

4-H Family Newsletter - May 2024

Month Events/Deadlines

- May 1
County Fair Information
Night 5:15 pm @ Extension
Office
- May 3
Diamond Clover Goal
Submission, Jr. Camp
Registration & Jr. Camp
Counselor Application
Deadline
- May 5
County Fair Trap Shoot
Contest 4:00 pm @ Izaak
Walton, Columbus
- May 6
Growing Clovers Club Mtg.
6 pm @ Extension Office
- May 11
County & State Fair Goat,
Sheep, Swine DNA Day
8-10 am @ Ag Park,
Columbus
- May 13
YQCA Training 6:30 pm @
Extension Office
- May 15
County Fair Animal ID Sheet
Deadline
- May 23
Livestock Judging Contest

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Sheila Hoppe	Kelly Feehan
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Office Hours:

Monday – Friday
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

COUNTY FAIR INFORMATION MEETING

A leader and parent meeting (open to everyone) will be held on **Wednesday, May 1st at 5:15 p.m. at the Extension Office, Columbus** to discuss new and exciting changes for the 2024 fair.

It is important for someone from each club attend and new and/or independent families are especially encouraged to attend this meeting to get fair updates, sign up for pop stand shift, club booth information, learn how to complete on-line fair entry forms and ask questions.

The meeting will last one hour.

COMMUNICATION EVENT HELD

Job well done to all the 4-H'ers and Clover Kids who participated in the Communication Event which included Speech, PSA, Presentation, Video and a new Impromptu Speech division on April 7 at CCC.

Clover Kids:

Karsta Kersting, Cameron Kosch

Junior Speech:

*Kesler Kersting - Purple; *Sydney Kosch - Purple; *Blake Mueller – *Purple; Ryker Mueller - Purple; Kendall Goedeken - Blue

Intermediate Speech:

Brooke Faltys - Blue; *Lucy Faltys - Purple; Natalie Faltys - Blue; *Karis Kersting - Purple

Junior Impromptu Speech:

*Sydney Kosch - Purple

Intermediate Impromptu Speech:

Tristan Hoelsing - Red

Junior PSA:

*Sydney Kosch - Purple

*Congratulations to these 4-H'ers who qualify to attend the Premier Communication Event held in Lincoln on June 17 & 18, 2024.



FAIR THEME – “You Got A Friend in 4-H”

Club Booths: The location of the club booths is yet to be determined this year to display the static exhibits. We still encourage the clubs to get involved by decorating their booths around the fair theme: “You Got A Friend in 4-H”. This theme is based on the Toy Story movie. A sign-up sheet will be available at the County Fair Information Meeting on May 1st. Club reservation deadline is June 14th.

Hay Bale Contest: We love seeing your club’s creativity with this contest! Decorate a hay bale to reflect the theme, “You Got A Friend in 4-H”. Complete rules and sign-up information will be available at the County Fair Information Meeting on May 1st. Deadline to reserve a bale is June 14th.

Club booths and hay bales will be judged on their reflection of the theme. Premium prizes will be awarded to the top three booths and hay bales!

AREA PLANT SCIENCE AND INSECT CONTESTS

4- H Plant Science and Insect Contest Day is Thursday, June 27 at Ag Park Clubroom in Columbus. Mark your calendars!

Contests held are Horticulture Judging and ID, Tree ID, Grass and Weed ID and Insect ID. You can participate in one, two, three or all four. Your choice based on your interests. The contests mainly consist of identifying plant samples.

If you’ve never participated, feel free to come and view and learn more about it. For information on contests, contact kfeehan2@unl.edu. Registration flyer will be in the June newsletter.

CLOVER ACADEMY – SUMMER WORKSHOPS

You can find the workshop descriptions and registration forms in this newsletter! We have an exciting line up of workshops this summer – with a lot of them being taught by local professionals!

Remember – if you ever have a workshop idea please let me know and we can get that in the works for next year!



