

Box Butte County 4-H Newsletter

February 2021

Newest Member

Welcome the newest member of our Box Butte County Extension Office team, Carson Grace!! Carson was born on Sunday, January 24th at 3:39 pm. She weighed 8 lbs and 4 oz and was 21 inches tall.



LOG N Camp

Kick off your summer right by joining Panhandle 4-H staff at the LOG N Camp at Halsey State 4-H Camp on May 25-26th. During this camp youth in grades 5th through 7th will get to experience the TRUST course, go canoeing, travel down the zipline while learning valuable leadership skills to take home with them. The fee is \$85. Scholarships may be available from the 4-H Council!! Contact Melissa Mracek at mmrakec2@unl.edu for more information.

Activities:

- T.R.U.S.T. Obstacle Course
- Canoeing & Zip Lining
- Service Learning Project
- Real Colors
- Creating Memories!
- And More!



Leadership Opportunities for Growth in Nebraska 4-H

Location: State 4-H Camp-Halsey

Date: May 25-26

Cost: \$85

(Scholarship maybe available, contact your local 4-H Council)

Grades: 5th-7th grade in 2020-2021

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**To Apply Contact:
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Garden County
308-772-3311
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go.unl.edu/LOGN2021

Panhandle Best

The Box Butte County 4-H Shooting Sports will start competing in the Panhandle Best series. Competition results can be found at [Orion Results Center](#).

Panhandle Best 2021 Dates

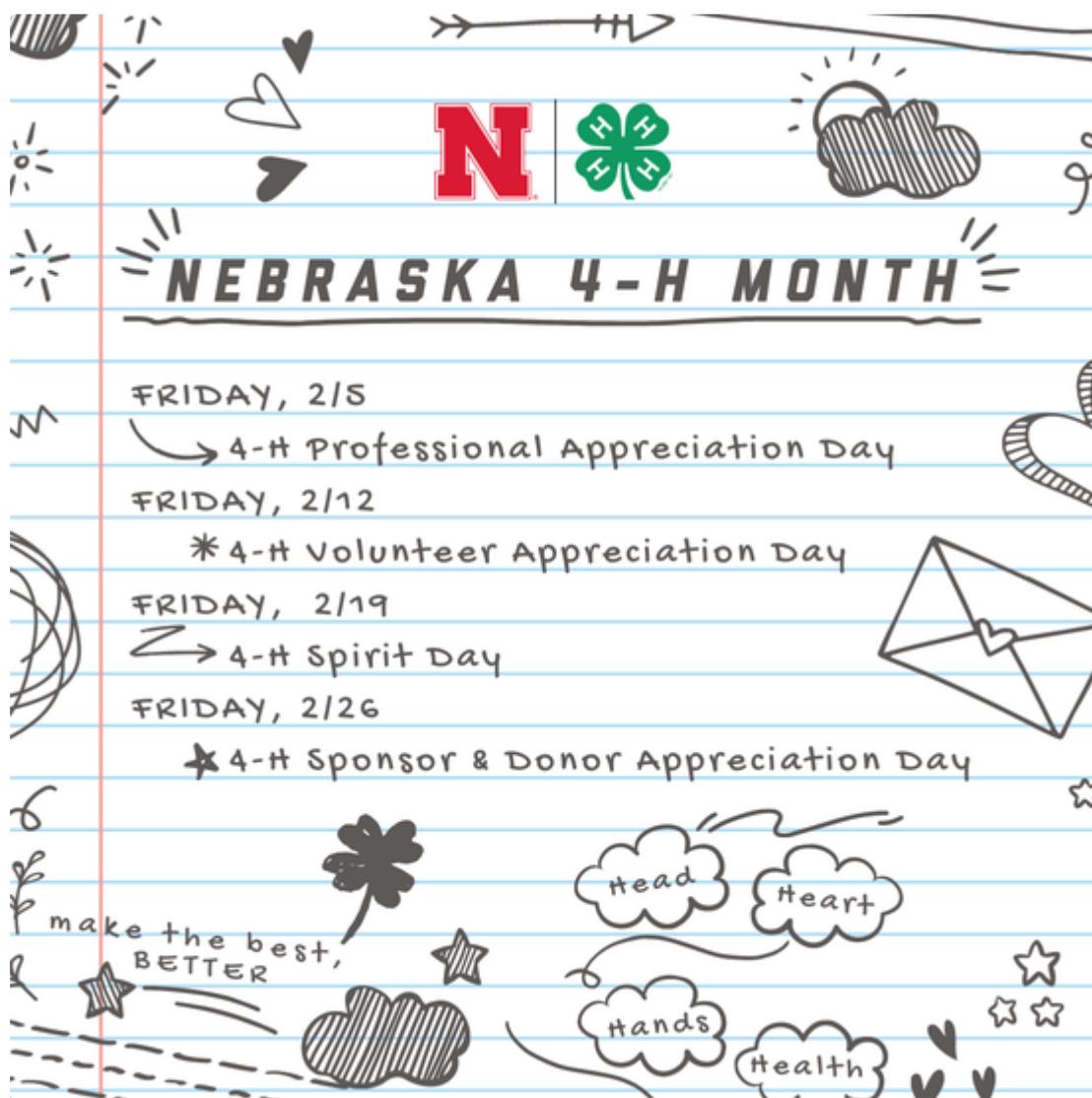
- Feb 7 Hyannis
- Feb 14 Mitchell
- Feb 21 Alliance
- Feb 28 Ogallala
- Mar 7 Kimball
- Mar 14 Chadron
- Mar 20-21 State Championships



