



Updates and Reminders

- Special Garden Project seeds are in!
- Check out the Equine and Cat Webinars
- Online Market Beef Nominations, DNA, Premises ID, & Non Rate-of-Gain ID's are due April 15.
- Early Bird registration for the Big Red Summer Camps and the Nebraska 4-H Summer Camps is April 15.
- NAYI Applications must be postmarked by April 15. The selection of delegates to this Institute is based on an application form that is available at <http://www.nda.nebraska.gov/nayi/>.
- Now is a good time to complete the online YQCA course or take written tests for Horse Levels. Please call the office to set up a time for the Horse Level tests so one can be ready for you.



4-H GROWS HERE

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

- * 4-H Enrollments for ALL members and volunteers are **DUE by 4:30 p.m., April 13th, 2018.** (Information on how to enroll and re-enroll is located on our website under the Piece County 4-H tab or feel free to call the office with any questions)
- * All volunteers, members, and council members (including Clover Kids) will complete their enrollments online.
- * Dues are \$5 for regular members and \$2 for Clover Buds (ages 5-8) and will need to be paid at the Extension office or to your Club leader, **NOT** on-line.
- * Please make certain to complete an enrollment form if you are leading or helping to lead an organized 4-H club or your family club.
- * Nebraska Extension asks ALL volunteers to be screened through the Department of Health and Human Services for child abuse and neglect. The database is updated every four years on a district rotation. Our district was updated two years ago, so only new volunteers or those who didn't complete the process last year need to be updated this year.
- * If you have and problems or questions please feel free to call and ask!

All 4-H clubs please remember to submit your year-end treasurer's report and bank statement to the Extension Office!

New for 2018: Club leaders and members will order their own materials. Go to <https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu> and search for your project area. You will find a list of curriculum for that project under the Resources heading. Clicking the name of the manual will take you directly to the website where you can learn more about the content and to purchase it. The Extension Office has some file copies if you would like to look at a manual.

Websites:

National 4-H: <https://shop4-h.org> (choose curriculum)

The new Food's curriculum can be found here.

All curriculum is 25% off April 1-30 on this site.

Nebraska 4-H: <http://marketplace.unl.edu>

(choose 4-H Youth Development, then curriculum)



In April, 4-Hers across the nation will participate as True Leaders in Service in multiple community service projects, culminating in a National 4-H Day of Service on Saturday, April 28, 2018. How will you become True Leaders in Service? Sign up at

<https://4-h.org/get-involved/true-leaders-in-service/>

Animal Science Experience

Wednesday April 18th at East Campus. This is a great opportunity

for high school students to go and see what it's like to be an animal science student for a day. They will have the opportunity to sit in on a lecture, do a hands-on lab with a faculty member, eat lunch in the union and tour the facilities. The registration link is in the flyer and I've also included it here: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1fA50jJDnBX11Dd2nd0YIYug37dNAkF3btCKmhL4G4ng>

Please complete registration buy April 11th.

N	DID YOU KNOW?
	There is a program for high school students to take real college classes taught by real college professors to earn real college credit? The program is called Nebraska Now. For more information go to https://go.unl.edu/nebnow

Pierce County Shooting Sports Dates

BB Gun/Air Rifle

Time will be 1:00 unless noted

All meeting will be at the City Auditorium In Pierce

- Apr. 8-Practice
- May 20-Practice
- June 17-Practice
- July 15-Fair Shoot

Blue Birds Across Nebraska Nature Hunt & Blue Bird Workshop presented by the Corps of Discovery Welcome Center

Start the morning of April 21st at 9am, with the Nature Hunt. Participants will have the opportunity to check out our blue bird trail as well as travel around the welcome center searching for hidden trivia questions relating to not only Blue Birds, but native plants, animals, and other fun facts about the great outdoors and the region. Participants will return indoors for presentation and kit building. Cost is \$30, please register by April 10th.



Tractor Safety Training

The 2018 Tractor Safety Training is scheduled for June 19-20 at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. Any youth 14-15 years of age who work on a farm or ranch other than his/her parents' is required to be certified through a tractor safety course. Extension Educators and field specialists will teach the 2-day course. Cost is \$60, which includes materials, lunch both days, and snacks at breaks. Registration is due June 8. For details or to register, contact the Extension Office.



Power of Wind Art Show

The second annual Power of Wind Art Show will be held at the Kimmel Education & Research Center in Nebraska City April 23 — April 28. Youth interested in exhibiting in the Power of Wind area of the county fair should consider exhibiting at the Power of Wind Art Show, classes for the Art Show are based upon 4-H classes. For more information, go to <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/kimmel/power-of-wind-art-show/>

There are classes for both youth and adults....entries last year came from all over the United States as well as 18 other countries.

Youth Horticulture ID Contest

The Northeast Nebraska Master Gardeners will be hosting a Youth Horticulture ID Contest at their annual Plant Fair & Market. All youth ages 8-18 are encouraged to participate.

Participation is free but all participants must preregister by April 20 by contacting the Nebraska Extension office in Madison County 402-370-4040. Prizes will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers in each of the age brackets.