Monday, May 27 Office Closed

ON-LINE HORTICULTURE ID CONTEST

Do you know what it takes to pick the best fruits and vegetables out at the grocery store? 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 7-21, 2024 at:

<http://go.unl.edu/online4hhortcontest>

Horticulture judging contest consists of three parts. The first is identification of plant material. Participants identify the plants by common name from a plant list. Specimens may be alive or preserved plant parts like stems, twigs, leaves, flowers, seeds, fruits, roots, bulbs, tubers, or plant products.

The second is a knowledge portion, usually in the form of a true/false or multiple choice quiz. Questions will test the contestant's knowledge of cultural practices for horticultural crops, plant science, pesticides, horticultural careers and other topics related to the production, processing and consumption of horticultural crops.

The last portion is judging or placings. This is where four different plants, plates of vegetables, or containers flowers are ranked from best to worst based on a set of criteria. Classes are judged on the basis of condition, quality, uniformity, true-to-type, and size.

More information about the Nebraska State contest along with a list of study materials can be found in the State Fairbook

<https://4hfairbook.unl.edu/fairbookview.php/contests/45> .

Here you can find the written study materials for the knowledge portion, follow links to plant pictures for help with identification, and read how judging of plant material is done.

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

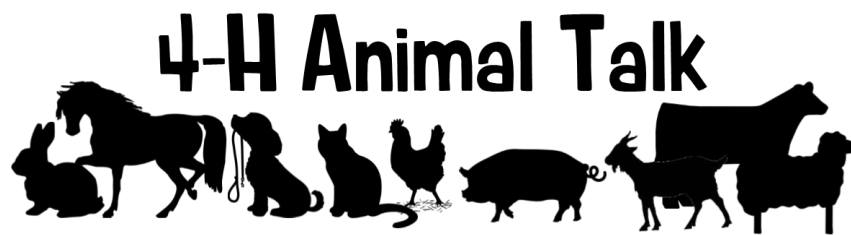
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LILLIAN HUDNALL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Congratulations to Columbus High School Senior, Lillian Hudnall on receiving the Donna Wampler Endowed Scholarship for \$500 through the Nebraska 4-H Foundation.

The Nebraska 4-H Foundation provides up to \$25,000 worth of scholarships each year to graduating seniors who have been actively involved in 4-H.

For more scholarship information, go to website ne4hfoundation.org/scholarships/.



Quality Assurance – The final in-person sessions will be held at the Extension office on **Monday, May 13th at 6:30 pm or Friday, May 24th @ 3 pm**. If you cannot make one of those dates, reach out to a surrounding county and email us your certificate, or complete the training online and email us the certificate. The deadline for quality assurance is May 31! Registering for quality assurance will be done online <https://yqcaprogram.org/>. Questions? Contact Blake at 402-563-4901 or bwert3@unl.edu.

Livestock Nomination – Nominations for State Fair are open at <https://showstockmgr.com/>. The deadline to nominate your livestock for State Fair is **June 15th**. DNA envelopes need to be turned into the Extension Office by Friday, June 14th by 5:00 pm.

Pen of 3 Show – The Pen of 3 Show this year is Tuesday, July 2nd at 9 am at the Sale Barn. **NOTE: We would like to know how many pens you are bringing, so we can line up enough trucks.** We will be weighing in cattle on **Monday, July 1st from 7- 8:30 pm**. Each exhibitor will need to pick up a form at weigh-in and fill it out to be given to the judge during the show. The form will ask for your pen of three tag numbers, beginning weights, ending weights, rate-of-gain, origin of calves (home-raised or purchased), and any other information the exhibitor wants to share with the judge.

4-H and Clover Kid Obstacle Course – To view the obstacle course layouts for Bucket Calf, Goat, and Sheep, visit [Platte County Fair July 10 - 14, 2024 | Nebraska Extension \(unl.edu\)](#) The links will be close to the middle of the page when scrolling.

PASE - Is set for **June 20th and 21 at the Animal Science Complex in Lincoln**. Blake has a list of names for the youth that are interested! If you are still interested in participating, be sure to let Blake know at bwert3@unl.edu.

