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## 4-H Newsletter

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY	JULY
1 4-H T-Shirt Orders due	1 Registrations due online for Custer County 4-H 3D Archery Match by 5:00 p.m.
15 2025 CWF Payment Due	4 Office closed for Independence Day
15 Online Registration deadline for Quality Assurance Training, 5:00 p.m.	7 Custer County 4-H 3D Archery Match, Litchfield
20 4-H Council Meeting, 4-H Building, 7:30 p.m.	13-17 State 4-H Horse Show, Fonner Park, Grand Island
27 Office closed for Memorial Day	15 2025 CWF Payment Due
29 Animal Science Discover Day, Curtis	15 4-H Council Meeting, 4-H Building, 7:30 p.m.
31 4-H Horse ID's and Advancement Levels due in Extension Office	15 Deadline for Fashion Show narratives to be submitted online by 5:00 p.m.
	16 CWF Concession Stand Work Night & Information Meeting, Fairgrounds, 6:00 p.m.
<b>JUNE</b>	18 Clothing Construction and Fashion Show Judging, Evangelical Free Church, Broken Bow
1 State 4-H Horse Show Deadline for Online Entries	18 4-H Public Fashion Show, Evangelical Free Church, Broken Bow, 7:00 p.m.
9-14 Big Red Summer Camps	20 4-H Dog Show, Fairgrounds, 8:00 a.m.
13 Youth Quality Assurance Training, Broken Bow Municipal Building, 6:30 p.m.	24 4-H Entry Day for all exhibits except food, clothing, horticulture, and livestock, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
14 4-H Livestock ID's due in Extension Office from Leaders	26-Aug. 1 2024 Custer County Fair
14 State Fair & Aksarben DNA Samples due for Market Beef, Breeding Beef, Market Swine, Breeding Swine, Market Lambs, Breeding Sheep, Meat Goat, Breeding Meat Goat, and Feeder Calf	26-27 4-H Firearms Shooting Matches, Fairgrounds
15 Deadline for 4-H ONLINE Enrollments	27 Foods & Garden/Horticulture Judging, Fairgrounds
18 State 4-H Premier Communication Event (Public Speaking Contest), Lincoln	
20-21 P.A.S.E. Animal Science Judging Contest, UNL, Lincoln	
21 4-H Market Beef Carcass nominations due in Extension Office	
22-28 2024 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships, Grand Island, NE	
25 4-H Modeling Workshop, Evangelical Free Church in Broken Bow, 1:00-3:00 p.m.	
28 COUNTY FAIR ONLINE ENTRIES DUE by 5:00 p.m.	

### CUSTER COUNTY FAIR JULY 26 - AUGUST 1

### JUNE JAMBOREE

 It's summertime! Are you looking for some fun and interesting things to do this summer? Join us for June Jamboree...a summertime youth program. Click on this link, [June Jamboree](#), to view workshops offered, and send in your registration now! Starting dates, registration fees, and registration deadlines vary. Many of the programs will fill up quickly. Check with the Extension Office for availability of programs. Registrations must be paid at the Extension Office in order to reserve a spot in a program. **Bring a friend! Youth do not need to be enrolled in 4-H to attend a June Jamboree activity.** If you have any questions, call us at 872-6831. We hope to see you this summer!



### COUNTY FAIR ENTRY PROCESS!

The county fair entry process will be the same as in 2023...using the online entry process using the ShoWorks program. I will be providing more information regarding this process **after** May 15. There will be a lot of information emailed to 4-H families regarding this process, so please be sure to check your email regularly. If you would like to provide our office with an updated email or add an email, give us a call.

**Watch for more information.**



Nebraska Extension in Custer County is once again partnering with Adams Land and Cattle to hold an exciting and interactive Youth Quality Assurance Training the **evening of Thursday, June 13**. **This will be an in-person event held at the Municipal Building in Broken Bow**. Any Custer County 4-H member (4-H age 8-18) or FFA member who plans to show sheep, beef, swine, dairy, rabbits, poultry, and/or goats at the Custer County Fair, Nebraska State Fair, and/or Aksarben needs to be trained for Quality Assurance. **4-H and/or FFA members ages 19-21 will need to complete the online training course and NOT attend the in-person training.**

Adams Land & Cattle, Merck, and Boehringer-Ingelheim are again sponsoring the in-person event at no cost to the youth. **We request that you register youth by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15. Register at: <https://go.unl.edu/youthaga24>.**

Shirts will be provided to youth who register by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15.

