



November 18, 2016

DECEMBER CALENDAR

- 1 Fair Manager's Scholarship Applications Due
- 3 Clover Kids (Reg. Due Nov. 28)
- 23 Extension Office closes at noon
- 26-31 Office closed—Holiday Closedown

JANUARY CALENDAR

- 2 Office closed—Happy New Year!
- 3 Extension Office re-opens
- 8 Teen Supremes
- 16 Office closed—Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 28 First Lego League Qualifier, Columbus
- 30 4-H Leader Meeting
- 30 Clover Kid Meeting 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. Many ID deadlines changed, so be sure to check them out. Thank you to all who participated in the meeting. We had 43 volunteers attend, this shows how much individuals in our county care about kids and animals.



Clover Kids

The next Clover Kids meeting is Dec. 3, 9:00-10:15 a.m. at the Wayne County Courthouse.

Youth ages 5-7 on or before December 31, 2016 are eligible. They will learn about 4-H and participate in activities involving the winter season. They will be painting, so please dress accordingly. There will be extra t-shirts available. If possible, bring a canned food item to donate to the food pantry. Contact the Extension Office by 5 p.m., November 28 to register so we have enough supplies.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMEN



Eighth grade 4-H members were invited to participate in the **Next Chapter Program** last Spring. As 4-H members, you were pre-admitted to UNL through this program. The program is designed by chapters, highlighted by opportunities to prepare yourself for success in college, your chosen career, and 4-H over the next four years.

An email invitation was sent earlier this month inviting you and your parent(s) to attend the next meeting. Please plan to join Nebraska Extension and UNL Admissions staff as you learn to set college goals and discover future career paths.

Nov. 29, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Lifelong Learning Center
Northeast Community College, Norfolk

Please RSVP to mjarvi1@unl.edu
or phone 402.370.4021

Save the date for the next **Your Next Chapter** meeting on Feb. 21, 2017 in Norfolk.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Scholarship guidelines and applications are available online at <http://wayne.unl.edu/county4h> under the Senior Scholarship Heading and at the Extension Office.

- Nebraska Association of Fair Managers—Scholarship Application due Dec. 1, 2016
- Fontanelle Hybrids is excited to offer high school seniors who are active members of 4-H, FFA, or another certified agricultural organization the chance to win \$1000. Eligible seniors need to write and submit a 250-word essay on the topic: "What new technology will be the biggest benefit to production agriculture in your community?" Complete rules are available at www.Fontanelle.com/EssayContest. Application deadline is Jan. 9, 2017.
- Nebraska Association County Extension Boards (NACEB) - Scholarship Application due Mar. 17, 2017.

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION



4-H Enrollments for ALL members and volunteers are **DUE by 5 p.m., Feb. 1, 2017.**

- All volunteers and members (including Clover Kids) will complete their enrollments online.
- Club leaders will collect \$2.00/4-Her and/or volunteer to renew the 4-H Accident Insurance and \$5.00/family to help cover the County Fair Food Stand pie expenses.
- Nebraska Extension asks ALL volunteers to be screened through the Department of Health and Human Services for child abuse and neglect. The database is updated every four years on a district rotation. Our district was updated last year, so only new volunteers or those who didn't complete the process last year need to be updated this year.
- All 4-H publication orders will be accepted from the organizational leader only. If you need 4-H materials, please contact your leader preferably before April 1 to avoid out of stock possibilities. Families can purchase publications online. Go to <http://wayne.unl.edu/4henrollment> and click on the 4-H Curriculum Price List/Order Form for instructions.
- Enrollment instructions were mailed last week.



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2017 4-H BEEKEEPING ESSAY



Submissions for the 2017 4-H Beekeeping Essay sponsored by The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc., are currently being accepted. The topic of "*How can MP3 (Managed Pollinator Protection Plan) more effectively protect honey bees from pesticide exposure?*" must be submitted by Feb. 24, 2017.

