

# 4-H Newsletter

## STAYING IN THE LOOP

April 2024



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### Watson Family 4-H Efforts

If anyone would like to help the Watson family, here are the detail we have:

Two Madison County Shooting Sports members were in a car wreck over the weekend and the Watson family has lost their daughter, the son is still in Omaha Childrens hospital. There will be many expenses. Our shooting sports program partners with the Madison program.

- There will be a t-shirt fundraiser for the family with more information coming soon.
- There is a donation account set up at Elkhorn Valley Bank for any donations, (Donations can be made at any of branches including the Hy-Vee locations. Account is in the name of Amy Bethards / Sandy Watson Cubillos - Mike and Tammy are the Beneficiaries)
- 4-H Orange Crush Shotgun club will have a free-will donation at the range the next 2 Saturdays during their league.

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**2024 Fairbooks can be picked at Extension Office.**

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# 2024 4-H Calendar



## MAY

- 18 - Sunday Sewers
- 23 - Rabbit Tattooing & Clinic
- 31 - Whiskey Barrel Planting Deadline

## JUNE

- 1 - YQCA Deadline
- 1 - Animal ID Sheets Due
- 1 - T-shirt Orders Due
- 1- DNA Envelopes Due (State Fair)
- 7 - 4-H Workshop Registration Due
- 17 - Clover Kid Camp Registration Due
- 19-20 - 4-H Exhibit Workshop
- 26 - Swimming Pool Party
- 27 - Clover Kid Camp

## JULY

- 1 - Horse level 1 Test Deadline
- 1 - 4-H Auction Items Due to Office
- 8 - Pre-Entries Due
- 8 - Fashion Show Narratives Due
- 19 - Entry Tags Ready
- 24 - Pre-Fair Judging
- 24 - Companion Animal & Cat Show
- 26 - Dog Show
- 27 - Fair Set Up

Stanton County Fair - July 31-August 4

**Download the 2024 4-H Calendar.**

Updated 2024 4-H Calendar.pdf

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## Complete Your 4-H Enrollment Today

**ENROLLMENT IS NOT COMPLETE UNTIL DUES ARE PAID.**

**Dues are \$10 per family.**

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## Stanton County Extension Website

Most of the information you will need for 4-H and Fair Events can be found on our website: <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/stanton/> - 4-H Enrollment, 4-H Newsletters, 4-H Resources, Awards & Applications, Camps & Workshops, Fair Resources and Livestock Resources. In the Red Bar towards the top of the page, hover over Stanton County 4-H and a dropdown menu will appear.

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### 4-H T-Shirts

**New 4-H Members** - 4-H Council buys each new 4-H member a t-shirt. All new members, **you must contact the office with your size to get your t-shirt ordered.**

Re-enrolling members - if you want to order a t-shirt, contact the office with your size.

Dress Code - all 4-H members exhibiting animals at the fair are required to wear the official 4-H t-shirt or plain white t-shirt with 4-H chevron attached.

**Deadline to order t-shirts - June 1.**

**We do not keep many t-shirts on hand - you must order if you need one.**

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## Virtual Bee Hotel Workshop

**offered by Wayne Ohnesorg.**

Ages 8+

Cost: \$15

Date: Thursday, June 13

Time 10 AM to Noon

Location: Live via Zoom

Registration Deadline: Friday, May 24

Registration Link: <https://go.unl.edu/4hbeehotel2024>



Get out your hammer and power drill! Construct a habitat for bees by building a structure and then drilling holes in wood blocks for the bee habitat. You will also learn why bees are important to the environment.

Kit will include:

- Pre-cut wood for bee hotel
- Wood for nesting blocks
- Nails

· Two University publications on bee hotels

Kits can be picked up from your local extension office starting Monday, June 3, 2024.

Not included in the kit but needed for the workshop are:

- Hammer
- Drill and drill bits
- Safety glasses

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## Tractor & Equipment Safety Training

Certification for 14 & 15 year-olds to be employed on farms and ranches.

Closest location: May 28 & 29 - West Point

See flyer for details and registration information.



