

## March 2019

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

There are several items/dates/deadlines in these monthly 4-H newsletters that will help make a positive 4-H experience for you. We encourage you to review the newsletter EACH MONTH for 4-H communication!



NOTE: If you know of any new 4-H families please get their names and addresses to extension office so they can begin to receive our monthly 4-H newsletter.

1) **Save The Date – March 28 Volunteer Training** – Help “Inspire Kids To Do with 4-H” for leaders, volunteers, parents, 4-H Council members, older 4-H members, and those who are interested in becoming a volunteer are strongly encouraged to attend on March 28, Thursday, from 6:30–8:30 pm at NCTA Ed Center Room 131. Free soup & sandwiches starting at 6:00 pm. Topics such as the essential elements of positive youth development, youth safety, the volunteer screening process, the new 4-H Application award format to (replace Career Portfolios), & basic club finances/ management will be covered. Discussion on how the county and state fairs should be an

“Exhibition” for 4-H youth. Flat Herbie will be there to celebrate the University’s 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary along with other fun 150 ideas. Please let the office know that you plan to attend by **March 22 so there’s enough food**. This is also a great opportunity to mingle with fellow 4-H volunteers from Frontier County! See Flyer for more details.

**2) Order Your New County Official 4-H Tee Shirts** – In 2019 **ALL county 4-H members** will receive a new **FREE** official county tee shirt thanks to our sponsor, Farm Bureau Financial Services! So it is very important that you designate your youth’s current shirt size when registering them on 4-H ONLINE. (The shirts will be the same as the last 2 years, but order a new size for your 4-H members.) IF your family needs extra official Frontier County 4-H tee shirts (short sleeve or long sleeve), you can order & pay directly to Dmilaco’s online site at: <https://frontiercounty4-h2019.itemorder.com> (See enclosed flyer.) All orders are due June 2<sup>nd</sup> and will be ready for pick up in the extension office around June 19.

**3) Frontier County Dues & Insurance** – Dues are \$5.00/4-H’er & \$2.50/Clover Kid. **ALL dues need turned into the extension office by APRIL 15<sup>th</sup>!!** Pay your club leader & they will then send in one check to the extension office. Independent members will need to send their dues to the extension office. All checks need to be made payable to the 4-H Council. This money goes into the Frontier County 4-H Council account to pay for 4-H insurance, Achievement, contests & other 4-H programming.

**4) April 15 last day for 2019 Frontier County 4-H Enrollment** – Please ask us at the office if you need assistance or need to use the office computer to sign up!

**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, volunteers (any adult working directly with youth) 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. (And, all youth participating in a 4-H event have 4-H insurance coverage.)

**COST:** County dues are \$5.00 for regular 4-H’ers and \$2.50 for Clover Kids and need paid to your club or directly to the extension office if not in a club by APRIL 15<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

**5) Nebraska 4-H Policy & Procedures Handbook** – Whenever leaders, 4-H families & supporters have any 4-H questions, we encourage you to refer to Nebraska 4-H website for the most current state 4-H policies at: <https://4h.unl.edu/policy-handbook> or call the extension office.

**6) Clover Kids** – 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. Frontier County Clover Kids enroll for the General Clover Kid Project and can bring up to five exhibits to the county fair (which includes bucket calf & other animals but NOT horse.) Enroll at <https://ne.4honline.com>. Make sure you mark tee shirt size for one free county 4-H shirt. 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 15<sup>th</sup>**.

**7) Pick Your 2019 4-H Projects by Using the Online Search Feature!** – Explore over 150 Nebraska 4-H projects & find ones that fit what you are interested in learning. The Pick Your Project is an online project selection guide for finding both county-only and state fair eligible 4-H fair projects and their resources.. <http://nebraska4hprojects.com/>

**8) 2019 is West Central District’s Volunteer Screening Year** – Protecting our 4-H youth and volunteers is VERY IMPORTANT to us. Therefore, it is Nebraska 4-H policy to have any adult working closely with youth to have a background check. It is West Central District’s year to screen ALL our 4-H volunteers. It is a simple online

process that the state 4-H Office is willing to pay the fee. After April 15, Kathy will gather all adult volunteers' names/emails from 4honline & submit to State 4-H Office. The Dept. of Health and Human Services will email a background screening questionnaire to each volunteer. (IF you don't have internet at home come use the extension office's computer.) You will be asked to renew this screening every 5 years. Thanks in advance for completing this process to keep our 4-H youth safe!