Several new changes have been made to PASE. Those include:

- **New Contest Opportunities!**
 - Animal Welfare Judging Contest
 - Thursday, June 20th
 - Youth will receive a couple of scenarios in which they will evaluate. Based on the scenarios, they will figure out which producer is better than the other. Information in the scenarios could be overview of the animals, housing/environment, health and veterinary care, management practices, and behavior.
 - Youth are given 5 minutes to place the scenario and then 20 minutes to answer 10 questions and turn in a card.
 - Companion Animal Challenge
 - Friday, July 21
 - Could involve Essay Contest, Demonstration, Cat Skill-a-thon, Companion Animal Skill-a-thon, Art, Photography
- **New Age Division – Junior (8-10)**

- With the inclusion of 8- and 9-year-old youth to participate at PASE, each contest will include a new option for a junior division.
- 2024 PASE Contests Include:
 - Companion Animal Challenge
 - Livestock Judging
 - Meats Judging
 - Poultry Judging
 - Livestock Skill-a-thon
 - Livestock Quiz Bowl
 - Animal Welfare Judging

Blake has teams signed up for Livestock Judging and Livestock Skill-a-thon. Below are a few practice dates and times to begin preparation for those contests. If interested in another competition, let Blake know!

Livestock Judging- May 7th 4:00 – 5:30 pm; May 16th 5:30- 7:00 pm

Livestock Skill-a-thon- May 13th 5:00-6:00 pm; May 16th 4:00- 5:15 pm

More practice times will be available, but this will get us started!

There is still time for youth to get signed up to participate at PASE! Feel free to reach out to Blake at bwert3@unl.edu with questions or to get signed up!

Colfax, Butler & Platte County Livestock Judging Contest – Here is a great opportunity for youth! The contest is on Thursday, May 23rd beginning at 9 am at the Colfax County Fairgrounds in Leigh. Age divisions from 5- FFA Division! Blake will be holding a few practices in preparation for this contest at the Extension Office. So, if interested in this event, let Blake know so he can reach out for practice dates and times!

Reminder – To find out about area 4-H livestock events, clinic, and shows, visit the link to our website!

[4-H/Extension Livestock Progress, Animal Shows, Clinics & Judging Contests | Nebraska Extension \(unl.edu\)](#)

Stall Reservation Form Reminder – Exhibitors showing Beef, Dairy, Goat, Horse, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, and Swine will need to complete a Platte County Fair Stall Reservation Form. All 4-H & FFA animals penned at the fair must be recorded on this sheet so the amount of pens/stalls required can be determined. The stall order form will be due on **Friday, June 14 at 5 pm with payment**. Get your entries in early!

Platte County Showmanship Clinic – Plan to attend this hands-on multi-species clinic to learn how to show or to gain tips to help improve the showing of your animal for the county fair and beyond! 4-H'ers are encouraged to bring their own animals, but it is not required! The cost for this clinic is \$5/youth. Prepayment is required. Payment can be dropped off at the Extension Office or mailed to us! Preregistration is due June 18th. To register or for more information reach out to Blake Wert at 402-563-4901 or bwert3@unl.edu

Dates to Remember:

May 11th – County Fair Livestock DNA Day. All market goats, sheep, and swine are required to attend. Please stop by the Extension Office before appointment or DNA Day to pick up tags and/or DNA envelopes. Please bring the envelopes empty but filled out so we can be efficient on May 11. If you are not able to make it, please set up an appointment with Blake the week of May 6th- May 10th.

May 13th – Quality Assurance at 6:30 pm at the Platte County Extension Office

May 15th – County Fair Livestock ID Deadline. All species exhibiting at the Platte County Fair need to have an ID sheet filled out. They can be found online at www.platte.unl.edu under the Platte County 4-H Resources tab.

May 23rd- Colfax, Butler, and Platte County Livestock Judging Contest held in Leigh. See attached flyer for more information!