#### **Schedule of Events for Thursday, June 13:**

- Registration begins at 6:15 p.m. at the Broken Bow Municipal Building, 314 So. 10 Avenue.
- The program will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will last approximately 1.5 hours.
- Parents may pick up participants at 8:00 p.m.



During the training, youth will move through a series of stations to educate them on animal Quality Assurance. All Custer County youth who need Quality Assurance training are encouraged to attend. We would like as many 4-H'ers as possible to attend this exciting and interactive Quality Assurance training.

Youth who are not able to attend the in-person training on June 13, will need to complete the online Quality Assurance Training course by June 15.

**Online registrations are due by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15. Register at: <https://go.unl.edu/youthaga24>.**

**\*With the changes in quality assurance going to a national training program called Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) there is a \$3 fee/participant for face-to-face trainings. This fee is being paid by Adams Land and Cattle. After the training each participant will be given a coupon with a code that will then need to be entered into the YQCA website. This coupon code will cover the \$3 fee. Instructions for entering the required information for YQCA will be given to participants the night of the training along with the coupon code.**

#### **OPTIONS FOR YOUTH UNABLE TO ATTEND THE JUNE 14 QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING...**

- Online Course. The online training course is available at: <https://yqcaprogram.org/> and the cost is \$12 per person.
- Ages 12-14: "test out" of the intermediate level online for a \$36 fee. <https://yqcaprogram.org/>
- Ages 15-18: "test out" of the senior level online for a \$48 fee. <https://yqcaprogram.org/>

**All training and/or testing must be completed by June 15.**

#### **CUSTER COUNTY 4-H 3D ARCHERY MATCH**



The Custer County 4-H 3D Archery Match is scheduled for July 7. This match will be held at the Litchfield Archery Range, west of Litchfield, along Hwy 2. There will be a registration fee that will be payable at the time of registration in Litchfield. **Registration is REQUIRED by July 1 - 5:00 p.m.** Registration MUST be completed online at: <https://go.unl.edu/3darchery> or by clicking on this QR Code:





## LIVESTOCK/HORSE I.D. DEADLINES

### **Due May 31:**

- Deadline for all 4-H Horse ID's from horse leaders or organizational leaders.
- Deadline for advancement levels testing for youth entering the State 4-H Horse Expo
- There are no District 4-H Horse Shows.

### **Due June 1:**

- State 4-H Horse Expo Entries. State 4-H Horse Expo entry information can be found online at: <https://4h.unl.edu/horse-expo-show>
- Online State 4-H Horse Expo entries open May 1 and closes on June 1 at 5:00 p.m. CT.

**June 15** Deadline for eartagging market goats, breeding meat goats, breeding heifers, market sheep, breeding sheep, market swine, breeding swine, stocker-feeders, bucket calves, and submitting ID sheets to the Extension Office from leaders. Rabbits, dairy cattle, and dairy goats must also be identified. Identification forms are available at the Extension Office. (Clover Kid bucket calves **DO NOT** need identification forms or eartags.) See the [2024 Animal Identification Guidelines](#) for specific eartags required on each species.

**June 15 For State Fair** - Exhibitors showing market and/or breeding beef, feeder calves, market and/or breeding swine, market and/or breeding sheep or market and/or breeding goats at State Fair must have a signed and sealed official DNA envelope with hair samples for DNA verification. Every animal nomination (this includes all breeding animals and feeder calves) will require a DNA submission. DNA must be turned into their county office and have completed the online nomination with payment in Show Stock Manager by June 15. Any animal carrying an 840 EID tag will require the exhibitor to obtain a Premises ID. Contact the local Extension Office for details. (It is recommended that you make a copy or a photo image of the completed envelope you turn into your county.)

An eartag order form is available for clubs. It can be found at: [2024 4-H Eartag Order](#)

4-H Organizational Leaders may make one (1) eartag order for the club or families may stop by the Extension Office to pick up their own eartags. To submit your order, the order form may be emailed, mailed, or delivered in-person.