### 2024 FARM SAFETY SUMMER (2).pdf

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## Heavy Equipment Career Exploration

Mark Thursday, June 13, 2024 on your calendar to spend the day in Hastings, NE exploring Heavy Equipment. This opportunity is open to students entering 8th – 12th grade in fall of 2024. Cost is \$30 per individual. The registration link will open May 1, 2024 and close Friday, May 31st by 5 pm CT. You will find the registration link at <https://go.unl.edu/heavyequipment>.

See attached flyer for more information.

### Large Equipment Career Exploraiton Flyer.pdf

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# 2024 Online Horticulture Identification Contest

We are excited to offer the opportunity to learn important horticulture skills through the Online Horticulture Contest. The contest will be available June 7-21, 2024 at:

<http://go.unl.edu/online4hortcontest>

For more information use link below.

## 2024 Online Horticulture Identification Contest

Do you know what it takes to pick the best fruit and vegetables out at the grocery store? Or do you know what judges are looking for when they judge your plants at the county fair? Have you ever wondered, what plant is that!?!

[newsroom.unl.edu](http://newsroom.unl.edu)

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## 2024 Fair Dates

**July 24 - Pre-Fair**

**July 26 - Dog Show**

**Stanton County Fair - July 31 - August 4**

### Watch for more information:

Kim Spence announced that she rented out the exhibit hall during county fair judging week. The office will have to make many changes to the fair exhibit schedule and "set up" plans. More to come.

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## Saturday Sewers



- Saturday, May 18

Saturday Sewers meet at the Community Building at the Stanton Fairgrounds from 9 am - 3 pm. Anyone interested in learning to sew or willing to help complete donated quilts is welcome to attend. Come and sew if you have an unfinished project, stop by to get ideas for a new project, or come work on donated, unfinished projects. Everyone is welcome. A limited supply of sewing machines and supplies are available for all to use.

For more information or questions, contact DaNita Schellpeper at 402-439-5089 or Kim Spence at 402-851-1394.

# 2024 Barrel Outline (Write-Up)

2024 Flower Barrel  
MOVIE Theme  
Outline

This is the outline for your Script.

- Make a marquee including:
  - Name of the Movie
  - Directors (Leaders)
  - Starring (Club Name)
  - Cast (4-H'ers)
- Must include at least 1 plant.  
List name of plant(s)  
and why you chose it.
- What message or story  
is your barrel telling that  
would benefit youth.

Staging Area - Flower Barrel  
Audition - Barrel Design  
Critics - Garden Club

Barrel auditions - planting deadline - May 31  
including Script due to office.

The poster features a red background with yellow dotted lines. It includes two filmstrip graphics: one on the right side and one on the left side. The title '2024 Flower Barrel' is at the top, followed by 'MOVIE Theme' and 'Outline'. Below the title, it says 'This is the outline for your Script.' and lists requirements for a marquee, plants, and a message. At the bottom, it mentions 'Staging Area - Flower Barrel', 'Audition - Barrel Design', and 'Critics - Garden Club', along with a planting deadline of May 31 and a script due date.

See link below for Barrel Theme requirements.

2024 Barrel Theme (1).pdf

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## 4-H Exhibit Workshop

June 19 & 20

Watch for the flyer.

Planned projects:

Rockets  
Cake Decorating

Wood Burning  
Pumpkin Arrangement  
Garden in a Glove  
Art Project

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## Clover Kid Camp

June 27

Super Hero Camp

Flyer coming soon.

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## Save the Date

### 4-H Pool Party

4-H Council is planning a pool party at the Stanton swimming pool

for all 4-H members and their families.

Wednesday, June 26



## 4-H Council Auction

- All clubs need to donate an item for the 4-H Council Auction held Sunday, August 4 during the fair.
- All 4-H families are encouraged to help gather donations for the auction. Please no advertising t-shirts, caps or other items. Think - Is this something I would bid on at an auction?
- All 4-H members benefit from the money raised by the 4-H Council.
- Items need to be turned into the office early (July 1) so the auction items can be advertised.



Contact the office with any questions.

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**30th Annual Plant Fair & Market**

Coordinated by  
Northeast Nebraska  
Master Gardeners

2024



## 30th Annual Plant Fair & Market

Friday, April 26,  
5:00 pm—8:00 pm  
Saturday, April 27,  
9:00 am—3:00 pm

Northeast Community College  
Chuck Pohlman Ag Center  
2301 E. Benjamin Ave.  
Norfolk, Nebraska



Proceeds from the Plant Fair help support Educational Speakers and Horticulture Scholarships to Northeast Community College.

