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Hello Frontier County 4-H Families & Supporters!

Thanks for your continued patience & flexibility thru this COVID 19 time. We hope you are staying healthy and can survive this time. Let us all keep “Making the Best Better” as our 4-H youth & families learn new life skills, gain self-confidence, leadership skills and community service experiences thru 4-H & COVID19!

1) Latest 4-H /County Fair COVID19 News - As of today (April 28, 2020) The NE Extension State Office mandates NO FACE to FACE (in person) 4-H or Extension events can occur including 4-H club meetings until **June 15**. You are all doing good with keeping the COVID19 numbers down so they want to continue social distancing so hopefully we can have county & state fairs! I encourage you to use the free zoom.us or Facetime or etc. to have a few club meetings to get 4-H activities completed. For more state wide info go to: <https://4h.unl.edu/covid-19> **At this point 4-H will still be a part of the Frontier**

County Fair & the Eustis Fair/Corn Show, so get to working on those 4-H exhibits. However please be flexible if things change due to COVID19!.....

2) Congratulations to all High School and College Seniors – “virtually” graduating this spring! We hope your 4-H experiences have helped & will continue to help you in the future....As a 4-H Alumni, you are always welcome to become a 4-H leader or 4-H volunteer in Frontier County or another county/state! ☺

3) 2020 Frontier County Fair Book And State Fair Books Available - online at: <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/frontier/fairbook2>. State fair book can be found at: <https://4h.unl.edu/state-fair>. Due to COVID19 and the unknown, Frontier County Fair Book hard copies will be printed and mailed to **ONLY** club leaders and independent 4-H families in June. Other people wanting a hard copy can contact the Extension Office to request a copy until **May 20th**.

4) County Official 4-H Tee Shirts - Any NEW 4-H members in 2020 can stop by the extension office to pick up one official county 4-H tee shirt. These are FREE thanks to our sponsor -- Farm Bureau Financial Services. (New shirts will be ordered summer 2021.)

4-H CONTEST / EVENT OPPORTUNITIES

5) Census 2020 4-H Community Service Idea- Help is needed to encourage people to fill out the 2020 Census. The census is Important for Our Communities!! Census responses provide data that can attract new businesses and the jobs that come with them. The data also informs where over \$675 billion in federal funding is spent each year in states and communities. That includes money for things like “**Nebraska Extension**” & **4-H!** More information go to: <https://extension.unl.edu/2020-census/> . For other 4-H civic engagement ideas go to: <https://4h.unl.edu/civic-engagement>

6) VIRTUAL Frontier County 4-H Speech & Presentation Contests – Rescheduled for June 8, Monday, at 6:30 pm via Zoom link. Get your speech, PSA and presentation ready TODAY! We’re still taking entries for 2020. Record your speech using a phone, tablet, computer or video camera. File should be raw video with no editing. Files should be saved in the MP3 or MP4 format. Keep the recording device horizontal (not vertical) when shooting the video. Stabilize recording device (set it on a table, book, use tripod, etc.) so the shot is steady. **Sign up & submit your video by JUNE 1st**. The top three in each class win a cash award from the 4-H Council at the county level. The top five purples in all county PSA classes (ages 10-18), Intermediate speech (ages 11-13) and Senior speech (ages 14-18) classes are eligible to go on to the VIRTUAL State Speech/PSA Contest held June 24 in Lincoln. More info at: <https://4h.unl.edu/public-speaking> Ask Kathy or Peggy for more details!

SPEECH CONTEST from 2020 Fair Book

Speeches MUST be 4-H related except for Clover Kids and Novices who may read a poem, favorite story, or tell of a favorite place they have visited. The 4-H'er **MUST** acknowledge source information in the speech. Visual aids are **NOT** allowed.

DIVISION 902

Class

901. **Clover Kid (non-competitive) Age 5** - This class is non-competitive and is **NOT** eligible for State Competition. **NO** longer than 2 minutes.

902. **Novice Division Speech Age 8-9** - This division is for first time speakers that did **NOT** participate as a Clover Kid in past years. This class is **NOT** eligible for State Competition. **NO** longer than 2 minutes.

