Saline County
News & Views

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CLAIM YOUR COUNTY FAIR PREMIUM MONEY AND/OR MARKET LIVESTOCK PREMIUM AUCTION MONEY BY *SEPTEMBER 18TH!*

If you are expecting **COUNTY FAIR PREMIUM MONEY** or **MARKET LIVESTOCK PREMIUM AUCTION MONEY, YOU MUST COMPLETE THE CAREER PORTFOLIO** (see enclosed guidelines and help tips), and all FFA members need to complete and submit the cover page, Size and Scope, and Income/Expense Summary, from their SAE records or equivalent records from AET.

Visit this link for required FFA records: http://ow.ly/H3aP3031OEX

Please add to your current Portfolio. Starting a new one is extra work for you and detracts from it for scholarships when you become a senior.

These must be submitted no later than Sept. 18, to claim your funds. Absolutely no late claims. Please print your Career Portfolios. DO NOT email them to use so we have to print them to review them.

Why Should I Complete The 4-H Career Portfolio

The 4-H year is drawing to a close, but is not complete until you update your 4-H Career Portfolio, and submit it. The updated Portfolio is useful for a number of reason's: 1) earns you credit for completing the 4-H year. 2) earns your fair premium. 3) records your activities for scholarship applications when graduating. 4) can earn you a 4-H Council scholarship. 5) can win county and state awards - including a trip to National 4-H Club Congress.

Clover Kids Recordbooks Due September 18

Clover Kids wishing to collect their fair premium money are required to complete and turn in the Clover Kids Record no later than September 18th.

Clover Kids will receive a maximum of $10 total for their fair exhibits. $1.00 per exhibit up to 10 exhibits.

The recordbook can be downloaded from our website at: http://ow.ly/4tmT30e3KIS. Please call our office should you have any questions.

Camp Scholarships

Camps are fun filled, with lots of learning opportunities and new friends. Be sure and check out this Saline 4-H advantage.

4-H'ers are eligible to receive a camp scholarship every other year. This allows for more 4-H'ers to have the opportunity to receive a camp scholarship. You may attend the camp of your choice at the facility of your choice. Scholarships available: (Age as of January 1st, 2018):

Camp	Schol. Amount	Camp	Scholar. Amount
Camp Renegade	$40 (1st & 2nd year campers)	15-19 Year Olds	$175
8-10 Year Olds	$150	Big Red Camps	$300
11-14 Year Olds	$175		

To apply for a scholarship simply mark the appropriate age group that you will be next summer on the form and write a paragraph about why you would like to go to camp. The Camp Scholarship application can be found on our website on the 4-H page.

Applications are due on September 18th. **Do not use old camp scholarship forms.**

Diamond Clover Applications

Monday, September 18th is the deadline for submitting your Diamond Clover applications along with your 4-H Career Profile. Information can be found at: http://4h.unl.edu/diamond-clover

Please call our office if you have questions.

Horse 4-H Equine Legacy Award

An award will be available to 4-H'ers that complete the Light Horse Record Book AND the 4-H Career Portfolio. This won't be easy to accomplish, but with some work, and record keeping skills (feed, care, inventory, and time), it can be done. Your name will be put on a perpetual plaque in the Extension Office, and will receive a personal award. For more information contact Eric or eric.stehlik@unl.edu.

To be eligible you WILL need to mark this area on the county award application in addition to submitting the Light Horse Record Book AND 4-H Career Portfolios.

Career Portfolios are due Sept. 18 in order to receive premium money along with the Award application form found at: You have until Oct. 1st to turn in your Light Horse Record Book.

State Fair Exhibit Pick-Up

Please stop by the Extension Office to pick up your State Fair Static Exhibits any time beginning **Wednesday, September 6th**.

Hunters Ed Course Offered

Blue River 4-H with the Crete Izaak Walton is hosting a Nebraska Hunter Ed course beginning September 12.

On-line registration is required on the Nebraska Game & Parks website at: www.register-ed.com/events/view/107969

Questions can be directed to Michael Scholz at 402-826-4810.

Importance of Thank You Notes?

If you were one of the 4-H'ers or FFA members who won trophies/awards, gift cards, or a tumbler for showmanship at the fair, it's not too late to send a thank you note to the award sponsors from County Fair. While the task may seem difficult, the impact you make with your thank you can make a difference. Don't be afraid to show a little bit of your personality in your note, your background or memories of the project. Including a photo of your project is a great idea also. Make sure that you write neatly and legibly. The most impactful thank you cards are those that come from the heart. It simply can't be stressed enough to say "Thank You".

