



## April 4-H News

April 2, 2019

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### REMINDERS

The 4-H Public Speaking Contest is April 6, 7:00 p.m. via ZOOM. Entries are due to the Extension Office on or before **April 3**.

NAYI Applications must be postmarked by **April 15**. The selection of delegates to this Institute is based on an application form that is available at <http://www.nda.nebraska.gov/nayi>.

### COVID-19 UPDATES & REMINDERS

Nebraska 4-H takes the health and safety of our community very seriously and are monitoring the rapidly evolving COVID-19 situation. Please note:

\*The Wayne County Courthouse is locked, but the offices are staffed. The Extension Office has staff both in the office and working remotely, so you may contact the office as in the past (phone / email). We can schedule an appointment if needed. Correspondence can be emailed, mailed, or put in the drop box on the north side of the Courthouse.

\*From now until May 9, Nebraska 4-H programming will be in virtual format. This includes all scheduled educational programs, competitive events, and meetings hosted by Nebraska 4-H. No face-to-face club meeting is allowed until after May 9. If you are interested in setting up a virtual Zoom 4-H club meeting, please contact the office. Members will be shared connection information by email and can log in via their computer or they may call in to join the meeting. Members do not have to have a Zoom account to participate.

\*Summer Plans—at this time we are moving forward with plans for summer and the Fair. Watch next month's newsletter for a list of workshops. If you have ideas for workshops, please contact the office. The University and Nebraska Extension will decide 30 days before an event if it needs to be cancelled or held virtually. The Ag Society will make the decision on whether or not the Fair will be held, however the University and Nebraska Extension govern the 4-H portion of the Fair.

\*Resources—The University of Nebraska—Lincoln takes the health and safety of our campus community very seriously. As the United States and global health officials continue to address the spread of novel coronavirus and COVID-19 infection, health and emergency preparedness officials at UNL are monitoring the situation in collaboration with our university and governmental partners. Any official updates regarding UNL's response will be found on this site. <https://covid19.unl.edu>. Additionally, <https://4h.unl.edu/covid-19> will be updated as needed with 4-H event information.

\*Practice your social distance and keep connected with our office by reading your email and following us on Facebook (UNLExtWayneCounty). We will do our best to keep you updated.

## VIRTUAL & AT-HOME LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

[4h.unl.edu/virtual-home-learning](http://4h.unl.edu/virtual-home-learning)

### Live Experiences:

**\*Living Room Learning** (3rd-5th grades) - Tune in each Tuesday and Thursday at 2:00 pm CT/1:00 pm MT for a hands-on virtually guided activity! Each session will focus on a new activity that can be done with materials found at home. Through these hands-on activities, youth will learn about healthy living, science, technology, engineer, math, and more! Each session will be recorded and made available for on-demand viewing. Youth do not need to be 4-H members to participate.

**\*Boredom Buster Challenge** (6th-9th grades) - Tune in every Monday and Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 PM CT/1:00 PM MT for the Boredom Buster Challenge! Each week, youth will be given a problem to solve using materials found in their home. Through these hands-on virtually guided challenges youth will learn about entrepreneurship, healthy living, science, technology, and more! Each session will be recorded and made available for on-demand viewing. Youth do not need to be 4-H members to participate.

**Virtual Field Trips** (9th-12th grades) - Join Nebraska 4-H each Tuesday at 11:00 AM CT/10:00 AM MT as we go on-site to learn more about science, technology, careers, and more! Virtual field trips offer facility tours, educational experiences, and additional resources for teachers. Each session will be recorded and made available for on-demand viewing. Youth do not need to be 4-H members to participate.

### Self-Paced Opportunities

**\*Activity Videos**—Self-paced activity videos are designed to guide youth in completing a project at home. To work at their own pace, youth may pause videos, complete a step, and resume the video when they're ready. These videos can help youth prepare fair exhibits, complete science projects, and learn about a topic of interest.

