



January 2022

Frontier County 4-H

Calendar of Events

- January 29—Market Beef Weigh-In & Tagging—NCTA—9-11 a.m.
February 1—Market Beef Weigh-In & Tagging—NCTA— 6-7 p.m.
February 5—County 4-H Leader, Parents & Volunteer Workshop—NCTA Ed Center Room 131—10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
March 1—DUE—Applications for 4-H Council \$100 Camp Scholarship
March 1—DUE—Catch-A-Lamb Applications
March 4—4-H Horse Stampede Entry and Art & Photography Deadline
March 5—Market Beef Weigh-In & Tagging—NCTA—9-11 a.m.
March 14—YQCA—Eustis 6:30-8:00 p.m.—Fairgrounds 4-H Building
March 27—Shooting Sports Enrollment and Mandatory Meeting—3:30 p.m. Enrollment and 4:00 p.m. Safety Meeting
April 1—DUE—4-H Market Beef ID's

New 4-H Families

If you know of any new families in the area who would be interested in joining Frontier County 4-H, please have them contact the Extension Office so we can include them in any correspondence and help them get started.

4-H Online Enrollment

It's time to get enrolled in 4-H for the 2022 4-H year! Nebraska 4-H has transitioned to 4honline 2.0. To enroll, visit: <https://v2.4honline.com/>. For returning families, please do not create a new account; rather use your login credentials for 4honline used in previous years. Instructions can be found here: <https://4h.unl.edu/enroll/returning-member>. Enrollment instructions for new families can be found here: <https://4h.unl.edu/enroll/new-member>. Please note the enrollment fee for Frontier county is \$5 per 4-Her and \$2.50 per Clover Kid. Dues can be paid online at the time of enrollment, to your 4-H Club or directly to the Frontier County Extension Office.

When enrolling, please make sure that your account has current contact information and if you 'd like to receive text messages as an alert that we've sent an email, make sure to check that box giving us permission to do so.

Please contact Mandy at (308)367-4424 or mandy.contrerez@unl.edu with any questions.

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8:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m. (M-F)

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2021 Premium Checks

We still have premium checks in the office. Please stop by the office to pick yours up if you haven't already done so. They need to be cashed before **February 7, 2022**, so pick yours up soon! Per Frontier County 4-H Council policy, checks can only be given to the 4-H member or their parent(s) unless prior arrangements are made with the Extension Office.

2022 Special Garden Project

The Special Garden Project is a way to offer 4-H members the chance to grow unusual and fun projects in their gardens. The 2022 Special Garden Project is focused on the tasty Rubenza Cosmos. The flowers of the Rubenza are unique, the petals change color as they age. Pollinators and beneficial insects are attracted to the blooms all summer long. These cosmos make great cut flowers. Be sure to enjoy a bouquet of Rubenza indoors.



Youth should enroll for the Special Garden Project through 4-H Online. Once enrolled through 4-H Online, youth are then to call their local office to let them know they enrolled for the project. By enrolling through 4-H Online, youth will have access to the OneDrive folder with the educational materials including the growing newsletter & evaluation.

To order you seeds, please call the Nebraska Extension in Frontier County office at (308)367-4424 or email mandy.contrerez@unl.edu before **January 28th, 2022**.

2022 Special Agronomy Project

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. The project allows 4-H members interested in agronomy to grow something fun, new, and different.



The 2022 Project is Broomcorn Sorghum. Broomcorn can be used in floral arrangements or for broom. To participate, enroll in the project through 4-H Online and call your local extension office to reserve seed by **February 25, 2022**. For project specifications and details, be sure to go to <https://cropwatch.unl.edu/special-agronomy-project>.

2022 \$100 4-H Frontier County and State Camp Scholarships

Applications for any 4-H camp scholarships are due in the Extension Office by March 1st. These scholarships are given by the Frontier County 4-H Council. Youth can apply by writing the 4-H Council a paragraph stating why they want to attend camp and which camp they would like to attend. For the 2022 Nebraska State 4-H Camp in Halsey schedule and additional scholarship opportunities, go to 4h.unl.edu/summer-camp.

