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Hello Frontier County 4-H Families & Supporters!

Thank you to everyone for getting 4-H projects & livestock paperwork submitted to the Extension Office. Now it's time to be thinking about county fair exhibits & deadlines!! 😊😊😊

1) County Fair Plans -Statement from the Frontier County 4-H Council and 2 Fair Boards. “As of May 18, the 2020 Frontier County Fair and 2020 Eustis Fair & Corn Show will have normal “in person” fairs. We will let you know more after the June 17th 4-H Council/Fair Board-Ag Society meeting if that is possible “

2) Summer 4-H Aide - Welcome NCTA college student, Camryn Evans, to our Extension Office for the summer! Camryn was an 8-year 4-H member in Wayne County and graduated from Wilber/ Claytonia High School. She will be helping Kathy & Peggy with 4H related programs. So, say “Hi” when she calls you or emails you with 4-H information & at county fair!

3) County Fair Entry Deadlines to Extension Office

July 2 - Friday Pre-registration DUE for Clothing Construction, Shopping in Style & Fashion Revue

July 2 - Friday Pre-registration **DUE** for Photography Exhibits
July 10 - Friday Pre-register exhibits for **STOCKVILLE FAIR**
July 10 - Friday Pre-register exhibits for **EUSTIS FAIR**
Stockville - late entries accepted July 11-17 with a \$25.00 late charge fee.
Eustis – late entries accepted July 11-17 with a \$25.00 late charge fee.

4) RESOURCES for 2020 Frontier County Fairs - Fair book is online at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/frontier/fairbook2>. Save this as a reference all year long. Entry tags and livestock entry forms are also on this site.

Some exhibits in the Family and Consumer Science area and other static exhibits require supporting information, such as recipes in the food project areas and informational sheets in Home Environment and Child Development. Refer to the fair book for exact details. Some things to watch for:

- Recipes
- Woodworking plans
- Rocket specification information from package
- Photography Data Tags
- Display sizes
- Home Environment Design Elements and Design Principles Supporting information

Read your fair book carefully to see if your exhibits require additional information and then call the Extension Office, if you have more questions. We will be happy to help!

Due to COVID19 and the unknown, Frontier County Fair Book hard copies were printed and mailed to **ONLY** club leaders and independent 4-H families in this June newsletter. There a few extra hard copies in the Extension Office. If needed contact the office for a copy.

5) 4-H CLOVER KID Rules - The Frontier County 4-H Clover Kid members (ages 5-7 as of January 1 of the current year) MAY bring ONE TO FIVE EXHIBITS showing something that they have done. Clover Kids can interview with a judge. The static exhibits will be displayed in the fair building and released according to the 4-H exhibit release schedule. Lambs, Bucket Calves, Stocker-Feeders, and small animals will be shown with animal classes. (See the 4-H schedule.) Please wear the official county 4-H t-shirt sponsored by Farm Bureau.

The Clover Kids Program is NON-COMPETITIVE. 4-H Clover Kids exhibits will receive special Clover Kid ribbons and the premium will be \$1.00. Clover Kids do NOT have record books.

Clover Kids MUST PRE-REGISTER the items to be shown by having entry tags at the extension office by the pre-registration date of JULY 10, 2020.

6) County Official 4-H T-Shirts – Remember NEW 4-H members in 2020 need to stop by the extension office to pick up one official county 4-H t-shirt. These are FREE thanks to our sponsor -- Farm Bureau Financial Services. (New shirts will be ordered summer 2021.)

4-H CONTEST / EVENT OPPORTUNITIES

7) 4-H Fashion Show & Clothing Construction & Shopping in Style Pre-registration DUE July 2

Contest will be held July 10 – Friday at Curtis Methodist Church - 9:00 a.m. A letter will be sent out soon with more info and interview times available. Refer to 2020 County Fair book for more details.

NOTE: Public Fashion & Talent Show will be held August 8 at 1:00 pm in Eustis.

8) 4-H Photography Contest Pre-registration DUE July 2

Contest will be held July 10 – Friday at Curtis Methodist Church - 1:00 pm. A letter will be sent out soon with more info and interview times available. **Data Tags** are required for all classes and are available to print off at <http://go.unl.edu/vfkw> or at the extension office. Refer to photography section in the fair book for details.

9) Geocaching Self-paced 4-H Workshop Kicks Off in Frontier County! -Continue practicing social distancing with your family while participating in 4-H fun and the great outdoors! Beginning June 1, 2020, 4-Hers and their families are invited to participate in a geocaching activity across Frontier County! Four geocaches have been placed throughout Frontier County which will require the use of GPS hand-held devices or the “Geocaching” app on a smart phone to locate. Each has 4-H swag and a logbook inside a waterproof ammunition box. 4-Hers can use their geocaching experience and combine it with their own creativity and imagination to design a 4-H exhibit to be entered in the Frontier County Fair! The exhibit will qualify as a “4-H Workshop” class this summer. Examples of possible exhibits include, but are not limited to a story board, a poster, a scrapbook, a speech, a video, a shadow box, etc. See flyer for details.

