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December 2017

### A Christmas TEA

The Public is Invited to the  
Harlan County Courthouse  
for a Christmas Tea & Open House  
Friday, December 22  
from 10am - 2pm.  
Come enjoy cookies, cider & coffee.



### 2018 4-H Council Members:

Joanne Barwick, Melinda Hunt,  
Melissa Martin, Kevin Peterson,  
Monty Bose, Michelle Baker,  
Georgia Mroczek, Tresadi Preitauer  
& Jason Schmidt



Harlan County Extension  
Office Hours:  
Monday - Friday:  
8:30 am - 4:30 pm  
CLOSED FOR LUNCH  
12:30 - 1:30pm  
*Hours may flex due to  
programming &/or workshops*



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# Homemaker Holiday Event



The Christmas Spirit was alive and well at this year's Homemakers Christmas Event that took place November 13th at the Ag Center in Orleans, NE. The theme was,

“Nebraska Country Christmas” and what a special night it was for over 112 guests in attendance. The night started off festive with guests being able to enjoy coffee and cider while shopping 15 local businesses; Ronald Gammage with Handmade Jewelry, Amy Russell with Thirty One Bags, The Flower Patch, Main Street Variety, Ornaments and Etc., Capture Photography, Custom Creations, My 4 Sons, Caring Cupboard, My Fair Lady's Fashions, Divine Boutique, Lake Life Boutique, Jennifer Luther, the Orleans Library and Shelly Koch with Sseko. The night wasn't over yet. After enjoying a delicious meal prepared by the MOD



Mates Homemakers Club and served by the Alma FFA Chapter, it was time to award the anticipated Great Nebraska Family Award. This year's award went to Barb and Dave Votaw for their commitment and service to the Harlan County 4-H and Homemakers programs. The evening concluded with a fabulous fashion show. The Homemakers Club Council would like to thank everyone who helped with this special Christmas Celebration. Proceeds from this event goes into the Homemakers scholarship fund to help support youth and adults further their education. The evening wrapped up and Holiday Cheer spread as guests took home a Nebraska Country Christmas favor given by the homemaker club members. May you too, have a Blessed Holiday Season, hope to see you there next year!





# Annual Harlan County 4-H Achievement Banquet

Harlan County 4-H members, leaders, parents and supporters attended the 73rd Harlan County 4-H Achievement Banquet, Sunday, November 19. Special thanks to the Republican Valley 4-H Club for hosting this year's event, Orleans Chamber of Commerce for graciously preparing and serving the dinner and to Harlan County Feeders for donating the meat for the meal.

The awards ceremony followed dinner, beginning with recognizing 4-H Leader Cacy Fletcher for 5 years of dedicated leadership with the Ragan Wranglers 4-H Club and Mrs. Sonya Johnson was honored as the 2017 Friend of 4-H Award. The 2017 4-H Alumni was awarded to Mrs. Jill Schmidt while the Meritorious Service was presented to Hogeland's Market. Retiring 4-H Council members, Korinna Nash and Cacy Fletcher received thank you mementos for their hard work and commitment during their 4-H council terms.

The following 4-H'ers completed their Career Portfolio books this year and each received award pins, along with fashionable hats. Taylor Russell earned Swine and Personal Development, Brianna Russell earned Clothing & Fashion, Samuel Russell achieved Horticulture this year and Jacob Rice earned Clothing & Fashion and Food & Nutrition. Kaden Russell, was also recognized for his participation as a Clover Kid for completing his Career Portfolio.

The 2017 County Herdsmanship winner went to the Republican Valley 4-H Club and the Outstanding Livestock Exhibitor belt buckle, sponsored by Chuck and Judy Bose from Oxford, was awarded to Lauryn Ivey.



4-H King & Queen, Kade Bose and Rebecca Lennemann present Lauryn Ivey with the ever esteemed, Outstanding Livestock Exhibitor Belt Buckle for her hard work and achievements during the 2017 Harlan County Fair



4-H Career Portfolio Award Winners, Back Row, Left to Right: Taylor Russell, Brianna Russell, Samuel Russell. Front Row, Left to Right: Jacob Rice, Kaden Russell.



2017 County Herdsmanship winners Republican Valley 4-H Club. Club represented by Kaylynn Schmidt, Jaylea Schmidt, Jacob Barwick, Alex Barwick, Dominick Schmidt plaque presented by 4-H King, Kade Bose & 4-H Queen, Rebecca Lennemann.

Please remember you need to Enroll or Re-enroll for the upcoming 2017-2018 4-H year. What better time than Christmas Vacation to sign up for the 2018 4-H year?

4-H Online is OPEN!! If you are re-enrolling all you need to do is update your information. DO NOT make a new family profile! If you have problems updating or enrolling for the first time, let the office know by calling 308-928-2119.

**ENROLL TODAY!!**

<https://ne.4honline.com>

**4Honline**  
4-H Enrollment and Event Registration

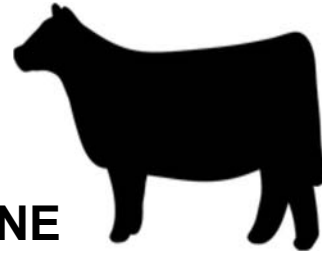


# 2018 HARLAN COUNTY 4-H BEEF WEIGH-IN DAY



JANUARY 20, 2018

9:30AM-11:30AM  
Harlan Feeders  
71049 L Rd, Orleans, NE



\*If you plan to participate in the Harlan County Beef Rate of Gain Contest, or show beef at the Nebraska State Fair and/or AKSARBEN, you will need to be at the Harlan County Beef Weigh-in Day, January 20, from 9:30-11:30am at Harlan Feeders.

