

January 2019

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WELCOME Everyone to the 2019 4-H Year!!

We are glad you are a part of this fun educational youth program!

1) Enrollment is now open for the 2019 4-H program year! We appreciate everyone's efforts to sign up early! Please ask us at the office if you need assistance or need to use the office computer to sign up! **Deadline is April 15th.**

WHO: New 4-H members *and* returning 4-H members are required to officially enroll through 4-H Online **each** year to maintain membership. **Adults:** Club, project leaders and 4-H Council members must also enroll through 4-H Online **each** year.

WHY: By enrolling youth have the opportunity to participate in county fairs, the Nebraska State Fair, and additional statewide programs.

COST: County Dues are \$5.00 and need paid to your club or directly to the extension office if not in a club by APRIL 15th.

WHERE: Enroll at <https://ne.4honline.com>

HOW: Instructions available in the extension office or <https://4h.unl.edu/enroll>

Enrollment Tips

- ✓ Select at least one project at time of enrollment. This can be edited later.
- ✓ The Health Form is only needed for camp. You may skip this step for now.
- ✓ If you need to make connections with a club, the extension office is happy to make this introduction.
- ✓ Youth between the ages of 5 and 7 as of January 1st of the current year may enroll as Clover Kids.
- ✓ The enrollment system works best with Google Chrome.
- ✓ The enrollment system does not work well from a cell phone

2) Clover Kids is the officially recognized 4-H program in Nebraska for children under the age of 8. The program is designed to provide 5 to 7 year-olds (by January 1, 2019) a variety of educational and recreational experiences in a non-competitive environment. Enroll at ne.4honline.com. Clover Kid dues are \$2.50 and need paid to your club or directly to the extension office if not in a club by **APRIL 15th**.

4-H CONTEST / EVENT OPPORTUNITIES

3) County 4-H Speech Contest -will be April 2nd at 6:30 pm in Curtis. Mark your calendars. More detail later....

4) Next Chapter 4-H Club is a new program from Nebraska Extension 4-H to help prepare youth to be college and career ready when they graduate from high school. As an **8th grader**, you will be receiving information from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln explaining the Next Chapter and will be invited to a spring reception. As a **9th grader**, you have the opportunity to take the First Chapter program and as a **10th grader**, the Second Chapter program. A First Chapter and Second Chapter program for 9th and 10th graders will be held in North Platte and/or Holdrege on April 22 in the afternoon. If you are interested in attending any Next Chapter program, let us know!

5) 2019 Special Nebraska 4-H Garden Project is a way to offer 4-H members the chance to grow unusual and fun projects in their gardens. Last year over 1,375 4-H members were enrolled in the project. This year the Special Garden Project is focused on the unique Carmine Splendor Okra. **Youth need to enroll in the Special Garden Project through 4-H Online by April 15th**. Order your seeds by: **January 28, 2019** by calling or emailing the extension office. Seed packet costs \$0.50/pack.

6) PASE/Life Challenge is a two-day event held each year at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln East Campus. The event is made up of the Premier Animal Science Events (PASE) and the Life Challenge Family Consumer Science contests. Both offer career exploration opportunities, tours, presentations, and competitive contests. Save: Monday, June 17 and Tuesday, June 18. Frontier County will be taking teams, so let us know if you are at least 12 years old and interested!

7) NE State 4-H Camp The 2019 summer camp schedule and opening registration has been released earlier than ever before! All the camp sessions and descriptions can already be found on the Facebook pages Eastern Nebraska 4-H Center and Nebraska State 4-H Camp and updates to the website are coming soon!

8) \$100 4-H Camp Scholarships for 2019 Camps Applications for 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 letter stating why you want to attend camp and which camp you want to attend.

9) 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus Surrounding counties offer the 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) trip. CWF is an experience of a lifetime offered to high school students! See the sights of Washington DC, attend a youth leadership conference at our National 4-H Center and experience historical sites on your travel to and from the conference. The trip is around 13-15 days. Sites might include: Chicago, Niagara Falls, New York City, Philadelphia and Ohio.