May 24th – Quality Assurance at 3 pm at the Platte County Extension Office

May 31st – Quality Assurance Deadline. **Certificates MUST be sent to Blake or be given to the Extension Office by this date!**

May 31st – **Horse ID, Horse Level Testing and State Horse Testing Due**

June 15th – State Fair Market Beef, Goat, Sheep, Swine, and Feeder Calf ID DNA Envelope Deadline. EID Tags and DNA envelopes are available at the Extension Office. EID tags cost \$2.53 each for beef and \$2.74 each for swine.

June 15th- County Fair On-Line Entry Deadline and State Fair Market Beef, Breeding Animals, Dairy, Feeder Calf, Goat, Horse, Sheep, and Swine online nomination deadline.

June 20-21 – PASE Contest at the Animal Science Complex in Lincoln

June 22 – Platte County Showmanship Clinic held at Ag Park. See attached flyer for more information!

<http://platte.unl.edu>

Click on the "Platte County 4-H" tab to find all up-to-date 4-H information including newsletters, County Fair book and info, calendar, record books, ID sheets, exhibit tags and so much more!

The website also has a listing of Nebraska 4-H/Extension livestock progress shows, animal shows, clinics, workshops, etc. This includes horse, rabbit, poultry, small pet, beef, swine, sheep, and goat.

Babysitters Clinic



Now
offering a
CPR class



American
Red Cross



Monday, June 17th \$20

[Non-CPR]

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Tuesday, June 18th \$75

[CPR certification]

9:00 am - 4:00 pm



**Columbus Community Building
Community Room Third Floor**

2500 14th St, Columbus, NE 68601

Platte County Showmanship Clinic



Saturday, June 22

9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Ag Park Arena and Green Barn

822 15th St, Columbus, NE 68601

Schedule of Events

9:30 – 10:30	Swine Showmanship
10:30 – 11:30	Sheep Showmanship
12:30 – 1:30	Goat Showmanship
1:30 – 2:30	Rabbit Showmanship
2:30 – 3:30	Poultry Showmanship
2:30 – 3:30	Beef Showmanship

These times are approximate

****4-Hers are encouraged to bring their own animals, but it is not required.****

Registration and prepayment due June 18!!

Plan to attend one or more sessions of this hands-on, multi-species clinic to learn how to show or gain tips to help improve the showing of your animal at the county fair and beyond!

Open to 4-H members ages 8-18 in Platte and surrounding counties.

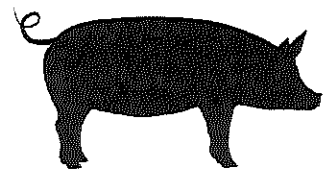
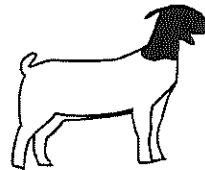
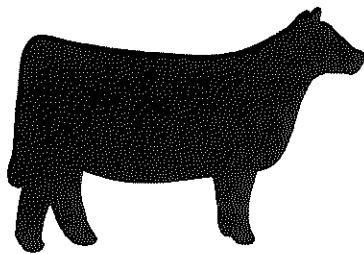
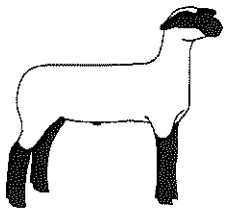
Cost is \$5/Youth. Prepayment is required! Payment can be dropped off at the Platte County Extension Office or mailed to 2715 13th St. Columbus, NE.

**To register or for more information contact Blake Wert at
402-563-4901 or bwert3@unl.edu**

When registering, please state if you plan to attend multiple sessions and bring your own animal.



Colfax, Butler & Platte County Livestock Judging Contest



Thursday, May 23rd from 9 a.m. till 3:00 p.m.

Registration starts at 8:30 a.m.

Colfax County Fairgrounds, Leigh, Nebraska 68643

Located on Rd 1A south of the Maple Creek Recreation Area

Youth are welcome to attend in the following divisions based on 4-H age

Clover Kids – 5 to 7

Juniors – 8 to 10

Intermediates – 11 to 13

Seniors – 14 to 18

FFA Division

Lunch will be available on the grounds.

