



Saline County News & Views



4-H Members, Leaders & Volunteers Recognized

Congratulations to all those who were recognized at the 2018 Saline County 4-H Recognition Program. I Dare You Award winners were Emily Binder and William Yokel.

Abbey Vales, DeWitt, was recognized as the Outstanding 4-H'er. The 4-H Alumni Award was presented to Mark Schmidt, Geneva and Flint Hills Resources was recognized as our Friend of 4-H for 2018.

Also recognized were recipients of County Award Medal winners, Camp Scholarships, and Diamond Clover Awards.

4-H Leaders were honored for their years of dedicated volunteer service to the Saline county 4-H program. First and ten year 4-H members who completed the 4-H Career Portfolio were recognized.

Caraline Higgins, Crete, completed the requirements for the Equine Legacy Award and was presented with the belt buckle.

Congratulations to all of the Saline county 4-H members on a successful 4-H year!

If you were unable to attend, please stop by the Extension Office to pick up your Career Portfolio. We ask that you check with your club leader first, as they may have picked up the portfolios for the entire club.

Complete news release and more photos at:
<https://go.unl.edu/2018recognitionnight>



Pictured (L to R): Eric Stehlik, 4-H Program Associate; William Yokel, Friend, Emily Binder, Wilber, "I Dare You Award" recipients; Mark Schmidt, Geneva, "4-H Alumni Award" honoree; Ron Hansen, representing Flint Hills Resources, was recognized as the "Friend of 4-H"; and Abbey Vales, DeWitt, was named the "Outstanding 4-H'er".

IMPORTANT
ANNOUNCEMENT



MARKET BEEF WEIGH DAY

On Saturday, January 5, 2019 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. we will be tagging, pulling DNA, and weighing 4-H & FFA market steers and market heifers at Weber Feedyards located 2 miles west of Dorchester just off County Road 1200 (big tan building). You must be at the location **before** 11 a.m. We will not process beef after 11 a.m.

Market Beef (4-H & FFA) to be exhibited at State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben must be identified with an EID tag and DNA sample. Cost for EID tag is \$2.50 and DNA sample is \$6/animal (EID & DNA).

Youth who exhibited bucket calves at the 2018 Saline County Fair and who are planning to exhibit them as Performance Market Steers/Heifers will need to weigh Performance Calves at this weigh day. Clover Kids who are now 8 years of age by Jan. 1, 2019, may show last year's bucket calves as Performance Calves. If you have questions, please ask.

NOTE: Market Beef MUST BE weighed at the Saline County weigh day to be eligible for county Rate of Gain contest. NO EXCEPTIONS!



2019 Fairbook Ad Sales

Youth ages 12 years old and older as of Jan. 1, 2019 who are raising funds for their Washington, D.C. trip are encouraged to attend this meeting on Saturday, December 1 at 10:30 a.m. at the Extension Office in Wilber. We will discuss the ad sales procedures, deadlines, and assign ads to youth. We DO NOT save ads for those who do not attend or let us know they are interested.

December 2018



YQCA

YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS

4-H (ages 8-18) and FFA (until age 21) exhibitors as of Jan. 1st of the current year who exhibit beef, goats, sheep, swine, rabbit, and poultry MUST complete quality assurance training through YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) by June 14, 2019 to be eligible to exhibit at the County Fair, State Fair, or at the Ak-Sar-Ben Stock Show.

Clover Kids ages 5-7 DO NOT need to complete quality assurance training.

Face to Face Class

\$3 Per Youth Paid Online

Friday, December 28, 2018

1:30 p.m.

**UNL Extension—Saline County
306 W 3rd Street, Wilber, NE**

Must pre-register

**Online Registration Deadline is NOON on December 27th!
Parent attendance is encouraged for youth ages 8-10**

FACE TO FACE TRAINING

Please call 402-821-2151 to let us know you are planning to attend.

Register online at: <https://yqca.learnrow.io>

Registration instructions are found at: <https://go.unl.edu/2019yqcafacetofacetraining>

4-H members will use their 4HOnline username and password.

You will choose the “Instructor Led” training titled “Saline County Extension Office - December 28th.”

