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May 2023 4-H News

Important Dates:

- May 23 YQCA Training – Wausa
- May 29 Office Closed – Memorial Day
- May 30 YQCA Training – Center
- June 1 State 4-H Horse Entries Due
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- June 8 Clover Kid Camp
- June 9 Fabric Arts Workshop
- June 14 4-H Project Day
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- 15 All Animal ID Forms DUE**
- 15 State Fair Animal Nominations DUE**
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Congratulations to all the 2023 graduates. We wish you much success in your future endeavors.



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Knox County Fair Dates
August 10-13, 2023



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Nebraska 4-H requires all youth enrolled in livestock projects to complete an **annual** quality assurance training through the YQCA program. YQCA is a national multi-species quality assurance program focused on three core pillars: food safety, animal well-being, and character development. 4-H members who exhibit beef animals, dairy cattle, dairy goat, meat goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine must have the YQCA certification completed before fair. 4-H members who exhibit at the Nebraska State Fair will need to have their YQCA training requirements met by the date of entry for those respective shows.

The annual training may be completed by one of the following:

● **Face-to-Face Training with a Certified Instructor:**

4-H'ers will need to register at <https://yqcaprogram.org/> and pay the **\$3 fee** prior to the training. Each participant **MUST** complete a pre-test and a post-test.

Knox County Face-to-Face trainings:

- **May 23, 2023 in Wausa – 5:00 p.m.**
- **May 30, 2023 in Center – 1:00 p.m.**
- **June 15, 2023 in Niobrara – 10:00 a.m.**

● **Online Course:** Visit the YQCA login page to begin. The cost of the online course is **\$12.00 each**. See instructions at <https://4h.unl.edu/yqca> to register. Please visit https://yqcaprogram.org/local/youth_parents.php for more information.

● **Online Test Out:** This option is only available to youth in the first year of Intermediate (age 12) and Senior (age 15) age levels. There is no test-out option for Juniors. **Costs are: Intermediate - \$36 (\$12 x 3 years of certification) and Senior - \$48 (\$12 x 4 years of certification)**. If you pass, you will not be required to complete the annual training requirements for the remainder of your current age level (Intermediates: 12-14; and Seniors: 15-18). Each test consists of 50 randomly selected questions and has a pass rate of 80% or better for certification. More information on the Online Test-Out option is available at <https://4h.unl.edu/yqca>.

FSA Rural Youth Loans

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) makes loans to individual young persons, between the ages of 10 and 20 years, to start and operate income-producing projects of modest size in connection with their participation in 4-H or FFA. The project being financed with a FSA Youth Loan needs to provide an opportunity for the young person to acquire experience and education in agriculture-related skills.

Contact the FSA Office in Bloomfield at 373-4914 for more information or check out <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/farm-loan-programs/youth-loans/index>

Premises Identification Reminder

Exhibitors of 4-H and FFA market animals (beef, swine, sheep, and goat) must have a Premises Identification Number to show at the Nebraska State Fair. If an exhibitor does not have a number, you need to obtain it through the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Visit <https://nda.nebraska.gov/adt/premises.html>

AKSARBEN STOCK SHOW

Youth 9-19 years of age are eligible for the competition with no prerequisite of youth organization affiliation. 4-H animals nominated for State Fair are eligible for Aksarben. Visit <https://www.aksarbenstockshow.com/> for more information. 2023 dates are September 21-24.



Pancakes From Around The World

Friday, June 16, 2023
9:30 am – Noon
at the Community Hall in Center

Have you ever wondered how to make a great pancake? Or how pancakes around the world are different from our own? This class will teach you the basics of pancakes and explore cultures around the world.

Cost \$8.00

Class size limited to 12

**To register contact the
Extension Office at
402-288-5611 by June 9th**



Project Area: Cooking 401

Fair Exhibit: E412003 Ethnic Food Exhibit or E412002 Family Food Tradition if have your own family recipe

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Horse News!

