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SHERIDAN COUNTY NEWSLETTER

Jan 28: Panhandle Best Shoot - Rusvhille
Feb 1: 4-H Spirit Day
Feb 4: Market Beef Weigh-In - Sheridan County Livestock Auction - 1:00-3:00 pm
Feb 4: Panhandle Best Shoot - Kimball
Feb 5: Shooting Sports Practice - Rushville Legion - 3:30-7:00 pm
Feb 8: 4-H Volunteer Appreciation Day
Feb 11: Panhandle Best Shoot - Hyannis

Feb 12: Extension Board Meeting - Extension Office - 6:30 pm
Feb 12: Shooting Sports Practice - Rushville Legion - 3:30-7:00 pm
Feb 13: Clover Bud Meeting - Gordon Elementary - 3:30-4:30 pm
Feb 15: 4-H Supporter Appreciation Day
Feb 16: Sew Fun - Hay Springs Cafeteria - 1:00-4:00 pm
Feb 18: Panhandle Best Shoot - Mitchell
Feb 19: Sew Fun - Extension Office - 9:00-Noon *or* 1:00-4:00 pm
Feb 19: Shooting Sports Practice - Rushville Legion - 3:30-7:00 pm
Feb 22: Give Back Day
Feb 24: Mock Robotics Competition - Alliance
Feb 25: Panhandle Best Shoot - Alliance
Feb 26: Clover Bud Meeting - Hay Springs Cafeteria - 4:00-4:45 pm
Feb 26: Shooting Sports Practice - Rushville Legion - 3:30-7:00 pm
Feb 27: Clover Bud Meeting - Rushville Elementary - 3:30-4:15 pm
Feb 27: Monthly Workshop - Extension Office - 4:30-6:30 pm
Feb 29: Leap into 4-H - Get Enrolled
Mar 25: 4-H Council Meeting - Extension Office - 6:30 pm

DEADLINE DATES:
Feb 1 - Farrowed & Swine Cohort Application
Feb 2 - Volunteer Submission
Feb 5 - Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic Deadline
Feb 12 - Valentine Cards for Nursing Home dropped off to Extension Office
Feb 15 - Volunteer Impact Study Submission
Feb 26 - Monthly Workshop Paper Crane Mobile
Feb 29 - Fair Theme Submission
Mar 15 - T-shirt Design Submission
Mar 15 - Jarvis Memorial Scholarship
Mar 15 - Sheridan County 4-H Memorial Scholarship
Mar 15 - Innovative Youth Corn Challenge Deadline
Jun 15 - Nebraska 4-H Livestock Achievement Program

2024 SHERIDAN COUNTY FAIR

July 21 - 27, 2024

4-H ENROLLMENT OPEN

Starting in the 2023-2024 program year, project selection is now optional. By successfully completing the 4-H member enrollment by the June 1st deadline, youth will be eligible to participate and exhibit in any project area, contest, county and state fairs. While project selection is optional, it is encouraged for youth to select projects they are interested in exploring. Please note:

o *Youth are only eligible to exhibit in a project area or contest in a single county.*
o ***Horse and shooting sports projects*** *will continue to require project enrollment due to the parental consent required to participate in these projects.*

Did you know the 4-H fiscal year is October 1 - September 30?
- If you are new to 4-H please create a profile.
- If you are a returning 4-Her, please register for this coming year!

Age 5-7 are free, Age 8-18 are only $5!

4-H Online

What clinic/workshop would you like to attend this summer?

Babysitting

Beef

Cake Decorating

Ceramics

Chicken

Electricity

Entrepreneurship

Fishing

Food Preservation

Gardening

Genealogy

Goat

Horse

Leather Work

Pie Baking

Photography

Pig

Quilt of Valor

Rabbit

Rockets

Sewing

Sheep

Speech

Tractor Safety Training

Upcycle

Woodworking

- By-laws was updated from 12 to 9 adult members.
- Minimum weight for pigs to sell is 200 pounds.
- 4-H month t-shirt design contest, kids submit designs for council to vote on.
- 2 incubators will be purchased to replace non-working ones for embryology
- New sponsors for ultrasound during fair will be Kearns Cattle Co and Western Sprayers

Feb 1 - Wear your 4-H Shirt or just wear green! Share your photos with us on our Facebook page!
Feb 8 - Share a story about a 4-H Club Leader, Superintendent or other 4-H Volunteer that has made an impact on your 4-H program. https://go.unl.edu/6974
Feb 15 - Write a thank you to tell a supporter thank you for all they do to hep your 4-H program!
Feb 22 - Give back to your community - READ BELOW to see what we're doing to give back to our community!
Feb 29 - To enroll in 4-H go to https://4honline.com/ Tell your friends! If they have questions about our 4-H Program, have them fill out our Google Form: https://forms.gle/VNepeJtwuVr2fNm78

4-H MONTH IS HERE - LETS MAKE SOME CARDS FOR THE NURSING HOME!