Donna Schmidt Memorial Camp Scholarship

Family members are offering up to \$500 for ONE Frontier County youth, ages 8-12 years, to attend a 2022 Halsey 4-H Camp. Donna Schmidt was born, raised, educated and married in Frontier county. Donna and her husband, John, had 4 daughters and farmed in Frontier County until 1969 when they moved to Kearney. Donna was a 4-H Leader and Extension Club member.

To receive an application for this scholarship, please contact the Frontier County Extension Office. Applications are due **May 1, 2022**.

NEW 4-H Dog Club

New in 2022 is the Happy Tails 4-H Club! Organized by Courtney Penner and Dynette Oberg, this club will provide 4-Hers knowledge and skills that will help them create a healthy and responsible relationship with their dog that will last a lifetime. They will teach basic knowledge about dogs and the responsible care of them, including basic anatomy, responsible vet care and basic understanding of different types and breeds of dogs. They will also teach and practice basic dog obedience commands and work with their dogs on an agility course. Their first meeting will be January 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at the Nazarene Church in Farnam. Everyone is welcome and no dogs are needed for the first meeting. For questions or more information, please call or text Dynette at 308-520-5868 or Courtney at 308-537-6588.



Frontier Riders Horse 4-H Club Has Returned

Returning this year is the Frontier Riders 4-H Club! Amy Houser has graciously accepted the role as leader for this club. For more information, please contact Amy at 308-650-1715.

Livestock News

2022 county weigh dates will be held in the red barn at NCTA again this year. January 29th and February 1st will be used for the Stockville fair's rate-of-gain and the Eustis Fair & Corn Show will use these two and will also have March 5th for rate-of-gain. ID sheets and more information will be mailed out soon. Please contact the Extension office if you do not receive this letter or have questions. **Please pass this information on to any new 4-H families as well.**



County/State 4-H ear tags will be available for purchase at the Extension office and at weigh dates. County only tags are \$1.00. EID tags for Nebraska State Fair and/or AkSarBen are \$3.00. All county/state fair sheep and goats MUST use scrapie tag for ID.

County Livestock ID Sheet & Photo are DUE June 1st in the Extension Office. ID sheets and tags are available at the extension office. You can also find the ID sheets online at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/frontier/4-h-livestock-horse/> NOTE: County Market Beef ID sheets are due April 1st.

Market Beef—County or EID tag and photo if not participating in weigh in for rate-of-gain (DNA if Animal is Going to State Fair)

Market Sheep—Scrapie tag and photo for county fair (DNA if Animal is Going to State Fair)

Market Swine—County or EID tag and photo for county fair (DNA if Animal is Going to State Fair)

Stocker Feeder Calf—County or Ranch Tag

Bucket Calf—County or Ranch Tag

Breeding Beef—Ranch Tag and Photo for County Fair (Tattoo if Animal is Going to State Fair)

Breeding Sheep—Scrapie Tag and Photo for County Fair (DNA if Animal is Going to State Fair)

Breeding Swine—County or EID Tag and Photo for County Fair (DNA if Animal is Going to State Fair)

Frontier County Livestock Judging Team

Any 4-H youth interested in livestock judging: Frontier County 4-H alumni, Nathan Lashley, is leading a countywide judging team. If you are interested in more information, please contact Nathan at 308-367-7081. The team plans to compete soon at a few area livestock judging contests and at PASE in Lincoln in June.

4-H Activities/Camps/Events Grant Money Available

The 4-H Council provides some financial support to 4-H groups and individuals for educational and service-learning opportunities such as camps and contests such as PASE/Life Challenge and other events. In order to receive any funds, clubs and/or individuals need to submit a one page proposal stating the proposed date/time frame of the event or project, goals, description, estimated number of participants, amount of other funding and a budget. Submit to Extension Office by the first day of March, May, July, September, November or January so the proposal can be put on the 4-H Council's meeting agenda for the next meeting (the 3rd Monday of the above months). This deadline may require some advance planning. The 4-H Council hopes that clubs and individuals will use these grants to take teams to state competitions, perform community service projects or lead 4-H workshops.

