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Hello Frontier County 4-H Families & Supporters!

Welcome college students Micky Blender from Eustis and Allie Campbell from Curtis to our Extension Office for the summer! Micky will be a Summer 4-H Intern helping Kathy and Allie will be an Office Intern assisting Peggy.

4-H CONTEST / EVENT OPPORTUNITIES

- 1) **Summer Workshops** – see flyer for a variety of fun workshops!
- 2) **Youth Animal Science Field Day-May 23 in Curtis and NCTA Livestock Judging Camp-May 22**
Remember to register online at <https://go.unl.edu/camp-ncta> by **May 10 at 5:00 pm**. Great & fun opportunity for youth to learn more about animals and careers! We appreciate the two fair boards for paying the \$10 registration/lunch fee for all Frontier County 4-H participants!!
- 3) **PASE/Life Challenge TEAMS being formed** – 4-H members 12 years and older are welcome to join one of the Frontier County teams for various PASE contests: Livestock Judging, Poultry Judging, Meats Judging, Livestock Skill-a-thon and Livestock Quiz Bowl. And/or various Life Challenge contests including: Foods & Nutrition Challenge, Human Development Challenge, Design Challenge, and Entrepreneurship Investigation Challenge. Stay on UNL east campus dorms and learn more about college. Teams will travel to Lincoln Sunday, June 16 late afternoon and return Tuesday, June 18 evening. **Any interested youth or adult sponsors need to contact Kathy by May 24 or earlier!**
- 4) **4-H Achievement Application (new 4-H Record Book) Workshops** – Come learn about the new statewide 4-H record book process! It is easy and online. <https://4h.unl.edu/achievement-application>. Frontier County will still have county cash awards & other awards for those members submitting an Achievement Application. Great way to gather information over the youth's years to assist with high school & college scholarship and job applications! Come learn more on May 28 7:00-8:30 pm at NCTA Ed Center Room 129 or May 29 7:00-8:30 pm at Eustis 4-H Building.

5) Frontier County Fairgrounds Pre-fair Clean-up – Any clubs or independent 4-H families wanting to help prep the fairgrounds at Stockville anytime from May 17-July 31 contact Marcia Owens at 308-367-7129. Great community service project!!! Some ideas include: flower beds, mulching, painting, cleaning and more!

6) Order Your New EXTRA County Official 4-H Tee Shirts – 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> All orders are due June 2nd and will be ready for pick up in the extension office around June 19.

NOTE: This summer **ALL county 4-H members** will receive a new **FREE** official county tee shirt thanks to our sponsor, Farm Bureau Financial Services! (The shirts will be the same as the last 2 years.)

7) State Fair Weed and Grass Identification Contest County TEAM – Youth 10 years of age or older can compete by contacting Kat Caswell, Cropping Systems Extension Educator at the Red Willow Extension office at (308)345-3390 or kat.caswell@unl.edu. Some Frontier County families have contacted Kat already so there might be carpools available.

8) Robotics NXT Lego Kits Available For Summer 4-H Fair Exhibits – available this summer for youth enrolled in the 4-H Robotics project to create fair exhibits. Contact office for more information.

SHOOTING SPORTS NEWS

9) County Shooting Sports Contest is July 27 for all disciplines except shotgun, which is July 29. Keep practicing! Remember all members need to attend at least four practices to be able to compete.

LIVESTOCK & SMALL ANIMAL NEWS

10) Youth For Quality Care (YQCA) 2019 – Certificates are due in office by **June 1, 2019** to be able to show at county or state fair this year.

11) 2019 Frontier County 4-H Livestock Tags & Enrollment Deadlines

May 9 - 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

12) Livestock Fitting/Showing Clinics, Progress Shows, Sheep/Pig Club Sales – The office gets several flyers. Contact Peggy for more information.

13) Horse Advancement Level Testing/ District & State Dates – ALL Level testing required for participation in the 2019 District 4-H Horse Shows **MUST** be in county office by **MAY 9, 2019**. The State 4-H Horse Exposition is held annually at Fonner Park in Grand Island, NE, **July 14-18, 2019**.

FRONTIER COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL NEWS

14) Next 4-H Council Meeting – The next council meeting will be May 20, Monday at 7:30 pm in

Curtis. Please contact a 4-H Council member with concerns or suggestions.

15) Grant Money Available for 4-H Activities/Camps/Events – To receive any council grants, 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 3rd Monday of those months listed. Contact Kathy for more information.

The financial support is for clubs and individuals to take teams to the state competitions, perform community service projects, lead 4-H workshops and more.

4-H CLUB NEWS

16) 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

Happy Helpers 4-H Club – will meet 1st Monday of each month at 4:30 pm at the Berean Church in Curtis.

17) 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

MAY

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

JUNE

- 1 - **DUE** - Breeding Beef, Stocker-Feeder, Dairy, Breeding Swine, Breeding Sheep, Breeding Goat IDs
- 8 - **DUE** – PASE/Life Challenge registrations
- 10-15 - Big Red Camps
- 12 - 4-H Horticulture Camp
- 14 - District Horse Show – McCook
- 17-18 - PASE/Life Challenge Event