Contest will include evaluation of market and breeding classes of beef, sheep, goats and one class of swine and is part of the Great Plains 4-H Livestock Judging Circuit

To pre-register* and for more information contact:

Colfax County Extension Office, colfax-county@unl.edu or 402-352-3821

**The contest is free, pre-registration is to gather an idea for the number of attendees.*



2024 Clover Academy

All summer 4-H programs are open to all youth regardless of 4-H membership. To enroll in a class, please complete the attached registration form and return it with registration payment. Classes will be filled on a first come basis with paid registration fees and may be canceled in case of low registration. No refunds after the registration deadline or if participants do not attend workshops. Any questions, please contact the Nebraska Extension-Platte County Office at (402) 563-4901.

Workshop Title	Workshop Description
<p>Step Into Beginner Woodworking</p>	<p>Tuesday, May 28 1:30 - 3:30 pm @ Extension Office (2715 13th St) Ages: 8+ / Max: 10 youth <u>Cost: \$10.00</u> <i>County Fair Class: X 911 2 Measuring Up: Unit 1 Woodworking Display</i> Explore the art of woodworking by constructing a simple step stool. Participants will learn basic woodworking skills, through hands-on practice, and step-by-step guidance, helping them gain confidence in using tools safely while creating a functional and practical piece of furniture. All tools and materials will be provided.</p>
<p>Quilt Quest</p>	<p>Wednesday, May 29 9:00am - 3:30pm @ Extension Office (2715 13th St) Ages: 8+ / Max: 7 youth <u>MUST HAVE AT LEAST 1 YEAR EXPERIENCE SEWING AND IN STEAM 2</u> <u>Cost: \$30.00</u> <i>County Fair Class: C 229 50 Level 1 Quilted Exhibit</i> Bring a sack lunch Quilted potholder – Supplies and fabric will be provided. Bring your own sewing machine. If you can't please call the office and let us know BEFORE the workshop. It is recommended you bring an adult to help you.</p>
<p>Cookie Decorating</p>	<p>Thursday, May 30 10:00 am - 12:00 pm @ Extension Office Lower Classroom (2715 13th St.) Ages: 8 & Up / Max: 20 youth <u>Cost \$12.00</u> <i>County Fair: Decorated Foods: All levels</i> Youth will learn about different techniques of decorating their own cake, cupcakes, or cookies!</p>
<p>Color Me Confident: Discovering Your Personal Palette</p>	<p>Friday, May 31 Part 1 - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm @ Heritage House (2554 40th Ave, Columbus) Part 2 - 7:00 - 8:30 pm @ Cato (118 24th St, Columbus) Ages: 8+ / Max: 10 youth <u>Cost: \$15.00</u> <i>County Fair Class: C 240 4 - Show me your colors</i> This is a two-part workshop. Youth will participate during the day and then a special event for youth and Moms in the evening. Part 1: Color Me Confident - youth only: This workshop will empower youth to understand the colors that suit them best. Through interactive activities and guidance, participants will dive into color theory, uncovering shades that enhance their natural features. This workshop fosters self-expression and boosts confidence by giving young individuals the knowledge to select clothing and accessories that reflect their unique personalities. Part 2: A Colorful Night Out - youth and Moms: Join in a night of fun helping mom learn about her colors & pick an outfit for mom to model. Moms will learn a little bit about their colors, and youth will get to show off all the things they learned about their colors and apply them to mom. This portion of the workshop will take place at Cato Fashions clothing store at 7:00 pm. Hosted by 4-H, Cato Fashions, and Colorful Moments by Lisa.</p>

