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4-H ActionLine

SEWARD COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

June 2020

Dates & Deadlines

June

7	Jr. Leader Meeting	Online, via Zoom
10	Wild West Day Camp	Online, via Zoom
15	Performing Arts Contest	Online, via Zoom
15	Livestock IDs due	To Extension Office
17	COVID Capsules CC	Take & Make
18	4-H 101 Meeting	Remote, via Zoom
18	Woodworking Clover College	Take & Make
24	Block Flags Clover College	Take & Make
25	Bake a Pie Clover College	Take & Make
25	DIY Heat Transfer CC	Take & Make
30	Critter Connections	Take & Make
TBA	Fabulous Flowers CC	Take & Make
TBA	Sprocket Pillow CC	Take & Make

Fair entry information will be coming soon!

What will the 2020 county fair look like?

The answer isn't quite clear yet. What we do know is that 4-H and Extension staff are committed to providing some type of fair experience for youth.

The decision will depend on what the local health department recommends regarding COVID-19.

The Seward County Agricultural Society plans to make decisions about how to hold fair this year around June 1.

We are exploring options for a socially distanced 4-H exhibition in compliance with directed health measures. Entry details and more information will be shared as the fair gets closer. The fair is scheduled Aug. 5-9.



A new face at the Extension Office



On May 1, Nebraska Extension welcomed Emily Hemphill as the new 4-H Assistant in Seward County. Emily was a 10-year 4-H member with the Get-Along-Gang 4-H Club in Utica and spent time as Junior Leader. She served as a 4-H Ambassador, as a youth member and president of 4-H Council and has been a trustee on the Seward County 4-H Foundation for the past 15 years. She will work primarily with the 4-H Youth Development Program. She looks forward to connecting with 4-H youth and their families in the coming months!

4-H Programming—COVID-19 Updates

Nebraska 4-H is limiting 4-H programming to remote only through **June 15**. After June 15, certain procedures must be followed in order to conduct programs and meetings. We will share that information through a separate email to 4-H club leaders and families in the weeks ahead. Please stay tuned for details. See more updates on page 2.



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New procedures as Extension Office reopens

On June 1, Seward County is planning for a soft reopening of county offices. Each office will have its own set of protocols to ensure proper distancing. Until further notice the entry procedures to the Extension Office will include:

1. There will be a one-way entry and exit for the Extension Office.
2. Enter through the center door at the West Wing (meeting room door). Hand sanitizer and masks will be available at a check-in station. Exit through the east front door.
3. Follow the markings to maintain a 6-foot distance. You may need to wait outside if there are more than three people in line.
4. Only one or two patrons will be able to be served at a time in the lobby of the Extension Office.
5. It is recommended that you make an appointment to avoid wait times.

Please keep in mind that on deadline dates, June 15 and July 10, there tends to be more congestion at the office. Plan ahead to pick up needed tags and materials and drop off items needed. Call (402) 643-2981 to make an appointment or with questions before arrival.

Order free county fair T-shirt

June 15 is the deadline to order your county fair T-shirt. Order online at <https://go.unl.edu/2020fairtshirts>. Please follow the directions on the order form carefully! The Seward County 4-H Foundation provides one free shirt to each 4-H member. If you would like to order an additional shirt for yourself, parent, grandparent or friend, you will need to call the Extension Office at (402) 643-2981 and submit payment for the extra shirts no later than June 15. No extra shirts will be ordered without payment. Extra shirts are \$8 and \$12 for XXL and XXXL.



Can your club adopt an abandoned cemetery?



Seward County 4-H has a partnership and ongoing service project in which 4-H clubs adopt an abandoned cemetery and help the county take care of it. Recently, emails were sent out to all club leaders whose clubs currently have an adopted cemetery, reminding them of the ongoing projects they could be doing at their adopted cemetery.

Emails were also sent to club leaders who currently do not have an adopted cemetery encouraging them to consider participating in the project.

Nolan Eickhoff, an Eagle Explorers 4-H member, completed his Diamond Clover project which was researching the abandoned cemeteries in Seward County. Through his project, he did extensive maintenance on the cemeteries that have not been adopted as well as upgraded adopted cemeteries with a mailbox and binder that explains the history and a directory of the cemetery. Contact Cindy at the Extension Office if your club is interested in adopting a cemetery.

