



SALINE COUNTY 4-H NEWS & VIEWS



December 2022

Dates to Remember

Dec. 26 - Office Closed
Dec. 29 - YQCA Instructor Led Classes
10:30 am and 1 pm
Dec. 30 - Fairbook Ads Sales and Money Due
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Jan. 9 - Special Garden Seed Orders Due

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2023 LOTTERY SWINE PROJECT

Plans are underway for the Lottery Swine project for 2023. We have secured pigs at \$175 each. These are competitive, show quality pigs at a reasonable price. Lottery Pigs this year will be supplied by Baade Genetics of Plymouth, NE.

Cash prizes will be again be offered as a pay back incentive for rate of gain, Champion and Reserve, along with division winners. Please begin considering your interest for this project.

Reserve your pigs at: <https://go.unl.edu/2023lotterypigsignup>
Sign up ends on January 31, 2023.

Once we give the supplier pig numbers, there is no backing out or changing your mind.

At this time, we cannot guarantee a buyer for fair pigs, so you may consider contacting the locker of your choice to get on their schedule. Most members have family or friends that will gladly buy a whole or part of a hog for the freezer. Get the appointment then contact your family and friends to buy your pigs.

Wishing Eric a Happy Retirement

As you may have heard, Eric left us mid-November to embark on retirement. Eric said this was his dream job and enjoyed working with the youth.

Many changes have occurred during Eric's time with us. Which include the introduction of the Lottery Pig Program, school enrichment, and the Livestock Premium Auction.

Last year, Saline County reached 1,892 youth in Saline County, through 4-H enrollment, school enrichment, after-school programming, and camping programs. This is an accomplishment Eric is especially proud of, as he should be.

Eric did not want a party, because this job was not about him, as it is about the youth, per Eric.

We are now in the process of finding a replacement, and hope to have Eric back as a volunteer. Parents/ volunteers, we will need you to help fill in the gaps created by Eric's absence.

Cards of congratulations, well wishes, and thanks can be mailed to:

Eric Stehlik
1450 County Road C
Dorchester NE 68343





WHO IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE YQCA TRAINING?

4-H (ages 8-18) and FFA (under age 19) 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 1, 2023 to be eligible to exhibit at the County Fair and State Fair.

Clover Kids ages 5-7 (as of Jan. 1, 2023) DO NOT need to complete quality assurance training.

Youth ages 8-18 (as of Jan. 1, 2023) have two options for completing their YQCA training.

**Instructor Led Trainings - Dec. 29 at 10:30 am or 1 pm
at the Extension Office in Wilber
Register online by NOON on Dec. 28th.**

OPTION 1

**INSTRUCTOR LED TRAINING FOR 4-H & FFA
YOUTH AGES 8-18 (JAN. 1) ONLY**

THIS IS A NEW WEBSITE WITH NEW INSTRUCTIONS.

Everyone is required to set up a account and add your youth into this account if you completed your training before before March 15 of 2022. DO NOT CREATE DUPLICATE ACCOUNTS AND DO NOT USE THE OLD YQCA WEBSITE.

Steps to complete your pre-registration:

1. 4-H members need to be enrolled in 4HOnline for 2023 before you can register for YQCA:
<https://v2.4honline.com/> (type link into your web browser)
2. Must call 402-821-2151 or email becky.vales@unl.edu to let us know you are planning to attend.
3. Register AND pay online at: <https://yqcaprogram.org> - Cost is \$3 paid online.
Registration instructions:
<https://go.unl.edu/yqcainsledtrnsaline>
4-H & FFA members will need to create a parent account with user name/email and password and then add youth.
4. You will choose "Instructor Led" Dec. 29 - Saline County Ext. Office, Wilber - 10:30 a.m. OR 1 p.m. from the pick list of trainings in Nebraska.

OPTION 2 - INDIVIDUAL ONLINE TRAINING & FFA MEMBER AGES 19 & OLDER

Any 4-H Member (ages 8-18) & FFA Member (under age 19,) or FFA youth 19 & older) - Create an account - Register at: <https://yqcaprogram.org>

Follow instructions:

<https://go.unl.edu/yqcawebbasedtrainingsaline>

Cost is \$12 - paid online

Must complete online module in your age group with certificate at Ext. Office by June 1.