**\*A Beautiful Day** (ages 1-8) - A Beautiful Day is a virtual early childhood space designed to connect with children and families in Nebraska and across the world. The Nebraska College of Education and Human Sciences created the space as a way to share ideas, foster learning and play, and to support caregivers experiencing social distancing.

### \*Upcoming Events

**\*I Wonder Science Workshops** (2nd grade) - Children will be introduced to science through language arts. We'll read the book, I Wonder, then discuss how asking great questions, testing to find out the answer, and sharing what we find make each of us everyday scientists! I Wonder sessions will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesdays beginning on April 14-May 5 and Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. beginning April 16 and lasting through May 7.

**\*4-H Egg Cam**—Lancaster County 4-H EGG Cam allows you and other viewers around the world to witness the amazing process of chicks hatching. Candling is the use of a bright light to shine through an egg to check fertility and embryology development. Live candling webinars will be held on April 14 and April 21 at 1:00 p.m.. Watch the chicks hatch April 28-29

There are **Activity Guides** listed on this site as well.

**Check this website often as events are added daily!**

[4h.unl.edu/virtual-home-learning](http://4h.unl.edu/virtual-home-learning)

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## LEADER INFORMATION

Discounted tickets to the Wayne County Fair will be sold to volunteers at the Extension Office during office hours when they become available. Volunteers that have completed their screening process will receive a postcard allowing them to purchase a discounted pass to the Fair. Please contact the Extension Office if you have questions about Volunteer Screening.

Please turn in volunteer insurance fees if you intend to take it out.

Remember to send a list of your club officers and the date your club meets to the Extension Office.

Please have the club secretary send a copy of the club minutes to the Extension Office after each meeting.

## NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

Volunteers are an essential part of our 4-H program. They don't expect to be rewarded for their efforts, so it is especially gratifying when we are able to reward them with recognition. National Volunteer Week is an excellent time to give our 4-H volunteers a little extra boost! It is also a chance for the community to become aware of the value and dedication of 4-H volunteers to our program. Please consider doing something for your volunteer leaders during the week of **April 19-25**.



## WAYNE COUNTY FAIR ENTRY FORMS

County Fair Entry Forms will be mailed to all families in May and are due to the Extension Office on or before July 2. Please check your white form to make sure your information is correct and your project listing is complete. If changes are needed, log into your 4Honline account and update your information. All updates must be made by midnight June 15. Please remember that projects the 4-Her intends to exhibit at the fair must be added by this date.

Organizational Leaders will receive a copy of their club's enrollments in their packet. Fair entry forms will replace the copies sent in previous years to families.

Please contact the Extension Office if you have questions.



## TROPHY SPONSORS NEEDED

The following trophies are available for sponsorship. Please contact the Extension Office if you or someone you know is interested. Cost is \$20 per trophy.

Champion Advanced Photography  
Grand Champion Male Waterfowl

## CLOVER KID MEETING

Clover Kids will meet on **May 2**, 9:30 -10:00 a.m. via Zoom. The Zoom link will be shared by email about 1 week before the meeting.

## TEEN SUPREMES

The Teen Supremes will meet **May 2**, 10:15-11:00 a.m. via Zoom following the Clover Kid Meeting. We will finalize our summer schedule.



The 4-H Newsletter can be found on the Wayne County and 4Honline websites



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<https://facebook.com/UNLExtWayneCounty>

## CURRICULUM (4-H MANUAL) ORDERS

Club leaders and members will order their own materials again in 2020. Go to <https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu> and search for your project. Click the *more...* link and you will find a list of curriculum for that project under the Resources heading. Clicking the name of the manual will take you directly to the website where you can learn more about the content and to purchase it. The Extension Office has file copies if you would like to look at a manual. We also have a limited amount of inventory, so please check with us before you order.

Websites:

National 4-H: <https://shop4-h.org> (choose curriculum)  
There is a discount on curriculum at this time.

