



January 2024

Frontier County 4-H

Calendar of Events

January 27—Market Beef Weigh-In & Tagging—NCTA—8:30-10:30 a.m.

January 30—Market Beef Weigh-In & Tagging—NCTA— 6-7 p.m.

March 1—DUE—Applications for 4-H Council \$100 Camp Scholarship

March 1—DUE—Catch-A-Lamb Applications

March 2—Market Beef Weigh-In & Tagging—NCTA—9-10 a.m.

March 4—4-H Horse Stampede Entry and Art & Photography Deadline

March 23—4-H Horse Stampede—Lincoln

March 26—YQCA—Eustis 6:20-7:45 p.m.—Fairgrounds 4-H Building

April 1—4-H Companion Animal State Information
<https://4h.unl.edu/companion-animal>

April 1-12 - DUE - Shooting Sports Enrollment (Online & Paper Forms)

April 6—4-H Babysitting Clinic

April 14—4-H Shooting Sports Practice and Mandatory Club Meeting

April 15—YQCA—Curtis 6:20-7:45 pm—NCTA's LTC

April 23—4-H Sheep & Goat Weigh Day—Frontier County Fairgrounds— Stockville—7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

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. Also feel free to share this newsletter with them and/or invite them to your next club meeting!

2024 Frontier County Fair Books will be coming this spring!

Nebraska Extension in Frontier County

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8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (M-F)

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4-H Online Enrollment

It's time for 4-H members and volunteers to get enrolled in 4-H for the 2024 4-H year! To enroll in 4-H Online, visit: <https://v2.4honline.com/>. We have to re-enroll every year. For returning families, please do not create a new account; rather use your log-in 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, if paid directly your 4-H Club or the Frontier County Extension Office. Dues paid online at the time of enrollment will be \$5.25 per 4-Her and \$2.75 per Clover Kid.

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.

Our primary form of communication is via email so please ensure that you list an email that you will check. If your 4-H'er would also like to receive the emails, please add their email address to their member profile.

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

4-H Volunteers

DHHS Screening

Every 5 years, ALL 4-H volunteers in certain counties must re-screen with DHHS. 2024 is Frontier County's place within the rotation. You will need to select "Program Volunteer-Selected for Required Screening" to prompt the system for re-screening.

Volunteer Orientation

New in 2024 is volunteer orientation. The Nebraska 4-H Volunteer Orientation serves as an introduction to the 4-H Youth Development program in Nebraska. As part of the screening process, the orientation covers a variety of foundational and essential topics. ALL 4-H volunteers are required to complete the training orientation. Volunteers are also required to complete the orientation as part of the re-screening process every 5 years. The orientation session can be found at <https://4h.unl.edu/volunteer-orientation>.

Volunteer Impact Study (Distributed by the Nebraska State 4-H Office)

What you do makes a difference! We are excited to share that our state will be participating in the 4-H Volunteer Impact Study of volunteers in the North Central Region. This survey is being conducted as a part of 12 state effort to document the impact of volunteering. It will focus on three areas: the personal benefits of your volunteer experience; the impact you have on the organization by volunteering; and how your volunteer efforts contribute to your community in which you live and work. A random sample of volunteers of 1000 volunteers from each state will be surveyed. This study will be conducted through an electronic survey. If you are selected you will receive an email to let you know you have been selected to participate. You may be picked!!! If you are, please respond. We want to hear from you and learn from your volunteer experiences. Your comments will be used to quantify the personal, organizational and public impacts of volunteers involved with 4-H Youth Development Programs in our twelve-state region. Your impact is great and we want to hear from you!!! For questions, contact Nebraska 4-H Volunteer Extension Educator Jill A. Goedeken (jgoedeken2@unl.edu).

VOLUNTEER

Big Red Camps

Nebraska 4-H facilitates multiple, simultaneously run Big Red Summer Camps at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. This week long experience was created to give young people a better understanding of the college life experience based upon future careers of interest. We work to provide an experiential learning opportunity for all program participants. Campers come from across Nebraska and the nation. Cost varies by camp and ranges from \$450-\$850. This covers lodging & meals, supplies and other expenses as applicable. Scholarships are available! For more information, visit <https://4h.unl.edu/big-red-camps>.



