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## 2021 June Newsletter

### Important Dates:

July 2	Office Closed – Floating Holiday
July 5	Office Closed – Independence Day
July 8	4-H Council Meeting, Center
July 10-14	State 4-H Horse Show - Grand Island
July 15	Entries DUE for Cook-Off Contest, Food Revue & Presentation Contest
July 22	4-H Cook-Off Contest, Food Revue & Presentation Contest
<b>July 29</b>	<b>Entries DUE Shooting Sports Contests</b>
<b>July 29</b>	<b>Entries DUE for Talent Contest</b>
<b>July 29</b>	<b>Entries DUE for Fashion Show, Clothing &amp; Textiles Exhibits</b>
Aug 2	<b>Fair Pre-Entry Forms DUE</b>
Aug 5	4-H Fashion Show, Clothing & Textiles Judging – Bloomfield
Aug 7	Pistol Contest - Bloomfield
Aug 7	.22 Rifle & Shotgun Contest 1:00 pm
Aug 8	4-H Talent Contest, 6:30 pm
Aug 8	Archery Contest, 2:00 pm
<b>Aug 10</b>	<b>Online State Fair Entries DUE 8 pm</b>
Aug 11	4-H/FFA Horse Show – Bloomfield
Aug 11	BB Gun, Air Rifle, Air Pistol Cont.
Aug 11	Fair Exhibit Check-in Day
Aug 12	Fair Livestock Check-in Day
Aug 11-15	Knox County Fair - Bloomfield
Aug 23	State Fair Exhibits Due at Ext. Office
Aug 26	Livestock Superintendent Meeting & 4-H Council Meeting, Center
Aug 27-31	State Fair (4-H Division) – Lincoln

This newsletter has some information on what 4-H events have happened and are happening. Two new 4-H opportunities are now available in July. Check out the enclosed fliers for more information.

Knox County 4-H information is available on our website at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/knox/>

Megan Hanefeldt, Extension Educator

### Newsletter Highlights:

- Small Animal Clinic
- Photography Workshop
- County Fair Updates
- Shooting Sports Program
- 4-H Clover Kid Camp
- 4-H Project Day Was A Hit!
- Cook-Off Contest
- Favorite Food Revue
- Presentation Contest
- 4-H Fashion Show & Clothing/Textiles Construction Judging
- Do-You-Know Contest
- Talent Contest
- 4-H Members Do Well at District Horse Show
- 4-H Showmanship Clinic Provided Knowledge & Techniques

## 4-H Clover Kid Camp – “What’s In The Big Red Barn”



To kick off our 4-H summer activities, the Knox County Extension hosted their annual Clover Kid Camp on Wednesday, June 9! This year’s theme was ‘What’s in the Big Red Barn!’ Before the day got started, the 4-H Clover Kids recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge. Megan Hanefeldt, Nebraska Extension Educator, also read the group our featured book ‘Big Red Barn’ which was provided by the Knox County Cattleman. We would like to say thank you to the Knox County Cattleman for providing a copy of the book to each of our Clover Kids that attended camp.

Our Clover Kids had a full day packed with 4 fun projects, and they got some experience with 4 different 4-H animals that volunteers from all over Knox County helped with! These volunteers brought their 4-H animal to Center to spend some time with our Clover Kids talking about their animal, how they care for them, how they show them at the fair, and why they enjoy these animals! Derek Cunningham and his family from Wausa brought their bucket calf, Jake Hanvey from Center brought his chickens, Jake Schroeder from Center brought his ducks and Kaitlyn Byerly, Cohen Gill and family from Bloomfield brought their goats! The clover kids loved getting to see all these animals up close and even get to hold some of them and gain some real experience with each animal! We are so thankful to all our volunteers!

Throughout the rest of the day, our Clover Kids spent their time creating 4 different 4-H projects that were centered around a Big Red Barn theme! Our projects this year included a tie-dye t-shirt with a big barn on it, a home-made popsicle stick tractor with their picture in it, a barn diorama and made clay farm animals! All their projects may be entered this year at our Knox County Fair! We hope to see all of them there! We are so grateful for all our volunteers we had and would like to thank all the parents and youth that came out to help. We would also like to thank all the family and parents that brought their kids to Clover Kid Camp!



## 4-H Project Day Was A Hit!

The Knox County Extension program hosted our annual Project Day on Friday, June 18, 2021! We had 60 4-H'ers that came to Center, NE, to enjoy a whole day of projects, guest speakers, and lots of fun!