4-H Horse Program at the State Level

4-H State Horse Show is July 15-19, 2023, at Fonner Park in Grand Island, NE

Online entry (<https://4h.unl.edu/horse-expo>) deadline is **June 1, 2023**. Horse ID forms (for State Horse Show) and Advancement Level deadline is also June 1, 2023.

New 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide

The printed 2023 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guidebook is now available for purchase on UNL Marketplace!

Buy yours today! <https://marketplace.unl.edu/.../animalscience/4h373.html>

There are a few spots available. Call today to sign up!

Horse Clinic

Friday, June 2, 2023
Show Class - 9 a.m. to noon
Speed Class – 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Bloomfield Fairgrounds



See flier in April newsletter or call the office.

Madison County Roping Event

Madison County is hosting a Roping Event, June 24 at 9 AM at the Madison County Fairgrounds in Madison, NE. **Registration is due June 1st**, register online at <https://go.unl.edu/5Y8D>. Entry fee is \$10/class and must be paid at the Madison County Extension Office before the event.

One Day 4-H/Youth Equine Clinic with Healing Hooves Horsemanship

July 9, 2023

8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Knox County Fairgrounds Outdoor Arena

Maximum: 10 riders

more information:

greckelfarms@gmail.com

Sandy Spurs Open Horse Show

Sunday June 4, 2023 Show Time 9am
Antelope County Fairgrounds – Neligh, NE

- This show is open to all 4-H members and Open class, Age groups will be 10 & Under, 11-14, 15-18 and 19 & holding as of January 1
- Entry Fee: \$5 per class, \$40 for all day (one rider)
- 4-H rules and western attire required

**For more information you may contact: Kara Pelster 402-750-1018, Koryn Koinzan 402-929-0520 or sandyspursclub@gmail.com



2023 Livestock Identification Requirements June 15th Deadline



County Fair

- Paper ID forms will be required for county animals. (No change from previous years). Forms are available at the office or visit <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/knox/livestock-affidavits/>.
- County-only animals will use the 4-H ear tags available at the Extension Office. The animals that are nominated for State Fair will not need county ear tags. The EID or Scrapie tag will be used for identification.
- Clover Kids must follow the identification requirements and have ID forms to the extension office by the June 15 deadline.
- The 2023 Animal Identification Guidelines further explains the ID requirements for each animal or it's available at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/knox/animal-resources-id-forms-record-books-yqca/> or in the 4-H Fairbook.



State Fair - For 2023, DNA nominations are required for all livestock in contention to exhibit. See the 2023 Animal Identification Guidelines that further explains the ID requirements for each animal.

- DNA nominations will be \$7.00 per envelope. Any DNA nomination sent in from the Extension Office or FFA Advisor will also be eligible for the AKSARBEN Stock Show.
- **Exhibitors are responsible for submitting their animal information into the Show Stock Manager Livestock Database (<https://showstockmgr.com>) prior to the nomination deadline.**



The County Extension Office/FFA Advisors will continue to mail in the DNA samples to the AKSARBEN office by the respected deadline. The County Extension Office/FFA Advisor will validate the nominations which will then be available for exhibitors to make State Fair entries in the Showworks program.

Any animal entry not in the database or that does not have submitted DNA will not be considered nominated and eligible for State Fair.



P.A.S.E. Livestock Quiz Bowl 2023



The Premier Animal Science Event will take place June 21st. Kristine Kumm, Nebraska 4-H Assistant in Knox County, will take a team of four 4-Her's to participate in the **Livestock Quiz Bowl**. Participants must be 14 years of age as of this January 1st to participate. The Livestock Quiz Bowl event will begin at 11:30 AM and conclude later that afternoon.

To become part of the Knox County P.A.S.E. Livestock Quiz Bowl Team, visit <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/knox/PASE%202023%20Application.pdf> to fill out an application. Return your application to the Knox County Extension Office by **Monday, May 22nd**. By filling out this form, youth are also committing to 2-3 team practices for the Livestock Quiz Bowl event.

