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4-H AT THE MOVIES!

Sunday, February 11 at 1:30 to 3:15 pm
 at the Gateway Theater in Albion

Thanks to the Boone County 4-H Council, the event is free for Boone County 4-H Youth and youth interested in joining 4-H in Boone County. Attendees will receive a free small pop and popcorn.

Adults and Nance County youth can enjoy the movie, small pop, and popcorn for \$5.00.

Movie showing: Soul, rated PG, 2020

****Regular concessions will NOT run****

February Opportunities:	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Boone County Shooting Sports BB Gun /Air Rifle Feb 4,11,18,25				1 Dark Chocolate Day!	2	3 Play Outside Day	4
Nance County Hot Shots BB Gun /Archery Feb 4,11,18,25	5	6 4-H T-shirt Tuesday! 	7 Send a card to a friend day	8 4-H Volunteer Appreciation Day!	9 PIZZA DAY	10	11 4-H at the Movies!
Horse Quiz Bowl Feb 4,18,25	12	13 4-H T-shirt Tuesday!	14 HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY	15 4-H Supporter Appreciation Day!	16	17 Random Acts of Kindness Day	18
Animal Science 101 Feb 4 and 18	19 HOLIDAY - County Offices Closed	20 4-H T-shirt Tuesday! 	21 Sticky Bun Day 	22 4-H Give Back Day!	23 Banana Bread Day 	24	25
Boone County 4-H Council February 12	26	27 4-H T-shirt Tuesday!	28	29 Leap Into 4-H Day! Leap Day			
Nance County 4-H Council February 22	26 Letter to an Elder Day Set a Good Example Day						



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

4-H VOLUNTEERS

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A 4-H VOLUNTEER?

Volunteers are the heart of 4-H. Whether you choose to start your own club or be a project leader on a special project, or serve as an activity worker at the county fair or other 4-H activities, your time and effort are valued as necessary assets to the program.

If you are a returning 4-H volunteer, you will need to enroll in 4-H Online at <https://v2.4honline.com>. Every 5 years, we need to go through a screening process with DHHS. Fortunately, Boone and Nance Counties are not on the list this year. Only the new volunteers will need to do the screening process.

All volunteers must sign the Activity Worker Guidelines and Volunteer Code of Conduct every year, as a part of the enrollment process. This can be done by completing the Activity Application for the Indirect Volunteer at https://ssp.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3KOb7BzT4uwj3cW

If you are a volunteer that is affiliated with a Club, you will choose Club Volunteer, then either Organizational Leader or Project Leader. Parent helpers do not need to enroll as volunteers.

If you are a new club volunteer, please also select Program Volunteer, then Selected for Required Screening. This will direct you to the DHHS screening, which you will need to complete prior to service.

If you are a county volunteer (not associated with a club) you will choose Program Volunteer, and County Volunteer. This would be for 4-H Council members and other volunteers that may assist with the fair, but are not attending 4-H meetings.

New for 2024, ALL volunteers complete the volunteer orientation found at <https://4h.unl.edu/volunteer-orientation>

NEW FOR 2024! POULTRY PROJECTS!

Market Turkeys! Sign up by March 1 to get project turkeys for Pen of 2 Turkeys or a Single Project Turkey at <https://forms.gle/2tczk1VyqBUjCdPX9> for \$10.50 per bird.

Market Broilers available for \$1.60 per bird at <https://forms.gle/ei98whiHnZAT7Fm7>. Order by March 22 for Pen of 3 or Single Project.

4-H ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN!

Each year, you (members and leaders) must re-enroll in the 4-H program. Access the enrollment form at <https://v2.4honline.com>. If you are a returning member, enter your email address and password. If you have forgotten your password, click "Reset Password" to receive an email with a link to set a new password. Do not create a new profile if you have registered before!

For NEW members! We can't wait for you to join us! Please visit <https://v2.4honline.com>. If you have never enrolled in 4-H using 4-H Online, select "Don't have an account?" Select your state, "Nebraska 4-H Youth Development", and your county. Each household will have a profile, and individual members will be added under one profile. Choose a club or clubs. If taking a shooting sports project, be sure to select the 4-H Shooting Sports Club as one of your clubs, and then select your project areas. If you are taking the horse project, be sure to select Levi's as a club and then the horse project.

