

# Butler County 4-H News

April 2023

## Dates to Remember

**Apr. 3** - 4-H Council Senior Scholarship Deadline

**Apr. 5** - 4-H Council Meeting

**Apr. 10** - YQCA Training from 10-11 am - Hwy 92 Building

**Apr. 28** - Office Closed - Arbor Day

**May 3** - County Fair Info Night - 5:15 pm Hwy 92 Bldg.

**May 5** - Horse Level Testing, Diamond Clover Goals Deadline

**May 24** - YQCA Training 10-11 am or 5-6 pm - Hwy 92 Bldg.

**May 25** - Clover Kid Workshop

**May 29** - Office Closed - Memorial Day



## 4-H Online Enrollment is Open!

Online enrollment is now open to enroll or re-enroll your 4-H'er(s) for 2023. 4-H leaders, along with Council members, are also required to enroll or re-enroll for the new year. The enrollment website is **Sign In (4honline.com)**. Google Chrome and Firefox are the recommended web browsers to use when enrolling online. Annual enrollment fee for 2023 will be \$10 per 4-H'er. Payment is required at the end of the enrollment process. If you are re-enrolling in 4-H, please DO NOT create a new enrollment. Use your email address and password from last year to log into and re-enroll.

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## 4-H Council Scholarship for Graduating Seniors

Butler County 4-H Council offers scholarships to graduating seniors. Forms can be found online by visiting [4-H Newsletters | Nebraska Extension \(unl.edu\)](#). **Complete applications are due by April 3, by 5:00 pm to the Butler County Extension Office.**



April 9



Office Closed - April 28

## Diamond Clover Program

The 4-H Diamond Clover Recognition Program is designed to complement our dynamic 4-H tradition in a noncompetitive way and recognize the accomplishments of 4-H members from 8-19 years of age.

To learn more about the program or to obtain a level form online, go to [Diamond Clover | Nebraska 4-H](#).

Butler County 4-H'ers interested in this program are **REQUIRED** to turn in their goal/accomplishment plan sheet by Friday, May 5 to the Extension Office. Final reports are due Friday, October 6. In order to receive recognition and the level award, 4-H'ers **MUST** meet both deadlines with the respective forms.

## County Fair Updates

### County Fair Theme:

- Wild and Free in '23! - The interpretation will be shared soon for hay bale decorating!

### County Fair Schedule Changes:

- **July 6**
  - Culinary Challenge - 10 am
  - Fashion Show - 2 pm - Modeling will be **JUDGED** at the Fashion Show!
  - Exhibit Hall Set-Up
- **July 8**
  - Fairgrounds Clean-Up
- **July 11**
  - Butler County 4-H Horse Show - 8 am
- **July 12**
  - Beef Check-In/Weigh-In - 8-9 pm
- **July 15**
  - Beef Show - 8 am
- **July 16**
  - Livestock **AND** Static Release - 6 pm

## Enrollment Drawing

Starting January 31, each month we will have a drawing for those who enrolled in 4-H prior to the end of each month! We will have prizes such as gift cards to local businesses, 4-H swag and a free 4-H workshop!

Drawings will be held at the end of each month in January, February, March, April and May. Get enrolled today! The final enrollment deadline

is June 15.



# Save the Date!

## Butler County Fair Information Night Wednesday, May 3 | 5:15 pm Highway 92 Building

Any 4-H Club Leader/Volunteer or 4-H Parents (old or new) are welcome to attend! We highly encourage each club have at least one representative at the meeting.

We will be sharing a variety of information specific to the fair, while also having relevant forms available for pick up!



### Looking Ahead:

- June 2:** Butler County Livestock Judging Contest
- June 15:** YQCA, 4-H Enrollment, Livestock ID, County Fair Entry, State Fair Nomination Deadlines
- June 21-22:** Premier Animal Science Event - Lincoln
- June 23:** Premier Communication Event - Lincoln
- June 29:** Plant Science & Entomology Contests - Columbus
- June 30:** Livestock Showmanship Clinic



### 4-H Communication Event

Fourteen Butler County 4-H Youth competed on Sunday, March 26 in the Communication Event held with Colfax and Platte Counties. The event includes Prepared Speech, PSA, Illustrated Presentation and Video contests. Congratulations to all our youth on their awards!

