



# March, 2019

## Cuming Happenings in 4-H

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### 4-H Calendar

**February**

24 – March 3 4-H Awareness Week

**March**

- 1 Entry Deadline – Horse Stampede & Companion Animal Challenge
- 1 UNL Red Letter Day
- 2 Market Beef ID Day, Knobbe Feed Yards, 9:00-11:00 a.m.
- 4 Home Ec Committee Meeting, Pizza Hut, 6:00 p.m.
- 11 4-H Awareness Week Activities Report Due
- 14 4-H Council Meeting, Courthouse Meeting Room, 7:00 p.m.
- 15 **4-H Online Enrollment Due**
- 16 Nebraska Association of County Extension Boards Scholarship due online
- 21 **Deadline** for Public Speaking and PSA Contest
- 28 Public Speaking & PSA Contest, West Point-Beemer High School, 6:30 p.m.
- 30 Horse Stampede & Companion Animal Challenge, Lincoln

**April**

- 15 **Market Beef ID & DNA Deadline** (online enrollment)
- 25 Horse Level Testing due for District & State Entries

**May**

- 9 4-H Council Meeting, Courthouse Meeting Room, 7:00 p.m.
- 10 **Deadline** for District & State Horse Entries, Horse ID Forms due
- 17 **Deadline** for Regional Public Speaking Contest
- 29 I.D. Day – Bucket/Feeder Calf, Rabbit, Goat/Sheep
- 30 Quality Assurance Face to Face Training, Fairgrounds, 1:00 p.m. (pre-register online at [yqca.learnrow.io](http://yqca.learnrow.io))
- 31 Regional Public Speaking Contest, Wayne State College

**June**

- 1 **Deadline for Drop/Add Project**
- 1 Cream of the Crop Dairy Show
- 8 4-H Adventure Day Camp, Neligh Park
- 14 Clover Kid Camp

### 4-H Online Enrollment

We are continuing with 4-H Online Enrollment as a requirement. There will be a **\$5.00** payment fee required for 4-H members which will be available when you complete enrollment.

If you already have a profile in the system, **DO NOT** create a new one. If you need assistance, please contact the Extension Office.

The direct link to 2019 4-H Enrollment is [ne.4honline.com](http://ne.4honline.com). Please use Google Chrome web browser. Members & leaders (volunteers) please complete your enrollment by **March 15**.

### Public Speaking & PSA Contest

The 4-H Public Speaking and PSA Contests will be held on **March 28<sup>th</sup>** at West Point-Beemer Jr.-Sr. High School. There will be three age divisions with ribbons and trophies in each division. The entry deadline is **March 21**. The special topic for this year's Public Speaking Contest is **"4-H through the Years"**

The PSA category must follow the topic **"Inspire Kids to Do"**. All 4-H PSA's must include the following tagline within the last 10 seconds: "Learn more about Nebraska Extension 4-H Youth Development Program at [4h.unl.edu](http://4h.unl.edu)." The tagline is included in the 60 second time limit. The tagline Know How, Know Now should not be used. Entry forms can be found on our website under the Cuming County Entry Forms section at [www.cuming.unl.edu/4hlocal](http://www.cuming.unl.edu/4hlocal).

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## Academic / Scholarship Information

### UNL Campus Visits

Now is the time for current juniors and seniors to schedule your University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus visit. We can assist you in setting up a visit specifically designed to meet your interests. Campus visits can be set up to visit multiple departments or focus on just one department. This is a chance to become familiar with campus and the faculty that you will be interacting with during your post-secondary education at UNL.



#### DID YOU KNOW?

February 15, 2019 marked 150 years since the day the state of Nebraska chartered the University of Nebraska. On February 15, 1869, the University of Nebraska became a part of our state. The N150 will be celebrated throughout 2019 at many Extension events.

Check out information about the University of Nebraska at [admissions.unl.edu](http://admissions.unl.edu).

### RED Letter Days

An all-day open house experience for high school seniors!

RED Letter Days features:

- Academic Sessions presented by college representatives
- Student Life Sessions focusing on student opportunities & campus life
- The chance to tour campus & visit academic facilities
- Information on admissions, scholarships, & financial aid

View a sample schedule and register at

<http://admissions.unl.edu/visit/on-campus/red-letter-days.aspx>

RED Letter Days are scheduled for:

**March 1 - All Majors**

**April 19 – All Majors**

**March 15 – All Majors**

**April 26 – All Majors**

### 2018 Seniors

You can collect your scholarship money at any time, deadline for collection of your scholarship is **June 1, 2019**. 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)

### NACEB Scholarship

The Nebraska Association of County Extension Boards (NACEB) Scholarship Program for the current academic year deadline is **March 16**.

