



Antelope County 4-H Newsletter

MAY 2021



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Dear 4-H Families,

How is it Spring time already!! Spring brings lots of planning for a great, busy summer!! After last year, we are excited to see the 4-H'ers again face to face with less restrictions and to see their energy and enthusiasm for their 4-H projects. Spring is a very busy time of year for everyone, but this is also a great time to plan out what 4-H projects you would like to complete for fair this year. We encourage you to step out of your comfort zone and try something new. We would love to see more entries in the area of electricity, safety, vet science, conservation & wildlife, human development, and forestry.

A BIG welcome again to all the new 4-H families!! Every month you will receive a newsletter like this one that covers many different 4-H opportunities, deadlines, and important information. We encourage you to read over it closely. If you are not sure what something means or if a certain deadline applies to you just give us a holler and we will be happy to explain what it means.

2021 Fairbooks have been sent to the printers. We are hoping to have them in a few weeks. When we do get them in, we will make sure to make an announcement on our Facebook page, Nebraska Extension-Antelope County. We ask club leaders to pick up the books for their entire club. Independent members please stop by and get a copy for your family. The fairbooks list all the guidelines for the 4-H projects and serve as a vital resource during the upcoming summer months!

Antelope County Extension would like to CONGRADULATE all of the 2021 Graduates!

We commend all your accomplishments through your high school careers and wish you the best in your future endeavors!

Elkhorn Valley High School - Mia Eickhoff, Trevin Hanson, Hunter Howard, Adam Miller, Ashleigh Nelson

Neligh-Oakdale High School - Jackson Keetle

Pope John School - Alyssa Burenheide, Allyson Selting

Summerland School - Morgan Erhardt, Collin Mullins



Summer is coming up and we have lots of fun workshops planned for you; like photography, entomology, casting wildlife footprints, special Clover Kid workshops, door hanger, painting, gardening and food, and so much more! Be on the lookout for more information!!



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Results of the 4-H Public Speaking Contest



Clover Kid Speeches:

Leo Spieker
Shay Morrison

Junior Speech:

Lilly Mortensen- Purple CHAMPION
Sophie Burke- Purple RESERVE

Intermediate Speech:

Gentry Zwingman- Purple CHAMPION (Qualifies for State)
Baylee Chessmore- Purple RESERVE (Qualifies for State)
Jayda Chessmore- Purple
Addy Jacob- Purple

Senior Speech:

Merinee Vaughn- Purple CHAMPION (Qualifies for State)

Intermediate PSA:

Addy Jacob- Purple CHAMPION (Qualifies for State)
Jayda Chessmore- Purple RESERVE (Qualifies for State)
Baylee Chessmore- Purple

Market Sheep & Goat Exhibitors: at Horse Arena (note location change)

Our Market Sheep & Goat weigh in will be **May 22 at 10:00 a.m.** at the fairground **Horse Arena**. **Park your trailers down by the horse arena only.** If you are bringing Market Sheep or Market Goats to the Antelope County Fair and want to enter in the rate of gain contest or plan to show at State Fair you are required to attend the Weigh Day.

If you have any questions or can't attend the weigh in please give Tessa a call at 402-887-5414 or email tharms2@unl.edu.

4-H Horse: <https://4h.unl.edu/state-horse-expo-district> **Deadline May 7th**

Districts: June 14-18 - State: July 10th-14th, 2021

May 7th Deadline: Advancement Levels, ID Forms, Online Entry

Online District Registration: Deadline May 7th - <https://nhorse.fairwire.com/>

Webinar on how to enter online for District and State entries watch: <https://youtu.be/W6NO6BrVhTg>

More events and programs on our webpage antelope.unl.edu under "Horse Events"

Shooting Sports: Save the Date - July 25th! Antelope County 4-H Shoot (All Disciplines)

To participate in the County 4-H Shoot Youth have to be enrolled through ne.4honline.com.

Archery Practice Tuesday nights at 6:30 pm, facebook page is, [Antelope Archery 4H Shooting Sports Club](#)

BB Gun facebook page, [Antelope County 4-H Shooting Sports](#)

Beef:

More Contest events on our webpage antelope.unl.edu under "Beef Events"

Camps: **Regional Junior Camp at Genoa is Full - taking no more registrations**

For a list of camps offered this year go to: antelope.unl.edu in the red menu bar Antelope County 4-H click on 4-H Member Resources and look for Summer Camps.