Cook-Off Contest and Food Revue Contests

Make plans now to take part in the Cook-Off Contest and Food Revue Contest on Thursday, July 27 in Bloomfield. The Cook-Off Contest and Food Revue will begin at 5:30 p.m. Call the Extension Office to pre-register by July 21. Watch for fliers with complete details in the next newsletter or see pages 46-47 in the Fairbook.

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.



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 4-H members (ages 8 and over) 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.

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/>.



4-H Fashion Show and Clothing/Textiles Construction Judging Thursday, August 3

St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Bloomfield

Registration 1:00 pm; Judging 1:30 pm

Public Fashion Show 7:00 pm

Watch for fliers with complete details in the next newsletter or see pages 57-73 in the Fairbook. Pre-entry forms will be mailed out and will be due July 21.

Do-You-Know Contest – August 3

Plan to participate in the Do-You-Know Contest **on Thursday, August 3 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.** at 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.



4-H Talent Contest

Thursday, July 27, 7:00 p.m.

First Trinity Lutheran Church Social Hall, Bloomfield

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. Watch for a flier with complete details in the next newsletter or see page 48 in the Fairbook.

Horticulture/Floriculture Projects

As you are planting your seeds this year, please keep track of your variety names. These are needed when you enter your fair exhibits. Keep your seed packets or start a gardening journal with the variety names.

Vegetable Gardening Beginner Tips

Vegetable gardening is gaining popularity and what a great way to help your kids learn about growing their own food. As with anything, beginners make mistakes. For information on beginner tips visit

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/knox/vegetable-gardening-beginner-tips/>. Another resource available is the Hort Update, a FREE monthly newsletter from the University of Nebraska Extension, which provides timely information to homeowners. You can subscribe by visiting <https://communityenvironment.unl.edu/hortupdate>.



2023 Special Entomology Project

Do you like bugs? In the Special Entomology Project, the insect of the year is the GRASSHOPPER. Report what you have learned about the grasshopper through an educational exhibit on a poster or pin the insect and include a 1–2-page report. See page 84 in the fairbook for more details.

Bee Hotel Virtual Workshop 2023

Ages: 8+

Cost: \$15

Date: Thursday, June 15, 2023

Time: 1:30 to 3:30 PM

Location: Live via Zoom

Registration Deadline: Friday, June 2, 2023

Registration Link: <https://go.unl.edu/4hbeehotel2023>



Get out your hammer and power drill! Construct a habitat for bees by building a structure and then drilling holes in wood blocks for the bee habitat. You will also learn why bees are important to the environment.

Kit will include:

- Pre-cut wood for bee hotel
- Wood for nesting blocks
- Nails
- Two University publications on bee hotels

Kits can be picked up from your local extension office starting Thursday, June 8, 2023.

Not included in the kit but needed for the workshop are:

- Hammer
- Drill and drill bits
- Safety glasses

Charcuterie Board Class



At this class, youth will have an opportunity to make a charcuterie board which can be entered at the Knox County Fair in the **Home Environment** area under **Class C257905**. Additionally, youth will learn how to arrange an assortment of food to create an eye appealing Charcuterie Board!

To register, please call the Knox County Extension Office at (402)- 288-5611

Date: Tuesday, July 11, 2023
Time: 9:00 AM -12:00 PM
Location: Center, NE, Extension Office
Cost: \$15
Class limit: 15
4-H Age: 8-18



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KNOX COUNTY CLOVER KID CAMP

JUNE 8TH, 2023
1:00 - 3:00 P.M.
CENTER PARK, CENTER
\$10

CLOVER KIDS WILL PREPARE FOUR PATRIOTIC PROJECTS TO EXHIBIT AT THE KNOX COUNTY FAIR!
 REGISTER BY JUNE 1ST, CALL THE EXTENSION OFFICE: 402-288-5611
 PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE WILLING TO SERVE AS A VOLUNTEER!



Macramé Workshop



Are you ready to jump on the macramé trend? Popular in the 70s, macramé is making a comeback. Join us in making a simply Beginner Feather Wall Hanging and see if you catch the knotting bug!

To register, please call the Knox County Extension Office at (402)- 288-5611.



