



## Box Butte County 4-H Update

**April-May  
2018**

### Events & Deadlines

Apr 17	4-H Council MTG	5:30 PM
Apr 21	District Speech—Panhandle @ Bridgeport, Sidney, Harrison 9 AM	
Apr 23-26	National Day of Service	
<b>Apr 24</b>	<b>Mandatory Parent/Exhibitor MTG Livestock</b> <b>@ Extension Office Alliance</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
Apr 27	EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED	
<b>Apr 30</b>	<b>Mandatory Parent/Exhibitor MTG Livestock</b> <b>@ Multipurpose Hall Hemingford</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
May 8	Extension Board MTG	5 PM
May 8	Awards Committee MTG	6 PM
May 10	Livestock Committee MTG	7 PM
May 15	4-H Council MTG	5:30 PM
May 17	Sheep/Goat Weigh-in	6-7PM
May 24	Swine Weigh-in	6-7 PM
May 28	EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED	
<b>JUNE 1</b>	<b>YQCA MUST BE COMPLETED</b> <b>BY ALL LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS</b>	
<b>JUNE 1</b>	<b>Deadline for animal Ownership Affidavit forms to be turned into the office.</b>	
<b>JUNE 1</b>	<b>DNA Envelopes for Sheep, Goat, Swine, and Feeder Calves due to office</b>	
Jun 9	Cheyenne County Beef Progress Show	
Jun 10	Sheridan County Beef/Goat/Sheep Progress Show	
<b>Jun 15</b>	<b>Volunteer Screenings Due</b>	
Jun 16	Dawes County Beef/Goat/Sheep Progress Show	
Jun 18	Western Livestock Challenge	
Jun 23	Panhandle Progress Show-Box Butte County	
Jun 25-26	PASE—Lincoln	
<b>JULY 1</b>	<b>FAIR REGISTRATIONS for all exhibits &amp; Contests Due. T-shirt orders Due</b>	
<b>JULY 1</b>	<b>Recording of mandatory parent/exhibitor meeting must be viewed if meeting was not attended</b>	
Jul 4	EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED	

### PILOT NEWSLETTERS:

I am going to try this for a little while and see if you 4-H Families like receiving newsletters this way better. This is how we got out information in my last County.

This way there are less emails, and a majority of the information is given out at one time. You can also save these to your computer, print them and hang them on your refrigerator, etc.

I will upload this to Facebook—Box Butte County Extension site, I will email them, send them out on REMIND, post them on the county website, and on 4HOnline.

Please give me your feedback if you like receiving your newsletters this way.

Thanks!

—Ashley Fenning  
4-H Assistant  
Box Butte County

The new 2018 Fair book will be up by the end of **APRIL.**

Check out our Count Website:

[boxbutte.unl.edu](http://boxbutte.unl.edu)

Make sure to check out the handbook for changes. The Foods section may look quite a bit different than it used too. The material is still similar. Read carefully!





**2018 SHEEP/GOAT WEIGH-IN**

**DATE:** Thursday May 17, 2018

**TIME:** 6 PM-7 PM

**LOCATION:** Box Butte County Fairgrounds, Hemingford, NE

**2018 SWINE WEIGH-IN**

**DATE:** Thursday May 24, 2018

**TIME:** 6 PM-7 PM

**LOCATION:** Box Butte County Fairgrounds, Hemingford, NE

- ◆ Weigh-ins are not Mandatory, but your animal will NOT be eligible for the Rate of Gain Contest.
- ◆ Affidavits can be found on the website before weigh-in, or can be filled out at weigh-in. Or affidavits can be picked up at the Extension Office.
- ◆ County Ear tags are \$1, State Fair/AKSARBEN Ear Tags are \$2.
- ◆ DNA will be pulled at weigh-in for animals being entered into the State Fair or AKSARBEN contests, and families will be responsible for nominating animals by due dates.

**4-H Speech Contest**

The state theme for the 2018 Public Service Announcement is

**"4-H Grows True Leaders"**

**Panhandle District Regional Speech/PSA Contest:** April 21, 2018 @ 9:00 AM

**Register by: April 6, 2018**

Location: via Zoom @ Bridgeport High

ESU Sites: 800 Q St. Bridgeport, NE; 1114 Toledo St, Sidney, NE; 435 Kate St, Harrison, NE.

