

July 2020

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**Hello Frontier County 4-H Families & Supporters!**

The summer is going fast! Are you ready for county fair? We hope our youth are gaining life skills through your 4-H projects and contests!

1) **COVID 19 Guidelines for County Fair Plans** -- Thank you for your patience and flexibility as we figure this all out! Anyone in “4-H space” including 4-H exhibitors, volunteers, & judges will follow the latest Southwest Public Health District guidelines as per July 28. That might include: Everyone practice social distancing -- 6 ft apart when applicable or wear a mask. Stay home if you are exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms, have had contact with someone with COVID-19 positive test or symptoms, which include

fever, cough, lingering headache, and shortness of breath. **Refer to enclosed county fair schedule for this summer's 2020 Frontier County Fairs. There are a few minor changes due to COVID19.**

## **2) County Fair 4-H Entry Deadlines to Extension Office**

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.**

**3) 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.) Remember a quick THANK YOU note to our sponsor, Farm Bureau Financial Services in Curtis would be nice. Their address is P.O. Box 102 Curtis NE 69025.

**4) County Dress Code** – All 4-H exhibitors are **REQUIRED** to wear the official county 4-H T-shirts sponsored by Farm Bureau Financial Services, jeans, and closed-toe shoes for **ALL** 4-H events. **This INCLUDES** shooting sports contestants. Livestock 4-H exhibitors are **REQUIRED** to wear dark blue jeans, hard-soled shoes or boots as well. **NO** hats, caps or other types of headgear are to be worn in the show ring (except for horse). Only 4-H'ers exhibiting in the horse show will **NOT** wear official county T-shirt. Horse Show attire **MUST** follow the dress code requirements found in the current "Nebraska Horse Show & Judging Guide."

**5) Stockville 4-H Static Building Monitors** -- If you or your family can take a time slot to help monitor the Stockville 4-H Static Building exhibits, please let the Extension office know ASAP. We have a few openings yet. Thank you!

**6) 4-H Fashion Show, Clothing Construction, & Shopping in Style Judging, Public Show Invitation**  
July 10 – Friday, Curtis Methodist Church - 9:00 a.m. A letter was sent out with info. Everyone is invited to the **Public Fashion & Talent Show held August 8 (Saturday) at 1:00 pm in Eustis!!**

**7) RESOURCES for 2020 Frontier County Fairs** - Fair book is online at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/frontier/fairbook2>.

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!**

**8) 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. 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.

## **4-H CONTEST / EVENT OPPORTUNITIES**

### **9) Entry Day Schedule for Static 4-H exhibits (Foods, Home Environment, Ag Misc., Robotics, Aerospace, Horticulture, Etc.)**

#### **\*Stockville Entry Day July 28 - Tuesday**

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm ALL 4-H static exhibits entered & judged including Rockets/4-H Clover Kid entries (no pets) @ north fair building (no interview judging, no bake sale or cake auction) will be displayed entire fair.

#### **\*Eustis Entry Day August 5 - Wednesday**

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm 4-H exhibits entered & judged/4-H Clover Kid entries – no interview judging, no bake sale, will be displayed entire fair.

4-H'ers and Clover Kids will enter in one door and exit out another door the North Main Building (Stockville) or the 4-H Building (Eustis). Practice social distancing and wash hands with provided hand sanitizer.

1. Make sure to stop at registration table and pick up your entry tags.
2. Get the entry tags, data tags and any supporting material securely attached to each exhibit.
3. Optional Additional INFORMATION- Since we are not interview judging, 4Her's are welcome to write/type additional information on a piece of paper and attach to exhibit. (IF there was something you wanted to tell the judge, write it on that paper. Ex: struggles with making the exhibit, new techniques you learned, what you like about exhibit, alterations, etc.) This extra information is NOT mandatory but available if you want to include. Securely attach to exhibit.
4. BEFORE leaving your exhibits for judging, please check in at the front table be sure all exhibits are ready for judging.

**10) SAVE THE DATE- 4-H Achievement Application (new 4-H Record Book) Workshop August 12 in Curtis** –NCTA Ed Center Rm 131. Register by August 11. Learn the new statewide 4-H record book process! It is easy and online. <https://4h.unl.edu/achievement-application>. Frontier County will have county cash awards & other county project medal awards for those members submitting an Achievement Application. Deadline to submit application is Sept 30 to county office. (Career Portfolios will NOT be accepted in 2020).

**11) Geocaching Self-Paced 4-H Workshop Kicks Off in Frontier County!** -- This free workshop is still available.

**12) 4-H Family & Consumer Science Self-Paced Learning Packet** -- Youth will have fun learning life skills for Human Development, Food Nutrition, Clothing/Textiles, Money Management & Home Environment. Beginners & Advanced packets available at the Extension Office for free. Packets can be picked up at office or emailed or hard copy mailed to you. Answer key available at the office. "Self-Paced Learning Packet" (See the Summer 2020 County 4-H Workshops flyer for info.)