**COMPLETE YOUR YQCA
REQUIREMENT EARLY**

**CONTACT US AT
402-821-2151 FOR
QUESTIONS**

YQCA COMPLETION DATE FOR 2023 IS JUNE 1ST

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CHANGES FOR 2023

ALL 4-H/FFA BREEDING LIVESTOCK (BEEF, GOATS, SHEEP, AND SWINE) AND FEEDER CALVES WILL NOW BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT DNA/ ENVELOPE TO BE ELIGIBLE TO EXHIBIT AT THE NEBRASKA STATE FAIR.

The cost of each DNA/envelope is \$7.00 which is paid online at the time of making your livestock nominations in Show Stock Manager by the June 15, 2023 deadline.

Families will need to get the DNA envelopes from the Extension Office for ALL BREEDING ANIMALS, MARKET ANIMALS & FEEDER CALVES which you want to nominate for State Fair to collect the DNA samples. DNA envelopes must be returned to the Extension office by June 15. Late envelopes WILL NOT be accepted.

Any DNA nomination submitted through Show Stock Manager will also be eligible for entry at the Ak-Sar-Ben Stock Show. Submitting a DNA envelope DOES NOT serve as an entry for any show.



2023 MARKET BEEF WEIGH DAY

Saturday, February 11, 2023

Weber Feedyards 2 miles west of Dorchester on Hwy 33, south side of road (Big Tan building on east side of the building and lots.)

8:30 to 11 am - you MUST be on site no later than 10:45 am.

We will weigh and tag your market beef with an EID tag. For those wishing to nominate beef for State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben, we will also pull a DNA sample. Cost for DNA is \$7 per head and paid online when you make your Show Stock Manager animal nominations by June 15.

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Bucket Calves shown in 2022 to be exhibited as market beef in 2023 can be weighed as well.

Animals are NOT eligible for county Rate of Gain contest if not weighed this day.

Families MUST complete the online form by Feb. 9th with contact information and select your approximate time of arrival at weigh day: <https://go.unl.edu/23salinebeefweighday>

Cost of tags and DNA are paid by the family.

SAVE THE DATES

July 19-23, 2023

2023 Saline County Fair

Crete, Nebraska



WANTED

*County Fair Swine
Superintendent
and/or Assistant
Superintendent*

for 2023

If interested, call the Ext. Office at 402-821-2151 or email becky.vales@unl.edu

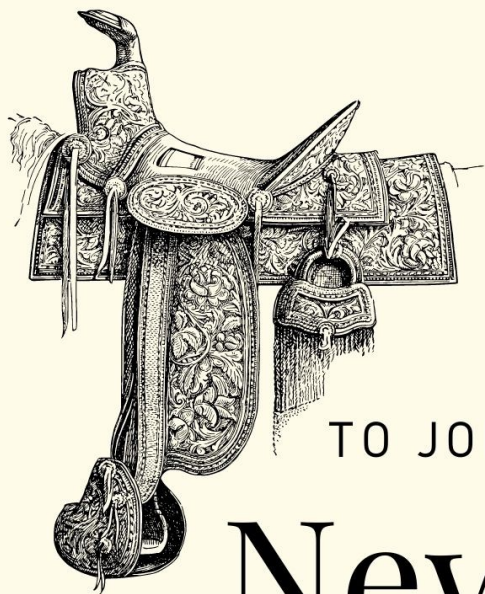
Looking for a parent, former 4-H or FFA member, club leader, or other volunteer(s).

Responsibilities would include but not limited to:

- * Be present for county fair check-in and weigh in
- * Split live classes with help of Ext. Office
- * Help recruit show help
- * Help set up show arena/tear down
- * Be present at show, help at show, noting class winners, etc.
- * Be knowledgeable about show rules and adhere to fairbook rules

The Extension Office will help you.

NOW AVAILABLE FOR SALINE COUNTY 4-H YOUTH



Horsemanship Club

ALL HORSE LOVERS ARE WELCOME
TO JOIN IN MONTHLY MEETINGS, AGES 8+

New in 2022!