During the day, each 4-H member had the opportunity to complete two 4-H Projects that they may exhibit at our Knox County Fair which will be held August 11-15<sup>th</sup>!

To start off the day, our four morning projects included A 'Family Sign' taught by Gi Gi Larsen. Each youth got to design a customized family sign with their name. A 'Wildlife Diorama' with Cassidy Wessel from Nebraska Game & Parks, where each 4-H'er got to assemble and paint a Nebraska wildlife diorama including native grasses and other accessories. The 'Let's Bake A Pie' session was taught by Megan Hanefeldt, Nebraska Extension Educator, where each youth learned how to make a delicious homemade apple pie! Lastly, 'Tie-Dye T-shirts' taught by Kristine Kumm, Nebraska Extension 4-H Assistant, gave our youth the opportunity to design a 'one of a kind' tie-dye t-shirt!

Over the lunch hour guest speakers from the Nebraska Strong Recovery Project spoke to our youth about building a stronger You!

For the afternoon, each 4-H Member completed their second project. The afternoon sessions included 'Solar Light Pots' by Megan Hanefeldt, which consisted of making a DIY solar light pot to light up their front porch with! The 'Rustic Reversible Blocks' were taught by Kristine Kumm where each 4-H member got to decide on a theme to decorate their set of rustic blocks along with staining the wood! Kelly Hanvey gave our youth the chance to learn about fishing equipment and functions along with the opportunity to create a "Fish Harvesting Board" with a variety of hooks, corks, and lures! Lastly, Dixie Hanefeldt and Kristy Hanefeldt helped our 4-H'ers bring out their creative side as they painted a pot and rocks to make their own 'Painted Cactus Rock Planter'!

Thank you to all the leaders and volunteers for teaching our youth new techniques, skills, and for making the day such a success!





JULY 21, 2021

CENTER, NE



### INFORMATION AND DETAILS

### BRING YOUR SMALL ANIMAL TO CLINIC

Join us for a small animal clinic that will prepare our 4-H members for the Knox County Fair this summer! This clinic will go over showmanship and knowledge on small animals. We will have 3 different sessions, including cats, rabbits, and poultry. Each session will cover small animal care, presentation, handling, and knowledge needed. Please bring your small animal to the desired session or sessions in a cage.

**Cat - 9:00-10:00 am**

**Rabbit - 10:00-11:00 am**

**Poultry - 11:00 am-Noon**



- Please register by calling our office: 402- 288-5611 by July 12th
- Cost: FREE
- Location: Extension Office, 308 Bridge St, Center, NE 68724
- Session class size limit: 20 students per session

\*4-H members may attend more than 1 session.

\*If attending rabbit session, please bring your show pad or show carpet to use at the clinic.



# PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Join us for a photography workshop hosted by Hannah McQuay of Wausa, Nebraska. This workshop will provide youth with the opportunity to learn about how framing and lighting work in photography and how to capture a unique and creative shot! As part of the workshop, youth will also have the opportunity to go and capture some pictures around Center to create their own photography display. The display will be exhibited in Photography Level 1 at the fair. This workshop will be held at the Extension office in Center, NE.

**Please call the Extension office to register.**

**Class size limit: 20**

JULY 20, 2021

TUESDAY  
9:00-12:00 NOON

REGISTRATION  
COST \$5

PLEASE BRING  
DEVICE THAT  
TAKES PHOTOS  
IF POSSIBLE

REGISTRATION IS  
DUE BY JULY 12TH

NEBRASKA EXTENSION  
IN KNOX COUNTY

308 Bridge St,  
Center, NE 68724

(402)-288-5611

LOCATION: Courthouse  
Annex Meeting Room

## Cook-Off Contest, Food Revue and Presentation Contest

Make plans now to take part in the Cook-Off Contest, Food Revue, and Presentation Contest on Thursday, July 22 in Bloomfield. The Cook-Off Contest and Food Revue will begin at 5:30 p.m. The Presentation Contest will start at 7:30 p.m. Call the Extension Office to pre-register by July 15<sup>th</sup>. See fliers enclosed for complete details.

**The Food Revue Contest** is open to all 4-H members including Clover Kids. The Food Revue Contest is a fun way to learn how to properly set a table, plan nutritious meals, express originality and creativity in choosing a theme and express knowledge of food, nutrition, and food safety.



