

**IN OUR GRIT, OUR GLORY.****Reminders**

- **2020 Pierce County Fair Dates**-Mark your calendars for July 29-August 2
- Scholarship guidelines and applications are available online at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/pierce/senior-scholarships/>
- **4-H Cat Club**-Check out <http://4h.unl.edu/companion-animal/cat-club> to join this month's lesson.
- **Equine webinars** -The next webinar is February 10, 6:00 p.m. and will also be recorded. Go to <https://4h.unl.edu/horse/webinar-series> to register or view recorded webinars.

**ENROLLMENT INFORMATION**—4HOnline (<https://ne.4honline.com>) is open and you can enroll at any time. Enrollment instructions are available at <https://pierce.unl.edu> | Pierce County 4-H. Enrollments are **due April 15, 2020**. If you have forgotten your password, use the "I forgot my password" option or contact the Extension Office. **DO NOT** set up a new profile.

**Please Note:** \*Emergency Contact—*please* list someone **other** than a parent/guardian (bottom of the Additional Information screen). If a situation arises, we would like to have someone to contact if a parent/guardian cannot not be reached.

\*Clubs and projects will need to be added back into profiles as they were cleared at the state level.

\*Horse Project Release—youth and parent/guardian need to complete in order to participate in the horse project.

\*Shooting Sports Release—youth and parent/guardian need to complete to participate in any shooting sports project. In addition, there must be a certified leader (in the discipline you want to do) in your 4-H Club. In order to run a club, county or multi-county 4-H shootings sports program, instructors must be certified by Nebraska 4-H. Volunteers must attend a leader certification training that are designed to cover the needed knowledge and guidelines to become a certified 4-H club instructor.

\*Enrollment Fees: 4-Hers and Clover Kids will continue to pay an fee of \$5.00 per 4-Her and \$2.00 per Clover Bud.

**Volunteer Screening-** Nebraska Extension asks all volunteers to be screened through the Department of Health and Human Services for child abuse and neglect. Volunteers are screened in order to ensure a safe, positive, and nurturing environment for all youth involved with Nebraska 4-H programs and provide protection for the child, volunteer, educator, 4-H Council, Extension Board, and Nebraska Extension. **New for 2020:** The database is updated every five years on a district rotation and Pierce County volunteers will need to complete the process for the 2019-2020 4-H year (even if you completed the process prior to October 1, 2019). Volunteers will also be responsible for covering the screening fees at the time the screening is submitted. Currently, the cost of the screening is \$5.00.

**Changes for the 2020 projects. Specific changes are not know but the following areas will have changes.**

**Additions/Changes**

- Photography (A) – Photography Basics
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- Photography (B) – Next Level Photography
  - Next Level Photography
- Photography (C) – Mastering Photography
  - Mastering Photography
- Conservation (D) 4-H Geology
  - 4-H Geology
- Conservation (A)-Outdoor 1: Hiking Trails
  - Outdoor 1 – Hiking Trails
- Conservation (B)-Outdoor 2: Camping Adventures
  - Outdoor 2 – Camping Adventures

- Conservation (C)-Outdoor 3: Backpacking Expeditions
  - Outdoor 3 -- Backpacking Expeditions

**Deletions**

- Geospatial: Exploring Spaces, Going Places CD
- GEAR-Tech-21, Year 1 and 2
- Grow a Beautiful Space 1: Youth Manual
- Grow a Beautiful Space 1: Leader's Guide
- Grow a Beautiful Space 2: Youth Manual
- Grow a Beautiful Space 2: Leader's Guide
- Grow a Beautiful Space 3: Youth Manual
- Grow a Beautiful Space 3: Leader's Guide

## Market Beef Weigh-In

4-H Market Beef Weigh Day will be held Saturday, **February 8th, at 10:00 A.M.** at Don and Audra Huwaldt's 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. Should the weather turn bad, we will have a snow date of Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Pierce County 4-H Council has been awarded grant money on behalf of Farmers Pride and Land O'Lakes to provide a PA system at the Pierce County Fairgrounds in the 4-H Livestock Arena and barns. This grant is designed to improve the community and the surrounding areas. The PA will be put in place by the 2020 Pierce County Fair.



The 4-H Photography Showcase offers a project exhibition opportunity beyond traditional print media. It is intended to help youth develop professional and technical skills as photographers while fostering creativity and encouraging self-expression. Through this opportunity, youth are encouraged to practice and apply skills learned in their photography projects throughout the year.

### How Does It Work?

Each month, a new photo will be selected from the online submissions. Selections will be made based on creativity, timeliness, technical execution, originality, and appropriateness. The selected photo will be showcased across the Nebraska 4-H social media channels, including Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Youth photographers will be credited wherever and whenever their photo is shared or published.

This opportunity is open to all enrolled 4-H members. Photo recommendations, file specifications, rules, and guidelines for participation are available online at <https://4h.unl.edu/photography-showcase>.

This year the Special Garden Project is focused on the unique Classic Magic Bachelor Button. Classic Magic Bachelor Buttons are a unique mix of plum, purple, and bicolor flowers. Not only do the flowers attract beneficial insects, the flowers are edible as well.

Please enroll for the Special Garden Project through 4-H Online. Once enrolled through 4-H Online, let the Extension Office know that you are interested so we can order enough seeds. After enrolling on 4-H Online, you will have access to the box folder with the educational materials including the growing newsletter & evaluation.



Special Garden Fair classes are 1. Educational Exhibit or 2. Cut Flowers.

## Plainview Library Makerspace

Check out the Plainview Library Innovation Micro Studio! A trained person must accompany any person wishing to use the machines. Contact the library or Bailey if you or a group would like to create a project!