Best of luck to all the Shooting Sports members as you continue learning about and enjoying this lifetime sport!

Nebraska 4-H Month

Help us celebrate 4-H month by sharing some of our favorite memories with volunteers, sponsors, and more! Show us your 4-H spirit on February 19th.



Speech Contest



Through the 4-H Public Speaking Contest, youth have the opportunity to write a speech or public service announcement (PSA) that incorporates the topic of 4-H and deliver it to an audience. The Public Speaking Contest helps youth develop skills in communicating with an audience, learn how to organize and prepare a speech, develop speech delivery skills, learn how to present themselves to others, and develop self-confidence. After participating in the County Contest, five youth from the Intermediate (11-13) and Senior (14-18) age divisions will have the opportunity to present at the State Speech Contest on June 30th in Lincoln, NE. Youth between the ages of 5 and 18 are eligible to participate in the County Contest on April 12th. NEW!! This year the Overall Champion and Reserve Champion will receive a plaque. The PSA's should be no longer than 60 seconds in length. The theme for 2021 is "Opportunity 4 All". Only public domain sound effects and music can be included. Within the last 10 seconds, the PSA must include "Learn more about the Nebraska Extension 4-H Youth Development Program at 4h.unl.edu." Those who are presenting a speech must have 4-H as the main component of the speech without props. Clover Kids do not have a time limit, Juniors must speak between 1-3

minutes, Intermediates have between 3-5 minutes, and Seniors have between 5-8 minutes.

For more information visit: <https://4h.unl.edu/public-speaking>.

Hippology Academy 2021

Hippology is designed for youth, adults, leaders, and extension personnel to gain knowledge and practice on horse hippology content. Or, if you're a horse person and just want to learn more!

Content includes practice tests, slides, and digital stations in six areas in addition to twice weekly lectures. New lessons will be available starting on Monday for each of the 6 weeks. Once available, all content will be accessible 24/7 for the duration of your subscription!

The content will first become live on February 8 and be available for 6 months from that time (August 8) if you are in the Bronze level; and for 9 months from that time (November 8), if you are in the Silver level.

Registration here: <https://campus.extension.org/course/search.php?search=hippology>



4-H Online Enrollment Open!

Please visit ne.4honline.com to get enrolled in 4-H!

NEW 4-H State Enrollment Deadline for county and state enrollment is JUNE 15!!!! You can enroll anytime!

Please remember to:

- Check your credit card and make sure it hasn't expired
- Be sure to check "Yes" on the photo release, UNLESS you really don't want your youth in photos that get released to the paper or put on our social media page.
- Fill out the Health Form
- Please select ALL projects that your might possibly do this summer! If you are not enrolled in the project on 4-H Online you cannot participate in that project during the county or state fair.

Trailer Bash

Are you in search of a 4-H animal but do not want to travel across the state or pay a ton? Attend the 1st ever Trailer Bash at the Dawes County Fairgrounds on March 27th. At this event at least 30 Hereford pigs, 10 goats, and potentially sheep will be available for silent auction for 4-H members. For more information about this event contact Daryl Scherbarth at 308-360-1881.





4-H Scholarship Applications

Box Butte County High School Seniors and 4-H Alumni please consider applying for the 4-H Scholarships.

Deadline is Friday, April 9, 2021

Scholarship Applications are located in a downloadable format at the end of the newsletter.

