

Butler County 4-H News

January 2023

Dates to Remember

- Jan. 2** - New Year's Day
Observed - Office Closed
- Jan. 4** - 4-H Council Meeting
at 7 pm
- Jan. 16** - Martin Luther King Jr.
Day - Office Closed
- Jan. 23** - 4-H Club Leader
Training
- Jan. 31** - 4-H Club Treasurer's
Report Due
- Feb. 15** - Coloring Contest
Entries Due to Office - **can
mail, email or drop off**
- Feb. 17** - Wear 4-H Shirt to
School
- Feb. 20** - President's Day -
Office Closed



Celebrate NE 4-H Month!

February is Nebraska 4-H Month! Join us in a month of celebrations! **Friday, Feb. 17 is wear your 4-H Shirt to School Day.** There will be a coloring contest for all members - with divisions for Clover Kid (5-7), Junior (8-11) Intermediate (12-14) and Senior (15-18) - all ages as of Jan. 1. **Coloring pages are included in the newsletter or can be picked up at the office. Deadline for submissions is February 15.** We will also have a social media campaign on our Facebook page and locker signs heading to the schools - so keep an eye out!

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Save The Date



4-H Leader Training
Jan. 23 | 5:30 pm | Hwy 92 Bldg.

4-H Leader Training

Save the date for Monday, January 23 for the 2023 Butler County 4-H Leader Training! The training is open to 4-H club leaders, volunteers, independent families, etc. One 4-H club leader from each club should plan to attend. Changes to the program for 2023 will be shared, along with dates to remember, workshops and more.

A meal will be served from 5:30-5:45 pm and the training will begin at 5:45. **RSVP to the Extension Office by Friday, January 20.**

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.

4-H Online

Login Email

Password

Sign in

Don't have an account?

Reset password?

IMPORTANT!

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 start your re-enrollment for this year.

Enrollment Drawing

Starting January 31, each month we will have a drawing for those who enrolled in 4-H prior to that date! We will have prizes such as gift cards to local businesses, 4-H swag and carnival wristbands. Drawings will be held at the end of each month in January, February, March, April and May. Get enrolled today!

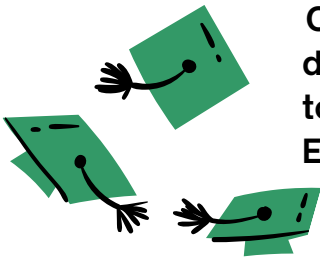
Welcome New 4-H Council Members!

We are looking forward to welcoming three new youth members and one adult member to the Butler County 4-H Council.

- Rylie Carter
- Isabella Wagner
- Finley Zook
- Tiffany Allen

4-H Council Scholarship for Graduating Seniors

Butler County 4-H Council offers scholarships to graduating seniors. The scholarship application includes a registration form, a one-page essay and a completed 4-H Annual Award Application. Forms can be found online by visiting [4-H Newsletters | Nebraska Extension \(unl.edu\)](#). Applications are also available at the Extension office. Questions? Contact us at 402-367-7410.



Complete applications are due by April 3, by 5:00 pm to the Butler County Extension Office.

2023 Special Garden Project - Mrs. Burns' Lemon Basil

This project is open to all youth of 4-H age and it will give them the opportunity to learn about growing, harvesting, and exhibiting this unique herb.

The Special Gardening Project lets 4-H members try their hand at growing unusual vegetables, flowers, and herbs. The project allows experienced 4-H gardeners to grow something fun, new, and different while letting those new to gardening get their feet wet in this project area.

The focus of the 2023 project is Mrs. Burns' Lemon Basil. This herb can be used multiple ways. Lemon basil has a unique lemon flavor can be added to any recipe or to cut flower arrangements to add scent and interest.

Enroll in the Special Garden Project on 4-H Online. Class is PS: Horticulture (D) - Special Garden Project. [Contact the Extension Office to order seeds by Wednesday, January 18.](#)

4-H Club Treasurer Reports

All Butler County 4-H Clubs are required to complete a YEAR END Treasurer's Report. The reports can be found by visiting [End of Year Treasurer Report.pdf \(unl.edu\)](#). Reports are due **January 31, 2023.**

Nebraska State Fair

With each new State Fair season, brings new possibilities and opportunities for 4-H families in Nebraska. The opportunity for 4-H to continue having its own weekend allows more flexibility for new events, entry limits, schedules, and space. We want to continue to take advantage of that!