903. **Junior Division Speech Age 8-10** - 1-3 minutes. This class is **NOT** eligible for State Competition.

904. **Intermediate Division Speech Age 11-13** - 3-5 minutes
905. **Senior Division Speech Age 14-18** - At least 5 minutes and **NOT** more than 8 minutes.
906. **Public Service Announcements** - All PSA's will use the state theme as the basis for the PSA. The **2020 PSA theme is "Inspire Kids to Do" and should be incorporated in the PSA.** All radio PSA's **MUST** promote 4-H and be general enough to be used anywhere in Nebraska at any time of the year. All 4-H PSA's **MUST** include the following tag line within the last ten seconds of the PSA: **"Learn more about the Nebraska Extension 4-H Youth Development Program at 4h.unl.edu."** The tag line is included in the 60 second time limit. Sound effects and public domain music may be used. Copyrighted material may **NOT** be used All PSA's **MUST** be the original work of the presenter. Contestants may **NOT** use PSA's written and provided by the state or national staff. **NO** team PSA's are allowed. Please use .wav or .mp3 audio formats when recording your PSA.

PRESENTATIONS from 2020 Fair Book

All 4-H presentations should be related to how the 4-H'er is learning about science, healthy living, citizenship, and agricultural literacy.

DIVISION 151

Class

- *113. **Illustrated Presentation (10 years old on January 1, of the current year)** - Time limit is 6-8 minutes for individual or 8-10 for team. This is a live presentation with a formal talk where 4-H'er will use visual aids (such as props, posters, computer-based visuals handouts, video, etc.) to show and tell others how to do something. A computer using Microsoft PowerPoint 2013 and a large screen will be provided, along with an LCD projector and speaker. The participant may bring their own computer which may have different software programs besides Microsoft PowerPoint. The participant may also use Adobe Flash and other programs to enhance their presentation if the program is on their personal computer. If participating in Class 113, the 4-H'er **CANNOT** participate in Class 114.
- *114. **Illustrated Presentation, Special Topic: Nebraska Agriculture (10 years old on January 1, of the current year)** - Same rules as Class 113 with the exception of topic. If participating in Class 114, 4-H'er **CANNOT** participate in Class 113 or Class 115.
- *115. **Illustrated Presentation, Special Topic: Nebraska Agriculture, Food Preparation (10 years old on January 1, of the current year)** - Same rules as Class 113 with the exception of topic. If participating in Class 115, 4-H'er **CANNOT** participate in Class 113 or Class 114.
901. **Clover Kid (Non-Competitive)**
912. **County Only Illustrated Presentation (8 & 9 years old on January 1, of the current year)** - description same as Class 113.

DIVISION 152

Class

- *1. **Teaching Presentation (10 years old on January 1, of the current year)** - This is a live, interactive, trade show style presentation given by one (1) individual 4-H'er where 4-H'er will continuously engage a constantly changing/moving audience for 30 minutes by showing and telling them how to do something while answering questions. Judge will occasionally stop presenter(s) to view presentation, ask questions, and observe audience engagement. Communications Modules can be found at <https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main>. Video examples of the contest can be found at <https://4h.unl.edu/presentation-contest>. The following will be provided: one table, one easel, electricity. Contact the extension office with any other requests for equipment.
- *2. **Teaching Presentation Contest, Special Topic: Nebraska Agriculture (10 years old on January 1, of the current year)** - description same as Class 1 but **MUST** pertain to Nebraska agriculture.

DIVISION 153

The 4-H Digital Video class is for digital videos that show the recording, reproducing, and broadcasting of moving visual images. Digital videos may be created by one (1) individual or a team of two (2) individuals. 4-H'er will provide a 1-minute oral introduction (name, background/goal of presentation, intended audience, where presentation could be shared, etc.) followed by the showing of their digital video. The following digital videos may be entered in the Presentations Contest:

- **Video Public Service Announcement:** A short video that communicates an educational message focused on a cause, activity, or event (Length: 60 seconds).
 - **Narrative:** A video that tells a fact or fiction story (Length: 3-5 minutes).
 - **Documentary:** A video that presents factual information about a person, event, or process (Length: 3-5 minutes).
 - **Animation:** A video created by techniques that simulate movement from individual images (Length: 3-5 minutes).
- The judge will view the videos live and engage in a question and answer session with the video producer(s). The 4-H'er(s) will be on stage for a formal introduction and then seated in the audience for viewing of video.