FFA members will sign in using the “Independent Sign In”

Other area trainings: <https://go.unl.edu/2019yqcafacetofacetraining>

ONLINE TRAINING OPTION

Complete online module in your age group (as of Jan. 1) by June 14, 2019 and bring printed certificate to the Extension Office. Use your 4HOnline username & password.

Register at: <https://yqca.learnrow.io>

Cost is \$12 paid online

4-H Quilting During Holiday Break

Youth wanting to get a head start on your quilting projects for 2019 are invited to come to the quilting session at the Extension Office in Wilber on **Thursday, December 27th and Monday, December 31**. We will begin at 10 a.m. You are free to leave when you need to.

Liz Possnecker will be here to help you with your projects.

Please bring your quilt pattern, fabric, sewing machine, cutting tools, mats, and notions.

If you are new to quilting and need ideas for a project please let us know. Most new quilters begin with a tied lap quilt. Let the Extension Office know by Wednesday, December 19th if you plan to attend to ensure someone is here to help you.



Community Service

Now is a great time for clubs to work on community service projects - winter clothing collection, recycling assistance, food donations to food pantries, trash pick-up, holiday decorations for the elderly, raking leaves, Christmas donations for the needy, helping with a community holiday meal are all great ideas for your club.

In order to meet the community service requirement to be a 4-H Club of Excellence you must actually do something to help your community. Monetary gifts for trophies are appreciated, but do not involve the youth working to make a difference.



Nebraska 4-H Club of the Month

The Nebraska 4-H Foundation and the Nebraska 4-H Ambassadors are selecting a Nebraska 4-H Club of the Month each month.

A 4-H club is chosen as the Nebraska 4-H Club of the Month. In order to be chosen, 4-H clubs must nominate themselves by filling out the application found at: <http://www.ne4hfoundation.org/> then click the Recognition tab at the top. The club who is chosen to be Club of the Month will receive a \$50 cash card.

Thinking of Starting Your Own 4-H Club?

Parents, now would be a great time to start the process of beginning a new 4-H club in your area or community. Ask around in your circle of acquaintances to see if they have children who would like to be part of a new 4-H club in your area. No experience is necessary. Even if you were not a 4-H'er, you can become an organizational or project leader.

An organized club needs to have at least 5 members from three different families.

In the Crete area we have a need for another club.

Call our office if you are interested and we can help you begin the process so when the 2019 enrollment website opens your members can begin enrolling.

Scholarship Opportunities

High school seniors should visit the "Scholarships" link on the 4-H page of our website. We have added information about scholarships we have received to date. We will add other scholarship information as it becomes available to us so check regularly for updates.

LEADERS TAKE NOTE FOR THE NEW YEAR

As a new 4-H year will begin soon, we want to remind organizational leaders and project leaders the importance of holding monthly club meetings. We have noticed from the Year-End forms that many clubs are not meeting on a regular basis.

While we can not make you hold club meetings, we are strongly encouraging holding meetings.

Meetings are necessary for learning, club members getting acquainted with one another; and for youth and parents to know what is expected from them and to have deadline information shared with them.

5 Tips To Be a Successful Club Leader

#1 - Maintain good communication with your local county Extension office.

- Your Extension Educators, Program Assistants, and support staff are all there to support you. Feel free to ask questions.

#2 - Establish a good relationship with ALL families in your club.

- Readily share information with families. You never know what might spark the interest of a particular member!
- Get to know families on a personal level so you can help direct them to the projects and activities that they will be most interested in.

#3 - Practice the 4 Steps to a Successful 4-H Club Meeting

- Inspiration (5 minutes to open a meeting and bring the group together)
- Business (15-20 minutes to conduct business of the club and share reports)
- Program (15-20 minutes of educational program)
- Recreation (15-20 minutes of fun, hands-on activities)

#4 - Let the club and community drive the projects and goals of the club.

- If the 4-H members are truly interested in a project and are able to take ownership, the project instantly becomes more successful.
- Enthusiasm
- Interests
- Parental support
- Community support
- Learn what your 4-H families are interested in and let those interests help guide projects the club

Make it FUN!

- Remember why you are doing this....for the kids!
- Parents will bring their children back to the club meetings if the kids are truly having fun and learning something in the process.
- Make sure to allow time for "kids to be kids."

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July 16-21

4-H ~ Your First Class at The University of Nebraska

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