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DEADLINES:

Make project changes or enroll with late fee April 1

State Fair Market Beef entered at www.showstockmgr.com by JUNE 15

Nebraska Horse Community, Let's Unite to Help Each Other. Kathy Anderson at UNL is coordinating an effort to get help to horse owners who need it. If you are a horse owner in **need of help** please contact UNLhorse on Facebook or kanderson1@unl.edu and we will try to get you help. This could be cleaning up, doing stalls, feeding, horse care, hauling, whatever. If you are **willing to help** someone in need – also use those same means to contact her. She will also be gathering resources from various places regarding helping horses and flooding for your use. We have all seen the tremendous devastation to our state and know we can help each other out. #NebraskaStrong

The 2019 Big Red Summer Academic Camps, to be held June 9-14, 2019, are just around the corner! New camp for 2019 is Animation! Also offered for this summer are: Engineering, Outdoor Nebraska, Unicameral Youth Legislature, Filmmaking, Teaching, Veterinary Science and Weather and Climate Science. More information about Big Red Camps is also available online at <https://4h.unl.edu/big-red-camps>. Early Bird registration ends April 15, 2019.

Pitzer horse judging contest is May 29 in Ericson. For more information, go to <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/central4/EventFlyers/5-29-20194-H%20Horse%20Judging%20Contest%20-%20Pitzer%20Ranch.pdf>

4HOnline is now open to take 4-H enrollment for the 2019 fair season at <https://ne.4honline.com>. Clubs and projects are cleared out for each individual so you will be starting from scratch. To view the 2019 4-H Project Listing go to <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/central4/Central-IV-4H-Projects-Listing-2019%20%28002%29.pdf>. Registration deadline is April 1 with a late fee charge of \$10. Dues need paid by April 1.

Seniors – March is the month many 4-H scholarships are due. Applications with deadlines listed are available at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/central4/4hforms/>. Scroll almost to the bottom to find the list.

If you are in need of project manuals, let us know. Each office has most of the manuals in stock.

Youth ages 8-18 who will show beef, sheep, swine, goats, market broilers or market fryer rabbits at any fair are required to complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training each year. Training can be completed face-to-face or online. Go to <https://yqca.learnrow.io/account/login> to register for face-to-face training or to complete online training. Instructions on how to sign up for all the trainings are posted at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/central4/4hforms/>. Age divisions are as follows: junior 8-11, intermediate 12-14, senior 15-18. Youth must be registered in 4-H before it will allow them to register for YQCA trainings. Face-to-face trainings with Doug Anderson are on **April 22** at the Central Valley School in Greeley at 8:30 am; the Valley County Fair Grounds in Ord at 1:30 pm; and at St. Josaphat's Parish Hall in Loup City at 6:00 pm.

Every county in Central IV will have their own horse show for fair.

The 2019 Nebraska Beef Ambassador Contest information is on our website at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/central4/EventFlyers/2019%20BA%20Rules%20Registration.pdf>. Registration is due May 31.

Dog classes will be held Thursdays from 7-8 pm beginning March 21 in the 4-H Building at the Sherman County Fairgrounds. Contact Ann Teply with any questions you may have 308-730-2773.

You can find information for the 3rd Annual Tack Swap & Fun Run Jackpot Barrel Race on March 24 in Merrick County at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/central4/Flyers/>

The horse advisory committee have made several changes to the 2019 4-H horse program. You can find a list of the changes on our website at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/central4/2019-horse-program-changes/>

A Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop is scheduled for April 6-7 at the Merrick County Fairgrounds in Central City. The deadline to register for the Central City training is March 27th. Volunteers have the opportunity to become certified as an adult (21 years and older) or apprentice (14-20 years old) leader. Six project areas will be offered at the Workshop - rifle, shotgun, and archery. The

registration fee is \$110.00 per person for initial certification and those individuals adding an additional discipline and \$90 for apprentice training. This fee includes meals, supplies and program materials. The registration fee after March 27th is \$160. Participants must make their own lodging arrangements. Registration on Saturday runs from 8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

For animals to compete at State Fair/AkSarBen, they must be nominated at www.showstockmgr.com. You will pay a \$7 fee online for market animals and there is a \$2 online fee for breeding animals. The fees are to be paid online. Instructions for inputting your animal information is available on our website at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/central4/IDSheets/2018%20NE%20Online%20Nomination%20Step-By-Step%20Instructions.pdf>

Registration is now open for 2019 summer camps! New in 2019, the Eastern Nebraska 4-H Center will be exclusively offering weeklong day camps for youth ages 6-15. Additionally, chartered transportation will be available from Gretna and Grand Island for several camps at the Nebraska State 4-H Camp in Halsey. https://4h.unl.edu/camps-centers/summer-camp?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email. Early bird pricing ends April 15th (use code: earlybird2019). Camp flyers and limited numbers of camp brochures are available in the Central IV offices. Not in the brochure is the Eastern Nebraska Adventure Day at 4-H Camp. It will take place Saturday, June 15 from 10 am-4 pm for campers age 6-12. Cost is \$35 per person which includes an adult meal. Adults are not required. Here is the direct link to register:

<http://www.ultracamp.com/info/sessiondetail.aspx?idCamp=381&campCode=4hc&idSession=220249>.

Stay informed this 4-H season with reminders from remind.com. You can now sign up for your county class on www.remind.com and get reminders specific to your county. <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/central4/join-your-county-class-on-remind/>

The [Jeffrey S. Raikes School of Computer Science and Management](http://www.raikes.unl.edu) at the [University of Nebraska–Lincoln](http://www.unl.edu) is pleased to announce a summer learning opportunity for high school students. Students who are interested in learning more about computer science and innovation are encouraged to apply to Innovate: The Raikes School Way and Girls Who Innovate: The Raikes School Way. The University of Nebraska–Lincoln will host this event July 7-20, 2019. Cost is \$525 and a limited need-based scholarship opportunities are available. The application deadline is March 29. More details and application materials are available at <https://raikes.unl.edu/summerworkshops>.

Each Central IV Extension office has FREE garden seed to give away...for asparagus, zucchini, and everything in between. The seed is from 2018 but should germinate fine. Feel free to stop in, browse through the assortment and take what you can use.

Through [Farm Credit Services of America's Working Here Fund](#), organizations in Nebraska can apply online for community involvement grants. Grants are awarded of up to \$2,000 and \$10,000 each for projects and organizations that make a positive, long-term impact in the areas of Agriculture Education, Young and Beginning Producers, and Hunger and Nutrition. Applications can be completed online at www.fcsamerica.com/workingherefund. Grants are determined based on the specific selection criteria. The second grant application period for the \$2,000 grants will run January 1 through March 31, 2019, and the \$10,000 grant application period will run January 1 through June 30, 2019.

Ord will host a district horse show June 12, 2019

The Aksarben Stock Show will transition to junior livestock show format in 2019. Under the junior show model, youth from nine to 19 years of age are eligible for the competition with no prerequisite of youth organization affiliation. This allows for more junior exhibitors to show at Aksarben. Rules for the 2019 event will be written by Aksarben Stock Show management, versus the previous system of rules within each state operating independently. The Aksarben Stock Show will be held Sept 26-29, 2019 in Grand Island, NE. For more information visit <http://AksarbenStockShow.com>.

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