- 4-H age: 8 & over
- Exhibit at the fair in **Home Environment** area under class **C257904**

Date: Monday, July 24, 2023
Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Location: 4-H Building, Fairgrounds in Bloomfield
Class limit: 12
Cost: \$15



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Fabric Arts Workshop

During this two part workshop, participants will spend their time working on a smocked pillow and reverse applique shorts!

June 9th
 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 Knox County Extension Office
 Register by: June 1st (call 402-288-5611)


Bring:

- Denim Shorts
- 1 yard solid print cotton fabric & thread to match for pillow
- 1/4 yard printed cotton fabric & thread to match for behind the applique on denim.
- Sewing Machine (if you have one)
- Sack Lunch

Limit: 15 youth
Cost: \$10
Class #s:
 Pillow: C218908 (beginning sewing - other)
 Shorts: C221003 (embellished garment, original design)



Deadline to sign up for these 4-H Workshops is **June 1st**. Space is limited so call today!



Fairy Gardens


LEARN THE ART OF ASSEMBLING AND PREPARING A FAIRY GARDEN FOR EXHIBIT AT THE FAIR.

JUNE 20TH, 2023
 CLOVER KID AGE: 10:00 - 11:30 AM.
 4-H AGE: 1:00-4:00 P.M.

KNOX COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE
 REGISTER BY: JUNE 1ST
 CALL: 402-288-5611

LIMIT: 15 CLOVER KIDS / 15 4-H AGE
COST: \$10
PROJECT AREA CLASS #:
 G770064 FAIRY OR MINIATURE GARDEN
 K522901 CLOVER KID FAIRY GARDEN

CLOVER KIDS BRING: .48 OZ CLEAR JAR OR LARGER (EXAMPLE: PEANUT BUTTER JAR)
 4-H AGE: BRING AN OPEN CONTAINER NO GREATER THAN 12" IN DIAMETER



HORSE CLINIC

LED BY TERRI ROSE



Clinic will cover **SHOW EVENTS & SPEED EVENTS**

- **Age requirement:** Must be 8 on January 1st 2023 to participate with your horse
- Youth who wish to participate without bringing a horse are welcome to come and listen, no cost or limit
- Rain date will be announced if needed
- Youth are asked to bring their own lunch

To register, please call the Knox County Extension Office at (402)- 288-5611

Date: Friday, June 2, 2023
Time: Show class 9:00 AM-noon, Speed class 1-4 PM
Location: Outdoor Arena, Fairgrounds in Bloomfield
Class limit: 10 youth with horse
Cost: \$5 for participants with horse



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**2023 4-H Knox County
Photography Theme**

Water

Open to 4-H members enrolled in any level of Photography.

**2023 Knox County Challenge
“Lego Creation” and/or “Make Your Own Diorama.”**

Use your imagination and exhibit a “Lego Creation” and/or “Make Your Own Diorama.” No project enrollment is required. Check out Pinterest for ideas. Open to Clover Kids also.
Lego Creation Exhibit – F510902
Make Your Own Diorama Exhibit – F510903



Enroll before participating
in any 4-H event.

4-H Online is Now Open
Enroll Today!

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

Must be enrolled by June 15th

4-H membership dues must be paid by June 15 to be eligible to exhibit at the Knox County Fair or any competitive 4-H event.

Dues are \$5.00 per member and no cost per Clover Kid.

*Please give your dues to your club leader or send to the extension office.
Make checks payable to the Knox County 4-H Council.*



I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking
My **HEART** to greater loyalty,
My **HANDS** to larger service, and
My **HEALTH** to better living,
for my club, my community, my country and my world.

