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I pledge my Head to clearer thinking, My Heart to greater loyalty My Hands to larger service, My Health to better living, For my club, my community, my country, And my world

Fruit Sales

4-H members and families get a huge THANK YOU for all your help to make the annual 4-H fruit sales a success! Many area residents look forward to receiving the fruit, cheese and meat sticks and you followed through from start to finish! THANK YOU! A great deal of gratitude goes to the committee for preparing the building for delivery. THANK YOU everyone!

THANK YOU'S & REFUND FOR BAD FRUIT POLICY

Attached to each receipt was a note that included a thank you, storage suggestions and our Refund for Bad Fruit Policy which states: "Despite our best efforts, occasionally a piece of bad fruit may end up in our customers' hands. We will be happy to exchange it for a piece of good fruit. Please bring the bad fruit to the Extension Office by Friday, March 8th, to exchange it." Therefore, it is the **customer's responsibility** to come to the office and change it out, not yours.

TOP FRUIT SALE WINNERS

Cash awards are given to the top four sellers: 1st Place-\$40 Jayden Adams - \$1,814 2nd Place-\$30 Josie Zimmerman - \$1,643 3rd Place-\$20 Emily Bohling - \$1,444 4th Place-\$10 Kale Davidson - \$1,266

Club Totals for Fruit Sales

BU Stockraisers - \$ 9,320
Timbercreek - \$ 6,676
Johnsonites - \$ 4,077
Peru Bobcats - \$ 3,077
Shooting Sports - \$ 2,766
Jr. Riders - \$ 1,749
Independents - \$ 691

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 2rd: 4-H Fruit Sales delivery
 - o 4-H building
- March 17th: Shotgun Practice
 - o 2:00 PM, Otoe County Wildlife Club
- March 19th: Shotgun Practice
 - o 6:00 PM, Otoe County Wildlife Club
- March 24th: Shotgun Practice
 - o 2:00 PM, Otoe County Wildlife Club
- March 25th: 4-H Council Meeting
 - o 6:30 PM, Courthouse
- March 26th: Shotgun Practice
 - o 6:00 PM, Otoe County Wildlife Club
- March 26th: Spring Fairgrounds Cleanup
 - o 6:00 PM, Fairgrounds



Newsletter Delivery Changes

Starting with our May newsletter we will no longer be mailing the newsletter, but only emailing it. If you receive a newsletter in the mail please let us know your email address so you can be sure to still receive it. We want to make sure everyone still has this **need-to-know** information.

Extension is a division of the Institution of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln cooperating with the Counties and the United State Department of Agriculture.

The 4-H Youth Development program abides with the nondiscrimination policies of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the United States Department of Agriculture.

Shooting Sports

Shotgun 2024

Practices:

Sunday, March 17th 2-4 PM, Tuesday, March 19th 6-8 PM, Sunday, March 24th 2-4 PM, Tuesday, March 26th 6-8 PM, Tuesday, April 2nd 6-8 PM, Sunday, April 7th 2-4 PM

Competition:

Sunday, April 14th starting at 1 PM

Remember you must attend 3 practices to be able to compete in the competition on April 14th. All practices and competition will be held at the Otoe County Wildlife Club near Nebraska City. We will be shooting Trap and Skeet this year. Youth should bring 3 boxes of shells to each practice. Youth must wear long pants, closed toed shoes and a hat, eye and ear protection. 20- or 12-gauge shotguns can be used and must be transported in a box or gun case and be unloaded. Youth must have completed the Hunter's Safety course and turned in their card to the Extension Office to participate. To be eligible parents must pick the shotgun project on v2.4honline.com.

Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Update Session Offered in Ogallala – March 16th

A Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop is scheduled for mid-March in Ogallala. It will be held March 16-17 at the Keith County Fairgrounds in Ogallala. **The early bird deadline to register for the workshop is March 6**th.

Volunteers will have the opportunity to become certified as an adult (21 years and older) or apprentice (14-20 years old) leader. Five project areas and ambassador training will be offered at the Ogallala Workshop – **coordinator**, **rifle**, **pistol**, **shotgun**, **archery**, **and ambassador**. **Ambassador training** will be held in conjunction with instructor's workshop and up to eight teens will be accepted at the training session. Please help recruit qualified teen leaders, ages 14-18, who are excelling in their shooting sports projects.

There is a minimum number of participants needed to offer these disciplines at the workshop. Workshop participants will learn under expert instruction from members of the Nebraska State 4-H Shooting Sports Training Team.

