

KIMBALL-BANNER COUNTIES
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April 2018

April Dates

- **CKB Speech Contest:** Thursday, April 5, at 6:00 p.m. at the South Platte NRD - Sidney
- **Family Pinterest Night:** Monday, April 9, at 5:30 p.m. at the 4-H Building
- **Movie Night:** Friday, April 13, at 6:00 p.m. at the 4-H Building
- **Clover Kids:** Thursday, April 19, at 4:00 p.m. at the 4-H Building
- **4-H Council Fundraiser Dinner:** Friday, April 20
- **District Speech Contest:** Saturday, April 21, at ESU 14 in Sidney
- **Office Closed:** Friday, April 27, for Arbor Day
- **Day of Service:** Saturday, April 28

May Dates

- **Horse ID Sheets Due:** Tuesday, May 1
- **Farm Safety Day:** Kimball – Wednesday, May 2, Banner – Friday, May 4
- **Sheep & Goat Weigh-in:** Tuesday, May 15, 5-7 p.m. Kimball-Banner Fairgrounds
- **Livestock Judging Contest:** Wednesday, May 23, 5-7 p.m. Kimball-Banner Fairgrounds
- **Office Closed:** Monday, May 28, for Memorial Day

Public Speaking Contest

This year's theme for the public speaking and PSA contest is "4-H Grows True Leaders". To view the divisions, time and special guidelines and the registration form, visit

<http://extension.unl.edu/statewide/ckb/4h/>

Registration deadline is Tuesday, April 3.

Public Speaking - Many former 4-H'ers rate their experiences in the public speaking and presentation contests as the most valuable experiences of their 4-H career. Your experiences in these contests will help you develop the communication skills that you will use throughout your life. This year's South Panhandle 4-H Public Speaking Contest is on Thursday, April 5 at 6:00 p.m. at South Platte NRD Building in Sidney. District Speech Contest will be Saturday, April 21 at ESU 14, Sidney from 9 to noon.

Public Service Announcements - In addition to the public speaking portion of the contest, there is also a category for public service announcements. These are 60-second radio spots which are recorded and judged prior to the contest.

2018 4-H Theme

"100 Years of Blue Jeans and Family Dreams"



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The 4-H Youth Development program abides with the nondiscrimination policies of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the United States Department of Agriculture.

Family Pinterest Night with Keep Kimball Beautiful

Our LAST Family Pinterest night is Monday, April 9, at 5: 30 p.m. at the Kimball Recycling Center. Dawn Moeser will teach about plant selection for your individual "fairy gardens" and how to make your own items for your "gardens" out of recyclable materials!



Early registration is required, so please call by Monday, April 2nd to reserve your spot! Cost is \$10.00.

Family Movie Night

Our LAST movie night is Friday, April 13 at 6:00 p.m. at 4-H Building. This month we will watch the movie "Cars 3". We will be doing a STEM activity where you will be building your own race cars and racing them to the finish line! **Please R.S.V.P. by Wednesday, April 11.** Cost of the meal before the movie is free compliments of Kimball-Banner Farm Bureau.



Club Next

Our free afterschool program is weekly on Monday, and for **all youth grades K-6th grade!** Youth are split up into three different groups (K, 1st-3rd, and 4th-6th) for even more hands on learning and fun. The Kimball Public Schools also has a school bus that stops at the Kimball Public Library with any and all youth who come to participate on Mondays. The kindergarten group meets from 3:45-4:30, while the other two groups meet from 3:45-4:45 p.m. For more information please contact the Kimball Public Library 235-5432 or the Extension Office.

Clover Kids

Clover Kids allows children ages 5 to 7 (K through 3rd grade) to participate in hands-on activities designed to build life skills. The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 19, at the 4-H Building from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Cost is a onetime fee of \$5.00 for club project expenses and insurance for the 4-H year (October –September). To register, please call Hilary Cook at 308-235-7099. All children are welcome to participate. If you are interested in a Clover Kids meeting in your community, please contact the Extension Office for information on how to get it started.

Panhandle 4-H Day of Service Contest

Panhandle 4-H staff decided to help gather supplies for youth who are entering Foster Care. Often times these children may leave their homes with just a handful of belongs and the clothes on their backs. Some Foster Parents do not have extra supplies on hand so Nebraska Extension is partnering with CASA and Health & Human Services to help provide some essential items for these Foster Youth. 4-H staff challenges clubs to collect items during April. Suggested items are cash, gift cards to local stores and restaurants, new water bottles, and diapers. These items can be delivered to the Nebraska Extension County office at any time. Please contact the Extension Office if you have any questions.

Horse ID Sheets and District Horse Show Registrations Sheets Due

4-H members wanting to show horse at the Kimball-Banner County Fair, need to turn in an ID Sheet by Tuesday, May 1st. Anyone who is interested in participating in the District Horse Show, your registration and payment are due May 1st as well. This year the Panhandle District Horse Show will be in Gordon on Wednesday, June 20. Exhibitors must be 10 and have passed their Level 2 to compete at Districts and at the State Horse Show.

Progressive Agriculture Safety Day

This year's Kimball County 5th-6th grade Progressive Agriculture Safety Day will be Wednesday, May 2. The Banner County Pre-K through 6th grade Progressive Agriculture Safety Day will be held on Friday, May 4 at Banner County School.

Market Lamb, and Meat Goat Exhibitors

4-H members who plan to exhibit market lambs, and/or meat goats at the fair must bring them to be weighed and tagged on Tuesday, May 15 from 5-7 p.m. at the Fairgrounds. Market Swine exhibitors are not required to be present on May 15. Swine exhibitors will instead need to pick up their tags and tag their own pigs, then email a picture of the tagged pig to the Extension Office.

Special Garden Project Delft Blue Nigella

Seeds are in, please stop by the Extension Office for those who reserved a packet! There are a limited number of additional packets available. The Special Gardening Project lets 4-H members try their hand at growing unusual vegetables and flowers. 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.



100 years of Kimball-Banner County Fairs!

The 100 year Fair Committee is looking for memorabilia from the past 100 years of Kimball-Banner County Fairs. If you have items that you'd like to display or bring to Fair please call Sandy Lukassen 235-2567 or Vicki Grubbs 235-3035.

Kimball-Banner 4-H Council

March Meeting re-cap

- Council will be having a dinner fundraiser on Friday, April 20th before the last Kimball Community Concert.
- 2018 Fair theme is "100 years of Blue Jeans and Family Dreams"
- Council voted to offer youth a chance to ultra-sound all market livestock projects - beef, hog, goat and sheep. If youth choose to participate, youth pay a \$7.00 ultra-sound fee per animal. The payment is due Monday, July 16, at the same time as the with the youth's pre-fair enrollment form.
- Council approved changes to the Archery division as proposed. Each participant will shoot from 3 different distances, and are allowed only 5 arrows per distance – 15 arrows total. Junior distances will be 10-20-30 yards. Intermediate distances will be 20-30-40 yards. Senior distances will be 30-40-50 yards. The scores from the three distances will be combined for the respective age groups and divisions. Age groups of Jr. 8-11, Int. 12-13 and Sr. 14-18 for both sighted and unsighted archery.

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