



Antelope County 4-H Newsletter

MAY 2022



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Dear 4-H Families,

How is it Spring time already!! Spring brings lots of planning for a great, busy summer!! School is almost out for everyone, this is 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. State Fair has deleted, added and revised some projects so make sure you read the fairbook this year.

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.

2022 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!

If you would like a peek at the 2022 Fairbook, I have it posted online on our website under 4-H Member Resources.

Antelope County Extension would like to CONGRADULATE all of the 2022 Graduates!

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

Creighton – Christen Curtis

Elkhorn Valley High School – Bria Gale, Conner Larson, Aaron Suckstorf

Neligh-Oakdale High School – Josey Booth, Ashton Higgins, Hannah Vraspir

St. Mary's – Charley Mlnarik

Summerland School – Cassidy Bearinger, Dillon Moser, Logan Mueller



Summer is coming up and we have lots of fun workshops planned for you; entomology, Clover Kid workshops, Recipe card file, Bee hotel and so much more! Be on the lookout for more information!!



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2022 Antelope County Fair

August 1st – August 7th

July 29th – photography & clothing entry

July 24th – 4-H shooting sports

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4-H County Shoot Sunday, July 24

In order to participate you need to be enrolled online v2.4honline.com if you are not enrolled you will not receive information about the shoot.

Trap and .22 Rifle must have completed a Hunter Education Class. Air Rifle to be eligible to shoot you must have completed one year of BB gun.

If you have never participated in a 4-H shoot at Antelope Co Fair, you will need to go to at least one practice and get safety certified.

B.B Gun: [Antelope County Shooting Sports](#)

Archery: [Antelope Archery 4H Shooting Sports Club](#)

Flagpole Memorial Bricks

Do you have someone that was involved in 4-H, Extension or the Fair? You can buy a Memorial Brick that will have their name on it and will be placed at the fairgrounds to honor them. For more information contact the Wortman's LeRoy 402-929-3207 - Gail 402-929-0342.

SEEDS HAVE ARRIVED

If you signed up for the Special Agronomy Project "Broomcorn Sorghum" or the Special Garden Project "Rubenza Cosmos" stop at the Extension Office and pick up the seed.



2022 TEEN TRACTOR SAFETY COURSES

New!! Hands-On Safety Day: Tractor and Equipment Safety for Young and Beginning Farmers and Ranchers

Young and beginning farmers, ages 13 and older are invited for a day of hands-on equipment demonstrations and tractor driving (14 years of age and over to drive).

May 24, 2022 – West Central Research and Education Center in North Platte

May 26, 2022 – Raising Nebraska in Grand Island

Annual Tractor and Equipment Safety Certification Training Course for students 14 years of age and older

Successful completion of a one-day in-person training (driving exam) paired with an online learning module will result in certification for 14 and 15 year old youth to be employed on farms and ranches.

June 6, 2022 – O'Neill

June 8, 2022 – Broken Bow

June 9, 2022 – Hastings

June 10, 2022 – Weeping Water

For more information and to register, visit go.unl.edu/tractorsafety or contact Ellen Duysen at ellen.duysen@unmc.edu

Antelope County 4-H Public Speaking Contest May 26



We will be having our Speech and PSA contest Thursday, May 26 from 3pm to 5pm at the Antelope County Courthouse. **Entry Deadline May 16th**

For Rules, Registration and More information go to our webpage - antelope.unl.edu

Register at: <https://forms.gle/txZXDTACMiRAmWuF6>

Through the 4-H Public Speaking Contest, youth have the opportunity to write a Speech or a Public Service Announcement (PSA) that incorporates the topic of 4-H and deliver it to an audience. This is a great event to help youth enhance their communication skills. This contest helps youth develop skills for communicating about current issues to a real audience, learn how to organize and prepare a speech, develop speech delivery skills, learn how to present themselves to others, and develop self-confidence.

The theme for the PSA's this year is: **"Opportunity 4 All"**.

All 4-H PSA's must include the following tagline within the last 10 seconds of the PSA: **"Learn more about the Nebraska Extension 4-H Youth Development Program at 4h.unl.edu."** The tagline is included in the 60 second time limit.

State Public Speaking Contest will be held on Friday June 24 in Lincoln

Special County Vegetable Exhibit



This year the vegetable is:

Carrot

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

Youth For The Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

June 13th - 2:00 p.m.

at the courthouse basement meeting room

The YQCA website has changed so everyone has to make a new account, so start early so you make the deadline.