Scholarship Includes:

- One \$1,000 scholarship for a current student (sophomore or higher) enrolled in CASNR or CEHS
- One \$1,000 scholarship at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR) or in the College of Education and Human Sciences (CEHS) for an incoming student (freshmen or transfer student).

Application can be found here:

<https://form.jotformpro.com/CASNR/naceb>

## Leaders Corner

### Online 4-H Leader Enrollment

In 2019, 4-H leaders and volunteers will once again enroll through the online enrollment process that was used last year by 4-H members. Current leaders and volunteers will need to login to 4-H Online and complete their enrollment before **March 15**. **Any volunteer or leader that HAS NOT been volunteered screened needs to get in touch with Melissa to get that important step completed.** You can call the Extension Office or email Melissa at [mnordboe2@unl.edu](mailto:mnordboe2@unl.edu).

### 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.

### What's Your Status? Help Needed Placing New Members

As new members start contacting the Extension Office we need to know which clubs will be open to new memberships, who to contact and what your focus project areas are.



**2019 Cuming Co**  
**Photography Theme**  
*"PATRIOTIC"*

**Family & Consumer Science**

**JOANN Fabrics**

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/> to get started!

**Shooting Sports**

**Shooting Sports Competition Calendar**

There are a lot of Shooting Sports Competitions happening across the state. For information on these events, check out this website: <https://4h.unl.edu/shooting-sports/calendar>.

**Livestock**

**Save the Date: Wisner Livestock Show & Rodeo**

The 2019 Wisner Livestock Show & Rodeo will be June 27-30<sup>th</sup>.

**Cuming County 4-H Market Beef Weigh Day**

Cuming County 4-H Market Beef Weigh Day will be held **March 2**, at the **Harry Knobbe Feed Yards** from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

**2019 Livestock Online Database**

Again this year, all livestock information **must** be entered into the AKSARBEN database by the respective deadlines. This means that each family will be in charge of making sure that all of their livestock information is submitted and correct.

**2019 Livestock Updates**

**Nomination Requirements**

No changes for animal identification. All market & breeding sheep and goats must have a scrapie tag. All market hogs and market beef must have an 840 EID tag and breeding heifers must have a tattoo.

**DNA Envelopes for NE State Fair**

DNA envelopes will be \$7.00 per envelope. All breeding nominations will be \$2.00 per online entry. Exhibitors will be able to dual nominate an animal as breeding and market if selected and paid for in Show Stock Manager. Families will now receive a receipt that they have entered in a breeding nomination.

**Submitting Animal Information into Show Stock Manager Livestock Database**

Once again, exhibitors will be responsible for submitting their animal information into the Show Stock Manager Livestock Database prior to the nomination deadlines. Our office will continue to mail in the DNA envelopes. Once the information is in the database and has been validated by the Extension Educator, it will then be available for exhibitors to make State Fair entries.

Any animal entry **not** in the database or have DNA submitted **will not** be considered nominated and eligible for State Fair.

**Livestock Affidavits (County)**

We would still like all livestock exhibitors to continue utilizing the livestock affidavits that have been completed all the previous years. We would like you to list all project animals on the appropriate affidavit (ID Sheets). This includes those animals that are eligible for State Fair as well as those that are county only. Please complete them and turn them into the Extension Office by the June 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. ID Sheets are available on our website which can be found by clicking here: [4-H Livestock Affidavits](#) or are available in the office.

**District Horse Show**

Note: All level testing must be completed by **April 25** for State and District entries. ID forms and entries are due **May 11** to the Extension Office.

**District Dates and Locations:**

- June 10 - Bloomfield
- June 11 - Elkhorn
- June 12 - Ord
- June 13 - Ogallala
- June 14- McCook

**2019 State Horse Show**  
State 4-H Horse Show at Fonner Park  
is scheduled for **July 14-18**.

## 2019 Horse Program Updates

### District Horse Show:

- An individual and/or horse may enter ALL CLASSES level 2 at districts, meaning 1 Western Pleasure, 1 Western Horsemanship, 1 Hunter Under Saddle, 1 Hunter Seat Equitation, 1 Reining, 1 Barrel Racing, and 1 Pole Bending.