### **NEW at the Food Revue Contest for 2021 Public Sample Line (Optional Opportunity)**

If your recipe lends itself to be shared, we encourage you to participate in the Public Sample Line following the contest. Contestants share sample sized portions of their food for others to try and answer questions about their exhibit. Please think about how you will serve your samples, small plates and napkins will be provided for those tasting!

**The Cook-Off Contest** is only available to regular 4-H members and the entry must include at least one pound of beef, pork, or poultry per four servings. You prepare your exhibit at home and bring the entire dish ready to serve, the entire recipe, the menu and a plate to serve a sample to the judge.



**The 4-H Presentation Contest** is open to all 4-H members including Clover Kids. The Presentation Contest helps youth develop skills for communicating. Through the contest, youth have an opportunity to teach others about the skills they have learned in 4-H by developing and delivering a “show and tell” presentation.

If you have questions about the contests or need helping in preparing, resources are available from the office or can be found at <http://extension.unl.edu/statewide/knox/4-h-pre-fair-contests/>.

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### **4-H Fashion Show and Clothing/Textiles Construction Judging Thursday, August 5**

**St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Bloomfield**

Registration 1:00 pm; Judging 1:30 pm

Public Fashion Show 7:00 pm

See the enclosed fliers for more information

Be watching for fair pre-entry forms. They will be mailed soon and due July 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **Do-You-Know Contest – August 5**

Plan to participate in the Do-You-Know Contest **on Thursday, August 5 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.** at the St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Bloomfield. Participants will test their knowledge in different areas such as: Foods & Nutrition; Child Development; Clothing; and Design. These will be hands-on, simple matching activities to enhance your knowledge in these areas.



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### **4-H Talent Contest**

**Sunday, August 8, 6:30 p.m.**

**First Trinity Lutheran Church Social Hall, Bloomfield**

New this year, we have added an Other Division to this contest! Plan to take part in the 4-H Talent Contest and share your talent with others. The evening will showcase the talents of 4-H members. You can find more information in the enclosed flier.



# County Fair Information

## Fair Pre-Entry Forms

*County fair pre-entry forms will be mailed out mid-July and are due back to the Extension office by August 2.*

**Knox County Fair  
August 12-15, 2021**

## 4-H T-Shirts



4-H T-shirts are available at the Extension Office for showing your animal projects at the fair, and we will have them at the County Fair also. Cost of the green 4-H T-shirts are: Youth (10-12 & 14-16) and Adult (Small, Medium, Large, XL) - \$10.00 each. We also have some of the white 4-H T-shirts left for \$6.00 each.

Dress Code: 4-H exhibitors showing any animal projects (beef, dairy, sheep, goats, swine, cat, dog, poultry, pets and rabbits may wear a long-sleeve white shirt, white T-shirt (no club names), or the official Knox County T-shirt (either the green or the white T-shirt) and blue or dark jeans are preferred. No neck ties, hats, caps or other type of headgear are to worn in the show ring. Hard soled shoes or boots are recommended. Horse show exhibitors will find dress code regulations in the Horse Division of the fairbook.

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## Fairground Camping Sites

The contact for camping sites at the Knox County Fairgrounds is Debbie Nipp, phone 402-373-4655.

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## Open Class Exhibits at the Fair

4-H members, remember you can enter exhibits in the Open Class at the County Fair. So bring your extra plate of cookies, extra vegetables or flowers, etc. to the Open Class building. The check-in time is the same as the 4-H entry time, 4-8 pm on Wednesday, August 11.

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## Bucket Calf Project

Bucket calves need to be entered on Thursday, August 12 from 9-11 am and may be released after the show on Friday or stay the entire fair. Bucket Calf projects will be judged on 3 factors: 1/3 project record book; 1/3 interview; and 1/3 show ability of animal (handling, cleanliness, health). Bucket calf record books must be turned into the 4-H Fair Office by 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 12 so that the record book judging can take place prior to the show. The Bucket Calf Show will start at 10:00 p.m. on Friday, August 13. (No record book for Clover Kids bucket calf.) Bucket Calves will not be allowed to participate in the Feeder Calf Showmanship. This is for feeder calves only. Bucket Calf showmanship will be part of the Bucket Calf Show. Recognition will be given to the top record book score, top interview score, and top show score in the Bucket Calf Show. The recognition awards will be provided by Farmers Pride this year!