Goat, Swine & Sheep

More Contest events on our webpage antelope.unl.edu under "Events, Show & Clinics"

If you would like to receive the newsletter by email instead of mail give me a call or shoot me an email.

Are you planning on taking any flowers, vegetables, herbs or houseplants to the fair?

In your fairbook you will find all the information you will need to know under Horticulture - Department G. Here are some tips you will need as you start planting flowers and your garden.

1. **Variety or cultivar name:** Save the tags or the package that your seeds came in, you will need to identify variety or cultivar name on your entry card. Failure to do this will drop the entry one ribbon placing.
2. **Read your fairbook:** There is important information that you will need to know. Example how many vegetables do I need to bring?, will 2 stems of cut flowers work or 5? What diameter can my fairy garden be? Do I cut the tops of my carrots off? etc...etc...
3. **Know our county webpage** (antelope.unl.edu): Under the 4-H Member Resource you can find the Horticulture & Floriculture Preparation Guides.
4. **Houseplants:** Guide to Growing Houseplants & Guide to Selecting Houseplants on our county webpage.
5. **Containers:** Start now thinking and looking for what you will use to display your herbs and flowers in.



Read your fairbook

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I just thought of another 4-H Project I would like to do, can I still sign up for it?

Yes you can, just log back into 4HOnline and go to your projects and select the ones you would like to add.

Have you checked out our Antelope County Extension Webpage: antelope.unl.edu

If you go to our webpage and click on the "Antelope County 4-H" that is in the red bar it will take you to the 4-H page. Here you can find the monthly newsletter, list of 4-H projects for 2021. The "4-H Member Resources" will be important the closer we get to fair.

Do you know?

Home Food Preservation Virtual Learning Series

*Join Nebraska Extension for the 2021 Canning Season
7:00pm CT - Free Zoom Classes*

Wed, April 14 - Canning 101
Tues, May 11 - Jams & Jellies
Thu, June 10 - Canning 101
Wed, June 23 - Pickles & Relishes
Thu, July 8 - Tomatoes
Tues, July 13 - Salsa



Get your questions answered!

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Register At: <https://go.unl.edu/homefoodpreservation>



Donation Garden/Grow-A-Row

Volunteers Needed



Looking for a way to give back to the community and include a 4-H project? Come join Nebraska Extension and the City of Neligh grow a donation garden this summer!

The garden site is in Neligh. All produce harvested from the garden will be donated to the Antelope County Food Pantry. 4-H'ers who regularly volunteer in the garden may have an opportunity to utilize some garden produce for county fair. Dates for volunteering are available for both clubs and individuals. Contact Brittany for additional details and to sign-up – (402) 887-5414 or brittany.spieker@unl.edu

If you are unable to volunteer in the donation garden, you can grow an extra row of produce in your personal garden and donate that harvest to the Antelope County Food Pantry.

Ideas for incorporating garden efforts into 4-H projects:

Dept. G – Div. 773 – Class #G773290 – Garden Promotion Poster

Dept. G – Div. 773 – Class #G773291 – Educational Vegetable or Herb Garden Poster

Grow-A-Row

GROW A COMMUNITY

HELP FIGHT HUNGER THIS YEAR BY GROWING AN EXTRA ROW OF PRODUCE IN YOUR GARDEN AND DONATING THAT HARVEST TO THE ANTELOPE COUNTY FOOD PANTRY! LET'S HELP OUT OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED!

Produce Drop Off Site & Times:

8:00am - 4:30pm

Antelope County Extension Office

Located in the basement of Antelope County Courthouse
501 Main Street, Neligh

***If you are donating highly perishable products such as lettuce, herbs, tomatoes, etc., bring the produce the same week the food pantry will be open.

Produce to be Redistributed:

11:30am - 1:30pm

1st & 3rd Thursdays

Antelope County Food Pantry

located at the Lions Club, Neligh

Interested in volunteering at the pantry?
Contact Bev Alderson at (402) 843-5307.



