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1) **Frontier County Fair-Stockville Livestock Committee Meeting-** The 4-H Livestock Committee will be getting together to develop 2019 4-H Frontier County Fair (Stockville) livestock recommendations for 4-H Council. Everyone is invited to this meeting as it will be the **last chance** to share 2018 comments/complaints. September 4 (Tuesday) 7:00-8:30 pm, NCTA Ag Hall Room #1 in Curtis, NE.

4-H CONTEST/EVENT OPPORTUNITIES

2) **4-H Career Portfolio Record Books Due Sept 30** - Recordkeeping is an important skill. Nebraska 4-H uses the computerized Career Portfolio. First Central Bank is sponsoring CASH Awards to be given to those 4-Hers who submit a Career Portfolio record book this year. If you need help filling out the Career Portfolio, contact Kathy. Get started now! The Frontier County Award Application that goes in the front of the Career Portfolio binder & helpful hints when putting your records together were in the August 4-H Newsletter or find on county webpage at: <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/frontier/career-portfolio>.

3) **Murphy Tractor & Equipment from North Platte \$200 donation to the Frontier County 4-H program-** The 4-H Council decided there will be two \$50 drawings for those youth turning in career portfolios & two \$50 drawings for ANY Frontier County 4-H'er present at the October 21 (Sunday) 4-H Achievement Day in Eustis.

4) **Outstanding 4-H Leader Awards including 4-H Alum, Extra Mile & Outstanding 4-H Member Awards** - Leaders, do you have someone in your club, you would like to nominate for the Outstanding 4-H'er Award? 4-H'ers, if you feel your leader (or another caring adult) is someone others should look up to as an example of showing good leadership, is concerned about the 4-H youth and is supportive of the 4-H program; please nominate them for one of these awards. Consider not only 4-H activities but volunteer activities in the community or church. One form per nomination. Awards are presented at 4-H Achievement Day on October 21, 2018. A nomination form can be found at:

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/frontier/4-H%20Awards%20Form.pdf> or in the August 2018

newsletter and are due to Extension Office by September 30, 2018.

5) Career Portfolio Record Book Judges – We will be judging Furnas/Harlan County record books (& they will judge our county's) on October 5 (Friday) 9:00 am-2:00 pm at NCTA Ag Hall in Curtis. Anyone wanting to help judge (or learn more about judging) county record books are welcome! Free pizza for those attending. Contact the Extension Office by September 15, if interested.

6) 4-H Achievement Day – October 21, Sunday 4:00pm - Mark your calendars for this year's Achievement Banquet in Eustis, NE hosted by Eustis 4-H clubs. Everyone is invited. More details in October 4-H Newsletter.

7) 2018 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 7-13. 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.

4-H COUNCIL NEWS

8) Next 4-H Council Meeting - The next council meeting will be September 17 at 7:30 pm in Curtis. Please contact a 4-H Council member with concerns or suggestions.

9) County Fair Ribbon Premiums Committee- The 4-H Council is forming a committee (youth and adults) to research surrounding county fair ribbon premiums so our 2019 fair book can be updated. Contact the Extension Office if interested by Sept 14 at 367-4424.

10) 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!

SHOOTING SPORTS NEWS

11) County Organizational Shooting Sports Coordinator 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 state-wide “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.)

12) Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop Offered in Hastings - A Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop is scheduled for October 20-21 at the Adams County Fairgrounds in Hastings. The early bird registration deadline is October 10th. Volunteers have the opportunity to become certified as an adult (21 years and older) or apprentice (14-20 years old) leader. Four project areas will be offered at the workshop - rifle, archery, shotgun, and a new discipline, coordinator. The new certification being offered in Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports, Coordinator, is for individuals who work with certified shooting sports leaders, 4-H club leaders for shooting sports projects, and 4-H volunteers managing shooting sports events/competitions. The registration fee is \$110.00 per person for initial certification and those individuals adding an additional discipline except for Coordinator. The special early bird registration fee for Coordinator is \$80 for this workshop. This fee includes meals, supplies and program materials. The registration fee after October 10 is \$160. 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 of \$110 after you attend.)

OTHER 4-H NEWS

13) Nebraska 4-H State Fair August 24-Sept 3 - Visit State Fair Book for information about 4-H static and animal exhibits, as well as in-person contests and competitions happening during the State Fair. 4-H events happening at this year's Nebraska State Fair can be found at: <https://4h.unl.edu/state-fair>

14) AKSARBEN September 27-30 in Grand Island with the Horse Show taking place the weekend before, September 22-23. In 2018 there will be no broiler, rabbit and diary shows. Latest updates: aksarbenstockshow.com Facebook: AKSARBEN 2018

15) 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.

4-H CLUB NEWS

16) Attention Club Leaders! - Please fill out and return the **Year-end 4-H Club Activity Summary** enclosed with this newsletter to the Frontier County Extension Office by September 30, 2018 in the enclosed stamped envelope. Be sure to list all who were project leaders so they are recognized for their services. Thanks for all your efforts this year!

17) 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.

18) Club Notes

Leaders -- Please 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.

19) Upcoming 4-H Events/Important Dates

AUGUST 24-Sept 3 - NEBRASKA STATE FAIR - GRAND ISLAND

SEPTEMBER

17 - 4-H Council Meeting– Curtis @ 7:30 pm –Ed Center Rm 129

27-30 - AKSARBEN Livestock Show – Grand Island

30 - **DUE** - 4-H Career Portfolios

30 - **DUE** - 4-H Leader Project Summary & Club Summary

OCTOBER

7-13 - National 4-H Week

21 -Frontier County 4-H Achievement Day 4:00 pm Eustis