



November 24, 2020

## DECEMBER CALENDAR

- 5 Clover Kids via Zoom
- 5 Teen Supremes via Zoom
- 24-31 Office closed—Holiday Closedown



## JANUARY CALENDAR

- 1 Office closed—Happy New Year!
- 4 Extension Office re-opens
- 9-10 Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop, Lincoln
- 14 Monsanto Sr Scholarship Applications Due
- 15 4-H Foundation Sr. Scholarship Applications Due
- 18 Office closed—Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 18 4-H Council
- TBA Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop Reg. Due

**LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE REPORT**—The Livestock Committee Meeting recommendations are enclosed. Please take time to look them over and note changes in procedures and the weigh dates for the coming year. Thank you to all who participated in the virtual meeting. We had 23 volunteers attend and appreciate how much everyone cares about kids and their projects.



The next Clover Kid meeting is Dec. 5, 9:30-10:00 a.m. via Zoom. Youth ages 5-7 on or before Dec. 31, 2020 are eligible. Watch your email for connection details. Youth will learn about 4-H

and participate in activities involving the winter season. Contact the Extension Office by 5 p.m., Nov. 30, to register so your packet of supplies can be mailed to you.

**ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS**—Scholarship guidelines and applications are available online at <https://wayne.unl.edu> | Wayne County 4-H | Senior Scholarships.



\*The **Nebraska Association of Fair Manager's Scholarship** application (Martha and Don Romeo Scholarship) is due to the Extension Office on or before **Nov 30, 2020**.

\*The Monsanto Company offers **America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders**, a \$1500 college scholarship for students pursuing degrees in agriculture-related fields. 4-H and FFA member are eligible. Applications are due by **Jan. 14, 2021**.

\*Scholarships are available for 4-Hers planning to attend the University of Nebraska. Choose the **Nebraska 4-H Foundation Scholarship** link from the list. Applications are accepted until **Jan. 15, 2021**.

Check the website for additional scholarships.

**THE TEEN SUPREMES** will meet following the Clover Kids meeting via Zoom (until about 10:30 a.m.). We will work on planning activities for this year. Please call the office at 402.375.3310 if you have questions.

**TRAINING IDEAS ENCOURAGED**—The 4-H Council and Extension Staff are asking 4-Hers, parents and leaders for suggestions for workshops in 2021. Please contact the Extension Office with any ideas you have. If you plan on holding 4-H Zoom meetings, Amy is willing to do a program.

The Extension Office will close at 5:00 PM, Dec. 23 and re-open Jan. 4, 2021 at 8:30 AM.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### General

- **Virtual and At-Home Learning Opportunities**—<https://4h.unl.edu/virtual-home-learning>
- **Nebraska 4-H School Year Camps** provide an opportunity for youth to spend quality time connecting with nature and the great outdoors. Check out <https://4h.unl.edu/camps-centers/school-year-camps> for a list of camps.
- **Career Chat Live** offers live, online career exploration opportunities. Each session focuses on a new set of careers. During each session, youth will get to meet workforce professionals in that career field and have the opportunity to ask questions. Career Chat Live is designed for middle-school aged youth. Youth can now request a session. Go to <https://4h.unl.edu/career-chat-live> to complete a request form.
- **The 2021 Special Garden Project** is focused on the tasty Hakurei Turnip. These are not your grandmother's turnips. Hakurei is a white salad turnip that is smooth, round, and at it's best when harvested under 2". The roots can be eaten raw or cooked and the tops can also be cooked. Interested youth should enroll in the Special Garden Project through 4-H Online by **Feb. 1**.
- **Wayne County Fair** dates are July 21-25, 2021.

### Beef

- **Nebraska 4-H Fed Steer Challenge** - Nebraska 4-H along with the University of Nebraska–Lincoln Department of Animal Science is offering the Nebraska 4-H Fed Steer Challenge. The Fed Steer Challenge is an opportunity for youth and is designed to cultivate the next generation of leaders in the Nebraska cattle industry. The goal is to enhance the educational value of the traditional 4-H beef projects by providing an affordable option that rewards production merit and carcass value of the market animal, along with accurate and complete record keeping, industry knowledge, and producer engagement by the 4-H member. Go to <https://4h.unl.edu/fed-steer-challenge> for additional information and an application. The application deadline is **Dec. 1, 2020**.
- **The National Western Stock Show Catch-A-Calf Program** is designed to promote youth development and understanding of the cattle industry. The National Western Catch-A-Calf program has re-opened the 2021-22 NWSS CAC Application website and the new deadline is **Jan. 15, 2021**. Go to: <https://go.unl.edu/nationalwesterncatchacalf> for more information.

