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### TEAMS SHINE AT STATE 4-H HORSE BOWL COMPETITION

The Boone-Nance County Intermediate 4-H Horse Bowl team of Tinsley Neidhardt, Josie Rother, Lora Sonderup, Luke Sonderup, and Dorothy Smith outlasted all their competitors to capture the Champion Intermediate 4-H Horse Bowl title during Nebraska State 4-H Horse Stamped.

The State 4-H Horse Bowl competition was held on the UNL East Campus. The Boone-Nance County intermediate members competed in a field of 9 teams.

Competing in the Senior Division, finishing third, and receiving a purple ribbon was the team of Aidan Choat, Hunter Olnes, Abby Addison, Kate Maricle, and Maddie Kuta. The youth were tested on their knowledge of nutrition, feeds, anatomy, physiology, endocrinology, parasites, genetics, breeds, breed associations, judging, show rules, tack and equipment.

### GET READY FOR REGIONAL 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. If space allows after the deadline, they will be notified if they can attend. The registration link is <https://forms.gle/YiJW4fTnu8Zhhhi7>.

Please register by May 1 at 4:00 pm for the early bird pricing of \$110. After this date/time until May 8 at 4:00 pm, the fee will be \$135. Registration will close at that time.

4-H Council scholarships are available to cover part of the cost of camp. Scholarship applications are available at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/boone-nance/4-h-clubs-materials/> and are due May 1. Please do apply so that the scholarships may continue to be offered.

4-H youth age 16 to 18 are needed to volunteer as camp counselors. Please register by April 30 at <https://forms.gle/UrJdvmAGkjTKK2Nj6>



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 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 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 MAY take to the Nebraska State Fair should be nominated. If they are not nominated on Showstock Manager, they will not be able to go to State Fair.

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

## BOONE COUNTY FAIRBOOKS COMING SOON!

**MOST INFORMATION IS ON OUR WEBSITE!**  
<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/boone-nance/boone-county-fair-information/>

## 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:

April 13 - Weld County, CO at Greeley, Colorado, [lhooker@co.weld.co.us](mailto:lhooker@co.weld.co.us)

April 20 - Logan County, CO at Sterling, Colorado, [jd.sexton@colostate.edu](mailto:jd.sexton@colostate.edu)

May 23 - Butler, Colfax, & Platte County at Leigh, NE, [sbell8@unl.edu](mailto:sbell8@unl.edu) or [bdolezal2@unl.edu](mailto:bdolezal2@unl.edu)

May 24 - Thayer/Nuckolls County in Nelson, NE, [amy.brockman@unl.edu](mailto:amy.brockman@unl.edu)

May 28 - Northern Panhandle Judging Contest at Hemingford, NE, [astevens4@unl.edu](mailto:astevens4@unl.edu) or [mmracek2@unl.edu](mailto:mmracek2@unl.edu)

May 30 - South Central Livestock Judging Contest at Bladen, NE, [elizabeth.janning@unl.edu](mailto: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>

## STATE FAIR UPDATE

The age of eligibility in 2024 will be **8 years of age before January 1** of the current year for all in-person State Fair events (livestock, contests, fashion shows, contests) and other state competitions (Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Expo, PASE, Premier Communications Event). Please check information on each specific event as it becomes available.

# PROJECTS

## 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 (age 5-7 as of January 1), 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.

- Animal IDs - 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.
- 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.
- YQCA - 4-H members ages 8 and older that are exhibiting beef, dairy cattle, meat goat, dairy goats, sheep, swine, rabbits, or poultry will also need to complete YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) training or testing prior to the County Fair.
- Instructor-led training will be offered at the Nance County Extension Office on Friday, April 26 at 6:30 pm, and at the Boone County Extension Office on April 27 at 10:00 am, or can be completed online. A coupon code for \$3.00 is available at the Extension office to cover the cost of the in-person training, or to apply to the online cost. Please call the Extension Office for a coupon code, then sign up for the appropriate class at <https://yqcaprogram.org>.
- Entry forms for animals for the Boone County Fair will be due in the Extension office on Wednesday, June 26.

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



## HORSE PROJECT

The Horsemanship Advancement Levels program is designed to serve as a guide for instruction and evaluation of each member's progress. County exhibitors must complete Level 1 testing after 2 years (two fairs) in the horse project by June 1, 2024.

Horses must be identified to the Extension Office by May 15 in order to be eligible for county fair exhibition. These forms are available at Extension Office, or online at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/boone-nance/4-h-animal-science-information/>. The Horse Show will combine 4-H exhibitors from Boone and Nance Counties vying for awards.