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SUMMER WORKSHOP

Bee Hotel Virtual Workshop 2021

Ages 8+

Cost: \$15

Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2021 9 to 11 AM

Location: Live via Zoom

Registration Deadline: Friday, May 14, 2021

Registration Link: <https://go.unl.edu/4hbeehotel2021>



Get out your hammer and power drill! Construct a habitat for bees by building a structure and then drilling holes in wood blocks for the bee habitat. You will also learn why bees are important to the environment.

Kit will include:

- Pre-cut wood for bee hotel
- Wood for nesting blocks
- Nails
- Two University publications on bee hotels

Kits can be picked up from your local extension office starting Thursday, May 20, 2021.



Not included in the kit but needed for the workshop are:

- Hammer
- Drill and drill bits
- Safety glasses

Camp Counselors Needed!!

The Jr. Regional 4-H Camp in Genoa is full and we have 27 from our county going!! Wowza!! In order to make camp happen we need more camp counselors!!

Camp Counselors have to be 16-18 as of Jan.1. Camp runs from June 2-4. Questions let Tessa know.

Register to be a camp counselor here: <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSdI2v5qBTOCfk.../viewform>



2021 Antelope County 4-H Fair

August 3 – August 8

July 30th – photograph & clothing entry

July 25th – 4-H shooting sports



Follow us on our Facebook Page
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Special County Only Vegetable Exhibit

This year the vegetable is:

Zucchini/Squash

So when you plant your garden remember - Most Unusual Shaped, Largest, & Best Dressed/Decorated Zucchini/Squash. Can't wait to see what you come up with.



Youth for the Quality Care of Animals Training Requirement

Nebraska 4-H requires all youth enrolled in livestock projects to complete ANNUAL YQCA training.

4-H youth ages 8-18 planning to show beef, dairy cattle, goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine at the county fair, state fair and/or AKSARBEN 4-H shows are required to complete YQCA training by **June 15**. Clover Kids do not have to take this training.

Youth may choose one of three options to complete their YQCA requirement. Cost of training will be reimbursed on the youth's fair premium check.

- Attend a face to face training. **Training will take place Tuesday, June 8, 10:00 a.m.**, Courthouse Basement Meeting Room. The training will cost \$3 payable by credit/debit card only on the YQCA website. You need to register online by Monday morning before the training. We cannot accept payment in person. Go to <https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login> and log in, like you are logging into 4-H online. Under course list, you will select "Instructor Led Training" and select the location you plan to attend. Please call the office with any questions.
- Complete online training at <https://yqca.learngrow.io>. Cost is \$12. For directions and more information, visit <https://4h.unl.edu/yqca>. After training is complete, be sure to save and print out a completed certificate. Drop off certificate to the office or email it, just make sure we have it before June 15th.
- For a test-out option, contact the Extension Office for further details. Youth must be 12-18 years old to take the test out option for their age division. Youth must pass with an 80%.

Remember June 15 deadline for turning in Animal Identification forms and completing YQCA!

If failure to comply with this deadline youth will be penalized by getting docked a ribbon placing in the show

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Showing Animals at Fair Animal Identification and Ear Tags



Animal Identification Forms: All 4-H livestock **must be identified** on the proper form and handed into the Extension Office by **June 15**. Clover Kids have to abide by this guideline as well if they are showing animals at the fair. Animals that need a filled out Identification Form are 1st, 2nd year, Clover Kid Bucket Calves, Breeding Heifers, Market Beef, Stocker Feeders, Cow/Calf, Dairy, Breeding Goats, Market Goats, Dairy Goats, Companion Goat, Breeding Ewes, Market Lambs, Market Swine, Horses. Forms are available at our office or accessed online at our webpage antelope.unl.edu under 4-H Members Resources scroll towards the bottom of the page.

Ear Tags: All beef, sheep, goats, and swine must have an official 4-H ear tag. This ear tag number is put on the Animal Identification Form. Tags can be picked up at the Extension office during business hours.

If you are planning on showing at the State Fair in Beef, Sheep, Goats, or Swine there are extra requirements that have to be done prior to **June 15**, so please notify Tessa.

Rabbits for county fair do not need to be identified at this time, but if you are planning on going to State Fair, they will need a tattoo in the left ear.

4-H/FFA animals not identified will not be allowed to exhibit at the fair.