High School Senior Applicants: must have completed **three** years as an active 4-H member in Nebraska and be currently enrolled as an active member (a member who competes in a county 4-H contest and/or participates in a 4-H club by attending at least half of their scheduled meetings) in the Box Butte County 4-H program. If all years are not in the Box Butte county 4-H program, please indicate previous county membership.

Alumni Applicants: Must be enrolled or an alumni of the Box Butte County 4-H program and entering your sophomore, junior or senior year of college.

Dog Achievement Program

4-H is excited to present the **NEW** 4-H Dog Achievement Program for 4-H youth! This program is similar to the Diamond Clover program you all may know about.

The program consists of levels that require a young person to plan and report a broad range of age-appropriate accomplishments. For each level, the Dog Achievement program provides a list of accomplishments from which 4-H youth choose their goals. The accomplishments increase in quantity and difficulty for each level. At the beginning of the 4-H year, participants plan what to accomplish and at the end of the 4-H year, they report on their completed accomplishments. Successful completion of a level's Plan & Report form results in a 4-H youth earning that level of the Dog Achievement program.

More information can be found at: <https://4h.unl.edu/dog-achievement-program>



CASNR scholarship competition opens to current, prospective students

The College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln has announced its second annual quick-pitch scholarship competition for students who dare to dream big and do the extraordinary to address worldwide issues.

The [CASNR Change Maker Quick Pitch Competition](#) asks current and prospective CASNR students to submit a two-minute video explaining an original, innovative way to address global issues such as food security, sustainability and water use. Two current CASNR students and eight incoming freshman and transfer students will be awarded full-tuition scholarships for the 2021-22 academic year based on their submitted videos. Winning students will be matched with a mentor to make their big idea a reality.

Additionally, eight \$1,000 CASNR scholarships will be awarded to youth in the sixth through 11th grades.

"We want innovators, change-makers and future leaders to get their start right here in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources," said CASNR Dean Tiffany Heng-Moss. "This competition will reward our current students who strive to tackle these big issues. At the same time, we hope to attract new students who are in search of a college experience in which they will be encouraged and expected to challenge themselves and change the world in the process."

In Nebraska, one in four jobs is tied to agriculture and natural resources. Within CASNR, students, faculty and staff are already engaged in important work to provide food, fuel, feed and fiber to a rapidly growing world, while conserving agricultural landscapes and natural resources and maintaining quality of life for farmers and ranchers, said Mike Boehm, vice chancellor and vice president of the university's Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

"Our state's deep roots in agriculture, coupled with Nebraska's abundant natural resources and our ingenuity and grit, make CASNR the ideal and natural epicenter for nurturing the world's next generation of change-makers," Boehm said. "We want to do everything we can to build on CASNR's culture that allows students to think critically, dream big and accomplish extraordinary things."

Students who participated in the 2020-21 scholarship competition said it was an opportunity to make an impact on the world, discover and be active in their passions and show others that the possibilities are endless.

Alex Lautenschlager, a freshman fisheries and wildlife major and a recipient of a 2020-21 Change Maker scholarship, focused his project on improving accessibility at public parks.

"The Change Maker Scholarship and the CASNR community has helped me discover my passion by reinforcing what I believe in and helping me find ways to be active in my passions," he said.

The 2020-21 Change Maker recipients addressed a variety of other topics. Lydia Storm, a freshman from Lawrence, Kansas, focused her project on encouraging girls and young women to get involved in STEM programs. Cole Simmons, a freshman from Kansas City, Missouri, hopes to create an enzyme that cost-efficiently dissolves plastics to reduce landfills. A host of other innovative students have developed ideas that will make change.

Current and prospective students can apply online. Videos should be no more than two minutes long and must focus on one or more of the following issues: feeding the world; water for the future; new energy; climate and the future; biodiversity, sustainability and the environment; health; engaging diverse communities; and developing tomorrow's leaders.

The application period opened Jan. 18 and will close at noon Feb. 19. Winners will be announced in April, and winning videos will be shared on social media. The winner whose video receives the most likes will also receive a textbook scholarship.

Complete application guidelines and more information can be found online at
<https://casnr.unl.edu/casnr-change-maker-competition>.



YQCA - Youth for the Quality Care of Animals

ANYONE that is planning on exhibiting Livestock - Beef, Sheep, Goats, Pigs, Dairy, Dairy Goats, Meat Rabbits or Poultry (this includes market, breeding, bucket calves, & stocker feeders) MUST become YQCA Certified for the 2020-2021 4-H Year in order to exhibit at the County & State Fair.