County Fair would not be possible without the support from all of our sponsors! Donors like to know they are appreciated and their continued support depends, in part, on your thanks. Let them know they are appreciated so they keep supporting the 4-H program in Saline County. You should have received an envelope with a label enclosed with the address of your award sponsor(s). If you need help finding an address give us a call.

Thank Those Who Donated Water, Meals, & Breakfasts

Be sure to thank the generous donors who provided water during the hot week of county fair in addition to those that sponsored the meals and breakfasts through fair. Without their donations we would have been thirsty and hungry. You can find these donors and addresses to thank them here: http://ow.ly/Mj7930e4UUy

Fair Photos

Thanks to Toni Ladely for taking great photos and capturing county fair winners, memories and random shots. If you are interested in purchasing any photos, let us know and we can get you in touch with Toni. We should have them on our website in the next week or so. Please do not make copies of these photos—viewing only.

LEADERS, Do You Have a Club of Excellence?

4-H Clubs meeting the requirements may be recognized as Clubs of Excellence. Has your club met 6 times, elected officers, completed a club project, had at least 5 members from two different families, recited the 4-H pledge, given youth leadership roles, had adult role models/parental involvement, completed a community service project, had members who participate in county, district or state event(s), done speeches or demonstrations at club meetings, and celebrated member's achievements?

Please complete the **entire** Club Summary that will be sent to all Organizational Leaders so we may determine if your club qualifies. You are obligated to complete the Year End Club Treasurer's Report even if you have zero earning to report. We have to comply with financial obligations on your club's behalf which need to be reported to the IRS and State 4-H Office. Failure to comply **will** result in your club's removal from the Nebraska 4-H GEN and make you, the club leader, responsible for completing IRS tax documentation. If you don't complete and return the form, your club will not receive credit for being an organized club for 2017.

Celebrate National 4-H Week

Now is the time for clubs and 4-H members to think of ways to celebrate National 4-H Week. This week is a great opportunity to thank your volunteer leaders for their commitment to your club. National 4-H Week will be celebrated October 1-7.

Animal Advisory Committee Meetings

This year we will be hosting the Advisory Committee meetings (held on a two year cycle) that help set the future of each animal specie for the county fair. There are no personal invitations sent, please consider this your invitation to join an Advisory Committee. Some knowledge of current trends, and ideas to improve and enhance the educational opportunities both pre-fair and fair time are desired. If you have positive suggestions or ideas we are now beginning to create the agenda's for these meetings, and can certainly include your topics.

Please mark these dates on your calendar:

- Nov. 6 - Horse
- Nov. 7 - Beef, Goat, Sheep & Swine
- Nov. 9 - Cat, Dog, Small Animal, Rabbit and Poultry
- Nov. 14 - Premium Auction

All meetings are at 7 pm in Wilber at the Ext. Office.

~ SAVE THE DATE ~

2018
Saline County Fair
July 17-22

Celebrate 4-H at the 4-H Recognition Program

4-H Recognition Program is scheduled for Sunday, October 29, at the 4-H Exhibition Building in Crete.

We will host a pot luck dinner beginning at 6:00 p.m.

4-H Clubs and members are invited to bring their carved Pumpkins, and painted pumpkins to share. Pumpkins may be of traditional designs or as we wrap up the Nebraska 150 Quescentenial you may have a special design. We will select a best decorated pumpkin(s). In addition club members are invited to join in the scarecrow building contest. We would like members to do the building of the scarecrow using newspaper or stuffing other than straw (easy cleanup preferred).

The evening will start around 5:30 while others are still arriving and the dishes are being set. 4-H Council will provide the meat and drinks.

Want to Learn about Monarch Butterflies?

The Ag Innovator project this year will involve Monarch Butterflies. Any Junior or Senior High youth interested please let me know. Ag Innovators is a project that teens teach to after school youth or lead a workshop. Youth will be trained in the program by doing it first.

Last year the project focused on healthy soil, with Nigel Bridger and Evan Viger help teach to several Crete After School classes. One of the activities was to build a model crop planter powered by a nonobot (bug bot). It was quite an experience to see these 9-10 year olds design and build a model planter and try it out.

Please contact Eric for more information. It can be a fun and rewarding experience.