Communication Modules for 4-H'ers participating can be found in the 4-H Pick a Project found at <https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main>. Video examples of the contest can be found at <https://4h.unl.edu/presentation-contest>.

TOPIC: Should engage the audience and teach them about something the 4-H'er is learning about science, healthy living, citizenship, or agricultural literacy. Enrollment in the project area in which the participant is making a video is **NOT** required.

Class

- *1. **4-H FilmFest (Digital Video) (10 years old on January 1, of the current year)** - The video may include photos, clip art, animation, text, and/or audio/sound. Any freeware/software program may be used to create the presentation. However, the only film formats that will be accepted include: .meg, .wmv, .mp4, .mov, .ppt, .pptx, or .avi.

7) Educational YOUTH Online and Offline Resources <https://4h.unl.edu/virtual-home-learning>
Nebraska 4-H is offering a variety of virtual learning experiences and offline activity guides that are perfect for hands-on learning at home. Get ideas for 4-H exhibits!

8) 2020 Online Horticulture Judging Contest - will be available June 5-22, 2020 at <https://go.unl.edu/hortcontest>. More information about the Nebraska state contest, along with a list of study materials, can be found at: <http://4h.unl.edu/fairbook/plant-science/horticulture-id>.

9) New FUN 4-H Photography Classes – There are new project manuals and county /state fair classes for photography. Check it out at: <https://4hfairbook.unl.edu/fairbookview.php/exhibits/>

10) Youth Animal Science Field Day and NCTA Livestock Judging Camp – cancelled for 2020

11) PASE (Premier Animal Science Events) June Contest- tentatively rescheduled for September 21-22, 2020.

12) Life Challenge – cancelled for 2020.

13) 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 that will be judged at Stockville Fair or Eustis Fair. There will be a \$30 returnable deposit payable to University of Nebraska. Contact the extension office to reserve your kit or purchase your own robotic kit.

SHOOTING SPORTS NEWS

14) Sharpshooters 4-H Shooting Sports Club – Thank you for getting parental release forms and club fees paid so we are ready to start practice when COVID-19 policies allow face to face practices.

Sharpshooter Club fees were deposited on April 27. Hopefully, July 1st we hope to offer practices 2 times/week so contest can be July 25 and shotgun on July 27. If practice and contest cannot occur, families can use club fees for next year or ask for a refund.

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) New Online Livestock Judging Video Series for Youth - UNL and Nebraska 4-H have created an opportunity to practice livestock judging and prepare for future contests. Students get to evaluate the classes, listen to a critique of the class, & gain some knowledge regarding terminology for reasons. Each week - 1 to 3 new classes will be added. Youth can access these videos at 4h.unl.edu/livestock or 4h.unl.edu/self-paced-videos.

17) Livestock Tags – Call office to pick up ASAP

\$1.00 county-only tags (All county/state fair sheep & goats must use scrapie tag for ID)

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

DNA envelopes for NE State Fair will be available & fees will be paid to state.

18) 2020 Frontier County 4-H Livestock Enrollment Deadlines

May 8 - Horse IDs and State Horse Show Entries

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

New in 2020 - **If an animal was not at county tagging day, submit ID papers with a photo of the 4-H animal with the tag in the ear by June 1st deadline to the extension office.**

19) Youth For Quality Care (YQCA) 2020 -Livestock Quality Assurance Certificates Due June 1 to be able to show at county or state fair this year.

No face-to-face trainings in Frontier County due to COVID19 policy. Therefore, **go to: yqca.org** to take online class. Use your 4-H Online Account - need credit card or coupon. Contact Kathy with questions.

