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### 1) **2018 4-H Achievement Day**

Congratulations to 2018 4-H King Tristin Smith from Curtis and 4-H Queen Ally Portenier from Farnam. Senior attendants were Jace Grunden of Maxwell and Skyler Oberg of Farnam. Junior attendants were Jaxson Anders of Maywood and Madison Woehrle of Eustis. The 2018 4-H Achievement was held Sunday, October 21, 2018 in Eustis. Thank you to the Happy Homemakers and Rolling Meadows 4-H Clubs of Eustis for hosting the event.

Tristin Smith gave a presentation on his Citizen Washington Focus trip. There were over one hundred people in attendance. Best Record Book Cash Awards & Career Portfolio Drawing for \$25.00 were sponsored by the First Central Bank in Curtis with Byron Brown presenting the awards. Murphy Tractor Equipment Company in North Platte also sponsored cash awards of four \$50.00 through drawings. Ashtyn Contrerez, Spencer Snyder, Dallas Grunden and Ethan Oberg were the winners. Congratulations to all the award winners: Ella Lenz Memorial Award -Grace Brennemann ; Donnie Far Memorial Trophy - Janae Oberg; Outstanding 4-H Alumni Award- Bryant Brockmeier of Eustis; Extra Mile Award went to Lisa Williams of Eustis and Sharon Portenier of Farnam; Outstanding 4-H Leader Award- Amie Sughroue of McCook; Outstanding 4-H'er- Aretta Brennemann of Curtis.

The 2018 Project Award Winners were: Aerospace – Nickolas Rohr; Beef – Ethan Oberg; Cat – Jon Oberg; Clothing – Grace Brennemann; Dog – Dillon Heath; Fashion Show – Janae Oberg; Food & Nutrition – Jon Oberg; Home Environment – Skyler Oberg; Horse – TeeJay Hildebrandt; Judging – Taren Sailor; Leadership – Donald Rohr; Photography – Dillon Heath; Poultry – Aretta Brennemann; Public Speaking – Aretta Brennemann; Rabbit – Janae Oberg; Sheep – Ethan Oberg; Shooting Sports – Taren Sailor; Swine – Ethan Oberg

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

#### **2) 4-H Healthy Habits Teen Ambassadors**

Nebraska Extension in Frontier County is looking for three Teen Ambassadors to help with the 4-H Healthy Habits program this next year. Teens aged 13 to 18 will help deliver program along with Extension Staff. This is a great opportunity for teens, who like to interact with younger youth, lead games and activities, make and eat healthy snacks, help others learn, practice leadership skills, and make a difference. Frontier County 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be attending the February 5, 2019 Healthy Habits session at the Curtis Memorial Community Center in Curtis, NE. If interested see the application in this mailing. Apply by December 1, 2018!

#### **3) Pine Needle Basket Weaving**

November 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm Berean Church in Curtis. Open to everyone! Happy Helpers 4-H Club is sponsoring the event. Volunteer Traci Bates will teach everyone how to basket weave with pine needles. For more information and to pre-register, contact Sue Nutt at 367-6366 or Carol Hanes at 367-7353.

#### **4) 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!

#### **5) \$100 4-H Camp Scholarships for 2019 Camps**

Applications for camp scholarships are due in the extension office by March 1<sup>st</sup>. 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.

#### **6) Martha and Don Romeo Scholarship**

The Nebraska Association of Fair Managers will award a \$500 scholarship to one qualifying 4-H male and a \$500 scholarship to one qualifying 4-H female who are graduating seniors in the State of Nebraska and who plan to continue with post high school education. The scholarship will be awarded at the annual NAFM convention in January. Applications can be picked up and are due in the Extension Office by December 1, 2018. Contact Extension office for more information.

#### **7) 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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**

#### **8) County Shooting Sports Organizational Coordinator 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 ASAP. 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.)

#### **9) Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshops Offered**

January 12-13, 2019 in Lincoln. 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.)

#### **10) 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**

#### **11) 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 1 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.

