



April 4-H News

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CLOVER KID MEETING

Clover Kids will meet on **May 2**, 9:00-10:15 a.m. at the Wayne County Courthouse. We will focus on plants and the environment. **Contact the Extension Office by 5 p.m., April 27 to register** so we have enough materials prepared.

WELCOME!

Welcome new 4-H members and families to the 4-H program. We look forward to knowing and working with each of you!

REMINDERS

- *The Special Garden Project seeds are in and ready to be picked up.
- *Early Bird registration for the Big Red Summer Camps is **April 1** and the Nebraska 4-H Summer Camps is **April 15**. Go to <http://wayne.unl.edu/county4h> and scroll to the *Camps* heading for camp and scholarship information.
- *Constellation supports 4-H. Consider choosing Constellation for your natural gas supply during the Choice Gas Selection Period (April 10-23, 2015). A flyer was included in last month's newsletter.
- *Market Beef Exhibitors—Online affidavits must be completed by **April 15** in order for animals to be eligible for Ak-Sar-Ben and State Fair.
- *Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute is **July 6-10** at UNL East Campus. Apply online at www.nda.nebraska.gov or contact the Extension Office. Applications are due **April 15**.
- *Club Secretaries—Please send a copy of the club minutes to the Extension Office after each meeting.

INNOVATIVE YOUTH CORN CHALLENGE

The entry deadline for the Innovative Youth Corn Challenge has been extended to April 1. Go to <http://cropwatch.unl.edu/cropwatch-youth/cornchallenge> for more information.

4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

The Public Speaking Contest is scheduled for **April 20**, 7:00 p.m. at the Wayne County Courthouse. Registrations are due to the Extension Office on or before **April 17**. See the enclosed information.



NEBRASKA EXTENSION – WAYNE COUNTY 4-H EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS

Many educational workshops are being scheduled. Check out the enclosed flyer.

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Copies of enrollments will be sent in April to all 4-H members and club leaders. Make sure your contact information is correct and the project list is complete. If changes are needed, log into your 4Honline account and update your information, then report them to your club leader. All updates must be made by midnight June 1. The website will not allow project changes after this time. Please remember that projects the 4-Her intends to exhibit at the fair must be added by this date.



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 12-18**

SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER TRAINING

In order for youth to participate in Shooting Sports, the club must have a certified leader in the discipline the youth wants to enroll in. Disciplines include rifle (BB gun, air rifle and small bore), archery, shotgun, hunting, and muzzleloading. Because of safety concerns, becoming a certified 4H Shooting Sports Leader requires a 1 ½ day training session at the initial cost of \$100. Also, depending on the discipline and location, ammunition costs may be added (i.e. Ponca State Park requires that you buy steel shot from them for shotgun at a very reasonable cost). Nebraska Extension in Dixon County is organizing a training session to be held at Ponca State Park. There needs to be at least 24 paid participants in order to hold the training. If interested, please contact the Dixon County office (402-584-2234) as soon as possible.

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 \$18 per trophy.

Champion Junior Floriculture
Champion Household Pet

Champion Junior Horticulture
Reserve Champion Household Pet

Champion Rabbit Fur

YOUTH HORTICULTURE ID CONTEST



The Northeast Nebraska Master Gardeners will be hosting a Youth Horticulture ID Contest at their annual Plant Fair & Market. All youth ages 8-18 are encouraged to participate. Participation is free but all participants must preregister by **April 17** by contacting the Nebraska Extension office in Madison County at 402-370-4040. Prizes will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers in *each* of the age brackets. Contestants will be required to sight ID horticultural plants to the accepted common name. The list of possible plants and study guides are available at <http://madison.unl.edu/theplantfair>

Contest Details

Date: April 25, 2015

Time: Competition begins 11:00 AM,
Awards Presented 12:30 PM

Location: Chuck Pohlman Ag Complex,
Northeast Community College, Norfolk

Prizes:

1st Place - \$25 cash AND \$25 gift certificate for the Master Gardener Plant Booths

2nd Place - \$10 cash AND \$15 gift certificate for the Master Gardener Plant Booths

3rd Place - \$10 gift certificate for the Master Gardener Plant Booths

Age Brackets:

Junior – 8-11 years old

Intermediate – 12-14 years old

Senior – 15-18 years old

YOUTH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Northeast Nebraska Master Gardeners could use your help. They hold an annual Plant Fair & Market at the Northeast Community College Chuck Pohlman Ag Complex in Norfolk and need volunteers to help with getting the patron's items out to their vehicles. Wagons will be available. The plant fair is Friday, **April 24**, 6:00-8:00 p.m. and Saturday, **April 25**, 9:00 am – 3:00 p.m. Call the Nebraska Extension office in Wayne County at 402-375-3310 by **April 17** to sign up for a time that would work for you.