As part of that process, we continue to explore age eligibility requirements for State Fair participation. After garnering user input, researching data from other events/shows/states, and looking that overall impact on youth development, the decision has been made to change **the age of eligibility in 2023 to be 9 years of age before January 1 (of the current year) for all in-person events (livestock, contests, fashion shows).**



Photo courtesy of Johnny's Selected Seeds



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4-H Youth Leadership Conference

New Date, New Location
For High School Age Youth



YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Date: June 19 -21, 2023
Location: Camp Comeca,
Cozad, NE



Office Closed Jan. 16



Office Closed Feb. 20



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 Aliessa 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!



Adventure Together 2023

ADVENTURE TOGETHER ACROSS NEBRASKA WITH 4-H CAMP



Chadron

June 5-9

Experience Nebraska via horseback, hiking, and with a trip down the Super Slide! Then see the prehistoric Agate Fossil Beds for a week of exploring Nebraska's wilderness; both past and present.



Cozad

June 16-20

Challenge yourself with high ropes, zipline, and a rock wall! Work together with your new friends for a canoeing adventure, and round out your day with gaga and 9 square in the air!



Ashland

June 26-29

Have an "in-tents" outdoor adventure at Mahoney State Park. Cook by the campfire, explore the tree canopy on the ropes course, and make a splash going down the slide at the pool!



Burwell

July 16-20

Explore the flora and fauna with a week on the river front! Explore the North Loup River, go geocaching, tracking, and don't forget about playing an epic game of capture the flag!



Louisville

July 27-30

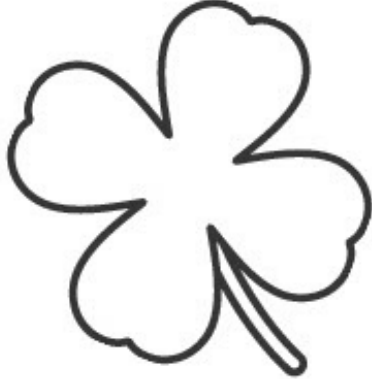
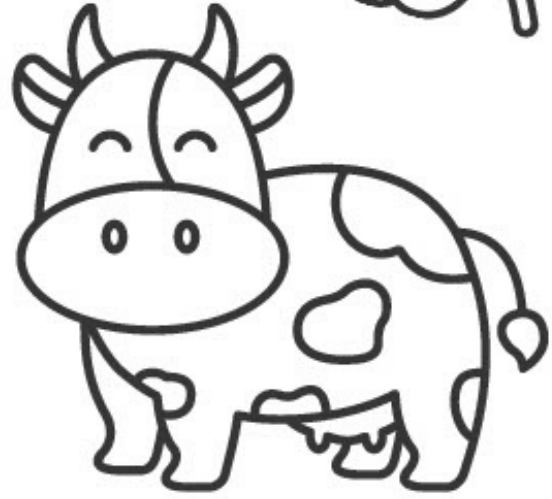
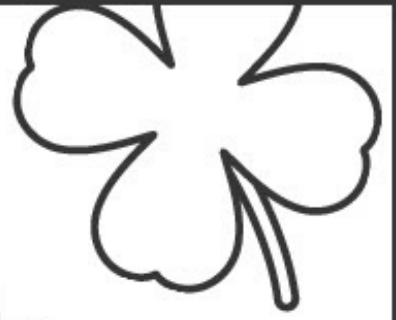
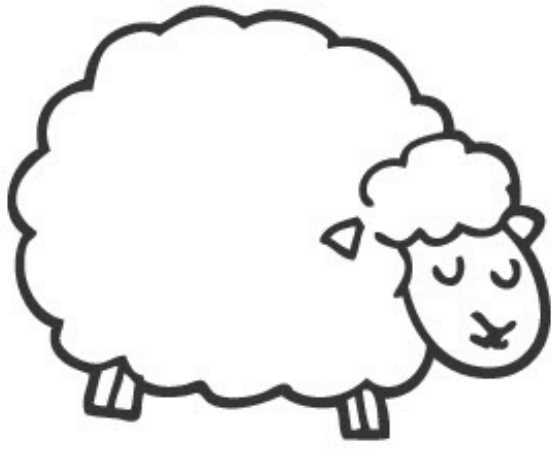
Close out the summer with an "in-tents" experience at Platte River State Park. Practice your aim at the archery range, investigate the aquatic life at Crawdad Creek, and enjoy s'mores and songs with your new friends!