Trips are offered by surrounding extension offices and allow Frontier County 4-H'ers to attend if there is room. If interested or for more information, contact the various offices ASAP to get on a [waiting list](#).

*[Phelps Gosper/Franklin](#) Counties will travel summer 2019. Contact Linda Dannehl at 308-995-4222.

*Red Willow/ Hitchcock/ Dundy/Hayes summer 2020- Contact Donna Kircher at 308-345-3390 or Kimberly Cook at 308-334-5333. (Must be 14 by June 1, 2020 and finished 9th grade. 2017 trip costed \$2,800.00/person plus 15-18 meals at own expense.)

*Lincoln/Logan/McPherson Counties summer 2022- Contact Brenda Aufdenkamp at 308-532-2683.

SHOOTING SPORTS NEWS

10) State 4-H Indoor Archery Tournament in Columbus, NE- Open to all 4-H Archery members. FRIDAY JANUARY 25th - Registration: 5:15 pm. Shooting starts promptly at 6:00 pm SATURDAY JANUARY 26th - Registration: 7:00 am. Shooting starts promptly at 8:00 am

Registration: 10:00 am. Shooting starts promptly at 11:00 am. Cost: \$15 per shooter. Pay at the event site. Contact Info: Mark Eggers: (402)750-0005 or Chad Schimmels at: 308-325-5723 Register at: <https://goo.gl/forms/4WahriSQHTGRC7VH3>



4-H Shooting Sports
Learn by Doing

11) Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshops Offered January 12-13, 2019 in Lincoln & April 6-7 in Central City. Rifle, archery, shotgun & coordinator areas are available. The early bird registration fee is \$110.00 per person for initial certification and Coordinator is \$80. This fee includes meals, supplies and program materials. Participants must make their own lodging arrangements. For more workshop information and registration link, go to <https://4h.unl.edu/shooting-sports/instructor/calendar> (Frontier County 4-H Council will reimburse registration fee after attending. Must show receipt.)

12) County Shooting Sports Organizational Coordinator Volunteer Needed An organizational coordinator is needed to organize paperwork, club meetings and work with certified leaders to organize practice dates, and other related events. Contact Kathy for more information. There is a special statewide “coordinator” training available if interested. Shooting sports website is: <https://4h.unl.edu/shooting-sports> (Frontier County 4-H Council will reimburse registration fee of \$80 after you attend.)

13) Sharp Shooters 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!! Have fun learning a LIFE SKILL!

LIVESTOCK & SMALL ANIMAL NEWS

14) 2019 Frontier County 4-H Market Beef Weigh Days (3 different dates)

January 26 (Saturday) at NCTA Red Barn 9:00 am -11:00 am

January 31 (Thursday) 6:00-7:30 pm at NCTA Red Barn

March 2 (Saturday) at NCTA 9:00 am -11:00 am

January 26th & January 31st dates will be used for Stockville fair’s rate-of-gain and ALL three dates for Eustis fair’s rate-of-gain.

15) Livestock Tags

As you are planning/ purchasing 4-H/FFA Livestock for this next summer here are the ear tags/DNA prices for 2019:

\$1.00 county only tags

\$3.00 EID tags for NE State Fair and/or AkSarBen

\$6.00 DNA envelopes for NE State Fair and/or AkSarBen

16) Youth For Quality Care (YQCA) 2019 – Livestock Quality Assurance

Face-to-face trainings in Frontier County will be:

- February 26 (Tuesday) 6:30-8:30 pm in Eustis
- April 9 (Tuesday) 6:30-8:30 pm in Curtis
- Face-to-face training is \$3
- **BEFORE** attending local face-to-face or web based \$12 session - All 4-H exhibitors need to register and pay online at: <https://yqca.learn-grow.io/Account/Login>.
- Use your 4-H Online Account - need credit card or coupon



Nebraska 4-H youth ages 8-18, who are enrolled in any livestock projects (exhibiting Beef, Sheep, Goats, Hogs, Rabbits, Dairy, and Poultry at the county fair, state fair, or AkSarBen) are required to complete the YQCA online course annually or test out.

