SALINE COUNTY

NEWS & VIEWS

EXTENSION Saline County

January 2021

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NOTICE REGARDING CLUB MEETINGS

At this time, ALL 4-H programs are asked to only meet *virtually* (no gatherings or meetings at least until the end of January 2021). Please do your part to slow the spread of Covid-19 & reduce stress on the healthcare systems.

2021 Saline County Fair
July 13-18, 2021

Market Beef Weigh Day CANCELLED FOR 2021

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT WE ARE CANCELLING MARKET BEEF WEIGH DAY FOR 2021 TO COMPLY WITH NEBRASKA EXTENSION DHM GUIDELINES FOR JANUARY.

FAMILIES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR GETTING EID TAGS FROM THE EXTENSION OFFICE FOR COUNTY FAIR AND STATE FAIR PARTICIPATION. THOSE 10 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER ON JAN. 1, 2021 WHO PLAN TO EXHIBIT AT STATE FAIR WILL ALSO NEED A DNA SAMPLE ON FILE BY JUNE 15TH.
PLEASE DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE DEADLINE TO TAG & DNA YOUR MARKET BEEF!

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4-H Enrollment is OPEN!

4-H enrollment for 2021 is now open using 4HOnline - the website to enroll or re-enroll is: ne.4honline.com (type this address into your browser)
Enrollment help tips: https://go.unl.edu/saline4henrollment

RETURNING MEMBERS/FAMILIES ARE NOT TO CREATE A NEW FAMILY PROFILE - PLEASE USE THE PROFILE YOU HAVE USED IN THE PAST!

Now is the time for 4-H members, leaders, and Clover Kids (ages 5-7 as of Jan. 1, 2021) to enroll for another year and NEW members/leaders to make their enrollments. Clover Kids in the Afterschool programs are already enrolled. Clubs and projects will need to be added to youth profiles as they were cleared at the state level.

ENROLLMENT MUST BE COMPLETE BY APRIL 1ST!

LATE FEES/RESTRICTIONS WILL APPLY!

4-H GROWS HERE

$6 PER MEMBER - PAID TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE.

CHECKS PAYABLE TO SALINE COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL.

Youth enrolled in the "Shotgun –Trapshooting" project MUST be enrolled by March 1 for Conference purposes.

ALL VOLUNTEER 4-H LEADERS AND 4-H COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL BE RE-SCREENED IN 2021. WATCH FOR A LETTER WITH INFORMATION AND COST.

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Did You Move, Change Phone Numbers, or have a new email?

When you re-enroll your children or yourself as a leader in 4-H online please be sure to change any information on your family profile such as address and phone numbers or emergency contacts if they have changed.

We use the contact information in 4HOnline for our contact list/mailings.

4-H PROJECT INFORMATION

You can find a list of available 4-H projects at: https://go.unl.edu/saline4henrollment
Here you will find the Saline County 2021 project list as well as the State 4-H Project list.

Also on this web page, you will find a list of all Saline County 4-H Clubs and the name(s) of the club leaders. If your child(ren) have been an Afterschool 4-H Clover Kid member and are now 8 years old as of Jan. 1, 2021 and are looking to continue your 4-H experience and need the contact information for a club leader in your area of the county, please call our office.

PICK YOUR PROJECT

LOTTERY SWINE PROJECT SIGN UP

Plans are underway for the Lottery Swine project again in 2021. We have secured pigs at $150 from Schmidt Show Pigs.

Cash prizes will be offered for rate of gain, Champion and Reserve, along with division winners. Please begin considering your interest for this project. Signup **will end on March 1st.** Call 402-821-2151 to reserve your pigs or complete the reservation form at: https://go.unl.edu/2021lotterypigsignup

This project is beginning to include a bit of the Entrepreneur project with selling your pigs. We do not know what the packers/processors will be doing by county fair, but, you need to consider contacting the locker of your choice NOW 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. We cannot guarantee a market for fair pigs.

Deadline is NOON on Feb. 15, 2021

Inspiring Your Future Scholarship

This is the inaugural year for the Animal Science: Inspiring Your Future Scholarship Contest. Ten $5,000 scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors and transfer students who are admitted animal science majors looking to enroll in the Fall 2021 semester at UNL.

Students are encouraged to tell their digital story about an individual or animal who has inspired them to pursue an education and career in animal science. This can be done via video, essay, pictures, a combination of these, or any medium that allows them to comfortably explain themselves.

For more information or to apply, visit: https://animalscience.unl.edu/scholarship-competition

~ ATTENTION SENIORS ~

Be sure to check the "Scholarship" page on our county 4-H website often as we add scholarships as they become available to us. The website is: https://go.unl.edu/seniorscholarships

Recently added was the Saline County 4-H Council Scholarship application and the Merlyn Anderson Scholarship application. Please see the website link for scholarship requirements and deadlines.

SPECIAL AGRONOMY PROJECT

The Nebraska Extension Special Agronomy Project gives 4-H members an opportunity to experience a crop that is grown, was grown or has the potential to be grown in Nebraska. Youth participate by receiving seed and resources to grow the crop, research traits of the crop and determine the viability of that crop in the part of the state they live. The project allows 4-H members interested in agronomy to grow something fun, new, and different.

