



**Reminders**

- **2018 Pierce County Fair will be August 1st – 5th**
- Pick up Achievement Day Awards and your State Fair Exhibits
- Don't forget to cash your fair checks!
- Nominate your club for the Nebraska 4-H Club of the Month at <http://ne4hfoundation.org/recognition/>



**Upcoming events**

Cat Club webinar on Jan. 11th at 6:00 p.m.

Equine webinar on Jan 8th at 6:00 p.m.

**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. Should the weather turn bad, we will have a snow date of Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>.

**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 and 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!**

## 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

Jan. 14– Practice	Mar. 17/18-State at Beatrice
Jan. 28-Practice	Apr. 8-Practice
Feb. 11– Practice	May 20-Practice
Feb. 24-Set up for invite 6:30	June 17-Practice
Feb. 25-Invite	July 15-Fair Shoot
Mar. 11– Practice	

## Special Garden Project

This year the Special Garden Project is focused on the unique, Delft Blue Nigella. Delft Blue Nigella is named for the famous Dutch Delft blue pottery. They have unique, 1½ - 2" flowers with blue splashes on flower petals in varying shades of blue and gray, and intricate deep-purple centers. Unusual seed pods are also used in fresh or dried arrangements.



Please let the Extension Office know if you are interested by Jan. 30th so we can order seeds. Also you must enroll in this project through 4-H online.



The interactive, web-based Nebraska 4-H Pick Your Project is found online at <http://4hcurriculum.unl.edu>. Using the Pick Your Project you will be able to search for projects by keywords, curriculum areas, knowledge levels, and geographic level.

As an added feature, the web-based Pick Your Project contains the same project codes that are shown in the [4HOnline Enrollment](#) system, making it easier to match the 4-H projects in the Pick Your Project with the projects you are enrolling in through 4HOnline.

Explore over 150 Nebraska 4-H projects through the Nebraska 4-H Pick Your Project and find the 4-H projects that will help you grow throughout 2018!

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## Mrs. Chloe 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.

Application 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/>.

## 4-H and Open Poultry and Rabbit Clinic and Rabbit Show

Saturday January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Custer County Fairgrounds- Shooting Sports Building  
Broken Bow, Nebraska

Registration 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Poultry and Rabbit Clinic 10:00 a.m. to Noon

4-H and Open Rabbit Show 1:00 p.m.



### Learn about:

- Showmanship
- How to choose and what makes a good show animal
- What to feed your animal
- Type of housing you should have
  - Plus lots more

Clinic cost \$10 per person or \$25 for family  
(includes 2 entries per person into the show)

Show cost \$3 per animal

Bring your Best Dressed Rabbit Costume

Will Also have a Quiz Bowl area and Door Prizes

Preregistration by calling 308-870-2115

Lunch available on site

### 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.

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# JANUARY

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

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Office Closed



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14      15      16      17      18      19      20  
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State 4-H indoor archery @ Columbus

28      29      30      31

## February

- 3rd Market Beef Weigh Day
- 6th 4-H Planning Meeting
- 8th Pesticide Training
- 14th Valentines Day
- 19th Presidents' Day – Office Closed



### DID YOU KNOW?

Are you interested in exploring the University of Nebraska-Lincoln? You can go to <http://go.unl.edu/campusevents> or scan the QRL code below to check out upcoming events and schedule a tour.

