

# Fillmore County 4-H News

### 4-H Calendar

#### August

- 5 Ag Innovator Workshop 10:00am – Noon**  
This is a Face-to-face workshop, so space is limited. Participants should wear a mask!
- 10 State Fair Livestock & Contest Entries Due 8 PM**
- 25 State Fair Static Exhibits Due at Ext. Office by 4:00pm**
- Aug 28-Sept 7 Nebraska State Fair – Grand Island**

#### September

- 7 Office Closed – Labor Day**
- 9 Pick up State Fair Static Exhibit, Ext Off. After 1:00pm**
- Sept 24-27 Aksarben 4-H Stock Show Grand Island**

#### THIS NEWSLETTER HAS IMPORTANT STATE FAIR INFORMATION!

*-Please note that all food and horticulture state fair exhibits will be featured on an online showcase and not be physically displayed. These exhibits will receive a commemorative ribbon for their work.*

*-All other exhibits going to state fair will be displayed in booths grouped by county and will receive commemorative ribbons as well and be eligible for division champion, reserve champion and special recognition awards.*

*4-H State Fair Schedule included in this newsletter*

*Water Connects Us All. Challenge*  
4-H Ag Innovators Experience

Join us at the Fillmore County Extension Office for a Fun Interactive Workshop.  
August 5th from 10:00AM-Noon  
Masks are highly encouraged.

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Please sign up by calling the Extension Office at 402-759-3712



### A Big Thank You!

The Fillmore County Fair was a week full of events! It takes many devoted and hardworking people for the fair to run smoothly. We'd like to thank the Fillmore County Ag Society, 4-H Council, superintendents, volunteers, leaders, parents, 4-H & FFA members, and FFA advisors for all of their hard work and dedication. We'd also like to thank all of the businesses and organizations for supporting 4-H and FFA youth.



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**Thank You Notes**

It is **VERY** important that 4-H'ers remember to thank donors for awards and premium money. They appreciate and look forward to your thank you notes each year. Please take the time to write a thank you to our generous 4-H supporters.



### **Diamond Clover Award**

*Complete your 4-H Diamond Clover application by **December 1st!*** This noncompetitive program recognizes the accomplishments of 4-H members. It consists of six levels that require a 4-H member to plan and report age-appropriate accomplishments. The 4-H member, parent, and 4-H leader sign off on their accomplishments, and return the report to the Extension Office. The 4-H'er will then be awarded a Diamond Clover pin and certificate of completion for that level at the annual 4-H Achievement Night. More information may be found at <https://4h.unl.edu/diamond-clover>. Youth interested in participating in this program should stop by the Extension Office to pick up an application or download it from the above site.

### **Achievement Applications**

***Due to the Extension Office December 1st!***

Now that the fair is over, it's time to begin thinking about Achievement Applications formally known as Career Portfolios.

Awards can be won at the local level for juniors and state and local level for Seniors by completing your Achievement Applications! Also for Seniors this a chance to apply for Nebraska State 4-H Scholarships! The Achievement Applications is a record of your 4-H career. It includes a story of your personal growth and leadership experiences related to the knowledge learned, skills gained and community service/volunteer activities experienced through 4-H. Each Fillmore County 4-H member may apply for up to 2 county award areas based on learning in specific areas. See the attached application form to review the possible award areas. Download your Achievement Application at: <https://4h.unl.edu/achievement-application>.

Need help getting started on your Achievement Applications? We are here to help! Contact the Extension Office at 759-3712 to schedule a time to answer your questions and get you started. Bring

your laptop if possible. See the enclosed Achievement Applications Cover Sheet for a list of possible awards.

### **4-H Club of Excellence** *Applications due September 15th*

The overall goal of 4-H clubs is to develop enthusiastic young people who boldly take action to demonstrate life skills as capable, caring, confident, competent kids of character thus contributing to the improvement of themselves, their family, their club, their community, and their world. One way clubs might choose to measure their success in meeting that goal is their ability to gain status as a Nebraska 4-H Club of Excellence. To receive the designation as a Nebraska 4-H Club of Excellence, clubs must meet a certain set of criteria and document how this criteria was met. Clubs meeting the requirements will initially receive a certificate. In subsequent years clubs successfully meeting the requirements will receive a special insignia to place on their certificate. Clubs must apply annually to receive this designation.

For more information go to:

<http://4h.unl.edu/clubs/recognition> Applications will be sent to each club leader. They are due to the Extension Office by September 15th.