To kick-off the inaugural year of the special agronomy project, youth will explore teosinte. The plant looks and is very similar to corn, in fact it is believed to be the wild ancestor of today's corn! Teosinte produces stalks that produces several small ears with a cob and hard, trapezoidal kernels. Being related to corn, the care is very similar so it should be planted and fertilized like corn. Plant the seeds 1-2 inches deep, 8 to 12 inches apart. Teosinte is a tropical grass, so wait till soils are warm before planting. Teosinte can take up to 180 days to mature but we can still admire it's similarities to corn!

For more information, go to https://cropwatch.unl.edu/special-agronomy-project.
Youth should enroll for the Special Agronomy Project through 4HOnline. Once enrolled in 4HOnline, youth are to call their local Extension Office to sign up for the project (order the seeds) by January 31st. By enrolling through 4-H Online, youth will have access to the folder with the educational materials including the growing newsletter & evaluation.

CONGRATULATIONS!

To the 4-H members listed below who applied for and have received 2021 Camp Scholarships. Please watch for state 4-H camp information in the coming months. Those who received Camp Renegade and Camp Venture scholarships will be mailed registration forms when they are complete.

CAMP RENEGADE—$40

Blake Bruntz, Friend

PheeBee Pomajzl, Crete

CAMP VENTURE—$50

Brayden Kent, Crete

Keisyn Kirchhoff, Friend

Kylie McMillan, Crete

Lacey Novotny, Wilber

Kelsey Zoubek, Western

Monica Zoubek, Western

Phillip Zoubek, Western

8-15 YEAR OLD STATE CAMP—$225

Gate Champ, Tobias

Camden Kent, Crete

Trinity McMillan, Crete

Addison Woods, Denton

Bryson Woods, Denton

UNL BIG RED CAMP—$350

Lauren Zak, Wilber

Maegan Zak, Wilber

GRAB & GO PROJECT KITS

Bead Garland and Gnome

Bead garlands are a popular home accessory and can be made in a variety of colors for holidays or to match your decor.

Make a Valentine or St. Patrick's Day themed gnome. You choose the theme of your gnome.

Kits will include all supplies, EXCEPT paint, brushes, and glue.

Cost is $15 for both projects!

Please call 402-821-2151 by Jan. 20, 2021 to reserve your kits. We will not order extra supplies, so please register if interested. Kits should be available the first or second week of February. Payment is due at time of registration.

2021 Special Garden Project
Hakurei Turnip

*Photo courtesy of Johnny's Select 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 tasty vegetable.

The Special Gardening Project lets 4-H members try their hand at growing unusual vegetables and flowers. 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 2021 project is the Hakurei Turnip. These are not your grandmother's turnips. Hakurei is a white salad turnip that is smooth, round and at its best when harvested under 2". The roots can be eaten raw or cooked, and the tops can also be cooked.

<u>4-H members enrolled in the Special Garden Project will:</u>

- Receive a 'packet' of Hakurei turnips (one packet per youth) in March/April
- Receive a newsletter about:
  - Planting & growing turnips
  - Turnip problems & insects
  - Harvesting & using turnips
- Be able to exhibit this unique vegetable 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 G-775-002
  - Other fun county only ways to exhibit this unique vegetable 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/2021turnipeval

To order:

1. Enroll for the 2021 Special Garden Project through 4-H Online.

2. Contact our office at 402-821-2151 to order packets of seeds (one packet per 4-H member).

Order no later than Jan. 15th. Cost is .50 per packet.

*Hakurei turnip photo courtesy of Johnny's Select Seeds, Johnnyseeds.com, 1-877-564-6697.

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YQCA

YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS

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, 2021 to be eligible to exhibit at the County Fair and State Fair.
Clover Kids ages 5-7 *DO NOT* need to complete quality assurance training.

YQCA Completion Date for 2021 - June 1st

$12 Per Youth Paid Online

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE COOLER WEATHER OR NO SCHOOL DAYS TO COMPLETE YOUR YQCA REQUIREMENT FOR 2021!
COMPLETE YOUR ONLINE TRAINING TODAY!

We hope to provide several face to face trainings if DHM's allow—TBA!

INDIVIDUAL ONLINE TRAINING FOR *YOUTH AGES 8-18* (JAN. 1)
Steps to complete your pre-registration:

1. Enroll in 4HOnline for 2021: https://ne.4honline.com/
   Register AND pay online at: https://yqca.learngrow.io
   Registration instructions are found at: https://go.unl.edu/yqcaonlinetraining
   4-H members will use their *4HOnline username and password*. This is the same username and password you use to enroll in 4-H.

2. You will choose the training for your age group. Work through the module videos and quizzes. Once complete, print your completion certificate and mail to the Extension Office. Certificates MUST be at the Extension Office no later than June 1, 2021, so make sure to complete and mail in time so your are not late. If late, you will not be certified to show livestock at the county fair.

ONLINE TRAINING OPTION FOR FFA YOUTH AGES 19-21 AS OF JAN. 1, 2021
Complete online module in your age group (age as of Jan. 1) by June 1, 2021 and bring printed certificate to the Extension Office by June 1st!
Register using the "FFA & Independent Member" Sign In/Create an Account
Register at: https://yqca.learngrow.io
Cost is $12 paid online

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4-H Recognition Program Update

A decision will be made in February as to the status of having a safe in-person Recognition Program while adhering to current DHM's to celebrate accomplishments of members in 2020.

Volunteer SPOTLIGHT ON 4-H

The January 2021 issue of Volunteer Spotlight on 4-H is available for viewing on our website at:
https://go.unl.edu/4hvolunteerspotlight

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