NEW FOR 2024: All Members will be able to bring any exhibit from any project area to the fair, even if you did not list it in 4-H Online. This means you will not need to decide on all the projects you want before you enroll. You will still be able to take exhibits from any project area to the fair by listing them on the entry form in June.

Projects should be selected if families would like to receive additional information regarding project-specific reminders, such as upcoming deadlines.

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

Additional instructions for enrollment can be found at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/boone-nance/4-h-enrollment-information/>.

If you need help enrolling, we would be happy to help you! Feel free to come to the office if you need assistance!

We ask that you complete enrollment by the end of March so that we can order 4-H t-shirts for this year.

4-H PROGRAMS & CLUBS

LIVESTOCK ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM 2024

We are excited to announce the fourth year of the Nebraska 4-H Livestock Achievement Program. This additional opportunity for enrolled livestock project youth is designed to promote all educational aspects of 4-H livestock projects including selection, production, leadership, and exhibition by recognizing youth striving to improve in their livestock project knowledge and leadership.

The program recognizes Members of Excellence across all 4-H livestock project areas, including: beef, sheep, meat goat, swine, dairy cattle, dairy goat, rabbit, and poultry.

The program consists of three levels that require 4-H members to plan and report a broad range of age-appropriate and project-related accomplishments. For each level, the Livestock Achievement Program provides a list of accomplishments from which 4-H members choose their goals. Each accomplishment is worth a specific number of points. Juniors, ages 8-9, submit pictures, poster, presentation, and other learning activities to receive the distinction of Junior Member of Excellence, no point value. Intermediates, ages 10-13, must complete 100 points worth of activities to receive the distinction of Intermediate Member of Excellence. Seniors, ages 14-18, must complete 150 points worth of activities to receive the distinction of Senior Member of Excellence. The Plan and Reports, linked on the webpage, show examples of the project related accomplishments they can choose, or they can identify their own with approval of their local educator.

Applications/Sign up are due June 15th through the application form link on the website. Plan and Reports, as well as Project Records will be due August 1 via the completion form on the website.

Youth completing the achievement program and receiving member of excellence recognition in the various species will be recognized during the Parade of Champions, 4-H weekend at the Nebraska State Fair.

For more information or to apply, go to: <https://4h.unl.edu/livestock-achievement>

BOONE COUNTY 4-H CLUBS

Boone County 4-H Shooting Sports:

Focus: BB Gun, Air Rifle, Archery, Shotgun, .22 rifle, with a focus on Safety and Learning.

First Lego League:

Focus: First Lego League - Competitive Robotics Club.

Canine Cadets:

Learn obedience skills, showmanship, and agility to better the partnership between you and your canine companion.

Levi's 4-H Club:

Learn Horsemanship skills and have fun while riding.

Boone County Junior Leaders:

Focus: 4-H members 8th grade and above offer great support to the local 4-H Program.

Clever Clovers:

Focus: Sewing, Cooking, Home Living, and Horticulture.

Cloverleaf:

Focus: Very strong Livestock club, and strong leadership club.

Country Kids 4-H Club:

Small animal, leadership skills, livestock care, health maintenance & facilities, industry topics, judging, showmanship, home gardens, music, arts & crafts.

Dream Team:

Focus: Mostly Cattle & animals, some baking projects.

Jr Pirates 4-H Club:

Focus: 50%-50% Livestock & Home Environment.

Rolling Hills:

Focus: Home Environment, Citizenship, Community projects.

You may also enroll as a Boone County Independent Member.

For more information about these 4-H Clubs, please call the Extension Office.

PROJECTS

SPECIAL GARDEN PROJECT

As you begin making plans for 2024, be sure to check out the Special Garden Project. This project is open to all 4-H youth and it will give them the opportunity to learn about growing, harvesting, and exhibiting this unique flower.

The Special Gardening Project lets 4-H members try their hand at growing unusual vegetables, flowers, and herbs. The project allows experienced 4-H gardeners to grow something fun, new, and different while letting younger members new to gardening get their feet wet in this project area.

The focus of the 2024 project is the Princess of India Nasturtium. This Victorian-era heirloom flower can be grown in a variety of ways including in containers. It provides a splash of color from its scarlet flowers, and much of the plant can be eaten.

Members will be given a packet of seeds in March or April, along with planting and growing instructions. Gardeners will be able to exhibit this unique flower at County and State Fair. Exhibits can be the flowers, or a poster, story or essay, poem, or a photo exhibit.