4-H Month is a great time to give back to others in the community. One group that sometimes gets forgotten about are residents of nursing homes. Feelings of loneliness can be decreased after receiving mail. So this year for 4-H month we are encouraging 4-H members to send cards to residents in

the nursing home. Attached are card templates that can be used or draw one of your own. We would like to have cards dropped off at the nursing homes for Valentines Day so please plan to deliver them to the Extension Office by February 12th. When sending a card to someone in the nursing home you may not have a personal connection with that person and may not know what their preferences are so for your message it can be an uplifting quote or wishes such as:
“Sending you warm wishes and letting you know someone out there is caring about you.”
Here are some other things to consider:

- Do not include your personal information like last name, address, email address
- Keep messages generic and nonreligious
- Avoid suggestion that their situation needs to be improved such as “Feel Better”
- Add fun drawings

Here are some suggestions of what to put in your card:

- Wishing you a wonderful day!
- Thinking about you!
- For someone who’s special and wonderful…
- Just a friendly little hello form me to you!
- Just felt like sharing a smile with you today!
- Sending happy thoughts your way!
- Hoping you know how special you are…
- This greeting is sent with warmest wishes to brighten your day!
- Wishing you a wonderful day to a wonderful person!
- You are loved!
- Sending sunshine

Valentine Cards Download 1.9 MB

MARKET BEEF WEIGH IN

All youth planning to exhibit a market beef animal at the Sheridan County Fair has the opportunity for the animal to be tagged and weighed in at the Sheridan County Livestock Market, February 4, 2024, 1:00-3:00 pm.

Nebraska State Fair/AKSARBEN: All livestock in contention to exhibit at the 2024 Nebraska State Fair and/or the Aksarben Stock Show will be required to submit a DNA nomination. All 4-H/FFA BREEDING livestock, market livestock and FEEDER

CALVES will now be required to submit a DNA sample/envelope to be eligible to exhibit at the Nebraska State Fair.
DNA nominations for the Nebraska State Fair are due on June 15, 2024. Any DNA nomination submitted through Show Stock Manager will also be eligible for exhibition at the Aksarben Stock Show.

Members who cannot make the weigh in date may attend the Dawes County Market Beef weigh-ins if necessary. If attending the alternative weigh in, members must notify the beef superintendents and the office.
Dawes County Beef Weigh-in – February 17 from 9:00 - Noon in Crawford

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CLOVER BUD MEETING

- Rushville Clover Bud meeting will be February 27, 3:30-4:15
- Gordon Clover Bud meeting will be February 13, 3:30-4:30
- Hay Springs Clover Bud meeting will be February 26, 4:00-4:45

Clover Bud members are youth between the ages of 5 and 7 as of January 1st, 2024. Upon participating in these workshops, youth will have Clover Bud projects to display at the 2024 Sheridan County Fair. To register your child for these FREE events please contact the Nebraska Extension Sheridan County office at (308) 327-2312.

SEW FUN

Free sewing classes are held February 19th at the Extension office in Rushville from 9:00 - 12:00 or 1:00 - 4:00pm or February 16th at the Hay Springs School from 1:00 - 4:00 pm! Beginning sewers will be learning the fundamentals and skills needed to create and design beautiful projects! Limited space is available. So please let the office know soon at mnelson82@unl.edu or 308-327-2312.

SHOOTING SPORTS

Shooting Sports practice is for BB Gun and Air Rifle. During October through December, practice is held the first and third Mondays of the month. In January they will start practicing

every Monday and start attending the Panhandle Best Shoots. Youth need to be registered for 4-H to participate. Parents need to sign waivers the first meeting. Please contact Bruce Salisbury 402-533-8859 or Donna Jech for more information.

2024 Rushville shooting sports flyer

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MONTHLY WORKSHOP - Paper Crane Lanterns

Youth will learn about the history of origami and then create paper cranes into a mobile for their room.
Age: 8-18
When: February 27, 2024, 4:30-6:30 pm
Where: Extension Office
Cost: $5
Projects:
Register Deadline: February 26
Instructor: Marie Nelson

Sumbit a Volunteer

Tips:
- Keep the design to two colors maximum
- The statement "18 USC 707" must legibly appear either to the right of the base of the stem or below the lower right leaf of the clover.
- The emblem has not been altered (including tilting, flipping, distorting, or color adaptation)
- No portion of the emblem has been covered by text or another image - The emblem is not integrated into another's logo or image
- The clover can be green with white lettering, black with white lettering, or white with black lettering.