Educational Speakers	
Friday 6:30 pm	"Trouble Shooting Growing Houseplant" Marilyn Schmit—Master Gardener from Platte Co.
Saturday 9:30 am	"My Herbel Journey: from novice to...still learning!" Margaret Svitek— Avid Gardener and nurse
11:00 am	"Pollinator Habitat and Edible Landscaper" Pam Bergstrom—Nebraska Forest Service
1:00 pm	"Come Here My Pretty—How Flowers Attract Pollinators and Flowers to Plant" Kelly Feehan—Extension Educator in Platte Co.

Over for more info

### Plant Fair features include:

- \* Free Admission!
- \* New perennials and annuals for sale!
- \* Great Vendors offering nursery, garden, & home décor plus jewelry, kitchen tools, skin care, crafts, quilts, collectibles, candles, toys, and gourmet foods!
- \* Door Prizes drawn hourly!
- \* Delivery assistance to your vehicle!
- \* Plant Sitter Area: Place to keep your purchases until you have completed shopping and listening to speakers!
- \* Children's Garden: Special activities for children!
- \* Ask The Master Gardener booth will feature a Master Gardener member on hand to answer your gardening questions!
- \* Locally grown houseplants for sale, grown by Master Gardener members!
- \* Lunch Stand Friday evening and Saturday provided by Master Gardeners!

#### Flower Friends:



#### Sponsored by:



## Schedule

## Plant Fair Features

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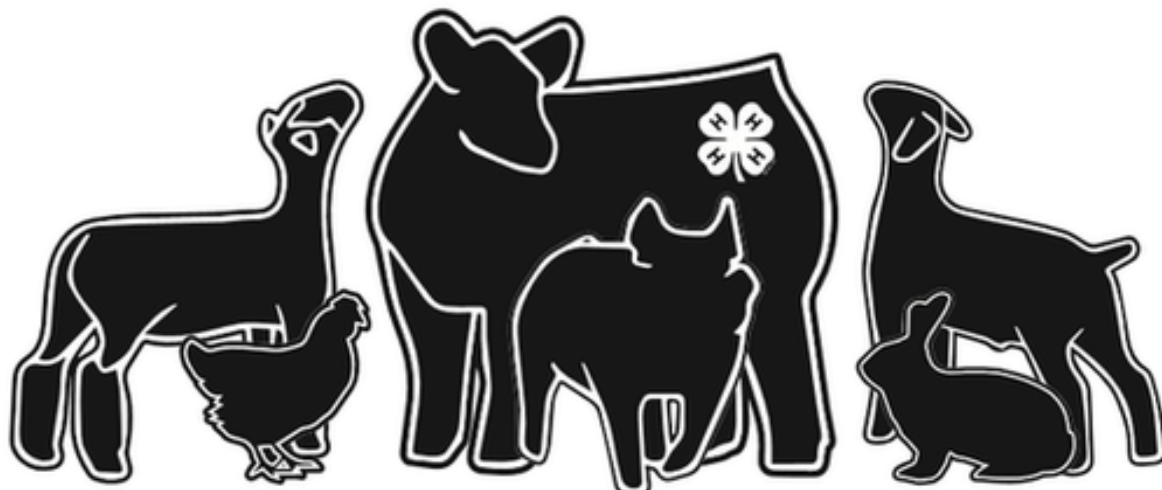
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## State Fair Age Change to 8

The decision has been made to change the age of eligibility in 2024 for all in-person State Fair events (livestock, contests, fashion shows) and other state competitions (Fonner Park State 4-H Horse show, PASE, communications contest) to 8 years of age before January 1 (of the current year). Note: there will be some events that will maintain their ages due to specific program rules (shooting sports, FIRST LEGO League Challenge Robotics). Please check information on each specific event as it becomes available.

## 4-H LIVESTOCK NEWS





# YQCA



All youth enrolled in Beef, Goat, Dairy Cattle, Poultry, Rabbit, Swine and/or sheep are required to complete YQCA. Deadline is June 1. 4-H'er will not be able to exhibit animals at the fair if they have not complete the course. Please print completion certificate and turn in to the office.