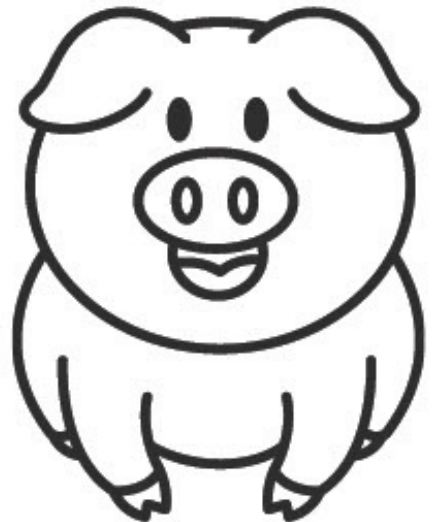
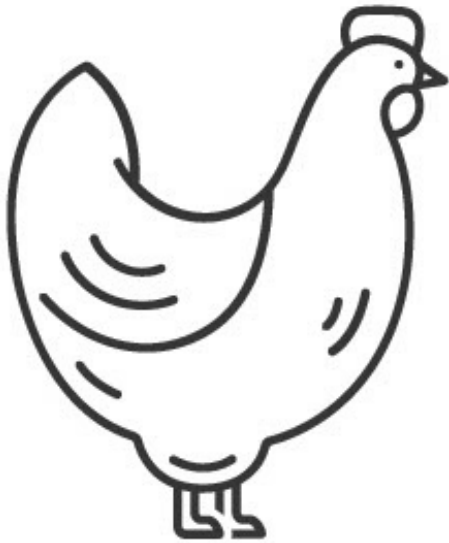
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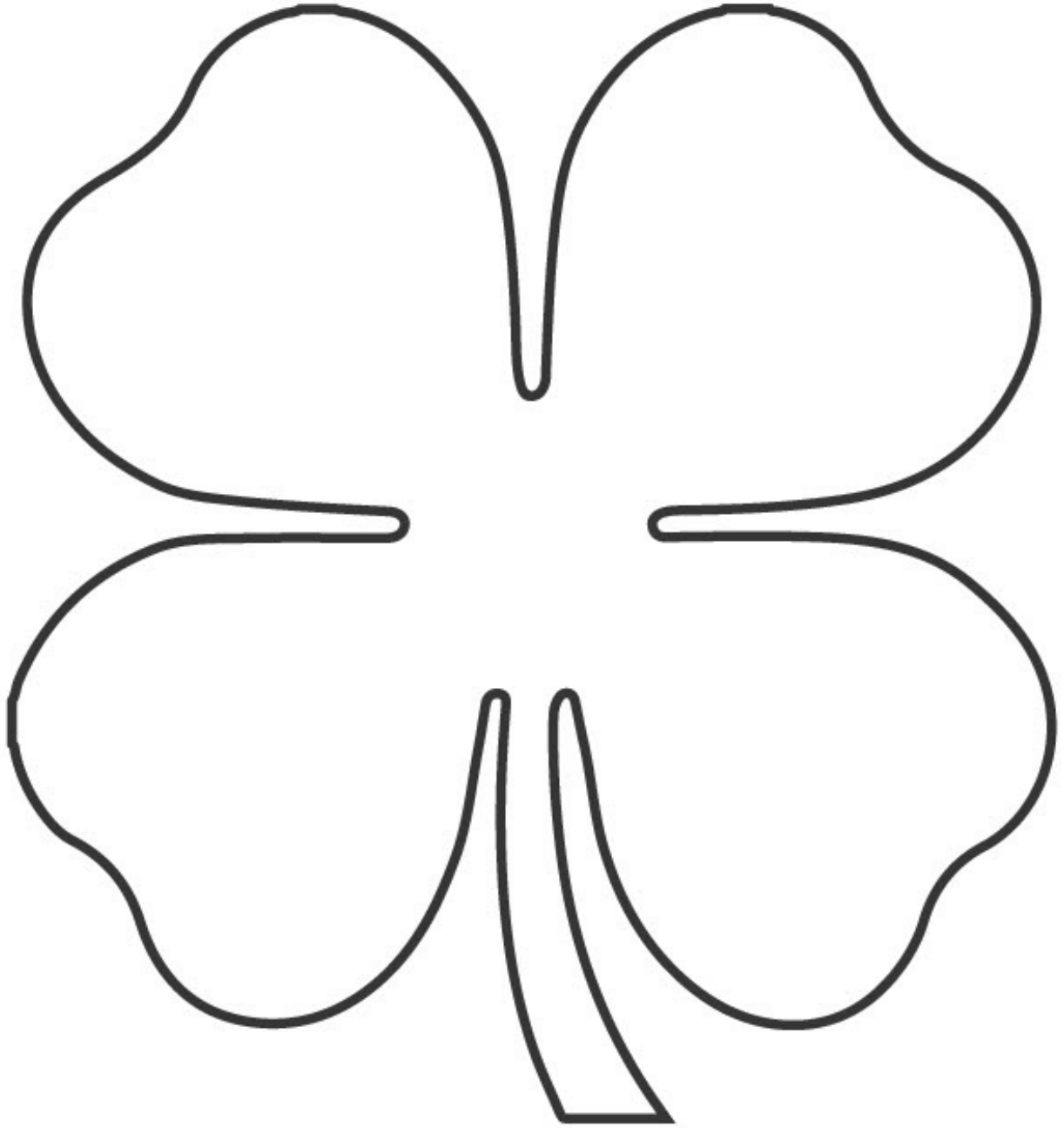
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Clover Kid and Junior (5-11 as of Jan. 1)