2024 FAIR THEME CONTEST

The Sheridan County Ag Society is having a Fair Theme Contest! Please share with your youth about creating a theme for the 2024 Sheridan County Fair! Due February 29th.

Create The Fair Theme.docx

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ROBOTICS MOCK COMPETITION

On February 24, there will be a robotics mock competition in Alliance.

IMPACT AT A GLANCE

At the conclusion of every year, each Extension County Office and Program Area compile impact data and condense it into a report to share with stakeholders. Check out the Sheridan County 2023 impact below. To see other counties or see specific program area impact, go to: https://extension.unl.edu/impact/

4-H Volunteer Impact Study of Volunteers - You may be contacted

This survey is being conducted by the NCR Volunteer Specialists as a part of a multi-state effort to document the impact of volunteering. A previous survey conducted fall of 2018 clearly demonstrated the impacts volunteering with the 4-H program has on communities, youth, and volunteers. Since 2018, the 4-H volunteer impacts documented in the first study have been shared with decision makers, constituents, volunteers, and Extension professionals across the country. Like any good evaluation, after five years, it is important to identify new impacts. Examples of these impacts include:

- 86% Reported gaining skills to use in other volunteering.
- 96% Reported helping make youth ready for future careers.
- 92% Reported volunteering with 4-H makes communities stronger.

The purpose of the study is to quantify the personal, organizational, and public impacts of

volunteers involved with the 4-H Youth Development Programs in the twelve state region. The goals are to:

- Document what **individuals** feel they gain from their experiences as a 4-H volunteer.
- Investigate the **organizational** benefits our program receives from volunteers.
- Assess volunteers' beliefs about the **public value** of volunteering with the 4-H program.

This 12 state study of volunteers in the 4-H program will be conducted through an electronic survey disseminated by University of Minnesota evaluators. There will be a random sample of 1000 volunteers from our state that will be selected to participate. The survey will be distributed on **January 15** and close on **February 15**. Each state will receive state specific data. We will be sharing more information with you later this winter and next spring.

JARVIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The intent of the scholarship is to assist women who live 3 or more hours drive from Lincoln but wish to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Applicant must reside in Love Memorial Cooperative Residence Hall on East Campus. If you have questions email Gloria Turnbull at gloria.turnbull@windstream.net. Application deadline: postmarked or email a PDF file no later than **March 15, 2024**.

Jarvis Application - 2024.pdf

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SHERIDAN COUNTY 4-H MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship eligibility is for high school seniors enrolled in the Sheridan County 4-H program and planning to enroll in any post-secondary education institution. This is a $500 scholarship. The scholarship awards one graduating senior who has excelled in their involvement with the 4-H program. The basis for selection acknowledges the leadership role the youth have taken on within the Sheridan County 4-H Program.

Note: Form is available on https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/northernpanhandle/sheridan-county-4-h-0/ as a Word Document. Form can be submitted by e-mail or mail.

Conditions of acceptance:
Seniors must plan to enroll in post-secondary education immediately following graduation from high school and submit a list of classes when they are enrolled.

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2024 Memorial Scholarship Application.pdf 264.5 KB

SUMMER CAMP 2024

The summer 2024 theme is **The Power of Being Green.** Youth will get to explore and interact with their natural world in six different sessions. Youth will learn how they can use their head, heart, hands, and health to make our natural world a better place for all. The 2024 sessions offer tailored age cohorts, providing sessions for younger campers between the ages of 8-10, and an older cohort for ages 10-14. Families can find dates, session summaries, and registration information by visiting https://4h.unl.edu/camps-register.

Nebraska 4-H Livestock Achievement Program

We are excited to announce the fourth year of the Nebraska 4-H Livestock Achievement Program. This additional opportunity for enrolled livestock project youth, 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.
The program consists of three levels that require 4-H members to plan and report a broad range of age-appropriate and project-related accomplishments. For each level, the Livestock Achievement Program provides a list of accomplishments from which 4-H members choose their goals. Each accomplishment is worth a specific number of points. Junior 8-9 submits pictures, poster, presentation, and other learning activities to receive the distinction of Junior Member of Excellence, no point value, Intermediates, ages 10-13, must complete 100 points worth of activities to receive the distinction of Intermediate Member of Excellence. Seniors, ages 14-18, must complete 150 points worth of activities to receive the distinction of Senior Member of Excellence. The Plan and Reports, linked on the webpage, show examples of the project related accomplishments they can choose, or they can identify their own with approval of their local educator.