Antelope County 4-H youth ages 8-18, who are enrolled in beef, dairy, goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep and swine, need to complete YQCA Training by June 15th each year, see more info in this newsletter.

Sandy Spurs Open Horse Show

Sunday, June 5, 2022

Show Time 9 am

Antelope County Fairgrounds - Neligh, NE

Sponsored by Sandy Spurs 4-H Club



- This show is open to all 4-H members and Open class, Age groups will be 10 & Under, 11-14, 15-18 and 19 & holding as of January 1
- Entry Fee: \$5 per class, \$40 for all day (one rider)
- 4-H rules and western attire required
- Follow the event on Facebook Sandy Spurs Open Horse Show for more details, including weather updates as there will be no rain date

**For more information you may contact: Kara Pelster 402-750-1018,
Koryn Koinzan 402- 929-0520 or sandyspursclub@gmail.com

Lunch Stand will be available



New Website
Enroll Early



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 Monday, June 13, 2:00 p.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 Friday the 10th for this training. We cannot accept payment in person. Go to <https://yqcaprogram.org> and everyone will need to set up a new account. Under course list, you will select "Instructor Led Training" and select the location you plan to attend. For step by step instructions go to our webpage and I will have it on the 4-H Resource page by the YQCA.
- Complete online training at <https://yqcaprogram.org> 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 ring and not eligible for Champion and Reserve Honors, this will include showmanship class as well.

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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 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.

SUMMER WORKSHOPS

Have an interest in bees? Sign up to get your first 4-H project done this summer!! This project when completed would go under Entomology, Class 5: Insect Habitat.

Bee Hotel Virtual Workshop 2022

Ages 8+ Cost: \$18 Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2022

Time: 1:30 to 3:30 PM Location: Live via Zoom

Registration Deadline: Friday, May 20, 2022

Registration Link: <https://go.unl.edu/4hbeehotel2022>



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 26, 2022.

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

- Hammer
- Drill and drill bits
- Safety glasses

Recipe Files and Creative Mixes

July 12 @ 9:00am – 12:00pm

Fee: \$20.00

Limited to the first 10 participants.

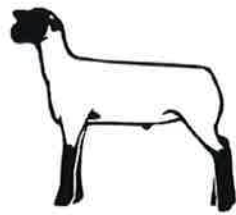
It's time to put on your chef's hat and expand your kitchen portfolio! Bring 9 different recipes (the 10th recipe will be provided during class) and create your very own recipe file for county fair. These can range from family recipes to your favorite dishes. You will be provided a recipe file box, recipe cards, dividers, and a pen. We will also whip up delicious baked creations in the kitchen. Let's get mixing!

male camp counselors needed.

Camp Counselors Needed!!

The Jr. Regional 4-H Camp in Genoa is in desperate need of camp counselors especially male counselors. In order to make camp happen this year we need **male camp counselors**!! Please volunteer, if we don't have enough male counselors the boys will not be able to attend camp and they are so looking forward to going. Camp Counselors have to be 16-18 as of Jan.1. Camp runs from June 1-3. If questions let Tessa know. Register to be a camp counselor here: <https://forms.gle/zBxHLA6yoEgLHZfW9>





Market Sheep & Goat Weigh In

Date: Wednesday, May 25

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Location: Antelope County Fairgrounds

For those that want to enter the Rate of Gain contest at County Fair or those that are interested in showing Sheep and Goats at the State Fair. If you are unable to attend the weigh in please contact Tessa to schedule an alternative time.

Clarification on Project Enrollment for 4HOnline:

If you forgot to add a project when enrolling by the April 1st deadline you actually can still add projects to your 4HOnline account until June 15th.

If you participated in a summer workshop that you didn't enroll in the project for, we can still add that to your 4HOnline profile so you can exhibit it at the fair.

The April 1st deadline of project enrollment is to encourage the 4-H'ers to enroll in all the possible projects they might be interested in that year so our office can start expecting what kind of numbers we will have at fair and most importantly we might send direct communication to those that are enrolled in a specific project. Example, we have been sending emails to the poultry families to give updates on Avian Influenza, send information to our shooting sports families on practices, updates, or the county shoot, etc

If you have questions on enrolling in projects, give our office a call. Thank you.