## Bucket Calf Record Books

Bucket calf record books are split into a Beginning Level (ages 8-12 on Jan 1) and Advanced Level (ages 13 & over on Jan 1). Contact the office for a record book or they are available at

<http://extension.unl.edu/statewide/knox/animal-resources/>

## Second Year Bucket Calf Project

For those in the Second Year Bucket Calf project, the animals need to be entered on Thursday, August 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. and stay the entire fair. Showmanship and judging will take place on Sunday, August 15 during the Large Beef Show. Record books need to be handed in on entry day, Thursday, August 12 by 6:00 p.m. The record book from the previous year needs to be handed in also. Record book available at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/knox/animal-resources/>



## Resources for Showing Beef Animals

The following resources are available at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/knox/animal-resources/> or from the extension office:

- Tips for Showing Beef
- Guide for Livestock Showmanship Contest

### 4-H Round Robin Contest

The 10th Annual 4-H Round Robin Showmanship Contest will be held on Sunday, August 15. 4-H Dress Code is required. The Round Robin Showmanship Contest provides an opportunity for the 4-H Champion and Reserve Champion Senior and Junior Division Showman from the large animal species (horse, small beef, sheep, swine, and large beef) to compete for the best all-around senior and junior showman honors at the fair. It is very possible that one of the reserve showman could be named as Champion Round Robin Showman. Complete rules are available on page 19 of the fairbook.

### Belt Buckles for Round Robin Contest

Belt buckles will be given to the Champion and Reserve Champion Senior and Junior Showman. Thanks to Jesse & Adele Rader, Rader Feed & Supply LLC, Creighton for sponsoring the belt buckles.

### Something New in the Clothing Area at the Knox County Fair for 2021

**NEW for 2021** – All Clothing Exhibits will be kept in the extension office after judging or the Fashion Show on August 5<sup>th</sup> and taken to the fair by extension staff. This includes the areas of Beyond the Needle, Sewing for Fun, STEAM Clothing 1, STEAM Clothing 2, STEAM Clothing 3, General Clothing, Knitting, Crochet, and Quilt Quest.

### 2021 County Challenge “Lego Creation Exhibit”

Use your imagination and create a Lego Creation. No project enrollment is required. Check out Pinterest for ideas. Open to Clover Kids also.

## 4-H Large Animal Showmanship Clinic Provided Knowledge & Techniques to 4-H Members

With the Knox County Fair approaching, our 4-Hers' have been working hard to get certified to show their animals! We have hosted 3 sessions of YQCA throughout the summer and have had a great turn out! Our YQCA sessions have been led by Ben Beckman, Extension Educator. YQCA teaches our 4-H members about animal products, animal care and safety, and animal care requirements. At our final YQCA session, held June 24<sup>th</sup> at the Bloomfield Fairgrounds, we added a Large Animal Showmanship Clinic. At our showmanship clinic, we gave our 4-Hers' the chance to see some real-life examples of how to show in the ring as they would at the fair. We had 3 great volunteers bring their animals to give a demonstration. Madie Ziegler brought her breeding heifer, Brittani Pospisil brought her sheep, and Evan Ruzicka brought his breeding goat. Each volunteer did a terrific job, showing our 4-Hers' how to prepare their animal for the fair, how to show their animal in the ring and what judges will be looking for, and how to overall care for each animal. Thank you to all volunteers for sharing your knowledge and techniques with our 4-H members. We are excited to see how they will each do this year at the fair with the extra preparation and hard work they have been putting in all summer! We hope to see you all at the fair, August 11<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup>!





## Knox County 4-H Members Do Excellent at District Horse Show

Our 4-H Members were able to participate at the District Horse Show once again this year after a pause from last year due to COVID-19 restrictions! We were excited to have several 4-H members participate and do well at this year's district horse show. The district horse show offered several locations that participants could choose from. Some offered locations were Lincoln, Burwell, and Columbus Nebraska. Hadlee Nipp participated in Burwell, Sophia Baker, Mercedes Carl, and Rachel Harder participated in Columbus and Kaitlyn Byerly and Jenna McDonald participated in

Lincoln, Nebraska.

Results are as follows:

### In Burwell:

**Elem. Barrel Racing-** Hadlee Nipp of Bloomfield, received the Reserve Champion Trophy and a purple ribbon.

**Elem. Pole Bending-** Hadlee Nipp of Bloomfield, received a blue ribbon.

**Elem. Western Horsemanship-** Hadlee Nipp of Bloomfield, received a red ribbon.

**Jr. Ranch Pleasure-** Hadlee Nipp of Bloomfield, received a blue ribbon.

### In Columbus:

**Elem. Barrel Racing-** Rachel Harder of Plainview, received a purple ribbon and Sophia Backer also received a purple ribbon.