***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.

20) 2020 State Fair & Aksarben 4-H Livestock Deadlines: Online Nomination Website:

<http://showstockmgr.com>, Nebraska State Fair Entry Website: <https://statefair.org> –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. Aksarben website: <https://www.aksarbenstockshow.com/>. Call Peggy for more information.

21) Horse IDs DUE & Horse Advancement Level Testing - ALL level testing required for participation in the 2020 State 4-H Horse Show **MUST** be completed by **MAY 8, 2020**. **Horse Identification** - A required hardcopy paper ID with identifying photos/drawings and owner affidavit needs to be turned in to the extension office by **May 8**.

22) 2020 State Horse Show Entries DUE- Entry forms for State Horse Show must be in the extension office **MAY 8, 2020**.

July 12-16 Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Show in Grand Island

More horse info at: <https://4h.unl.edu/horse>. District Horse Shows- cancelled 2020.

23) NE Equine Free Online Workshops - Free webinar every 2nd Tuesday of the month. For more info & recorded webinars go to: <https://4h.unl.edu/horse/webinar-series>.

24) NE Cat Club Free Online Workshops – Information & recorded sessions available at: <http://4h.unl.edu/companion-animal/cat-club>.

25) NE Dog 4-H Free Workshops - Covers Dog 4-H Showmanship basics including video examples and descriptions of the patterns. Found at <https://4h.unl.edu/companion-animal> under the Program Resources section.

26) NE Poultry, Cat, & Rabbit Online Workshop- Have you ever wondered how judges choose the ribbons placings in the classes you show in? Join the Nebraska 4-H Companion Animal Judges online

workshop! The course is designed to help new judges learn more about the project areas they might judge and is a great resource for 4-H'ers interested in learning more about how their companion animals will be judged at fair. For more information & to sign up, go to: <https://4h.unl.edu/companion-animal-judges-workshop>

FRONTIER COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL NEWS

27) Next 4-H Council Meeting - The next council meeting will be Monday, May 18 at 7:30 pm via Zoom. Please contact a 4-H Council member with concerns or suggestions.

28) 4-H Project Manuals Policy - The council provides each club organizational leader 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. Anyone is welcome to buy 4-H manuals directly online at: <https://shop4-h.org> or <https://marketplace.unl.edu>.

29) 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

30) 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 15th of the month in order to have it appear in the next newsletter

Happy Helpers Club –Meetings held at the Berean Church in Curtis. 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

31) 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/>

MAY

- 8 - **DUE** – 4-H Horse ID's & State Show Entries
- 18 - 4-H Council Meeting– Curtis @ 7:30 pm – Ed Center Rm 129
- 27 - NCTA Livestock Judging Contest- CANCELLED
- 28 - Youth Animal Science Field Day – CANCELLED

JUNE

- 1 - **DUE** – Market Sheep, Goat, Swine, Cow/Calf, Breeding Beef, Stocker-Feeder, Dairy, Breeding Swine, Breeding Sheep, Breeding Goat IDs
- 1- YQCA Certificate Due to office
- 7-12 - Big Red Camps CANCELLED
- 19 - District Horse Show in McCook CANCELLED
- 22-23 - PASE/Life Challenge Event CANCELLED

JULY

- TBA - **DUE** - State Fair Volunteer Applications
- 2 - **DUE** - Registration for Clothing/Fashion Show contest
- 2 - **DUE** - Registration for Photography Contest
- 8 - Youth Agronomy Field Day
- 10 - DUE - Registration for exhibits for STOCKVILLE & EUSTIS FAIRS**
- 10 - Fashion Show & Clothing Construction Judging-Curtis
- 10 - Photography-United Methodist Church in Curtis
- 12-16 - State 4-H Horse Exposition - Grand Island

32) New Instagram Site to Follow NE Extension Frontier County on at [frontier_county_extension](#) or [website at https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/frontier](#) or [Facebook](#) page at Nebraska Extension Frontier County.

33) 4-H Project Changes need to be made BEFORE June 1st by calling Peggy.

Feel free to contact Peggy or Kathy if you have any questions.

Stay positive & healthy as we wait for this COVID19 to slow down! We hope you can take this opportunity to get your 2020 4-H Projects started!