



### Reminders

- Please cash your fair checks!
- 2018 Pierce County Fair will be August 1st – 5th
- Pick up Achievement Day Awards and your State Fair Exhibits
- Nominate your club for the Nebraska 4-H Club of the Month at <http://ne4hfoundation.org/recognition/>

### **Market Beef Weigh-In**

4-H Market Beef Weigh Day will be held Saturday, February 3rd, at 9:30 A.M. at the Don and Audra Huwaldts farm located one and one-half miles east of Osmond on Highway 20. All 4-H members who plan to exhibit market beef (steer or heifer) must bring their animal to Weigh Day. 4-Hers ages 10 and up who plan to exhibit market beef at State Fair or AK-Sar-Ben will also have a DNA specimen taken from their steer or heifer. Parents and 4-H members should both be present. Please plan to pay all costs on Weigh Day. DNA specimens are \$6 per head and will be paid online when registering. Should the weather turn bad, we will have a snow date of Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **4-H GROWS HERE**

March 4-10th is 4-H Awareness Week! This year's Window Decorating theme is "4-H Grows Great Leaders." Judging will take place on the 5th, but be sure to let the office know where you decorated at. And don't forget to wear your 4-H shirt to school or work on the 7th!

### ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

- \* 4-H Enrollments for ALL members and volunteers are **DUE by 5 p.m., April 13th, 2018**. (Information on how to enroll and re-enroll is located on our website under the Pierce 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.
- \* The 4-H planning Meeting will take place on Monday February 6th, 2018 at 7 pm in the Extension Office Conference Room. This is your opportunity to help shape the 2018 project year. Bring your ideas to help plan for the future of 4-H in Pierce County!
- \* If you have any 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!**

## Pierce County Public Speaking Contest

"4-H Grows True Leaders" will be the theme for this year's Public Service Announcement (PSA) Division at the Pierce County Public Speaking Contest. Plan a speech or record a PSA to participate. The Pierce County contest will take place Tuesday March 13 at 7:00 pm in the Pierce County meeting room. Regional Competition is May 24, at the Lifelong Learning Center in Norfolk. Check out the Public Speaking website at <http://4h.unl.edu/public-speaking> for details. The Pierce County Contest will also have an age division for Clover Buds, ages 5-8. Jr. Division ages are 8-10. Intermediate division ages are 11-13.

Senior Division ages are 14-18.

The Tri-City Storm in Kearney are inviting you to a night of fun out at the hockey rink! On February 10th we are having our Ag Appreciation Night. We will be honoring all the people involved in the Ag Community and would love to have some of you all in attendance. Just call the box office and use the code word "4-H" to receive a discounted ticket price of \$11 for adults and only \$5 for kids. Groups of 30 or more will receive a free popcorn voucher! Don't miss this incredible opportunity to share an experience as a group and enjoy some hockey!



Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic Livestock Judging Contest is Sat. Feb. 24th in Kearney! Early registration is due Feb. 5! Contact the Extension Office for more info!

Lancaster County is hosting a Spring Rabbit Show on Saturday March 17th, at 9 am. This is a great opportunity to learn and practice your showmanship!

Contact the office for more information.

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**Mrs. Chloe Jarvis Memorial Scholarship:** Deadline: postmarked no later than March 15, 2018.

Contact the Extension Office to check eligibility and for an application.

Be sure to check out <http://ne4hfoundation.org/recognition/> and <https://www.americasfarmers.com/grow-ag-leaders/>.

Make plans to come check out the brand new Foods Curriculum and projects for 2018! There will be a workshop on Monday, February 12th from 6:30-8 at the Life Long Learning Center. All are welcome to join.

This workshop will go over all the updated foods Curriculum and Food Preservation Manuals and all the new projects!