The registration fee is \$90 per person for initial certification or those individuals adding an additional discipline except for Apprentice Instructors and Ambassadors. The registration fee for Apprentice Instructors (14 to 20 years of age) and Ambassadors (14-18 years of age) is \$80 for this workshop. The late registration fee is \$160 for both levels. This fee includes meals, supplies and program materials. Participants must make their own lodging arrangements. Registration on Saturday runs from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

While participants might need to bring limited, if any, equipment to the in-person discipline training site, there are a series of four National 4-H Shooting Sports online modules which individuals <u>MUST</u> complete <u>prior to the training</u> to become eligible for certification. Information on the modules and how to enroll, *4-H Shooting Sports Online User Guide*, can accessed by using the link found on the Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports website under Calendar of 4-H Shooting Sports Events at https://4h.unl.edu/shooting-sports, under the "Ogallala Workshop" - this provides step-by-step instructions on how to sign up for and complete the entire series of modules before the workshop. **Individuals who have already completed the Online modules are not required to complete them again.**

Participants are responsible for the \$20 (per person) registration fee. The entire series of modules will take approximately 3-4 hours, so please plan some time accordingly. For more workshop information and registration link, go to the http://4h.unl.edu/shooting-sports/instructor/calendar. Or

As individuals follow each of the instructions in the Online User Guide, they will be asked to choose a payment method.

For more workshop information and registration link, go to the http://4h.unl.edu/shooting-sports/instructor/calendar. Or contact your local Nebraska Extension Office or Steve Pritchard at (402)395-2158 or (308)536-2691. Registration is available only online at the link provided https://forms.gle/EHC5ydDjqgnx3sUp7

Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop Offered in Albion.

A Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop is scheduled in Albion. It will be held April 13-14 at the Boone County Fairgrounds. The early bird deadline to register for the workshop is April 3rd.

For more workshop information and registration link, go to the http://4h.unl.edu/shooting-sports/instructor/calendar

HUNTER SAFETY COURSE: This course is scheduled for Thursday, March 14 (6-9 pm), Friday, March 15 (6-9) and Saturday, March 16 (8 am-2 pm) at the Auburn Senior Center. (Youth must attend all 3 days.) This training is for Firearm and Archery Safety. Youth should be 11 years of age to attend.

All 4-Hers who plan to participate in the Shotgun, and/or .22 Rifle (Smallbore) projects will need to have their Hunter Certification to participate in these events. Please go ahead and plan to attend this course and be ready for 4-H Shooting Sports Contests. You **must pre-register** for this course (**when it comes available**) at: www.huntsafenebraska.org. If you have any questions, please call Kent Volkmer at 274-8865 (or if you need help with this, call the Extension Office at 402-274-4755.)

Miscellaneous

June 15th Deadline:

June 15th is the normal enrollment and pre-entry deadline for the County fair. This year it falls on a Saturday. Enrollment in 4-H done at v2.4honline.com must still be done by the end of the day of June 15th. Youth wanting to show at the Nebraska state fair also need to nominate animals and turn in DNA envelopes by June 15th. The pre-entry deadline for Nemaha County Fair contests and shows will be on Monday, June 17th. Please don't wait to enroll. Youth not enrolled by the June 15th deadline will not be able to participate in the Nemaha County Fair or the Nebraska State Fair.





It's time to enroll or reenroll in 4-H. Please enroll online at https://v2.4honline.com to participate in 4-H. Youth wanting to participate in shooting sports or the horse project must select those projects to participate in practices, contests, and shows.

A BIG Thank You to all our 4-H volunteers! Your support is so important to 4-H and we thank you for your time and dedication to the program! With Nebraska 4-H, there are two types of volunteers, direct and indirect. Direct Volunteers **MUST** enroll online at: https://v2.4honline.com/ When registering choose *Program Volunteer*. Indirect Volunteers can enroll online or contact the office.

New Volunteer Orientation

The Nebraska 4-H Volunteer Orientation serves as an introduction to the 4-H Youth Development program in Nebraska. As part of the screening process, the orientation covers a variety of foundational and essential topics. Any interested individuals including current or prospective volunteers, are welcome to complete the orientation. However, all new volunteers serving in direct roles, such as club leader, project leader, or workshop presenter, are required to complete the orientation. Volunteers are also required to complete the orientation as part of the re-screening process. If you'd like to participate in the orientation, go to https://4h.unl.edu/volunteer-orientation

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

4-H members who plan to enroll in any of the following projects – swine, beef, sheep, dairy, meat goat, dairy goat, rabbits and/or poultry will need to have completed Quality Assurance Certification on or before Fair Entry Date on June 15th.