Event Name	Date	Location	Deadline	Link
Sandy Spurs Open Horse Show	June 5	Antelope Co Fairground		Facebook page: Sandy spurs open horse show
4-H District Show	June 6-10th	See map above	May 6th	https://4h.unl.edu/horse-district-shows
State 4-H Show	July 9-13th	Grand Island	May 6th	https://4h.unl.edu/horse-expo
Antelope County Fair	August 4 & 5	Neligh	June 15	Identification papers Due

2022 Antelope County 4-H Fair Schedule

SUNDAY, JULY 24

Shooting Sports Contest - Archery, BB Gun, Air Rifle, Shot Gun, & .22 Rifle
(Schedule will be sent out when pre-registrations are in)

MONDAY, JULY 25

6:30 p.m. Pre Fair Clean Up

FRIDAY, JULY 29

9:00 a.m.

Fashion 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 1

9:00 a.m.

4-H/FFA Dog Show. All released after judging

10:30 a.m.

4-H/FFA Cat Show. All released after judging

Small Pet Show (Following Cat Show) approx. 12:30 p.m. All released after judging

6:30 p.m.

Pre Fair Clean Up

Noon

1st Year Bucket Calf Record Books Due at the Extension Office

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Cake Decorating Interviews (schedule will be sent out prior to fair)

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Food Entry Day. Certain food exhibits interviewed (schedule will be sent our prior to fair)

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Favorite Foods Entry Day & Interviews (schedule will be sent our prior to fair)

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Clover Kid Entry Day & Interviews

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

9:00 a.m. - Noon

Entry day for ALL 4-H/FFA exhibits other than livestock (except Clothing, Barn Quilts, Photography, Favorite Foods, Foods, Cake Decorating and Clover Kid entries)

Entries entered after 12:00 p.m. will be considered late and dropped a ribbon placing

No clothing exhibits will be accepted

3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Check In ALL 4-H & FFA Livestock Entries

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Market Livestock & 2nd Yr. Bucket Calf Weigh-Ins

4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Bucket Calf Interviews - scheduled times

9:00 p.m.

ALL Livestock In Place (except Dairy Milkers)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

8:00 a.m.

Milkers in Place

8:00 a.m.

Rabbit Show

8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Bucket Calf Interviews - scheduled times

8:30 a.m.

Horse Show (Timed Events, Ground Roping, Working Stock, & Trail)

9:00 a.m.

2nd Year Bucket Calf Record Books Due -Turn in at the Announcer Stand

11:00 a.m.

4-H/FFA Dairy Show - Milkers released after show

1:00 p.m.

Bucket Calf Show (Clover Kids & Regular 4-Hers) Note: open class & peewees will still be on Saturday

4:00 p.m.

Best Dressed Goat (will immediately follow bucket calf show)

4:00 p.m.

Registration for Livestock Judging Contest

4:30 p.m.

Livestock Judging Contest will start

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

8:30 a.m.

4-H/FFA Horse Show (Judged Events- except Working Stock)

8:30 a.m.

4-H/FFA Poultry Show

2:00 p.m.

4-H/FFA Goat Show

4-H/FFA Sheep Show Immediately After Goat Show

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

8:00 a.m.

4-H/FFA Swine Show

11:00 p.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 7

10:30 a.m.

Small Animal Round Robin Contest

Large Animal Round Robin Contest - Immediately after Small Animal Round Robin

12:30 p.m.

4-H Fashion Revue & Awards Ceremony Location: Show Arena

2:30 p.m.

Exhibit Building Closes

3:00 p.m.

Release of Static 4-H/FFA Exhibits. Exhibits must be picked up by 4:30 p.m.

3:30 p.m.

Clean up Livestock Barn followed by release of livestock. All livestock must be out 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, AUGUST 8

6:30 p.m.

Post Fair Clean Up

NOTE: All exhibitors are required to clean up their exhibit and/or stall/cage 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.

HELP FIGHT HUNGER IN ANTELOPE COUNTY VOLUNTEER AT THE ANTELOPE COUNTY DONATION GARDEN



by volunteering at the donation garden in Neligh. All produce harvested from the garden is donated to the Antelope County Food Pantry.

Last year 1,662 lbs of fresh produce was donated to the food pantry for ALL low income Antelope County residence.

Hunger affects 780 people in Antelope County. (so that would be ½ of Neligh population or 2 of our small towns together like Elgin/Clearwater)

What would volunteers do?

- Volunteer for a week (but don't have to be at garden every day)
- Weed garden
- Harvest ripe produce
- Water is on a timer (don't have to move sprinklers or water everyday)
- Can volunteer as a group or individual

Follow on Facebook: *Growing Together Antelope County*

The need is great, please Sign up to help fight hunger in Antelope County

Use the QRCode or give the Extension Office a call to sign up



Contact Brittany at the Extension Office 402-887-5414 or brittany.spieker@unl.edu