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COUNTY FAIR EXHIBITS

EXHIBITING ANIMALS AT COUNTY FAIR

May 15 - Animal IDs and Ear Tags for County Fair.

- ID forms must be submitted for Market Beef, Breeding Beef, Feeder Calf, Bucket Calf, Market Lamb, Breeding Sheep, Swine, Market Goat, Breeding Doe, Dairy Goat, Dairy, Rabbit, and Horse. ID forms are available at the Extension Office, or online.
- 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. ID forms are available at the Extension Office, or online at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/boone-nance/4-h-animal-science-information/>. Ear tags are also available for County and State Fair.
- Poultry do not need to be ID'd. Cats and dogs only need a vaccination record from the Vet showing that they are current on vaccinations.
- **June 14** - DNA for breeding or market animals going to State Fair due. DNA envelopes are available at the Extension Office. Please return to Extension Office by June 14 at 4:30 pm, as the 15th is on Saturday.
- **June 15** - Nominations due for State Fair Livestock entries online. Go to <https://showstockmgr.com> and enter any animal you are considering exhibiting at the State Fair. Nominations are not required for Rabbit and Poultry, but Rabbits must have an ear tattoo.
- **June 26** - County Fair Livestock Entry forms due by 4:30 pm. These forms give us all the information we need for Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goat, Rabbit, and Poultry, and the number of stalls needed for Horse entries. Please list the class numbers for poultry.

- **July 5** - YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals). If you were unable to attend one of the Instructor-Led classes, you can complete the online class at <https://yqcaprogram.org>. Be sure to bring your certificate to the Extension Office, or email a copy by July 5. Livestock exhibitors ages 8-18 before January 1 are required to take this class.

STATIC EXHIBITS AT COUNTY FAIR

June 14 - Entry forms for fair exhibits due in the Extension Office by 4:30 pm.

- This is for static exhibits, Horse events, cat, dog, and small animal exhibits. Please use the paper forms to complete your entries. The forms are available at the Extension Office or online at the above website.
- Fashion Show narrations are due at the Extension Office. Forms are also available at the Extension Office or online.
- **June 25** - Fashion Show, Clothing Construction Interviews (schedule will be sent to families), Horticulture Judging Contest, Favorite Foods Review, Presentation Contest, Live Animal Presentations, Music Contest. See Fairbook for schedule. This is earlier than in previous years.
- **July 2** - Check in all exhibits except Foods, Flowers, & Horticulture in the morning. Judging of these exhibits will take place in the afternoon. Bucket calf record books due. Booths will be completed.
- **July 5** - Foods, Horticulture, and Floriculture interview judging. Entry time based on interview schedule that will be sent to families.

Please refer to the Fairbook for event and contest times.

BOONE COUNTY FAIRBOOKS ARE HERE! PICK YOURS UP TODAY!

Also available on line at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/boone-nance/boone-county-fair-information/>



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 States Department of Agriculture.

LIVESTOCK

LIVESTOCK ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM 2024

The Nebraska 4-H Livestock Achievement 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.

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.

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.

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

SHOWSTOCK MANAGER OPEN

For livestock exhibitors that are planning to enter beef, sheep, goat, or swine exhibits at the Nebraska State Fair, Showstock Manager is now open. Animals should be tagged and a DNA sample submitted to the Extension Office by June 15. EID tags and DNA envelopes are available at the Extension Office. Any retags should be reported to the Extension Office.

You will also need to obtain a Premises ID from the Nebraska Department of Agriculture at <https://nda.nebraska.gov/adt/premises.html>. If you have made nominations in Showstock Manager in the past, you will still have an account, and your Premises ID will already be listed.

If you are new to this process, any animal that you plan to take to the Nebraska State Fair should be nominated. If they are not nominated in Showstock Manager, you will not be able to exhibit them at the State Fair.

Log in at <https://showstockmgr.com>.

GREAT PLAINS LIVESTOCK JUDGING CIRCUIT

The Great Plains Livestock Judging Circuit is a lineup of contests held throughout the state giving youth the opportunity to perfect their skills in preparation for the Nebraska 4-H Premier Animal Science Event (PASE). Qualifying youth must attend a minimum of two contests in addition to the PASE livestock judging contest in order to be eligible for awards and scholarships. The top 5 individuals in the Senior and Intermediate divisions will be recognized as part of the All-State Team during the Grand Drive at the Nebraska State Fair.

