



# STATE FAIR INFORMATION

## NEBRASKA STATE FAIR

The Nebraska State Fair will run August 25th through September 4th in Grand Island. You can keep up to date with fair information at [www.statefair.org](http://www.statefair.org). For schedules, go to <https://4h.unl.edu/state-fair-schedule>.

Exhibitors for static exhibits should have received instructions in the mail as to when exhibits must be brought to the Extension Office. If you have any questions about the process, please feel free to call the Extension Office.

For **Livestock entries**, August 10, 8:00 pm, is the deadline to enter State Fair Entries in ShoWorks online at <https://nebr.fairwire.com/> (beef, swine, sheep, goats, poultry, rabbits). All non-livestock **contest entries** (Fashion Show, Robotics Showcase, Contests, and Presentations) must also be entered online at the same site by 8:00 pm CDT on August 10. The website will shut down at that time, so no late entries will be possible. These items should be entered into the website by the exhibitor.

Available contests are:

Chicken BBQ Contest  
Culinary Challenge Contest  
Dairy Judging Contest  
Dog Skillathon  
Fashion Show  
Fitting Contests (NEW)  
Horticulture Judging Contest  
Insect Identification Contest  
Premier Science Award  
Robotics Showcase  
Tree Identification Contest  
Weed & Grass Identification Contest

Rules can be found at <https://4h.unl.edu/state-fair-contest-participant>. Enter by August 10 at 8:00 pm at <https://nebr.fairwire.com>

**Let us know as soon as possible if you are interested in any of these contests.**



## CONTESTS AT THE NEBRASKA STATE FAIR

If you are interested in competing in contests at the State Fair, there are two new contests available!

- When: Saturday, August 26, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
- Where: Five Points Bank Arena
- Who: 4-H exhibitors with eligible 4-H livestock entries at the 2023 Nebraska State Fair

Registration:

- Deadline: Thursday, August 10 at 8:00 p.m.
- Fee: \$30 per team
- Cap: 20 teams per species
- Note: Registration must be completed by local Extension offices.

The contests will be open to the first 20 registered teams for each species. Teams will be registered through their local Extension office through an online form. All teams must consist of exhibitors with eligible 4-H livestock entries at the 2023 Nebraska State Fair.

### Goat Fitting Contest

Each team must be comprised of the following:

- Each team member must be from the same or adjacent county to complete a team.
- Each team must be comprised of two members.
- Each team must have at least one member 13 and under (Intermediate division at the Nebraska State Fair).
- One team member must provide the animal used in the contest. The other team member is not required to be goat exhibitor.

### Beef Fitting Contest

Each team must be comprised of the following regulations:

- Each team member must be from the same or adjacent county to complete a team.
- Each team must be comprised of three members with at least one member 13 and under.

For more information, go to <https://4h.unl.edu/state-fair-fitting-contest>

Let us know if you want to do either of these contests, as it is limited to the first 20 teams for each species.

# 2023 NEBRASKA 4-H FOUNDATION ANNUAL CHARITY SHOOT

## WE INVITE YOU TO PLEASE JOIN US!

The 2023 Nebraska 4-H Foundation Annual Charity Shoot will be held Thursday, September 28, 2023, at the Oak Creek Shooting Club, 2890 West Road, Brainard, NE 68626.

### THE IMPACT

Nebraska 4-H Foundation sponsors and participants support the programs of Nebraska 4-H. The funds raised from this event will benefit Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports, speech and public speaking, teen and adult leadership education, volunteer programs, member recognition, project clinics, camps, counselor training, livestock and non-livestock events, and much more.

### THE EVENT

This event entails 80 sporting clay targets at 15 automated fields, with re-entry allowed. Shells are provided as part of the registration fees. There will be a shotgun start, and all NSCA rules apply. Ear and eye protection are required. Golf carts will be available to rent for an additional fee.

Participants will receive lunch prior to starting.

At the conclusion of the tournament, a meal will be provided with an auction to follow.

A detailed itinerary will be posted closer to the event.

### EXTRAS

- Early Bird Warm-Up: \$35:person - 5 stations, 4 shots at each station
- Games: Flurry Shot, Wobble Shot, Long Shot, "Annie Oakley"
- Redemption Station and Mulligans: \$20

After the event use the score to add to your overall score

4 rocks

- Raffle
- Auction

For more information and to register, go to <https://www.ne4hfoundation.org/charity-shoot/>

Register by September 15, 2023.

## 4-H PROJECT SHOWCASE AT STATE FAIR

The 4-H Project Showcase is an opportunity for members to show off their favorite project. The goal of the 4-H Project Showcase is actually to shine a spotlight on the youth behind the projects, tell their stories, and showcase the learning that happens through 4-H project experiences. Youth are asked to answer a few questions and provide at least one photo as part of the submission process. Pictures of youth with their projects are the best!