By **June 1, 2019** Frontier County 4-H Livestock Exhibitors need to attend either face-to-face session or search online for surrounding counties' face-to-face dates **OR** take the web based training **OR** test out any time **before June 1, 2019**.

Test Out Option: \$36 for Intermediate or \$48 for Senior Divisions; will allow youth to test out of their current age division; available online only at: <https://yqca.learn-grow.io/Account/Login>. (NO paper tests in extension office)

17) 2019 Frontier County 4-H Livestock Enrollment Deadlines:

April 1 - All market beef ID paperwork

May 10 - Horse IDs and district and state contest entries

May 15 - All market sheep, goat & swine ID paperwork

June 1 - All Breeding Beef, Stocker Feeder, Dairy, Breeding Swine, Breeding Sheep & Breeding Goat ID paperwork

18) Horse Advancement Level Testing/ District & State Dates ALL Level testing required for participation in the 2019 District 4-H Horse Shows **MUST** be completed by **MAY 10, 2019**. **Horse Identification** -A required hardcopy paper ID with identifying photos/ drawings and owner affidavit needs to be turned in to local Extension Office by **May 10** for district or state contests.

2019 Districts Dates and Sites

June 10 Bloomfield

June 11 Elkhorn

June 12 Ord

June 13 Ogallala

June 14 McCook

2019 Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Show July 14-18, 2019

19) NE Equine Webinar Free webinar every 2nd Tuesday of the month. To register in advance for the webinar go to: <https://4h.unl.edu/horse/webinar-series> All webinars are recorded along with all previous webinars (nutrition, stampede, horse show trends, genetics or aging a horse by their teeth) at: <https://4h.unl.edu/horse/webinar-series>. All the sessions are recorded and you can watch at home or at the extension office.

20) 2019 Frontier County Catch-A-Lamb Application due March 1st

1. Must be 8, 9, or 10 years old by January 1, 2019.
2. Must enroll or be enrolled in 4-H in Frontier County by April 15, 2019.
3. Must make arrangements for boarding or have a place to keep the animal before application deadline. Lambs will be picked up at the end of March/1st of April. More information to come.
4. Must be a new participant in the 4-H Sheep project (excluding Clover Kid experience).
5. Must send **TWO** letters to the sponsor. See Judging Criteria below.
6. Must complete the Catch-A-Lamb record book.
7. Must show the lamb at either the Frontier County Fair at Stockville or the Eustis Fair & Corn Show in 2019 in Showmanship and the Catch-A-Lamb classes.
8. Must sell the market lamb and return 25% of the sale price to the Frontier County 4-H Council to further project.
9. May keep ownership of breeding Catch-A-Lamb but must pay 25% of market price of weight at time of fair to the Frontier County 4-H Council to further project.
10. Application form (Available at extension office) needs returned by March 1, 2019.

Judging Criteria: 20% record book submitted on entry day; 20% two letters to program sponsor – one at the beginning thanking the sponsor, and a progress letter to the sponsor (include a story about your project and what you have learned this year about sheep from this lamb); 20% rate of gain; 20% class placing and/or ribbon; 20% Showmanship ribbon.

21) State Cat Club Free Online Workshops Any 4-H'er may join the meetings from home to watch and participate in the session. Each month the meeting is one hour and covers a different topic about cats. Worksheets and activities are included. Meetings are the second Thursday of the month at 6pm CST. Information is available here: <http://4h.unl.edu/companion-animal/cat-club>. All the sessions are recorded and you can watch at home or at the extension office.