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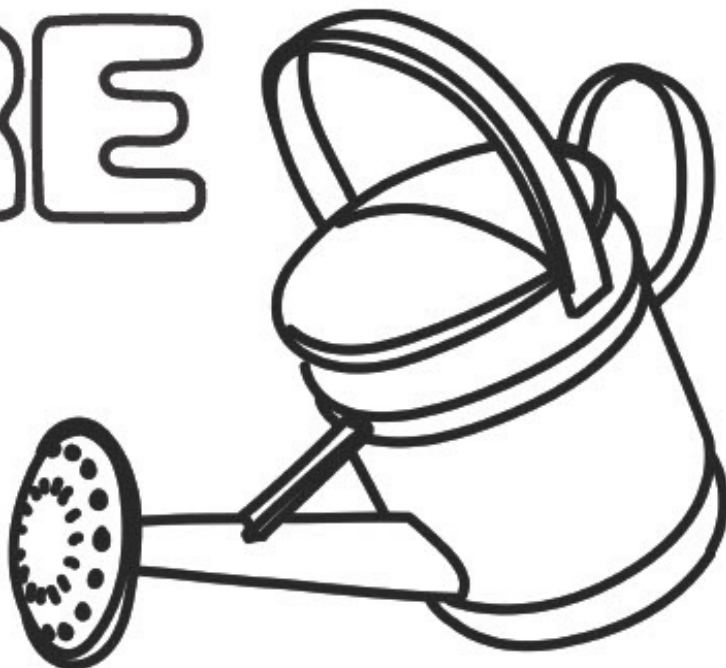
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4-H GROWS HERE



PASE

Premier Animal Science Event University of Nebraska-Lincoln June 21-22

Must be 10 by January 1 to participate

Anyone who is interested - let Aliessa know so we can begin practices!

Livestock Judging

- Two divisions (10-13, 14-18)
- Up to 10 person teams/division
- Up to 8 individuals/division

Livestock Quiz Bowl

- Two divisions (10-13, 14-18)
- 4 person teams/division
- Up to 1 alternate/team

Poultry Judging

- No age divisions
- Up to 4 person teams
- Up to 10 individuals

Livestock Skill-a-thon

- Two divisions (10-13, 14-18)
- Up to 5 person teams/division

Meats Judging

- No age divisions
- Up to 4 person teams
- Up to 10 individuals

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