### Companion Animals

- **The Companion Animal Webinar Series** is a great way for 4-H leaders, parents, and senior aged youth to gain knowledge in various companion animal-related topic areas. A new topic will be covered in each session with various experts joining to share their experience and expertise. The webinars are hosted live online using Zoom on the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM CT. The next webinar is **Dec. 3** and will be recorded for later viewing if you can't participate live. Go to <https://4h.unl.edu/companion-animal-webinar-series> to register or view recorded webinars. Additional materials that are shared or discussed during webinars are also available.
- **Companion Cat Science** is a self-paced learning opportunity offering information about caring for cats. The online course is geared for middle-school-aged youth but is open to all youth regardless of age. This is a great resource for anyone interested in caring for or learning about cats in 4-H, whether they own one now or not! Check <https://4h.unl.edu/companion-cat-science> for more information.

### Horse

- **Equine Webinars** will be hosted live on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 PM CT. The next webinar is **Dec. 14** and will also be recorded. Go to <https://4h.unl.edu/horse/webinar-series> to register or view recorded webinars. November's topic was Veterinary Technician Careers.
- **Dates for District Horse Shows:**

June 14, Scottsbluff	June 15, Burwell	June 16, Columbus
June 17, Lincoln	June 18, McCook	
- **The State Horse Show** is set for July 10-14, 2021 in Grand Island.

### Livestock Judging

- **Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic Judging Contest**—Saturday, Feb. 13, Buffalo County Fairgrounds, Kearney. Information is available at <https://cattlemens.org/>. Entries are due on or before **Feb. 5**.

### Shooting Sports - <https://4h.unl.edu/shooting-sports/instructor/calendar>

- **Instructor Workshop** – January 9-10, 2021 at the Nebraska Game and Parks Outdoor Education Center, Lincoln. Reg. due **TBA**.



## DID YOU KNOW?

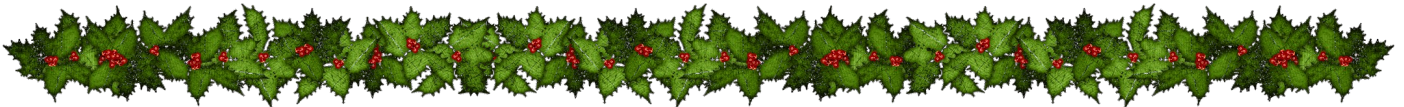
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WHILE WE CAN'T MEET IN PERSON, WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR OUR ONLINE INFORMATION SESSIONS AND VIRTUAL EVENTS.

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## REMINDERS

- Bonus Auction and Pool Money checks will be void as of December 31, 2020. They were mailed in September.
- Premium checks will be void as of February 1, 2021. They have been mailed to families. Contact the office if you haven't received your check.
- There are Clover Kid projects in the office that need to be picked up.
- 'Tis' the season to be thankful. It's never too late to send a thank you note to a sponsor.



**ENROLLMENT INFORMATION:** 4HOnline (<https://ne.4honline.com>) is open and you can enroll at any time. Enrollment instructions are available at <https://wayne.unl.edu/4henrollment> and have been mailed to families. Enrollments are **due Feb. 1, 2021**. If you have forgotten your password, use the "I forgot my password" option or contact the Extension Office. **DO NOT** set up a new profile.

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

\*Emergency Contact: **please** list someone **other** than a parent/guardian (bottom of the Youth Personal Information screen). If a situation arises, we would like to have someone to contact if a parent/guardian cannot be reached.

\*Clubs and projects will need to be added back into profiles as they were cleared at the state level.

\*Horse Project Release: youth and parent/guardian need to complete to participate in the horse project.

\*Shooting Sports Release: youth and parent/guardian need to complete to participate in any shooting sports project. In addition, there must be a certified leader (in the discipline you want to do) in your 4-H Club. In order to run a club, county or multi-county 4-H shootings sports program, instructors must be certified by Nebraska 4-H. Volunteers must attend a leader certification training that are designed to cover the needed knowledge and guidelines to become a certified 4-H club instructor. In Wayne County, the only certified leaders belong to the Sharp Shooters 4-H Club and Spring Branch 4-H Club.

\*Enrollment Fees: 4-Hers and Clover Kids will continue to pay an online enrollment fee of \$5.00 per 4-Her. The fee includes the insurance fee and will be collected when 4-Hers enroll in 4H Online. Fees may also be brought to the office. Enrollment will be accepted once we receive the fee. Volunteers that choose to purchase insurance will need to give their \$2.00 to their Organizational Leader or bring it to the office.

**VOLUNTEER SCREENING:** Nebraska Extension asks all volunteers to be screened through the Department of Health and Human Services for child abuse and neglect. Volunteers are screened in order to ensure a safe, positive, and nurturing environment for all youth involved with Nebraska 4-H programs and provide protection for the child, volunteer, educator, 4-H Council, Extension Board, and Nebraska Extension. All new volunteers and those that did not complete the screening process last year must be screened this year. It continues to be an online process, volunteers will go directly to a Department of Health and Human Services website, and there is a \$5.00 fee that will be paid online during the screening process.