If you are interested in participating in this project, please call the office to reserve your seeds, or use this code.



HORSE PROJECT

The Horsemanship Advancement Levels program is designed to serve as a guide for instruction and evaluation of each member's progress. The correct handling of horses is emphasized from the beginning to the most advanced level. Each level has certain requirements a member must meet before they are allowed to proceed to the next level, such as demonstrating basic horse handling and riding, making a feed chart, written exam, and skills test.

The 4-H members being tested must be enrolled in the 4-H horse project. During testing of each level, youth must use a horse that has been properly identified on the 4-H Horse Identification Certificate (available at the Extension Office). 4-H'ers must own, lease, or manage the horse being used. Youth must have access to the horse and provide care and management. 4-H members may use any of their project horses. However, a single horse must be used for the entire skills test of each level.

County exhibitors must complete Level 1 testing after 2 years (two fairs) in the horse project by June 1, 2024.

For State 4-H Horse Expo participation, Level III and/ or IV must be successfully completed before entering the coordinating level classes.

Check out these additional opportunities at <https://4h.unl.edu/horse>. Not all programs require horse ownership.

ANIMAL PROJECTS

If you are new to 4-H and are interested in showing animals, there are several options. If you are a Clover Kid, you can bring a small pet or two. Or you can bring a bucket calf.

Older 4-H members can also bring market beef, breeding beef, feeder calf, sheep, swine, dairy, goats, cats, dogs, poultry, rabbits, or small pets.

An animal must be owned by the exhibitor who enters it, and identified to the Extension Office by May 15 to be eligible for the County Fair.

For information on how to get started in an animal project, contact your 4-H Club Leader.



MEETING DATES

BOONE COUNTY SHOOTING SPORTS

All youth must enroll or re-enroll using 4-H Online each year before attending a practice. Member and Parental release must be signed for each 4-H Shooting Sports project when enrolling.

Each member must attend a minimum of 3 practices in each discipline with a certified leader to compete in the divisions of the county contest.

Meetings for BB Gun and Air Rifle will be held at the Ag and Education Center at the Boone County Fairgrounds at 5:00 pm on the following dates:

February 4
February 11
February 18
February 25

The County Fair Contest will be held March 3 at 2pm.

Archery, Shotgun, and .22 Rifle will meet at the Boone County Fairgrounds Range as follows:

Sunday, April 14, 4:00 pm
Sunday, April 21, 4:00 pm
Tuesday, April 30, 6:30 pm
Tuesday, May 7, 6:30 pm
Tuesday, May 21, 6:30 pm
Thursday, May 30, 6:30 pm
Sunday, June 2, 4:00 pm

The County Fair match will be held Sunday, June 9 at 2:pm (Required for all 4-H'ers)

Upcoming Area Contests:

February 24 & 25-
Pierce County 4-H Shooting Sports Invite
Pierce County Fairgrounds, 8:00 am each day

April 20 & 21-
Nebraska State 4-H BB Gun & Air Rifle Championships
Aurora Cooperative Pavilion, Fonner Park, 8:00 am each day.

More Details at <https://4h.unl.edu/shooting-sports>



ANIMAL SCIENCE COMPETITIVE EVENTS

4-H'ers from Boone and Nance Counties age 8 or older as of January 1 are invited to participate in Animal Science 101, or Equine Science, including the State contests. Both groups will have educational practices at the Extension Office in Albion to prepare for the contests. Tentative schedules are as follows:

4-H Horse Quiz Bowl:

Feb 4, 2 pm	Feb 11, 2 pm
Feb 18, 2 pm	Feb 25, 2 pm
Mar 3, 2 pm	Mar 10, 2 pm
Mar 17, 2 pm	
Mar 23, Lincoln - State 4-H Horse Stampede - Horse Bowl & Other Contests	

4-H Animal Science 101:

Feb 4, 3:00 pm	Feb 18, 3:00 pm
Mar 3, 3:00 pm	Mar 31, 3:00 pm

April-June TBA

June 19, Depart for Lincoln - State Contests

June 20, State 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl, Skillathon & Meats Contests

June 21, State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest

If you are unable to attend the first meeting, but are interested in the contests, please call the Extension Office.

ONLINE HIPPOLOGY ACADEMY

The 2024 Hippology Academy kicks off on February 17. Topics include toxic plants of the northeast, horse evaluation, feeding myths, soil testing and usage, identifying feeds, and fencing. Content includes practice tests, slides, and digital learning stations in addition two lectures each week.