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

**9) Frontier County 4-H Speech & Presentation Contests** will be Tuesday April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm in Curtis. Get your speech, PSA and presentation ready TODAY! **Sign up by March 27.** The top three in each division go on to the regional speech contest.

**10) Save the date! Youth Animal Science Field Day - May 23 in Curtis and NCTA Livestock Judging Camp - May 22.** More details in April newsletter.

**11) March is Bake & Take Month** – March is when wheat organizations encourage others to bake a wheat good and share it with family, friends, neighbors, co-workers and shut-ins. The Nebraska Wheat Board (NWB) is again sponsoring recipe cards and stickers for any 4-H groups or other organizations that wish to participate. This year's recipes are sweet and salty oreos and fruit pizza. Those interested in participating or who have questions can contact the NWB office at (402) 471-2358 or [wheat.board@nebraska.gov](mailto:wheat.board@nebraska.gov). or get FREE copies of the recipe cards at the extension office.

**12) Next Chapter at NEBRASKA** is a college readiness program offered to students beginning in the 8th grade who are enrolled in 4-H. Throughout high school, Next Chapter scholars will engage in events, activities and curriculum where they will experience a variety of learning methods that will help them transition to and succeed in college. Our 8th graders should have received an invitation to the statewide Next Chapter celebration on April 29 in Lincoln. West Central District's First Chapter and Second Chapter retreats 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 knowing more, let Kathy know.

**13) N 150 Celebration** – February 15, 2019 will mark 150 years since the day the state of Nebraska chartered the University of Nebraska. During the upcoming year, Nebraska 4-H will be part of the celebration. More information on the activities available for your 4-H members/leader is at: <https://4h.unl.edu/n150>  
If you decide to have a special N 150 event there are prizes available in the extension office including table banner, Temporary Tattoos, Pens, Stadium & Disposable Cups. A few activities include:

**\*N150 Stepping Stone Showcase** – A special class will be added to our 4-H Fair Book for 4-H'ers to make a stepping stone that represents this milestone. One stone will be selected from each county to be on display at Raising Nebraska during the Nebraska State Fair.

**\*Flat Herbie will Tour the Town!** – Flat Herbie is here to celebrate this milestone! He will be available for you to cut out and make him a part of your community by taking him on a tour of your town. You can snap a picture of Flat Herbie at local events, favorite landmarks or 4-H & Extension activities and upload the pictures to your social media channels with #N150 Herbie or email us at [nebraska4h@unl.edu](mailto:nebraska4h@unl.edu).

**\*N150 Photography Class** – A Level 3 photography exhibit will be available to highlight how the University of Nebraska has impacted you, your family or community.

**14) 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!

**15) Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute (NAYI)** is a weeklong experience for high school juniors and seniors from all across Nebraska to learn about career opportunities within agriculture. (Several Frontier County youth have attended the past couple of years.) This conference features speakers, workshops, ag education, networking with peers and industry leaders, professional development, leadership experience, fun and new friends! NAYI 2019 will be held on July 8-12, 2019. Applications are due no later than 11:59 pm on **April 15** and may be accessed at <http://www.nda.nebraska.gov/nayi/nayi.html>

**16) Tractor Safety Classes Scheduled** – Nebraska Extension’s Tractor Safety & Hazardous Occupations Course takes place at 12 Nebraska locations this year for teens age 14 or 15 years of age who will work on a farm. Anyone older than 15 is also welcome to attend, but those under age 14 are not eligible to take the course. For complete information about the Tractor Safety certification, access the following web site: [www.keney.unl.edu](http://www.keney.unl.edu)

## **SHOOTING SPORTS NEWS**

**17) Sharp Shooters 4-H Shooting Sports Club** – 2019 Mandatory 4-H Safety & Orientation Meeting will be March 24, 2019 at 4:00-6:00 pm at the Frontier County Fairgrounds in Stockville for BB Gun, Air Pistol, Air Rifle, Small Bore Rifle .22 Caliber, Archery, Shotgun. Practice times will be in April-July. SEE FLYER for details. Youth participating in Shooting Sports are required to be enrolled in “4-H Online” and have ALL shooting sports paperwork completed before 1<sup>st</sup> practice April 7th. Come to the Extension office any time before March 24 to fill out forms or come to Stockville fairgrounds early at 3:00 pm March 24 to get paperwork done.