#### **Aksarben Info**

For more information on the 2020 Aksarben Stock Show please view the website at [aksarbenstockshow.com](http://aksarbenstockshow.com) for entry process and schedules.

#### **State Fair Info**

**Contest Entries:** Families are required to enter all in-person, non-livestock entries online at <https://nebr.fairwire.com/> by 8:00 p.m. on **Saturday, August 10**. This includes fashion show, culinary challenge, presentation contest and other non-livestock, in-person events.

**Livestock Entries:** Families are required to enter all livestock entries online at <https://nebr.fairwire.com/> by 8:00 p.m. on **Saturday, August 10**.

#### **State Fair Static Exhibits**

All **non-perishable static exhibits** selected for the State Fair should be brought to the Extension Office **August 25 by 4:00 PM**. All **Food, Horticulture, and large or very valuable exhibits** should be submitted by photo by **August 14 by 5:00 PM on the drop box**

<https://unl.app.box.com/f/14943c18aac34c82a934d0adc144b626> . Exhibits are to be brought ready to be displayed based on fairbook guidelines. State Fair guidelines can be found at <http://4h.unl.edu/fairbook>.

Tags will be attached by Extension Staff. We will transport exhibits to Grand Island for display. *They will be returned to the Extension Office by September 9th at noon. Please pick them up in a timely manner!*

### **State Fair Culinary Challenge**

The contest will take place on Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup> in the Raising Nebraska. 4-H'ers can register in ShoWorks (<https://4h.unl.edu/state-fair/contest-participant>) – no additional forms are needed. The Culinary Challenge is located under the “4-H Personal Development and Leadership” department in ShoWorks. The 4-H Culinary Challenge Contest will require youth to demonstrate healthy decision making through nutrition, food preparation, menu planning, and food safety. A team will consist of two members to be eligible to compete. 4-H members need to be at least 10 years of age by January 1<sup>st</sup>.

A challenge ingredient is selected each year highlighting a Nebraska commodity food product. The 2020 challenge ingredient is **popcorn!** More information can be found at:

- <https://4h.unl.edu/state-fair/contest-participant>
- <http://food.unl.edu/food-projects>

### **State Fairbook Online**

Find information for the 2020 fairbook, State Fair schedule, State Fair score sheets and additional 4-H State Fair information

visit <https://statefair.org/competitions-and-participate/competitions/4-h-ffa-exhibitors>

### **4-H & FFA State Fair Livestock Entry**

FFA and 4-H are sharing an online entry system and are allowing exhibitors/parents to make the entries this year. You can find a link called 4-H and FFA Online Entries here:

<https://statefair.org/competitions-and-participate/competitions/4-h-ffa-exhibitors>.

Families will find a link to the State Fair Livestock entry website, a PDF with entry instructions.

4-H and FFA exhibitors and their families are responsible for submitting all livestock entries online this year. This includes:

- 4-H and FFA Livestock entries
- 4-H Companion Animal entries
- 4-H Dog entries
- 4-H Dog Skillathon entries
- 4-H and FFA Premier Exhibitor entries

**All livestock entries must be submitted no later than 8:00 p.m. Central Time on August 10, 2020.** A credit or debit card is required to submit entries.

4-H static entries are entered by the local Extension Office staff.

### **State Fair Livestock Exhibitor Info**

**Health Certificates:** These are required on all animals entering the fairgrounds and will be checked by a veterinarian at the Livestock Check-In Trailer prior to entering the grounds.

**Fans and Beef Blocking Chutes:** In order to keep the barn neat and uncluttered, blocking chute tags will be distributed per county based upon the number of beef animals entered at the fair. The chutes will be allotted to each county/chapter based on number of head entered and will be dispersed to exhibitors from the county/chapter. Exaggerating entries will cause the number of chutes allotted to be lowered so it is not recommended. Because of the existing fans in the building, there may not be the need for as many fans as in the past. No free standing fans allowed in any of the barns. Evaporative coolers **will not** be allowed at the State Fair. **Chutes may only be set up in the designated areas of the barn and must have a chute tag in clear view. There will not be a charge for 4-H or FFA chutes this year.**

**Drug Withdrawal Affidavits:** Please remember to bring your drug withdrawal affidavits with you for check-in. These forms may be found on line at <https://4h.unl.edu/state-fair/live-animal-exhibitor>.



The form is the same for both FFA and 4-H. These are required and will be collected on **all species** when you check in your animals. **Put different species on different sheets.** Ear tag numbers must be accurately completed.