All enrolled 4-H members are invited to submit a project, and all 4-H projects are eligible! This includes county-only projects, live animal projects, projects involving contest participation, projects selected for State Fair, projects that didn't make it to the county fair, etc. Of course, this is an excellent opportunity for youth to show off their favorite project, but this could also be an uplifting opportunity for youth whose projects didn't go as planned or for newer members just getting started in 4-H.

All projects submitted by August 10 will be showcased on the 4-H Video Wall at the Nebraska State Fair! Some submissions may also be featured on the Nebraska 4-H website or social media channels throughout the year.

Learn more and submit your project at <https://4h.unl.edu/project-showcase>.

# PASE CONTESTS A SUCCESS!



The Boone-Nance Intermediate Livestock Quiz Bowl team took the gold at PASE in June. Congratulations to Dorothy Smith, Kailyn Choat, Emily Kurz, Kate Maricle, and Kahnen Pelster!



Reserve Champion Senior Livestock Quiz Bowl team members were Cassidy Maricle, Aidan Choat, Nicholas Groeteke, and Ryan Cumming.



Skillathon team members were Hunter Olnes, John Laska, Lora Sonderup, Tinsley Neidhardt, and Madeline Kuta.

## BOONE-NANCE 4-H'ERS TOP COMPETITION IN LIVESTOCK CONTESTS

Fourteen Boone and Nance County 4-H members competed in the Premier Animal Science Event (PASE), a two-day fun educational challenge held at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, East Campus. Participants could compete in a wide array of events.

Events that local 4-H'ers participated in included Livestock Quiz Bowl, Livestock Skillathon, Meats Judging, and Livestock Judging. More than 350 4-H'ers from across the state competed in these events as well.

Senior Livestock Quiz Bowl team members Cassidy Maricle, Aidan Choat, Nicholas Groeteke, and Ryan Cumming captured Reserve Champion honors. The Intermediate Livestock Quiz Bowl team comprised of Kate Maricle, Groeteke, Kahnen Pelster, Emily Kurz, Dorothy Smith, and Kailyn Choat outlasted all their competitors and brought home the Champion title this year.

The Meats Judging team of Cassidy Maricle, Aidan Choat, Ryan Cumming, and Nicholas Groeteke placed 5th. High intermediate individual in reasons was Kate Maricle. Cassidy Maricle, Aidan Choat, Ryan Cumming, and Hunter Olnes were the 5th place high team in sheep/goat judging. Other 4-H'ers participating in state contests were John Laska, Lora Sonderup, Tinsley Neidhardt, and Maddie Kuta. Congratulations to all these individuals for their great performance and efforts in representing Boone & Nance Counties while in Lincoln!

Until Next Month,

Steve Pritchard  
Extension Educator

Sonya L. Glup  
Extension Associate



# BOONE COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, June 12, 2023 – 7 p.m.  
Boone County Extension Conference Room - Albion

**Call to Order** – President Kurtis Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Members present included Kurtis Rasmussen, Joe Epperly, Susan Staub, Janet Groeteke, Jaclyn Frey, Brenda Pelster, Nick Krohn, Brian Maricle, Emily Schlecht, Scott Brengelman, Wes Stokes, Mitch Koch, and Matt Schriver. Addy Donelson and Cassidy Maricle, 4-H Ambassadors, and staff members Sonya Glup and Steve Pritchard were present.

**Excused Absences** – Brooke Brengelman. Motion made by Pelster, seconded by Frey to approve excused absence. Motion carried.

**Pledges** – Addy Donelson led the Council with the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge.

**Secretary's Report** - Minutes were read and motion was made by Staub, seconded by Frey to approve the minutes from the Council meeting held on May 8, 2023. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** - Pelster presented the Treasurer's Report. Motion was made by Epperly, seconded by Brengelman to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

**Jr. Leaders Report** - no report

## Unfinished Business

1. **Pig Scale Checked** - Stokes will have scale checked and set in place before fair.
2. **LVC Horse Show Report** - Brengelman reported numbers were down due to a lot of open shows competing in June but still a good turnout with 30 youth competing. Thanks to Staub, Pelster and Brengelman for working the show all day. A decision needs to be made by Council as to the future of hosting the show in 2024 and who will organize it because S. Brengelman goes off council this fall.
3. **Junior Camp Report** - Pritchard and Glup reported camp was a success. Thanks to Cassidy Maricle for being one of the camp counselors.
4. **Summer Contests** - Thanks to all the council members who helped with contests on Sunday, June 11th. There were 15 Bike contestants and 6 for Tractor/ATV contest. Discussion for next year as to keep doing the Tractor/ATV contest because of low entries. B. Maricle reported that Shooting Sports competitions went smoothly. There was also a Horse Clinic the week before that had several youth participate in.