Parents will be able to create a parent account and add children to the family account.

**YQCA Instructions** - for help, click the Help Button to send an email or use the chat feature. Customer Support will be provided M-F 10 am - 6 pm CST.

[Instructions with visuals.](#)

1. Go to [yqcaprogram.org](http://yqcaprogram.org) from your computer browser and select **Login & Register Tab**.
2. Register to create a new account - this will be your parent account.
3. Enter your birthdate.
4. Complete registration info for owner of account.
5. Retrieve email to validate registration and complete parental consent.

Add a child.

1. Select **Add Child**.
2. Complete registration. Select **Submit** or **Submit and Add Another Child**.
3. Complete **Data Sharing Consent**.
4. View child dashboard to edit child profiles, delete a child and add children.

Purchasing Web Based Training

1. Go to **Home** page and select a course. Select **Add to Cart**. Multiple courses may be added to cart and multiple licenses of one training can be purchased.
2. Select **Proceed to Buy**.
3. Enter credit/debit card details.
4. To view purchased trainings select **Purchased Courses**. Here is a list of courses that have been purchased.

[Help Video](#) is located at bottom of YQCA Homepage.

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Complete Web-Based Training

1. Return to Home page and select **Take Course**.
2. Select user to take course.
3. Before launching course, take pre-course survey. NOTE: users just pass 3 quizzes to achieve certification: Animal Well-Being, Food Safety, and Life Skills. Select a Knowledge Builder and Skills Lab to gain knowledge and test skill. User status will show throughout to track progress.
4. Select **Exit Activity, Jump To** or the arrows under the module to return to menu page to select another Knowledge Builder, Skills Lab, or Quiz.
5. Once all quizzes have been passed, sign out.
6. Log back in to take post-course survey and access certificate.

Printing Certification

1. Access your certificate using dropdown menu under **Course Certificates**. Select the + to see dropdown on completed courses.
2. Select the blue button to download certificate.
3. On a PC computer, the downloaded PDF will be available in the upper right-hand corner of the screen and in the **Downloads** folder.
4. On a Mac computer, the downloaded PDF will be available in your browser downloads at the bottom of the window and in the **Downloads** folder.
5. On an iPhone, you will have the option to save your downloaded PDF to your photos, files, or other applications you have on your phone.
6. Rename and/or move the file to a location that is easily accessible for future use. To print PDF, select printer icon and send to local printer.

## YQCA Instructions

## YQCA Instructions continued.

All youth enrolled in Beef, Goat, Dairy Cattle, Poultry, Rabbit, Swine and/or Sheep are required to complete YQCA. Deadline is June 1. 4-H'er will not be able to exhibit animals at the fair if they have not completed the course. Please print completion certificate and turn in to the office.

### YQCA Info.pdf

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## Animal Identification Guidelines

All beef, dairy, sheep, swine, goats, horses and rabbits must be ID'ed to be exhibited at the fair.

### BEEF

Exhibiting at County Fair Only:

1. Pick up tags & ID sheets at the Extension Office. Hours: 7 am - 5 pm, Monday - Thursday.

2. Photo ID: Turn in photo of 4-H'er with calf - tag must be visible in the ear. (Breeding heifers do not need a tag if they have a tattoo.)
3. Photos & ID sheets are due in the office by June 1.

### State Fair Exhibitors:

Market and Feeders - need an EID tag & DNA samples taken.

Breeding heifers - need a tattoo or EID tag & DNA samples taken.

It will be your responsibility to get the DNA pulled and information submitted online.

Contact the office for a State Fair instructions packet.

**SHEEP & GOATS** - will be ID'ed by scrapie tag. ID sheet needs to be turned into office.

**RABBIT** - Tattooing is May 23, 5:30 - 6:30 pm. Rabbits only need to come if they need to be tattooed.

Showmanship clinic will be held during this time and is open to all 4-H'ers. ID sheet needs to be turned into office.

**HORSE** - ID sheet needs to be turned into office.

Please contact the office for ID sheets, tags and more information. ID sheets available on our website: [Livestock Resources](#) | [Nebraska Extension \(unl.edu\)](#)

## All animal ID sheets are due June 1.

### Animal Identification Guidelines – 2024

Female market animals (beef, sheep, swine) may be identified as both breeding and market. Double identification DOES NOT allow the animal to be show as both breeding and market. Read 2024 Stanton County Fairbook for complete details.