Contact: Kelley Rice, 308-631-1483

*Reminder you must have received a Purple or Blue at the County Level Competition to be eligible for the District Contest.*

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



**REMINDER:** During enrollment, if you registered to participate in the Special Garden Project, the seeds and information packet are available at the office.



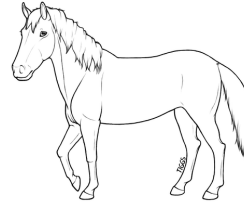
**Delft Blue Nigella Flower**



**2018 District 4-H Horse Shows**

**2018 District Dates & Sites:**

- ◆ June 13—ORD, NE
- ◆ June 14—YORK, NE
- ◆ June 20—GORDON, NE
- ◆ June 21 —CENTRAL CITY, NE
- ◆ June 22—CURTIS, NE



**Level Testing**

4-H'ers age 10 and up are eligible to compete at the District level. Level 2 testing is required and must be completed by May 11 to participate in the District and State 4-H Horse Shows. You must qualify in the following classes at one of the District shows to compete at the State 4-H Horse Show in those same classes.

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| ◆ Showmanship                  | ◆ Hunt Seat Equitation            |
| ◆ Halter                       | ◆ Western Pleasure                |
| ◆ All Cattle Classes           | ◆ Horsemanship                    |
| ◆ Hunter Hack                  | ◆ Trail                           |
| ◆ Dressage                     | ◆ 2 & 3 year old Western Pleasure |
| ◆ Advanced Hunter Under Saddle | ◆ Working Ranch                   |

**All Entries for the State Horse Show must be mailed by May 11, 2018.** Entries can be brought to the Extension Office for both District and State before the deadline. The State 4-H Horse show will be held at Foner Park July 15-19, 2018

**MANDATORY PARENT/EXHIBITOR MEETING**

**ATTENTION: FOR LARGE ANIMAL LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS AND PARENT(S)**

This year at the Box Butte County Fair, exhibitors who are enrolled and plan on doing anything with livestock are required to attend one of the offered mandatory meetings with at least one parent. The reason for these mandatory meetings is to bring parents and youth up-to-date with changes to the fair and projects, provide a refreshment of the rules and correct protocol, and more. Sally Henderson will be leading both of the meetings.

**1st Meeting: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 6:30 PM at the Box Butte County Extension Office in Alliance**

**2nd Meeting: Monday, April 30, 2018 at 6:30 PM at the Multipurpose Hall in Hemingford.**

**PLEASE** make it a priority to attend of the face-to-face meetings, but if for any reason neither of the meetings can be attended by the exhibitor **AND** the parent, a recording will be available for viewing at the Extension Office, **and MUST BE DONE BEFORE JULY 1.**

The parent and the exhibitors will receive 1 Livestock Handbook per family and will be asked to sign and date their name(s) after attending the meeting or viewing the recording.

*Exhibitors and parents who **DO NOT** sign and deliver the handbook slip to the office by **JULY 1, will NOT BE ALLOWED** to exhibit animals at the Box Butte County Fair this Year (2018).*



## **YQCA: Must be Completed by JUNE 1, 2018**

Exhibitors who are exhibiting animals including: beef, sheep, swine, meat goat, dairy cattle, dairy goat, breeding beef, rabbit, and poultry **MUST** complete the ONLINE Youth for the Quality Care of Animal certification. **ALSO**, youth in the intermediate (ages: 11-13) and senior (ages: 14-18) levels as of January 1, are able to Test-Out in their respected area. The test (s) can be taken at the Extension Office (The tests are a little difficult, so some studying may be required).

YQCA is a national multi-species quality assurance program for 4-H and FFA youth, the state of Nebraska is recognizing YQCA as the required Quality Assurance Certification that youth must take in order to show animals and sell them at the fair.

