

Fillmore County 4-H News

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4-H Calendar

November

- 11 Office Closed, Veteran's Day
- 16 Clover Kids Space Camp
- 21 CWF Pancake Fundraiser, Jill's Sweet Shop
- 26-27 Office Closed, Happy Thanksgiving!

December

- 1 Martha & Don Romeo Scholarship Due
- 25 Office Closed – Happy Holidays!
- 31 Early Enrollment Ends; \$10/member or \$20/family starts January 1st

January

- 1 Office Closed – Happy New Year!!
- 6 **4-H Scholarships Due**
- 16 Beef Weigh In, 8 - 10:30 am Geneva Vet Clinic (depending on DHM & UNL policies in January)

Early Enrollment

The 4-H Council has offered an early enrollment at half the price! 4-H members can enroll online at 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. Instructions are posted on our webpage. www.fillmore.unl.edu



4-H Council Voting

Cast your vote for the next 4-H Council Representatives! All 4-H members and parents/guardians are allowed and encouraged to vote. Please return your absentee ballot to the Extension Office. All votes must be turned in by November 14! Ballots are also included in this newsletter along with online. Scan the barcode below to access the online ballot.



National 4-H Week Recap

Congratulations Hayley Wichman, Beau Burda, and Kenan Petersen on winning the fan-voted Decorated Pumpkin Contest! Thank you to everyone who decorated pumpkins and participated in the contest – you made our front window look fabulous!

Congratulations to Titus Petersen, Bailey Hafer, and Hannah Petersen on winning the fan voted Coloring Contest!



It may seem like a long way off, but plans are in the works for the 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus conference in 2022! Current 4-H members who will be between the ages of 14 and 19 during the summer of 2022 are eligible. This trip is especially designed for youth who will have **completed at least their freshman or sophomore** years in high school by the summer of 2022. (If you will be 14 years old before the summer of 2022 and will just have completed your 8th grade year in school before that summer, it is highly recommended and encouraged that you wait and attend the next CWF trip.)

Keep in mind that the total trip cost is around \$3200 per 4-H member. As a result of many fundraising efforts, some of last year's delegates had most of their own trip paid for in advance. Please call the office or email Brandy if you'd like to join the group for 2022.

We have a fundraising opportunity November 21st with the Geneva Chamber Holiday Blitz activity. Jill has offered her shop for us as a fundraiser. A pancake breakfast will be held from 7:30-10:00 a.m. at Jill's Sweet Shop with proceeds going to those CWF youth who work.

Livestock

Market Beef Weigh-In

Depending on Directed Health Measures and UNL policies in January, we have tentatively scheduled beef weigh-in.

Save this 4-H date on your calendars:

4-H/FFA Beef Weigh-In: **January 16th, 8:00-10:30 AM** at the Geneva Vet Clinic for all market beef animals. You must have your animal weighed-in to show at county fair!

The National Western Stock Show

The National Western Stock Show Catch-A-Calf Program is designed to promote youth development and understanding of the cattle industry. Youth who choose to participate in the contest may have a range of experiences raising, feeding and showing beef cattle, all are encouraged to apply. To apply applicants must be between the ages of 12 and 18 as of December 31, 2020 and be enrolled in 4-H at the time of application. Successful catchers must have

adequate facilities available to house their steer as they are responsible for the care, feeding, and handling of their animal. The applications to participate in this year's Catch-a-Calf program at the NWSS are now available on line at https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A_nationalwestern.com_catch-2Da-2Dcalf-2Dprogram_&d=DwMFAg&c=Cu5g146wZdoqVuKpTNSyHeFX_rg6kWhkLF8Eft-ww0&r=hlxz_cEd-udalG2MHspAA&m=N7W6MD02I93SwZEDN_uomVXhjh3wCxgfylyFQ_WdFJA&s=EhvLi4MBmLVkKe9HkhtcwV25neSjOkxgpp--wFddYA&e=. Applications must be postmarked by January 1, 2021!