Applications/Sign up are due June 15th through the application form link on the website. Plan and Reports, as well as Project Records will be due August 1 via the completion form on the website.
Youth completing the achievement program and receiving member of excellence recognition in the various species will be recognized during the Parade of Champions, 4-H weekend at

the Nebraska State Fair.

For more information or to apply, go to: Livestock Achievement Program | Nebraska 4-H (unl.edu)

Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic Livestock Judging Contest

The contest will be held in Kearney on Saturday, Feb. 17th with the entry deadline being Feb. 5th. All details and entry information can be found using the following link https://nebraskaclassic.org/winter-edition/judging-contest.php. We look forward to another great contest this year with an outstanding dinner and set of awards to follow.

This is an online horse judging camp for anyone thinking about giving horse judging a try! The camp includes at-home assignments, reasons critique, 4 interactive virtual meetings, quizzes, and certificate of completion! Participants have the opportunity to submit videos of oral reasons for feedback. Recorded sessions, class videos and supplemental materials will be available for 6 months. Experts from 3 universities will be online each session to discuss classes and interact with you.

Topics/classes covered include:

Feb 8- Performance Halter- Dr. Steven Cooper, Oklahoma State University

Feb 15- Oral reasons - Dr. Casie Bass, Purdue University

Feb 22 Reining- Dr. Alyssa Logan- Middle Tennessee State University

Feb 29 Western Riding- Dr. Kathy Anderson- University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Dates: February 8, 15, 22 and 29

Time: 7-8:30 pm Eastern time, 6-7:30pm Central time

Cost is $50

Corn Yield Challenge for 4-H and FFA Members

Exciting news! We're thrilled to introduce the Corn Yield Challenge – a premier contest inviting participation from 4-H members (aged 8 and older as of January 1st) and FFA members (in-school members). Join us on this journey to explore every aspect of corn production and discover the exciting world of agricultural careers associated with it. For detailed guidelines and participation information, please visit Corn Challenge Webpage or contact Brandy VanDeWalle at brandy.vandewalle@unl.edu. Let's grow together! #CornYieldChallenge #4H #FFA #NeIYCC @NECornBoard @UNLExtension

The Nebraska Extension Special Agronomy Project gives 4-H members an opportunity to experience a crop that is grown, was grown or has the potential to be grown in Nebraska. Youth participate by receiving seed and resources to grow the crop, research traits of the crop and determine the viability of that crop in the part of the state they live. The project allows 4-H members interested in agronomy to grow something fun, new, and different. This year, we honor a crop grown in the panhandle!
In the fourth year of the special agronomy project, youth will explore sugar beets! Sugar beets are a major contributor to the U.S. sweetener industry and occur in a vast range of different food products. Be eligible to enter an exhibit at both the County and/or State Fair in the agronomy project area.

Enroll for the 2024 Special Agronomy Project through 4-H Online by enrolling in the Agronomy project and contacting your local Nebraska Extension Office to order packets of seeds. The local Extension Office will order and distribute the seeds to members.

Photo entries will be weekly opportunities for 4-H members to showcase their photography skills based on different categories. Entries will be uploaded to the Nebraska 4-H Website link (4h.unl.edu/photography-showcase) by midnight on Sundays starting on February 11th. Watch the Nebraska 4-H Facebook and Instagram pages for the weekly theme categories. Winners will be announced later in the week with their photo on social media. There will be 4-H Swag prizes given to all category winners.

These people are YOUR voice! Please contact any of them if you have an idea for a new or existing event or activity, have concerns with the program, or just want to have input in the decision-making process.

4-H Foundation:
David Russell, Wendy Andersen, Michelle Heck, Nicole Janssen, Jake Scott, Kami Scott, Marie Nelson, Melissa Mracek

4-H Council:
President - Zach Kearns
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Youth Members: Kirsten Heck, Jaxon Kearns, Wyatt Fedderson, Kyler Vincent

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Livestock Educator - We are hiring!

https://employment.unl.edu/postings/88726?fbclid=IwAR3SUxjR8kujqSV7zT6Jk1CfqinuA_ge0PDtWvSi8VFoY3EJZmRfpQYkvQw

Rural Prosperity Nebraska Educator - We are hiring!

https://employment.unl.edu/postings/89634

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