Certification will be done via YQCA online course. It is found at https://yqcaprogram.org.

REMEMBER: The 4-H Council purchases coupons for 4-H members to use! You can receive a code by calling or emailing the Nemaha County Extension Office. If you choose not to use a coupon, the expense will NOT be covered by the Council. You will cover the fee yourself.

Reminder:

2023 Fruit Sales Bonus Bucks must be spent by March 31, 2024. These bonus bucks are fully transferable to 4-H members within your family. The camp scholarship Bonus Bucks must be used by October 31, 2024. Camp scholarship bonus bucks are transferable to family members at 50% (i.e. \$150 in Bonus Bucks transfers as \$75.)

Landscaping on Fairgrounds

4-H Clubs are assigned and responsible for watering and caring for (pulling weeds, etc.) the plants and the area within the concrete border. Thank you for taking care of our investment and helping to beautify the fairgrounds!!

- Club Schedule for Landscape:
- April Timbercreek
- ➤ May Shooting Sports
- June Johnsonites
- ➤ July BU Stockraisers
- August Jr.Riders/Independents
- September Peru Bobcats

Fair Premium Sale Weight Requirements:

Each livestock division will have weight requirements for premium sale eligibility. Livestock not meeting min or max weight requirements will not be eligible for the premium sale.

Beef: Market Steers: 1000 lbs; Market Heifers: 900 lbs

Broilers: 4 lbs for females and 5 lbs for males

Meat Goats: 50 lbs

Rabbit: Single Fryer: 3.5 lbs min & 5.5 lbs max

Roaster: 5.5 lbs min & 9 lbs max; Stewers: 8 lbs min

Wool Sheep: 100 lbs; Hair Sheep: 70 lbs.

Swine: 230 lbs min & 320 lbs max

Horse Identification & Level Testing Requirements
For Nemaha County 4-H Horse Show: Horse identification affidavits and level 1 testing must be completed by June 17th. Forms are available at www.nemaha.unl.edu or pick them up at the Extension Office.

For State Horse Show: Advancement levels, Entries and Horse ID's due by June 1st. Check level requirements for each class you want to enter. Forms can be found at 4h.unl.edu/horse-expo-show-entry



Spring Fairground Clean-Up:

Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 6:00 PM at the fairgrounds! Remember to bring your gloves, rakes, scoops, leaf blowers, and brooms. Help us clean up all the leaves and trash that blew in over the winter.





Public Speaking/Communication Contest

- SPEECH: The Speech Contest provides 4-H'ers the opportunity to learn to express themselves clearly, organize their ideas, and have confidence.
- PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT: In the Public Service Announcement (PSA) Contest, 4-H'ers submit a 60 second "radio commercial" promoting 4-H. The PSA contest will be held via audio only (not in person). Theme is:
 4-H is a feeling.
- PRESENTATIONS: Presentations
 provide 4-H'ers the opportunity to
 learn to express themselves clearly
 and convincingly, organize their ideas
 and present them in logical order,
 research subjects, have confidence in
 themselves and emphasize the major
 points through the use of visuals or
 examples.

Registration forms can be found at: https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/richardson/fairs-contests/



TAKE & MAKE 4-H PROJECT KITS

NEBRASKA EXTENSION NEMAHA COUNTY 4-H

ARTIFICIAL FLOWER WREATHS

Kit includes:

- Instructions
- Variety of artificial flowers
- · Wire wreath form
- Ribbon for covering wreath form
- Hot glue sticks
- Wire for hanging the wreath

Needed from home:

- Wire cutters
- Scissors
- · Optional: hot glue gun

RIVER ROCK TRIVETS

Kit includes:

- Instructions
- Felt
- River rocks
- Hot glue sticks

Needed from home:

- Scissors
- Hot glue gun



If needed, hot glue guns and wire cutters can be checked out from the office for a week.

4-H ENROLLMENT NOT REQUIRED. PROJECTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR ENTRY IN THE 2024 NEMAHA COUNTY FAIR.

Register and pay by April 1.

Refunds will not be given for kits not picked up.

Register at https://go.unl.edu/nkcj or calling the Extension Office (402) 274-4755 and payment can be made in the Extension Office. Make checks payable to the University of Nebraska - Lincoln.

Pick up projects at the Extension Office between April 15-30.

Shipping is not available.