Dates for the State 4-H Horse Expo will be July 13-17, 2024. State 4-H Horse Expo entrants must also complete their Level testing by June 1. 4-H members age 8 - 9 will be able to participate in Level I and Level II classes at the State 4-H Horse Show. Members 10 years and over will be eligible to compete in any Level, as long as they have completed the corresponding Level testing.



## MARICLE & BRENGELMAN ATTEND NATIONAL AG WEEK

Every year, producers, agricultural associations, corporations, universities, government agencies and countless others across America join together to recognize the contributions of agriculture. Cassidy Maricle and Brooke Brengelman represented Boone County 4-H and Boone Central Schools for the Ag Week Proclamation signing. National Ag Day is about celebrating the strength and tremendous contributions of our nation's farmers and ranchers.



## 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:

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 2:00 pm.

#### Upcoming Area Contests:

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

June 1 - Holt County 4-H Invitational Shoot  
Holt County Fairgrounds, Chambers

#### Instructor Training:

We need new instructors locally in Boone and Nance Counties.

April 13-14 -  
4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Initial Workshop  
& Instructor Update  
Boone County Fairgrounds, Albion, NE

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, 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:

April 14 - Animal Science Curriculum - 6:30 pm  
April 21 - Animal Science Curriculum - 6:30 pm

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.

### FIRST LEGO LEAGUE GOES TO LINCOLN



The Boone County 4-H Robotics team, Mario Makers, attended the FLL Challenge Championship and 4-H Robotics Expansion Event in Lincoln on March 15 & 16. Team members are Luke Smith, Lucas Moeller, Pearl Smith, Destin Keber, and West Osantowski. While they didn't bring home any trophies this year, they did come back with a great experience and a lot of ideas and energy to put into next season. Attending the state competition and seeing what it's all about was a great opportunity for the members to learn more about the bigger FLL experience. The team was also able to participate in some really fun and engaging STEM activities put on by UNL and some generous industry partners.

## CAMPS, ETC

### BIG RED CAMPS 2024

Big Red Camps are residential college & career exploration camps held at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln.

Big Red Summer Academic Camps are open to youth going into grades 9-12 during the 2024-2025 school year. The registration deadline for Big Red Camps is May 20. (Early Bird Tuition rates end April 5. Regular Tuition rates end May 3. Late Tuition rates end May 20.) No registrations will be accepted after May 20. All housing and food are provided for participants throughout the duration of the camp.

Camp Dates are June 9-14, 2024. For more information and to register, go to <https://4h.unl.edu/big-red-camps>.

### 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 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:

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

### 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 will be available March 22, so watch your email for reminders.

For more information, contact Melissa Mracek at [mmracek2@unl.edu](mailto:mmracek2@unl.edu) or 308-432-3373.

### CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

The Boone County 4-H Council will be accepting applications for camp scholarships through May 1, 2024. Scholarships can apply to any 4-H camp, and can be completed online at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/boone-nance/4-h-clubs-materials/>, or pick up an application at the Extension Office.

Applications should be returned to the Extension Office by May 1.

### 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



The Boone County 4-H Ambassadors for 2024 are Aidan Choat, Cassidy Maricle, and Addy Donelson. They will represent our community, Boone County 4-H, and the Nebraska 4-H program.

You will see these ladies throughout the summer assisting with 4-H workshops, county fair contests, livestock shows, summer camp, and volunteering to help with community sponsored youth events.

Their leadership skills and initiative are invaluable to our 4-H program. They are role models for all 4-H members. Thank you, Ladies, for your commitment to 4-H!



### 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.



### ENROLL IN 4-H TODAY

All 4-H members and volunteers must enroll for the 2024 4-H year. 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.

Members can be updated/added through June 15. Keep in mind that it will not be necessary to update all the projects for 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 a shooting sports project, be sure to select the Boone County 4-H Shooting Sports Club as one of your clubs, and then select the project areas. 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 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  
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Sonya L. Glup  
Extension Associate  
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# BOONE COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

Monday, MARCH 11, 2024 – 7 p.m.

Boone County Extension Conference Room – Albion

**Call to Order** - President Susan Staub called the monthly meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Members present included Joe Epperly, Susan Staub, Brenda Pelster, Janet Groeteke, Melany Preister, Jaclyn Frey, Matt Schriver, Wes Stokes & Nick Krohn, Staff members present were Sonya Glup and Steve Pritchard. Guest present was Chuck Rolf.

**Excused Absences** - Mitch Koch, Kally King, Chris Nelson, Dave Hilmer and Kate Maricle. Motion made by Epperly, seconded by Frey 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 Epperly, seconded by Frey to approve the minutes from the Council meeting held on February 12, 2024. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** - Financial Report was tabled until next month. Motion made by Pelster, seconded by Epperly to approve payment of bills submitted by Pritchard. Motion carried.