**Fungus:** All sheep will be checked for fungus at check-in. Any animals with fungus will not be allowed to participate.

**Swine Exhibitors:** New in 2020, the Swine Show will be non-terminal. Animals returning home after the show will be released immediately following the show and must be removed from the grounds by the designated time in the Nebraska State Fair Livestock Schedule.

**Animal Entries:** Please only enter the animals you are intending to bring. This will help solve the problem with crowded barns. Remember an entry fee is NOT a stall fee.

**Registration Papers:** You must bring an ORIGINAL copy of registration papers if your animal is to be shown in that class.

**Showmanship:** Everyone will be entered into the showmanship competition. You may scratch at check-in if you choose not to participate in showmanship. Age divisions are 10-13 for Intermediate and 14-18 for Senior Divisions.



## Adventure Day Camps

NEBRASKA 4-H CAMPS

AUGUST  
**3, 5 & 7**

Open to ALL Youth Ages 6-14  
Join us for 1, 2 or all 3 days and an extended option on Friday!  
Located at our Eastern Camp:  
21520 West HWY 31  
Gretna, NE 68028



## Registration Details

\$80 PER DAY  
\$20 FOR EXTENDED FRIDAY EVENING  
REGISTER FOR ALL 3 DAYS & RECEIVE \$50 OFF!

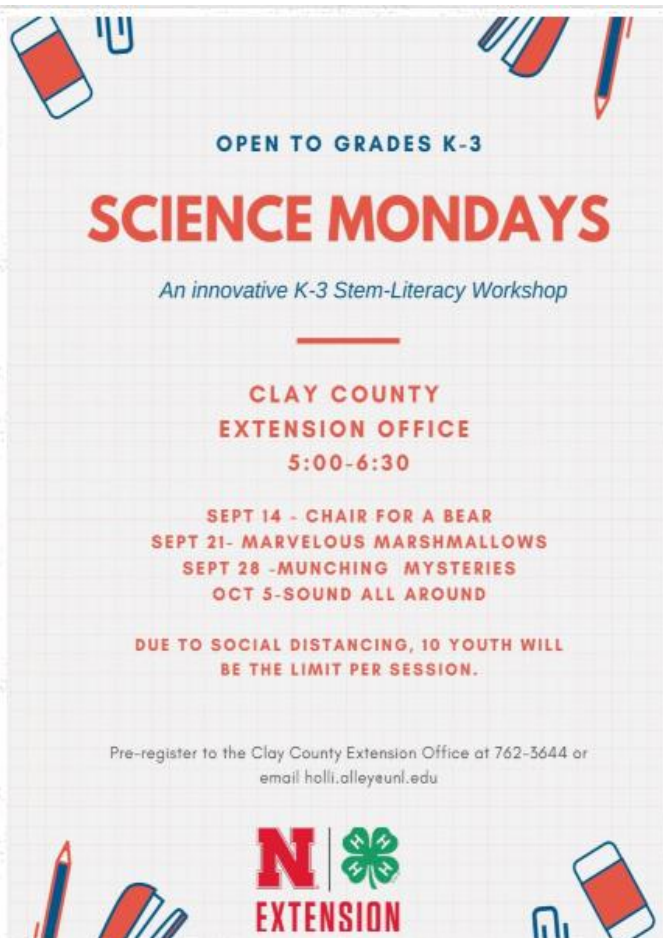
**MONDAY**  
9 AM - 5 PM  
Fishing, Zipline, Water Games, Crafts  
Sack lunch & snack included

**WEDNESDAY**  
9 AM - 5 PM  
Canoeing, Zipline, Water Games, Crafts  
Sack lunch & snack included

**FRIDAY**  
9 AM - 5 PM  
Archery, Zipline, Water Games, Crafts  
Sack lunch & snack included

**FRIDAY - EXTENDED OPTION**  
5 PM - 8 PM  
Cookout Dinner, Games, Campfire, S'mores  
Camper meal included - \$9 per additional meal

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE! EMAIL [KZABEL2@UNL.EDU](mailto:KZABEL2@UNL.EDU)  
FOR MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS!  
REGISTER ONLINE TODAY AT: [4H.UNL.EDU/CAMPS](http://4H.UNL.EDU/CAMPS)



OPEN TO GRADES K-3

# SCIENCE MONDAYS

An innovative K-3 Stem-Literacy Workshop


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**CLAY COUNTY  
EXTENSION OFFICE**  
5:00-6:30

SEPT 14 - CHAIR FOR A BEAR  
SEPT 21- MARVELOUS MARSHMALLOWS  
SEPT 28 -MUNCHING MYSTERIES  
OCT 5-SOUND ALL AROUND

DUE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING, 10 YOUTH WILL  
BE THE LIMIT PER SESSION.

