Not too Late to Enroll in 4-H!!
Hello 4-H Families! As we embark on a new 4-H programming year, we are excited to continue using the 4-H Online enrollment system. All 4-H families will enroll in clubs and projects through 4HOnline at https://ne.4honline.com.

If you are a returning member, go to https://ne.4honline.com Choose “I have a profile” and log in with your email address and password. If you have forgotten your password, choose "I forgot my password" and the system will send you an email to reset your password. Once logged in as a family, you can update and add members and member information along with projects and clubs. Remember from last year that the system can record LOTS of information, but not all is required. Required fields are marked with red asterisk. If you are new to 4-H, you will need to create a new family account and profiles for each 4-H member at https://ne.4honline.com participate in the 2018 program year.

4HOnline is a web-based enrollment system that will allow families to enroll in 4-H on your personal computer or mobile device. If you do not have internet access at home, feel free to stop by the Nebraska Extension office and use our computers. You’ll be able to complete all of the information necessary to join 4-H online, including 4-H code of conduct forms and health forms. For more information contact the Nebraska Extension office at 632-1480 or jschwartz2@unl.edu. Also, if you have questions as you enroll, please let us help you!

There will be no paper forms to submit for enrollment—Code of Conduct forms and health forms may be submitted at anytime during the year, but to be eligible for County Fair and State Contests these enrollment deadlines need to be met.

* Re-enrollment—If you were enrolled in 4-H in 2017, enroll online and pay the $5 fee to the Extension Office by May 1. You can also do this online with a credit/debit card. You have until May 1 to add or drop 4-H projects for County Fair.
* New Enrollment—Youth who are joining 4-H for the first time are encouraged to enroll online and pay the $5 as soon as possible and no later than May 1 to be eligible to exhibit at County Fair. You can also pay your enrollment fee online with a credit/debit card.
Adult Volunteers

Volunteers will enroll electronically. Returning leaders: If you have children in 4-H, log into your family account at https://ne.4honline.com and update your information. Volunteers without children in 4-H should go to https://ne.4honline.com, enter the email you have used in the past with 4-H and choose, "I forgot my password". A new password will be emailed to you. If you have any questions or concerns, let the Extension office help you! If you are a volunteer for 4-H, we are required to submit to background checks periodically with the State of Nebraska. The Panhandle District (us) is due for an audit. Please go to https://4h.unl.edu/resources/volunteers-screening, complete the form and return it to the Extension Office, no need to get the notary signature, we can sign the form here. This needs to be done as soon as possible. Again, this is for any adult volunteers. All parents that assist with 4-H are included.

Contact the Nebraska Extension office or more info, if you have questions, or need assistance 308-632-1480 or email Jana at jschwartz2@unl.edu.

Scotts Bluff County

4-H T-Shirts

County t-shirts are available for purchase at the Extension Office. Price: Short Sleeve $5, Long Sleeve $10.

4-H Radio Days Fundraiser

It's time to sell KNEB 4-H Radio Days Ads! KNEB generously donates air time to the Scotts Bluff County 4-H program so we can tell the community about 4-H. Each pre-scripted 30-second 4-H promotional ad, recorded by Junior Leaders, will name the sponsoring business. KNEB runs the ads on their AM and FM stations during the month of March. 4-H members sell the ads to businesses and individuals. Ads are $10 each. Sponsor information and payment are due to the Extension Office by March 9 so that the ads can be recorded and on the air by March 15. We are limited in the number of ads we can sell, so please contact Jana at 632-1480 if you are selling more than 10 ads. Selling packets that will help walk you through the process are available on the Scotts Bluff County 4-H webpage. Of each ad sold, $5 goes to the seller's club and $5 goes to the Scotts Bluff County 4-H Council to offset countywide expenses. Thank you for your enthusiastic participation in this promotion opportunity.

New Livestock Judging Opportunity!

All ages 8-18 and skill levels are invited to join this new Livestock Judging club. Casey and Tanya Jagers have volunteered to lead the group. They have collegiate level judging experience and want help area youth in building these important skills! Attend the organizational meeting on Thursday, March 1st at the Extension Office at 6pm. Both parents and members are encouraged to attend to plan meeting schedules and goals of the club. If you cannot attend but are interested, please contact the Extension office at 632-1480 or email jschwartz2@unl.edu and we will add your name to the list.
Public Speaking, PSA, & Presentations Contest

The County Public Speaking & Presentations Contest will be held on Monday, April 2 at 1:00 pm at the Panhandle Research and Extension Center. Categories are Speech, Public Service Announcement (PSA), and Presentations. The theme for the 2018 PSA is "4-H Grows True Leaders". There are two sub-categories for presentations: 4-H Illustrated Presentation; Teaching (Trade Show Exhibit) Presentation.