The online certification has a \$12 fee. The deadline to request a Coupon Code was March 26, 2018. For those of you that have requested a Coupon Code(s), hopefully they will be here by the end of April. For those of you who DID NOT request the code check with the office to see if any extra are available. A Coupon Code IS NOT guaranteed, and if no extras are available the exhibitor will be responsible for payment.

- ♦ To Register for YQCA you must first make sure you are enrolled on 4HOnline.
- ♦ Then visit: <http://yqca.learnrow.io> to enroll for YQCA. The fee is \$12.00 or use the Coupon Code.
- ♦ If you are having difficulty enrolling visit: [boxbutte.unl.edu](http://boxbutte.unl.edu) and click on **“GETTING YOUR YQCA CERTIFICATION”** for step by step instructions.

***Make sure to Print off or email Ashley at [astevens4@unl.edu](mailto:astevens4@unl.edu) the Certificate that is presented at the end of the training. This must be turned in by JUNE 1. Without the Certificate, the training by the youth will be considered incomplete and will not be eligible for the Box Butte County Fair this year.***

***Youth who DO NOT COMPLETE YQCA Certification will NOT be ALLOWED to exhibit Livestock at the Box Butte County Fair, State Fairs, or AKSARBEN this year (2018).***

***This is a HARD deadline, and no exceptions can be made.***



## Submitting State Fair Animal Information into AKSARBEN Livestock Database

A new and important change from past years is, exhibitors will be responsible for submitting their animal information into the AKSARBEN livestock database online themselves prior to the nomination deadline.

Online Livestock Nomination State Fair: <http://www.showstockmgr.com>

The database now has the capacity to accept animal information submitted directly by exhibitors as well as payments for the DNA process. Some step-by-step instructions can be found at: [boxbutte.unl.edu](http://boxbutte.unl.edu) under the Box Butte County Fair Tab and Additional Resources.

You will have the ability to edit incorrect information (wrong tag number, wrong birth date, etc.) *up to the deadline*. The County Extension Office will still continue to collect and mail in the DNA collectors to the AKSARBEN office by the respected deadline.

A list of what the exhibitor and the county will be responsible for can also be found at: [boxbutte.unl.edu](http://boxbutte.unl.edu)



## 4-H National Day of Service-April 23-26



This year for the National Day of Service (Saturday April 28) 4-Her's will help out our local Foster Care Systems by collecting items to donate for those in need.

Suggested items to donate include:

- \* Diapers
- \* Formula and other infant items
- \* New socks and undergarments
- \* New or Gently used clothes shoes, coats, toys, games, books, school, art supplies, backpacks, bags, tote boxes
- \* New toothbrushes and toiletry items

Children who are unexpectedly removed from their homes (for safety reasons) often have to leave with a handful of belongings and the clothes on their backs. The people who volunteer to be their temporary caregivers don't always have things on hand (clothes, bedding, toys, etc.) appropriate for the child's age group or gender. That is why this event is important to help our community!

Items can be brought into the Extension Office April 23rd-26th (the office will be closed Friday in observance of Arbor Day).

The club that gathers the most items will be rewarded with a Root Beer Float Party! Get together with your club and figure out how to collect items!

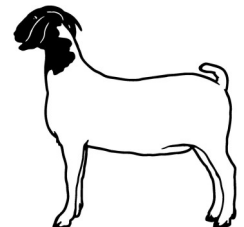
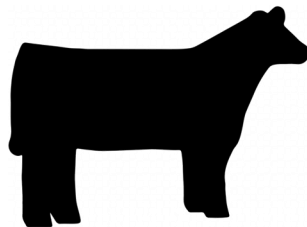
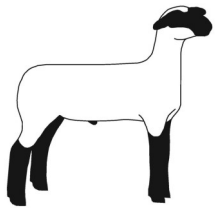
For questions please contact Ashley Fenning at [astevens4@unl.edu](mailto:astevens4@unl.edu) or 762-5616.

The flyer can be found at [boxbutte.unl.edu](http://boxbutte.unl.edu) or on the Box Butte County Facebook page.