Please RSVP by February 9th by emailing Kristen Sindelar at [kgrant3@unl.edu](mailto:kgrant3@unl.edu) or by calling (402) 370-4040



If you are you interested in showing at districts or state, levels 1&2 must be completed. For Pierce County fair all 4-H horse exhibitors must have, at a minimum, passed Horse Level I. The NEW Online Advancement Level 1 & 2 Study Courses will be a great resource to prepare to take the written and skills portion of the advancement level program. The course gives youth a two month subscription to the online resources. <https://4h.unl.edu/horse/advancement>

### **4-H Companion Animal Challenge:**

The 4-H Companion Animal Challenge will be held on Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup> at the Animal Science Complex. Contests include: Dog Skill-a thon, Dog Quiz bowl, Companion Animal Demonstration Contest, Companion Animal Art and Photography Contests. It will be held the same day as the 4-H Horse Stampede so that youth can compete in both events if they choose. We will ensure there are not schedule conflicts. Entries are due to me by Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>. For more information and registration forms: <https://4h.unl.edu/companion-animal/challenge>

## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Innovative Youth Corn Challenge

Do you enjoy being outside? Learning new things about crops? Considering a career involving crops, insects, diseases, soils, water or more? Do you want to help figure out how to feed our world's growing population in a sustainable way?

Nebraska Extension and the Nebraska Corn Board are offering the seventh Innovative Youth Corn Challenge contest. This contest, open to 4-H members (age 10 & older as of Jan. 1st) or FFA members (in-school members), guides participants through all aspects of corn production, as well as agricultural careers related to corn production. Compete as a team for cash prizes.



To participate in 2018, youth must complete and return an entry form by March 15<sup>th</sup> to the Fillmore County Extension Office in Geneva, NE. Forms can be downloaded after January 1<sup>st</sup> at [cropwatch.unl.edu/youth/activities](http://cropwatch.unl.edu/youth/activities). For more information, contact Brandy VanDeWalle at [brandy.vandewalle@unl.edu](mailto:brandy.vandewalle@unl.edu).

## Youth Crop Scouting Competition

Nebraska Extension also offers the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Crop Scouting Competition for Nebraska youth. This contest is at the ARDC near Mead, Nebraska on July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The event includes indoor and outdoor events. Teams of junior high and high school students (those completing 7-12<sup>th</sup> grades) are invited to participate. Compete as a team of three to five participants with an adult leader for cash prizes.

More information about at [cropwatch.unl.edu/youth](http://cropwatch.unl.edu/youth).

Teams must be registered by July 16<sup>th</sup>. This program is sponsored by DuPont Pioneer, Nebraska Independent Crop Consultant Association and Nebraska Extension.

## State Fair and Aksarben Changes

**\*Applies to State Fair Entries only\***

- There will no longer be a breeding nomination card because that information will be submitted online into the AKSARBEN database by exhibitors.
- All sheep and goats must have a scrapie tag. The 982 EID tags can be used, but they will not be required nor will they serve as the primary ID. All market wethers will require a scrapie tag. All market hogs and breeding swine (FFA only), market and feeder cattle must have an 840 EID tag and breeding heifers must have a tattoo.
- Exhibitors will be responsible for submitting their animal information into the AKSARBEN livestock database online themselves prior to the nomination deadline.

\*Youth Dairy, 4-H Poultry, 4-H Rabbit and 4-H Dog will follow the same identification requirements as in past years.

## Pierce County Shooting Sports Dates

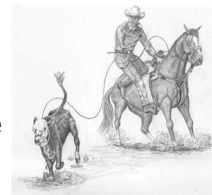
BB Gun/Air Rifle

Time will be 1:00 unless noted

All meeting will be at the City Auditorium In Pierce

Feb. 11– Practice	Beatrice
Feb. 24–Set up for invite 6:30	Apr. 8–Practice
Feb. 25–Invite	May 20–Practice
Mar. 11– Practice	June 17–Practice
Mar. 17/18–State at	July 15–Fair Shoot

4-H roping clinic will be held March 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> in Grand Island. Registration is due by March 16<sup>th</sup>. Contact the office for more information and registration .



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# FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Market Beef Weigh-In
4	5	6 4-H Planning Meeting	7	8 Cat Club webinar on Feb 8th at 5:30 p.m.	9 	10
11	12 Foods Workshop Equine webinar on Feb 12 at 6:00 p.m.	13	14 	15	16	17
18	19 Office Closed 	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			

## March



- 4-10th 4-H Appreciation Week
- 7th Wear your 4-H shirt to school
- 9th Speech Registrations Due
- 13th 4-H Speech Contest
- 17th St. Patrick's Day



### DID YOU KNOW?

#### VISIT CAMPUS

Take a look at the event list at <https://admissions.unl.edu/visit/> to see which event may work best for you.