Open to Nebraska 4-H and FFA members ages 10-18.

2024 Schedule:

May 23 - Butler, Colfax, & Platte County at Leigh, NE, sbell8@unl.edu or bdolezal2@unl.edu

May 24 - Thayer/Nuckolls County in Nelson, NE, amy.brockman@unl.edu

May 28 - Northern Panhandle Judging Contest at Hemingford, NE, astevens4@unl.edu or mmracek2@unl.edu

May 30 - South Central Livestock Judging Contest at Bladen, NE, elizabeth.janning@unl.edu

June 20-21 - Premier Animal Science Event (PASE) at Lincoln!

For more information, visit <https://4h.unl.edu/livestock-judging-circuit>

SPECIAL GARDEN PROJECT

It's not too late to get seeds for the Special Gardening Project for 2024. Try growing some Princess of India Nasturtiums. Exhibits can be the flowers, or a poster, story or essay, poem, or a photo exhibit. Seeds are provided by your 4-H Council.

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



DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 18** - Cattle Battle, Columbus Ag Park. For more info, call Jeremy 402-860-2477 or Kadie 402-920-3745.
- May 24** - Southern Plains Livestock Judging Contest, Nuckolls Co Fairgrounds, Nelson. Register at <https://forms.office.com/r/HTre9NMEkE>.
- May 24-26** - Boone County Fairgrounds, Albion, Arama Shows. Call Lisa 308-750-0423 or Kevin 308-750-1462.
- May 29** - Animal Science Discovery Days, NCTA, Curtis, NE. For more info contact kimberly.cook@unl.edu. Register at <https://cvent.me/mNXrmy>
- May 29** - Pitzer Ranch, Ericson. 4-H Horse Judging Contest. Call Jennifer 308-346-4200 for more information.
- June 1** - Small Animal Progress Show at Phelps County Fairgrounds in Holdrege. Registration at 8:30. Call 308-995-4222 for more information.
- June 5-7** - Junior 4-H Camp at Whispering Cedars Camp, Genoa. Registration closes May 8 at 4:00 pm. Register at <https://go.unl.edu/2024jrcamp>
- June 5-7** - Winners Unlimited Livestock Judging Camp, Lincoln. Register at <https://go.unl.edu/judging-camp> by May 20
- June 6-8** - 4-H Horse Camp at Ft. Robinson State Park, Crawford, NE. Call Melissa Mracek 308-432-3373.
- June 7-21** - Online Horticulture ID Contest. More details at <https://4h.unl.edu/online-horticulture-judging-contest>.
- June 9** - Hustler Progress Show, Cuming Co Fairgrounds, West Point. For info, call 402-380-5229 or 402-380-3194.
- June 13** - Heavy Equipment Career Exploration, Central Community College, Hastings. More info and registration link at <https://go.unl.edu/heavyequipment>
- June 13** - South Dakota Swine Summit, Brookings, SD. Register FREE by June 8 at extension.sdstate.edu/event/south-dakota-swine-summit
- June 15** - Dawes County 4-H Progress show, Swine, Sheep, Goat & Beef. Dawes County Fairgrounds, Chadron. Call 308-432-3373 for more info.
- June 15** - Keith Co 4-H Beef Progress show, Ogallala. Contact Tessa Reece 308-284-6051, or tessa.reece@unl.edu
- June 15** - Deadline to sign up for the Livestock Achievement Program at <https://4h.unl.edu/livestock-achievement>
- June 16** - Red Willow County Progress Show, McCook. Contact Chelsey 308-737-7426.
- June 17-18** - Nebraska Premier Communication Event, UNL East Campus. NEW AGE Division 8-10! For more information go to <https://4h-edu/premier-communication-event>
- June 20-21** - Nebraska 4-H Premier Animal Science Event, Lincoln.
- June 22** - Adams County Progress Show, more info at adams.unl.edu
- June 22** - Platte County Showmanship clinic, Ag Park Arena & Green Barn. Register and pay by June 18. Contact Blake at 402-563-4901 or bwert3@unl.edu
- June 23** - Sheridan County Goat, Beef, Sheep, & Swine 4-H Progress Show, Gordon NE. 308-327-2312
- June 29** - Silver Spurs 4-H Horse Show, Chase Co Fairgrounds, Imperial. For more info: 308-883-3925.
- July 6 - 10, 2024 Boone County Fair!**
- July 9** - 8th Annual Agronomy Youth Field Day at NCTA in Curtis. More info to come!
- July 13-17** - Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Show in Grand Island. Open to 8-18 year olds. More info at <https://4h.unl.edu/horse-expo-show>
- July 19-21** - NANCE COUNTY 4-H EXPO!!
- August 24** - 4-H State Dog Show. More info to come.
Event flyers and forms available at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/boone-nance/event-flyers/>



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.