ATTENTION 4-H LEADERS

Discounted tickets to the Wayne County Fair will be sold to screened leaders at the Extension Office during office hours. Please watch your mailbox for a postcard and details.





DID YOU KNOW?

Check out the **University of Nebraska-Lincoln** Campus. There are many options of Husker Weekdays & Red Letter Days at <http://admissions.unl.edu/see-for-yourself.aspx>

Your Story Matters at Nebraska.

ANIMAL ID FORMS

All animal identification forms are available on-line at <http://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.

BUCKET & FEEDER CALF IDENTIFICATION

Bucket and Feeder calves must be tagged with a 4-H ear tag that is purchased from the Extension Office. The cost of each tag is \$1.00. Feeder calves exhibited at Ak-Sar-Ben must have a DNA hair sample on file (\$6.00/sample) and those with brands must have the brands noted on the ID form. Deadline for Bucket Calf ID's is **May 1**. Deadline for Feeder Calf DNA samples and ID's is **June 15**.

HORSE INFORMATION



Remember all leaders who give the skills portion of the level 1 and 2 advancement level tests will be required to take a certification course in order to give these tests.

Youth: Horse Level Testing needs to be completed by **May 15**. If you are **11 4-H age** you need to pass Horse Level 1 by **May 15** to exhibit at the County Fair. Please contact the Extension Office to take the written portion of the test. All District and State Horse Show entries are due in the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m., **May 15**. **Horse ID's** are also due **May 15**.

District 4-H Horse Shows are scheduled for **June 16** in Ord, **June 17** in Wayne, & **June 18** in Seward.

The **4-H Horse Show Judging Guide** has been revised. Changes include the addition of the Ranch Horse Pleasure rules and changes to the District and State entries. Revised guides are available at the Extension Office.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

All 4-Hers enrolled in the market and breeding beef, bucket calf, feeder calf, cow/calf, dairy, dairy goat, meat goat, pygmy goat, market and breeding sheep, swine, rabbit and poultry projects are required to complete Quality Assurance. There will be two face-to-face Quality Assurance trainings offered on **May 27**, 1:00 & 7:00 p.m. at the Wayne County Courthouse. You may also come to the office and take a test. The on-line Livestock Quality Assurance Moodle Course is available at <http://campus.extension.org>

Instructions were enclosed in last month's newsletter for setting up an account, how to complete the modules, and answers to frequently asked questions. Beginning in **2016**, 4-Hers will have to complete on-line course.

Please contact the Extension Office if you have questions.

CHICKEN SHOW COMMITTEE REQUEST

The Chicken Show committee is looking for a club willing to have farm animals on display on July 11, at Bressler Park, from 11 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Suggested animals include calves, rabbits or goats. Please contact the Extension Office if interested.

CANINE COMPANIONS FOR LIFE 4-H DOG EXPO



Canine Companions for Life 4-H Dog Expo – **May 1-2** in Hastings: This event begins on Friday evening, May 1 at the Adams County Fairgrounds (Hastings, NE) where there will be a quiz bowl and fun events with your dog. On Saturday, May 2 youth can attend workshops and practice competing in obedience, agility, rally obedience, and showmanship classes. Hands on clinics will teach you skills you can test out in the show ring with dog handling competitions. There will be educational workshops, hands-on clinics, and multiple show rings operating, all provided in a comfortable indoor venue. For more information and for the registration form, see the website at: <http://companionanimal.unl.edu>

TRACTOR SAFETY TRAINING

The 2015 Tractor Safety Training is scheduled for **June 15-16** at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. There will need to be at least 8 participants to hold the training. 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. Extension Educators and field specialists will teach the 2-day course. Cost is \$60, which includes materials, lunch both days, and snacks at breaks. Registration is requested a week prior to class. For details or to register, contact the Nebraska Extension Office in Dixon County (402-584-2234).

TEEN SUPREMES

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

STATE FAIR 4-H CULINARY CHALLENGE CONTEST



The purpose of the 4-H Culinary Challenge Contest is for youth to demonstrate healthy decision making through nutrition, menu planning, food preparation, and food safety. This contest is similar to the Favorite Foods contest.

Who can enter?

4-H Youth, 10-18 years of age that are enrolled in a Foods & Nutrition project. Age Divisions: Intermediate (10-13) & Senior (14 and older). Must be in teams of 2.

What do I do?

Choose a theme, create a menu, and design a table setting. Prepare and incorporate the challenge ingredient into one food item and bring that food item to the contest. The challenge ingredient for 2015 is Apples. Participate in a live interview with a judge, and incorporate technology into your table presentation interview.

What about the interview?