Take It and Make It: Clover Colleges at home

Since we are unable to hold clover colleges in-person for at least the first part of June, we have designed 'to-go' kits for 4-H'ers. This "Take It and Make It" series will give members an opportunity to learn new skills and complete a project for the fair. 4-H'ers who already registered for June sessions do not need to do so again. Call the Extension Office at (402) 643-2981 to check availability and register.

COVID Capsules:

June 17, Ages 8+

Create a time capsule and poster to reflect on the coronavirus pandemic and how you adapted to it. Pick up supplies June 15th at the Extension Office. Project area: Growing in Communities

Woodworking:

June 18, Ages 8+

Build a wooden stool using hand tools and power tools. Participants will be emailed in June if any other information is needed. A Junior Leader will provide a detailed video to build the stool! Project area: Woodworking Wonders 2

Block Flags:

June 24, Ages 8+

Explore your family history, then design and paint a flag depicting your background and interests. Pick up supplies June 22 at the Extension Office. Project area: Heritage Level 1

DIY Heat Transfer Shirt:

June 25, Ages 8+

Explore the world of graphic design and create a custom T-shirt. Participants will use software to create a graphic. Designs will be cut from heat transfer vinyl and applied to a garment. A Zoom link will be sent. Project area: Computer Mysteries 3 or Beyond the Needle.

Bake a Pie:

June 25, Ages 12+

Practice pie making techniques and make your own pie filling. More information will be emailed to members who have signed up. A Zoom link will be sent. Project area: Cooking 401

Critter

Connections:

June 30, Ages 8+

Participants will learn how to make an animal track, make scat recipes (yes, you can eat it) and gain insight into Nebraska wildlife. Our original plan was set back because of COVID-19 restrictions. Project area: Environment 1 or Wildlife Conservation 2

Sprocket Pillow:

Date TBD, Ages 10+

Mix and match fabric pieces to create a unique sprocket pillow. Youth will gain experience in using a template, straight line stitching and sewing on a curve. Need to have sewing experience. Project area: Design Decisions or STEAM 1.

Fabulous Flowers:

Date TBD, Ages 8+

Learn to grow healthy flowers! Participants will grow flowers from seeds, transplant a flower and learn to care for them. Project area: The World of Flowers



Livestock news: YQCA certifications due June 15

All livestock, rabbit and poultry exhibitors must complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certification to be eligible to show their animals at the fair. Certificates of completion must be on file at the Extension office by **June 15**. Email the certificate of completion to Cindy Wolverton at cynthia.wolverton@unl.edu.



Extended deadline for state fair livestock nomination

Because of the challenges of COVID-19 for families and 4-H staff, the Nebraska State Fair Livestock Committee has decided to extend the state fair livestock nomination deadline from June 15 to **July 1**. Exhibitors will be required to submit their DNA envelopes to their county office, complete their online nomination through <https://showstockmgr.com/> and submit payment online by 11:59 p.m. CST on July 1. DNA envelopes can be picked up at the Extension Office.

Livestock Identification tags available

4-H and EID tags for livestock may be purchased at the Extension Office for \$2.50 per tag. See the chart below for species requirements. Animal ID sheets are due to the Extension Office by **June 15** without penalty and by June 22 with a fine of \$15 per 4-Her.

Bucket Calf and Beef Production record books may be picked up at the Extension Office.

2020 Seward County 4-H and FFA Livestock Identification Guidelines

Market Animals	Date Due	County Fair Only	State Fair (\$7 DNA Envelope)	Aksarben (\$7 DNA)	
Beef	June 15	EID Tag & ID Sheet	EID Tag and DNA & online nomination	EID Tag and DNA	All Livestock must have a Premise ID on record at the Extension Office State Fair: Animal Information must be nominated, paid for, and submitted via www.showstockmgr.com by the exhibitor family on or before the due date listed. NE State Fair entries can be made at www.statefair.org . Due date August 10 th . Aksarben: All ID & entry information can be found at www.aksarbenstockshow.com .
Swine	June 15	Ear Notch, ID Sheet & EID Tag New: EID Tag for all swine	EID Tag and DNA & online nomination	EID Tag and DNA	
Sheep	June 15	Scrapie Tag & ID Sheet	Scrapie Tag and DNA & online nomination	Scrapie Tag and DNA	
Goat	June 15	Scrapie Tag & ID Sheet	Scrapie Tag and DNA & online nomination	Scrapie Tag and DNA	

For NE State Fair and Aksarben, Cattle can dual nominate as market of breeding. Check our website for more information.