Nemaha County Extension Office Nemaha County Courthouse 1824 N St. Auburn, NE 68305



TAKE & MAKE 4-H PROJECT KITS

NEBRASKA EXTENSION NEMAHA COUNTY 4-H

BEADED KEYCHAIN

Kit includes:

- Instructions
- A variety of silicone beads
- Keychain
- Elastic string
- Tassel

Needed from home:

Scissors



Kit includes:

- Instructions
- 2 wooden blocks
- Printed action for each side
- small glue container
- paint brush for glue

Needed from home:

- Scissors
- paint (optional)





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2024 Johnson, Pawnee, Otoe, & Nemaha Counties

4-H Music Contest

Entries Due: April 27th @ 11:59 PM

Location: Entries are virtual/we will announce winners via a Facebook post on May 17th, 2024. Refer to your fair book for classes offered.

Music Contest Rules

Entry Limits – Participants are allowed one entry per class & can be a solo, duet, or group.

Groups - Each group must have three or more participants; all must be 4-H members. A 4-H member may sing or perform in only one group but may accompany another group. Bands - Group must be three or more individuals with instruments of their choice, including piano. May include vocalist. All performers in the band must be 4-H members. Time Limit – The performance of each group is limited to no more than six minutes. Maximum file upload is 16mb.

Song Selection – Any number of songs may be performed within the six-minute time limit Groups may perform any selection of their choice. Director – Song groups, combos, and bands may appear with or without a director. The director must be a 4-H member.

member, parent, leader, volunteer, or music teacher. No more than one adult may accompany a Accompaniment – Recorded background music (no lyrics) may be used. Piano, guitar, or other instruments may also accompany groups. Live accompaniment, if used, may be by a 4-H

Please submit a copy of your sheet music.

How to enter: Record videos in either .mp4 or .mov formats.

Upload your entry here:

https://ssp.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_djmjS1ojpLBPT6u



FLOWER SEED STARTING 101

4-H WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH 10:00 - 11:00 AM AT THE 4-H BUILDING IN AUBURN

Youth are invited to join us to learn everything you need indoors, to planting outdoors and taking care of the to know about growing flowers. From starting seeds flowers until harvest. Youth will start some seeds at the workshop and go home with more seeds to plant on their own. Youth can then bring the flowers to the fair.

\$15.00 - no refunds Ages 5-18

4-H Enrollment is not required

Registration required at https://go.unl.edu/izr9 or using the QR code. Registration and payment due by April 12th. Payment must be made at the Nemaha County Extension office.

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NEMAHA COUNTY - TENTATIVE 2024 4-H CALENDAR OF EVENT

DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE CHECK BACK EACH MONTH FOR CHANGES. CHANGED DATES ARE HIGHLIGHTED.