**Elem. Pole Bending-** Sophia Backer of Wausa, received a purple ribbon and Rachel Harder received a white ribbon.

**Elem. Western Horsemanship-** Rachel Harder received the Reserve Champion Trophy and a purple ribbon.

**Elem. Western Pleasure-** Rachel Harder of Plainview, received a purple ribbon.

**Sr. Barrel Racing-** Mercedes Carl of Wausa, received a purple ribbon.

**Sr. Pole Bending-** Mercedes Carl of Wausa, received a purple ribbon.

### In Lincoln:

**Jr. Western Horsemanship-** Kaitlyn Byerly of Bloomfield, received a blue ribbon.

**Jr. Western Pleasure-** Kaitlyn Byerly of Bloomfield, received a red ribbon.

**Sr. Hunt Seat Equitation-** Jenna McDonald of Randolph, received a purple ribbon.

**Sr. Hunter Under Saddle-** Jenna McDonald of Randolph, received a purple ribbon.

**Sr. Ranch Pleasure-** Jenna McDonald of Randolph, received the Champion trophy and a purple ribbon.

**Sr. Western Horsemanship-** Jenna McDonald of Randolph, received a purple ribbon.

**Sr. Western Pleasure-** Jenna McDonald of Randolph, received a purple ribbon.

Each 4-H'er who received a blue or purple ribbon has qualified to compete in the State 4-H Horse Show to be held in Grand Island on July 10-14th.

# Knox County 4-H Shooting Sports Program



The Shooting Sports projects and programs offer opportunities for youth to learn safe gun handling skills and sound fundamentals of shooting under the guidance of caring and knowledgeable adult volunteers. Knox County has certified leaders for the following projects: Archery; Air Rifle, Air Pistol and BB Gun; Smallbore Rifle and Pistol (.22 caliber); and Shotgun.

**Youth must be enrolled with the UNL Extension 4-H Office in Knox County before participating in the Shooting Sports Projects and Contests.**

## Knox County 4-H Shooting Sports Contests:

- .22 Pistol Contest – Saturday, August 7, Knox County Fairgrounds
- .22 Rifle & Shotgun Contests – Saturday, August 7, Knox County Fairgrounds
- Archery Contest – Sunday, August 8, Knox County Fairgrounds
- BB Gun, Air Rifle & Air Pistol Contests – Wednesday, August 11, 3:00 pm, Knox County Fairgrounds

## Archery Practice Dates

Practices will be held every Monday night in June and July, beginning June 7<sup>th</sup>. All practices start at 7:00 p.m. and will be held at the Bloomfield Airport. All shooters must attend at least 2 practices each year to participate in the official contest. If you have questions about the Archery Practices, contact Kevin Millikan at 402-640-3322 or Becky Millikan at 402-640-4643.

## BB Gun, Air Rifle & Air Pistol Practice Dates

- Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup>
- Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup>
- Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup>
- Monday, July 26
- Monday, August 2

Practices will start at 7:00 pm and will be held at the Bloomfield Airport, 54240 880 Rd. All shooters must attend at least 2 practices each year to participate in the official contest.

## .22 Rifle, .22 Pistol and Shotgun Practice Dates

**Shotgun practices will be held every Tuesday night in June and July - Starting June 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**.22 Rifle and Pistol will begin on Tuesday, June 29.**

All practices will start at 6:30 pm. Both will be held at the Knox County Fairgrounds in Bloomfield. **All practices will end at 8:30 pm, NO EXCEPTIONS.** All shooters must attend at least 2 practices each year to participate in the official contest.

## Upcoming Shooting Sports Dates:

<https://4h.unl.edu/shooting-sports>

- **4-H Shooting Sports Leader Workshop** – August 7-8, 2021, Wayne County Fairgrounds (more information coming)
- **NE State 4-H Shotgun Championships** – September 11-12, Heartland Public Shooting Park (more details to come)
- **State 4-H Outdoor Archery Championships** – September 18, Heartland Public Shooting Park

**Pre-entry forms will be mailed soon and are due back in the Extension Office by July 29<sup>th</sup>.**



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.22 Rifle & Shotgun  
Contests—Aug 7  
Archery Contest-  
Aug 8



Talent Contest  
August 8



Fashion Show &  
Clothing &  
Textiles Judging  
August 5



Cook-Off,  
Food Revue &  
Presentation  
Contest July 22



Knox County 4-H Dates to Remember

