



Bow Knot

4-H Newsletter

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JULY 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY	
4	Office closed for Independence Day
9	Custer County 4-H 3D Archery Match, Litchfield
15-19	State 4-H Horse Show, Fonner Park, Grand Island
14	2025 CWF Payment Due
17	4-H Council Meeting, 4-H Building, 7:30 p.m.
17	Deadline for Fashion Show narratives to be submitted online
17	On-site interviews for "Homes For Wildlife" 4-H Wildlife Habitat Exhibits
18	CWF Concession Stand Work Night & Information Meeting, Fairgrounds, 6:00 p.m.
20	Clothing Construction and Fashion Show Judging, Evangelical Free Church, Broken Bow
20	4-H Public Fashion Show, Evangelical Free Church, Broken Bow, 7:00 p.m.
22	4-H Dog Show, Fairgrounds
26	4-H Entry Day for all exhibits except food, clothing, horticulture, and livestock
28-Aug. 3	2023 Custer County Fair
28-29	4-H Firearms Shooting Matches, Fairgrounds
29	Foods & Garden/Horticulture Judging, Fairgrounds
AUGUST	
3	4-H & FFA Livestock Auction, Fairgrounds
10	State Fair 4-H Entries Due Online by 8:00 p.m.
21	4-H Council Meeting, 4-H Building, 7:30 p.m., (if needed)
25-Sept. 4	Nebraska State Fair, Grand Island
SEPTEMBER	
4	Office closed for holiday
10	2025 CWF Curriculum Meeting, 2:00 p.m., 4-H Building
15	2025 CWF Payment Due
15	Record books and award applications due to Organizational Leaders
18	4-H Council Meeting, 4-H Building, 7:30 p.m.
21-24	Aksarben 4-H Stock Show, State Fairgrounds, Grand Island
25	Entries due for 4-H Window Display Contest
29	4-H Window Display Contest judging day
30	2023 Nebraska Youth Smallbore Silhouette Invitational, Pressey Wildlife Management Area, Oconto



Custer County Fair July 28 - August 3

REMEMBER TO READ YOUR CUSTER COUNTY FAIR PREMIUM BOOK FOR RULES, GUIDELINES, AND ENTRY DATES FOR 4-H EXHIBITS.

COUNTY FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

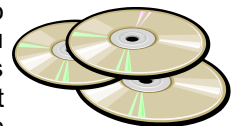


Many volunteers are needed to make the county fair run smoothly. If you would like to volunteer to help in a particular area of interest, contact the Extension Office.

Some of the jobs available include cleaning the 4-H Exhibit Hall, comment writers for judges, arranging displays, registering 4-H'ers for interview judging, youth volunteers to hand out ribbons at the various livestock shows, etc.

CD/DVD COUNTY FAIR ENTRIES

Many exhibits for the county fair are to be submitted in a CD/DVD format. If you are entering a class where a CD/DVD is required, remember that you must provide the equipment to present the entry to the judge. The Extension Office will not be providing computer equipment for these exhibits. (Does not include Shopping In Style)



DO YOU HAVE EXTRA CURRENT EAR TAGS?

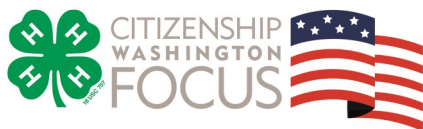
If you have extra **current** 4-H livestock ear tags that you did not use, please return them to the Extension Office **before** county fair. You will be refunded, as long as the tags are in good condition.



BEEF SHOW EQUIPMENT FOR CHECK-OUT



The family of Tommy Fred has donated some beef show equipment to the Extension Office. 4-H'ers may check-out the equipment to use. For a complete list of equipment available, contact the Extension Office.



2025 CWF DELEGATES

JULY 14 - CWF PAYMENT DUE ...That means that all payments will be due in the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, July 14** in order to avoid a \$50 late fee being charged. Payments received in person or by mail on Monday, July 17 are subject to the \$50 late fee. Any payments sent from a bank must also be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 14, in order to avoid the late fee.

TUESDAY, JULY 18...