10) VIRTUAL Frontier County 4-H Speech & Presentation Contests – Everyone is welcome to watch our Frontier County 4-H contestants on June 8, Monday, at 6:30 pm via Zoom link. The top three in each class win a cash award from the 4-H Council at the county level and purple ribbon winners might be eligible for the State Virtual 4-H Contest held June 24th! Plan to join June 8 at 6:30 pm at the zoom link: zoom.us <https://unl.zoom.us/> Meeting ID: 969 9737 3276 Password: Speech. On cell phone at: 13126266799,,96997373276#. Call the extension office if you need more information.

11) County & Other Educational Workshops - See flyer for several fun opportunities!

12) Junior Leader 4-H Opportunity - If you are 13+ years old and are interested in helping 5-12 year old 4-H members learn more about 4-H then we need YOU at the June 30 evening workshop - FRONTIER COUNTY 4-H 101 WORKSHOP! Need your leadership as we guide younger 4-Hers and their families thru the sessions. Let Kathy know ASAP if you would like to help or have questions about workshop. Kathy.burr@unl.edu Lessons & supplies will be provided.

13) Tractor Driving for Teens ages 14 or 15 - The online course covers the National Safe Tractor and Machinery Operation Program, including quizzes which students must pass to attend the driving portion of training. Once a student is registered, they will be sent a training manual, course paperwork and a link to the online course. The onsite driving training and exam will include a driving test and equipment operation and ATV safety lessons. Students must demonstrate competence in hitching and unhitching equipment and driving a tractor and trailer through a standardized course. Instructors will also offer education about safe behaviors and laws for ATVs and utility-task vehicles (UTVs). More information on the 2020 Tractor Safety Course, as well as a registration form, can be found at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/kearney/Revised%20Tractor%20Safety%20Flier%202020.pdf> or flyer with this mailing.

14) 4-H Family & Consumer Science Quiz – County - There is a statewide written quiz any 4-H'er can take to challenge their family & consumer science knowledge. The intent of this quiz is to engage youth's interest in family & consumer sciences in a challenging, educational experience. The test can be taken independently or at a club meeting. 4-H'ers can study for the quiz by reading and reviewing family consumer related 4-H curriculum. Ribbons and premium money will be given. Call the extension office at (308) 367-4424 for more information and to get the **WRITTEN TEST**. 4-H members can take the test July 10 during clothing and photography judging. There is a packet available to practice called “Self-Paced Learning Packet” (See the Summer 2020 County 4-H Workshops flyer for info.)

15) State Fair Weed and Grass Identification Contest Red Willow/Frontier County TEAM –

Do you ever wonder what that funny looking plant is? Or how to ID a plant? Maybe you just want to learn more about weeds. Each year the Weed and Grass Identification Contest is held at the NE State Fair. Contestants are required to identify plants specimens by their common name. Youth can compete as individuals or as a team of 3 or 4. While most teams are composed of 4-H members from the same county, teams many consists of members of contiguous counties. Youth must be 10 years of age to enter, with age divisions being: Intermediate (10-13) and Senior (14-18).

The contest is typically held the first weekend of state fair, following the Entomology, Horticulture, and Tree ID Contests. Kat Caswell, Cropping Systems Extension Educator, will be offering practice sessions during the summer to teach youth about plant identification and weed species that will be included in the contests. If you're interested in being a member of a team, competing as an individual, or attending practice sessions, contact your 4-H educator or Kat at the Red Willow Extension Office at (308)345-3390 or kat.caswell@unl.edu.

16) Prairie Project To Study Plants After Prescribed Burns - Any 4-H families/clubs want to be involved in a USDA-funded, multi-state project called the Prairie Project? The project is broadly focused on promoting widespread adoption of prescribed burning and mixed species grazing in order to make rangeland production systems in the Great Plains more profitable, productive, sustainable, and beneficial to society at large. Our county was asked since the Loess Canyons are in the area.

Opportunities for youth include: *Explore possible careers in rangeland, agronomy, ranching, science; *Agronomy, rangeland 4-H exhibits & other learning opportunities; *Understand how research is done & data collected; *Understand why prescribed burns are important to your future and the prairie's future; *Use cool online apps such as <https://rangelands.app/> to analyze range data. Let Kathy know if you are interested.

SHOOTING SPORTS NEWS

17) Sharpshooters 4-H Club – Hopefully, July 1st we will be able to offer practices 2 times/week so contest can be July 25 and shotgun on July 27. If practice and contest cannot occur, families can use club fees for next year or ask for a refund.

18) Sharpshooters 4-H Club Facebook Page - For latest club news and any schedule changes join the club's Facebook page: Frontier County Sharpshooters. Share this with others!!

LIVESTOCK & SMALL ANIMAL NEWS

19) County 4-H Swine Exhibitors- New this year -ALL pig waters must be secured in hog pens during county fair so pig pens and surrounding pens can stay as dry as possible.