2022 Frontier County Catch-A-Lamb

Applications are due to the Extension office by **March 1st, 2022**. The catch-a-lamb project is a great way to learn about the 4-H sheep project without too much expense. Youth must be 8, 9, or 10 years old by January 1, 2022. Applications are available at the Extension office or online at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/frontier/>



2022 4-H District and State Horse Shows

District horse shows will be June 6-10, 2022 with locations to be determined. The Nebraska State 4-H Horse Expo will be held July 9-13, 2022 in Grand Island. Mark your calendars now and get your horse skills tests completed now so you are ready to show at county, district and/or state levels! More information on district and state horse shows is available at <https://4h.unl.edu/horse-expo>

Shooting Sports News

2022 Sharp Shooters 4-H Shooting Sports will be starting practicing before we know it! Join your friends and enroll in this fun and educational program! Spread the word! Youth can compete in BB Gun, Air Pistol, Air Rifle, Small Bore Rifle .22 Caliber, Archery & Shotgun. All youth ages 8-18 as of January 1st, 2022 can join 4-H Shooting Sports. **SAVE the DATE: Sunday, March 27, 2022** for Sharp Shooters 4-H Club Registration & **MANDATORY** Safety & Orientation Club Meeting. Enrollment will start at 3:30 p.m., followed by the safety meeting at 4:00 p.m.



Don't forget to join the **Facebook group, Frontier County Sharpshooters**, for the latest club news and any schedule changes. Invite others to join this page too!

For even more shooting sports opportunities, be sure to follow the **Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports** page on Facebook.

February 5th Volunteer Training

See enclosed flyer.

2022 Nebraska Extension in Frontier County Summer Intern

This is a great opportunity for someone who has aged out of 4-H and would like to learn more about a career with Nebraska Extension and add a valuable experience to your resume. Duties include (but are not limited to) coordinating and teaching educational programs; providing supportive materials to youth participating in 4-H as a club, independent or workshop; assisting 4-H Youth Development Educator with Frontier County Fair and Eustis Fair & Corn Show events, contests and activities. If you or someone you know may be interested in an internship with Frontier County Extension, please contact the Extension Office for the job application.



We Need YOUR Help in Determining the Best Way to Communicate with You!

We are trying to decide how to most effectively reach the largest numbers of families and would like your help!

Options include:

~**Mail:** We will continue to mail out any necessary correspondence.

~**Email/Text:** We use 4-H Online to send out broadcast emails, which also sends out a text saying that you have received an email from us. If you wish to receive the text alerts, you must sign up by checking the box when enrolling in 4-H online. Please make sure you are using your primary email address and current cell phone number.

~**Mail & Email:** We send you both! If you chose this option, remember to sign up for text notifications by checking the box when enrolling in 4-H Online. Please also make sure you are using your primary email address and current cell phone number.

How frequent would newsblasts or newsletters be most helpful to you and your family? Short, bi-weekly newsblasts that just give the very next dates & events? Or longer, monthly newsblasts that would cover an entire month? Please make that choice below too.

This will not apply to all communications, we will still mail items such as ID sheets. This will mainly apply to newsletters.

If you would like correspondence sent to an additional address, please include that information on the form below also.

Please fill out the form below and return it to the Frontier County Extension Office by February 1st.

There are several options to return it: Mail to Nebraska Extension in Frontier County, 404 E 7th Street, Ste 2, Curtis, NE 69025; Drop off at the Extension office; or email it to mandy.contrerez@unl.edu. You can also call the office at (308)367-4424 and simply inform us of your preference!

Thank you for your help with this!!

Kathy & Mandy



****If we do not have a response by February 1st, you will receive email/text correspondence.**

Mail

Email/Text

Mail & Email

Bi-Weekly Newsblasts

Monthly Newsblasts

Your Name: _____

Name for Additional Correspondence:

Address: _____

Email: _____