<p>Magazine Mosaic</p>	<p>Friday, May 31 1:00 – 2:30 pm @ Extension Office (2715 13th St.) Ages 8+ / Max: 15 youth <u>Cost: \$7.00</u> <i>County Fair Class: C 261 11 Original Single Media not Listed / C 260 04</i> <i>Original Art Inspired by Artist's Choice</i> The youth will use their creativity to create a photo mosaic using paper from a magazine.</p>
<p>Sign Language</p>	<p>Monday, June 3 10:00 – 11:30 am @ Extension Office (2715 13th St.) Ages: 8+ / Max: 15 youth <u>Cost: \$5.00</u> <i>*Not a fair project*</i> The youth will learn and practice basic American Sign Language (ASL) this includes deaf culture, palm orientation, hand placement, the alphabet, numbers 1 – 50 and common phrases.</p>
<p>Geocache</p>	<p>Monday, June 3 1:00 – 2:30 pm @ Extension Office (2715 13th St.) Ages: 8+ / Max: 15 youth <u>Cost: \$6.00</u> <i>County Fair Class: H 880 54 Geocache</i> Youth will learn the ins and outs of geocaching. They will create their own geocache and all the items a geocache requires.</p>
<p>Paper Self-Portraits</p>	<p>Tuesday, June 4 9:00 – 10:00 am @ Extension Office (2715 13th St.) Ages 8+ / Max: 15 youth <u>Cost: \$13.00</u> <i>County Fair Class: C 260 3 Original Art Inspired by people</i> The Columbus Art Council will be teaching how to envision and create different kinds of paper self-portraits.</p>
<p>Clover Kid College</p>	<p>Tuesday, June 4 1:00 – 3:00 pm @ Extension Office (2715 13th St.) Ages: 5 – 8 / Max: 20 youth <u>Cost: \$5.00</u> Your clover kid will spend the afternoon creating three different projects that will be eligible for fair. This workshop is taught by our Jr. Leaders with Extension staff.</p>
<p>3-D Painting</p>	<p>Tuesday, June 11 9:00 – 10:00 am @ Extension Office (2715 13th St.) Ages 8+ / Max: 15 <u>Cost: \$23.00</u> <i>County Fair Class: C 261 1 Original Acrylic Painting</i> The Columbus Art Council will be teaching different techniques in creating a 3D painting.</p>
<p>Welding</p>	<p>Tuesday, June 11 9:00 am – 12:00 pm @ CCC (North Education Building Room 980) Ages: 12+ / Max: 8 youth <u>Cost: \$30.00</u> Youth will learn the basics of Gas Metal Arc Welding (MIG), which introduces skills for a fair welding exhibit. Wear jeans or work pants, boots, and a cotton T-shirt. If you have your own welding gear you can bring it.</p>
<p>Cut Flower Workshop</p>	<p>Monday, July 8 3:00 – 5:30 pm @ Accent Floral (3413 21st Street in the Westgate Center, South of Hobby Lobby) Ages: 8+ / Max: 10 youth <u>Cost: \$30.00</u> <i>County Fair Class: X 770 80 or X 770 81 Floral Arrangement County Fair Only</i> Youth will create a fair-ready cut flower floral arrangement. They will learn techniques of cutting and arranging the flowers from a local florist.</p>

4-H Clover Academy Registration Form (one form per child) – Deadline May 21

Participant Name _____ Age _____ Parent Name _____

Circle the workshops you will be attending:

Woodworking	\$10.00
Quilt Quest	\$30.00
Cookie Decorating	\$12.00
Color Me Confident	\$15.00
Magazine Mosaic	\$7.00
Sign Language	\$5.00
Geocache	\$6.00
Paper Self Portrait	\$13.00
Clover Kid College	\$5.00
3-D Painting	\$23.00
Welding	\$30.00
Cut Flower	\$30.00

Parent Phone #: _____

Email _____

Total Amount Due _____

(Only cash or check accepted, no cards)

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

By signing this, you permit to use your child's name/photography in publications, advertisements, 4-H webpage, Facebook, or news articles about 4-H activities.

Return this form and registration fee by Tuesday, May 21st to:
Nebraska Extension – Platte County, 2715 13th Street, Columbus NE 68601-4916

4-H Clover Academy Registration Form (one form per child) – Deadline May 21

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Platte County 4-H Council Meeting

Monday, April 15, 2024

8:00 p.m.

