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4-H Bulletin Board - February 2018

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February is Nebraska 4-H Month!
 Please join us by wearing your green 4-H T-Shirt on Tuesday, February 27. Post a picture on social media and tag us (#bn4h) and tell everyone what you love about 4-H! Thanks for being involved in Nance County 4-H!

SAVE THE DATE!

The Fair Board has decided that the Nance County fair will take place July 6-8, 2018. Tentative schedules are being drafted to accommodate these dates and all of the events that need to happen. Please save the date and watch for more information.

Talent and Favorite Foods Contest - April 22
Speech Contest - May 7

It's Time to Enroll! - DUE MARCH 1

Each year, you (members and leaders) must re-enroll in the 4-H program. Access the enrollment form at ne.4honline.com. If you are a returning member, you will select "I have a profile" on the menu on the bottom of the main screen. If you can't remember your e-mail, please contact the office and we can help you. DO NOT create a new profile if you have registered before!

PLEASE review your previous year's 4-H projects and delete any projects that you are no longer taking. Also note that the cooking projects have automatically changed to the new foods curriculum titles. There are different skill levels to the Cooking 101, 201, 301 & 401 so you might need to check out the project selection guide so you have an idea of which projects to take. Manuals can be ordered at: 4hmall.org

For NEW members! We can't wait for you to join us! Please visit ne.4honline.com. Select "I need to set up a profile". Each household will have a profile, and individual members will be added under one profile. Be sure to select the correct county. If you have any trouble, please contact the office and we will try to help.

If your 4-Her plans to attend 4-H camp or participate in any state or national events, you must complete the health section. For all other 4-Hers, you may skip over the health information.

Are you confused about which projects to take? Visit <http://4h.unl.edu/project-resource-central> for information on what each project focuses on.



Extension is a Division of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln cooperating with the Counties and the United States Department of Agriculture.

The 4-H Youth Development Program abides with the nondiscrimination policies of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the United State Department of Agriculture.

Shooting Sports

Shooting Sport Competitions

There are lots of opportunities for shooting sports participants to compete across the state. All events and registration information can be found on the shooting sports website at 4h.unl.edu/shooting-sports/calendar.

Feb 25: Pierce County Shooting Sports Invite
March 17-18: State 4-H BB Gun and Air Rifle Championships

March 23-25: Custer County Fairgrounds

June 2: Holt County 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational

June 2-3: State 4-H Archery Outdoor Championships

Shooting Sport Practice

Practices for shooting sports have been set up for BB Gun and Archery. Practices will begin at 1 p.m. at the fairgrounds in Fullerton on February 18 and 25.

Please contact Bill Warner if you have any questions. 308-550-0355. If you missed the registration on January 28, please email bsonderup2@unl.edu for the paperwork to fill out.

Shooting Sports Leader Certification

Deadline to register for the next certification workshop is February 16. The workshop will be held in Bennet on February 24-25 for Muzzle loading, Coordinator, and shotgun. Please call Steve at 402-741-0384 with any questions. Our shooting sports program is in desperate need of more leaders to become certified.



DID YOU KNOW?

VISIT CAMPUS

Take a look at the event list at <https://admissions.unl.edu/visit/> to see which event may work best for you.

Upcoming Events

CWF 4-H Steak Fry

Sunday, March 18 - 5-7 p.m.

Fullerton Senior Center

Ribeye Steak, Cheesy Hashbrowns, dinner roll, salad and dessert.

Ticket price is \$20 for Adults, \$10 for children 12 and under. Tickets can be purchased from Melinda Pickrel, Justin and Paige Horn, Paige Wood, Raina Swanson, Major and Josie Williams, Tierney and Channing Russell, Rachel Hale, or at the Extension office. No tickets available at the door. Proceeds go towards the 2021 CWF Trip.

Plans for the NEW extension office!