Pre-register to the Clay County Extension Office at 762-3644 or  
email [hollie.alley@unl.edu](mailto:hollie.alley@unl.edu)



## GROBigRed Virtual Learning Series



**Tuesdays @ 7pm CDT | Free | Via Zoom**  
Join the experts from Nebraska Extension to learn and  
ask questions about:

### Vegetable Gardens

- 7/14 What's happening in your garden?
- 7/21 Fall Gardening
- 7/28 Tomato Troubles
- 8/4 Preserving the Harvest
- 8/18 Herbs
- 9/15 Cover Crops
- 9/22 Composting
- 9/29 Putting Your Garden to Bed for Winter

### Trees

- 8/11 Tree Problems
- 8/25 Tree Selection
- 9/1 Tree Planting
- 9/8 Tree Care



**Register: <https://go.unl.edu/grobigreredvirtual>**



my **HEAD**  
to clearer thinking,

my **HEART**  
to greater loyalty,

my **HANDS**  
to larger service, and

my **HEALTH**  
to better living, for

my **Club**, my **Community**,  
my **Country**,  
and my **World**.

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## 4-H SCHEDULE

### 2020 NEBRASKA STATE FAIR

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#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 10

8:00 p.m.: All 4-H Livestock and in person entries due via ShoWorks. Families enter livestock, including beef, sheep, swine, goats, rabbits, poultry, Fashion Shows, Presentations, and Contests. The ShoWorks site closes at 8:00 p.m. central time. No late 4-H entries are allowed

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 24

9:00 a.m.: 4-H Exhibit open for County Staff County Booth setup, Pinnacle Bank Expo Center  
12:00 noon: All exhibit hall entries due via ShoWorks by County Staff.  
5:00 p.m.: 4-H Exhibit closes

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

9:00 a.m.: 4-H Exhibit open for County Staff County Booth setup, Pinnacle Bank Expo Center  
5:00 p.m.: 4-H Exhibit closes

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

9:00 a.m.: 4-H Exhibit open for County Staff County Booth setup, Pinnacle Bank Expo Center  
5:00 p.m.: 4-H Exhibit closes

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

8:00 a.m.: 4-H Award Selection until 8:00 p.m., Pinnacle Bank Expo Center  
8:00 p.m.: 4-H Exhibit closes

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

4-H Exhibit Showcase, Pinnacle Bank Expo Center  
10:00 a.m.: Fairgrounds opens to the public.  
10:00 a.m.: Livestock Vet Check Open in Brunk's Lot, 4-H Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goats, and Poultry Begin Arrival  
6:00 p.m.: Poultry Check In until 8:00 p.m., Sheep Barn  
7:00 p.m.: Breeding & Market Beef Check In until 8:30 p.m., outside of Five Points Bank Arena  
11:00 p.m.: Livestock Vet Check Closes in Brunk's Lot

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

4-H Exhibit Showcase, Pinnacle Bank Expo Center  
6:00 a.m.: Livestock Vet Check Open in Brunk's Lot outside of Five Points Bank Arena  
7:00 a.m.: Breeding & Market Beef Check In until 9:00 a.m., outside of Five Points Bank Arena  
7:30 a.m.: Poultry Check In until 9:00 a.m., Sheep Barn  
9:00 a.m.: Beef and Poultry In Place  
9:00 a.m.: Tree ID Contest registration, Pinnacle Bank Expo Center  
9:30 a.m.: Tree ID Contest, Pinnacle Bank Expo Center  
10:00 a.m.: Presentations Contest (all Illustrated Presentation classes), Pinnacle Bank Expo  
10:00 a.m.: Breeding Sheep Check In until 11:00 a.m., Sheep Barn  
10:00 a.m.: Beef Showmanship, Five Points Bank Arena  
10:00 a.m.: Poultry Showmanship and Poultry Show, Sheep Barn  
10:00 a.m.: Culinary Challenge Registration Group A, Raising Nebraska Building  
10:30 a.m.: Culinary Challenge Group A, Raising Nebraska Building  
11:00 a.m.: Market Sheep Check In until 1:00 p.m., Sheep Barn  
11:30 a.m.: Insect ID Contest registration, Pinnacle Bank Expo Center  
12:00 p.m.: Insect ID Contest, Pinnacle Bank Expo Center  
12:00 noon: Presentations Contest (Teaching Trade Show), Pinnacle Bank Expo  
12:00 noon: Market & Breeding Goat Check In until 2:00 p.m., Sheep Barn  
12:00 noon: Swine Check In until 2:00 p.m., Aurora Cooperative Building