Contestants will be required to sight ID horticultural plants to the accepted common name. The list of possible plants and study guides are available at <http://madison.unl.edu/theplantfair>

Contest Details

Date: Friday, April 27, 2018

Time: Competition begins 6:15 PM

Awards Presented: 7:30 PM

Location: Chuck Pohlman Ag Complex,
Northeast Community College, Norfolk

Prizes:

1st Place - \$25 cash AND \$25 gift certificate
for the Master Gardener Plant Booths

2nd Place - \$10 cash AND \$15 gift
certificate for the Master Gardener Plant
Booths

3rd Place - \$10 gift certificate for the
Master Gardener Plant Booths

Age Brackets

Junior – 8-11 years old

Intermediate – 12-14 years old

Senior – 15-18 years old

National Volunteer Week

Volunteers are an essential part of our 4-H program. They don't expect to be rewarded for their efforts, so it is especially gratifying when we are able to reward them with recognition. National Volunteer Week is an excellent time to give our 4-H volunteers a little extra boost! It is also a chance for the community to become aware of the value and dedication of 4-H volunteers to our program. Please consider doing something for your volunteer leaders during the week of April 15-21



Nebraska 4-H and Joann Fabric Stores

Want to see more Nebraska kids learning by doing, creating and making. Thousands of local 4-H members, staff, volunteers and supporters will join with JOANN customers to ensure more kids get that chance through a new Paper Clover campaign to bring hands-on 4-H programs to Nebraska.

The JOANN Fabric Paper Clover campaign kicked off in 865 JOANN Fabric stores nationwide in February and will extend through March 31, 2018. Supporters will have a chance to show their support by purchasing \$1 and \$4 Paper Clovers to equip local Clubs with resources to reach more kids in need. With the \$4 Paper Clover, customers will also receive a coupon for \$4 off their next purchase.

Much like the funds previously raised through the National 4-H Council Tractor Supply promotion, funds raised from the JOANN Fabric stores Paper Clover campaign in our state will be given back to the Nebraska 4-H Foundation. The funds given to the Nebraska 4-H Foundation will be used for scholarships to support 4-H youth from all areas of the state who will be attending camp or other leadership activities.

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Youth Volunteer Opportunity

The Northeast Nebraska Master Gardeners could use your help. They hold an annual Plant Fair & Market at the Northeast Community College Chuck Pohlman Ag Complex in Norfolk and need volunteers to help with getting the patron's items out to their vehicles. Wagons will be available. The plant fair is Friday, April 27, 5:30-9:00 pm and Saturday, April 28, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Call the Nebraska Extension Office in Madison County at 402-370-4040 by April 20 to sign up for a time that would work for you.



4-H Club of the Month

The Nebraska 4-H Foundation and Nebraska 4-H Ambassadors have joined together to start a program which recognizes 4-H clubs throughout the state of Nebraska. Any 4-H club may nominate themselves to be the Club of the Month. Nominations are due the second Friday of the month before the club will be the Club of the Month. The club who is chosen to be Club of the Month will receive a \$50 cash card from the Nebraska 4-H Foundation and their story will be showcased on the Nebraska 4-H Foundation's Facebook, Twitter, and website along with the State 4-H website and Facebook and in their local newspaper.

Nomination forms can be found at <http://ne4hfoundation.org/recognition/>

Completed forms can be emailed to <http://ne4hclubofthemonth@gmail.com>

“Makin’ Bacon ... and a WHOLE Lot More!” is scheduled to take place at the University of Nebraska Animal Science Department. The conference will be conducted Wed., May 30 (start ~ 1 pm) through Friday, June 1 (end ~ noon). This program is geared toward high school aged youth, 16 years of age or older. Students who will be graduating in 2018 are welcome and encouraged to join us!

Youth will grade pork carcasses, fabricate pork carcasses into wholesale and retail cuts, and exercise basic culinary methods on a variety of different pork products. In addition, youth will learn about value enhancement and processed meats, food safety. They’ll learn about production technology, industry issues, and how to advocate for their industry. Intermixed throughout, youth will participate in fun and engaging life skills activities, and they will interact with industry leaders.



All of this, and there is **NO COST** to participate! Other than the youth’s transportation to and from Lincoln, all other costs including lodging, meals, and conference materials are covered! It’s a really good deal, but we are limited to 32 youth.

You may direct youth to <http://www.nepork.org/makin-bacon-whole-lot/> where they can read more about the program and to apply online. Online applications (including a reference letter) are due Friday, April 13.

LIVESTOCK PREMISES IDENTIFICATION

All 4-H and FFA market animals with an EID tag are required to have a Premises ID. A Premises ID can be obtained through the Nebraska Department of Agriculture and should correlate to the location in which livestock are kept/housed permanently.

- A. Only one Premises ID is necessary for a family with multiple exhibitors (provided livestock are housed at the same location).
- B. Only one Premises ID is necessary for an exhibitor that shows multiple species (provided livestock is housed at the same location).
- C. Any exhibitor that has completed Quality Assurance or YQCA and exhibited an animal with an EID tag at the Pierce County Fair will have a Premises ID.
- D. Premises ID numbers must be turned into the Extension Office by April 15 (market beef exhibitors) and June 15 (all other species).

Horse Shows, Livestock Judging contests, Progress Shows

Contact the Extension office for more details

Saunders County Beef Progress Show– April 21st, Wahoo NE	4-H Horse Show– June 10th, Wahoo NE
Hayes County 4-H & FFA Livestock Judging contest– May 7th, Hayes Center NE	Sheridan County Goat, Beef, & Sheep 4-H Progress Show– June 10th, Gordon NE
Bits N Spurs 4-H Horse Show –June 9th, McCook NE	Dawes County Goat, Beef, & Sheep 4-H Progress Show– June 16th, Chadron NE
Progress Beef Show– June 9th, Sidney NE	

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April

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4-H Dues and
Enrollment Due

15 16 17 18 19 20 21

Market
Beef ID/
DNA Due

Purina Feed
Meeting

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May

11th State & District horse Id forms due

28th Memorial Day-Office Closed

30th Wayne Quality Assurance