This year Melissa and I will be offering 1 YQCA Instructor Led Sessions, but they will be a little earlier than normal. If the COVID dial is in the red-training will be cancelled, orange masks will be required at the training, yellow-masks will be highly recommended.

- **Monday, February 15 from 9-11 AM - Extension Office**

Instructor Led Sessions are \$3 that you pay when you register on the YQCA website:
yqca.learngrow.io.

- Tip: please log in using your family 4Honline email and password, (unless you are strictly FFA and will not enroll in 4-H).
- You will need to enroll for 4-H and be excepted through 4-HOnline prior to registering for YQCA training.

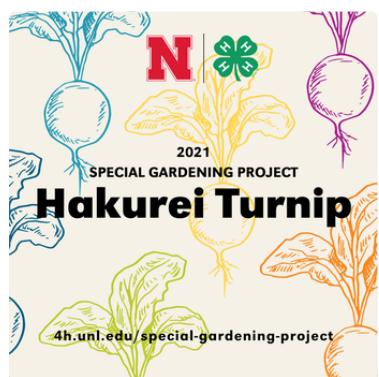
We will only be offering coupon codes for Web-Based training (\$12) this year as we are not sure if Instructor Led Sessions will be able to be held. Please call the office 762-5616 to request a code. Deadline to request a Coupon Code for Web-Based Training is March 1!

You can also complete your YQCA certification using the Web-Based training. This session is \$12, and you complete ALL 3 sessions on your own. Website to register: yqca.learngrow.io.

YQCA Certification will be due June 15, 2021

Animal Science: Inspiring Your Future Scholarship Contest

This is the inaugural year for the Animal Science: Inspiring Your Future Scholarship Contest and we will be awarding ten \$5000 scholarships. We want students to tell us their digital story about an individual or animal who has inspired them to pursue an education and career in animal science. This can be done via video, essay, pictures, a combination of those things, or really any medium that allows them to comfortably express themselves. The website link is below that lists out the contest details and link to apply and submit their digital story. All entries must be submitted by Noon on February 15th! For more information visit: <https://animalscience.unl.edu/Inspiring-Your-Future-Scholarship-Competition>



2021 Special Garden Project

The 2021 Nebraska 4-H special gardening project is focused on the tasty Hakurei Turnip! These are not your grandmother's turnips. Hakurei is a white salad turnip that is smooth, round, and at its best when harvested under 2 inches. The roots can be eaten raw or cooked and the tops can also be cooked. The special gardening project offers 4-H members an opportunity to grow fun and unusual projects in their gardens. Each year, a new plant is selected as the focus for all members enrolled in the project. Youth receive seeds that they plant and cultivate using project resources provided throughout the experience. 4-H'ers then have the opportunity to exhibit harvested vegetables or cut flowers or present their experience through a poster or report at their county fair. Youth interested in participating must enroll in the special gardening project through 4-H Online and can pick up seeds at their local

Spring 4-H Fundraiser & Silent Auction

The date we have set for right now is **Monday, March 29, 2021**. The tentative plan is just to have a drive through due to building occupancy restrictions. More to come soon!!



Important Dates to Remember

(These are not all the dates but a good start and they are subject to change)

March 1 - Web-Based YQCA Coupon Code Request Deadline

March 29 - Spring Fundraiser (subject to change)

April 9 - 4-H Scholarships Deadline (HS Seniors & Alumni)

May 20 - Sheep/Goat Weigh-in

May 27 - Swine Weigh-in

June 15 - YQCA Certification MUST be completed

June 15- Animal Ownership Affidavits (ID Sheets) for ALL Livestock (market, breeding, etc) due

June 15 - Animals MUST be tagged

June 15- Horse ID & Rabbit ID Due

June 15 - DNA Envelopes are due to the Extension Office

NEW!!!! June 15 - 4-H Enrollment Deadline for County & State Fair (more info to come)

June 15 - Nebraska State Fair Animals MUST be registered on the Show Stock Manager Website (*date could change, determined by State 4-H Office*)

July 1 - Fair Enrollment Deadline

2021 County Fair Award Sponsors Needed!

We have a few awards that need sponsors. If you would be interested, know of someone that would be interested or know of a business that would like to sponsor an awards please let me know. Email me at astevens4@unl.edu.

Awards:

- Champion Intermediate Poultry Showman (\$30)
- Champion Intermediate Dog Showman (\$30)
- Champion Senior Dairy Cow Showman (Buckle-\$125)

ARE YOU READY?

BOX BUTTE COUNTY FAIR 2021

AUGUST 1-8

BOX BUTTE COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS

*Some 4-H events will take place
prior to fair week.*



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