**Junior Leader Report** - Staub and Schriver reported the meeting held on Sunday evening, March 10 went well. Each member will be asked to contact 4 sponsors each. Levels of sponsorship was also discussed.

## Unfinished Business

- 1. Exhibitor Shirts**  
Order will be placed by March 31st.
- 2. Online Enrollment Update**  
112 individuals have enrolled online as of March 11th.
- 3. Summer Intern**  
Pritchard reported the deadline is March 4th to apply and currently has two candidates.
- 4. Stalling Horses at the County Fair**  
Rolf presented an estimate to the Council in regards to electrical needs in the west stall barn. After discussion Epperly made the motion, seconded by Frey for Council to pay 2/3 of the estimate - \$10,616 for electrical upgrades in the west barn used to stall horses for the county fair. Motion carried. Rolf will discuss financial assistance options for the remaining amount with the Ag Society at their next meeting. Staub and Stokes will attend the Ag Society meeting scheduled for Monday, March 18th.
- 5. Turkey & Broiler Orders**  
Approximately 37 turkeys have been ordered for exhibition at the county fair. Broiler orders due March 22nd.

## Committee Reports

- 1. Awards** – Frey discussed options including the possibility of chairs for showmanship awards.
- 2. 4-H Promotion** – Glup asked for some creative/graphic design ideas from the Ambassadors to promote 4-H.
- 3. Ambassador** – Staub will get a picture of each of our ambassadors with a bio to post on FB.

## New Business

- 1. 4-H Achievement Party**  
Pritchard will check with Rolf for availability of the Casey's Bldg.
- 2. Countywide Annual Insurance Policy**  
Premium is due the 3rd week in April.
- 3. Banners & Signage for Fair**  
A taller stand is needed for the backdrop/banner used in the old arena for poultry and small animal exhibitors. Krohn has one he will donate as well as a backdrop & will bring to the April meeting.
- 4. Special Fair Awards & Pins**  
Staub will contact the Theater and White Star for options.
- 5. Jr. 4-H Camp**  
May 1st is the deadline to apply for a scholarship to help fund attendee fees. Cost is \$110 for two days – ages 8-11 years. Counselors are still needed – must be 16 or older.
- 6. Other Business**
  - This was Joe's last meeting and the Council thanked him for volunteering his time and wished him and Kelly the best with their upcoming move to Kansas. Motion was made by Epperly, seconded by Frey for Scott Brengelman to finish Joe's term this year. Motion carried.
  - Round Robin Showmanship was discussed. Epperly and Frey will discuss more details before his move and Frey will give an update at April's meeting.

## Upcoming Meetings – April 8 at 7 p.m.

**Adjournment** - Motion made by Epperly, seconded by Pelster to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Groeteke Council Secretary



## DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 8** - Youth Health Equity Project Showcase, UNL East Campus Union. More information at <https://go.unl.edu/youthhealthequity>
- April 13** - Annual Tack Swap, Merrick County Youth & Agricultural Center, Central City, 9 am - 4 pm.
- April 20** - 4-H Horse Judging School, Lincoln. For horse show judges, coaches, and youth. For more info, go to <https://animalscience.unl.edu/horse-judging-school>
- April 27** - Southwest Judging Classic, Chase County Fairgrounds, Imperial. For more info, call 308-414-2012.
- April 27** - Seward County Calf Classic, Seward Co Fairgrounds. For more info, call 402-641-5467.
- May 29** - Animal Science Discovery Days, NCTA, Curtis, NE. For more info contact [kimberly.cook@unl.edu](mailto:kimberly.cook@unl.edu). Register at <https://cvent.me/mNXrmy>
- June 1** - Small Animal Progress Show at Phelps County Fairgrounds in Holdrege. Registration at 8:30. Call 308-995-4222 for more information.
- June 6-8** - 4-H Horse Camp at Ft. Robinson State Park, Crawford, NE. More info later.
- June 9** - Hustler Progress Show, Cuming Co Fairgrounds, West Point. For info, call 402-380-5229 or 402-380-3194.
- June 15** - Dawes County 4-H Progress show, Swine, Sheep, Goat & Beef. Dawes County Fairgrounds, Chadron. Call 308-432-3373 for more info.
- 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 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 8-12** - Nebraska Ag Youth Institute, Lincoln. Apply by April 15 at <https://nda.nebraska.gov/nayi>
- 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>
- August 24** - 4-H State Dog Show. More info to come.  
Event flyers available at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/boone-nance/event-flyers/>



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