| MARCH | | 17 | YQCA CERTIFICATES DUE & COUNTY HORSE LEVEL |
|--------------------|---|----------|--|
| 2 | Fruit Delivery, 4-H Building | | TESTING COMPLETED |
| 3 | 4-H Shooting Sports Mtg., 6:00 p.m., 4-H Building | 17 | SHOOTING SPORTS ENTRIES DUE |
| 11 | Jr. Riders Mtg., 5:30 p.m., 4-H Building | 17 | ALL CONTEST ENTRIES DUE |
| 17 | Johnsonites Mtg., 5:00 p.m., Johnson Library | 17 | ENROLLMENT DEADLINE |
| 17 | Shotgun Practice, 2:00 PM, Otoe Co Wildlife Club | 17 | B.U. Stockraisers Mtg., 7:00 p.m., 4-H Building |
| 18 | B.U. Stockraisers Mtg., 7:00 p.m., 4-H Building | 21 | Clover Kid Camp, 4-H Building, 9:00 a.m12:00 |
| 19 | Shotgun Practice, 6:00 PM, Otoe Co Wildlife Club | | p.m. and 1:00 p.m4:00 p.m. |
| 24 | Shotgun Practice, 2:00 PM, Otoe Co Wildlife Club | 23 | .22 Pistol & Rifle Practice, 2:00 p.m. |
| 25 | Timbercreek Mtg., 5:00 p.m. Johnson Library | 23 | Timbercreek Mtg., 5:00 p.m. Johnson Library |
| 25 | 4-H Council Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Courthouse | 26 | .22 Pistol & Rifle Practice, 6:00 p.m. |
| 26 | Shotgun Practice, 6:00 PM, Otoe Co Wildlife Club | 30 | .22 Rifle & Pistol Competition, 2:00 p.m. |
| 26 | Spring Fairground Clean-up, 6:00 p.m. | | |
| | | JULY | |
| APRIL | | 1 | 4-H Shooting Sports Mtg., 6:00 p.m., 4-H Building |
| 2 | Shotgun Practice, 6:00 PM, Otoe Co Wildlife Club | 4 | Office Closed for Independence Day |
| 7 | Shotgun Practice, 2:00 PM, Otoe Co Wildlife Club | 8 | Jr. Riders Mtg., 5:30 p.m., 4-H Building |
| 7 | 4-H Shooting Sports Mtg., 4-H Building | 8 | 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Courthouse |
| 8 | Jr. Riders Mtg., 5:30 p.m., 4-H Building | 10 | 4-H Food Revue, 4-H Building, 6:00 p.m. |
| 14 | Shotgun Competition, 1:00 PM, Otoe Co Wildlife Club | 10 | Archery Practice, 6:00 p.m. Fairgrounds |
| 15 | B.U. Stockraisers Mtg., 7:00 p.m., 4-H Building | 13 | Archery Practice, 9:00 a.m Fairgrounds |
| 17 | 4-H Multi-County Comm Contest in Richardson Co | 15 | B.U. Stockraisers Mtg., 7:00 p.m., 4-H Building |
| 21 | Johnsonites Mtg., 5:00 p.m., Johnson Library | 13-17 | State 4-H Horse Show, Fonner Park, Grand Island |
| 28 | Timbercreek Mtg., 5:00 p.m. Johnson Library | 17 | Cat & Small Animal Show, 4-H Building, 5:00 p.m. |
| 26 | Office Closed for Arbor Day | 17 | Archery Practice, 6:00 p.m Fairgrounds |
| | | 20 | Archery Practice, 9:00 a.m Fairgrounds |
| MAY | | 21 | Johnsonites Mtg., 5:00 p.m., Johnson Library |
| TBD | 4-H Multi-County Music Contest | 24 | Archery Practice, 6:00 p.m Fairgrounds |
| 5 | 4-H Shooting Sports Mtg., 6:00 p.m., 4-H Building | 27 | BB Gun Practice, Fairgrounds, 10:00 a.m. |
| 13 | Jr. Riders Mtg., 5:30 p.m., 4-H Building | 28 | Timbercreek Mtg., 5:00 p.m. Johnson Library |
| 19 | Johnsonites Mtg., 5:00 p.m., Johnson Library | 31 | Archery Practice, 6:00 p.m Fairgrounds |
| 20 | B.U. Stockraisers Mtg., 7:00 p.m., 4-H Building | | |
| 27 | Office Closed for Memorial Day | | |
| 28 | 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Courthouse | AUGUS" | <u>Γ</u> " |
| 31 | Clover Kid Camp Registration Due | 3 | ATV/Tractor Driving Contest, 9:00 a.m. Fairgrounds |
| 0.000000000 | | 4 | BB Gun Practice, Fairgrounds, 4:00 p.m. |
| JUNE | | 4 | 4-H Shooting Sports Mtg., 6:00 p.m., 4-H Building |
| 1 | Horse Level testing and ID due for State Shows | 7 | Fairground Cleanup, 6:00 p.m. |
| 2 | .22 Pistol & Rifle Practice, 2:00 p.m. | 9 | Pre-Fair Entry & Judging, 3-7 p.m. |
| 2 | 4-H Shooting Sports Mtg., 6:00 p.m., 4-H Building | 10 | Archery Contest, Fairgrounds |
| 5 | .22 Pistol & Rifle Practice, 6:00 p.m. | 11-14 | NEMAHA COUNTY FAIR |
| 9 | .22 Pistol & Rifle Practice, 2:00 p.m. | 11 | Livestock & Small Animal Check-In, Fair grounds, |
| 10 | Jr. Riders Mtg., 5:30 p.m., 4-H Building | | 5:00-9:00 p.m. (Horses check in after show) |
| 11 | Horticulture and Wildlife Contest, 9:00 a.m. | 15 | Clean-up at the Fairgrounds, 6:00 p.m. |
| 12 | .22 Pistol & Rifle Practice, 6:00 p.m. | 16 | State Fair Entries Turn-in Deadline |
| 16 17-18 | Johnsonites Mtg., 5:00 p.m., Johnson Library | 18 | Johnsonites Mtg., 5:00 p.m., Johnson Library |
| | Premier Communications Event – Lincoln | 20 | State Fair Food and Horticulture Entries Due by 12 |
| 17 | ALL ANIMAL ID & ENTRY FORMS DUE | 23 – 9/2 | Nebraska State Fair, Grand Island |



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