Nebraska 4-H: <https://marketplace.unl.edu>  
(choose 4-H Youth Development, then curriculum)

## CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS (CWF) 2021



Plans are underway for the 2021 Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) trip. If you will be 14 and not older than 18 on or before December 31, 2020, you will be eligible to participate in the CWF trip. Tentative dates would be June of 2021. To reserve a spot, a down payment of \$400 payable to the Nebraska 4-H Foundation is due on or before **May 1, 2020** to the Nebraska Extension Office in Wayne County. Registration forms have been sent to age eligible youth.

## IDENTIFYING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH: 4-H CIVIC ENGAGEMENT IDEAS

4-H empowers young people to be true leaders. True Leaders are people who have confidence, will stick to a job until it gets done, and can endure through challenges. Communities across Nebraska need true leaders now more than ever.

4-H volunteers and youth across Nebraska may be looking for ideas about how they can become civically engaged, all while abiding by the guidelines shared by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. A web page with numerous ideas and details can be found at: <https://4h.unl.edu/civic-engagement>. Now is a great time to collectively use our heads for clearer thinking, our hearts for greater loyalty, our hands for larger service, and our health for better living.

ATTENTION EIGHTH GRADE, FRESHMEN, SOPHOMORE, & JUNIOR STUDENTS—Next Chapter at Nebraska, a partnership between Nebraska Extension 4-H Youth Development and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Offices of Admissions, is a college readiness program offered to enrolled 4-H members in their eighth grade year; however we are offering the program to freshmen, sophomore, and junior students as well. Throughout high school, Next Chapter scholars engage in a variety of events, activities, and curriculum where they will participate in career exploration, and experience a variety of learning methods that will help them transition to and succeed in college. An invitation will be mailed to enrolled 4-H members in these grades.

Local programs scheduled are:

**POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER MAY 9**

Chapter 1—April 10, 9 AM-12 Noon, Wayne County Courthouse

Chapter 2—April 10, 1 PM-4 PM, Wayne County Courthouse

Registration Due April 7 to the Extension Office.

**Note:** A requirement for Chapter 1 is a to do a Public Service Announcement. There is an opportunity to complete it on April 6 during the Public Speaking Contest. Contact the Extension Office to enter by 5 p.m., April 3.

## HOME ENVIRONMENT & PHOTOGRAPHY UPDATES

### Home Environment

\*A new class was added to Portfolio Pathways—Original mixed media accessory

### Photography

\*New curriculum is available and will be used for 2020. It can be ordered at <https://shop4-h.org>  
(choose curriculum, then creative arts)

\*New classes in all 3 levels of Photography.

\*New Data Tags—there are different data tags for each photography level.

Check <https://wayne.unl.edu/county-and-state-fair-information> for more information for both areas.

Class Descriptions

Suggestions for your exhibit

Data tags and instructions on how to complete them

## STATE FAIR BOOK

The State Fair Book is available at <https://wayne.unl.edu/county-and-state-fair-information>. Click the Fair Book-State 4-H Section-2020 link at the bottom of the page.

Please note beginning level projects are not listed in the State Fair Book because they are not eligible for State Fair. We will make the online county Fair Book available as soon as possible.

## TRACTOR SAFETY TRAINING

The 2020 Tractor Safety Training is scheduled for **May 28-29** at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. Any youth 14-15 years of age who work on a farm or ranch other than his/her parents' is required to be certified through a tractor safety course. Staff members from the Central States Center for Agricultural Safety and Health specialists will teach the 2-day course. Cost is \$60, which includes materials, lunch both days, and snacks at breaks. Registration is due May 15. For details or to register, contact the Extension Office.



### Market Beef Weigh-in

Beef weigh-in was held Sunday, March 1 at the Wayne Veterinary Clinic. Thirty-one head were weighed and tagged. Reminder to families that identified State Fair animals to input their animal information into the Showstock Manager database and pay the nomination fee by June 15. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped!