On December 28, 2017, bids were opened by the Nance County Supervisors for the remodel of the Masonic Lodge that was purchased in July of 2017. The building is located just west of the courthouse, on the southwest corner. James Thomas Construction was hired to complete the project. The building is 3,000 square feet and will be remodeled to include three offices, reception area, restrooms, and a large conference room with a kitchen. Our goal is to be moved in before the fair. This building will provide enough space to hold workshops, small events, meetings and gatherings. If everything goes according to schedule, we will be in before the fair!

Robotics Club

The newly formed Nance County 4-H Robotics club will be having a kick off meeting on Monday, Feb. 26th from 3:30-4:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the Community Room and is open to youth ages 8-14. If you are interested in joining the robotics club, please contact Sonya at sglup2@unl.edu or call the Extension office.

Items Wanted

The Extension Office is looking for Legos, buttons and shoeboxes that do not have attached lids. If you have any of these items, please let us know!

Horse, Livestock, Small Animal

The Showdown in Grant

The Perkins County Fair Board invites you to a prospect show at the Fair Grounds in Grant NE on April 7. Showmanship, Breeding Heifers, and Market Steers are the categories for Junior, Intermediate and Senior divisions. Contact Elliott Peterson at 308-289-6545 for more information.

Mid NE Spring Beef Show

This Nebraska Junior Cattlemen Sanctioned cattle show will take place on March 17, at 9 a.m., at the Buffalo County Fair Grounds in Kearney. Order of events: Showmanship, Breeding Heifers, Market Heifers. Pre-entry is due by March 10.

Spring Rabbit Show

Saturday, March 17, at 9 a.m. Registration is from 7:30-8:30 at the Lancaster Event Center Exhibit Hall. This is a great opportunity to learn and practice your showmanship. Awards will be given for Best of Breeds.

Companion Animal Challenge

February 16 is the deadline to register for the Companion Animal Challenge on March 10 at the Animal Science Complex. Contest includes Dog Skill-a-thon, Dog Quiz Bowl, Companion Animal Demonstration Contest, Companion Animal Art and Photography Contests. For more information and registration, visit: <https://4h.unl.edu/companion-animal/challenge>

Mariah Woolsoncroft, Beef Educator

Mariah joined the Extension world on January 16. Her home office will be in Fullerton so if you are in the area stop by and say hello!

Horse Level Testing Time

Level testing can be done at any time of the year. This would be an excellent time to start working on that first or next level before next year's show season. We have had a few young riders complete their Level I and II this past year.

Members or leaders with questions can contact either office for more information about what is required to pass Level testing. Remember, district horse shows are Level II. This means that Level II must be completed before district entries are accepted.

Boone & Nance County horse exhibitors must have completed their Level 1 by June 1st to be eligible to compete at the 2018 county fair.

District Horse Shows

Here are the District Dates and Sites. All level testing required for participation in the 2018 District 4-H Horse Shows MUST be completed by May 11, 2018.

June 13 - Ord
June 14 - York
June 20 - Gordon
June 21 - Central City
June 22 - Curtis

The 2018 Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Show is July 15-19. All entries for the State Horse show must be mailed by May 11.

NE 4-H Roping Clinic

March 24-25 in Grand Island at Lilienthal Indoor Arena. Breakaway and Tie Down Roping, Ground work and Tying, Team Roping, and Roping on the ground followed by live cattle. For more information, call Monte at 402-444-4092. Registration and payment is due by March 16.

Events and Workshops



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10th

TRI-CITY STORM vs Fargo Force SPECIAL TIME PROMOTION Ag Appreciation

SPECIAL OFFER!

Come out to a Tri-City Storm Hockey Game and enjoy a discounted ticket price of \$11 for adults and only \$5 for kids 12 and under!



Enjoy some of the best hockey the USHL has to offer, right here in central Nebraska!

Just use the code word "4-H" and you will receive your discount.



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Ag Appreciation Night

The Nance County Extension office has been given **10 FREE tickets** to the season-opening game on Friday, February 23 against the Iowa Barnstormers. This will be a first-come, first-serve basis. Please call Beth to reserve your tickets at 308-536-2691.



The Special Garden Project is a way to offer 4-H members the chance to grow unusual and fun projects in their gardens. Last year over 1075 4-H members were enrolled in the project. This year the Special Garden Project is focused on the unique, Delft Blue Nigella.