2021 ANTELOPE COUNTY FAIR SCHEDULE OF 4-H EVENTS

SUNDAY, JULY 25	Shooting Sports Contest - Archery, BB Gun, Air Rifle, Shot Gun, & .22 Rifle (Schedule will be sent out when pre-registrations are in)
MONDAY, JULY 26 6:30 p.m.	Pre Fair Clean Up
FRIDAY, JULY 30 9:00 a.m.	Style Revue & Clothing Construction Judging (Fairgrounds Exhibit Building) Photography Judging and Interviews (Fairgrounds Exhibit Building) Enter all non-interview clothing exhibits (this includes Barn Quilts) at fairgrounds
9:00 a.m. - Noon	
MONDAY, AUGUST 2 6:30 p.m.	Pre Fair Clean Up
Noon	1st Year Bucket Calf Record Books Due at the Extension Office
TUESDAY, AUGUST 3 9:00 a.m.	4-H/FFA Dog Show. All released after judging
9:30 a.m.	4-H/FFA Cat Show. All released after judging
Noon - 3:00 p.m. (tentative)	Small Pet Show (Following Cat Show) approx. 11:30 a.m. All released after judging
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Food Entry Day (Besides Cake Decorating) Certain food exhibits interviewed (schedule will be sent our prior to fair)
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Clover Kid Entry Day & Interviews
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Favorite Foods Entry Day & Interviews (schedule will be sent our prior to fair)
	Entry day for ALL 4-H/FFA exhibits other than livestock (except Clothing, Photography, Favorite Foods, Foods, and Clover Kid entries)
	Decorated Cake Project & Interviews (schedule will be sent out prior to fair)
	Entries entered after 1:00 p.m. will be considered late and dropped a ribbon placing
	No clothing exhibits will be accepted
4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	4-H & FFA Livestock Entry Begins
4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Bucket Calf Interviews
THURSDAY, AUGUST 5 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Livestock in Place
	Market beef will be weighed BEFORE 10:00 a.m.
	Check in all 4-H & FFA Livestock (Beef, Goat, Sheep, Swine, Dairy, Poultry, and Rabbits & Horses) with superintendents in livestock barn
	Bucket Calf Interviews
8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Weigh In/ Ultrasound (Swine, Sheep, Goats, Beef)
10:00 a.m.	4-H/FFA Horse Show (Timed Events, Ground Roping, & Working Stock)
11:00 a.m.	4-H/FFA Dairy Show. (Milkers released after show.)
1:00 p.m.	Bucket Calf Show (Clover Kids & Regular 4-H'ers) NOTE: Open class and PeeWees will still be on Saturday
3:00 p.m.	Best Dressed Goat (will immediately follow bucket calf show)
4:30 p.m.	Registration for Livestock Judging Contest
5:00 p.m.	Livestock Judging Contest Will Start
5:30 p.m.	
FRIDAY, AUGUST 6 8:30 a.m.	4-H/FFA Horse Show (Judged Events & Trail - except Working Stock)
	4-H/FFA Rabbit Show & Poultry Show (Shows will go on simultaneously)
2:00 p.m.	4-H/FFA Goat Show
	4-H/FFA Sheep Show Immediately After Goat Show
SATURDAY, August 7 8:00 a.m.	4-H/FFA Swine Show
11:00 a.m.	4-H/FFA Beef Show (will start half hour after the conclusion of the swine show)
4:00 p.m.	Premium Auction
SUNDAY, August 8 10:30 a.m.	Small Animal Round Robin Contest
	Large Animal Round Robin Contest - Immediately after Small Animal Round Robin
12:30 a.m.	4-H Fashion Revue & Awards Ceremony Location: Show Arena
2:30 p.m.	Release of Static 4-H/FFA Exhibits. Exhibits must be picked up by 4:30 p.m.
3:00 p.m.	Clean up in Livestock Barn followed by release of livestock. All livestock must be out 4:30 p.m.
TUESDAY, August 10 6:30 p.m.	Post Fair Clean Up

NOTE: All exhibitors are **required** to clean up their exhibit and/or stall area before they can leave from the fair on Sunday. This means that all barns must be cleaned - wood chips and manure must be placed in designated areas.