**(No other weigh date will be accepted for the County Rate of Gain Contest)**

Parents and 4-H'ers will need to provide all the necessary signatures where required on the 4-H Market Beef Ownership Affidavit. The ID sheets will be provided at weigh-in or can be picked up at the Extension Office prior to the weigh-in date. If a parent or 4-H'er **CANNOT** be present at the weigh-in, please take the necessary action to stop by the Extension Office and pick up the ID sheets and ear tags. We need to have paperwork signed by the 4-H'er and parent before attending beef weigh-in. DNA samples are required and must be on file prior to the **April 1st** deadline for all market beef animals being considered for the **Nebraska State Fair and/or AKSARBEN**.

## 2018 4-H Beef Weigh-in Committee Members:

*Harlan Feeders Personnel - Marjorie &  
Jessica (Scale), Bruce Barwick,  
Rodney Barwick, Chuck Bose, Dan Hunt,  
Dan Nelson, Jason Schmidt  
& Mitch Schultz*

## 4-H TAGS

Only showing your animal at County Fair? Whether Swine, Beef, Sheep or Goat, be sure to stop by the Extension Office to pick up your **FREE 4-H Tag** for your 4-H Livestock.



## PESTICIDE TRAINING CLASSES

## PRIVATE PESTICIDE TRAINING

JANUARY 16 @ 9:30 AM

or

FEBRUARY 22 @ 9:30 AM

Harlan County Courthouse Meeting Room - Alma, NE  
RSVP to Harlan County Extension at 308-928-2119  
one week prior to the class.



Registration will open January 1st

Price: \$125 Early Bird Registration  
(Through Feb. 4)  
\$150 (starting Feb. 5)

Risk management will be the focus of the 2018 Women in Agriculture (WIA) Conference, February 22-23 at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Kearney. The conference is an annual two-day event designed to educate and uplift women producers involved in any aspect of Nebraska's agricultural industry. Through workshops and presentations, attendees will learn how to better manage risk, improve their farms and ranches, and become more successful operators and business partners.

For more information about the conference, visit <https://wia.unl.edu/>



**Keynote speaker -**

**Ruth Hambleton**, founder of Annie's Project, will empower and educate women producers. Hambleton counseled hundreds of farm families through the 1980s farm crisis and brings fresh hope for the current financial crunch.



**ANNIE'S PROJECT**

EMPOWERING WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE

<https://www.anniesproject.org/>

Annie's Project is an educational program dedicated to strengthening women's roles in modern farm and ranch enterprises. Launched in 2003 by University of Illinois Extension Educator Ruth Hambleton.

Farming is a complex business and more farm women are becoming active business partners in their operations. The target audience is farm women with a passion for business and involvement. Participants will gain a better understanding of human resource issues, business plans, financial documentation, property titles, cash and crop share leases, marketing plans, retirement and estate planning and types of insurance.

Annie's Project – is an organization established for the purpose of providing education and other opportunities to woman farmers and ranchers so that these women can become effective owners and partners in farm businesses. Programs offered through APEFW are called Annie's Projects. APEFW has developed a series of classes that address a variety of issues confronted by female farmers and ranchers. Through six educational sessions, Annie's Project level I fosters problem solving, record keeping, and decision-making skills from the five areas of risk as identified by USDA. Annie's Project level II course, teaches business, estate, retirement and succession planning. Farm women will develop networks and skills key to planning successful farm transitions.

**Thursday**

- 9:15 – 10:00 a.m. Registration, Pre-Function Area
- 10:00 – 10:50 a.m. Welcome & Kick Off Speaker; Ball Room
- 11:00 – 12:15p.m. Workshop Session 1, A,B,C,D,E,F, and Loper North
- 12:20 – 1:20 p.m. Lunch, Ballroom
- 11:30 – 2:45 p.m. Workshop Session 2, A,B,C,D,E,F, and Loper North
- 2:45 – 3:15 p.m. Break, Loper South
- 3:15 – 4:30 p.m. Workshop Session 3, A,B,C,D,E,F, and Loper North
- 5:30 – 7:15 p.m. Supper, Ballroom
- 7:15 – 8:45 p.m. FunShops, Loper South

**Friday**

- 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast Buffet, Ballroom
- 8:10 – 8:50 a.m. Opening Remarks & Keynote Speaker, Ball Room
- 9:00 – 10:15 a.m. Workshop Session 4, A,B,C,D,E,F, and Loper North
- 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Break, Loper South
- 10:45 – 12:00 p.m. Workshop Session 5, A,B,C,D,E,F, and Loper North
- 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. Lunch & Capstone Speaker, Ballroom

# HARLAN COUNTY EXTENSION NEWSLETTER

## Calendar of Events



- December 22 - Harlan County Courthouse Tea 10am - 2pm - Alma
- December 25 - 26 - Closed for Holiday
- January 1 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!!
- January 16 - Pesticide Training @ 9:30 am - Harlan County Courthouse, Alma
- January 20 - Beef Weigh-in Day @ 9:30am - 11:30am - Harlan Feeders, Orleans
- January 29 - Homemakers January Jubilee
- February 22 - Pesticide Training @ 9:30 am - Harlan County Courthouse, Alma
- February 22 - 23 - 2018 Women in Agriculture Conference - Kearney


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The Harlan County Extension Office will be closed December 25 & 26 as well as January 1 for the Christmas & New Years Holidays. Have a wonderful and safe Holiday Season!

Now Available:  
**NEBRASKA FARM AND RANCH BUSINESS RECORD BOOK**  
Stop by the Extension Office Cost: \$6.

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