1:00 p.m.: Culinary Challenge Registration Group B, Raising Nebraska Building  
 1:30 p.m.: Culinary Challenge Group B, Raising Nebraska Building  
 1:45 p.m.: Horticulture Contest registration, Pinnacle Bank Expo Center  
 2:15 p.m.: Horticulture Contest, Pinnacle Bank Expo Center  
 2:00 p.m.: Presentations Contest (Premier Presenter), Pinnacle Bank Expo  
 2:00 p.m.: Sheep, Goats and Swine In Place  
 2:00 p.m.: Livestock Vet Check Closes in Brunk's Lot  
 2:00 p.m.: Breeding Beef Show, Five Points Bank Arena  
 3:00 p.m.: Sheep Showmanship, Five Points Bank Arena  
 3:30 p.m.: Public Speaking Contest, Pinnacle Bank Expo Center  
 3:45 p.m.: Weed/Crops/Grass/Forbs ID Contest registration, Pinnacle Bank Expo Center  
 4:00 p.m.: Digital Video - 4-H FilmFest, Raising Nebraska  
 4:00 p.m.: Goat Showmanship, Five Points Bank Arena  
 4:15 p.m.: Weed/Crops/Grass/Forbs ID Contest, Pinnacle Bank Expo Center  
 5:00 p.m.: Swine Showmanship, Aurora Cooperative Building

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 30**

4-H Exhibit Showcase, Pinnacle Bank Expo Center  
 6:00 a.m.: Rabbits Begin Arrival  
 7:00 a.m.: Rabbit Check In until 9:00 a.m., Sheep Barn  
 8:00 a.m.: Market Beef Show beginning with the Nebraska Fed Steer Challenge, Five Points Bank Arena  
 8:00 a.m.: Breeding Sheep Show & Market Lamb Show, Five Points Bank Arena  
 8:00 a.m.: 4-H Fashion 1st Show Registration, Raising Nebraska, registration ends at 8:30 a.m.  
 8:30 a.m.: Market Swine Show, Aurora Cooperative Pavilion  
 9:00 a.m.: 4-H Fashion 1st Show (ticketed event, audience must exit after each show), Raising Nebraska  
 10:00 a.m.: Breeding Goat Show & Market Goat Show, Five Points Bank Arena  
 10:00 a.m.: Rabbit Showmanship and Rabbit Show, Sheep Arena  
 11:30 a.m.: 4-H Fashion 2nd Show Registration, Raising Nebraska, registration ends at 12:00 noon  
 12:30 p.m.: 4-H Fashion 2nd Show (ticketed event, audience must exit after each show), Raising Nebraska  
 3:00 p.m.: 4-H Fashion 3rd Show Registration, Raising Nebraska, registration ends at 3:30 p.m.  
 4:00 p.m.: 4-H Fashion 3rd Show (ticketed event, audience must exit after each show), Raising Nebraska  
 5:00 p.m.: 4-H Quilts of Valor Presentation, Raising Nebraska (ticketed event, following the 4-H Fashion show)

### **MONDAY, AUGUST 31**

4-H Exhibit Showcase, Pinnacle Bank Expo Center

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

4-H Exhibit Showcase, Pinnacle Bank Expo Center

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**

4-H Exhibit Showcase, Pinnacle Bank Expo Center

### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**

4-H Exhibit Showcase, Pinnacle Bank Expo Center  
 5:00 p.m.: 4-H/FFA Youth Dairy Cattle Begin Arrival until 10:00 p.m.

### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

4-H Exhibit Showcase, Pinnacle Bank Expo Center  
 8:00 a.m.: 4-H/FFA Youth Dairy Cattle Arrival and Check In until 12:00 noon  
 12:00 noon: 4-H/FFA Dairy Cattle must be in place.

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

4-H Exhibit Showcase, Pinnacle Bank Expo Center  
 8:00 a.m.: 4-H/FFA Youth Dairy Cattle Show, Five Points Bank Arena

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

4-H Exhibit Showcase, Pinnacle Bank Expo Center

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

4-H Exhibit Showcase, Pinnacle Bank Expo Center