

2019 Frontier County 4-H Achievement Day Invitation **"4-H Grows Here - Inspire Kids to DO"** **and "N 150 Celebration"**

Who: All 4-H Families, 4-H Volunteers, & Friends Are Invited!!

When: October 27, Sunday at 4:00pm

Where: Maywood Community Center, Maywood, NE

What: 4-H Awards/Program Followed by FREE Pulled Pork, Cowboy Beans and Cheesy Potatoes provided/hosted by Wild West 4-H Livestock Club
Paper goods and drink provided.

Bring: One fruit or vegetable salad/side dish or dessert per family
(red color or decorated with N 150) (enough to serve 6-12)

RSVP approximately how many will be attending for a food count. Call or email Nebraska Extension- Frontier County Office by October 23, 5:00 pm
308-367-4424 or psmith3@unl.edu

*4-H County CASH "Best Record Book" Awards. **Thanks to First Central Bank in Curtis for sponsoring!**

*4-H premium checks will be available for 4-H members to pick up. Checks can only be given to the 4-H member or one of their parents. (This is a County 4-H Council policy.) Premium checks range from \$1.00 to over \$150.00 each year. **Great job 4-H'ers!! Thanks Frontier County Fair Board & Eustis Fair & Corn Show Ag Society for premium money!**

*Record books can be picked up by 4-H'ers and/or leaders that night.

*Everyone (adults & youth) will be able to vote for District 3 (Western Frontier County) 4-H Council Adult Member.

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4-H CONTEST/EVENT OPPORTUNITIES

1) **2019 National 4-H Week -Theme “Inspire Kids to Do”** - Millions of youth, parents, volunteers and alumni across the country will celebrate *National 4-H Week* from October 6-12. This year's theme, *Inspire Kids to Do* helps explain what 4-H does for kids. 4-H provides more opportunities to do! Kids are empowered with the skills they need to succeed in life and career. Make plans now to promote 4-H in your community or school.

2) **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.

***Red Willow/ Hitchcock/ Dundy/Hayes Counties** - 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 9th grade. 2017 trip cost \$2800.00/person plus 15-18 meals at own expense.)

***Lincoln/Logan/McPherson Counties** - Summer 2022- Contact Brenda Aufdenkamp at 308-532-2683.

***Phelps Gosper/Franklin Counties**- Contact Phelps County office at 308-995-4222.

SHOOTING SPORTS NEWS

3) **Frontier County always need more 4-H Shooting Sports NEW Certified Leaders!**

Upcoming Certification Workshops Offered –

Chadron- Oct. 12, 2019 – Oct. 13, 2019 Time: 8:00 am–3:30 pm Location: Dawes County Fairgrounds (Rifle, shotgun, pistol) Registration deadline is October 2, 2019, 5 pm. \$110/person

Lincoln- Jan. 18, 2020 – Jan. 19, 2020 Time: 8:00 am–4:00 pm Location: Nebraska Game & Parks Outdoor Education Center. (Rifle, archery, pistol)

Registration deadline is January 8, 5 pm. \$110/person.

Volunteers have the opportunity to become certified as an adult (21 years and older) or apprentice (14-20 years old) leader. This fee includes meals, supplies and program materials. Participants must make their own lodging arrangements. For more workshop information and registration link, go to the 4-H Shooting Sports web page (<https://4h.unl.edu/shooting-sports/instructor#calendar>). Or contact the Nebraska Extension Office in Frontier County at (308) 367-4424 or Steve Pritchard at (402) 395-2158 or (308) 536-2691.

**NOTE: Frontier County 4-H Council will reimburse training fee. Contact Kathy or any certified leader for more information.

4) **Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports EXPERIENCED Leader Certification Workshops Offered** - The time has come to provide an update for all Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Instructors who received their training in 2013 or before. Over the years there have been numerous curriculum changes, updates and additions, with some major curriculum adjustments in the last few years.

Discipline updates that will be offered during the day include rifle, shotgun, archery and muzzleloader. Participants will learn under expert instruction from members of the Nebraska State 4-H Shooting Sports Training Team. Registration fee deadline is October 30th is \$30 for session #1 or #2 separately, or \$50 for both sessions. Fee includes program materials and lunch on Saturday. It does not include lodging. More Update Sessions will be scheduled for 2020. For more workshop information and registration link, go to the 4-H Shooting Sports web page (<https://4h.unl.edu/shooting-sports/instructor#calendar>). Or contact Nebraska Extension Office in Frontier County at (308) 367-4424 or Steve Pritchard at (402) 395-2158 or (308) 536-2691.

5) 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

6) State Cat Club- is a self-paced learning opportunity offering information about caring for and showing cats. Cat Club is open to all youth regardless of age or enrollment status, as well as adults and volunteers looking to learn more about cats and the 4-H Cat Project. Cat Club is a great FREE resource for anyone interest in showing cats in 4-H whether you own one now or not! New lessons are added each month and cover various topics, such as vaccination, diseases, grooming, diet, reproduction, breeds, genetics, cat selection, and showmanship. The monthly lessons will be made accessible online on the 5th of each month starting in September and continuing through May of the following year. **Check out September's lesson about cat history and breeds here:** <http://4h.unl.edu/companion-animal/cat-club>

7) Nebraska 4-H Equine Webinar Series is a great way for 4-H leaders, parents, and senior-aged youth to gain knowledge in various equine-related topic areas. Each month, a new topic will be covered with various experts joining to share their experience and expertise. Equine webinars are regularly hosted on the second Monday each month at 6:00 PM CT. All webinars are recorded along with all previous webinars. Check it out at: <https://4h.unl.edu/horse/webinar-series>.

8) 2020 Frontier County Catch-A-Lamb

Must be 8, 9, or 10 years old by January 1, 2020.

1. Must enroll or be enrolled in 4-H in Frontier County by April 15, 2020.
2. 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/1st of April. More information to come.
3. Must be a new participant in the 4-H Sheep project (excluding Clover Kid experience).
4. Must send **TWO** letters to the sponsor. See Judging Criteria below.
5. Must complete the Catch-A-Lamb record book.
6. Must show the lamb at either the Frontier County Fair at Stockville or the Eustis Fair & Corn Show in 2020 in showmanship and the Catch-A-Lamb classes.
7. Must sell the market lamb and return 25% of the sale price to the Frontier County 4-H Council to further the project.
8. 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 the project.
9. Application form (available at extension office) needs returned by March 1, 2020.

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

9) Next 4-H Council Meeting - The next council meeting will be November 18 at 7:30 pm in Curtis. Please contact a 4-H Council member with concerns or suggestions.

OTHER 4-H NEWS

10) Don't Forget to Write Thank You - The 4-H program is successful because of all the volunteers that give

their time and talent. Remember to send thank you notes to those that have helped with 4-H this past year. Livestock exhibitors need to send thank you cards to the buyer(s) that purchased your animals. It is important to say thank you to these people if you want their continued support in future sales.

11) 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/. 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 and their Facebook page, 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.

4-H CLUB NEWS

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.

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

13) Upcoming 4-H Events/Important Dates

OCTOBER

6-12 - National 4-H Week

27 - Frontier County 4-H Achievement Day 4:00 Maywood

NOVEMBER

18 - 4-H Council Meeting @ 7:30 pm in Curtis

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!