State 4-H Camps

The summer programs offered by Nebraska 4-H provide all youth a place to discover, learn, and grow. Youth do not have to be a member of 4-H to attend one of our many summer camps. We believe strongly in promoting the mission of Nebraska 4-H, which encourages all young people to reach their full potential by working and learning in partnership with caring adults. We provide a life-changing summer camp experience for all youth! 4-H is education for life and focuses on helping young people explore science in their everyday lives, grow leadership and citizenship skills, explore future career opportunities, and make healthier decisions. Scholarships are available! More information is available at <https://4h.unl.edu/camps-summer>.

2024 \$100 4-H Frontier County and State Camp Scholarships—Due March 1, 2024

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. This needs submitted to the Frontier County Extension Office. It can be emailed, mailed or dropped off. For the 2024 Nebraska State 4-H Camp schedule and *additional scholarship opportunities*, go to <https://4h.unl.edu/camps>.



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 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.

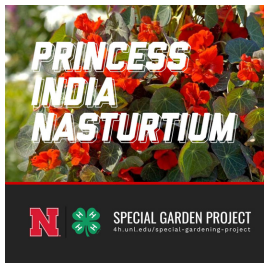
Jarvis Memorial Scholarship

This is a \$500 scholarship that is open to females for the fall 2024/spring 2025 semester. Youth must be planning to attend UNL, have been a 4-H or FFA or FCCLA member for at least 2 years, live in or got school in a select list of counties (Dawson, Frontier, Furnas, Hayes, Lincoln and Red Willow Counties are all on the list, plus others) and must reside in Love Memorial Hall. For more information or for an application, please call the office. Applications must be postmarked by March 15, 2024.



2024 Nebraska Extension in Frontier County Summer 4-H/Office Volunteers

Do you need volunteer hours to add experience to your resume? Or are you interested in learning more about a career in Nebraska Extension? We are looking to utilize high school/college volunteers for various events between May 28th and August 16. Volunteers should be friendly, professional, hardworking, organized, be able to work with youth and adults, and have computer and social media knowledge. Volunteer for as much or as little as you want! Duties will include (but are not limited to) coordinating, assisting and/or teaching summer youth workshops with the 4-H Educator, as well as assisting with various tasks during the Frontier County Fair and Eustis Fair & Corn Show. Volunteers will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. If you or someone you know is interested, apply by completing the simple volunteer application. It can be completed online at go.unl.edu/summer-helper or you can pick up a copy at the office at 404 E 7th Street, Ste, Curtis. Applications may also be left at the office or emailed to kathy.burr@unl.edu. Applications for volunteers will be accepted until May 17, 2024.



2024 Special Garden Project - Order Seeds Before February 9th

The 2024 Special Garden Project will focus on Princess of India Nasturtium. This Victorian-era heirloom flower can be grown in a variety of ways including in containers. It provides a splash of color from its scarlet flowers and much of the plant can be eaten. For more information, go to <https://4h.unl.edu/special-garden-project>. Contact the office if you would like to order seeds.

Corn Yield Challenge for 4-H and FFA Members

We are delighted to announce the Corn Yield Challenge, a prestigious contest open to 4-H members (aged 8 and older as of January 1st) and FFA members (in-school members). This competition is designed to guide participants through a comprehensive exploration of all facets of corn production, including aspects related to agricultural careers associated with corn production.

Key Features:

- **Team Participation:** Teams comprising two or more youth participants will collaboratively embark on the challenge.
- **Innovative Practices:** Youth will be tasked with implementing a production practice differing from the norm, with the goal of assessing its impact on increasing corn yield.
- **Data Collection:** The Corn Yield Challenge management summary will systematically gather crucial information, including yields, cropping history, and production details.
- **Recognition and Rewards:** Outstanding achievements will be duly rewarded with cash prizes and plaques for the top three teams:
 - First Place: \$1,000
 - Second Place: \$500
 - Third Place: \$250
- **Special Awards:** In addition to the top rankings, commendable efforts will be acknowledged through the "Extra Mile" and "Ag Literacy" Awards, each carrying a value of \$200.

For detailed guidelines and participation information, please contact Brandy VanDeWalle at brandy.vandewalle@unl.edu.