### Animal ID Forms

All animal identification forms are available on-line at <https://wayne.unl.edu/4hanimalaffidavits> or at the Extension Office. You will need Adobe PDF Reader to open the files. There is a free download link available on the same site.

### YQCA

At this point, we are planning to hold the Face-to-Face YQCA trainings on May 27, but that may be reevaluated after May 9. If you are interested in completing the online YQCA course, now is a good time. Youth must be enrolled in 4-HOnline and have an **active** profile to take the online training. More information was shared in last month's newsletter.

Instructions can be found at:

<https://wayne.unl.edu> | Wayne County 4-H | 4-H Animal Information or <https://4h.unl.edu/yqca>

In light of the recent COVID-19 pandemic, the YQCA Board is announcing a 25% flash sale on web based (online) certification in April. During the month of April (April 1 – April 30), YQCA will be offering a 25% discount on web-based trainings, making them \$9.

Those wishing to take part in the flash sale will need to purchase \$9 web-based training coupons from YQCA. Coupon order forms were emailed to families on March 30 and are available at the Extension Office. **This is the only way to receive the discounted price.**

Once the order form and proof of payment is received, coupons will be issued and returned to the purchaser within 3-5 business days.

Coupons MUST be used towards a web-based training by April 30, 2020.

### 4-H Horse Program Update—March 2020

Due to the COVID-19 situation and social distancing, there will be changes in 4-H Horse Advancement Level Testing. In order to abide by social distancing recommendations, skills and demonstration testing are on hold. We are encouraging youth to complete the written test, which will be offered online, and the reports/feed chart/healthcare charts as these pieces can be completed by youth at home. The goal is to offer the skills test and demonstration **after May 9, 2020**.

For 2020, District Horse Shows will be cancelled. All youth will be allowed to enter the Fonner Park State 4-H Expo without qualifying.

#### Dates to Note:

Written Advancement Tests Available On-Line: **March 25**

Skills and Demonstration Testing Available (depending upon social distancing recommendations): **after May 9**

Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Show Entry Date - **June 15** to the county office

Advancement Levels Completed Due Date for State Entries: **June 15**

4-H Horse Stampede Entries Due: **June 15**, contest will now be held **July 12**. All youth will need to re-enter if were previously entered for the March Contest.

**Advancement Level Study Guides and Resources** are available at <https://4h.unl.edu/horse/advancement-levels>

An email was shared on March 25 with families enrolled in the Horse project that contains more information. Please call the office if you are interested in taking the online written test and we can share the link.

### Companion Animal Challenge

Due to COVID-19, the University has taken measures to help protect the UNL community and broader community. To decrease large group gathering instances, we have decided to continue the Companion Animal Contest through remote means. Youth will need to re-enter if they were previously entered for Companion Animal Challenge by using the new entry form (online) through Google Docs. The event will return to its regular format for 2021. More information and a link to the entry form is available at <https://wayne.unl.edu/upcoming-animal-events>  
Entry Due Date: April 13th by 5 p.m.

## MORE ANIMAL NEWS

### Animal Virtual & At-Home Learning Opportunities

**\*Cat Club**—is a self-paced learning opportunity offering educational information about caring for and showing cats. Cat Club is open to all youth regardless of age or enrollment status, as well as parents and volunteers looking to gain knowledge about cats and the 4-H cat project. New lessons are added each month. Check out <https://4h.unl.edu/companion-animal/cat-club>

**\*Dog Showmanship Video Series**—covers the basics of 4-H Dog Showmanship including video examples and descriptions of the patterns. The video series can be found on the 4-H Companion Animal Program web page under the Program Resources section <https://4h.unl.edu/companion-animal> or on our Companion Animal YouTube page <https://go.unl.edu/ndsv>

**Equine Webinar Series**—held on the second Monday of each month and is available on-demand viewing or you can also view recordings. The Equine Webinar Series is an opportunity for all youth, parents, and volunteers to gain knowledge of a variety of equine topics and is available at <https://4h.unl.edu/horse/webinar-series>

### 9TH ANNUAL INNOVATIVE YOUTH CORN CHALLENGE NEW FEATURES FOR 2020

With the disruption in programming as normal, our corn challenge team wants to make sure you know that the corn challenge is still on and gearing up to be better than ever! (NOTE: planning, etc. can be done virtually and we are here to help you make that happen).