Project Area	Nomination Process		Pre Entry Deadline		
	County Fair ONLY	State Fair	ID Sheets & DNA Due	County Fair	State Fair
<b>BEEF</b>					
Market	4-H Ear Tag	EID Tag & DNA & Online Nomination	June 1	July 8	August 10 - 8 PM
Breeding Heifer	Tattoo or 4-H Ear Tag	Registered - Tattoo Commercial - Tattoo or EID Tag Both DNA & Online Nomination	June 1	July 8	August 10 - 8 PM
Feeder Calf	4-H Ear Tag	EID Tag & DNA & Online Nomination	June 1	July 8	August 10 - 8 PM
Bucket Calf	4-H Ear Tag	No Class	June 1	July 8 Record Book due July 31	No Class
Cow/Calf Pair - Cow	Cow - Tattoo or 4-H Tag	No Class	June 1	July	No Class
Calf	Calf - 4-H Tag	No Class	June 1	July	No Class
<b>DAIRY CATTLE</b>	Drawing or Photo	ID Sheet Drawing	June 1	July 8	August 10 - 8 PM
<b>GOAT</b>					
Dairy	USDA Scrapie Tag**	No Class	June 1	July 8	No Class
Market	USDA Scrapie Tag**	USDA Scrapie Tag & DNA & Online Nomination	June 1	July 8	August 10 - 8 PM
Breeding Doe	USDA Scrapie Tag**	USDA Scrapie Tag & DNA & Online Nomination	June 1	July 8	August 10 - 8 PM
<b>HORSE</b>	Drawing or Photo	Horse Identification Certification	June 1	July 8	June 1
<b>POULTRY</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	July 8	August 10 - 8 PM
<b>RABBIT*</b>	Tattoo	Tattoo	June 1*	July 8	August 10 - 8 PM
<b>SHEEP</b>					
Breeding Ewe	USDA Scrapie Tag**	USDA Scrapie Tag & DNA & Online Nomination	June 1	July 8	August 10 - 8 PM
Market Sheep	USDA Scrapie Tag**	USDA Scrapie Tag & DNA & Online Nomination	June 1	July 8	August 10 - 8 PM
<b>SWINE</b>					
Market Swine	4-H Ear Tag	EID Tag & DNA & Online Nomination	June 1	July 8	August 10 - 8 PM
Breeding Gilt	4-H Ear Tag	EID Tag & DNA & Online Nomination	June 1	July 8	August 10 - 8 PM

\* Rabbit tattooing. Tattooing date - TBD. Rabbits must be tattooed by June 1.  
\*\* Contact Extension Office for information on obtaining USDA scrapie tags.  
NOTE: All 4-H/FFA BREEDING LIVESTOCK, MARKET LIVESTOCK AND FEEDER CALVES will be required to submit a DNA sample/envelope to be eligible for State Fair.

### 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. Each exhibitor may nominate a total, between 4-H and FFA, as follows: Market Beef (20), Market Lambs (20), Market Swine (40), and Market Goats (20). There are entry limits for each of the individual species. Exhibitors cannot exhibit more than the following for each species to State Fair: Beef (5), Swine (6), Sheep (4), Goat (4), Poultry (6), Rabbit (6).

### Family Responsibilities:

1. Exhibitors will be required to enroll in 4-H by the county deadline in 4H Online.
2. Exhibitors will review their species fairbooks.
3. Exhibitors showing market and/or breeding beef, feeder calves, market and/or breeding swine, market and/or breeding sheep or market and/or breeding goats at State Fair must have a signed and sealed official DNA envelope with hair samples for DNA verification turned into their county office by June 1 and have completed the online nomination ([www.showstockmgr.com](http://www.showstockmgr.com)) with payment by June 15. Every animal nomination (this includes all breeding animals and feeder calves) will require a DNA submission. 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.)
4. Exhibitors will be required to complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) for the enrolled livestock projects by June 1.
5. Exhibitors will confirm that the ear tattoo and/or identification tag matches the animal nomination submitted by June 15 for confirmation of legitimacy and/or accuracy.
6. Exhibitors will notify the County Extension Staff of any retags that may occur up to time of check-in at the State Fair.
7. Exhibitors will select which animal nominations they have chosen to show at State Fair on the State Fair entry website by August 10. All nominated and validated animals will be automatically listed as a choice option for entry registration.
8. 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 registration papers must show the exhibitors name or a co-owner who is an immediate member of the exhibitor's family and is listed with the online nomination in Show Stock Manager.