Please contact the Extension Office if you have questions.

Thank you for all your support this year. We are hoping for a more routine year in 2021 and looking forward to working with all 4-Hers, families, and volunteers.

Happy Holidays!

*Amy*

Amy Topp, Extension Educator



**RECOMMENDATIONS OF WAYNE COUNTY 4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK LEADERS GROUP**  
**November 16, 2020**

These recommendations were discussed via Zoom at the November 16 Livestock Committee meeting. All judges are listed in order of preference. The Ag Society recommends a 250-mile radius for judges hired.

**BEEF** - Committee: Kenny Buresh (chairman); Adam Behmer, Cam Behmer, Rich Behmer, Chris McGuire, Layne Sievers, and Chad Spahr.

County Fair Beef Superintendents: Kenny Buresh, superintendent; Adam Behmer, Cam Behmer, Rich Behmer, Chris McGuire, Layne Sievers, and Chad Spahr, assistants.

Judges for County Fair: 1. Brodie Mackey, Leigh, 2. Barb Olrich, Norfolk, 3. Misty McGuire.

Training for Members: Showmanship clinic before Fair in Hoskins.

Other:

1. Weigh in date: Sunday, February 28, 2021 at Wayne Veterinary Clinic, 1:00-2:30 p.m. (Snow date: March 7).
2. Cows from a Renee's Herd Builder pair cannot be shown in Showmanship. Calves from a RHB pair would be eligible.
3. Continue using ribbon envelopes but hand out trophies during the show.

**BUCKET CALF** – Committee: Matt and Jennifer Munsell (chairmen).

County Fair Superintendents: Matt and Jennifer Munsell, co-superintendents.

Judge for County Fair: 1. Jayd Roberts, Columbus, 2. Brenna Vovos, Wayne, 3. Past 4-Hers.

**DAIRY** – Committee: Kevin Marotz (chairman), Terry Gilliland, Dwaine Junck, and Doug Temme.

County Fair Superintendents: Kevin Marotz, superintendent; Terry Gilliland, Dwaine Junck, and Doug Temme, assistants.

Judges for County Fair: 1. Erin Marotz, Wahoo.

**GOATS** – Committee: Julie Addison and Sarah Sellin (co-chairman), Mary Paustian, and Laura Behmer.

County Fair Superintendents: Julie Addison, dairy goat superintendent, Sarah Sellin, market goat superintendent.

Judges for County Fair: 1. Emilye Vales, Columbus, 2. Tyler Pickinpaugh, Lincoln, Melissa Bueller, Fairbury.

Changes in Procedures for County Fair/Fairbook Changes:

1. Dairy Goats: All dairy goats must have some form of scrapie identification. Legible tattoo in the ear or tail may be used in place of a scrapie tag. The tattoo will match registration papers if the goats are registered. Registration papers must be available at check. Any dairy goat not registered will need a scrapie tag OR the family can tattoo the scrapie tag numbers in the ear or tail if they do not want an ear tag.
2. Market Goats: Continue with self-weigh-in for breeding and market classes for fair and open class. Will provide a clipboard near scale to write weights on.

## **GOATS, cont.**

Training for Members: Julie suggested a showmanship/herdsmanship clinic for May/June. Depending on current suggestions from health department, we will continue to explore this option. Possibly work with sheep committee to do a joint showmanship clinic. Julie will check with Travis Rudloff.

### Other:

1. Using envelopes for ribbons is something goats would like to continue.
2. Weigh-in date: Friday, May 21, 2020, at the Fairgrounds, 5:30–6:00 p.m. (Market Meat Goats)
3. Goat Show – Thurs., 4:00 p.m. in the Swine Arena.
4. Proposed that meat goat and dairy goat split superintendents but will still share a judge for fair and open class.

**HORSES** - Committee: Desiree Irish (chairman), Tara Behmer, Matt Haschke, Margo Reeson, and Angie Rethwisch.

County Fair Superintendents: Desiree Irish, superintendent; Margo Reeson, assistant.

Judges for County Fair: 1. Chantel Sempek, Columbus, 2. Danielle King, North Platte, 3. Abby Hitchler (Knobbe), Spalding.

Changes in Procedures for County Fair: Continue using ribbon envelopes but hand out trophies during the show.

Training for Members: We will talk more in the spring when we see what restrictions are ahead of us.

**SHEEP** - Committee: Kim Vanosdall (chairman), Stan Nathan, Mark Niemann, and Pat O'Reilly.

County Fair Superintendents: Kim Vanosdall, superintendent; Stan Nathan, Mark Niemann, and Pat O'Reilly, assistants.