**18) Need More Frontier County Shooting Sports Certified Leaders** – Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshops will be offered April 6-7 in Central City. Rifle, archery, shotgun & coordinator areas are available. The early bird registration (due March 27) fee is \$110.00 per person for initial certification. 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.)

**19) Sharp Shooters 4-H Club Facebook Page** – For the 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**

### **20) Youth For Quality Care (YQCA) 2019 – Livestock Quality Assurance**

Last face-to-face training in Frontier County will be:

- 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.learnrow.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.learnrow.io/Account/Login>. (**NO paper tests in extension office**)

### **21) 2019 Frontier County 4-H Livestock Tags & 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

\$1.00 county only tags

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

\$7.00 DNA envelopes for NE State Fair

**22) NE State Fair 4-H/FFA Animal Information** – Exhibitors will be responsible for submitting their animal information into the *Show Stock Manager Livestock Database* prior to the nomination deadline. (Market Beef deadline is April 1<sup>st</sup>. All other livestock need submitted online by June 1<sup>st</sup>.) The County Extension Office/FFA Advisors will mail in the DNA collectors to the Aksarben Stock Show office by the respected deadline. Our office will have the ability to see what families have submitted and will be validating those nominations throughout the nomination process. Once the information is in the database and has been validated by the County Extension Staff/FFA Advisor, it will then be available for exhibitors to make State Fair entries. Please note, any animal entry not in the database or that does not have submitted DNA will not be considered nominated and eligible for State Fair.

**23) Nomination Requirements For All State Fair Livestock** – 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.

- DNA nominations will be \$7.00 per envelope. Any DNA nomination sent in from an extension office or FFA Advisor will also be eligible for the Aksarben Stock Show.
- All breeding nominations will have a fee of \$2.00 per online entry. Exhibitors will be able to dual nominate an animal as breeding and market if selected and paid for in Show Stock Manager. Families will now receive a receipt that they entered in a breeding nomination.
- Aksarben Only Note: If you have an exhibitor who would like DNA envelopes for only the Aksarben Stock Show, please go to the website: (<https://www.aksarbenstockshow.com/>).

**24) Aksarben Stock Show Contact Information and Questions** – With the Aksarben Stock Show transitioning to a junior livestock format in 2019, youth 9 to 19 years of age are eligible for the competition with no prerequisite of youth organization affiliation. While we will continue to support our 4-H youth, we always want an exhibitor to have the correct and current information. For questions families may have about the Aksarben Stock Show, please recommend the Aksarben Stock Show website (<https://www.aksarbenstockshow.com/>) or to contact Shelby Leonhard [sleonhard@showaksarben.com](mailto:sleonhard@showaksarben.com).

**25) Nebraska 4-H Horse Program** – 4-H members who have access to or own a horse have many opportunities to participate in shows and events with their equine partner. However, Nebraska 4-H also offers a variety of horse programs that do not require youth to own or have access to a horse. Additionally, there are volunteer opportunities within these programs which are open to both youth and their families. The State 4-H Horse Exposition is held annually at Fonner Park in Grand Island, NE. This year the Expo will be held **July 14-18, 2019**. The Expo includes the state horse show, hippology contest, and horse judging contest, as well as additional activities. Future State Horse Show Dates: July 12-16, 2020, July 11-15, 2021.

**26) 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**. Contact Shelly Veldhuizen for county testing dates at 641-891-4675. **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 Local Districts Dates and Sites**

June 13 Ogallala, June 14 McCook, 2019 Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Show July 14-18, 2019

**27) NE Equine Webinar** – Free webinar every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**28) 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 6 pm 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**

**29) Next 4-H Council Meeting** – The next council meeting will be March 18, Monday at 7:30 pm in Curtis. Please contact a 4-H Council member with concerns or suggestions.