New features to the program: Once COVID-19 passes and things return to normal, our team is pleased to announce some NEW features to the Corn Challenge. Teams will communicate with other teams for peer-learning opportunities. (Ideally, these would be face-to-face, but time will tell what is allowed at any given point.) Corn challenge coordinators will make a site visit (when allowed) to obtain aerial imagery of your project. Programming will include NEW unmanned aerial (drone) lessons and potential field day for participants. If you'd like to participate, there is still time to sign-up!

Nebraska Extension and the Nebraska Corn Board are offering the ninth Innovative Youth Corn Challenge contest. This contest, open to 4-H members (age 10 & older as of Dec. 31) or FFA members (in-school members), guides participants through all aspects of corn production, as well as agricultural careers related to corn production. As a team, youth will be challenged to implement a production practice different than normal to determine if they increased their yield. Cash prizes and plaques will be given to the first, second, and third place teams. First place will receive \$1,000, second place will receive \$500, and third place will receive \$250. Sustainability, crop scouting and "extra mile" awards will also be given.

Entries forms can be downloaded from <https://cropwatch.unl.edu/youth/cornchallenge> and are due by April 15 to the Fillmore County Extension Office in Geneva, NE. Contact Brandy VanDeWalle at [brandy.vandewalle@unl.edu](mailto:brandy.vandewalle@unl.edu) for more information

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

CHECK OUT THE LISTING OF 150+ MAJORS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN.

GO TO [HTTPS://GO.UNL.EDU/NEBRASKAMAJORS](https://go.unl.edu/nebraskamajors)

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**SCIENCE & AG FAMILY FIELD DAY**

AG ECON, FOOD & NUTRITION, LIVESTOCK, CROPS & WATER

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BRING THE FAMILY OUT FOR A DAY AT THE HASKELL AG LAB. DISCOVER WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE FARM THROUGH DEMONSTRATIONS, TOURS, PRESENTATIONS AND DISPLAYS. DON'T FORGET TO STAY FOR A FREE LUNCH! ACTIVITIES WILL BE GOING ON ALL DAY.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**AUGUST 5, 2020**

If more information is needed about any of these events, please contact the Extension Office.

Sincerely,

*Amy*

Amy Topp, Extension Educator



# April 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 4-H Public Speaking Contest Entries DUE	4 Clover Kids, 9-10:15 AM Via ZOOM
5	6 4-H Public Speaking Contest, 7:00 PM Via Zoom	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 NAYI Applications DUE	16	17	18 Early Bird Registration for Big Red Camps DUE (Extended from April 1)
19 National	20 --- 4-H Council, 6:30 PM Via Zoom	21 ---	22 Volunteer	23 ---	24 --- Arbor Day Observed, Extension Office Closed	25 Week
26	27	28	29	30		

## May 2020

1	Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) Payment Due	18	4-H Council
1	4-H Council Camp Scholarship Applications DUE	25	Memorial Day Observed, Extension Office Closed
2	Clover Kid Meeting (Via ZOOM)	27	YQCA (Quality Assurance), Wayne, 1:00 & 6:00 p.m.
2	Teen Supremes (Via ZOOM)		Tractor Safety, Wayne Co. Fairgrounds (Reg. DUE 15)
8	District & State Horse Show Horse ID's & Entries DUE (Postponed until June 15)	28-29	Market Meat Goat Weigh-in, ROG ID's Due
8	Horse Levels completed to exhibit at District & State Horse Shows (Postponed until June 15)	29	Market Sheep Weigh-in, County ID's DUE
	District Horse Shows cancelled for 2020	29	Breeding Sheep County ID's DUE