Interviews are 8-10 minutes for the intermediate division and 12-15 minutes for the senior division. Talk about your table design (theme, nutrition, menu cost, food safety concerns) and be knowledgeable about your challenge ingredient. Technology may include using an iPad or laptop, Power Point, picture story, or video. *Be creative!* More information is available at <http://4h.unl.edu/nebraskastatefairbook>.

REGIONAL 4-H INTERVIEW JUDGING CONTEST

Through the 4-H Interview Judging Contest, youth have an opportunity to practice the real-life skill of applying for a job. Youth will use their 4-H and life experiences to write a résumé and cover letter for one of three job descriptions (Pet Shop Assistant, Teaching Assistant, or Insurance Intern) and participate in a live interview. The contest helps youth develop career skills including résumé and cover letter writing, completing a job application, presenting themselves to others, and developing self confidence.

The Contest will be held **May 21** at the Lifelong Learning Center, Norfolk. 4-H Members that are 4-H age 11 and older may participate. Two divisions will be available at the regional competitions: Division I, 4-H ages 11-13, and Division II, 4-H ages 14-18. Division II winners of the Regional Contest advance to the state competition held during the Nebraska State Fair. Contact the Extension Office for entry information. Entries are due May 4.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Check out the upcoming events on the back of the April calendar page.

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



Sincerely,

Amy

Amy Topp, Extension Educator



April 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Special Garden Project Sign-up DUE Early Bird Big Red Camp Registration DUE	2	3	4
5 	6	7	8	9	10	11 Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop, Ainsworth, thru 12
12 National	13 ---	14 ---	15 Volunteer Early Bird 4-H Camp Registration DUE Ak-Sar-Ben & State Fair online Market Beef Affidavits DUE	16 ---	17 --- 4-H Public Speaking Contest Entries DUE Master Gardener Plant Fair Volunteer Sign-up in Wayne County	18 Week CWF Webinar, 9:00-10:30 a.m. Master Gardener Horticulture Contest Reg. DUE to Madison County
19	20 4-H Public Speaking Contest, Wayne County Courthouse	21	22	23	24 Arbor Day Observed, Extension Office Closed	25 Master Gardener Horticulture Contest, Chuck Pohlman Ag Complex, NECC
26	27 Clover Kid Meeting Reg. DUE	28	29	30		

May 2015

1	4-H Council Camp Scholarship Applications DUE	20	CWF Meeting
1	4-H Bucket Calf ID's DUE	21	Regional Interview Contest (Entries DUE 4)
1	CWF Payment DUE	21	Regional Public Speaking Contest (Entries DUE 4)
2	Clover Kid Meeting	25	Memorial Day Observed, Extension Office Closed
2	Teen Supremes	27	Quality Assurance, Wayne, 1:00 & 7:00
4	4-H Council	28	Recycled Apron Workshop, (Reg. DUE 22)
15	Horse ID's DUE, District & State Horse Show Entries DUE	28	4-H Market Meat Goat Weigh-in, County ID's DUE
15	Horse Level 1 passed to exhibit at the Wayne Co. Fair	28	4-H Sheep Weigh & Tag Day, County ID's DUE
15	Swine ID's DUE		

UPCOMING EVENTS

BEEF/GOAT/SHEEP/SWINE

- Burt County Beef Preview – Apr. 4, Burt County Fairgrounds, Oakland
- Seward Calf Classic—Apr. 11, Seward County Fairgrounds, Seward
- Cuming County 4-H Beef Preview – Apr. 18, Cuming County Fairgrounds, West Point

LIVESTOCK JUDGING

- Winners Unlimited Livestock Judging Camp—June 5-7 **or** June 10-12, University of Nebraska East Campus, Lincoln

DOG

- Canine Companions for Life Dog Expo – May. 1-2, Adams County Fairgrounds, Hastings

HORSE

- Horse Owners Workshop—April 13, 5:30 p.m., Madison County Fairgrounds
RSVP by noon, April 10 to Dianne at Elkhorn Feed Center (402) 370-0500
- Northeast Nebraska 4-H Horse Show—June 3, Ridge Ranch Arena, Homer

POULTRY

- Papio Valley Market Broiler Show—June 27, Sarpy County Fairgrounds, Springfield
Broilers must be ordered by Friday, April 10

Contact the Extension Office if more information is needed about any of these events.



2015 4-H Educational Workshops

Mark your calendars for the upcoming events.

The events listed below are open to 4-H youth.

Please refer to the May Wayne County 4-H Newsletter for more details.