#### Clover Kids:

- Izabela Polivka, Amya Stephens, Rosie Zook

#### Novice Speech:

- Isabel Svoboda - Blue; Eeva Watts - Purple & Champion

#### Junior Speech:

- Keali Watts - Purple & Champion

#### Intermediate Speech:

- Cecilia Svoboda - Blue

#### Video Communication:

- \*\*Nate Moravec - Purple & Champion; Paxton Zook - Blue

#### Novice PSA:

- Eeva Watts - Blue; Keali Watts - Purple & Champion

#### Intermediate PSA:

- \*\*Levi Moravec - Purple & Champion; Ben Zook - Blue

#### Senior PSA:

- \*\*Quintessa Moravec - Purple & Champion

#### Illustrated Presentation:

- \*\*Aubree Siffring - Purple & Champion
- \*\*Levi & Quintessa Moravec - Purple & Reserve Champion
- Grace Zook - Blue
- Keali Watts - Red

\*\*Congratulations to the denoted individuals for qualifying for the Premier Communication Event held in Lincoln on Friday, June 23, 2023.



# Around the Barn

## Butler County 4-H Livestock Program Related Updates and Information

### Nebraska State Fair Nominations

**NEW:** All 4-H/FFA **BREEDING** livestock, **MARKET** livestock and **FEEDER CALVES** will now be required to submit a DNA sample/envelope to be eligible to exhibit at the Nebraska State Fair. These envelopes will accompany the online nomination. Envelopes are due on June 15, 2023 and can be picked up at the Butler County Extension Office. Questions? Contact Aliesha Meusch at 402-367-7410.

### Horse 4-H Program

**NEW:** Participation in a **District 4-H Horse Show** will **NOT** be required to participate in the **State 4-H Horse Show**. This means that **Districts** will no longer be held - being replaced by **the clinics**. Learning opportunities will be provided to horse program youth from the State 4-H Horse Program throughout the summer in the form of workshops and clinics in preparation for the State 4-H Horse Show. Keep watch for more information as it comes!

**NEW:** The speed/game events at the Butler County Fair 4-H Horse Show will be split into three divisions instead of two. Divisions are: Junior (8-11), Intermediate (12-14) and Senior (15-18).

### Butler County Feeder Calves

Any Feeder Calf Heifers or Steers that plan to be exhibited **MUST** be born between January 1, 2023 through April 2023.

### Beef and Swine Ear Tags

**NEW:** Beginning this year, beef and swine **county** ear tags will cost \$1/tag to purchase. This change is due to the swine identification process changing. EID tags for State Fair for both beef and swine are \$2.50/tag to purchase.

### Swine Identification and Weigh-In Process

**NEW:** Swine will now be required to have tags in their ear by the **June 15 ID Sheet Deadline**. This is to streamline the weigh-in process during the Butler County Fair Weigh-In. As stated above, tags will be \$1/tag for county tags. **Ear notches will NOT be accepted as a form of identification for swine moving forward.**



## State Fair Livestock Nominations

State Fair Nominations will be online again this year and nominations are now open via [www.showstockmgr.com](http://www.showstockmgr.com). State Fair tags and DNA envelopes are available at the Extension Office. The deadline for **ALL** online nominations and DNA envelopes returned to the Extension Office is **June 15**.

## Youth for Quality Care of Animals - YQCA

Quality Assurance will be offered through the program YQCA, Youth for the Quality Care of Animals again this year! Aliesha Meusch will be offering **face-to-face sessions** at the Highway 92 Building and is available to conduct training at club meeting as her schedule allows. You can contact Aliesha at [aliesha.meusch@unl.edu](mailto:aliesha.meusch@unl.edu) to set up a time. The deadline for quality assurance is **June 15**. Certificates are due to Aliesha in order to have a confirmation training was completed. **NEW:** There will be no reimbursement for YQCA this year! If you can't attend in-person, you can attend a surrounding county or complete the training online.

Registering for quality assurance will be online at <https://yqcaprogram.org/>, using the Family 4-H Online login information for active youth. If you are in both 4-H and FFA, please register through the 4-H login option. Face-to-face sessions cost \$3 and online sessions cost \$12. This is paid online when you register. Youth will need to register online prior to coming to the face-to-face session. Face-to-face sessions will last at least one hour. **When registering for YQCA online - youth will need to complete a pre-test prior to attending the training and a post-test in order to access their certificate after training completion. Youth only need to attend ONE training to obtain certification.** Trainings will be held at the Highway 92 Building.