Fundraising List

Youth ages 12 & older who are interested in earning funds toward their future Washington D.C. trip need to call our office and request to be added to the fundraising list. We do not automatically add youth to the list once they become 12.

Our next fundraising event will begin soon with Red Wheel Frozen Food sales. Those already on the list will receive their sales information in the mail.

2018 Discover Washington Trip - June 2-12

Mark your calendars as our next trip is set for June 2 to 12, 2018.

The first trip meeting will be held on Sunday, October 8th at 4 p.m. at the DeWitt Community Center. At this time, all youth will be required to make a reservation deposit to confirm their participation in the trip.

If you have not already given us notice of a tentative year you would like to attend the D.C. Trip, please give us a call.

Typically youth need to have completed their Freshmen year of high school before attending the trip.

2017 Nebraska State Fair Highlights

Congratulations to all Saline County 4-H static and livestock exhibitors who participated in the 2017 Nebraska State Fair.

Chesney Schmidt took home the Champion 4-H Market Gilt honors and her gilt was also named the Supreme 4-H Market Swine at the 2017 Nebraska State Fair. Congratulations to the Schmidt family.

Breauna Derr received the Champion Lightweight Duck honors.

Carly Rains was chosen from her Intermediate Beef Showmanship class to return for the semi-finals.

Quinn Kasl exhibited the Yearling Breeding Goat Doe class winner for her particular class.

Abbey Vales represented Saline county in the Nebraska Elite Showmanship contest. The competition consisted of interviews, live showmanship of beef, sheep and swine in addition to a written exam.

Emily Binder's photography exhibit of ice on tree branch was selected for the CASNR and Extension Dean's Office display.

Madalyn Coe-Ahl's photo of a dog was selected for a special display in the UNL Animal Science department.

Receiving Special Recognition for their static exhibits were:

Jordyn Coe for her Accessory—Original Made from Wood exhibit representing Nebraska's 150 in a unique and creative way.

Alexa Kraus received special recognition for her Red Onion exhibit of "Well-cured, uniform".

Representing Saline county in the area of Fashion Revue were Breauna Derr, Ellie Peters and Megan Kotas.

Each year youth from around the state compete at the Nebraska State Fair in the 4-H areas of Clothing, Home Environment and Quilt Quest. Prize winners in these categories are spotlighted and highlighted each year at the Hillestad Gallery for their creativity, invention and craftsmanship. Breauna Derr's STEAM Clothing 3 dress was chosen for the Robert Hillestad Textiles Gallery's Celebration of Youth XXIV and will be on display at the gallery at UNL until September 30th.

Chesney Schmidt with her Champion 4-H Market Gilt which was also named the Supreme 4-H Market Swine at the 2017 Nebraska State Fair.

4-H CAREER PORTFOLIO TIPS & HINTS

CLAIM YOUR COUNTY FAIR PREMIUM MONEY AND/OR MARKET LIVESTOCK PREMIUM AUCTION MONEY BY *SEPTEMBER 18TH!*

STEPS TO COMPLETING THE 4-H CAREER PORTFOLIO TO CLAIM YOUR COUNTY FAIR PREMIUM OR AUCTION MONEY

New 4-H Members:

1. Go to http://saline.unl.edu/ - Once at this site, simply click on links as described below until you have downloaded the Portfolio and are ready to save it.
2. Across the tabs at the top click on SALINE COUNTY 4-H
3. Click on the Career Portfolio, Awards & Recognition tab in grey sidebar on the left side of the page.
4. Scroll down until you find NE4H9000- 4-H Career Portfolio
5. Click on the doc version not the PDF. This program is a Microsoft Word document.
6. This will download the file onto your computer, then save the file on your computer under each 4-H'ers name. Ex: Katie's Career Profile. Save again with new name for another member of your family.
7. Use the Career Portfolio to record the 4-H activities, projects, along with church/community/school involvement of your child. Each year you will simply add to the PORTFOLIO file, save and print for turning in.
8. You will not have information in all sections of the Career Portfolio, only in those areas in which you have projects or activities. DO NOT DELETE sections as you may enroll in new projects in the future and will need those sections to record your learning and experiences.
9. All 4-H'ers must complete a 4-H Story EACH year. Use the page that is titled "4-H Curriculum Story" to tell us your 4-H story for each year. No minimum or maximum length. We want to know what you have learned, experienced, share your trials/successes for the current year, plans for next year, etc.
10. Supporting Information pages are OPTIONAL. Here you could add photos, certificates received, etc.
11. Print the ENTIRE document. Sign the application page. Have your parent and leader sign and bring to the Extension Office by the deadline!