Judges for County Fair: 1. Tyler Pickinpaugh, Torrington, WY (Lincoln), 2. Colby Birch, 3. Kyle Schmillen, Marcus, IA.

Changes in Procedures for County Fair/Fairbook Changes: Open Class Sheep Show - 4:00 p.m. Leland Herman Building (4-H Show to follow).

Other: Sheep weigh-in: Friday, May 21, 2021, 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds.

**SWINE** - Committee: Kyle Schmale (chairman), Jon Jaeger, and Kristi Magnuson.

County Fair Superintendents: Kyle Schmale, superintendent; Jon Jaeger, and Kristi Magnuson, assistants.

Judges for County Fair: 1. Gary Kubicek, Firth, 2. Kyle Baade, Litchfield (Plymouth).

Changes in Procedures for County Fair/Fairbook Changes:

1. Add Reserve Champion Showmanship trophy for each division.
2. General Information: Letter H – Remove “oil” as it is permitted since all swine go home.  
Add: All animals will be shown free of any adhesive, glue, paint, or powder products. Hogs found in violation of the rule disqualified from the live show and the carcass contest. Alcohol, water, oil, foam, or any water or alcohol-based products with no adhesive or glue qualities, or artificial colorings are permitted.

## **SMALL ANIMALS**

**Cats/Household Pets**: Committee: Shelli Keiser (chairman).

**County Fair Superintendents**: Shelli Keiser, superintendent.

**Judges for County Fair**: 1. Carly Anderson, Hoskins, 2. Jeanne Emery, Norfolk.

**Changes in Procedures for County Fair**: There is a wedding reception scheduled in the Expo Center and Little Theater the day of the Cat/Household Pet Show. We will need to find another location on the fairgrounds to have those shows. Possibly the 4-H building or old hog arena area. Building location TBA in the spring.

**Training for Members**: It has been 2-3 years since a training was offered. Spring of 2021 or early summer possibly a workshop could be scheduled. Go over pet care, grooming, nutrition, husbandry, vaccinations, age appropriate questions a judge might ask.

**Fair book Changes**: None at this time. Will have show location determined by next spring and hopefully 1-2 more people on the committee.

**Other**: JoAnn McKenzie has decided to step down. We will need to find 1 or 2 more people to help with the show. Depending on location of the show, may need to have chairs, tables, etc. moved there.

**Dogs**: Committee: Jennifer Munsell (chairman), Connie Behmer, Heather Frank, and Jayse Munsell.

**County Fair Superintendents**: Jennifer Munsell, superintendent; Connie Behmer, Heather Frank, and Jayse Munsell, assistants.

**Judges for County Fair**: Showmanship/Obedience: 1. Dacia Caskey, Norfolk, 2. Jackie Paulas, North Bend.  
Groom/Care: Brittany Wurdeman, Wayne.

**Training for Members**: Dog workouts in Hoskins and Wayne.

**Poultry**: Committee: Carly Anderson (chairman), Angie Anderson, Desireé Anderson, and Cory Russell.

**County Fair Superintendents**: Carly Anderson, superintendent; Angie Anderson, Desireé Anderson, and Cory Russell, assistants.

**Judges for County Fair**: 1. Jeff Hochstein, Hartington, 2. Brett Kreifels, Springfield, 3. Christopher Nielsen, Lincoln.

**Changes in Procedures for County Fair**: Continue with the ribbon envelopes in future fairs. They were very helpful and seem more organized.

**Training for Members**: Showmanship clinic at time of NPIP testing or late June or early July.

**Rabbits**: Committee: Becky Wurdeman (chairman), Becky Lange, Brady Wurdeman, Brienna Wurdeman, and Roger Wurdeman.

**County Fair Superintendent**: Roger and Becky Wurdeman, co-superintendents; Becky Lange, Brady Wurdeman, and Brienna Wurdeman, assistants.

**Judges for County Fair**: 1. Jeff Hochstein, Hartington, 2. Brett Kreifels, Springfield, 3. Christopher Nielsen, Lincoln.

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## **GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS**

1. James Felt (beef), JoAnn McKenzie (cats/pets), and Pat O'Reilly (sheep) are stepping down as superintendents and Mary Paustian (goat) as assistant superintendent. Thank you for your leadership and support over the years.
2. Positive feedback on using Facebook Live – thank you to Tarrin for her expertise.
3. Please encourage 4-Hers to write thank yous. It is important to recognize sponsors.
4. If you have ideas for specific clinics or trainings, please contact the Extension Office.
5. Thank you to the Fairboard for their continued support of our 4-H/FFA programs.

Thank you to all who participated in the Zoom meeting. Your input and perspective are greatly appreciated!

*These recommendations will be shared with the 4-H Council and will be forwarded to the Ag Society. Watch 4-H newsletters for recommendations that will be in effect for the 2021 Wayne County Fair.*