December 9th-February 24th they will have a 3D Printer, Embroidery/Sewing Machine, Audio/Music Recording Kit, and Lego Mindstorms (programmable robotics kits).

## The 2020 National 4-H Beekeeping Essay Competition

Entries is now available at: <https://preservationofhoneybees.org/essays/2020-essays>.

Please submit state entries to the UNL Bee Lab ([unlbeelab@unl.edu](mailto:unlbeelab@unl.edu)) with the subject header "4H Essay Contest" by March 1, 2020. This year's topic is "Bee Survival through the Cold Season"

If you have questions please contact the Extension Office at (402) 329-4821

## Kids University

We want to hear what Kids University classes you want to see this summer! So if you have a suggestion for a class or have a project you want to learn more about contact the Extension Office! Also if you are wanting to teach a class this summer contact the Extension Office and we will work with you.



We will take all suggestions in to consideration when putting the classes together.



The 4-H Chick Days event will be held on March 14, 2020 at the UNL Animal Science Complex in Lincoln, Nebraska. The event offers a variety of 4-H poultry and food science contests, including poultry quiz bowl, omelet cookery, speech, egg decorating, and photography contests. The event is designed to encourage youth to explore what poultry and food science industries have to offer. Learn more: <https://4h.unl.edu/chick-days>



Do you know what it takes to pick the best fruit and vegetables out at the grocery store? Or do you know what judges are looking for when they judge your plants at the county fair? Have you ever wondered, what plant is that?! We are excited to offer the opportunity to learn these and other important horticulture skills through the Online Horticulture Contest. The contest will be available June 5-22, 2020 at: <https://go.unl.edu/hortcontest>.



Horticulture judging contest consists of three parts. The first is identification of plant material, second is a knowledge portion, third portion is judging or placings.

More details at: <https://4h.unl.edu/online-horticulture-judging-contest>

### 2020 NAYI

The Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute (NAYI) is a weeklong experience for high school juniors and seniors from across Nebraska to learn more about career opportunities within agriculture. This conference features speakers, workshops, agricultural education, networking with peers and industry leaders, professional development, leadership experience, fun and new friends! Dates for 2020 are July 6-10th. For more details visit [nda.nebraska.gov/nayi](http://nda.nebraska.gov/nayi)



### 2020 District Horse Shows

4-H'ers must have passed [Horsemanship Advancement Level II](#) by May 10 in order to participate at a district show. District classes are held as qualifiers for corresponding classes at the [State 4-H Horse Expo](#). District show classes include Hunter Under Saddle, Western Pleasure, Hunt Seat Equitation, Western Horsemanship, Reining, Barrels, and Poles.

- Monday, June 15-Scottsbluff
- Tuesday, June 16-Burwell
- Wednesday, June 17-Columbus
- Thursday, June 18-Lincoln
- Friday, June 19-McCook



District shows are held at the representative fairgrounds and start at 9:00 AM with check-in between 7:30 and 8:00 AM.

## Shooting Sports

- **Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop** January 18-19, 2020 at the Nebraska Game and Parks Outdoor Education Center, Lincoln. **Reg. due Jan. 8.**

## Horse

- **Horse Judging School**—March 7, 2020, UNL Animal Science Complex, Lincoln. The school is for horse show judges, aspiring judges, judging team coaches, and youth. There will be classroom demonstrations as well as live classes to judge. Topics include Western Pleasure, Horsemanship, and Speed Events. Presenters include Dr. Kathy Anderson, Dr. Lena Luck, and Brooke Parrish. More information and to register go to <https://animalscience.unl.edu/horse-judging-school> Early registration fee (deadline is Feb. 29) is \$30 (Youth) and \$40 (Adults). At the door fee: Youth \$40 and Adults \$50.
- **4-H Adult/Leader Advancement Level Workshop**—March 8, 2020, UNL Animal Science Complex, Lincoln. This workshop is geared towards helping adults Extension personnel, volunteers, and leaders have a better understanding and knowledge to work with the youth in their area to pass advancement levels. Topics include advanced riding maneuvers, feed charts, nutrition, first aid, and much more! Registration includes materials and lunch.
- **4-H Youth 3 & 4 Advancement Level Workshop**—March 8, 2020, UNL Animal Science Complex, Lincoln. This workshop is for 4-Hers that have passed their Level 2 and want to move on to Levels 3 and 4. During the workshop youth will prepare their feed chart, health chart and learn how to work with their horse to prepare for performing advance maneuvers required to pass their level Level 3 and/or 4. Registration includes lunch, materials, and access to a Level 3 study guide. Early registration fee (deadline is Feb. 24) is \$40. At the door fee: \$50. For more information and registration for either Advancement Level Workshop go to <https://4h.unl.edu/horse/advancement#workshops>
- **4-H Horse Stampede**—March 28, UNL Animal Science Contest, Lincoln. For youth ages 10-18. Contests include Horse Bowl, Demonstration, Photography, Art, and Speech. Contest rules and entry information are available at <https://4h.unl.edu/horse/stampede> and the Extension Office. Entries are due Mar. 6.

## Livestock

- **Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic Judging Contest**—Saturday, Feb. 15, Buffalo County Fairgrounds, Kearney. Information is available at <https://cattlemens.org/> and the Extension Office. Entries are due on or before **Feb. 5.**

### January

18th-19th-Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop  
20th-Extension Office Closed-Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
28th-4-H Superintendent Meeting

### February

8th-Market Beef Weigh-in  
10th-4-H Council Meeting 7:30  
15th-Market Beef Weigh-in **Snow Date**



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