Returning 4-H Members:

1. DO NOT BEGIN A NEW CAREER PORTFOLIO EACH YEAR! Find your existing Career Portfolio file.
2. Simply add the information for the new year in each section of the Career Portfolio that pertains to your projects. Be sure to save!
3. Type your 4-H story for the current year.
4. Include supporting material such as pictures if you would like to do so. Supporting material is OPTIONAL!
5. Print the ENTIRE document. Sign the application page. Have your parent and leader sign and bring to the Extension Office by the deadline!

HELPFUL HINTS FOR ALL!

- Use the examples in each section to help you.
- When you are at the bottom on the last blank cell in the table, hit the tab key to add more blank rows.
- Be sure to include something specific that you learned in each of YOUR project areas.
- Show a progression in your learning from year to year. New skills or experiences you have gained.
- Don't forget your citizenship experiences. Roadside trash pick-up, nursing home visits, food donations, etc.
- Include a CURRENT year 4-H story.
- REMOVE previous year's story. You should only include the current year.
- You do not need to complete the Curriculum Form. This is for District Award applications ONLY!
- Portfolio covers will be provided to 1st year members turning in Portfolios. Other members may purchase covers from our office.
- Tab pages may also be purchased to separate each section.
- A hand-written version is available to non computer users. Ask us for a copy.

TURN YOUR 4-H CAREER PORTFOLIO INTO AN AWARD APPLICATION

AWARD APPLICATION DUE—SEPTEMBER 18TH!

FOLLOW THE STEPS LISTED BELOW FOR YOUTH WHO HAVE BEEN ENROLLED IN 4-H AT LEAST TWO YEARS AND IN THE PROJECT AREA(S) FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS!

The difference between a Career Portfolio and an Award Portfolio is detail! LOTS OF DETAIL!

Returning 4-H Members:

1. DO NOT BEGIN A NEW CAREER PORTFOLIO EACH YEAR! Find your existing Career Portfolio file.

2. Simply add the information for the new year in each section of the Career Portfolio. You will want to be very detailed in your learning and experiences. Ex: Livestock projects, include feed expense data, livestock health experiences, vaccination information. The more you know and document about your projects will help with the award application.

   Describe progression with your project area(s) - from your very first year in the project to where you are now. List all learning, positive or negative experiences and what you have learned from these or how judges comments have helped you become better in your project areas.

3. Type your 4-H curriculum story. This is much more detailed than a general 4-H story. Follow the story format in the story example page to include an Introduction, Describe your growth in your curriculum/project area(s), list other 4-H projects and experiences, document leadership/citizenship related to your curriculum/project area(s), and a conclusion. Story needs to be written in first person format.
   Avoid gimmicks such as a calf telling your story.

   Check for spelling and grammatical errors. Eric would be happy to review your story and offer tips to improve it.

   The more information you provide, the better the award selection committee will learn about you and your award area for which you are applying.

4. Include supporting material such as pictures if you would like to do so. Supporting material is OPTIONAL!

5. Print the ENTIRE document. Sign the application page. Have your parent and leader sign and bring to the Extension Office by the deadline!

6. Complete the award application in this newsletter and put inside front cover of your Career Portfolio.

HELPFUL HINTS

- When you are at the bottom on the last blank cell in the table, hit the tab key to add more blank rows.
- Be sure to include something specific that you learned in each of YOUR project areas.
- Show a progression in your learning from year to year. New skills or experiences you have gained.
- Don't forget your citizenship experiences. Roadside trash pick-up, nursing home visits, food donations, etc.
- Include a CURRENT curriculum area story. Follow the story format noted in the Career Portfolio.
- REMOVE previous year's story. You should only include the curriculum story.
- Include supporting material. Photos to support your curriculum area which show you active learning in your area. Ex. Sewing your dress, washing or clipping your calf, giving a vaccination, baking bread, etc. Maximum of 4 photo pages. Include photo captions. Two additional pages may be included with certificates or other documentation to support your award area. No news clippings!
- Tab pages may also be purchased to separate each section.
- Portfolio Covers may be purchased from our office.
- Complete the enclosed awards application and include inside the front cover of your Career Portfolio. Be sure to sign the form and get your parents and leaders signatures.

