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DEADLINES:

Central IV Contest Day sign up March 15

Make project changes or enroll with late fee April 1

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

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.

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.

Nebraska 4-H uses the Diamond Clover program to recognize members for setting and completing goals. The program consists of six levels. For each level, the program provides a list of accomplishments from which 4-H youth choose their goals. The plan portion of the Diamond Clover forms must be completed at the beginning of the year in order to receive recognition at the end of the year. Now is the perfect time! Learn more at https://4h.unl.edu/diamond-clover?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email

Scotia will host the Central IV contest day on March 23 at 9 am for public speaking, presentations, favorite foods and the culinary challenge. Please register your events with the extension office by March 15. We will need the 4-H'ers name, age, title of speech or presentation.

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 in Merrick County March 24 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>

Dr. Sheila Purdum and Brett Kreifels will be hosting a poultry judging clinic at UNL's Animal Science Building on March 16, 2019. It's a little early this year to accommodate the FFA students as well. This clinic is meant to introduce the 4-H members to 4-H Poultry Judging, which will also prepare them for PASE in June. A flyer can be found at <https://go.unl.edu/ruh7>

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](#) at the [University of Nebraska–Lincoln](#) 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.

Any youth ages 8-18 who will be showing beef, sheep, swine, goats, market broilers or market fryer rabbits will need to either attend a YQCA training or go online to do their training at <https://yqca.learn-grow.io/account/login>. Instructions on how to sign up for all the trainings are posted at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/central4/4hforms/>. Age breaks for 4-H kids are as follows: junior 8-11, intermediate 12-14, senior 15-18. Youth must be registered in 4-H before you will be allowed to register for YQCA trainings.

Nebraska Extension and the Nebraska Corn Board are offering the seventh Innovative Youth Corn Challenge contest. This contest, open to 4-H members (age 10 & older as of Jan. 1st) or FFA members (in-school members), guides participants through all aspects of corn production, as well as agricultural careers related to corn production. As a team (2 or more participants), youth will be challenged to implement a production practice different than normal to determine if they increased their yield. Economics and sustainability of the practice will also be considered. Yields, cropping history, and production information will be collected in the Corn Yield Challenge

management summary. Cash prizes and plaques are given. First place receives \$1,000, second place receives \$500, and third place receives \$250. Sustainability, crop scouting and “extra mile” awards are also given as cash awards. To participate in 2019, youth must complete and return an entry form by March 15th to the Fillmore County Extension Office in Geneva, NE. Forms can be downloaded at cropwatch.unl.edu/youth/activities. For more information, contact Brandy VanDeWalle at brandy.vandewalle@unl.edu.

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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