Speech and PSA contestants have the opportunity to advance to the Regional Contest on April 21. Presentation contestants may advance to the State Contest at State Fair.

Further information is on the county 4-H website, contact the Extension Office for registration or more info. Registrations are due March 29.
Stop the Bleed Training
Mark your Calendar! A Stop the Bleed training is being held April 8th at the Panhandle Research & Extension Center.
A national initiative from the American College of Surgeons (ACS) Committee on Trauma, “Stop the Bleed,” aims to prepare the public with the tools and information needed to act in an emergency, stop life-threatening bleeding, and potentially save lives. More information about the training will be available at a later date.

Governor's Agricultural Excellence Club Grant
Apply for a Governor's Agricultural Excellence Award. 4-H clubs are encouraged to apply for this award which recognizes 4-H clubs for the work of the individuals in the club and the community service work of the entire club. Recognition is in the form of a $500 check issued to the club’s treasury to be used as described in the award application. Twenty-five clubs are recognized each year. Clubs may use the award dollars for many different programs. Conferences or workshops for others in the community, trips or tours for club members, community improvement projects in their hometown, campus visits, fair grounds enhancement, inter-generational programs, and the development of a youth council are just a few examples of the ways the award can be used. While the majority of the clubs choose a project that benefits many others in their community some have chosen to celebrate their success by providing more experiences for club members. Applications are available online at [http://ne4hfoundation.org/recognition/](http://ne4hfoundation.org/recognition/) and are due by March 3rd.
2018 4-H Summer Camps and Trips

The 2018 summer season is approaching fast—make sure to include a trip to Nebraska 4-H Summer Camp in your schedule! 4-H Camps are open to ALL YOUTH ages 5–18. Two great facilities across the state—Eastern Nebraska 4-H Center in Gretna and Nebraska State 4-H Camp in Halsey—will provide unique learning atmospheres. Day Camps and Family Camps are also available. There are also Big Red Summer Academic Camps held on the UNL Campus. Learn more at https://4h.unl.edu/camps.

Scholarships

Nebraska Association of County Extension Boards Scholarship Program
The NACEB scholarship program includes one $1000 scholarship at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Agriculture Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR) or College of Education and Human Sciences (CEHS) for an incoming freshman or transfer student and one $1000 scholarship for a current student (sophomore or higher) enrolled in CASNR or CEHS. For more information and the application check out the NACEB website at http://ne4hfoundation.org/recognition/ or you can contact the Extension Office. Applications due March 16.

Upper Mitchell Valley Scholarship
The Upper Mitchell Valley (formerly the Gerald & Velma Applebee) Scholarship is offering one $300 scholarship to an outstanding student who has been in 4-H within the last four years. Payments will be made directly to the school of the recipients choice. Application deadline is April 20. Contact the Extension Office for an application.

Scotts Bluff County Homemaker Clubs
The Scotts Bluff County Council of Homemaker Clubs is offering two $500 scholarships to any Scotts Bluff County resident enrolled in Agricultural, Human Resources, Nursing, and Family Sciences curriculum. Applicants can be graduating high school seniors or college students planning to attend college in 2018. The scholarship is paid to the school after completion of the 2018 fall semester. The student must maintain a C average or the scholarship will be forfeited. The winner will be announced and honored at the Spring Tea in April. You can pick up an application at your local school or contact Donna Weitzel, 1543 SC Road, Mitchell, NE 69357 for an application. The application must be postmarked by the April 1. If you have any questions, contact Donna Weitzel at 308-623-1158.

JARVIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP—4-H, FFA, FCS members
The intent of the scholarship is to assist women who live 3 or more hours drive from Lincoln but wish to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Applicant must reside in Love Memorial Cooperative Residence Hall on East Campus. Eligible requirements:

*Female born high school graduate (or soon to be) OR a UN-L student who has not resided at Love Memorial Cooperative Residence Hall (LMH) OR an undergraduate transfer student from another college or university pursing any major for an undergraduate or graduate degree.