Clover Kids

Nebraska Extension in Saline County (Wilber) is offering a Clover Kids 4-H club at Crete, Dorchester, Friend, Wilber and Tri-County Elementary Schools. Clover Kids will meet one time a month for an hour in the elementary commons/lunch room or other designated area. Meetings will be held once a month (as long as school is in session) beginning in October. If you are interested in enrolling your child, please call the Extension Office at (402) 821-2151 by September 15th.

Who is Clover Kids for?
Clover Kids is the officially recognized 4-H program in Nebraska for any child age 5-7 (as of Jan 1st of 2018). This program provides a variety of educational and recreational experiences in a non-competitive environment. The primary goal is to promote the child's stages of development: intellectually, physically, socially, and emotionally.

Is a Clover Kid in 4-H?
Yes, however they participate in a different way than a 4-H member. Clover Kids gives children the opportunity to learn in an exploratory, non-competitive environment.

What type of projects can Clover Kids sign up for?
Projects can range from cooking, crafts, gardening, sewing, clothing, fashion show, public speaking, pets, bucket calves (and other livestock under the weight of 350lbs), showmanship, among other fun and creative projects.

What to expect at a Clover Kids meeting:
Clover Kids will meet as a group once a month for an hour. These meetings will be held at the school, right after school. Parents will need to pick their child/children up at 4:30/4:45 (depending on what time school is dismissed) if they do not attend the meeting with their child.

Each month kids will learn about a different topic through a variety of different ways, such as: reading, physical activity, crafts, foods/baking, and other fun ways of exploration. The group will be directed by a leader who will encourage children to participate in the group activities. Children are encouraged to use the projects that they complete during their meetings for fair exhibition.

Along with group meetings, Clover Kids will also have the opportunity to participate in Clover Kids workshops where they will meet as a group to work on other projects that they can enter in the county fair.

Can Clover Kids go to camp?
YES!!! Clover Kids may attend camps especially designed to meet their developmental stages. A Clover Kid camp involves youth in a one day or a multi-day "camp like" setting where educational, hands-on activities occur.

What does it cost for my child to participate in Clover Kids?
There is a $16 enrollment fee per child (each year) enrolled in Clover Kids. This fee covers enrollment and supplies that will be used for activities throughout the year. **Payment will need to be received at Nebraska Extension in Saline county by October 2nd for your child to participate in the first session. Payment can be mailed to the Nebraska Extension in Saline County at: P.O. Box 978, Wilber, NE, 68465 or brought to the office at 306 W. 3rd Street, Wilber, NE. Checks are payable to the Saline County 4-H Council.**

How can I sign my child/children up for Clover Kids?
Contact our office in Wilber at (402) 821-2151 for any questions concerning Clover Kids or to sign your child/ children up for Clover Kids. Please contact the office by September 15th to sign your child/children up for Clover Kids. You will need to then enroll online your child(ren) with the instructions that will be mailed to you at a later date to officially enroll them in Saline County 4-H to be able to exhibit in county fair and other opportunities.

What if my child wants to join, but is 8 (or older)?
Great!! We have other 4-H clubs designed specifically for your child's age. Call our office and we can help you locate a local 4-H club to join.

4-H Recognition Program

Sunday, October 29, 2017
4-H Building, Crete, NE
5:30 p.m. - Scarecrow & Pumpkin Decorating Contest

(4-H members should bring your pumpkins already decorated, painted or carved for judging)

6 p.m. Covered Dish Meal

Each family is to bring their own table service & two covered dishes.
Meat & drinks are provided by 4-H Council.

Families/Clubs are also asked to bring 1 baked or craft item for the raffle.
Clubs wanting to participate in the scarecrow contest should bring items/materials for making your scarecrow.

Award winners, camp scholarship recipients, leaders service awards and other special awards will be recognized.

Plan to attend as a member of your family could be recognized.

All 4-H Families Are Invited to Attend!

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~ Reminder ~
In order to collect fair premium money or premium auction money 4-H Career Portfolios and/or FFA records & Clover Kids Recordbooks must be in the Ext. Office no later than
Sept. 18th.
NO EXCEPTIONS!

Visit us on the web at: www.saline.unl.edu

*** ***Remember*** ***

In order to claim your Premium Auction Money and Fair Premium, 4-H Career Portfolios/FFA recordbooks are due no later than Sept. 18th. Award Books, Diamond Clover applications, Camp Scholarship applications and Leaders Completion forms are due this day also.

Clover Kids need to complete and return the Clover Kid Recordbook by Sept. 18 as well in order to receive premium money for their fair entries.

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

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