8:00 p.m. – 4-H Council Meeting

- Call meeting to order – Sandi Seckel, President
- Roll Call – Kristy Spawn, Secretary - Members in attendance were: Travis Dicke, Brigen Kinnison, Crystal Klug, Emma Klug, Eli Kreikemeier, Julie Kreikemeier, Jenny Meyer, Cory Osten, Angie Reardon, Gina Renner, Lindy Schmidt, Stephanie Schmidt, Sandi Seckel, Kristy Spawn, Kim Went, and Pat Wiese. Staff present were Sheila Hoppe, Kimberly Johnson, and Blake Wert.
- Approval of minutes of last meeting – Kristy Spawn - minutes approved
- Correspondence – Kristy Spawn - Thank you cards received and shared.
- Treasurer’s Report – Kim Went – Majority of fair award sponsor money received. Sandra will mail notices to remaining sponsors who have not paid totaling an estimate of \$400.00.
- 4-H Revolving Account Report – Sheila reported balance of 1,322.49.

Committee Reports:

- Executive Committee – Sandi Seckel - no report
- Extension Board Liaison Report – Cory Osten - met last week; reviewed the budget for the Extension Office
- Beef Efficiency – Travis Dicke - livestock ID sheets due May 15
- Livestock Sale – Cory Osten - no report
- Recognition – Angie Reardon - no report
- Scholarship & Awards – Kim Went - 18 scholarship applications were received for the Jr. Camp scholarship; the committee is awarding ten \$85 scholarships and eight \$50 scholarships.
- Pop & Food Stand – Stephanie Schmidt - no report
- Promotion – Kristy Spawn - no report
- Jr. Leaders – Brigen Kinnison - the group met on March 8 at Hy-Vee to make charcuterie boards; the youth also discussed how to budget for the board.
- Other -
 - Sheila Hoppe - busy with school enrichment, especially robotics; competed at FLL State Robotics recently; preparing for summer workshops and the county fair.
 - Blake Wert - attended new employee training for Nebraska Extension staff last week and networked with many staff members across the state; YQCA trainings continue—many youth have already completed the training; working on fair prep, especially regarding animal projects
 - Kimberly Johnson - busy with school enrichment sessions; a new project being offered is Nebraska Escape Room boxes; preparing workshops for the summer.

Education: no report

Unfinished Business:

- 4-H Enrollment - as of today 313 youth are enrolled, which is a great start; June 15th is the enrollment cut-off date

- Ag Park & County Fair update - a purchase agreement is pending for the current Ag Park property; will be searching for new ground to build a brand new facility within the next 5-10 years; the Platte County Fair will have a home at Ag Park until a new facility is built; the current facility should work okay for this year's fair; the exhibit hall and a few other rooms will be utilized for exhibits; the stage will be upstairs in the club room again this year

New Business:

- Crystal Klug is replacing Holly Anderson on the 4-H Council this year - Welcome back!
- Anderson family showing beef – Blake has one market steer and one market heifer. Gage has one market steer and one breeding heifer. Family would like to have Gage show all three market beef. Possibly state “Gage showing in honor of Blake” – Does not want to cause friction but the family wants to honor Blake. Motioned made, seconded, and carried to allow Gage to show Blake's animals in his honor at the Platte County Fair this year.
- PASE Update - new this year: Animal Welfare judging contest, Companion Animal Challenge; new age division (junior division Ages 8-10); registration opens on May 1
- Horse stalling exemption letter - 2 letters received thus far; these were approved
- Showmanship Clinic - Saturday, June 22nd at Ag Park; barns will be open for youth to practice in preparation for the fair; \$5 per youth; register with Blake Wert; presenters will be there for each species
- Clover Academy and Clover College - some partners include the Art Council, CCC, and Accent Floral; a woodworking workshop, fashion colors are a few new projects; more information to come out in the newsletter; flyers will not be sent out at the area schools; info will be shared through social media and community events.
- Market Animal DNA Day - May 11th (8-10 a.m.) or schedule with Blake for the week prior
- Camp Scholarships - discussed above