## PROGRESS SHOWS:

If you would like more information about the progress shows around the area or others further east, please contact the Extension Office at 762-5616 or email Ashley at [astevens4@unl.edu](mailto:astevens4@unl.edu) and the flyer and registration information will be emailed to



## **2018 BOX BUTTE COUNTY FAIR DATES** **SUNDAY JULY 29—SATURDAY AUGUST 12**

**Schedule of events will be released at a later date.**



### **Help Nebraska Extension Win National 4-H Raise Your Hand Promotion**

The National 4-H Council Raise Your Hand promotion has begun! Now through May 15, the three states across the nation with the most hands raised will win \$20,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000. Nebraska wants to be in that winner circle!

Visit: <https://4-h.org/raise-your-hand> for more information and to vote for NEBRASKA!!

## **ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS**

Thank you for dedication to the 4-H Youth Development program and the youth of Nebraska. Your hard work is very much appreciated. As you know it is very important that all of the youth in 4-H are able to grow in a safe environment. All 4-H volunteers and staff who work directly with youth are screened for behavior that the University of Nebraska—Lincoln Extension determines, in its sole discretion, may present a risk to its participants. As an enrolled and screened volunteer you are protected by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln liability coverage. The confidential Volunteer Profile (4HF 104) completed by all Extension staff and volunteers who work with youth is processed by The Department of Health and Human Services and approved by officials at the University of Nebraska—Lincoln. UNL reserves the right to limit or reject an individual's participation in the 4-H program.

The steps on the new process are listed on the next page.

ALSO

Please enroll or re-enroll on 4HOnline ([ne.4honline.com](http://ne.4honline.com)) as a volunteer in order to fully prove you are a volunteer and to be covered by the University as mentioned above.



## Directions to Complete Volunteer Screening

1. If you work with youth as volunteers in 4-H, please send Ashley your name and email address so I can send it to Cathy Johnston at the State 4-H Office. (She will be paying for the screenings this year (\$2.50),  
*The one disadvantage is that DHHS are now charging \$2.50 for each check. But this year (2018) the screenings will be covered by the State. Future payment processes will be determined at a later time. This is still a very modest charge, as we look to neighbor state programs we find that most have a screening cost of \$10 to \$75.*
2. You will receive an email invitation for [DHHS.CFSCR@Nebraska.gov](mailto:DHHS.CFSCR@Nebraska.gov) Click on the URL in the email to complete the registration process. You will be redirected to the screening application.
3. Fill in your email address under Applicant's Email Address
4. Create a four digit PIN and enter under PIN. Click next. (remember this PIN)
5. Enter your First, Middle and Last Name
6. Enter Date of Birth. Click check mark in bottom left corner of box
7. Enter your Social Security Number
8. Enter your current address
9. Enter your phone number (dashes not parentheses)
10. Add other names you may have used (maiden, former married name, or nickname) or check the no other names box.
11. Add names and birthdate of children or check the no children box.
12. List all previous address and cities at which you have resided or check the no other addresses box.
13. Check the Child Abuse and Neglect Central Registry (CAN Registry) and the Nebraska Adult Protective Services Registry (APS Registry).
14. Click Submit

You will receive an email from DHHS Central Registry when your Central Registry Check has been processed. This may take up to 24 hours. To access information regarding your Central Registry check, you must enter the *Request Number and PIN* you created and on the portal website. Click on Response Letter and print for your records.

These screenings will be on a 5 year renewal rotation, unless a new volunteer wants to help, then they will have to be screened before.

## Benefits of on-line screening

- Ensures clear and accurate requests completed by volunteer.
- Eliminates the return of requests if information that is not complete or illegible. The portal will require information be placed in data fields before requests are submitted.
- Eliminates the need for the 4-H organization to view personal information in the verification identities. No one will see volunteer's social security number and it will not be stored anywhere.
- Allow online identity verification. A person's identity can be easily and quickly verified online. As an alternative to the portal, verification can be done through a notary and the request sent through the US. Postal Service.
- Using the Nebraska Central Child Abuse and Neglect Central Registry will make the process of asking for, receiving and reviewing information easier, more convenient and timelier for 4-H. (Up to 3 weeks faster)
- Remember, this process is for the **SAFETY** of our youth and for our Volunteer.