**30) New 4-H Project Manuals Policy** – Manuals are getting very expensive, costing up to \$15 each. The council decided each club organizational leader can be issued one free manual/project per club and then additional manuals will cost \$5.00/ea. Any 4-H family can come to the office and buy manuals for \$5.00/each. The extension office will keep one copy of each project manual for anyone to look at in the office. Manuals can be checked out with a \$5.00/deposit per manual for one week. If manual is returned within the week (in the same condition as given) the office will issue you a check for the deposit.

**31) Grant Money Available for 4-H Activities/Camps/Events** – The council decided to provide some financial support to 4-H groups and individuals for educational and service learning opportunities. The Council hopes that clubs and individuals will use these grants to take teams to the state competitions, perform community service projects, or lead 4-H workshops.

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, & a budget. Requests need to be submitted to Extension Office by the first day of the following months (March, May, July, Sept, November, January) so the proposal can be put on the 4-H Council's meeting agenda the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of those months listed. \*\*\*\*\*This deadline may require some advance planning.

### **4-H CLUB NEWS**

**32) 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

**New Frontier County 4-H Club** – Welcome to the Wild West 4-H Livestock Club in the Maywood area! They plan to meet every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 6:30 pm at the Maywood Fire Hall. To join contact Organizational Leader Nichole Lanning at 308-362-7464 or project leader Deb Petersen at 308-367-6463.

**Happy Helpers 4-H Club** – will meet Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:30 pm at the Berean Church in Curtis.

**Frontier Riders Horse 4H Club** Organizational meeting- **March 19 7:00 pm main building at Frontier County Fairgrounds in Stockville.** We will discuss schedules, practices, arena time and new ideas. Please attend if you are a member or interested in becoming a member. There will be some new features this year & two different practice locations- Curtis and Eustis. Pass this on to other interested families. For more information, contact Organizational Leader Shelly Veldhuizen at 641-891-4675 or project leader Helen Jurjens at 308-651-1918.

**33) 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**

**MARCH**

- 16 - Market Beef Weigh-In - NCTA 9-11 am
- 18 - 4-H Council Meeting- Curtis @ 7:30 pm – Ed Center Rm 129
- 27 - **DUE** - Registration for County Speech & Presentations Contests
- 29 - **DUE** - Registrations for Panhandle Regional Speech Contest
- 30 - 4-H Horse Stampede - Lincoln
- 30 - 4-H Companion Animal Challenge - Lincoln

**APRIL**

- 1 - **DUE** – 4-H Market Beef ID's
- 2 - Speech & Presentations Contests – 6:30 pm Curtis – NCTA
- 9 - YQCA – Curtis – NCTA 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
- 12 - **DUE** – Registrations for West Central Regional Speech Contest
- 13 - Panhandle Regional Speech Contest
- 15 - **DUE** – 4-H Enrollment due online
- 15 - Early Bird Registration for Nebraska 4-H Summer Camps - Save 10% & Big Red Camps
- 22 - Next Chapter for 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> graders
- 23 - Sheep & Goat Tagging Day – Frontier County Fairgrounds in Stockville @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- 27 - West Central Regional Speech @ WCREC
- 30 - Sheep & Goat Tagging Day - Eustis @  
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

**MAY**

- 9 - **DUE** – Registrations for Southeast Regional Speech Contest
- 9 - **DUE** – 4-H Horse ID's, District & State Show Entries
- TBA - MVES Field Day & 4-H Food Stand
- 15 - **DUE** – Market Sheep, Goat & Swine IDs in office
- 16 - Southeast Regional Speech Contest
- 17 - **DUE** – Registrations for Northeast Regional Speech Contest
- 20 - 4-H Council Meeting- Curtis @ 7:30 pm – Ed Center Rm 129
- 23 - West Central District Youth Animal Science Field Day – NCTA, Curtis
- 28-31 - Camp Apprentice Training - Halsey (Ages 14-18)
- 31 - Northeast Regional Speech Contest

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<http://extension.unl.edu/statewide/frontier/>.

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