February is Nebraska’s 4-H Month

2012 4-H Enrollment

4-H Enrollment Forms are available to download and print. Leaders will receive copies of each.

Pay special attention to:

**Enrollment forms will be given back to the leader.

**Dues will need to be sent to Megan Gotschall. It is encouraged to turn in dues to the club and mail the “dues form” all at once.

Please turn in all club enrollment papers together.

For Independent Members: enrollment forms will be turned into the office and you will send the dues form directly to Megan Gotschall.

Deadline: MARCH 1, 2012

2012 Youth Enrollment Form
2012 Enrollment Dues Form
2012 Volunteer Leader Enrollment Form
Volunteer Screening Form

“Pick a Project” Online

Need help choosing a project manual? Check out the 2012 Nebraska 4-H Pick-a-Project. This curriculum reference guide lists project resources available for Nebraska 4-H members, families and volunteers. It includes materials developed by the University of Nebraska 4-H Youth Development, National 4-H and other university, as well as online resources.

4-H Foundation Scholarships

For more information about the 4-H scholarships through the 4-H Foundation visit: http://www.ne4hfoundation.org

Deadline: March 2, 2012
Idea of the Month:

Happy Valentine’s Day for “crayon” out loud!

Visit the website for details: http://grinandbakeit.com/valentines-crayon-hearts-craft

HOLT COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Holt County 4-H Foundation provides these grants to assist individuals and clubs to expand their educational opportunities and encourage community service in our area. Grant funds are available due to the generosity of donations, memorials and membership dues. Grant applications can be picked up at the extension office or you may e-mail Megan at mhanefeldt2@unl.edu to receive a copy. These applications are due in the office by March 1, 2012.

Grant Application

Governor’s Ag Excellence Award

The Nebraska 4-H Foundation and the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA) are pleased to offer The Governor’s Agriculture Excellence Awards sponsored by the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA). Applications are available on-line at: http://www.ne4hfoundation.org/agexcellenceaward.htm. Any club that hasn’t received a Governor’s Agriculture Excellence Award for the past two consecutive years is eligible to apply. We will be accepting applications by e-mail only; the application deadline is March 2, 2012. Email applications to Sinda Dux at the 4-H Foundation office at 4hfoundation@unl.edu. Please indicate in the subject line that it is a Governor’s Ag Excellence Application.

If you have any questions please contact Sinda Dux at the Nebraska 4-H Foundation at 402-472-1178 or email 4hfoundation@unl.edu.

America’s Farmers Grow Rural Education

The grant program will provide grants in over twelve hundred counties across thirty-nine states to help strengthen local communities and education systems, especially in the areas of science and/or math. Grants will be awarded based on merit, need, and community support. The nomination period takes place January 6 - April 15, 2012.

Visit the America’s Farmers Grow Rural Education Web site at http://www.americasfarmers.com/growruraleducation for the complete list of eligible states and regions, program guidelines, and nomination procedures.

The more you vote: The great chance Holt County will have to receive money!!!
Livestock Opportunities

**Horse:**
- Horse Stampede – February 18
- Chase County Open Horse Show—June 30, Imperial
- Loup Valley Conference Horse Shows
- Nebraska 4-H Roping Clinic - March 24-25, Grand Island

**Livestock Judging:**
- Nebraska Cattlemen’s Classic - February 25, Kearney

Shooting Sports

**Pierce County 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational**
March 4, 2012
Pierce City Auditorium
Pierce, NE

**Wayne County Shoot**
March 18, 2012
Carroll Auditorium
Carroll, NE

For more information visit the UNL Extension Shooting Sports Website:
http://4h.unl.edu/shootingsports

**4-H District Horse Shows:**
- June 11: Kearney
- June 12: Hemingford
- June 13: Valentine
- June 14: Lincoln
- June 20: Bloomfield
- June 21: North Platte

State Horse Show:
State Horse Show at Fonner Park:
July 16-19, 2012

Paws on Dog Workshop

Held at the Lancaster Event Center again on April 28th from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Youth who participate are asked to bring their dog to work with during the day.
For a flyer with more information or contact Megan at the Extension Office!

2012 Photography Themes

**UNIT II NEBRASKA PHOTOGRAPHY CAREER EXHIBIT PRINT:** Explore a career as a Nebraska photo journalist. The goal of a photo journalist is to tell a story through their work. Capture a photo of a newsworthy event in your Nebraska community.

**UNIT III NEBRASKA PHOTOGRAPHY CAREER EXHIBIT PRINT:** Explore a career as a Nebraska photographer. The goal of an artistic photographer is to portray a unique or interesting image through their work. Capture photos of Nebraska landscapes where creative composition is the goal.
Speech / PSA Resources

UNL 4-H Youth Development Public Speaking Website:

http://4h.unl.edu/publicspeakingcontest
(Good resource for rules and regulations)

See last year’s county fairbook for local rules and regulations.

Speech Resources:

Speech Outline:

“Guide to Making Great Speeches”

PSA Resources:

All 2012 PSA theme is “Join the Revolution of Responsibility”

PSA Outline:

Here is a free download for an online editor and recorder other options are available:

http://audacity.sourceforge.net/

How to use Audacity: (free audio editor and recorder)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mf7-2KSqj4s

Holt County 4-H Calendar

FEBRUARY: 4-H MONTH—CLUBS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PROMOTE 4-H

February 18: Horse Stampede, Lincoln

March 1: Enrollment Forms DUE to office

March 1: Grant Applications DUE to office

March 2: Governor’s Ag Excellence Awards DUE

March 2: 4-H Foundation Scholarships

March 17: 2012 4-H Consumer Challenge, Norfolk

March 24-25 Roping Clinics—Grand Island

June 8: Regional Speech Contest – 2:00 p.m., Norfolk

June 11: District Horse Show, Kearney

June 12: District Horse Show, Hemingford

June 13: District Horse Show, Valentine

June 14: District Horse Show, Lincoln

June 20: District Horse Show, Bloomfield

June 21: District Horse Show, North Platte

July 9-11, OR July 12-14, 2012, NPower Leadership Conference, Aurora

July 10: Quit Day, Lincoln


July 24: Pre-Fair Day #2: Public Style Review, Food Fare Tables, Presentations—West Holt High School, Atkinson

August 2 – 4: Boyd County Fair, Spencer

August 7 – 11: Holt County Fair, Chambers

August 24 – September 3: Nebraska State Fair, Grand Island

October 12 – 14: Nebraska 4-H Foundation Trail Ride, Halsey National Forest

October 13 – 14: Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop, Scottsbluff