Learn more and register here: <https://catalog.extension.org/?category=6&keyword=hippology&cond=advand&search=Search>



**New 4-H families will receive a
4-H yard sign.**

MORE EVENTS

PREMIER COMMUNICATION EVENT

Event details have been updated and are now available at <https://4h.unl.edu/premier-communication-event>. A few new things to share for this year:

A new age division for Juniors, ages 8-10, has been added to all Premier Communication Event contests. Age-appropriate time limits have also been added for these youth and can be found on the website. With the addition of this new age division, the Premier Communication Event will be extended to a two-day format in 2024. All contests will be held on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln East Campus on Monday & Tuesday, June 17 & 18:

- Monday – Illustrated Presentation, Impromptu Speech
- Tuesday – Prepared Speech, Radio Public Service Announcement (PSA), Video Communication

The new theme for this year’s Radio Public Service Announcement (PSA) and Video Communication contests is “4-H is a Feeling.”

The awards ceremonies will be held at the conclusion of contests on both days.

DATA DRIVEN 4-H STATISTICS COMPETITION

Introducing an exciting new event combining 4-H, Statistics, and Fun! The ‘Data Driven: A Statistics & Data Science Field Day’ competition will be held March 16, 2024 at the Dinsdale Learning Commons on East Campus from 10 am to 4 pm.

Each team is comprised of four 10th-12th graders (occasional exceptional 9th graders are welcome) plus one adult coach. The teams will dive head-first into the captivating world of data science, statistics, and numerical literacy in a variety of interactive head-to-head competitions as well as receiving opportunities to discuss and interact with the University recruitment team as well as industry professionals.

In partnership with the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, CASNR is sponsoring the registration costs for the first 20 teams as well as providing EIGHT \$500 scholarships for the top scorers!

If you are interested in more information or in forming a team, please visit the website for some preliminary information that will continue to be updated: 4h.unl.edu/data-driven

STEM

Science, technology, engineering, and applied mathematics form the STEM program. Nebraska 4-H works to develop interests, skills, and abilities of youth across the state in the areas of science literacy, energy, agriculture, environmental stewardship, and technology.

Through STEM programs, youth practice critical life skills, including decision making, wise use of resources, problem solving, teamwork, communications, and critical thinking. These life skills are applied to the 4-H projects that will be exhibited at the County Fair.

Any static exhibit that goes to State Fair will be eligible to apply for a Premier Science Award, which encourages youth to identify science skills they have used in completing their 4-H projects.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 15 - deadline to enter the Innovative Youth Corn Challenge. For more information, call 402-759-3712. Download entry forms at <https://cropwatch.unl.edu/cropwatch-youth>

March 16 - Lambing & Kidding Conference at NCTA in Curtis, pre-register by March 1. Call 308-532-2683.

March 16 - Spring Rabbit Show, Sandhills Global Event Center, Lincoln. Contact kpulec3@unl.edu or call 402-441-7180

March 23 - Nebraska 4-H Horse Stampede (Horse Bowl), Lincoln

March 31 - please complete enrollment so we can order t-shirts in time for the Boone County Fair!

July 6-10, 2024 Boone County Fair!

Until Next Month,

Steve Pritchard
Extension Educator



Sonya L. Glup
Extension Associate



BOONE COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

Monday, January 22, 2024 – 7 p.m.
(Rescheduled from January 8 due to severe weather conditions)
Boone County Extension Conference Room - Albion

Parliamentary Procedures – Steve Pritchard

Call to Order

Pritchard called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Members present included Joe Epperly, Susan Staub, Brenda Pelster, Kate Maricle, Jaclyn Frey, Wes Stokes, Chris Nelson, Melany Preister, Nick Krohn, Dave Hilmer and Matt Schriver. Staff members present were Sonya Glup and Steve Pritchard.

- The Council welcomes new members Chris Nelson, Dave Hilmer, Kally King, Kate Maricle, Melany Preister and returning member Brenda Pelster

Election of Officers (2-year term)

- President - Stokes nominated Staub, seconded by Krohn. Motion carried.
- Vice-President – Schriver nominated Koch, seconded by Stokes. Motion carried.

Congratulations to our new officers – President Susan Staub and Vice President Mitch Koch.