#### **12) 2019 National Western Catch-A-Calf**

2019 National Western Catch-A-Calf is open to any Nebraska 4-H'er between 12-18 years old. NWSS CAC program is an excellent learning opportunity in the beef cattle industry. Top achievers of the Catch-A-Calf Contest are recognized for their record keeping abilities, relationships with sponsors primarily through correspondence, and showmanship skills. Rate-of Gain and carcass value are also important in evaluating top achievers along with the live animal evaluation. 4-H'ers from Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, and Kansas are eligible to submit applications. However, any 4-H'er who has previously caught a calf in the 4-H Catch-A-Calf Contest is not eligible to apply. Applications and forms are due no later than December 1, 2018. For more information go to: <http://results.nationalwestern.com/catch-a-calf/>, Contact your local Nebraska Extension Office or Rob Eirich at 308-632-1230.

### **13) 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.

### **14) 2019 Frontier County Catch-A-Lamb**

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/1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### **4-H COUNCIL NEWS**

#### **15) A Special Thank You**

A special thank you to Beth Buehner for serving on the 4-H Council for 6 years & Janisha Ruda for serving 3 years. Your dedication is much appreciated!!

#### **16) Next 4-H Council Meeting**

The next council meeting will be November 19 at 7:30 pm in Curtis. Please contact a 4-H Council member with concerns or suggestions.

#### **17) 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!

### **OTHER 4-H NEWS**

#### **18) 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!!

#### **19) Special Edition 4-H Newspaper**

Thank you to all the 4-H'ers who wrote articles for the 2018 Frontier County 4-H Special Edition! We have extra copies in the office, if you need one. Here's one more article that missed the Special Edition. ENJOY!

## **State 4-H Speech Contest** **by Aretta Brennemann**

“According to most studies, people’s number one fear is public speaking. Number two is death. Death is number two! This means, to the average person, if you go to a funeral, you’re better off in the casket than doing the eulogy,” muses Jerry Seinfeld.

This year I had the thrilling opportunity to represent Frontier County and the West Central District at the State 4-H Speech contest in Grand Island. It was a great experience and I had a blast. It was a little nerve racking to realize that I was competing against the top senior 4-H speakers in the state. Almost six months of preparation and practice goes into those twenty speeches before they are presented at the Nebraska State Fair. After writing, memorizing, and practicing, every orator competes at their county speech contest in early spring. The top three speakers from each age division qualify to go on to one of the five regional contests held across the state. Each region then selects the top four senior speakers to advance to the state completion in Grand Island during the State Fair. The competitors in the senior division range in age from fourteen to eighteen. Senior speeches have a five to eight minute time limit and must be about 4-H. Other than that, the only limitation is the speaker’s imagination. I really enjoy listening to other speeches and having the opportunity to experience their talent and creativity.

The speech competition is one example of how 4-H is addressing a pressing issue of today’s youth, challenging us to overcome our fears. We are encouraged to learn the powerful art of presenting thoughts, ideas, and opinions in the oral tradition. I have personally gleaned many benefits from speech. While I have never been shy, or hesitant to share my opinions, I have learned how to compose my thoughts so that I am able to effectively capture and hold my audience’s attention. The goal of 4-H is to grow, strengthen, and encourage youth. It is shaping the next generation of leaders and world changers. 4-H provides youth with life lessons, giving them a head start in the world, equipping them with tools to solve problems, and the courage to change the world, one speech at a time.

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

#### **20) 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/](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](http://www.midwestmessenger.com) and their Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/midwestmessenger](http://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](mailto:katy.moore@lee.net).

#### **21) 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.

#### **22) Upcoming 4-H Events/Important Dates**

**2019 Fair Dates-** Mark your 2019 calendars- Frontier County Fair in Stockville July 27-August 4 and Eustis Fair & Corn Show is July 28-August 3 for 4-H events/contests.

Click on the Nebraska Extension Frontier County website for the latest dates, news and forms at <http://extension.unl.edu/statewide/frontier/>. Like us on Facebook at Nebraska Extension Frontier County & then SHARE with others!