Contest information is available at <http://go.unl.edu/4hbeekeepingessay>

DIAMOND CLOVER PROGRAM



The Nebraska 4-H Diamond Clover Program is a form of recognition for all ages. Members should be setting their goals now and work toward completing them during the 4-H year. Forms are available at <http://wayne.unl.edu/county4h>. Click on Diamond Clover Award link under the Award Information and Career Portfolio heading. Your 4-H Leader may have forms also. Those members wanting to complete Level 6 (Diamond) must have their plan approved by March 1 through the Extension Office.

ATTENTION HORSE EXHIBITORS



2017 District Horse Show dates and locations are being finalized; however, we do know Wayne County will host a District Show at the Fairgrounds.

TRAINING IDEAS ENCOURAGED

The 4-H Council and Extension Staff are asking 4-Hers, parents and leaders for suggestions for workshops in 2017. Please contact the Extension Office with any ideas you have.



The Extension Office will close at Noon, Dec. 23 and re-open Jan. 3, 2017 at 8:30 AM

Thank you for another wonderful 4-H program year. We look forward to more great things in 2017 and to working with all 4-Hers, families, and volunteers.

Happy Holidays!

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Amy Topp, Extension Educator

RECOMMENDATIONS OF WAYNE COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK LEADERS GROUP
November 14, 2016

These recommendations will be carried out by committee members where possible. All judges are listed in order of preference. The Fairboard recommends a 250 mile radius for judges hired.

BEEF - Committee: James Felt (chairman), Adam Behmer, Cam Behmer, Kenny Buresh, Brad Roberts, Connie Roberts, and Lonnie Weinrich.

County Fair Beef Superintendents: James Felt, superintendent; Adam Behmer, Cam Behmer, Kenny Buresh, Brad Roberts, Connie Roberts, and Lonnie Weinrich, assistants.

Judges for County Fair: 1. Dean Steck, Laurel, 2. Chris Ford, Bruce, S.D, 3. Nate Jelinek, Osceola.

Changes in Procedures for County Fair:

1. Clipping of cows in all cow/calf pairs is optional.
2. Number posts in beef barn to facilitate Herdsmanship judging.
3. Change show order to Breeding Beef, Feeder Calves, Showmanship, Market Beef, Cow/Calf

Training for Members: Clinic on Daily Grooming Practices to be held Wednesday night of County Fair (8:00 p.m.)

Other:

1. Weigh in date: Sunday, March 5, 2017 at Wayne Veterinary Clinic, 1:00-2:30 p.m. (Snow date: March 12).
2. Market Beef ID deadline changed to April 15 (same as State ID deadline)
3. Keep Rate-of-Gain rules as is – animals can weigh at another county, but will not be eligible for Rate-of-Gain.

BUCKET CALF – Committee: Matt and Jennifer Munsell (chairmen), Priscilla Junck.

County Fair Superintendents: Matt and Jennifer Munsell, co-superintendents; Priscilla Junck, assistant.

Judge for County Fair: 1. Tarrin Quinn, Winside, 2. Jayd Roberts, Winside, 3. Katie Weinrich, Wakefield.

Other: Bucket Calf ID deadline changed to June 15

DAIRY – Committee: Dwight Anderson (chairman), Brooke Anderson, Terry Gilliland, Dwaine Junck, and Kevin Marotz.

County Fair Superintendents: Dwight Anderson, superintendent; Brooke Anderson, Terry Gilliland, Dwaine Junck, and Kevin Marotz, assistants.

Judges for County Fair: 1. Tyler Mohr, Omaha, 2. Randy Mosel, Neligh, 3. Tracy Slagel, Central City.

Changes in Procedures for County Fair: Move to allow exhibitors to show 6 head in 4-H to follow State Fair rules.

Fair Book Changes: Drop class 115 (Senior 3 year old). Have one class of 3 year olds.