## Committee Reports

1. **Awards** – Stokes and Epperly are finalizing awards/sponsorship.
2. **Fund Raising** – Stokes, Staub and B. Brengelman reported the shirts made by Loco's for our fundraiser may be purchased on Facebook.
3. **Ambassador** – Staub reported all duties are being completed. Cassidy Maricle was a camp counselor and helped with Tractor/ATV contests. Brooke Brengelman helped with the horse show and the Tractor/ATV contests. Addy Donelson was excused because of softball games.
4. **Contest** – Shooting Sports, Tractor/ATV, Bicycle – All were a success.
5. **Premium Sale** – Promotional letter was approved by Stokes and Frey. Pelster will ask Randy Pelster to be auctioneer for the premium sale on Thursday of fair week. Rasmussen will talk to Chuck Rolf about breakfast for the buyers. Boone County Bank (Pam) needs to be asked about helping clerk for the sale.
6. **Others** – Neligh's County Fair Council contacted Rasmussen as to how we set our panels for the livestock shows and complimented Boone County on the organized set-up in the Arena.

## New Business

### County Fair Update –

- Clean up will begin at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, July 5th.
- Static Area/Displays – Sonya has the Music Contest on the 5th also - will need help getting set up.
- Animal Areas/stalls – pens – wash racks. Rasmussen, Staub and S. Brengelman will meet with the Fair Board to discuss concerns with cleaning up of the horse stalling barn.
- County Fair Sale Hogs – will go on truck after the show
- Livestock Sale Ad – Albion News will publish the thanks You Ad
- Big Screen for Premium Sale – will use the big screen again to picture the exhibitor with their animal selling. Jessica from Cornhusker Power will be present for the photos also.
- WRH Cattle – will need 10-15 head (400-500 lbs) for the Working Ranch event.

### Other Business

- Donelson and C. Maricle presented the idea of doing a Round Robin Showmanship at the fair. After discussion, the motion was made by Epperly, seconded by Pelster to discuss it for the 2024 fair because the rules need to be published in the exhibitor fair guide. Motion carried.
- We did receive the NIFA Grant, and the funds will be used to weatherize the cage bottoms for poultry/small animals.

### Next 4-H Council Meeting

Monday, August 15, 2023, at 7 pm – location to be decided.

**Adjournment** - Brengelman made the motion to adjourn and Epperly seconded it. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Groeteke – Council Secretary





2023

## Clover Kid - Boone-Nance County 4-H Picture Story

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Your 4-H picture story is a very important part of your 4-H record year. By completing this picture story, you have successfully completed your 4-H project year. You only need to submit one picture story. **The 4-H Picture Story is required to earn your 4-H member year recognition.**

**You should include the following points in your picture story:**

- < Draw or sketch a picture that would help us learn what you enjoyed the most about the 4-H program. An example: one of the projects you made at a club meeting or workshop.

This picture story is due back in the Boone or Nance County Extension Office by **September 29**.

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4-H Member Signature

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4-H Club Leader Signature

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## 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS CALENDAR

- AUGUST 19 & 20, 2023 - Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Update, and Instructor Workshop, Sportsman's Club, West Point, NE. <https://go.unl.edu/jig8>
- SEPTEMBER 9 - 22nd Annual Cuming County Sharpshooter .22 Metallic 4-H Silhouette Invitational, Arcadian Marksmanship Club LTD, Wisner. <https://go.unl.edu/245z>
- SEPTEMBER 9 & 10 - Nebraska State 4-H Shotgun Championships, Heartland Public Shooting Park. More details coming soon!
- SEPTEMBER 16 & 17 - Nebraska State 4-H Outdoor Archery Championships - Heartland Public Shooting Park. More Details Later!
- SEPTEMBER 28 - Nebraska 4-H Foundation Annual Charity Shoot, Oak Creek Shooting Club, Brainard, NE. For more info, see page 3 or go to <https://www.ne4hfoundation.org/charity-shoot/>
- OCTOBER 7 & 8, 2023 - Nebraska Shooting Sports Shotgun Instructor Certification Workshop, Ashland Gun Club. More Details Later!
- OCTOBER 28 & 29, 2023 - Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop - Buffalo Co Extension Office - More Details Coming!

## OTHER EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 9 & 10 - The 74th Annual Norfolk Beef Expo, hosted by the Norfolk Area Chamber of Commerce's Agri-Business Council, at the Northeast Community College Chuck Pohlman Ag Complex. You can see the Entry Form, Animal Care Form, and 2023 Rules at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/boone-nance/4-h-calendar/>. Call Mike Roeber at 402-844-7183, or Jeny at 402-371-4862 for more information. Entries must be post-marked no later than Friday, September 1, 2023.

NOVEMBER 17-19, 2023 - Nebraska Youth Beef Leadership Symposium, Animal Science Complex, UNL. More details at <https://go.unl.edu/nybls>. Application deadline is October 1.



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