Breeding Animals	Date Due	County Fair Only	State Fair (\$2 nomination & online nomination)	Aksarben
Beef Includes cow/calf pair Bulls	June 15	Cow: Registered - Tattoo & ID Sheet Cow: Commercial – 4-H Tag & ID Sheet Calf: 4-H Tag & ID Sheet Bull: Registered - Tattoo & ID Sheet Bull: Commercial – 4-H Tag & ID Sheet	Tattoo matching Reg. Papers Commercial: Tattoo EID and Bangs are NOT Accepted & Online Nomination No 4-H Bulls	EID Tag or Tattoo matching Reg. Papers
Swine	June 15	N/A	EID Tag and DNA & online nomination	EID Tag
Sheep	June 15	Scrapie Tag & ID Sheet	Scrapie Tag & online nomination	Scrapie Tag & online nomination
Goat	June 15	Scrapie Tag & ID Sheet	Scrapie Tag & online nomination	Scrapie Tag & online nomination
OTHER	Date Due	County Fair Only	State Fair (\$2 & online nomination)	Aksarben
Dairy Cattle	June 15	ID Sheet	ID Sheet	N/A
Dairy Goat	June 15	Commercial Breeding: Scrapie Tag & ID Sheet Registered: Tattoo, Reg #, ID Sheet	N/A	N/A
Rabbit	June 15	ID Sheet Registered: Tattoo & ID Sheet	N/A	N/A
Poultry	June 15	N/A	N/A	N/A
Feeder Calf	June 15	4-H Tag & ID Sheet	FFA Only EID Tag	EID Tag or Tattoo
Bucket Calf	June 15	4-H Tag & ID Sheet	N/A	N/A
Horse	June 15 May 8 June 15	ID Sheet Date change due to COVID19	District and State 4-H Horse Show ID Sheet/Horsemanship Level Test/Entries	N/A N/A

Horse updates

Advanced Horsemanship Level Testing is now virtual and online. Call or email Cindy for links to exams, patterns for the skills test and information on videos for virtual testing. Videos, reports and feed charts are due to the Extension Office by June 10 for exhibitors wanting to attend the State 4-H Horse Show, and by July 10 for exhibitors attending the county fair only.

County Fair only: All exhibitors except Walk Trot only must pass Advanced Horsemanship Level Testing Level 1 to be eligible to show at the Seward County Fair. All exhibitors entered in Roping classes must pass Advanced Horsemanship Level 2 to compete in those classes.

District and State 4-H Horse Shows

All district horse shows for 2020 have been cancelled. All youth may enter the state 4-H horse show if they have met the age and advancement level requirement for the classes they will be entering. Entries and horse IDs are due to the Extension Office by June 15. Entry fee payments may be made to UNL.

Entry forms can be found here: https://4h.unl.edu/3_4HPrograms/a_StateRegionalNationalPrograms/HorseProgram/State%20Horse%20Show%20entry%20form%202020-COVID.pdf.

Entry procedure can be found here: https://4h.unl.edu/3_4HPrograms/a_StateRegionalNationalPrograms/HorseProgram/ShowEntryProcedures2020.pdf.

Horse ID can be found here: <https://4h.unl.edu/documents/Horse/F29777%20Horse%20ID%20new.pdf>.

4-H Horse Stampede

The 4-H Horse Stampede has been rescheduled to July 12. This will be held in conjunction with the state 4-H horse show. Entry for the Horse Stampede can be found at the link below and is due to the Extension office June 15.

<https://unl.app.box.com/s/o4ajowf8wad2d2otttclwmd2owk1a3qz>

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2020 VIRTUAL PERFORMING ARTS CONTEST



Monday, June 15th, 7 p.m.

Zoom link will be emailed.

RECORDED SUBMISSIONS DUE BY JUNE 10.

This is your opportunity to shine in the comfort of your home! Enter at <https://go.unl.edu/performingarts>. An email will be sent with instructions on uploading video performances. It's a great time to showcase your talents!



