

Fillmore County 4-H News

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COVID-19 Update

Programming Update

- Nebraska Extension will continue to provide only remote programming through June 15, 2020. Decisions beyond that timeframe will be made later.

Virtual Judging of Livestock and Static Exhibits Option

- Nebraska 4-H is working on options for evaluating livestock and static exhibits. While we hope we don't have to implement these options, we do want to be prepared and will communicate once decisions have been made (likely around June 1st).

Weigh In and Tagging Dates

- For 2020, there should be no 4-H weigh-in or tagging in-person gatherings. These are non-essential functions and families should not be put at risk.

As a reminder, 4-H is a program of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and we must abide by those guidelines. Continue to check the updated list at: <https://4h.unl.edu/covid-19>

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST RESULTS

Congratulations to all participants of the Public Speaking Contest! Five 4-H members participated in the 2020 Fillmore County 4-H Public Speaking Contest, and Presentation Contest, held on April 16th via zoom video conferencing. The kids did a great job adapting to this new way of speech and presentation contest.

Winners in each division were:

Public Speaking Contest:

Clover Kid Division:

Rainbow Ribbon: Beau Burda and EmyJay Houck.

Junior Speech Division:

Purple Ribbon & Champion: Hailey Miller

Intermediate Speech Division:

Purple Ribbon & Champion: Tucker Robinson

Blue Ribbon: McKenzie VanDeWalle

Presentation Contest:

Clover Kid Division:

Rainbow Ribbon: EmyJay Houck

Intermediate Division:

Purple Ribbon & Champion: Tucker Robinson

Look at page 2 for May virtual workshops, including projects for the fair!

Sheep Weigh-In

There will be NO sheep weigh-in this year. Families can call the office to pick up DNA envelopes (for state fair) and Livestock ID sheets. As always please call the office with any questions.

Congratulations

Fillmore County 4-H Seniors!

Austin Plock, Brock Swartzendruber, Brock Tatro, Caitlin Murphy, Carson Tatro, Elija Rose, Erin Schmidt, Izayah Morris, Jared Engle, Justin Stengel, Naudia Larsen, Nolan Weber and Regan Alfis

Best of luck in all your future plans!



Ag Safety Day

New Date: July 30, 2020

Please note that Ag Safety Day has moved to Thursday July 30, 2020! Area 1st through 6th graders are invited to attend Progressive Agriculture Safety Day at the Fillmore County Fairgrounds. Registrations and additional information are to come. Please stay posted for more information.



Clover Kid May Virtual Workshop

May 14th 4-5 p.m. – Gardening 101

We will learn from a story about a hardworking and resourceful rabbit and a lazy bear as they explore “Tops & Bottoms” of plants we eat. Then, we will learn about the seeds you have and “take a journey” with those seeds as they strive to become new plants. Finally, you will plant the seed you have and exhibit it at fair. (Note: if you want to plant in a pot, you can bring the whole pot to fair as a clover kid.)

Materials needed: Participants will need access to seeds (and a seed label telling how deep to plant, etc.) to plant, poster board OR paper, markers/colors, pencil. (optional: printout) Be sure an adult is helping, and you will be on your way in creating two potential fair projects!

To register, go to:

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

Register by visiting

<https://go.unl.edu/4hpickaprojectfridays>.

May 8 –Heritage

Join Nuckolls/Thayer 4-H Educator Kylie Kinley as she explores the Heritage project. We'll peer into the past and brainstorm what historical stories or family heirlooms would make quality projects for fair. Supplies: Pencil and paper, potential heirlooms, family photos, list of family members for family tree drafting.

May 15 –“Coffeecake 201”

Join Clay County 4-H Associate Holli Alley from her kitchen as she bakes coffee cake for the Cooking 201 project. Youth will learn basic baking techniques to perfect yummy coffee cake for the county fair.

May 22 –“T-shirt Rags to Riches”

Fillmore County 4-H Assistant Rachel Adams will show youth how to use old t-shirts that would normally be used as rags to make a one-of-a-kind rug. Don't know how to sew? No problem! We'll use a braiding technique to craft our rugs. This will not be a project we will get done in an hour, but you can work on it in your spare time. I will provide videos of how to braid if you are new to this, and I will also have a video on how to finish your project once you have your rug at a size you like. Supplies: Old T-shirts cut into 1 ½ inch strips. Around 10 XL shirts or the equivalent would be a good place to start. Avoid too many seams in your strips. You will also need scissors (fabric scissors would work best).