**13) Prairie Project to Study Plants After Prescribed Burns** – This fall any 4-H families/clubs/youth wanting to be involved in a USDA-funded, multi-state project called the Prairie Project need to let Kathy know by August 30. **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.

## **SHOOTING SPORTS NEWS**

### **14) Shooting Sports 4H Contests:**

**July 25 - Saturday** 8:00 am **ALL** 4-H Shooting Sports Archery & Small-Bore Rifle .22 Caliber Contest - Frontier County Fairgrounds  
11:00 am **ALL** 4-H Shooting Sports - BB Gun, Air Pistol, & Air Rifle Contest - Frontier County Fairgrounds

**July 27 - Monday** 6:00 pm Shotgun Contest - Curtis Gun Club

Everyone is invited to watch all these contests. DUE to COVID19 only 2 practices need to be attended for EACH DISCIPLINE to be able to compete in county contest in July. Hope it has been fun learning (or improving) these LIFE SKILLS!

**15) 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**

**16) Dog/Cat County Fair 4-H Exhibitors** -- Don't forget to bring a copy of your dog and/or cat vaccination record with you to the July 29 (4:00 pm) County Fair Dog/Cat Show in Stockville, or August 6 (10:00 am) Small Animal County Fair Show in Eustis. NOTE: There will be a small food stand at the fairgrounds on July 29th in Stockville during dog show! Thank you Stockville Women's Club!

**17) 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.

**18) County Horse Show** -- July 29 starting at 8:00 am in Stockville. NOTE: There will be a small food stand at the fairgrounds on July 29 in Stockville for breakfast and lunch items! Thank you Stockville Women's Club!

**19) Round Robin Contest** -- Cancelled this year due to COVID - (The contest will be back next year.)

**20) Carcass Contest in Stockville** will include market sheep and beef this year. Ultrasounds will be July 30 at 10:15 am for any 4-H animals.

**21) 4-H Livestock Sale at Frontier County Fair in Stockville** -- 4-H families are encouraged to find new bidders by inviting various business & family members to the auction. Sale will be held on August 1 at 2:00 pm at the fairgrounds. Thanks for encouraging others to bid!

**22) AKSARBEN 4-H Livestock** -- Check AKSARBEN website for **Deadlines** : <https://www.aksarbenstockshow.com/>.

## **FRONTIER COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL NEWS**

**23) Next 4-H Council Meeting** -- The next regular council meeting will be Monday, July 20 at 7:00 pm in Eustis. Please contact a 4-H Council member with concerns or suggestions.

**24) 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**

**25) 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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month in order to have it appear in the next newsletter.

**Happy Helpers Club** –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**

### **26) 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**

- 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**

**27) Social Media Links-** Instagram [frontier\\_county\\_extension](https://www.instagram.com/frontier_county_extension) or website at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/frontier> or Facebook page at Nebraska Extension Frontier County.



**28) State Fair Plans Due to COVID and 4H Showcase-** The 2020 Nebraska State Fair will be a celebration of 4-H and FFA youth! 4-H and FFA livestock shows will take place on separate weekends. The 4-H contests and livestock shows will be held on the first weekend (Aug. 29-30). Static exhibits will be on display for the public to view (by county booths) and will also be shown virtually. Exhibits will not be judged this year but a special recognition ribbon will be given. Stay tuned for more details.

**29) 2020 Nebraska 4-H Virtual Project Showcase-** opportunity for all 4-H members across the state! We invite all enrolled youth to submit any 4-H project (static, animal projects, contests, etc.) for showcase with which they have learned a lot from this year or that they are particularly proud of,

regardless of the award it received through judging or the ability to have that project judged at the county level.

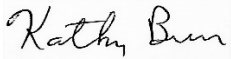
- Any 4-H enrolled youth of regular 4-H age statewide, can submit one project to highlight for their year.
- A complete submission will include:
  - Name, Age, County, project area they are choosing to highlight
  - Description of their project
  - 1 photo of their project
  - Why they chose to highlight that particular project?
  - What did they learn from completing their 4-H project(s) in 2020?
- **How will photos and quotes be used:** Photos, along with some quotes, gathered through submission process [are](#) tentatively planned to showcase digitally during the 2020 Nebraska State Fair (location TBD), be share on social media, and displayed in the Pick Your Project.
- **Submissions due:** for a chance to be showcased at the Nebraska State Fair, submit by **August 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**To submit a project or to learn more:** Visit <https://4h.unl.edu/project-showcase>

**30) Entertainment at Public Fashion Show in Eustis** – Any county 4H member is welcome to perform their entertainment piece (piano, other musical instrument, singing, other talents) at the Public Fashion Show on ***Saturday August 8 at 1:00 pm*** at the Eustis Fair Building. Register to office by July 24. Talk to Kathy Burr if you need more information. Great way to perform in front of nice people!

Feel free to contact Peggy, Kathy, or summer helper Camryn if you have any questions.

Thanks for your continued patience & flexibility thru this COVID 19 time!

Sincerely,



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