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 Nebraska 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 5, Knox County Fairgrounds
- .22 Rifle & Shotgun Contests – Saturday, August 5, Knox County Fairgrounds
- Archery Contest – Sunday, August 6, Knox County Fairgrounds
- BB Gun, Air Rifle & Air Pistol Contests – Wednesday, August 9, Knox County Fairgrounds

Archery Practice Dates

Practices will be held every Monday night in June and July. ***A parent, grandparent and or guardian needs to be present with shooters under the age of 16.*** 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

Practices will be held on June 19 and 26 and July 10, 17, 24, and 31. There will not be a practice on July 3rd. 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

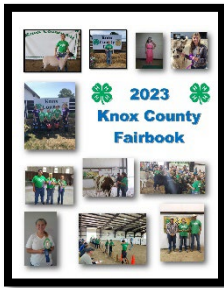
Practices will be held every Thursday night in June and July. All Shotgun practices will start at 6:00 pm. All .22 Pistol & .22 Rifle practices will start at 6:30 pm. Both will be held at the Knox County Fairgrounds in Bloomfield. **All practices will end at 8:30 pm, NO EXCEPTIONS.** All shooters must attend at least 2 practices each year to participate in the official contest. If there is any question about the weather on a given night, visit the Knox County Shooting Sports Group on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/211566702207387/>) for updates.

Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop

October 28-29, 2023 – 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Buffalo County Extension Office





2023 Knox County Fairbook

The 2023 Knox County Fairbook is now available. There is one copy available per family. It can also be found at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/knox/fair-bookpage/>.

State Fair Book

The State Fair Book is available at <https://4h.unl.edu/state-fair>.

4-H MANUALS/RESOURCES

A limited supply of 4-H project manuals or resources is available in the Extension Office. Project manuals/resources that are available for each project are listed in the 2023 4-H Pick-Your-Project, an online project selection guide used to explore over 150 Nebraska 4-H projects and resources, and their related educational programs and opportunities available at <https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main/index>. 4-H manuals/resources can be ordered at:

- 4-H Youth Development UNL Marketplace <https://marketplace.unl.edu/ne4h/curriculum>
- 4-H Mall <https://shop4-h.org/collections/curriculum>

Upcoming Events

May 20	4-H Dog Clinic, Concord
May 26	Swine-A-Rama, Albion
May 27	Beef-A-Rama, Albion
May 28	Goat-A-Rama and Sheep-A-Rama, Albion
May 24	4-H Horse Judging Contest at Pitzer Ranch, Ericson
May 25	Colfax & Platte County Livestock Judging Contest, Leigh
May 25	Animal Science Discover Day, Curtis
June 2	Nebraska Tractor & Equipment Safety Certification Course, O'Neill
June 2	Butler County 4-H Livestock Judging Contest, David City
June 3	4-H Small Animal Progress Show, Holdrege
June 8-10	4-H Horse Camp at Fort Robinson State Park, Crawford
June 11	Hustler Progress Show, West Point
June 24	Madison County 4-H Roping Event, Madison
June 24	37 th Annual Papio Valley Livestock Show, Springfield, NE
June 25	Big Green's 2 nd Annual Speed Show, Deshler

Youth Crop Scouting Competition - Connecting Youth with Crops

Looking for a fun club project? Want to unite your club members? Running out of ideas for club meetings? If you answered, "yes" to any of these questions, help is on the way! Nebraska Extension is pleased to present the 10th annual Crop Scouting Competition for Nebraska youth.

This contest will be held at the Eastern Nebraska Research & Extension Center near Mead, Nebraska on August 2, 2023. The event will include both indoor and outdoor events. Teams of junior high and high school students (those completing 5-12th grades) from across Nebraska are invited to participate. This event is limited to the first ten teams who sign-up! Clubs or other organizations may enter a team composed of three to five participants. An adult team leader must accompany each team of students.

More information about the crop scouting competition and instructions on how to [register](#) are available online at cropwatch.unl.edu/youth. Register at: <https://go.unl.edu/cropscoutingreg>. Teams must be registered by July 15.

Congratulations to the Knox County 4-H Communication Event Participants

4-H members were awarded ribbons at the 2023 Knox County 4-H Communication Event held Monday, April 17th, at the Knox County Extension Office. Participants were able to present a speech, record a PSA or deliver a presentation.

Whether we are speaking in person or virtually, we need to be able to express our thoughts to others. Public speaking contests help youth develop skills for communicating with audiences, learn how to organize and prepare a speech, develop speech delivery skills, learn how to present themselves to others, and develop self-confidence.