Delft Blue Nigella is named for the famous Dutch Delft blue pottery. They have unique, 1½ - 2" flowers with blue splashes on flower petals in varying shades of blue and gray, and intricate deep-purple centers. Unusual seed pods are also used in fresh or dried arrangements. On average it will take about 65-70 days from seeding date until the plant flowers and about 80-85 days for seed pods. **Youth should enroll for the Special Garden Project through 4-H Online.**

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

- Receive a 'packet' of Delft Blue Nigella (one packet per youth) in March/April
- Receive a newsletter about:
 - Planting & growing nigella
 - Nigella problems & insects
 - Harvesting & using nigella
- Be able to exhibit this unique flower at County and State Fair
 - State Fair Special Garden Project Educational Exhibit Class
 - State Fair Special Garden Project Fresh Cut Flowers or Harvested Vegetables
 - Other fun county only ways to exhibit this unique flower like a story, poem, or poster.
- Complete an evaluation about their growing experience: <https://go.unl.edu/delftbluenigella>



Scholarships & Quilt of Valor

NACEB Scholarship

The Nebraska Association of County Extension Boards (NACEB) Scholarship Program includes the following:

One \$1000 scholarship at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR) or in the College of Education and Human Sciences (CEHS) for an incoming student (freshman or transfer student).

One \$1000 scholarship for a current student (sophomore or higher) enrolled in CASNR or CEHS.

Applications are due March 16 and can be found at this link: <https://form.jotform.com/CASNR/naceb>

Governor's Agricultural Excellence Award

The Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA) sponsors the Governor's Agricultural Excellence Award. This award recognizes 4-H clubs for the work of the individuals in the club and the community service work of the entire club. Chosen clubs will receive a \$500 check to be used for the project that the club applies for. Applications are due by March 1st, and the awards will be presented during the PASE/Life Challenge. If you are interested in applying for the award, Sonya can help you!

4-H Foundation Scholarship

Several scholarships are available through the Nebraska 4-H Foundation. You can find the guidelines and application forms on the website at <http://ne4hfoundation.org/recognition/>. Many of the scholarships are due March 2.



Join us to create a Quilt of Valor

February 28 & March 1
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Fullerton

Anyone who participates can enter a name and we will draw for a recipient.

What to bring: Sewing Machine, basic sewing supplies, and a sack lunch!

Please call Beth to register at 308-536-2691.

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Until Next Month,

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Extension Educator

Sonya L. Glup
Extension Associate



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4-H NEWSLETTER

Two Job Openings

Position: Summer 4-H/Youth Intern

Time Period: Approximately May 21 through July 20, 2018. Flexible work hours. Hours must be approved by Unit Leader.

Responsibilities: The Summer 4-H/Youth Intern is responsible for assisting in coordinating an educational program focusing on personal growth and development for youth in Boone and/or Nance Counties. This individual will work with youth, parents, leaders and Extension staff to support program activities by preparing and teaching educational workshop(s), and assisting with County Fair related activities in Boone and/or Nance Counties. This individual must contribute a minimum of 100 hours toward workshop and county fair related activities.

Qualifications: Must be a current senior in high school to a current senior in college. Applicants must have a minimum five years of 4-H experience as a member, preferred in Boone or Nance County, have strong people skills and enjoy working with youth. Oral and written communication skills essential.

Funds: Reimbursement will be determined by training, experience, demonstrated ability and satisfactory job performance. Position funded by Nance County 4-H Council.

Applications: Position remains open until filled. Submit application, current resume, and two letters of reference by March 16, 2018 to: PO Box 130, Fullerton, NE. 68638.

Food Stand Manager: The Nance County 4-H Council is seeking an individual for the 4-H Food Stand Manager position for the 2018 Nance County Fair, July 6-8. Individuals interested should submit a resume, two letters of reference and cover letter by March 1, 2018 to Nance County 4-H Council, 209 Esther Street, Fullerton NE 68638. Contact the Nebraska Extension Office in Nance County at 308-536-2691 for more information.