CWF CONCESSION STAND WORK NIGHT AND INFORMATIONAL MEETING...

A CWF Concession Stand Work Night and Informational Meeting will be held Tuesday, July 18. The purpose of the meeting is to clean the concession stands in preparation of county fair, to discuss county fair concession stand procedures, and get acquainted. All delegates and at least one parent are encouraged to attend. Everyone should plan to meet at the 4-H Building at 6:00 p.m. to receive their cleaning assignments. A light supper will be served at approximately 7:30 p.m., with an informational meeting to follow.

CLOTHING

- **FASHION SHOW NARRATIVES** - All 4-H'ers entering the fashion show must have all typed or clearly printed fashion show narratives in to the Extension Office by Monday, July 17, 5:00 p.m. Narratives should take approximately 30 seconds to read out loud.

4-H'ers may submit their narratives online. The link to submit narratives is:

<https://go.unl.edu/fashionshownarrative>

Narratives may be submitted online at the link OR submitted in paper form to the Extension Office. The deadline for narratives is Monday, July 17, 5:00 p.m. **Please do not email narratives to Extension Staff.** 4-H'ers who do not turn in a narrative cannot model in front of the fashion show judge and cannot participate in the public fashion show. All 4-H'ers who model in front of the fashion show judge **MUST** model at the public fashion show. This includes all sewing, knitting, crocheting, and consumer management projects.

- Clothing judging and the public fashion show will be held on Thursday, July 20.

WHAT DOES THE COLOR OF MY RIBBON MEAN?

As 4-H events, contests, and county fair begin to take place, we thought it would be appropriate for the 4-H'ers, parents, and leaders to understand what the color of their ribbon(s) means.



Purple.....Outstanding/Superior and exceeds all standards.

Blue.....Excellent/Above average, with almost all of the standards met in a way that surpasses the norm.

Red.....Average, with the majority of standards met, but not exceeded.

White.....Below average, with few standards met. Needs improvement.

Participation.....Recognition of 4-H exhibit's presence at the fair.

4-H FOODS EXHIBITORS

If you will have food projects judged Saturday, July 29, AND you have other responsibilities such as gardening projects to be judged or shooting sports, PLEASE do not request preferential treatment to see the foods judge(s). Everyone must sign in and wait to see the judge(s). If you have other responsibilities, and you cannot wait in line, sign your foods projects in, take care of those other responsibilities, and if your name comes to the top of the list while you are gone, your name will be set aside, but not moved to the bottom of the list. Remember that if you choose not to interview judge, you will be dropped a ribbon placing.



**Required...4-H
Livestock
Show Ethics
Affidavit**

Because of some recent requirements put in place by meat packers, 4-H exhibitors who sell 4-H market beef, market swine, meat goats and/or market sheep at the county fair are required to sign a Drug Ethics Affidavit. This affidavit contains the following statement..."To the best of our knowledge, while under our ownership, possession or direct control, none of the livestock are adulterated within the meaning of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, i.e. none of the cattle or other ruminants have been fed any feed containing ruminant derived meat and bone meal." These forms also state that non-approved drugs were not used and the animal is not under any withdrawal time relative to the administration of any legal drugs or vaccine. This form is attached with this Bow Knot newsletter and will also be available at the fairgrounds in the Livestock Office.

ALL AFFIDAVITS FOR MARKET BEEF, MARKET SHEEP, MEAT GOATS, AND MARKET SWINE MUST BE TURNED IN AT WEIGH-IN ON SUNDAY, JULY 30. EACH 4-H MEMBER IS ASKED TO COMPLETE ONE AFFIDAVIT FOR EACH MARKET SPECIES ENTERED. AFFIDAVITS ARE NOT TO BE TURNED IN BEFORE JULY 30!

[Market Beef/Sheep/Swine/Meat Goat Ethics Affidavit](#)

[2023 Market Beef Beta-agonist Affidavit](#) - Must be completed for Market Beef in addition to the Ethics Affidavit.