8th Annual Agronomy Youth Field Day - Save the Date

Tuesday, July 9th, 2024 | NCTA | Curtis, Nebraska - This is a FREE educational event that is open statewide to all youth ages 9-18; Parent and adults are welcome too! Youth will learn about careers in precision ag, agronomy, weed science & irrigation through hands-on activities from Nebraska Extension and NCTA Cropping & Water Systems and other Crop Scientists. Registration link coming soon!

Animal Science Discovery Day - Save the Date

Wednesday, May 29, 2024 | NCTA | Curtis, Nebraska - Animal Science Discovery Day is a hands-on educational program designed to youth in Animal Science topics and Agricultural Careers. Registration information will be available after February 1.



2024 Shooting Sports News

Sharp Shooters 4-H Shooting Sports Club will be starting practices before we know it. Join your friends and enroll in this fun and educational program! Youth ages 8-18 (as of January 1, 2024) can compete in BB Gun, Air Pistol, Air Rifle, Small Bore .22 Caliber Rifle and Pistol, Archery and Shotgun. SAVE the DATE: Sunday, April 14th, 2024 for shooting sports practice and MANDATORY club meeting. Remember, 4-H'ers must be enrolled in 4-H Online with proper consents signed BEFORE participating in any club practices. More details coming soon!

Happy Tails 4-H Club

Organized by Dynette Oberg and Courtney Penner, 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. Everyone is welcome. For questions or more information, please call or text Dynette at 308-520-5868 or Courtney at 308-537-6588.



Horse Families

Feel free to join one of our 4-H horse clubs or participate as an independent member. Frontier Riders practices in Curtis and is led by Amy Houser. Riding on Faith practices in Eustis and is led by Helen Jurjens. You can reach Amy at (308)650-1715 and Helen at (308)651-1918. Remember, youth need to be enrolled in 4-H Online with the horse consent signed BEFORE participating in any club practices.

2024 Frontier County Catch-A-Lamb

Applications are due to the Extension office by March 1st, 2024. 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, 2023. Applications are available at the Extension office or online at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/frontier/>. NEW in 2024: Introducing hair sheep! We are now offering the option of wool OR hair sheep as a Catch-A-Lamb project.



Sheep Class Updates

New in 2024! Introducing hair sheep classes! Also new this year, there will be a "Flock Pen". A Flock Pen will consist of 1 aged ewe, 1 yearling ewe, 1 ewe lamb and 1 market lamb. Animals are to be a collection of sheep used in other classes by members of the same family or club and will be judged in the show ring. Exhibitors must be Frontier County 4-H members. The Flock Pen will replace the Pen of Three Class.

Lamb & Goat Clinic

Nebraska Sheep & Goat Producers Association and Nebraska Extension present Lamb & Goat Clinic. It will be from 9:00 am–4:30 pm on Saturday, March 16th at NCTA's Livestock Teaching Center. It will cover topics such as llama care/management, photographing small ruminants, judging wool sheep, hair sheep and goats; Famancha training; and feeder lamb nutrition. For more information or to pre-register before March 1st, call (308)386-8378 or email ne.sheep.goat@gmail.com, Registration is \$20 for NSGP members, 4-H and FFA members and \$30 for adult non-association members.



Livestock News

2024 county weigh dates will be held at NCTA's working facilities again this year. January 27th and 30th will be used for the Stockville fair's rate-of-gain and the Eustis Fair & Corn Show can use either one or March 2nd for rate-of-gain. ID sheets and more information should have arrived in your US Post Office Box. Please contact the Extension office if you did 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 \$4.00. All county/state fair sheep and goats MUST use scrapie tag for ID.
- County Livestock ID Sheet & Photo are DUE June 15th 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 June 15th.

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 (DNA if Animal is Going to State Fair)

Bucket Calf—County or Ranch Tag

Breeding Beef—Ranch Tag and Photo for County Fair (DNA and 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)

2024 Frontier County 4-H Council Members - Welcome New Members!

Adult 4-H Council members are elected and are able to serve up to two–three year terms.

District 1: Jeanne Blender, Mary Deterding

District 2: Denise Sheffield, Elizabeth Kerchal

District 3: Amie Sughroue, Danny Hejtmanek

Youth Representatives: Hallee Sheffield, Madison Woehrle, Haylie Gustafson, Dallas Grunden, Reagan Stengel, Shelby Jurjens