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[cindy.pearson@unl.edu](mailto:cindy.pearson@unl.edu)

Mailing address: Nebraska Extension - Custer County  
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**Eartags must be paid for when orders are picked up.** Checks must be made payable to: **4-H ACTIVITIES.**

## LIVESTOCK IDENTIFICATION FORMS

Livestock Identification forms can be found online at:

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/custer/livestock-id-forms/>

All animals will need to be identified on their respective form in order to be shown at the county fair.  
(See [2024 Animal Identification Guidelines](#).)

ID forms are printable from our website for 4-H'ers to fill out and turn in to their 4-H organizational leader. If ID forms are printed at home, **please print in landscape format, if possible.** ID forms may also be picked up at the Extension Office. Organizational leaders need to turn these into the Extension Office by June 15, so please get these completed forms to them well in advance.

**FAMILIES MUST TURN THEIR ID SHEETS IN TO THEIR ORGANIZATIONAL LEADER.  
ALL ID SHEETS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY YOUR LEADER.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office.



# Congratulations!



## 2024 4-H Ad Sales Contest Winner Middle Loup 4-H Club

## 2024 4-H Membership Contest Winners

Club with the most new members ...**South Loup 4-H Club**  
Club with the greatest % of new members...**Thumbs Up 4-H Club**  
Each of these 4-H clubs will be receiving \$25 from the 4-H Council.

## 2024 4-H Activities Scholarship Winners



### \$500 Scholarships will be awarded to:

Katie Olson  
Halie Racicky  
Lilly Jonas  
Owen Cantrell

### \$250 Scholarship will be awarded to:

Bode Bumgarner

## COUNTY DESIGNED 4-H T-SHIRTS...USING THE 4-H NAME AND EMBLEM

Many 4-H clubs are creating designs for use on 4-H club shirts. These designs usually incorporate the 4-H Name and Emblem.



The 4-H Name and Emblem is a highly valued mark within our country's history. Did you know it was granted a very unique and special status; it is in a category similar to the Presidential Seal and the Olympic Emblem? The 4-H Name and Emblem is federally protected by the Secretary of Agriculture.

What does that all mean for 4-H clubs? You must have prior approval for any design which you would like to use in print/stitching. This includes articles of clothing as well as handouts and fliers. Information regarding Using the 4-H Name and Emblem, as well as a Request Form for Approval of Use of the 4-H Name and Emblem can be found online at:

<https://4h.unl.edu/name-emblem-guidelines>

If your 4-H club is thinking of using the 4-H clover and/or name in a design, please complete the form and return to the Extension Office along with a copy of the graphic **prior** to any ordering or printing. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Colleen at the Extension Office.

## 4-H MODELING WORKSHOP - TUESDAY, JUNE 25

**What:** Youth will have fun learning how to write narratives for the fashion show, learn how to model your 4-H garment to reflect the words in your narrative, and learn how to choose accessories for your 4-H garment. Participants will learn from the 2023 State Fair 4-H Stylists.



**Who:** Everyone is welcome to this FREE workshop! Even if you are not taking a clothing project this year, but you might in the future, feel free to come! This will be a great time to get questions answered and to practice modeling in the church where the fashion show judging and the public fashion show will be held.



**When:** Tuesday, June 25, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

**Where:** Evangelical Free Church, West Memorial Drive, Broken Bow

**Registration Deadline:** Wednesday, June 19

**Instructors:** Colleen Peterson, 4-H Aide; Charmayne Popp, Summer 4-H Staff; and 2023 State Fair Stylists...Katie Olson, Emma Olson, Maysa Jones, and Mandi Mattox

**Registration Fee:** FREE!



### **FOCUS ON CHARACTER...RESPONSIBILITY!**

What is responsibility? Webster's dictionary defines responsibility as the quality or state of being responsible as a) moral, legal, or mental accountability, b) reliability, trustworthiness; something for which one is responsible. Responsibility is the state of being reliable and the state of being accountable. Responsibility is to do what you are supposed to do, think before you act...consider the consequences, and be accountable for your choices.

4-H members/families and 4-H leaders all have responsibilities in the 4-H program. 4-H members and families are responsible for attending club meetings; meeting club/county deadlines; completing 4-H ONLINE enrollments, contest entry forms, making county fair entries, and record books which includes making sure they are given to your club organizational leader in ample time to be turned in to the Extension Office. 4-H leaders are responsible for holding 4-H club meetings (informing members of meetings scheduled and planning an agenda for the meeting) and meeting county deadlines (for example, enrollment deadline, contest entry forms, county fair entry deadline, record book deadline, and deadline for livestock ID's).

Each of us is responsible for the choices we make. And for every choice we make, there is usually a consequence. Consequences will be positive or negative, based on the choice which was made. Though others may influence us, we must take responsibility for our actions. Who we are today, is the result of choices we made yesterday. Tomorrow we will become what we choose today. To be responsible means to do your duty, to be accountable for your choices and their

### **DIAMOND CLOVER PROGRAM**



The 4-H Diamond Clover Recognition Program is designed to complement our dynamic 4-H tradition. This non-competitive program recognizes the accomplishments of 4-H members from 8-19 years of age. Through the Diamond Clover Program, Nebraska 4-H recognizes young people for their accomplishments and life skill development. It offers the opportunity for youth to practice the life skills they are learning and be rewarded for their work. The Nebraska 4-H Diamond Clover Recognition Program is designed to assist all 4-H members in their 4-H journey to becoming capable, contributing, and competent adults. An overview of the program and report forms can be found online at: <https://4h.unl.edu/diamond-clover>. All Diamond Clover member reports are due in the Extension Office on or before 5:00 p.m. on October 1. Please do not include Diamond Clover reports with record books. For more information, contact the Extension Office.

### **SHOWMANSHIP DVD'S AVAILABLE**



A collection of showmanship DVD's are available for check-out at the Extension Office. The titles are: Selecting Your Show Animals - Calves, Pigs, Lambs, and Goats; Preparing Your Show Pigs, Show Pig Nutrition, Show Pig Management; Developing Your Show Gilts; Managing Your Show Lambs; Showing Your Show Goats and Producing Your Show Broilers and Turkeys. These would make a great 4-H club lesson idea!

### **ANNUAL 4-H GROUP ACCIDENT INSURANCE POLICY**

Custer County 4-H is covered by an annual 4-H group accident insurance policy. The Annual Group Accident Policy through American Income Life (AIL) covers individual 4-H clubs, or county wide 4-H programs. The premiums for this insurance comes from the \$7.00/member fee each year. All enrolled 4-H members and leaders are covered under this policy. The policy covers each enrolled member and leader while participating in or attending regularly approved and adult supervised group activities. The policy offers FULL coverage for members and leaders while traveling directly to and from the member's home and the meeting place for the purpose of participating in scheduled group activity. If anyone has an accident claim to make, please contact Colleen at the Extension Office for a Claim Form. We are hoping that we have a safe and accident-free year!

The following examples are actual claims which have been paid:

*A 13-year-old 4-H member was watering his calf while at the local 4-H fairgrounds when the animal knocked him against a concrete barrier. He required treatment in the emergency room for a broken wrist. AIL paid the policy maximum for medical expenses related to the injury.*

*A group of 4-H horse club members were practicing in the arena after a county show. One rider lost his seating and fell off. The 14-year-old was in extreme pain, so he was transported to the hospital by ambulance. X-rays found he had suffered a broken collarbone. Maximum benefits were paid under the 4-H club policy, which paid for the ambulance charge and contributed to the emergency room, hospital, and physician charges.*



# 4-H HORSE NEWS

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## Due July 15:

- 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 15 to be eligible to show in the 2024 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.



## COUNTY FAIR ENTRIES

4-H entries must be made according to the printed 2024 Custer County Fair Premium Book and entered online by 5:00 p.m. on June 28. Instructions for online entries will be emailed to 4-H families on approximately May 15. At the September 19, 2022 4-H Council meeting, the following motion was made. ***"Every 4-H member is eligible for a "one-time" member exemption for late county fair entries. The exemption provides the ability (one-time in a 4-H member's career) for the 4-H member to acknowledge they missed the county fair entry deadline, with a \$25 late fee charged per member."***

## SUMMER CAMPS



Nebraska 4-H summer camps provide all youth a place to discover, learn, and grow. Youth do not need to be a 4-H member to attend. Overnight camps, single day camps, and week long camps with a variety of activities are offered for all ages.

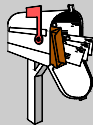
<https://4h.unl.edu/camps>



## LIVESTOCK IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR AKSARBEN

Current AKSARBEN Stock Show livestock requirements can be found at:

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



### Links

[2024 Animal Identification Guidelines](#)

[2024 4-H Eartag Order](#)

[2024 June Jamboree Program](#)

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