### Fonner Park State 4-H Expo:

- An individual and/or horse may enter all advanced classes (if they have passed level 3), meaning 1 Advanced Western Pleasure, 1 Advanced Western Horsemanship, 1 Advanced Hunter Under Saddle, and 1 Advanced Hunt Seat Equitation as long as they ride a different horse than they competed with at the district horse show for level 2 classes.
- There will be an additional age group for the following classes: Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, and Showmanship. For these classes, the age groups will be as follows:
  - Elementary – ages 10 and 11
  - Junior – ages 12 to 14
  - Senior – age 15 and up
- All other classes will have only **two** age groups:
  - Junior – ages 10 – 14
  - Senior – age 15 and up
- The addition of a Level 3 Miniature/Shetland Pony In-Hand Trail Class
- Trail will move to the outdoor arena on Monday following the conclusion of Showmanship. It will run all afternoon and will not conclude the class until the evening so that anyone competing in the Horse Judging Contest/Hippology could compete in Trail after the conclusion of those contests.
- Trail will have only one judge and will be judged using the 0 to infinity scale for scoring.
- English and Western Dressage Level 2 will ride: English – [Training Level Test 3](#) or [Western – Basic Level Test 4](#)
- English and Western Dressage Level 3 will ride: [English – First Level Test 3](#) or [Western – Level 1 Test 4](#)

### General Changes:

- Helmet – ASTM/SEI approved safety helmets with a harness are required in **ALL** Hunt Seat classes. Hunting cap or derby is NOT acceptable in any classes.

For more information, visit [4h.unl.edu/horse](http://4h.unl.edu/horse).

## Northeast Nebraska 4-H Horse Show

Make plans now to attend the Northeast Nebraska 4-H

Horse Show on **June 5<sup>th</sup>** starting at 4:00 p.m. The show will be held at the Ridge Ranch Arena (Ray & Dorla Hermelbracht) near Homer, NE.

This show will feature a clinic like atmosphere with one-on-one interaction with the judge, and ribbons will be awarded to all riders. Roping and working ranch classes will begin at 4:00 p.m. with Pleasure, Horsemanship, Reining, Pole Bending, and Barrel Racing starting at 5:30 p.m.

A pre-registration fee of **\$10**/horse and rider and **\$5** for the roping and working ranch horse events is due by **May 30<sup>th</sup>**. Registrations will be taken the day of the show at \$15 per horse and rider and \$10 for the roping and working ranch horse events. For more information or to find the registration form, please visit <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/thurston/area-livestock-shows-events/> or contact Nebraska Extension in Thurston County at 402-385-6041.

## Spring 4-H Rabbit Show

The Lancaster County Rabbit VIPS Committee will be hosting a spring 4-H Rabbit Show on Saturday, **April 27<sup>th</sup>** at the Lancaster Event Center in the Exhibit Hall. Registration will be from 7:30-8:30 a.m. and the show will begin at 9:00 a.m. This show is great for newbies to the rabbit showing arena! The VIPS Committee is very knowledgeable and will be on hand to answer any questions. There is also usually a few good rabbits for sale at this show. For more information see this flyer: <https://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/documents/RabbitShowSpring18.pdf>

## American Royal Livestock Show

If you are interested in this show, the complete details can be found at: [americanroyal.com](http://americanroyal.com)

## Judging Opportunities

If you are interested in Horse, Livestock, Meats, Skill-a-thon, Poultry, or Dog Judging please contact the Extension Office and let us know that you are interested. We will be sending out correspondence throughout the year and don't want to miss you!

## Livestock Premises Identification

Again this year, there is a requirement for exhibitors wishing to compete at NE State Fair in either 4-H or FFA shows to have a Premise ID.

- 1) All 4-H and FFA MARKET animals carrying an EID tag are required to have a Premises ID. (This includes any that may show at only the county level as well)
- 2) A Premises ID number can be obtained through the Nebraska Department of Ag

- Only one (1) Premises ID is necessary for a family with multiple exhibitors (provided livestock are housed at the same location)

- Only one (1) Premises ID is necessary for an exhibitor that shows multiple species (provided livestock are housed at the same location)
- Any exhibitor who has completed PQA (Pork Quality Assurance) should have a Premises ID. They can call the Nebraska Department of Ag to verify if they believe they have one.
- The Premises ID number should correlate to the location in which livestock are kept/housed permanently
- **NOTE: Sheep/Goats this year are required to have a scrapie tag only.**

3) The Premises ID number will be reported to County Staff for input into 4-H Online

4) In order to show at the Nebraska State Fair, a Premises ID must be on file for a market animal exhibitor.

More information can also be found

here: [www.nda.nebraska.gov/adt/index.html](http://www.nda.nebraska.gov/adt/index.html)

## Quality Assurance

Nebraska is now a part of a national team introducing the new QA curriculum called Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). This is the second year it had been available.

