members who cannot make the weigh-in date may attend the Box Butte or Sheridan County Market Beef weigh ins if necessary. If attending the alternative weigh-in, members must notify the beef superintendents and the office. Members will be not be eligible to compete in the Rate of Gain contest if weighing in at an different location.

Alternative Beef Weigh- Ins

Box Butte

Sunday, January 14th from 11am-1pm

Box Butte County Fairgrounds, Hemingford

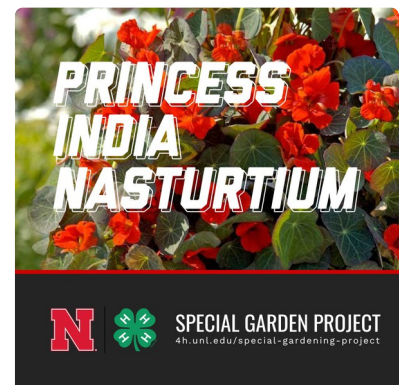
Sheridan

TBD

2024 Special Garden Project

The Special Garden Project is a way to offer Nebraska youth the chance to grow unusual and fun projects in their gardens.

The time has come to unveil the 2024 Special Garden Project plant! The 2024 Special Garden Project will focus on Princess of India Nasturtium. This Victorian-era heirloom flower can be grown in a variety of ways including containers. It provides a splash of color from its scarlet flowers and much of the plant can be eaten



4-H members enrolled in the Special Garden Project will:

- Receive a 'packet' of Princess of India Nasturtium (one packet per youth) in March/April
- Receive a newsletter about planting & growing nasturtium
- Be able to exhibit this unique herb at County and State Fair

If interested, please let Melissa mmracek2@unl.edu or Chelsey chelsey.scherbarth@unl.edu know by February 5th.

For more information: <https://4h.unl.edu/special-garden-project>



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**Melissa won the
Outstanding Mentor
Award at Fall Conference!**

Happy Hustlers 4-H Club Promotes Service Projects

Happy Hustlers did a craft project with residents at Crestview Care Center on November 27th. Their next project is making meals for Closer to Home on December 7th and bell ringing for the Salvation Army on December 8th!



Omaha Fashion Week

Application is now open for youth to model their 2023 design on the Omaha Fashion Week runway happening February 21, 2024! Youth will experience the backstage prep by having hair and makeup done, then walking the runway in front of the fashion community! Deadline to apply is January 5, 2024.

<https://go.unl.edu/4hofw2024>



APPLICATIONS
DUE
JANUARY

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2024

You are invited to apply for the OFW 4-H
Collection shown during Student Night on

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2024

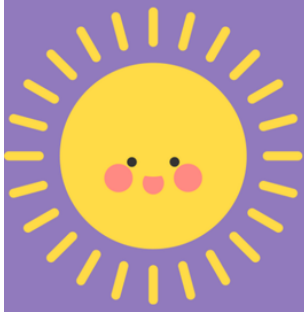
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APPLICATION MATERIALS

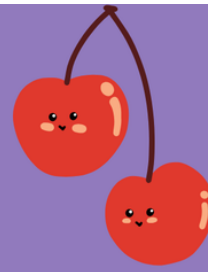
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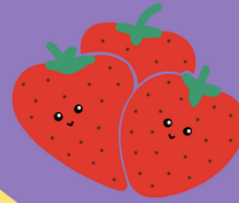


with Ashley Ahrens-
Food, Nutrition & Health Educator
at the Chadron Primary School,
Just For Kids- Afterschool Program



Dates:
9/13
9/27
10/11
11/8
11/29
12/13

Times:
K: 4:00-4:30
1st: 5:00-5:30
2nd: 4:30-5:00



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Chelsey Scherbarth- Office Manager

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Ashley Ahrens- Food, Nutrition & Health Educator; Dawes County Lead Educator

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Dawes County 4-H

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