May 29 –World of Weeds

Join Fillmore County Extension Educator Brandy VanDeWalle & Todd Boller, county weed superintendent, as they explore common weeds and even start you on an exhibit for county fair. Exhibit to enter: Weed Display -The purpose of this class is to allow original and creative exhibits that contain educational information about weeds, such as interesting information about a weed species, the effects of weed control, herbicide-resistant weeds, what makes a weed, or uses for weeds. Supplies needed: 1-3 weeds to identify, sheet of paper and pencil to brainstorm a poster idea. (Optional: poster board & supplies to get started on a poster.)

NEBRASKA 4-H VIRTUAL LEARNING

BE A BUG BOSS

Virtual Entomology Workshops 1:30-2:30 CST
MAY 19: Insect Orders
MAY 21: Making an Insect Collection

REGISTER HERE TO SAVE YOUR SPOT AND SEE THE SUPPLY LIST:
[HTTPS://GO.UNL.EDU/BUGBOSSWORKSHOP](https://go.unl.edu/bugbossworkshop)

Presented by Nicole Stoner, Entomology Educator

“Pick A Project” Zoom workshop series

These encourage 4-H'ers to practice their fair project progress and to learn how to make (or at least get started on) projects for County Fair 2020. We encourage youth ages 8-18 to register for one or all four of the workshops.

NEBRASKA 4-H Updates:

State Public Speaking Contest: Held virtually on June 24. In order to provide as much opportunity for equity statewide (even those with poor/no internet connection), the plan is for youth to submit videos that will be judged.

Big Red Camps: Cancelled for 2020. Exploring “virtual-learning experiences” in select content areas.

Life Challenge: County-level only for 2020. Planning is underway for 2021.

PASE: Postponing to September 21 & 22.

Companion Animal Judges Workshop

As we continue with no in person 4-H events and youth staying at home with their animals, we are offering an additional learning opportunity for kids to prepare for show season. This will help youth and potential judges understand more about how animals are judged in classes. Do you show Poultry? Cats? Rabbits? Have you ever wondered how judges choose the ribbons placings in the classes you show in? Join the Companion Animal Judges Workshop! The Nebraska 4-H Companion Animal Judges Workshop is an online workshop opportunity for adults interested in judging 4-H companion animals. The course is designed to help new judges learn more about the project areas they might judge and prepare for the 4-H judging experience. Additionally, the online judges workshop course is a great resource for 4-H'ers interested in learning more about how their companion animals will be judged at fair. For questions, contact Grace Kim (grace.kim@unl.edu). For more information and to sign up, go to: <https://4h.unl.edu/companion-animal-judges-workshop>

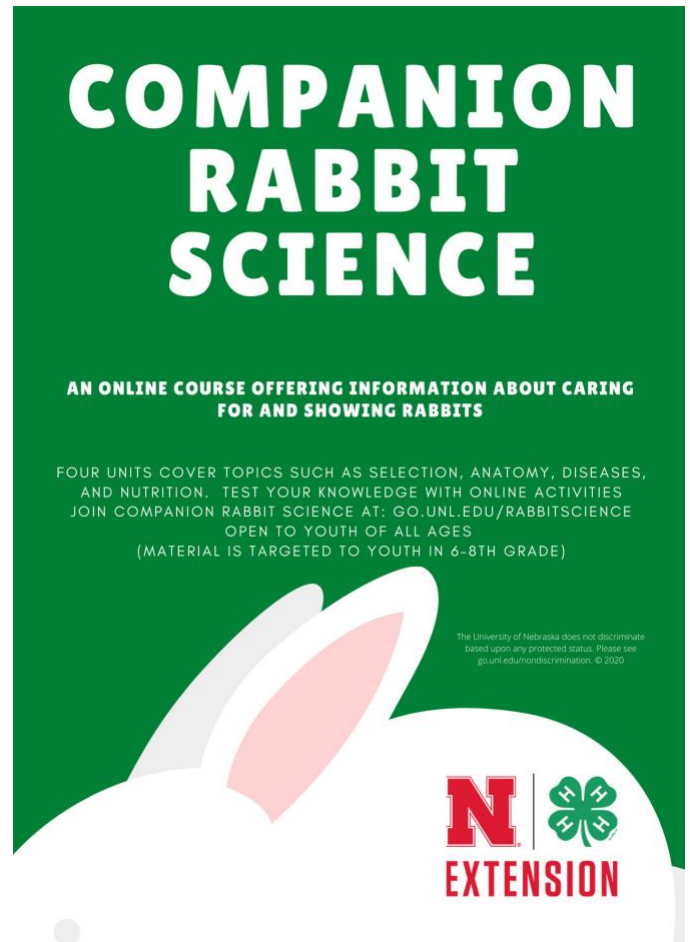


Companion Animal Judges Workshop

This online course provides information about how classes are judged in these animal classes:

- 4-H cat
- 4-H rabbit
- 4-H poultry

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COMPANION RABBIT SCIENCE

AN ONLINE COURSE OFFERING INFORMATION ABOUT CARING FOR AND SHOWING RABBITS

FOUR UNITS COVER TOPICS SUCH AS SELECTION, ANATOMY, DISEASES, AND NUTRITION. TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE WITH ONLINE ACTIVITIES. JOIN COMPANION RABBIT SCIENCE AT: GO.UNL.EDU/RABBITSCIENCE OPEN TO YOUTH OF ALL AGES (MATERIAL IS TARGETED TO YOUTH IN 6-8TH GRADE)

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Online Livestock Judging Video Series

During this unusual time I know that it is extremely difficult for youth to have the opportunity to practice livestock judging and prepare for future contests. This new video series will provide students the chance to evaluate the class, listen to a critique of the class, and hopefully gain some knowledge regarding terminology for their reasons moving forward.

Each week we will add 1 to 3 classes to the series that way students will enjoy plenty of content.

Youth can access these videos at 4h.unl.edu/livestock or 4h.unl.edu/self-paced-videos. Once you get to the website, simply scroll down and you should see the link for the online video series which is located on YouTube.

4-H Virtual Dog Club

Are you and your dog at home with nothing to do? Have you thought of training your dog, but didn't know where to start? Join our 4-H Virtual Dog Club to get started on training your dog at home. You just need a few minutes each day to build the relationship with your dog and improve their behavior. The club will provide some training tips each week with short videos. You can submit videos of your training progress as we go and get feedback from dog experts. The club is open to all 4-H youth and will focus initially on beginning obedience, but will expand to showmanship and agility as skills increase. For questions, contact Lisa Karr (lisa.karr@unl.edu). For more information and to sign up, go to: <https://4h.unl.edu/virtual-dog-club>



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Are you and your dog bored at home and need something to do?

4-H VIRTUAL DOG CLUB

OPEN TO ALL 4-H YOUTH AND THEIR DOGS

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**PRACTICE DOG TRAINING SKILLS
PREPARE FOR COUNTY AND STATE FAIR
BUILD THE RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR DOG**
Focus will be on beginning training
Questions Contact: Lisa Karr (lisa.karr@unl.edu)

Register at: go.unl.edu/virtualdogclub

Nebraska Extension Marathon Kids

Marathon Kids is a national running program designed to motivate kids by utilizing running logs, boost their activity, and introduce them to the joy of running (marathonkids.org)! Here at Nebraska Extension, we are offering a virtual Marathon Kids club, so youth and their families across Nebraska

can be active and gain confidence through completing the distance of a marathon, one mile at a time!

Step 1: Join our Facebook Group, [Nebraska Extension Marathon Kids](#)

Step 2: Track your mileage by using either these [Printable mileage logs](#) or be creative and design your own way of tracking!

Step 3: Get out and be active. You can run, you can jog, you can walk or even skip!

Step 4: Interact with us on Social Media! We want to know where you are running and how close you are getting to your marathon.

Visit our website for more <https://food.unl.edu/marathon-kids>

Nebraska Extension MARATHON KIDS

Virtual Family Running Program

JOIN US AS WE RUN, JOG, WALK (OR EVEN SKIP) A MARATHON!

Step 1: Join our Facebook Group

Nebraska Extension Marathon Kids

Step 2: Track your mileage

Step 3: Get out and be active

Step 4: Interact with us on social media

<https://food.unl.edu/marathonkids>



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County Fair Info

PRE-FAIR ENTRIES DUE JUNE 15TH!

4-H'ers bringing exhibits (including animals) to the fair must complete the PRE-FAIR ENTRY PROCESS and LIVESTOCK ID sheets to the Extension Office by **June 15th!**

Pre-Fair information will be sent out towards the end of May. At this time different options are being discussed. Please stay posted for more information. Fair books will be available upon request. Please call the Extension Office to reserve a fair book. The fair book can also be found on www.fillmore.unl.edu. Please call the office at 402-759-3712 with any questions.

Outstanding Service Award

Nominate someone who goes the extra mile for Fillmore County 4-H for the **Outstanding Service Award**. 4-H families are encouraged to nominate worthy persons. To nominate individuals send a letter of recommendation, including years of service and contributions made to the 4-H program. Submit nominations to the Fillmore County Extension Office by **June 15th**. Multiple letters per nominee will be accepted.

4-H Contests

Fashion Show

Talent Contest

Culinary Challenge Contest

2020 Challenge ingredient is **POPCORN**

July 7, 2020

More info to follow on signing up for 4-H Contests!
Start coming up with ideas today!