GOATS – Committee: Julie Addison (chairman), Mary Paustian, Eric Frye, Katie Frye

County Fair Superintendents: Julie Addison, superintendent; Mary Paustian, Eric Frye, Katie Frye, assistants

Judges for County Fair: 1. Kent Clymer, David City, 2. Martey Stewart, Dixon, 3. John Neary, Arlington, 4. Gary Kubicek, Firth

Goats, cont.

Changes in Procedures for County Fair:

1. Change 4-H Show from Thursday to Saturday, 12:30 p.m./TBA
2. Add open class show, Saturday, 4:00 p.m./TBA
3. Showmanship will be divided into 3 divisions (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior).
4. Top two animals in each class will be brought back to compete for Grand and Reserve Grand Champion.

Training for Members: Hoof trimming clinic in the spring.

Fair Book Changes:

1. Lower minimum weight for meat goats from 50 lbs. to 40 lbs.
2. Would like sheets in the book to follow show order.

Other:

1. Weigh-in & tagging date: Thurs., May 18, 2017, at Wayne County Fairgrounds, 5:30–6:00 p.m. (Meat Goat)
2. Showmanship Trophy Sponsors: Mary Paustian (Junior), Bob and Julie Addison (Intermediate), Wayne Eagles Club (Senior). Reserve Champion winners will receive a rosette. Dr. Lauri Zink is also willing to sponsor either a 4-H or Open Class trophy.

HORSES - Committee: Desiree Irish (chairman), Tara Behmer, Lori Finn, Margo Reeson, and Todd Luedeke.

County Fair Superintendents: Desiree Irish, superintendent; Tara Behmer, Lori Finn, Margo Reeson, and Todd Luedeke, assistants.

Judges for County Fair: 1. Danielle King, North Platte, 2. Boyd Mignery, Hastings, 3. Abby Knobbe, Spalding.

Changes in procedures for County Fair & add to Fairbook:

1. Horse ID due date for County Fair – June 15
2. 4-Hers have until June 15 to pass Horse Level 1, but all other Levels must be passed by the state deadline in May to count for classes entered in 2017.
3. 2-3 year old pleasure class – lower exhibitor age to age 10 to follow state rules, but exhibitor must pass Horse Level 3 to enter the class
4. 2-3 year old pleasure class – no longer a point class for high point award; will check with all-around youth horseman award sponsor to see if class will continue to be counted for that award
5. Halter horses will accumulate points toward the high point award based on ribbon awarded, but will not earn extra points for standing 1st or 2nd in the class.
6. Exhibitor must choose which horse to accumulate points on at check in for high point award.
7. Reining will be divided into 3 age divisions (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior)
8. Add Open Ranch Horse Pleasure class. It will not be a point class. Exhibitor must pass Horse Level 3 to enter the class.

Training for Members:

1. Educate youth on horse condition and what they can do to keep their horses in good shape. Paper copy that can be given to families to read.
2. Clinics on Reining, Ranch Horse Pleasure, and Showmanship

SHEEP - Committee: Pat O'Reilly (chairman), Rod Gilliland, and Stan Nathan.

County Fair Superintendents: Pat O'Reilly, superintendent; Rod Gilliland and Stan Nathan assistants.

Judges for County Fair: 1. Gary Kubicek, Firth, 2. Jerry Gross, Kennard, 3. Kevin Kock, Lincoln.

Other: Sheep weigh-in: Thursday, May 18, 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds.

SWINE - Committee: Dave French (chairman), Jerry Dorcey, Mark Hanson, and Kelly Meyer.

County Fair Superintendents: Dave French, superintendent; Jerry Dorcey, Mark Hanson, and Kelly Meyer, assistants.

Judges for County Fair: 1. Lee Schroeder, West Point, 2. Jason Hirschfeld, York, 3. Martey Stewart, Dixon.

Changes in procedures for County Fair & add to Fairbook: Swine ID due date for County Fair changed to June 15

Other: Swine must be tagged & ID's turned into the Extension Office by 5 PM, June 15.