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

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 2:00 pm.

Upcoming Area Contests:

June 1 - Holt County 4-H Invitational Shoot
Holt County Fairgrounds, Chambers
All requirements will follow National 4-H Championship guidelines and policies.
Deadline for registration is May 27th, no registrations day of shoot. Register at <https://forms.gle/dCC5tc7hrdQN9iUU6>
For more information, contact Talya Shutt, talyashutt2023@gmail.com

Instructor Training:

We need new instructors locally in Boone and Nance Counties.

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

4-H T-SHIRTS

The first run of 4-H t-shirts are here. If you enrolled in 4-H by March 31, your shirt is here. A second run has been ordered for people that enrolled after that date, and will be in the week of May 6. You will be contacted when the second run is in. These are the green 4-H t-shirts that must be worn for all in-person judging contests and contests, with the exception of speech contests and horse contests.

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Start planning your fair exhibits.
Books are available at the Extension Office.

ANIMAL SCIENCE COMPETITIVE EVENTS

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

4-H Animal Science 101:

May 5 - Animal Science Curriculum - 1:30 pm
May 14 - Animal Science Curriculum - 6:30 pm -
Team Selection

May 19 - Animal Science Curriculum - 1:30 pm -
Team Selection

May 22 - Animal Science Curriculum - 6:30 pm -
Team Selection

May 29 - Animal Science Curriculum - 6:30 pm

June 2 - Animal Science Curriculum - 1:30 pm

June 9 - Animal Science Curriculum - 6:30 pm

June 12 - Animal Science Curriculum - 6:30 pm

June 16 - Animal Science Curriculum - 1:30 pm

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 a meeting, please call Steve, or the Extension Office.

LOCO'S T-SHIRTS

If you would like to show your support for our 4-H members, consider purchasing a 4-H t-shirt, long or short sleeved, crewneck, or hoodie from Loco's. These are gray shirts with green lettering, and are for 4-H supporters. The green shirts sponsored by Farm Bureau are just for 4-H members, and must be worn for their in person county fair events. So Green shirts for members, gray shirts for supporters.

To order a gray shirt from Loco's, go to <https://www.locosdesignertsandmore.com/>, click on SHOP, select Boone County 4-H, select the quick view, and select a style, options, and size. Prices vary based on style and size.

Thank you for your support of 4-H!

CAMPS, & TRAININGS

4-H HORSE CAMP

Save the date for the 2024 4-H Camp at Ft. Robinson State Park. The camp will be held June 6-8. Brochure and registration forms are on our website <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/boone-nance/> in the Events Flyers article.

For more information, contact Melissa Mracek at mmracek2@unl.edu or 308-432-3373.

NEBRASKA 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP



Cassidy Maricle

We would like to congratulate Cassidy Maricle of Boone County, recipient of the 2024 Nebraska 4-H Foundation Scholarship. Scholarship winners are commended for their outstanding accomplishments in 4-H, dedication to community service and high scholastic achievement.

The Nebraska 4-H Foundation provides up to \$25,000 worth of scholarships each year to graduating seniors who have been actively involved in 4-H. The 2025 Nebraska 4-H Achievement Application will be released in Fall 2024 and is to be submitted by January 5, 2025. For more information regarding scholarships, go to the website <https://ne4hfoundation.org/scholarships/> or email Foundation Relations Coordinator, Lindsay Shearer lshearer2@unl.edu.

TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT SAFETY TRAINING

Federal law prohibits children under 16 years of age from using certain equipment on a farm unless their parents or legal guardians own the farm. Certification received through this course grants an exemption to the law allowing 14- and 15-year-olds to drive a tractor and to do field work with certain mechanized equipment. Certification is earned by completing a Hands-On Safety Day with written test (Certification Day 1), then completing the Tractor and Equipment Safety Training with driving exam (Certification Day 2). Successful completion of Certification Days 1 and 2 will result in certification for 14 and 15 year old youth to be employed on farms and ranches.

