April 2020
Cuming County 4-H Newsletter

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4-H Calendar

April

23	Horse Level Testing Due for District/State Entries

May

6	Public Speaking & PSA Contest Deadline
~~8~~	~~**Deadline** for District & State Horse Entries~~
~~8~~	~~Horse ID Forms due~~
13	Public Speaking & PSA Contest**, Location TBD** (subject to change)
14	4-H Council Meeting
27	I.D. Day – Rabbit, Goat, Sheep

June

1	**Deadline for Drop/Add Project**
5	4-H Adventure Day Camp, West Point City Park
6	Cream of the Crop Dairy Show, Fairgrounds
11	Clover Kid Camp, Dinklage Building at fairgrounds
14	Hustler Progress Show, Fairgrounds
15	**Deadline – Livestock ID Forms and DNA online**
15	**Market Beef ID & DNA Deadline** (online enrollment)
15	**Deadline for State Horse Entries**
15	**Horse ID Forms Due**
19	Cuming County Livestock Judging Contest, Fairgrounds
22-23	PASE – Lincoln
22	**Deadline (NOON) –** Favorite Foods, Cook-Off, Carousel of Fun
24	State Public Speaking/PSA Contest, Lincoln
25	Favorite Foods & Cook-Off Contest, Carousel of Fun, Wisner-Pilger High School, 9:30 a.m.
25-28	Wisner Stock Show

July

7	4-H Council Meeting, Courthouse Meeting Room, 7:00 p.m.
8-11	**Fremont 4-H Expo,** Christensen Field
12-16	State 4-H Horse Show, Grand Island
13	Practice Presentation Day
16	Presentations Contest, Courthouse Meeting Room, 5:00 p.m.
24	Horse Level Testing Due for County Fair Youth Only
31	**Deadline** – Dress Revue

August

3	**Deadline - Cuming County Horse Show**
7	**Deadline –** Livestock Entry for County Fair
7	Dress Revue Judging/Life Challenge Contest
8	**Cuming County Fair Horse Show, 3:00 p.m.**
13-16	**CUMING COUNTY FAIR**
31	Aksarben Entries due by NOON

Academic / Scholarship Information

2019 Seniors

You can collect your scholarship money at any time, deadline for collection of your scholarship is **June 1, 2020**. Please bring in the following documentation to claim your scholarship:

- Proof of completion of your first semester/term of college classes (copy of your grades or documentation of completion of Basic Training)
- Thank You note to the 4-H Council
- The completed 4-H questionnaire you previously received (another copy is available at the Extension Office).

Leaders Corner

Funding for Clubs

If your club has a special project that needs funding, apply for the **Operation Round Up Grant** from the Cuming County Public Power District, **Cuming County 4-H Council Special Project Fund** and/or the **Kenneth D Lee Memorial Project Fund**. Applications are available at the Extension Office or on our website at cuming.unl.edu.

2019 Achievement Application Results

Congratulations goes out to the Cuming County 4-H members who worked hard on their district and state Achievement Applications. Earning a trip as a delegate to National 4-H Club Congress is **Audra Nolting** and **Levi Schiller**. All state winners and alternates are eligible to participate in the National 4-H Club Congress to be held in Atlanta in November as a result of their top-notch Achievement Applications. Way to Go!

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Current and lifetime 4-H members, parents of members, volunteers and staff can save **15% off total in-store and online purchases at** JOANN Fabrics with 4-H rewards. JOANN will give a minimum of 2.5% of every eligible transaction to 4-H. Visit http://www.joann.com/4-h/

Livestock

Wisner Livestock Show & Rodeo

The 2020 Wisner Livestock Show & Rodeo will be **June 25-28.**

District Horse Show - CANCELLED

Note: All level testing must be completed by ~~**April 23**~~ **JUNE 15** for State entries. ID forms and entries are due **JUNE 15** to the Extension Office.

District Dates and Locations: CANCELLED

June 15 - Scottsbluff
June 16 - Burwell
June 17 – Columbus
June 18 - Lincoln
June 19 - McCook

2020 State Horse Show
State 4-H Horse Show at Fonner Park is scheduled for **July 12-16**.

Livestock Online Database

Again this year, all livestock nomination information and forms **must** be entered into the Aksarben online database at www.showstockmgr.com by the respective deadlines. The deadline for Market Beef is **June 15th.** Swine, Sheep (market & breeding), Goats (market & breeding), breeding beef and feeder calves are all due by **June 15th**. This means that each family will be in charge of making sure that all of their livestock information is submitted and correct. Animal Identification requirements including deadlines for State Fair & Aksarben can be found here: Animal Identification Guidelines.