Excused Absences

Janet Groeteke, Mitch Koch, and Kally King. Motion made by Epperly, seconded by Pelster to approve excused absences. Motion carried.

Pledges – President Staub led the Council with the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge.

Secretary's Report - Minutes were read and motion was made by Epperly, seconded by Frey to approve the minutes from the Council meeting held on October 9, 2023. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - Pelster presented the Treasurer's Report. Motion made by Frey, seconded by Stokes to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried. Motion made by Epperly, seconded by Pelster for the following changes to be made to the Bank signature card - Kurtis Rasmussen and Scott Brengelman's names will be taken off and Susan Staub and Mitch Koch's names will be added. Motion carried. The motion was made by Stokes, seconded by Frey to donate \$50 to the NE 4-H Foundation and to pay past ambassadors who have fulfilled their requirements. Motion carried.

Jr. Leader's Report - Maricle reported a list has been made to recruit new members and plans for a trip/fun get-together. Kick-off date was changed to January 21, 2024, because of severe weather conditions.

Ambassador Report - Program details, applications, and interviews – Staub reported the 3 applicants accepted are Addy Donelson, Cassidy Maricle and Aiden Choat. Staub will get Ambassador shirts ordered from Locos.

Unfinished Business

1. **Year-End Financial Reports** - Pelster presented the year-end financial report. Epperly made the motion, seconded by Stokes, to approve year-end financial reports for 2023. Motion carried.

New Business

1. **2024 Committee Assignments** – sign-up sheet was handed out. Each council member needs to sign up for at least 3 committees for 2024.
2. **4-H Online Enrollment Deadline/Incentive** -Glup reported online enrollments have been restructured – State deadline is June 15, 2024, which is late for Boone County. The council was asked to think about a deadline and possible incentive for our members to get enrolled online.
3. **Volunteer Screening required** - Instructions were given to the Council.
4. **Nebraska 4-H Month – February** - The council will promote 4-H by hosting a movie and making school locker designs.
5. **YQCA coupons/\$3.00 if needed** - Motion made by Pelster, seconded by Schriver to sponsor \$3 YQCA coupons which are needed for any livestock exhibitor. Motion carried.
6. **Livestock ID Process for 2024** - A change for 2024 is that any youth age 8-18 can show at the state fair. Other contests will have same age breaks for Junior, Intermediate and Senior divisions.
7. **Loup Valley Horse Show** - Motion made by Schriver, seconded by Frey to approve date for June 2, 2024. Motion carried.
8. **State Contest fees for Horse Stampede, PASE, etc...** - Motion made by Krohn, seconded by Hilmer to cover entry fees for these events. Motion carried.
9. **New Council Shirts Needed** - New member shirts have been ordered. Stokes will get names to Diane Young.
10. **Exhibitor Shirts** - 53 shirts left from last year – sponsored by Farm Bureau
11. **Summer Intern** - Motion made by Stokes, seconded by Epperly for Council to cover 1/3 up to \$1,800 of wages. Motion carried.
12. **Special Garden Project** - Motion made by Epperly, seconded by Stokes to approve funding \$.50 per packet of Nasturtium seeds for the 2024 Special Garden Project.
13. **Council Picture for 2024 will be taken at February 12 meeting.** - Please remember to wear your council shirt.
14. **2024 Meeting Dates** - January 8 (moved to January 22), February 12, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, August 12, September 9, and October 14
15. **Other Business** - Sonya asked for input for new ideas for workshops. New this year to the poultry contest will be a turkey project – check with Pritchard if interested. Decision not to have a pony/driving class.

Next Meeting – February 12 at 7 p.m.

Adjournment - Motion made by Epperly, seconded by Frey to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Groeteke Council Secretary

NEBRASKA 4-H MONTH - WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

February 8 - 4-H Volunteer Appreciation Day - Tell your 4-H leader or 4-H Council member or Extension Board member how much you appreciate them. Send a thank you note, or bake something. They will be glad to know they are appreciated!

February 15 - 4-H Supporter Appreciation Day - Who do you know that has supported you in your 4-H endeavors? Just say "Thank you so much!"

February 22 - Give Back Day - Is there someone that has helped you with one of your 4-H projects over the past year? Is there something you can help them with? Or maybe you could pay it forward? Maybe you can use the skills and knowledge you have gained to help someone else with a project?

February 29 - Leap into 4-H! Join 4-H today!



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