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Happy Fall Cass County 4-H!



I hope you're all enjoying the season! It's crazy to think that county fair was already a month ago! Congratulations to all Cass County 4-Hers for their accomplishments. You should be very proud of yourselves for showcasing all of the hard work you put in during the year. Thank you to all our 4-H volunteers, the Cass County 4-H Council, and the Cass County Ag Society for all you do to make the Cass County Fair one of the best.

We hope that you all can join us at the Achievement Party October 29th to recognize our members and volunteers great successes. Come join the fun!

Best,
Lauren Neels, 4-H Extension Educator



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ACHIEVEMENT PARTY

The 2023 Cass County 4-H Achievement Party will be held October 29, 2023 from 2pm to 4pm at the Cass County Fairgrounds.



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.





CASS COUNTY 4-H NOTES



- 4-H enrollment will open mid October - **you must re-enroll each year**. Please update your email, phone numbers or address when re-enrolling if needed. Enrollment deadline is June 15 - This is a State 4-H deadline we can not change this.
- **4HOnline** is where you enroll in 4-H and select all the project areas you are interested in.
- **Showworks** is fair project entry. Showworks normally opens the end of June - beginning of July. Livestock entry closes about a week before Static entries.
- Static Entries are all non-animal exhibits, they are entered, judged and displayed in the 4-H Exhibit Hall.
- All youth showing Beef, Dairy Cattle, All Goats, Sheep, Swine, Poultry and Rabbits must complete YQCA training. Watch for more information in the 4HFridayNewsBlast.
- Livestock/Animals will need to be tagged or tattooed depending on species requirements.
- The Cass County 4-H Premium Book is not the same as Cass County Fair Open Class Book. While there are similarities, they are different. Cass County Open Class also puts out a tri-folder calendar of fair events, mainly Open Class events and times. The Cass County 4-H Premium Book is only available at the Cass County Extension Office and online.
- Cass County Extension Staff **DO NOT** judge any contests, static projects or livestock projects. We hire judges from the 4-H State Office list of approved judges.
- Judges placings are final and can not be protested.
- Registration for contests, and most workshops will be done in 4HOnline using the "Events" tab. You must be registered to participate in the contest or workshop.
- Deadlines to register, submit paperwork, etc. will be enforced. If you have problems let us know, do not wait until the deadline has past. Late registration and/or late paperwork may result in being docked a ribbon placing or not being able to participate in the event.
- 4-H Cake Auction is for regular 4-H age youth (8-18) **No Clover Kids**. 4-Hers must enter at least one exhibit in the 4-H section of the Cass County Fair to participate.
- The 4HFridayNewsBlast is a weekly newsletter emailed out every Friday, **PLEASE** read this email, it contains updates, deadline dates, changes that need to be made and other important information. Please check your spam folder as it may be sent there. If you do not receive the 4HFridayNewsBlast please email Tammy @tcavanaugh2@unl.edu.
- Once 4-H projects are on display in the 4-H Exhibit Hall **do not handle the projects or ribbon packets**. Our volunteers spend a great deal of time and effort staging the 4-H Exhibit Hall to look great. Let's keep it that way!
- Remember 4-H is a process, it is HIGHLY recommended that you start a project at Level 1 and work your way up as years go by. Once you exhibit in Level 3, you are not eligible to exhibit in Level 1 or Level 2 during your 4-H career.



4-H Expanded Learning Opportunities



What are 4-H Expanded Learning Opportunities? Expanded Learning Opportunities are learning experiences offered to students during school and after school hours, by local 4-H educators. 4-H clubs, Homeschools are also welcome to participate in these programs. These programs are designed to enhance the subject matter being studied in the classroom, provide hands-on education, introduce a new topic to students, or spark a new interest!

More information on our website!





REMINDER

The primary goal of the 4-H Program is to help youth develop competency in their projects, confidence in themselves and others, connections to their community and sound character. Actions by persons (Parents, and 4-Her's) involved with the 4-H Program will be consistent with the six core ethical values comprising good character: **trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, caring, fairness and citizenship.**



*****BE SURE TO CASH YOUR AUCTION CHECKS! *****

- **LIVESTOCK ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOV 20TH @ 5:30PM – CASS COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**
- **4-H COUNCIL MEETING NOV 20TH @ 7PM – CASS COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE**



What do the 4-H ribbon colors mean?

In 4-H, we use the Danish System of recognition to recognize and reward young people for their efforts and projects. This system uses colors to signify different award levels.

Purple = Superior

A purple is awarded to entries that meet and far exceed the average standards established for that particular class. The exhibit or workmanship is outstanding with minimal flaws.

Blue = Excellent

A blue is awarded to entries that exceed the average standard. The exhibit and workmanship meet the standards of the purple ribbon but have a few flaws.

Red = Good

A red is awarded to entries that meet or are slightly below the average standard established for that class. The exhibit and workmanship meet expectations but have multiple flaws.

White = Fair

A White ribbon is the most misunderstood ribbon in 4-H competition. A white ribbon means the exhibit does not meet all minimum standards and improvements are recommended. It DOES NOT mean the exhibit isn't worthwhile!



2023-2024 4-H ENROLLMENT

4HOnline enrollment for 2023-2024 year will open mid October. Watch the 4-H Friday NewsBlast for date and link to enroll! Email Tammy @ tcavanaugh2@unl.edu with questions.

Be on the watch for Fall/Winter Workshops and take home kits! Mirissa is working on creating fun and engaging workshops and kits! Email Mirissa @ mscholting2@unl.edu with any questions.



Be sure to send out your Thank You Cards for fair awards!





CINNAMON SUGAR PITA CHIPS

- Ingredients:
- 4 Pita Pockets or Pita bread
 - 4 tablespoons butter
 - 2 tablespoons sugar
 - 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon



1. Pre-heat your oven to 350.
2. Spread both sides of each pita with butter.
3. Sprinkle sugar & cinnamon on one side of each piece of pita.
4. Cut into small pieces using a pizza cutter or knife.
5. Spread on a baking sheet, do not overlap.
6. Bake for 10 minutes, remove from oven and ENJOY!



Interested in volunteering ? We are here to help you get started!!

Scan for more info!



Or check the website:
<https://4h.unl.edu/volunteer>



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Let's socialize! Be the first to know what is happening with the Cass County 4-H. Join our online community, stay in the know and get instant updates and news!



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