SHEEP & SWINE



Sunday, July 30, meat goats and market sheep will be weighed at the county fair 2:30-3:30 p.m. Hogs will be weighed 4:00-6:00 p.m. Immediately following weigh-in, the pens, catch pens, and alleys must be constructed. When the sheep show is over, the pens are taken down to make room for the Beef Show on Tuesday. These are big jobs. 4-H and FFA swine families are asked to help construct the pens and alley immediately following weigh-in on Sunday. 4-H and FFA sheep families are asked to take the pens in the show ring down immediately following the Sheep Show. People who have done this in the past will be there to guide the process, but they can use your help. Many hands make light work.



It is the responsibility of the 4-H'er to get hogs to the show ring Monday morning and to the sale ring Thursday evening.

Swine **health papers** will not be required. However, any animal may be removed from the fair if it is suspected of being ill or having a transmissible disease. No hogs can be unloaded until 8:00 a.m., Sunday, July 30. Weigh-in will be from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.



4-H members are responsible for cleaning their livestock stalls before leaving the fairgrounds on Thursday, August 3...beef, sheep, swine, goats, dairy, horse, poultry, and rabbits.

RELEASE OF COUNTY FAIR EXHIBITS

ALL exhibits will be released on Thursday, August 3, 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. **EARLY RELEASE MUST BE FOR EMERGENCY REASONS ONLY AND APPROVED BY EXTENSION STAFF IN CHARGE AND SUPERINTENDENT(S).**

****OPTIONAL EARLY RELEASE OF 4-H HORSES AT 5:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2. Stalls need to be cleaned and chips/manure put in manure bins, NOT left in the alley or premium money will be forfeited. When leaving the fairgrounds, please exit on the road south of the Grandstands, along the railroad tracks.**

If you have exhibits that are chosen to go to the **State Fair**, please pick them up from the county fair. Extension Staff are not responsible for taking State Fair exhibits to the Extension Office from the county fair. Exhibits selected for State Fair will have a tag attached to let families know when to bring them to the Extension Office.

HERDSMANSHIP SCORE SHEET



Are you interested in knowing what the county fair herdsmanship scores are based on? Criteria for the herdsmanship scoring can be found on page 89 of the Custer County Fair Premium Book. Top clubs will have their club name engraved on plaques which are displayed in the 4-H Building.

MANURE CARTS AT THE COUNTY FAIR

We have been asked by the Ag Society to stress the importance of **NOT** putting garbage in the manure carts around the livestock barns at the county fair. The manure carts are for animal waste and bedding, only. Trash barrels are to be used for garbage and NOT animal waste/bedding.

4-H HORSE LEVEL TESTING



To encourage safe handling of horses, all 4-H members enrolled in the horse project that will be riding will have passed at least Level I (Horse Project Advancement Levels) before July 17 to be eligible to show in the 2023 Custer County Fair. If a 4-H member is only going to show in showmanship or halter at County Fair, then they must pass everything in Level I except the "II. Riding" portion of the skills test by the above date. Contact Troy or your 4-H horse project leader for more details.

2024 Custer County Premium Book Cover Photo Contest



Custer County 4-H members (4-H age 8-18) are invited to enter the 2024 Custer County Premium Book Cover Photo Contest. The 2024 Custer County Fair Premium Book will be in a magazine format with a full color, gloss cover. The winning photo will be selected by the Custer County 4-H Council and placed on the cover of the 2024 Custer County Fair Premium Book.

Contest Guidelines:

- Photos must have been taken during the 2023 Custer County Fair.
- Photo(s) must have been taken by the 4-H member submitting the photo.
- Photos must be a high resolution photo taken with a high quality camera/phone. Photos **taken with cameras are preferred...due to photo quality**. Photos should be in a high resolution format (300+ dpi or 2880 x 3600px minimum).
- Photos must be in a vertical format.
- Entries must be submitted as a .jpeg file. Entries may be emailed to: colleen.peterson@unl.edu.
- With each photo, include:
 1. Name and age of the person who took the photo.
 2. What the photo is about.
 3. Identification of any individuals in the photo.
- Submit photo entries to the Extension Office on or before March 1, 2024.