Saturday, March 18

10 - 11 am

Monday, April 10

10 - 11 am

Wednesday, May 24

10 - 11 am

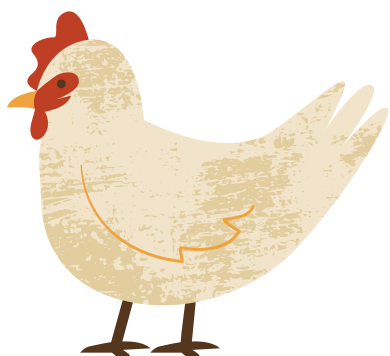
Wednesday, May 24

5 - 6 pm

## 4-H Livestock Achievement Program

Excited to announce another year of the Nebraska 4-H Livestock Achievement Program. This additional opportunity for 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.

For more information about the program or the process, go to: [Livestock Achievement Program](#).



## Butler County 4-H Broilers

Interested in raising broiler chickens for the Pen of 3 Broiler Project at the 2023 Butler County Fair? Let us know by Monday, April 17 so we can get the birds ordered. The sooner you let us know, the better! We get the ordering done for you and you get to raise them! Questions? Contact the Extension Office at 402-367-7410.



# Butler County Summer Workshops

## Clover Kids:

- Clover Kid Workshop - May 25
- Animal Science
- First Aid/Safety
- Dairy Tasting/Veggie Painting
- 'Around the World' Fun Day - June 16

## 4-H Workshops:

- Woodworking
- Welding
- Bone Creek - June 1
- Sewing - Pillow Case
- Bake and Zooms - 101, 201, 301 + 401
- Hot Mess Canvas
- Mason Jar Lamp
- Photography
- T-Shirt Bag
- GPS
- Ag Innovators - Drone
- Pinata
- Fun Day - June 16
- Fashion Show - June 28

**Workshops are throughout June 5- June 16 (unless otherwise stated)**

**Workshop registration and final dates, times, location, etc. will be available in May!**



## 2023 Butler County 4-H and FFA Livestock Identification Guidelines

Market Animals	Due Date	County Fair Only	State Fair
Market Beef	June 15	4-H Tag & ID Sheet	EID Tag, DNA envelope & online nomination
Market Swine	June 15	4-H Tag, ID Sheet & Premise ID	EID Tag, DNA envelope & online nomination
Market Sheep	June 15	Scrapie Tag and ID Sheet	Scrapie Tag, DNA envelope & online nomination
Market Goat	June 15	Scrapie Tag and ID Sheet	Scrapie Tag and DNA & online nomination

**All livestock with an EID tag must have a Premise ID on record at the Extension Office.**

**State Fair:** Animal information must be nominated, paid for and submitted via [www.showstockmgr.com](http://www.showstockmgr.com) by the exhibitor family on or before June 15. NE State Fair entries can be made at [www.statefair.org](http://www.statefair.org) on or before August 10 at 8:00 pm. Any market animal submitting a nomination for State Fair must have a Premise ID.

Breeding Animals	Due Date	County Fair Only	State Fair
Breeding Beef – <i>Registered</i>	June 15	Tattoo, Registration Papers & ID Sheet	Tattoo, Registration Papers, DNA envelope & online nomination.
Breeding Beef – <i>Commercial</i>	June 15	4-H Tag OR Tattoo & ID Sheet	Tattoo OR EID Tag, DNA envelope & online nomination.
Breeding Swine – <i>State Fair Only</i>	June 15	<b>None</b>	EID Tag, DNA envelope & online nomination.
Breeding Sheep	June 15	Scrapie Tag and ID Sheet	Scrapie Tag, DNA envelope & online nomination.
Breeding Goat	June 15	Scrapie Tag and ID Sheet	Scrapie Tag, DNA envelope & online nomination

Other	Due Date	County Fair Only	State Fair
Horse	May 5: <b>District/State</b>		ID Sheets with pictures, left & right sides and head.
Horse	June 15: <b>County Fair</b>	ID Sheet with drawings/pictures.	
Feeder Calf	June 15	4-H Tag & ID Sheet	EID Tag, DNA envelope & online registration
Bucket Calf	June 15	4-H Tag & ID Sheet	<b>None</b>
Rabbit	August 10	<b>None</b>	Tattoo by entry Aug. 10