FRONTIER COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL NEWS

22) 2019 Adult & Youth Council Members

Amy Houser	308-650-1715	Katy Snyder	308-737-1642
Stephanie Hansen	308-340-2427	Harris Grunden	308-367-7225
Jeannie Blender	308-529-3888	Mary Deterding	308-440-1920

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Aretta Brennemann	308-367-7402	Skyler Oberg	308-325-7446
Donald Rohr	308-340-1638	Jace Grunden	308-367-7951
Grace Schimmels	308-325-5723	Hudson Stout	308-367-8814

23) Next 4-H Council Meeting The next council meeting will be January 21, Monday at 7:30 pm in Curtis. Please contact a 4-H Council member with concerns or suggestions.

24) 4-H Project Manuals 4-H project manuals can be returned to office, if your family is done with them. We'll give them to another family to use. Thanks for helping the 4-H Council save money!

4-H VOLUNTEER NEWS

25) 4-H Youth Workshop Ideas Do you have 4-H youth workshop ideas you would like to see taught in Frontier County? Any club or independent 4-H member/parent/leader have a fun educational topic you would like to teach youth next spring or summer? Please contact the extension office soon and let us know!!

26) Volunteer Opportunity for Adults and/or Youth Volunteer today and create life-changing experiences for youth! Thank you to all our Frontier County Volunteers! You play a vital role in the ongoing growth and development of those in the 4-H Youth Development program. Consider sharing more of your unique talents with Frontier County 4-H. You may be a volunteer for a single event/workshop/fair or for a club. Many volunteers are needed so contact the Nebraska Extension Frontier County Office today!

4-H CLUB NEWS

27) 2019 Governor's Agricultural Excellence \$500 Award -The purpose of the Nebraska 4-H Foundation's Governor's Agricultural Excellence Awards, sponsored by the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA) is to recognize 4-H clubs for the work of the individuals in the club and the community service work of the entire club.

All applications must be submitted to pjeffries1@unl.edu by March 1, 2019.

<http://ne4hfoundation.org/recognition/fillable-gov-ag-application-2/>

28) Nebraska 4-H Club/FFA Chapter of the Week Sponsored by *Midwest Messenger* To honor our hardworking Nebraska youth in agriculture, the *Midwest Messenger* is featuring a new 4-H Club/FFA Chapter of the Week spotlight. Each week, a new club or chapter is highlighted on a sponsored full-page display in the paper, featuring a photograph of current members and a brief biography of the club/chapter's history and accomplishments. Finally, to boost their organization's endeavors, the *Midwest Messenger* is giving each featured group a \$50 gift card. Help spread the word about this new recognition program so that all Nebraska 4-H and FFA groups can start taking advantage of this honor. The nomination form can be found on at:

https://www.agupdate.com/midwestmessenger/forms/f4h_club_ffa_chapter_of_the_week/.

The 4-H Club/FFA Chapter spotlight will appear each week in the print edition of the *Messenger*, as well as online at www.midwestmessenger.com and their Facebook page, www.facebook.com/midwestmessenger. For any questions about this program or submitting a nomination, please contact Katy Moore at (402) 374-2225 ext. 122, katy.moore@lee.net.

29) Club Notes Leaders can use this newsletter as a way 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

NOTE: Happy Helpers will be meeting January 7th at 4:30 pm at the Berean Church in Curtis.

30) Upcoming 4-H Events/Important Dates

2019 Fair Dates- Frontier County Fair in Stockville July 27-August 4

Eustis Fair & Corn Show is July 28-August 3

January

21 - 4-H Council Meeting – Curtis @ 7:30 pm – Ed Center Room #129

26 - Market Beef Weigh-in & Tagging

NCTA 9 am - 11 am

31 - Market Beef Weigh-in NCTA 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

FEBRUARY

1-28 - Nebraska 4-H Promotion Month

5 - **DUE** – Registration for NE Cattlemen's Classic Judging Contest

23 - Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic Judging Contest – Kearney

26 - YQCA – Eustis 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm