

# Fillmore County 4-H News

### 4-H Calendar

#### December

- 1 Martha and Don Romeo Scholarships Due
- 25 **Office Closed** – Merry Christmas!
- 31 Early Enrollment Due (half-price fees end)

#### January

- 1 **Office Closed** – Happy New Year!
- 16 Beef Weigh-In, 8-10:30 a.m. Geneva Vet Clinic
- 18 Office Closed – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

### **New 4-H**

#### **Council Members**

Congratulations to the following new 4-H Council member who will be serving a four-year term, and the youth who will be serving up to a two-year term if reelected.

Carrie Vavra and Rebecca Sevc

#### Youth Members

Lilly Srajhans, Seth Stengel,  
Mackenzie Mumm, and Faith Engle

### **Market Beef Weigh-In!!!**

Depending on Directed Health Measures and UNL policies in January, we have tentatively scheduled market beef weigh-in for Fillmore County 4-H and FFA beef exhibitors on **Saturday, January 16 from 8-10:30 AM at the Geneva Vet Clinic**. All market beef to be shown at the county fair must attend an official weigh-in. *All market beef going to State Fair and/or Ak-Sar-Ben must be DNA tested at weigh-in.* Ear tag costs are covered by the 4-H Council. If you are unable to attend this weigh-in, call the Extension Office before January 16th so other arrangements can be made. Animals must be weighed in within one month of our weigh-in to be eligible for county fair. All market beef to be shown at the state fair will also need to have an E-ID tag.



### **2021 4-H Enrollment**

The 4-H Council has offered an early enrollment at half the price! 4-H members can enroll online at [ne.4honline.com](http://ne.4honline.com). Payment will be \$5.00 per youth and \$10.00 per family. Clover Kids (ages 5-7) are free. After January 1, the payment will be \$10.00 per youth and \$20.00 per family! This is a great opportunity to get enrolled early and start thinking about 4-H projects! For more information, please call the Extension Office at 402-759-3712.

The 4-H Youth Development program abides with the nondiscrimination policies of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the United States Department of Agriculture.



### **Hastings Museum Pen Pal Program**

Does your mail make you smile? The Hastings Museum believes that it should, and so does 4-H! The Fillmore County Extension Office is helping spread the word about the Hastings Museum Pen Pal Program. This would be a great way to spruce up your snail mail and make someone else's day! We also believe there could be a 4-H exhibit or two in the future based on this project. To learn more about the program,

visit <http://hastingsmuseum.org/penpal-program/>

## Agronomy

### Announcing in 2021.... Special Agronomy Project

The Nebraska Extension Special Agronomy Project gives 4-H members an opportunity to experience a crop that is grown, was grown or has the potential to be grown in Nebraska. Youth participate by receiving seed and resources to grow the crop, research traits of the crop and determine the viability of that crop in the part of the state they live. The project allows 4-H members interested in agronomy to grow something fun, new, and different.

To kick-off the inaugural year of the special agronomy project, youth will explore teosinte. The plant looks and is very similar to corn, in fact it is believed to be the wild ancestor of today's corn! Teosinte produces stalks that produce several small ears with a cob and hard, trapezoidal kernels. Being related to corn, the care is very similar so we will plant and fertilize like corn. Plant the seeds 1-2 inches deep, 8 to 12 inches apart. Teosinte is a tropical grass, so wait till soils are warm before planting. Teosinte can take up to 180 days to mature but we can still admire it's similarities to corn! For more information, go to <https://cropwatch.unl.edu/special-agronomy-project>. Contact Brandy VanDeWalle at [brandy.vandewalle@unl.edu](mailto:brandy.vandewalle@unl.edu) or 402.759.3712 or Aaron Nygren at [nygren2@unl.edu](mailto:nygren2@unl.edu) or 402.352.3821.

## Livestock

### Catch-A-Calf Program

The National Western Catch-A-Calf program has re-opened the 2021-22 NWSS CAC Application website and the new deadline is January 15, 2021. The program is designed so successful participants catch a calf, feed it, and return with the animal one year later as a market steer. The market animals are judged on rate of gain, quality of fitting, and carcass quality. The exhibitor is judged on showmanship, their record book, and a personal interview. For more info visit <https://nationalwestern.com/catch-a-calf-program/>

### Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic Judging Contest

**February 13, 2021**

The event is open to 4-H and FFA youth, plus college teams.

This is a BEEF only contest.

Thousands of dollars in awards will be presented.

Youth have the opportunity to win over \$4,000 in Classic Steer Scholarships. Go to [www.cattlemens.org](http://www.cattlemens.org) for more information. Applications are due February 5, 2021.



### State Fair Identification

Nebraska 4-H will continue using visible EID tags and DNA for all **market** beef and **market** swine. **Market** lamb, & **market** meat goats will use Scrapie Tags and DNA to exhibit at state fair. The EID tags will be a matched set so a tag and button must be kept as a pair when tagging the animal.

Breeding animals that are to be exhibited at the NE State Fair will need to be nominated. Breeding heifers will need to have a tattoo number or registration number and breeding sheep & goats will need to have the scrapie tag number on the card.



### YQCA 2021

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 21 with a focus on three core pillars: food safety, animal well-being, and character development. **This training is required for all food producing animal or livestock project members.** Food producing and livestock projects include market beef, sheep, swine, dairy cattle, dairy goat, meat goat, poultry and rabbit. Members may complete anytime online at [www.yqca.org](http://www.yqca.org) and log in using their 4HOnline login. **Members must have an Active status with 4hOnline to be able to log in and complete the courses.**

Face-to-Face course options with Rachel are postponed.

## Horse Enthusiast

### Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Expo

The Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Expo is the pinnacle experience for members of the Nebraska 4-H horse program. To enter State 4-H Horse Contests including Hippology and Horse Judging, participants must contact their local Extension office. Exhibitors will enter both the District 4-H Horse Show and State 4-H Horse Show at the same time, using the same entry process, and deadlines. To enter for the District and State 4-H Horse Shows, exhibitors and parents must complete the online entry process found at <https://4h.unl.edu/state-horse-expo-entry>  
 Questions? Contact: Grace Kim ([grace.kim@unl.edu](mailto:grace.kim@unl.edu))

2021 NEBRASKA DISTRICT 4-H HORSE SHOWS  
 all entries due to county office **May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Note: ALL Level testing required for participation in the 2021 District 4-H Horse Shows **MUST** be completed by **MAY 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021**



2021 Districts Dates and Sites  
 June 14<sup>th</sup> – Scottsbluff  
 June 15<sup>th</sup> – Burwell  
 June 16<sup>th</sup> – Columbus  
 June 17<sup>th</sup> – Lincoln  
 June 18<sup>th</sup> – McCook

Reminder: All Entries for the State Horse Show must be completed by **May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021**.

2021 Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Show July 10-14, 2021

January 15 (also available on the admissions application or through your MyRED account).

- Freshman or transfer students who wish to be considered for need-based scholarships must complete the FAFSA.
- Contact your UNL academic department or college about any additional scholarship requirements.

### Inspiring Your Future Scholarship

This is the inaugural year for the Animal Science: Inspiring Your Future Scholarship Contest and we will be **awarding ten \$5000 scholarships** to high school seniors and transfer students who are admitted animal science majors looking to enroll in the Fall 2021 semester at UNL. Students are encouraged to tell us their digital story about an individual or animal who has inspired them to pursue an education and career in animal science. This can be done via video, essay, pictures, a combination of those things, or really any medium that allows them to comfortably express themselves. For more info and to apply visit <https://animalscience.unl.edu/scholarship-competition>. All entries must be submitted by **Noon on February 15<sup>th</sup>!**

### Red Letter Days

Following local, state and federal health guidance, UNL has postponed all large prospective student events for the foreseeable future, including Red Letter Days. You can see all visit and connection options currently available at [admissions.unl.edu/visit](https://admissions.unl.edu/visit).

## Campus Corner

### Scholarship Checklist

Most of NEBRASKA's new freshmen receive scholarships and/or gift aid toward payment of their tuition. In order to be awarded a scholarship, students must complete the following checklist.

- Take the ACT or SAT on or before the December national test dates (entering freshmen only).
- For full scholarship consideration, submit admission materials no later than:
  - Freshmen - January 15
  - Transfers - March 1 (Fall) and October 1 (Spring)
- Freshmen or transfer students who wish to be considered for leadership, service, and diversity scholarships must submit a personal statement by

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- 5 wooden ornaments with some paint to get you started and stencils for ideas.
- Hot chocolate reindeer material enough for 5 people.
- Materials to make one lighted garlin with ribbon.

Hot Chocolate  
Reindeer

Lighted Garlin

Ornaments



**Farmers & Ranchers  
College Program  
Opportunities**

December 10, 2020 -

Farmers & Ranchers



**College Online Watch Program** w/ Dr. David Kohl, Professor Emeritus, Dept. of AAEC, VA TECH & Eric Snodgrass, Principal Atmospheric Scientist for Nutrien Ag Solutions

This program will be available online or at the Fillmore County Fairgrounds in Geneva, NE from 9:15 am - 12:00pm.

Register here: [go.unl.edu/farmersrancherscollege](https://go.unl.edu/farmersrancherscollege)

**January 28, 2021 - Partners in Progress Beef Seminar: Cow/Calf College.** Registration at 9:00am, Program from 9:30 am - 3:00pm at the Clay County Fairgrounds near Clay Center, NE.

**Horticulture**

**2021 Special Gardening Project  
Hakurei Turnip**

The Special Gardening Project is an opportunity for 4-H members interested in horticulture to grow unusual and fun projects in their gardens. This year the Special Gardening Project is focused on the unique, **Hakurei Turnip**. These are not your grandmother's turnips. Hakurei is a white salad turnip that is smooth, round and at its best when harvested under 2". The roots can be eaten raw or cooked, and the tops can also be cooked. If interested, enroll in the special garden project at [ne.4honline.com](https://ne.4honline.com) and let the Extension Office know. More info can be found at <https://4h.unl.edu/special-gardening-project>