Livestock

YQCA

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals
Remember June 15th is the deadline for completing YQCA. This training is required for all food producing animal or livestock project members. At this time there will be no face to face training. Log into yqca.org and use your 4honline login. Please call the office with any questions.



<https://unl.zoom.us/j/165207039>

County Fair Reminders:

Swine Ear-Tags

Since State Fair has moved away from ear notching as the identification system, Fillmore 4-H will continue the identification process as a visual tag for county fair. An E-ID is also acceptable, as that is required for State Fair.

To identify your hogs, stop in the office to pick up your tags. They must be in hogs by June 15th.

Breeding Gilt

Breeding gilts' birth date should be on ID form turned into Extension Office by June 14th.

Breeding Sheep

Remember that to show in a specific breed class, registration papers are required and must be owned by the exhibitor or immediate family.

Home Born and Raised Animals

Remember to declare all animals that are Home Born and Raised on the livestock ID sheets. This must be done with all beef, sheep and swine exhibits if you want your animals recognized as such.

Breeding Beef Tattoos

Remember to have all breeding beef animals properly tattooed by June 14th. Tattoos will be checked at fair check-in. Also, to show in a specific breed class, registration papers are required and must be owned by the exhibitor or immediate family.

Bucket Calf Record Books..

Youth exhibiting bucket calves at the county fair need to complete a record book and turn it into the Extension Office by July 1st. The books will be judged prior to the fair based on skills and knowledge gained by the 4-H'er. Record books are available at the Extension Office.

Opportunities

CASNR Change-Maker Scholarship Competition

Lincoln, Neb. —The College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln has launched a new quick pitch scholarship competition for students who dare to dream big and do the extraordinary to address worldwide issues.

The CASNR Change-Maker Quick Pitch Competition asks current and prospective CASNR students to submit a two-minute video explaining an

original, innovative way to address global issues such as food security, sustainability and water use. Two current CASNR students and eight incoming freshmen and transfer students will be awarded full-tuition scholarships for the 2020-21 academic year based on their submitted videos. Winning students will be matched with a mentor to help make their big idea a reality.

Additionally, eight \$1,000 CASNR scholarships will be awarded to youth in 6th through 11th grades. “We want innovators, change-makers and future leaders to get their start right here in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources,” said CASNR Dean Tiffany Heng-Moss. “This competition will reward our current students who strive to tackle these big issues. At the same time, we hope to attract new students who are in search of a college experience in which they will be encouraged and expected to challenge themselves and change the world in the process.”

In Nebraska, one in four jobs is tied to agriculture and natural resources. Within CASNR, students, faculty and staff are already engaged in important work to provide food, fuel, feed and fiber to a rapidly growing world, while conserving agricultural landscapes and natural resources and maintaining quality of life for farmers and ranchers, said Mike Boehm, vice chancellor and vice president of the UNL’s Institute for Agriculture and Natural Resources.

“Our state’s deep roots in agriculture, coupled with Nebraska’s abundant natural resources and our ingenuity and grit, make CASNR the ideal and natural epicenter for nurturing the world’s next generation of change-makers,” Boehm said. “We want to do everything we can to build on CASNR’s culture that allows students to think critically, dream big, and accomplish extraordinary things.” Current and prospective students can apply online at <https://casnr.unl.edu/casnr-change-maker-competition>.

Videos should be no more than two minutes long and must focus on one or more of the following issues:

- Feeding the world
- Water for the future
- New energy
- Climate and the future

- Biodiversity, sustainability and the environment
- Health
- Engaging diverse communities
- Developing tomorrow’s leaders.

The competition will open on April 20 and will close at noon on **May 15**. Winners will be announced in June, and winning videos will be shared on social media. The winner whose video receives the most likes will also receive a textbook scholarship.

Complete application guidelines and more information may be found online at <https://casnr.unl.edu/casnr-change-maker-competition>.

Cultivate ACCESS

Special Summer 2020 Opportunity for High School Students



Are you a high school sophomore or junior who wants to positively impact the world? We encourage you to apply for a special summer session of the Cultivate ACCESS community. Cultivate ACCESS (Agriculture Career Communities to Empower Students in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math)) aims to increase participation of youth in STEM-related agricultural careers through a holistic mentoring and development program. We are currently accepting applications for the 2020 summer session of Cultivate ACCESS starting June 1st and running through August 7th.

As a Cultivate ACCESS scholar, you will be mentored by career professionals to help you explore your career interests. You will also connect with college student ambassadors for additional mentoring and to help you prepare for life after high school. As a Cultivate ACCESS scholar, you will gain valuable employability skills including leadership, teamwork and communication.

Visit cultivate.unl.edu/scholars for application instructions or contact us at cultivate@unl.edu for more information. Don’t delay – applications are due May 15th!