*Applicant must be or been a member of 4-H or FCCLA or FFA (minimum of two years) or have taken a minimum of three semesters in Family & Consumer Sciences classes

*Must have applied (minimum) or been accepted (preferred) to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Jarvis Memorial Scholarship Application must be postmarked by March 15, 2018.
Quality Assurance Training Required for All Animal Exhibitors

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Training is required for all 4-H members showing RABBITS, POULTRY, BEEF, GOATS, SWINE OR SHEEP at County or State Fair. Members have three options for receiving training.

ONLINE: YQCA Log In Instructions:
1. Go to yqca.org from your computer browser and select Sign In/Register Tab
2. Sign in and register using the 4-H Online box
3. Select the name of your organization from the pick list Nebraska 4-H Youth Development
4. Use your 4-H Online user name and password to start the process
5. Select the member name taking the course
6. Select the age of the member in the appropriate box
7. When the age is selected the appropriate courses will be selected
8. Select online choice (Instructor led class will be developed by your local instructor)
9. Select payment method credit card or if you have received a coupon code from your Extension Office you will enter it at this time to purchase the courses
10. After completing the three courses be sure to save and print out a completion certificate and take it to your Extension Office
11. For swine exhibitors the number on your completion certificate will be used as the number that will be asked for by swine buyers
12. If you encounter problems you can contact help@yqca.org

INSTRUCTOR LEAD TRAINING: Attend a YQCA County 4-H training.

TEST: If you are an intermediate or senior (12 or older), you may be able to test out. If you pass the test, you do not have to attend training. This is not difficult! Contact the UNL Extension office to take the test.

Members must be Quality Assurance certified by June 15 to be eligible to compete at the County Fair. No trainings will be held after June 15.

Start your Livestock Project off Right
AND get your YQCA (new Quality Assurance) Training!!

Join us for a workshop on Saturday, March 10th from 4-6pm at the Panhandle Research and Extension Center. 4-H members will rotate through stations learning about nutrition, feeding programs, daily care, management, and animal health. All 4-H members showing livestock at the county fair must attend a Youth for the Quality Care of Animals training, complete an online course, or test out. This training will meet that yearly requirement. Cost is $3 and can be paid by a prepaid coupon. Contact the Extension Office for a $3 coupon. Registration and payment must be completed before the training by going to https://yqca.learngrow.io.
### 2018 Livestock ID Requirements for State Fair/Aksarben

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Online Nomination Website: www.showstockmgr.com
Nebraska State Fair Entry Website: http://www.statefair.org/

Additional Information

County offices can accept paper ID sheets for their own record keeping but these will not be accepted as a form of identification for State Fair and/or AKSARBEN. Each exhibitor may nominate a total, between 4-H and FFA, as follows: Market Beef (10), Market Lambs (20), Market Swine (40), and Market Goats (20) at the State Fair level.

Family Responsibilities: (for State Fair)

1. Exhibitors will be required to enroll in 4-H and the required projects by the county deadline in 4H Online.

2. Exhibitors showing market animals at State Fair or AKSARBEN must have a signed and sealed official DNA collector with hair samples for DNA verification turned into their county office and have completed the online nomination (www.showstockmgr.com) along with submitting payment online by the appropriate deadline listed in the table. Any animal carrying an 840 EID tag will require the exhibitor to obtain a Premises ID. Contact the local Extension Office for details. (It is recommended that you make a copy or a photo image of completed envelope you turn into your county.)

3. Exhibitors showing breeding beef, breeding sheep and breeding does at State Fair or AKSARBEN will need to complete an online nomination (www.showstockmgr.com) by the June 15 deadline.

4. Exhibitors will be required to complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) for the enrolled livestock projects by the county deadline.

5. Exhibitors will notify the County Extension Staff of any retags that may occur up to time of check-in at either the State Fair or AKSARBEN show.

6. Exhibitors will select which animal entries they have chosen to show at State Fair on the State Fair pre-entry website. All nominated and validated animals will be automatically listed as a choice option for pre-entry registration.

7. 4-H and FFA youth participants will declare which youth organization they will show their animal projects by August 10 in ShoWorks.

8. If an animal is shown in FFA at the State Fair, it is no longer eligible for AKSARBEN. If an animal is entered in FFA, but isn’t exhibited, that animal will still be eligible to be exhibited at AKSARBEN.