### County Staff Responsibilities:

1. Submit an 840 EID tag order for beef and swine animal projects.
2. Schedule and publish weigh-in and/or tagging dates if offered in your county.
3. Request, distribute and collect DNA collectors for families. 840 EID tags should not be distributed without the premise ID being recorded in 4H Online. It is optional but recommended to record on the DNA envelope.
4. Inform families of the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training options available to them.
5. Collect all beef, swine, lamb, and goat DNA envelopes by June 1. Families will submit payment online in Show Stock Manager. Copy all DNA envelopes for your county records and mail all completed DNA envelopes to the AKSARBEN Stock Show office by June 15.
6. Remind families to confirm that the ear tattoo and/or identification tag matches the animal nomination submitted by June 15 for confirmation of legitimacy and/or accuracy.
7. Collect Premises ID numbers from exhibitors and input those into 4H Online.
8. Review and validate all online livestock nominations in Show Stock Manager for each exhibitor by July 1.
9. Input nomination edits in to Show Stock Manager for your families. Edits will be corrected by Show Coordinator. For retags, directly notify Brandi Schulte [bschulte@unl.edu](mailto:bschulte@unl.edu) and/or input the change in Show Stock Manager.
10. Inform families that all nominations have been validated and are available for entry at the Nebraska State Fair entry website <https://www.statefair.org/> when the system is open.

Revised 1/2024

## Animal ID Guidelines

## Animal ID Information

### 2024 Animal Identification Guidelines.pdf

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## DNA Samples for State Fair Nominations

- 4-H'ers who plan to exhibit at the 2024 Nebraska State Fair and/or the Aksarben Stock Show will be required to submit a DNA sample/envelope to be eligible to exhibit at the Nebraska

State Fair.

- DNA envelopes can be picked up at the extension office.

**Deadline is June 1.**

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## Rabbit Tattooing & Showmanship Clinic



**May 23 - 5:30-6:30 pm**

Rabbits will only need to come if they need to be tattooed.

**Olivia Santiago will hold a rabbit showmanship clinic at this time.**

Everyone is welcome to attend the clinic.

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### Dog Info

Any 4-H'er interested in showing dogs,

contact Kim Spence at 402-851-1394

for practice information.



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### Horse Practice

4-H'ers interested in showing a horse,

contact Gene Daniel for practice information.

402-750-3196.



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### Horse Level 1 Test

4-H horse exhibitors that participate in the horse show at the county fair **must pass the Horse**

to take it again. Contact the office for more information and to schedule the test.

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## Clover Kids Policy for Animal Exhibit

Age 5 - 7 before January 1 of the current year.

Animals that are appropriate for this age group include bucket calf - **No Bulls**, sheep, goat, dog, poultry, rabbit, cat, and companion animals.



No Clover Kid Horse Show (Mini Horse can show.) or Swine Show.

No animals great than 350 pounds or more than six months of age at the time of the show.

4-H does not sponsor or support Pee Wee (non 4-H age youth) events or exhibition. Any Pee Wee show must be sponsored by the fairboard.

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## Colfax, Butler & Platte County Livestock Judging Contest

**May 23**

See flyer for details.

### Colfax Butler Platte Livestock Judging Contest 2024.pdf

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## UNL Livestock Judging Camp

**June 5 - 7**

**Lincoln, NE**

Attached is the flyer.

### 2024 Camp Flyer (1).pdf

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## Hustler Progress Show - West Point

Sunday, June 9

Sheep ~ Swine ~ Cattle ~ Goat

See attached flyer for details.

### Hustler Progress Show.pdf

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## Platte County Showmanship Clinic

Saturday ~ June 22

See flyer for details.

### Platte County Showmanship Clinic Flyer.pdf

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**Diane Kander**

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