Other Business:

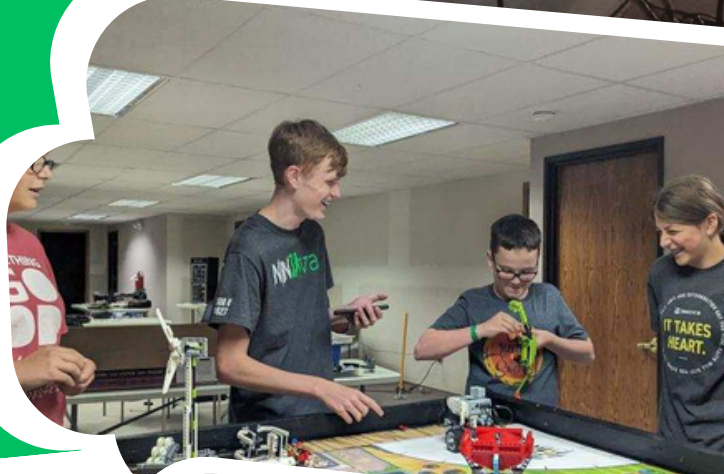
- Livestock Contest (Butler and Colfax County) - July 23 in Leigh; talk to Blake to register.
- Platte County Fair Information Night - May 1 at 5:15 p.m. at the Extension Office
- Fair Premium increase - an increase of \$1 will be given per placement for 4-H and Open Class in the following: static, poultry, rabbit, horse, dog, companion animals, and archery.
- Ribbons - a request has been submitted with ADM to donate the ribbons for the county fair.
- Trap Shoot County Fair Contest - May 5 at 3:00 p.m. at Izaak Walton
- Informational Banners - new at the fair this year; will display educational information regarding 4-H and Ag related topics; 4' x 6' vinyl.
- Poultry Cages - the cost of the new cages is \$3,756.31; wanted to buy storage racks but they no longer available; we need to develop a way to store all of the cages so they are cared for in the future; also need to decide what to put under the cages.
- Fair T-shirts - Q Graphics of Schuyler will make the fair shirts this year with new and improved artwork
- Remind App - 4-H Council will communicate through Remind.

Motion made, seconded, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kristy Spawn, Secretary



YOUTH ROBOTICS CAMP



JOIN US **JULY 29TH & 30TH**

- WELCOME TO ALL SKILL LEVELS
- CREATE AND CODE A ROBOT
- BUILD PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS
- LEARN TO THINK LIKE AN ENGINEER

Ages 5-10

**9:30-
11:30AM**

Ages 8-14

**9:30-
3:00PM**

Admission

\$25

Ages 5-10

\$35

Ages 8-14

Explore - Ages 5-10

- ✓ Build a robot from scratch
- ✓ Learn basic coding skills
- ✓ Use motors and sensors
- ✓ Team building activities

Challenge - Ages 8-14*

- ✓ Build a robot from scratch
- ✓ Learn various coding skills
- ✓ Use motors and advanced sensors
- ✓ Compete in a mock competition

BRING LUNCH EACH DAY*

- Make checks payable to "Platte County 4-H Robotics Club"

- Send or drop off registration form and fee to the 4-H Extension: 2715 13th St, Columbus, NE

Registration Deadline: July 22nd

4-H T-shirt Order Form

Front Side



Back Side

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills.

T-shirt printed on heather gray

Please return and make checks payable to
Nebraska Extension – Platte County, Attn: Sandra,
2715 13th Street, Columbus NE 68601-4916 by
Friday, May 31st

Name _____

Phone _____

State how many of each size:

_____ Youth S	_____ Adult S
_____ Youth M	_____ Adult M
_____ Youth L	_____ Adult L
	_____ Adult XL

of T-shirts _____ x \$11.77 = _____
(Any double sizes ordered, add \$2.00 per shirt and adjust tax)

You will be notified when order is
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