SMALL ANIMALS

Cats/Household Pets: Committee: JoAnn McKenzie (chairman) and Shelli Keiser.

County Fair Superintendents: JoAnn McKenzie, superintendent; Shelli Keiser, assistant.

Judges for County Fair: 1. Jeanie Emry, Norfolk, 2. Karen Heftie, Wisner, 3. Lynell Fiscus, Coleridge.

Changes in Procedures for County Fair: None-worked well in the Commercial Building.

Training for Members: Would like to do one day Cat and Dog Clinic for area and out of county 4-Hers that want to learn to show.

Other:

1. Would like to find ways to increase show numbers. Perhaps allow showing non-owned household pets/cats.
2. Continue to award trophies

Dogs: Committee: Joyce Wurdeman (chairman), Connie Behmer, Brittany Wurdeman, Shar Sievers, and Katie Koole.

County Fair Superintendents: Joyce Wurdeman, superintendent; Connie Behmer, Brittany Wurdeman, Shar Sievers, and Katie Koole, assistants.

Judges for County Fair: Showmanship/Obedience: 1. Sharon Lesser, Pierce, 2. Pam Polenske, Randolph, 3. Jackie Knobbe, Dodge. **Groom/Care:** 1. Danielle Rosenkrans, Norfolk, 2. Elizabeth Wurdeman, LaVista.

Changes in Procedures for County Fair: Groom and Care could be finished while Showmanship classes are going on. Since Groom and Care is the same for everyone, maybe not a trophy. Ribbons only.

Training for Members: Would like to do one day Cat and Dog Clinic for area and out of county 4-Hers that want to learn to show.

Fair Book Changes: Small Animal Barn is no longer used for staging area.

Other:

1. The kids really enjoyed the premium donated by the Munsell family.
2. We like the idea of a trophy!

Poultry: Committee: Carly Anderson (chairman), Angie Anderson, Becky Wurdeman, Brandon Wurdeman, and Becky Lange.

County Fair Superintendents: Carly Anderson, superintendent; Angie Anderson, Becky Wurdeman, Brandon Wurdeman, and Becky Lange, assistants.

Judges for County Fair: 1. Brett Kreifels, Springfield, 2. Dave Henderson, Lincoln, 3. Rustin Stephenson, Crofton.

Training For Members: Have a showmanship clinic after NPIP testing.

Fair Book Changes: Change Doves & Pigeons Class to a General Exotic class (doves, pigeons, peacocks, pheasants, etc.) - already an open class exhibit. ***Doves and pigeons will be allowed to exhibit as standards are available. No standards are available for peacocks or pheasants, so they will not be allowed in the 4-H Show.***

Other:

1. Schedule NPIP testing.
2. Have veterinarians (Wayne Veterinary Clinic) continue checking animals at check-in.
3. New cage fronts are needed.
4. Record Showmanship presentations and play for public to watch and understand what youth do for this project.
5. Keep trophies, kids get excited for trophies and if they decide later they don't need them the trophies can always be donated and the plates changed.

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

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

Judges for County Fair: 1. Brett Kreifels, Springfield, 2. Jeff Hochstein, Hartington, 3. Dale Knode, Mission Hill, S.D.

Other:

1. Would like signs on gate entrances, "No Dogs Beyond this Gate."
2. Possibly have a rabbit obstacle course for 4-Hers to use and exercise their rabbits.

GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Quality Assurance:** Quality Assurance can be completed online. It will be changing to a National Program. Three modules must be completed each year by June 15 or test out. Face-to-face trainings are scheduled for May 24, 2016 at 1 PM & 6:00 PM.
2. Please encourage 4-Hers to write thank yous. It is important to recognize sponsors.
3. If you have ideas for specific clinics or trainings, please contact the Extension Office.

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

These recommendations were discussed. They will be shared at the 4-H Council Meeting and will be forwarded to the Fairboard. Watch 4-H newsletters for recommendations that will be in effect for the 2017 Wayne County Fair. Committees will begin working to address recommendations.