Youth under 14 years of age can attend Certification Day 1 if accompanied by an adult. They will not be able to drive equipment, attend Day 2, or become certified. Students under 14 must still register, but will not be charged the registration fee.

Summer Schedule:

May 21 & 22 - North Platte
May 28 & 29 - West Point
May 30 & 31 - Weeping Water
June 4 - Gering (Day 2 only)
June 5 & 6 - Gordon
June 7 - O'Neill (Day 2 only)
June 11 & 12 - Grand Island
June 13 - Hastings (Day 2 only)

Those attending a location that only offers Certification Day 2 must complete Certification Day 1 at another location, OR complete the virtual module before attending Day 2.

For more information, visit <https://go.unmc.edu/tractor-safety-training>, or scan the QR code.



MORE EVENTS

PREMIER COMMUNICATION EVENT

Event details have been updated and are now available at <https://4h.unl.edu/premier-communication-event>. A new age division for Juniors, ages 8-10, has been added to all Premier Communication Event contests.

The Premier Communication Event will be held on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln East Campus on Monday & Tuesday, June 17 & 18:

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

BOONE-NANCE COMMUNICATION CONTEST

The 2024 Boone and Nance County Communication Contest will be held Wednesday, May 8 at 6:30 pm in Fullerton at the Nance County Extension Office Conference Room.

Length of Prepared Speeches:

Junior Division (4-H Age 8-10): 2-3 minutes

Intermediate Division (4-H age 11-13): 3-5 minutes

Senior Division (4-H age 14-18): 5-8 minutes

Public Service Announcements:

Theme: 4-H is a Feeling

- Length of PSA: 60 seconds for Junior, Intermediate, and Senior; 30 seconds for Clover Kids.
- Tagline to be included within last 10 seconds: Learn more about the Nebraska Extension 4-H Youth Development Program at 4h.unl.edu.
- May be submitted electronically as a .wav or .mp3 format along with a copy of the PSA text, emailed to sglup2@unl.edu, or may be read at the contest.

Length of Impromptu Speeches:

Junior Division (4-H age 8-10): 1 1/2 minutes

Intermediate Division (4-H age 11-13): 3 minutes

Senior Division (4-H age 14-18): 5 minutes

Video Communication:

Videos must be 60-90 seconds

Videos must be submitted electronically as mp4 files to sglup2@unl.edu.

If you are planning to enter the county Communication Contest, please submit your name, age, category, and title to your local Extension Office by May 6.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN 4-H!

Members can be updated/added through June 15. The website to enroll or re-enroll is <https://v2.4honline.com>. Step-by-step instructions for enrollment for new and returning members can be found at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/boone-nance/4-h-enrollment-information/>.

If you are a returning member or family, log in with your email address and password. If you have forgotten your password, you can choose "Reset Password".

If you are a new member, you can set up your account, add each 4-H member in the family, and choose a club or clubs, and projects. Projects should be selected if families would like to receive additional information regarding project-specific reminders, such as upcoming deadlines. If you forget to select a project, you will still be able to enter it at the fair.

Keep in mind that it will not be necessary to update all the projects in 4-H Online for the Boone County fair. The entry forms for static exhibits are to be turned in by June 14, and will contain all the pertinent information.

If you are taking the horse project, be sure to select Levi's as a club and then the horse project.

If you plan to attend a 4-H camp or participate in any state event or activity, you must complete the health section. All other 4-Hers may skip over the health information. Then complete the consent section.

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

Until Next Month,



Steve Pritchard
Extension Educator



Sonya L. Glup
Extension Associate



BOONE COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

Monday, April 8, 2024 – 7 p.m.

Boone County Extension Conference Room – Albion

Call to Order - President Susan Staub called the monthly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present included Staub, Mitch Koch, Janet Groeteke, Kally King, Matt Schriver, Chris Nelson, Scott Brengelman, Jaclyn Frey, Wes Stokes, and Nick Krohn. Staff member present was Steve Pritchard. Brenda Pelster and Sonya Glup arrived at 7:30 p.m. after track meets.