Nebraska 4-H Fed Steer Challenge

The Fed Steer Challenge is a contest/educational opportunity for youth with a desire to become the next generation of leaders in the Nebraska Cattle Industry. The goal is to enhance the educational value of the traditional 4-H Market Beef Project by rewarding production merit and carcass value of the market animal, along with accurate & complete record-keeping, industry knowledge, and producer engagement by the 4-H member.

For more information go to: <https://4h.unl.edu/fed-steer-challenge>. Applications are due **December 1, 2020**.

Campus Corner



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.

Additional Info

Youth Safety Reminder

Did you know that 4-H and Nebraska Extension has strict policies in effect to protect our youth. It's important as volunteers to do your best at following these procedures.

- All volunteers, presenter's, helpers arranged by UNL will need to be screened through the state and national sex offender registry. Each county/staff is responsible to do this prior to an event. (This includes judges, workshop presenters, superintendents, caterers, drivers) If you are partnering with another agency we are only responsible for the staff, volunteers that 4-H and Extension provides)
- Transporting youth – no one-on-one. Volunteers need to present current license prior to driving youth for us. This is for events that we provide transportation not families getting their youth to an event.
- Avoid using bathrooms with youth. (Example: staying in dorm. Don't use showers when kids are present: shower early or late.)
- 4-H clubs or groups must have CPR and First Aid plan in effect in case of an emergency.
- Avoid all one-on-one situations. No one on one with unrelated adult and child, staff or volunteer. (If you find yourself in a situation where you are one on one, call extension staff to let them know the situation and then let them know when the situation is resolved.)
- We are all mandatory reporters for child abuse and neglect - staff and volunteers.

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Scholarships

Martha & Don Romeo Scholarship

The Nebraska Association of Fair Managers will award a \$500 scholarship to one qualifying 4-H male and a \$500 scholarship to one qualifying 4-H female who are graduating seniors in the State of Nebraska and who plan to continue with post high school education. The scholarship will be awarded at the annual NAFM convention in January.

Applications are due December 1st. The application may be found on our website or simply contact the Extension Office.

4-H Council Ballot

Vote for the newest members of the Fillmore County 4-H Council

Adult Members East (Choose 2):

Allison Petersen

Rebecca Svec

Carri Vavra

Write-in: _____

Youth Members (Choose 4)

Faith Engle

Makin Girmus

Mackenzie Mumm

Reid Richards


Seth Stengel

Lilly Srajhans

Write-in: _____


Scan for online ballot:





Youth for the

YQCA



Quality Care of Animals

WHAT?

YQCA is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth. Youth wanting to show meat producing animals at the fair will need to attend a face to face training or complete the online course.

WEB-BASED OPTION

Complete anytime online at yqca.org log in using your 4honline log in credentials. Then select the youth participant. Next select the correct web based age group and take course.

INSTRUCTOR LED OPTIONS

Fillmore County Extension Office; Geneva
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Nov. 25th @10:00am or 2:00pm
Dec. 23rd @10:00am or 2:00pm
Dec. 28th @10:00am or 2:00pm
Dec. 29th @10:00am or 2:00pm
Dec. 30th @10:00am or 2:00pm
Jan. 4th @10:00am or 2:00pm
Limit 8 youth per session.

Have a group of about 8 youth that want to participate face to face but these dates don't work? Contact Rachel to see if we can find another date for your small group.

HOW TO?

1. Enroll in 4-H at 4honline.com
2. Sign up for a YQCA course; online or face to face at yqca.org using your 4honline log in information
3. Pay \$3 for the face to face option or \$12 for the online course
4. Web-based- take course on your own or Instructor Lead- take course on the day and time you signed up
5. Upon completion of either course, send certificate to rachel.adam@unl.edu or print and bring into the Extension Office



Come Celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the International Space Station!

CLOVER KIDS SPACE CAMP

Learn about astronauts, constellations, and cool facts about planets!

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17
5:30PM-6:30PM
FILLMORE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE
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All kids K-2nd grade are invited! You do NOT need to be a 4-H member to attend. Call (402)759-3712 to reserve your spot!




Happy  Thanksgiving