- A SPECIAL INTEREST CLUB FOR ALL HORSE LOVERS
- GAIN KNOWLEDGE REGARDING HORSES AND/OR PREPARE FOR HORSEMANSHIP LEVEL TESTS
- MEET OTHER YOUTH WHO ALSO LOVE HORSES
- YOUTH ARE NOT REQUIRED TO BE HORSE OWNERS OR ENROLLED IN THE HORSE PROJECT
- \$15 COST PER YOUTH

PLEASE COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM AT THIS LINK:
[HTTPS://GO.UNL.EDU/SALINEHORSEMANSHIPCLUB](https://go.unl.edu/salinehorsemanshipclub)
MEETING TIME/LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED BASED ON REGISTRATIONS.

QUESTIONS? 402-821-2151



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2023 Special Garden Project Mrs. Burns' Lemon Basil



Photo courtesy of
Johnny's Selected Seeds

This project is open to all youth of 4-H age and it will give them the opportunity to learn about growing, harvesting, and exhibiting this unique herb.

The Special Gardening Project lets 4-H members try their hand at growing unusual vegetables, flowers, and herbs. The project allows experienced 4-H gardeners to grow something fun, new, and different while letting those new to gardening get their feet wet in this project area.

The focus of the 2023 project is Mrs. Burns' Lemon Basil. This herb can be used multiple ways. Lemon basil has a unique lemon flavor can be added to any recipe or to cut flower arrangements to add scent and interest.

4-H members enrolled in the Special Garden Project will:

- Receive a 'packet' of Mrs. Burns' Lemon Basil (one packet per youth) in March/April
- Receive a newsletter about:
 - Planting & growing basil
 - Basil problems & insects
 - Harvesting & using basil
- Be able to exhibit this unique herb at County and State Fair
 - State Fair Special Garden Project Educational Exhibit Class G-775-001
 - State Fair Special Garden Project Fresh Cut Flowers or Harvested Vegetables & Herbs G-775-002
 - Other fun county only ways to exhibit this unique herb like a story, poem, or poster. Each county is different so be sure to check with your local Extension Office.
- Complete an evaluation about their growing experience: <https://go.unl.edu/2023basileval>

Enroll for the 2023 Special Garden Project through 4-H Online, call the Extension Office to reserve your seed packet (one per 4-H member) or complete the online seed reservation form no later than

January 9th: <https://go.unl.edu/2023sgplemonbasil>

Cost is .50 per packet.

*Mrs. Burns' Lemon Basil photo courtesy of Johnny's Select Seeds, Johnnyseeds.com, 1-877-564-6697.

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2023 SALINE COUNTY 4-H ENROLLMENT IS OPEN!



**JOIN
NOW**

Instructions: <https://go.unl.edu/salinecounty4henrollment>
Enrollment website: v2.4honline.com

Log in with the email & password you used in the past for 4honline. We do not have access to your password.

DO NOT CREATE A DUPLICATE ACCOUNT!

Enroll early for membership fee discounts:

Before March 15 - \$5/ member or \$10/family

March 16-April 15 - \$6/member - no family discount

April 16-June 15 - \$10/member - no family discount

**Fees based on time of payment, not on
time of enrollment.**

Checks payable to Saline County 4-H Council
Cash or Check ONLY

**Enrollments
will not be
approved until
fee is paid.**

Contact

402-821-2151

becky.vales@unl.edu

2023 4-H Camping

Registration Information Coming Soon



Adventure Together 2023

ADVENTURE TOGETHER ACROSS NEBRASKA WITH 4-H CAMP



Chadron

June 5-9

Experience Nebraska via horseback, hiking, and with a trip down the Super Slide! Then see the prehistoric Agate Fossil Beds for a week of exploring Nebraska's wilderness; both past and present.



Cozad

June 16-20

Challenge yourself with high ropes, zipline, and a rock wall! Work together with your new friends for a canoeing adventure, and round out your day with gaga and 9 square in the air!



Ashland

June 26-29

Have an "in-tents" outdoor adventure at Mahoney State Park. Cook by the campfire, explore the tree canopy on the ropes course, and make a splash going down the slide at the pool!



Burwell

July 16-20

Explore the flora and fauna with a week on the river front! Explore the North Loup River, go geocaching, tracking, and don't forget about playing an epic game of capture the flag!



Louisville

July 27-30

Close out the summer with an "in-tents" experience at Platte River State Park. Practice your aim at the archery range, investigate the aquatic life at Crawdad Creek, and enjoy s'mores and songs with your new friends!



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MERRY
CHRISTMAS



HAPPY NEW YEAR