Exhibitors will be required to bring the breed registration association paperwork to check-in at State Fair for animals wanting to show in a breed class. The exhibitors name should be identified on the registration paper.
Cat Club

Cat Club is a monthly webinar series offering educational information about caring for your cat and showing your cat in 4-H. Youth do not need to be enrolled in 4-H or in the 4-H cat project to participate. Cat Club is a great resource for anyone interested in showing cats in 4-H whether you have one now or not! Youth of all ages are welcome to join. Webinar topics change each month and cover topics such as vaccination, diseases, grooming, diet, reproduction, breeds, genetics, selecting a cat, at home cat setup, and showmanship.

The Cat Club series is held on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm CT. Meetings are hosted via Zoom, a video and web conferring service. Participants may join starting 30 minutes prior to the meeting. Information for joining the can be found at https://4h.unl.edu/companion-animal/cat-club. The Cat Club will convene on the following dates:

- February 8, 2018 @ 6:00 PM CT
- March 8, 2018 @ 6:00 PM CT
- April 12, 2018 @ 6:00 PM CT
- May 10, 2018 @ 6:00 PM CT

Nebraska Equine Webinar Series is a great place for 4-H leaders and/or parents and senior aged youth to gain knowledge in many different areas. Each month will cover a different topic and have various experts in those areas. The webinars will be online through zoom. To register and/or watch previous webinars on nutrition, stampede, or horse show trends please go to: https://4h.unl.edu/horse/webinar-series.

Nebraska Wheat Board Make & Take Month

March is Bake & Take month, a time when wheat organizations encourage others to bake a wheat good and share it with family, friends, neighbors, co-workers and shut-ins. In honor of the month, the Nebraska Wheat Board (NWB) is again sponsoring recipe cards and stickers for any 4-H groups or other organizations that wish to participate. This year’s recipes are mini dessert tacos and crockpot cherry chocolate lava cake. Those interested in participating or who have questions can contact the NWB office at (402) 471-2358 or wheat.board@nebraska.gov.
MyPI (My Youth Preparedness Initiative) Nebraska

Lincoln, Neb. —Nebraska Extension and Nebraska 4-H are piloting a youth preparedness and educational outreach program known as MyPI (My Youth Preparedness Initiative) Nebraska now through August 2018.

MyPI Nebraska is a component of the National Youth Preparedness Initiative, a partnership delivering an innovative and engaging curriculum for teenagers across Nebraska and seven other states.

“Everyone can play a part in preparing for disasters and emergencies, especially teens,” said Nebraska Extension Disaster Education Coordinator Ashley Mueller. “They bring unique perspectives and experiences when it comes to preparedness, and tapping into these can be very valuable to their families and communities.”

MyPI offers a flexible five to 10 week program. For the pilot, each state must graduate 125 teens by having them complete three components.

In component A, teenagers will complete the United States Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Teen Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training focusing on disaster preparedness, fire safety and utility control, disaster medical operations, light search and rescue, disaster psychology, and terrorism.

Component B features certification in CPR and AED usage, along with awareness programs focusing on HAM radio, NOAA weather radio, smoke alarm maintenance, and smart phone application and social media in emergency preparedness. The component also includes a disaster simulation, and a focus on public safety, fire service and emergency management careers.

The final element of the program, component C, includes a comprehensive family and community service project entitled "Prep + 6," in which each participant helps develop emergency supply kits and emergency communication plans for their family and six additional families or households. This component allows for significant enhancement in individual, family, and community preparedness and resilience.

Graduates of the program will receive a MyPI/CERT backpack filled with basic disaster and emergency response supplies.

In addition to Nebraska, MyPI is also being piloted in Hawaii, New Jersey, Washington, Illinois, Tennessee, Virginia, and Mississippi. Nebraska Extension has partnered with Nebraska Citizen Corps to deliver the program and has made plans to continue beyond the pilot phase.

For more information on MyPI Nebraska and how to get involved, visit http://mypinebraska.org or contact Ashely Mueller at 402-727-2775 or ashley.mueller@unl.edu.

Fair Update:

The Scotts Bluff County Fair will be held July 28-August 5

2018 Photography Theme

New Classes in Unit II and III for 2018

Unit II and Unit III TRUE LEADER EXHIBIT PRINT:
Explore true leaders in your community. True leaders can be anyone from community leaders, teachers, and volunteers to parents and friends. So, what sets them apart? What makes someone a true leader? What effect do they have on the people or environment around them? How can you tell their story through photography?
Fair Book Changes for 2018
The following changes have been approved for 2018. Please review. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Extension Office or a 4-H Council Member.

