Pierce County 4-H Newsletter
November 2019

Reminders

- Dues must be paid before your county fair premium checks will be mailed.
- Please remember to write and send a thank you note to all trophy donors. Donors appreciate hearing from the recipients of their awards.
- State Fair exhibits are ready for pick up at the Extension Office.

4-H Achievements

Congratulations to all our Pierce County 4-H Award recipients! Our 4-H Achievement Ceremony is an event to honor and recognize our amazing 4-Her's, leaders and volunteers! Thank you to all who were able to make it!
You can find the program with all of the recognition and award winners here: https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/pierce/2019-4-h-achievement-day-program/

Special Recognition goes to
**Heart of 4-H: Mark and Julie Oltjenbruns
**Outstanding Alumni: Kevin Flesner
**Outstanding Achievement Application: Brandon Thomsen
**Outstanding 4-H Exhibitor: Zachary Alderson
**Outstanding 4-H Member: Rachel Fenton

Also, receiving recognition is our
**4-H Council
**2020 4-H Seniors
**Clover Buds, 1st year, 5th year, and 10th year members
**Pierce County 4-H leaders
**Special State Fair Awards
**Writers of the Norfolk Daily News 4-H Special Edition
**Shooting Sport Competitors
**Achievement Application Winners
**Diamond Clover Winners
**Pierce County Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to all of our award winners! Your certificates and awards are in the Extension Office.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Achievement Day program and this 4-H year great!

4-H ONLINE IS OPEN

Go to https://ne.4honline.com to enroll for 2020.
Passwords: 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.

Projects and clubs will need to be added back into profiles as they were cleared at the state level.

New/Revised Projects for 2020 include:

Photography	Conservation
Photography Basics - Level 1	Outdoor Skills
Next Level Photography – Level 2	4-H Geology
Mastering Photography – Level 3	Outdoor 1
	Outdoor 2
	Outdoor 3

Enrollment Fees: 4-Hers dues are $5 and Clover Buds dues are $2

Volunteer Screening

All new and returning Pierce County volunteers must be screened this year. It continues to be an online process but it is slightly different in that volunteers will go directly to a Department of Health and Human Services website instead of waiting for an email from them. Instructions will be emailed and will be made available within 4HOnline and will be shared as volunteers enroll. Another change is there is now a $5.00/ person fee that will be paid online during the screening process.

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

Nebraska 4-H Camp Registration is open at https://4h.unl.edu/camps-centers/summer-camp/register. Register before December 31, 2019 and receive a limited edition camp sweatshirt.

High School Seniors

Scholarship guidelines and applications are available online at https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/pierce/senior-scholarships/

The Nebraska Association of Fair Managers (Martha and Don Romeo Scholarship) will award a $500 scholarship to one qualifying 4-H male and a $500 scholarship to one qualifying 4-H female who are graduating seniors and plan to continue with a post high school education. Applications are due by **4:30 p.m., December 2.**

Plainview Library Makerspace

Check out the Plainview Library Innovation Micro Studio! Now until December 8th they have a Laser Cutter, Camera/Video/Green Screen Kit, Laminator/label Maker, and SparkFun, Arduino Starter Kit, Soldering.

A trained person must accompany any person wishing to use the machines. Bailey is trained on the Laser Cutter and the Arduino and SparkFun Kits. Contact the library or Bailey if you or a group would like to create a project!

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

Nebraska 4-H Fed Steer Challenge - Nebraska 4-H along with the University of Nebraska–Lincoln Department of Animal Science is offering the Nebraska 4-H Fed Steer Challenge. The Fed Steer Challenge is a new opportunity for youth and is designed to cultivate the next generation of leaders in the Nebraska cattle industry. The goal of the Fed Steer Challenge is to enhance the educational value of the traditional 4-H beef projects by providing an affordable option that rewards production merit and carcass value of the market animal, along with accurate and complete record keeping, industry knowledge, and producer engagement by the 4-H member. Go to https://4h.unl.edu/fed-steer-challenge for additional information and an application. **Applications are due December 1**.

4-H Cat Club Revamped – Do you like cats? What about learning how to care for or show them? Maybe you have heard about the 4-H Cat Club in the past and wanted to join, but couldn't make the monthly meetings**. Cat Club** is a self-paced learning opportunity offering information about caring for and showing cats. Cat Club is open to all youth, as well as adults and volunteers looking to learn more about cats and the 4-H Cat project. New lessons are added each month a cover various topics. The monthly lessons will be made accessible online on the 5th of each month starting in September and continuing through May. Check out http://4h.unl.edu/companion-animal/cat-club to register.

Equine webinars are scheduled for the second Monday of every month. The next webinar is November 11, 6:00 p.m. and will also be recorded. Go to https://4h.unl.edu/horse/webinar-series to register or view recorded webinars. *October's* webinar was over "Getting a Judging Team Started" and the recording is now is available to watch.

Horse Survey-4-H and non 4-H youth, are you interested in starting a horse club in Pierce County? If so take this short Survey! Horse Survey: https://forms.gle/BRwQ5MV21qq15K6Y9

We are also looking for adults to lead this club if there is enough interest. If you are an interested adult you can also take the short survey. Horse Survey: https://forms.gle/BRwQ5MV21qq15K6Y9

Add us at PierceCoExt4-H.

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10	11 Veterans Day-Extension Office Closed	12	13	14	15	16
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24	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving-Extension Office Closed	29 Extension Office Closed	30

December

1st-Fed Steer Challenge Applications Due

2nd-Martha and Don Romeo Scholarship Due

24th-Extension Office open until noon

25th-Christmas-Extension Office Closed

January

18th-19th-Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop

20th-Extension Office Closed-Martin Luther King Jr. Day

27th-4-H Leader Meeting

February

TBD-Market Beef Weigh-in

TBD-4-H Council Meeting 7:30

DID YOU KNOW?

Check out the Apply to Nebraska link at https://go.unl.edu/applyunl

You will find information about first-year college students, transfer students, Nebraska Now classes, and much more.