20) State 4-H Horse Show – We wish Kaylyn Roblee good luck as she hopefully will get to compete at July 12-16 at State 4-H Horse Show in Grand Island!

21) Livestock/ Small Animal Progress Shows – The office has some flyers. Contact Peggy for more information.

22) Youth For Quality Care (YQCA) 2020 -Livestock Quality Assurance Certificates Due June 1 to be able to show at county or state fair this year. Thanks for getting this finished and turned into the office!

23) 2020 State Fair & Aksarben 4-H Livestock Deadlines - Online Nomination Website: <https://showstockmgr.com>, Nebraska State Fair Entry Website: <https://statefair.org> –All market and breeding sheep and goats must have a scrapie tag. All market hogs and market beef must have an 840 EID tag and

breeding heifers must have a tattoo. Aksarben website: <https://www.aksarbenstockshow.com/>. Call Peggy for more information.

24) 4-H Horse Stampede - originally scheduled for March 28 - This event has been rescheduled for July 12 at Fonner Park and will be held in conjunction with the State 4-H Horse Expo in Grand Island. Any youth who entered for the March event will need to re-enter. Entries are due June 15.
<https://4h.unl.edu/horse/stampede>.

FRONTIER COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL NEWS

25) Next 4-H Council Meetings - The next regular council meeting will be Monday, July 20 at 7:30 pm in Eustis. Special County Fair meeting with Fair Board/Ag Society will be June 17 at 8:30pm via Zoom. Please contact a 4-H Council member with concerns or suggestions.

26) Grant Money Available for 4-H Activities/Camps/Events - The 4-H Council provides some financial support to 4-H groups and individuals for educational and service learning. Requests need to be submitted to extension office by the first day of the following months (March, May, July, Sept, November, January). Contact the extension office for details.

4-H CLUB NEWS

27) Club Notes - Leaders can use this newsletter to get information out to your members. You need to submit any news to the extension office by the 15th of the month in order to have it appear in the next newsletter.

Happy Helpers Club –will have a meeting JUNE 23 at 4:00 pm at the Berean Church in Curtis. Roll call will be “My favorite 4-H project this year”. Contact Organizational Leader Sue Nutt at 367-6366.

Riding on Faith 4-H Horse Club – Contact Helen Jurjens (308)651-1918, email helensprabery@gmail.com or Erika Brown (308)660-4089, email brownshowcattle2011@gmail.com. Check out their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ridingonfaith4h>

OTHER 4-H NEWS

28) Upcoming 4-H Events/Important Date

***2020 County Fair Dates** - Frontier County Fair in Stockville July 28-August 2
Eustis Fair & Corn Show is August 5-8

***2020 Nebraska State Fair Dates** - August 28 - September 7 in Grand Island, NE
More details at: <https://www.statefair.org/>

JULY

- TBA - **DUE** - State Fair Volunteer Applications
- 2 - **DUE** - Registration for Clothing/Fashion Show contest
- 2 - **DUE** - Registration for Photography Contest
- 10 - **DUE** - Registration for exhibits for **STOCKVILLE & EUSTIS FAIRS**
- 10 - Fashion Show & Clothing Construction Judging-Curtis
- 10 - Photography-United Methodist Church in Curtis
- 12-16 - State 4-H Horse Exposition - Grand Island
- 20 - 4-H Council Meeting– Eustis @ 7:30 pm – Eustis Fair Building
- 17 - **NO** entries accepted for **STOCKVILLE OR EUSTIS FAIRS** after this date
- 25 - 8:00 am - **ALL** 4-H Shooting Sports Archery & Small Bore Rifle .22 Caliber Contest – Frontier County Fairgrounds
- 25 - 11:00 pm - **ALL** 4-H Shooting Sports BB Gun, Air Pistol, & Air Rifle Contest – Frontier County Fairgrounds
- 25-Aug 2 - **FRONTIER COUNTY FAIR – STOCKVILLE**
- 27 - Shotgun Contest at Curtis Gun Club – 6:30 pm

AUGUST

2-8 - **EUSTIS FAIR & CORN SHOW - EUSTIS**
8 - Public Fashion & Talent Show in Eustis – 1:00 p
10- **DUE** - State Fair Entries including Livestock AKSARBEN entries also due
26 - State Fair Entry Day
28-Sept 7 - **NEBRASKA STATE FAIR - GRAND ISLAND**

29) New Instagram Site to Follow NE Extension Frontier County on at [frontier_county_extension](#) or [website](#) at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/frontier> or [Facebook](#) page at Nebraska Extension Frontier County.

Feel free to contact Peggy or Kathy if you have any questions.

Thanks for your continued patience & flexibility thru this COVID 19 time. We hope you are staying healthy and can survive this time. Let us all keep “Making the Best Better” as our 4-H youth & families learn new life skills, gain self-confidence, leadership skills and community service experiences thru 4-H & COVID19!