Clover Kids, youth ages 5-7, participated in a non-competitive fashion by reciting a poem or reading or telling a short story. Participants in the Clover Kid Division included: Dayton Cunningham of Wausa, Dominic Cunningham of Wausa and Tate Hanefeldt of Center. Each Clover Kid received words of encouragement from the judge and a Clover Kid rainbow ribbon for their participation.

4-H members also participated in a Radio Public Service Announcement (PSA) category in which they recorded a 60 second radio spot promoting 4-H and using the theme “Discover Your Spark in 4-H.”

Participating in the Clover Kid PSA Division was Jocelyn Hanefeldt of Center; Junior PSA Division, Tucker Hanefeldt of Center received a purple ribbon and awarded the Champion trophy; Intermediate PSA Division, Peyton Bratetic of Bloomfield received a purple ribbon and awarded the Champion trophy. In the Senior PSA Division, Marshall Bratetic of Bloomfield received a purple ribbon and was awarded the Champion trophy.

To finish the evening, two presentations were featured by 4-H members. An Illustrated Presentation is a live presentation with a formal talk where youth will use visual aids (such as props, posters, computer-based visuals, handouts, video, etc.) to show and tell others how to do something. Ella Jessen of Bloomfield prepared a presentation: ‘Saddle Up’. Ella received a purple and was awarded the Premier Presenter Award. Jocelyn Hanefeldt presented a Clover Kid Presentation on: ‘How to Decorate a Cupcake’.

Peyton Bratetic, Marshall Bratetic and Ella Jessen all qualify to compete in the State 4-H Premier Communications Event to be held June 23 in Lincoln in their respective divisions.



Back Row: Peyton Bratetic, Marshall Bratetic, Ella Jessen, Tucker Hanefeldt
Front Row: Dominic Cunningham, Dayton Cunningham, Jocelyn Hanefeldt and Tate Hanefeldt

Kyle Stevens was our judge and provided excellent comments and encouragement to all the participants.

2023 Online Horticulture Judging Contest

Do you know what it takes to pick the best fruit and vegetables out at the grocery store? Or do you know what judges are looking for when they judge your plants at the county fair? Have you ever wondered, what plant is that!?! We are excited to offer the opportunity to learn these and other important horticulture skills through the Online Horticulture Contest. The contest will be available June 2-16, 2023, at: <https://go.unl.edu/online4hhortcontest>.

Horticulture judging contest consists of three parts. The first is identification of plant material. Participants identify the plants by common name from a plant list. Specimens may be alive or preserved plant parts like stems, twigs, leaves, flowers, seeds, fruits, roots, bulbs, tubers, or plant products.

The second is a knowledge portion, usually in the form of a true/false or multiple-choice quiz. Questions will test the contestant's knowledge of cultural practices for horticultural crops, plant science, pesticides, horticultural careers and other topics related to the production, processing and consumption of horticultural crops.

The last portion is judging or placings. This is where four different plants, plates of vegetables, or containers flowers are ranked from best to worst based on a set of criteria. Classes are judged on the basis of condition, quality, uniformity, true-to-type, and size.

More information about the Nebraska State contest along with a list of study materials can be found in the Fairbook <https://4hfairbook.unl.edu/fairbookview.php/contests/45>. Here you can find the written study materials for the knowledge portion, follow links to plant pictures for help with identification, and read how judging of plant material is done. More details at: <https://4h.unl.edu/online-horticulture-judging-contest>



Livestock Achievement Program

Livestock Achievement Program is designed to promote all educational aspects of 4-H livestock projects including selection, production, leadership, and exhibition by recognizing youth striving to improve in their livestock project knowledge and leadership. The program recognizes Members of Excellence across all 4-H livestock project areas, including: beef, sheep, meat goat, swine, dairy cattle, dairy

goat, rabbit, and poultry. For more information visit <https://4h.unl.edu/livestock-achievement>. Applications are due **June 15**.

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CITIZENSHIP

6 Pillars of Character

Obey laws & rules
Cooperate
Respect authority
Give back to your community
Be a good neighbor



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