General (All livestock animals)
- Exhibitor with no animal that makes weight will be allowed to keep only 1 animal of any species to show in the respective showmanship class on the grounds, following the showmanship class the animal must leave the fairgrounds.
- All market species must come to tag-in or weigh-in on specified dates to qualify for county fair. State Fair/Aksarben only animals must be tagged and/or inspected by approved volunteer, a superintendent, or Extension Staff by June 15.
- No animals allowed on the fairgrounds prior to 1 day before weigh-in at the county fair (Saturday).

Swine
- No Re-weighs allowed
- Add a Breeding Gilts Class--Would have to be part of your four animals - cannot show in both Breed and Market. Shown by age of animal. Exhibition first year.

Sheep
- Add a Natural division to Market Lamb
- Change White Face Class to All Other Breeds Class

Meat Goats
- Allow chain show halters or neck chains
- Horns will have no fresh blunts or scars before county fair weigh-in de-horning is preferred!

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## 2018 4-H Calendar

### FEBRUARY
- **Nebraska 4-H Month**
  - 17 – Beef Weigh-in, 1-3pm, UNL Feedlot
  - 18 – Panhandle Best Shooting Sports Fairgrounds
  - 22 – Volunteer Training, 5pm PREC
  - 27 – Livestock Committee - 6:00pm PREC

### MARCH
- 01 – Livestock Judging Club meeting 6:00pm PREC
- 10 – YQCA Nutrition Workshop
- 22 – Volunteer Training, 5pm PREC
- 26 – Fair BB Gun & Air Rifle Competition Fairgrounds
- 26 – 4-H Council, 6pm, PREC

### APRIL
- 02 – Speech & Presentation Contest, PREC
- 07 – Fur & Feather Fun Day
- 08 – Stop the Bleed Training PREC
- 14 – 4-H Celebration @ Legacy of Plains Museum
- 15 – Scotts Bluff Co Fair Trap Shoot - Mitchell Airport
- 21 – District Speech Contest
- 21-22 – Shooting Sports Training
- 28 – National 4-H Day of Service

### MAY
- 01 – New Enrollment Deadline
- 01 – Project Drop/Add Deadline
- 06 – Market Swine, Sheep, Goat Tag in, 3-5pm, Fairgrounds
- 10 – Market Sheep, Swine, Goat Tag in, 6-8pm, Fairgrounds
- 11 – District/State Horse Entries Due
- 11 – Horse Level Testing Deadline for District/State contests
- 17 – Volunteer Training, 5pm PREC
- 21 – 4-H Council, 6pm PREC
- 28 – Memorial Day Office Closed

### JUNE
- 01 – Animal Id Sheet Due
- 03 – Rabbit/Poultry QA-Tagging
- 14-15 – Tractor Safety Training
- 15 – Last Day for YQCA Training
- 20 – District Horse Show, Gordon
- 25-26 – PASE/ Life Challenge, Lincoln

### JULY
- 01 - Pre-Fair Entry Forms Due
- 04 – Independence Day, Office Closed
- 15-19 – State Horse Show, Grand Island
- ?? – Fair Livestock Exhibitor Meeting/Cleanup, Fairgrounds
- 21 – Clothing Day
- 23 – 4-H Council, 6pm PREC
- July 28-August 5 – Scotts Bluff County Fair

### AUGUST
- July 28-August 5 – Scotts Bluff County Fair
- 10 – State Fair Entries Due-online
- 24 – 1st Day of State Fair, Grand Island

### SEPTEMBER
- 03 – Labor Day-Office Closed
- 03 – Last Day of State Fair, Grand Island
- 24 – 4-H Council, 6pm PREC

### OCTOBER
- TBA – Record Books Due
- TBA – Council and Award Nominations Due
- TBA – Record Book Judging
- TBA – 4-H Achievement Event

### NOVEMBER
- – Pick up Premium Money
- 19 – 4-H Council, 6pm PREC
- 22 – Thanksgiving Day-Office Closed
- 23 – Office Closed

### DECEMBER
- 24-Jan 1 – Holiday Closedown-Office closed

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