USE OF ATV'S,UTV'S,GOLF CARTS & OFF-ROAD MOTORCYCLES ON THE FAIRGROUNDS

"The private/personal use of ATV'S, UTV'S, GOLF CARTS & OFF-ROAD MOTORCYCLES on the fairgrounds is prohibited during the fair. Exceptions may be granted by the fairgrounds manager for handicapped persons, law enforcement and emergency services personnel. Authorized users must provide a valid proof of insurance certificate and meet all other NE Department of Motor Vehicles requirements."



4-H EXHIBITOR NUMBERS

Many 4-H'ers will be exhibiting in more than one 4-H livestock animal show or shooting match at the Custer County Fair where an exhibitor number is required. When you have received your exhibitor number, please keep it for use at your next competition/activity. Exhibitors **may not** be issued an exhibitor number for each competition/activity. Exhibitor numbers may be picked up at the Extension Office beginning July 26, if you wish to have them laminated.

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Note:

Exhibitor numbers may not be the same numbers as in past years. The computer assigns the exhibitor numbers as they are merged into the county fair program.



4-H & FFA STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK ENTRY INFORMATION

4-H and FFA exhibitors and their families are responsible for submitting all livestock entries online. This includes all in-person entries. The link for online entries will be:

<https://www.statefair.org/ag-competitions/4-h-ffa-exhibitors/>



The following entries must be made online by families:

- 4-H and FFA Livestock entries
- 4-H Presentation Contest entries
- Contest entries

Registration opens the first week of July. **All livestock entries must be submitted no later than 8:00 p.m. Central Time on August 10, 2023.** A credit or debit card is required to submit entries.

All static exhibits (those exhibits selected to represent Custer County at the Nebraska State Fair) will be entered by the Extension Office.

All State Fair livestock entries (beef, sheep, swine, goats, poultry, rabbits, and dairy as well as Premier Exhibitor and Dog Skillathon Contests) and all non-livestock contest entries (Contests and Presentations), will be made by the exhibitors and their families via the 4H and FFA Online Livestock Entry link found at this web site by 8:00 p.m. central time August 10, 2023.



****NEW FOR 2023**** Custer County Fair will allow contestants showing other species (Swine, Dairy, Sheep, Goats, and Beef) to have the option to stall or not to stall their horses at County Fair without the penalty of losing premium monies. They will have stalls assigned to them and they need to be labeled accordingly. They will need to contact the Horse Superintendent to set up a time to check their horses in before showing.

ALL REMAINING 4-H HORSES WILL BE RELEASED ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 3 AT 8:00 A.M.

BUILDING SITTERS

The Building Sitter schedule for 4-H Clubs is included below with this Bow Knot issue. Most time slots have only one club listed. The club that is listed is responsible for watching the Hall of Champions (4-H Building) and the 4-H Exhibit Hall during that time. Both buildings will need at least one building sitter at all times. If the assigned time does not work for your club, please trade with another club. The Extension Office will not find a substitute. The building sitter can be a 4-H member, parent, grandparent, neighbor...anyone. The purpose of the building sitters is to make sure the exhibits are not tampered with, and to welcome our guests to the exhibits. Please be sure to show up at your assigned times to help ensure the security of the 4-H exhibits.

2023 Building Sitters

Time	Sunday, July 30	Monday, July 31	Tuesday, August 1	Wednesday, August 2
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.		Tail Twisters	Oconto 4-H	Western Riders
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Great Connections	Ansley Jr. Livestock	Four Corners	Middle Loup
3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Dog Gone Fun Custer Cousins	Sandhill Critters	Thumbs-Up	Twin Valley
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Creative Kids	Four Valleys	Young Riders	Burr Oak

AKSARBEN...ONLINE ENTRIES FOR 2023



AKSARBEN will be utilizing an all online entry process for 2023. The responsibility for making proper entry rests upon the exhibitor. All entries must be made electronically through the Aksarben Stock Show website by 11:59 p.m. Central Time on September 1. The Aksarben premium book can be found at:

<https://www.aksarbenstockshow.com/p/events>

2023 Aksarben 4-H Stock Show - September 21-24.

All events will be held at the State Fairgrounds at Fonner Park in Grand Island.

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