Nebraska requires all 4-H members exhibiting beef, bucket calves, sheep, swine, dairy, poultry and rabbits to be trained or tested. The options available are:

- Online course completion through YQCA at a cost of \$12.00 per member for completion of modules which must be completed *annually*. Can be found at [yqca.learngrow.io](http://yqca.learngrow.io).
- In order to access YQCA, youth must be **active** in 4-H Online.
- Face to Face Training being offered at a \$3.00 cost on **May 30** at the Fairgrounds starting at 1:00 p.m. **Youth must pre-register including payment in advance of training through the YQCA site.**
- Test-out options are available 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)
- Deadline for completion is **June 15<sup>th</sup>**. Complete details can be found at [4h.unl.edu/yqca](http://4h.unl.edu/yqca).

## Nebraska Pork Youth Conference

Apply now to participate in the NE Pork Youth Conference, Makin Bacon and a Whole Lot More! The

conference will be conducted Wednesday, **May 29 – 31<sup>st</sup>**. Participants will evaluate market animals, grade carcasses, fabricate carcasses into wholesale and retail cuts, & exercise basic culinary methods on a variety of different pork products. Applications due **April 13**. More details can be found here:

<http://www.nepork.org/makin-bacon-whole-lot/>

## General 4-H Opportunities & News

### Sign Up for Volunteer Committees

NOW is the time to select which activity you would like to assist with for the 2019 4-H year. One adult from each family is asked to volunteer to help with at least one county-wide activity. Please contact the Extension Office with the specific activity you would like to assist with or a time of day you are available to help. Let us know your preferences by **March 4**. If we do not hear from you we will assign you a volunteer responsibility.



### Get a Head Start on Your Project Exhibits

March is a great time to plan and start your 4-H projects for 2019. The Extension Office has a variety of resources to help you get ideas for what you want to make. We have books to help you generate ideas for projects in home environment, woodworking, wildlife and more. Pinterest is a great resource if you're feeling "stuck" on project ideas.

### Exhibit Your School Projects

Several projects students are completing in school can also be exhibited at the fair. Examples of these are family heritage books, bug collections, or shop projects. Visit with the staff at the Extension Office to ensure that you are enrolled in the appropriate 4-H project!

### Global Youth Service Day

Ready to make a difference? Global Youth Service Day is the largest service event in the world, and the only day dedicated to celebrating the power of young people. This year, Global Youth Service Day is **April 12-14<sup>th</sup>**. Youth can create a service learning project such as a community activity, volunteer project, or celebration event and register it with GYS and get national recognition. For more information visit <http://leadasap.ysa.org>.

### Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute

The Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute will be

**July 8-12** for high school juniors and seniors from all across Nebraska. This year's theme is "Accepting the Challenge" where youth will get the opportunity to learn about career opportunities within agriculture. This conference features speakers, workshops, agricultural education, networking with peers and industry leaders, professional development, leadership experience, fun and new friends! All of these experiences are free of charge! The application deadline is **April 15**. Applications are available at this website [www.nda.nebraska.gov/nayi](http://www.nda.nebraska.gov/nayi) and clicking on "Apply Now".

### Camp Opportunities & Scholarships

Interested in 4-H Summer Camps and Trips? For a list of camps and dates visit [www.4h.unl.edu/camp/](http://www.4h.unl.edu/camp/)! The Cuming County 4-H Camp Scholarship application is now available on our website at: [www.cuming.unl.edu/4hlocal](http://www.cuming.unl.edu/4hlocal) Completed applications are due to the Extension Office by **May 1**.

### Cuming County Fair Award Donors

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

- Champion Senior Bicycle Rodeo
- Champion Junior Bicycle Rodeo
- Champion Senior Life Challenge (Trophy & Medals)
- Champion Junior Muffin Challenge Trophy
- Intermediate Cake Decorating Contest (Trophy & Medals)
- Senior Cake Decorating Contest (Trophy & Medals)
- Outstanding Recycling Award – Engineering
- Outstanding Recycling Award – Clothing
- Outstanding Recycling Award – Pinterest
- Champion Cat Showman
- If you are interested or know someone that is, please contact the Extension Office.



### Innovative Youth Corn Challenge

Nebraska Extension and the Nebraska Corn Board are offering the sixth 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 will be given to the first, second, and third place teams. First place will receive \$1,000, second place will receive \$500, and third place will receive \$250. Sustainability, crop scouting and "extra mile" awards will also be given, each worth \$150.

To participate in 2019, youth must complete and return an entry form by **March 15<sup>th</sup>** to the Fillmore County Extension Office in Geneva, NE. Forms can be downloaded here:

[http://cropwatch.unl.edu/Youth/Documents/IYCC/YouthYieldChallengeEntryForm\\_2017FILLABLE.pdf](http://cropwatch.unl.edu/Youth/Documents/IYCC/YouthYieldChallengeEntryForm_2017FILLABLE.pdf)



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