4-H COUNCIL COUNTY FAIR CONTEST 4-H CLUB BANNER



4-H Clubs are invited to take part in a special 4-H club contest to celebrate the 150th Seward County Fair. The contest is to create a club banner and carry it in the 4-H Parade planned for Sunday, Aug. 2, as a kick-off to the 150th Seward County Fair. Clubs may also have a float in the parade, but that is not a requirement.

The parade is currently scheduled for 5 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 2. If the parade gets called off because of COVID-19 and directed health measures in place, the banners will be used in other ways throughout the year, so clubs are still encouraged to make one.

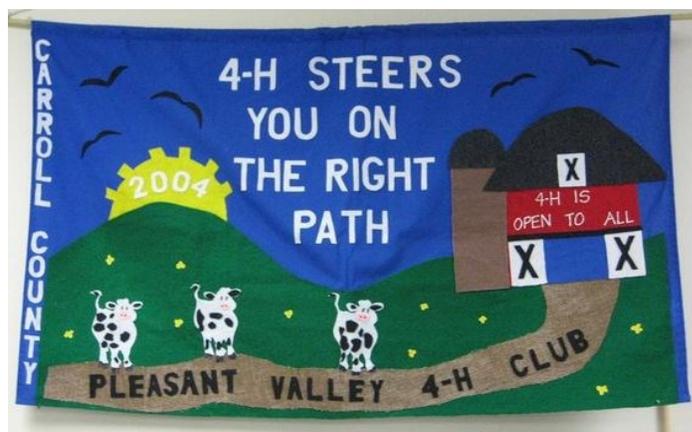
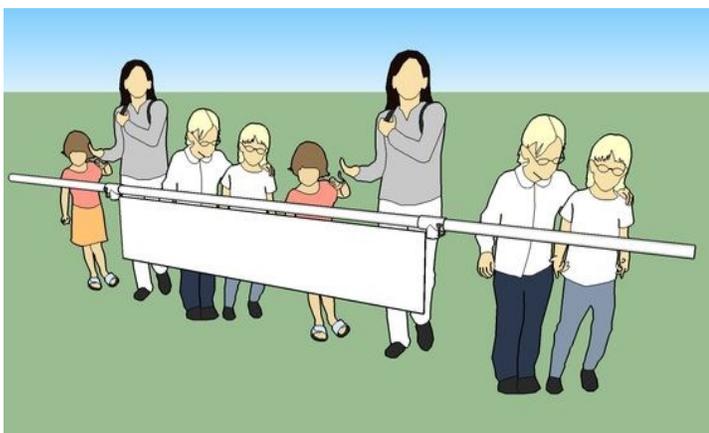
Rules and Guidelines:

- ⇒ Banner should be 6 feet wide by approximately 30 inches tall.
- ⇒ Banner needs to have a 1- to 2-inch pocket on top and club must supply stick or pole through the pocket for carrying purposes.
- ⇒ A closed eye hook on each end of the stick/pole is required.
- ⇒ Following the parade, banners should be dropped off at Harvest Hall to be later displayed at the 4-H Center.

Banners will be judged on:

- 1 – Originality
- 2 – 4-H Spirit
- 3 – Club Spirit (participation in parade and involvement in making the banner)
- 4 – Workmanship

Register your club online at <https://go.unl.edu/clubcontest> or email your club name, contact person, phone number and email address to seward-county@unl.edu by July 10. For more information or ideas on how to create your banner while practicing safe social distancing, contact the Extension Office at (402) 643-2981.





Best wishes, graduates!



We recognize these Seward County 4-H members for their years of involvement and wish them well!



Elise Johnson
10 years



Alyssa Owens
10 years



Delaney Read
11 years



Ember Penas
10 years



Emma Stutzman
10 years



Erika Cast
10 years



Ethan Ideus
10 years



Ethan Lavelle
10 years



Gavin Hamling
11 years



Hannah Bales
4 years



Jessica Longsine
9 years



Josh Sagehorn
6 years



Laney Matzner
9 years



Megan Vrbka
11 years



Nolan Whitney
1 year



Owen Eickhoff
10 years



Paige Hansen
10 years



Sage Klimm
10 years



Samantha Oborny
11 years



Taylor Stelling
3 years

Brianna Shook, 3 years

Cindy Bargaen, 5 years

Kolby Duer, 11 years



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Important summer updates and fair information inside!

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