Also available on our website is a set of Step-by-Step instructions to help you enter your livestock information into the AKSARBEN database. Click on this Animal Identification Step-by-Step Instructions link to download the instructions.

NOTE: Once you have the information data entered into the online system**, please return the copy of the DNA envelope we sent you to the Extension Office.** We will need you to make sure all the information is correct as that is the information we will use when we validate your livestock entries.

State Fair & Aksarben Livestock Entry Deadlines

Once you have your livestock projects nominated and entered into the online system by the respective deadline (June 15), you will still need to make the **actual livestock entry** for State Fair (August 10) and Aksarben (August 31 by NOON) to be able to show at those events.

Animal ID Day - Wednesday, May 27

The following schedule will be observed and conducted at the Cuming County Fairgrounds …

- **Market Lamb**
  3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- **Goats**
  3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- **Rabbits**
  4:00 - 5:30

All verification must be completed by **JUNE 15**. Verification means seeing the animals with the tag in the ears and knowing that all tags are accounted for.

If you wish for your animal to qualify for Aksarben or State Fair a DNA sample must be Collected, EID in place and submitted by **June 15**.

Premier Animal Science Event (PASE)

4-H members interested in expanding their knowledge should check out the upcoming activities. The Premier Animal Science Events (PASE) are the State competition in each of these areas: Livestock, Quiz Bowl, Livestock Skill-a-thon, Meats, and Poultry Judging Contest will be held on **June 22** and the State Livestock Judging Contest will be held **June 23** in Lincoln. Also, if you are interested in Horse or Meats, please give us a call and we'll get your name to the coaches of the teams. For more information check out the PASE website: http://4h.unl.edu/pase

Quality Assurance

The Nebraska 4-H program **REQUIRES** all 4-H members exhibiting beef, bucket calves, sheep, swine, dairy cattle, goats, poultry, and rabbits to be trained or tested in Quality Assurance by **June 15th.** We will again offer a **training session** for **youth ages 8-18** on **May 28** from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Cuming County

Fairgrounds. Youth must pre-register in advance of attending and pay the $3.00 online fee at: yqca.learngrow.io.

Online test out options are available online to youth in the first year of Intermediate (age 12) and Senior (age 15) age levels. There is no test-out option for Juniors. Participants will have only one chance to take the test-out option. Test-out costs are:

- Intermediate: $36 ($12 x 3 years of certification)
- Senior: $48 ($12 x 4 years of certification)

General 4-H Opportunities & News

Home Economic Committees

The Home Ec. Superintendents have met, and the 2020 Committee Assignments have been made. A copy of the list has been sent to you in the mail.

Cuming County Camp Scholarship

The Cuming County 4-H Camp Scholarship application is now available on our website at: www.cuming.unl.edu/4hlocal. Completed applications are due to the Extension Office by **May 1**.

Tractor Safety Course

The Tractor Safety Trainings will be offered in Nebraska during May and June. Any youth 14 or 15 years of age who works on a farm or ranch other than his/her parents' is required to be certified through a tractor safety course. Extension Educators and field specialists will teach the 2-day courses. The trainings in this area will be **June 28-29** at the Fairgrounds in Wayne. Cost for the course is $60, which includes all course materials, lunch both days and breaks. Registration is payable to UNL Extension on or before the first day of training. Link to registration here: Tractor Safety Training For details, please contact: Nebraska Extension Office in Wayne, 402-375-3310.

Cuming County Fair Award Donors

We are looking for a person, family or business to sponsor trophies for:

- Champion Junior Pole Bending
- Champion Senior Horse Showman
- Champion Intermediate Horse Showman
- Champion Junior Horse Showman
- Champion 2 & 3-Year-Old Western Pleasure
- Champion English Horsemanship
- Champion Junior Reining
- Champion Senior Bicycle Rodeo
- Champion Junior Bicycle Rodeo
- Champion Muffin Challenge
- Intermediate Cake Decorating Contest (trophy and medals)
- Senior Cake Decorating Contest (trophy and medals)
- Outstanding Recycling Award – Ag Engineering
- Outstanding Recycling Award – Clothing
- Outstanding Recycling Award – Pinterest

Sincerely,

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