Name: Recycled Apron Workshop
Date & Time: May 28, 9:00 a.m.-noon
Location: Family & Consumer Science Room, Wayne High School
Enroll in Project: Steam Clothing 1, 2, or 3

Name: Dog Workshop
Date & Time: June 1, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Location: Swine Arena, Wayne County Fairgrounds
Enroll in Project: Dog

Name: Entomology Workshop
Date & Time: June 9, 9 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Location: Ike’s Lake, Wayne
Enroll in Project: Entomology

Name: Horticulture Contest
Date & Time: June 10, 7:00 p.m.
Location: Jane Rhebb Acreage, Hoskins
Enroll in Project:

Name: Robotics Workshop will be 3 days and is best if you can attend all sessions.
Date & Time: TBA, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon (beginning), 1:00-4:00 p.m. (advanced)
Location: TBA
Enroll in Project: Robotics

Name: Poultry Testing & Showmanship Clinic
Date & Time: July 6, 6:00 p.m. (testing), 7:00 p.m. (showmanship clinic)
Location: 4-H Building, Wayne County Fairgrounds
Enroll in Project: Poultry

Workshops that are TBA

Barrel Racing/Pole Bending Horse Clinic
 Clay Pot Mushroom Workshop
 Photography Editing

3D Snowflake Workshop
 Food Smart Camp
 Welding Workshop

Cat Clinic
 Knitting Workshop
 Yeast Pastry Workshop

4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

April 20, 2015 7:00 p.m.

Wayne County Courthouse Courtroom, 510 N Pearl St, Wayne, NE 68787

Register by April 17 by calling 402-375-3310 or emailing wayne-county@unl.edu

with your name, whether doing a speech, PSA or both, the title of the speech, and age division.

The Public Speaking Contest helps youth develop skills for communicating about current issues to real audiences, learn how to organize and prepare a speech, develop speech delivery skills, learn how to present themselves to others, and develop self-confidence.

Age Divisions (*all ages as of December 31, 2014*)

- **Clover Kids** - 4-Hers 5-7 years. May read a poem or story, or talk to the audience about any topic they choose. May be written by 4-Her or someone else. Suggested length: under 2 minutes. **Non-competitive**
- **Novice** - 4-Hers 10 years and younger who have never competed in a speech contest before. May read a poem or story, or talk to the audience about any topic they choose...4-H or otherwise. May be written by 4-Her or someone else. (4-Hers eligible for novice age division may compete in the junior age division if they choose, but cannot compete in both.) Suggested length: under 3 minutes.
- **Junior** - 4-Hers 8-10 years. Original speech relating to 4-H 1-3 minutes in length.
- **Intermediate** - 4-Hers 11-13 years. Original speech relating to 4-H 3-5 minutes in length.
- **Senior** - for 4-Hers 14 years and older. Original speech relating to 4-H 5-8 minutes in length.

Speech Category Guidelines:

- All speeches must be original and include 4-H as the major component of the speech.
- Many speakers in the Public Speaking Contest have given speeches in other contests. This is fine; however, previous speeches may not be used verbatim for the 4-H contest. It is okay to use the same ideas from a speech previously delivered in competition, but it must be 4-H related. Enough changes should be made to make that speech new to the speaker and the audience. 4-H public speakers may not use an old speech written by a sibling, other 4-H member, or anyone else.
- Acknowledge the source of information used in the speech. For example, an article from a magazine may be used for reference, but should not be quoted directly unless you tell the audience your source.
- Use of visual aids and props are not allowed.
- Dress appropriately. Do not wear costumes or special effect clothing.
- No team speeches are allowed.

PSA (*Public Service Announcement*) Category -

- Novice PSA's can be 30 or 60 seconds in length. All other age divisions must be 60 seconds.
- All radio PSA's will use the state theme as the basis for their PSA. This year's theme is "**4-H Grows...**"
- All radio PSA's must promote 4-H and be general enough to be used anywhere in Nebraska at anytime of the year.
- All 4-H PSA's must include the following tag line within the last ten seconds of the PSA: "Learn more about the Nebraska Extension 4-H Youth Development Program at 4h.unl.edu." The tag line is included in the time limit.
- All PSA's must be the original work of the presenter. Contestants may not use the PSA's provided by the state or national staff.
- The PSA's may be presented live or on tape at the contest. PSA's may be taped on a personal tape recorder or at a local radio station. Sound effects and public domain music may be used on recorded PSA's. Copyrighted material may NOT be used.
- No team PSA's are allowed

Top three contestants in each of the junior, intermediate and senior divisions of each category (Speech & PSA) are eligible to represent Wayne County at the Regional Public Speaking Contest on May 21, 2015 at the Northeast Community College Lifelong Learning Center in Norfolk. The *Guide to Making Great Speeches* and *How to Prepare a 4-H Radio Public Service Announcement* manuals are available at <http://4h.unl.edu/publicspeakingcontest> and at the Extension Office.

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