Excused Absences - Dave Hilmer, Bethany Preister and Kate Maricle. Motion made by Koch, seconded by Krohn to approve the 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 Koch, seconded by Brengelman to approve the minutes from the Council meeting held on March 11, 2024. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - Financial report given by Pelster. Motion made by Brengelman, seconded by Krohn to approve report and payment of bills submitted by Pritchard. Motion carried.

Junior Leader Report - Staub, Brengelman and Schriver reported there will be a meeting held on Sunday, April 21 with fun event (ax throwing) planned afterwards donated by Scott and Heather Brengelman. Members have done a good job getting sponsors. Flyers and envelopes are ready to mail for the Arama's in May. Signature card for writing checks needs to be completed for the Jr. Leaders Committee.

Unfinished Business

1. 4-H Achievement Party

Motion made by Schriver, seconded by Brengelman to approve having the party on Sunday, October 20th at the Casey's Building. Motion carried.

2. Memorial Day Weekend Livestock Shows/setup and help

Set up will be on Thursday, May 23rd.

3. Summer Intern Position

Pritchard is interviewing candidate this week.

4. Online Enrollment/American Income Life Insurance

Currently 166 youth are enrolled and 38 volunteers. Motion made by Brengelman, seconded by Frey to approve the annual payment for accident insurance policy based on enrollment figures on April 18th. Motion carried.

5. Round Robin Contest Format

Frey reported that she spoke with Joe Epperly and discussed a format. The contest will take place in conjunction with the Livestock Judging competition using the same 4 species (Cattle, Sheep, Goats and Swine). Motion made by Pelster, seconded by Brengelman to move forward with the details of the Round Robin Contest. Motion carried.

6. Broilers Ordered

145 broilers will be delivered May 22-23. 37 turkeys will be delivered the week of April 15th.

Committee Reports

1. **Awards** – tabled till May per Frey and Stokes.

2. **Fund Raising** – Stokes suggested holding off on a fundraiser this year. Motion made by Pelster, seconded by Brengelman to use money from our T-bill account to help fund the electricity project in the horse stalling barn.

3. **Ambassador** – Nothing to report per Staub.

4. **Others** - None

New Business

1. **Scales Checked** - Pritchard will handle details.

2. **Clings or another item for donors/sponsors** - Council unanimously agreed to serve a meal after the premium sale for the buyers and 4-H youth. Council members will donate hamburger. Sale Meal Committee members are Staub, Nelson, Schriver, Groeteke and Frey.

3. **County Fair Hand Entry Deadline** - June 14 – Static exhibits and June 26 for livestock exhibitors.

4. **Spring & Summer Workshops** - Glup reported she has a 2-day sewing workshop planned and possibly a babysitting workshop and a poultry showmanship workshop – details to follow.

5. **YQCA** - Scheduled for 6:30 pm on Friday, April 26th in Fullerton and 10 am on Saturday the 27th in Albion.

6. **NIFA Award Application** - Club leaders can apply for a \$500 award to be used towards a club/community project.

7. **Sell 4-H Shirts** - Green shirts are for the exhibitors. The public may purchase shirts (gray) and other apparel supporting 4-H through Loco's.

8. **Other Business** - Motion made by Krohn, seconded by Brengelman to move future monthly Council meeting to the 3rd Monday of each month. Motion carried.

Upcoming Meetings – May 20th at 7 p.m.

Adjournment - Motion made by Brengelman, seconded by Frey to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Groeteke Council Secretary

REGISTER FOR JUNIOR 4-H CAMP

Make plans to join us for 3 days and 2 nights of summer camp at the Regional Junior 4-H camp at Whispering Cedars at Genoa. Camp begins at 1:00 pm on June 5th and ends at 11:30 am on June 7th. Campers can experience nature, arts & crafts, archery, swimming, hiking, hayrack rides, climbing wall, campfire songs, zipline, games, and lots of laughs. Make some new friends along the way.

Camp is open to ALL youth, 4-H ages 8-11 (as of January 1). Campers 12 years of age will be placed on a waiting list if they are registered and paid. Then if space allows after the deadline, they will be notified if they can attend. The registration link is <https://forms.gle/YiJW4fTnu8ZhhhHi7>. Registration fee is \$135 until May 8 at 4:00 pm. Registration will close at that time.

4-H youth age 16 to 18 are needed to volunteer as camp counselors. Please register by May 10 at <https://forms.gle/XQnJ34X5EPqZYCGE7>. Limited spots!



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4-H NEWSLETTER