



## February 4-H News

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The **TEEN SUPREMES** will meet February 1, 3:00 p.m. at the Wayne County Courthouse. We will make plans for the Clover Kid Meeting.

### ENROLLMENT REMINDERS

All 4-H families will enroll in clubs and projects through a new on-line enrollment system called 4HOnline (<https://ne.4honline.com>). There will be no paper forms to submit for **youth** enrollment. Instructions, project list, and the Project Resource Central Guide (formerly the Pick-a-Project) are available at <http://wayne.unl.edu/4henrollment>.

**Volunteers** will receive a paper copy. Please make corrections and fill in any blank areas on the front of the enrollment form. Additionally, place a check mark in front of the project(s) you will lead, complete the consent statement section, read the code of ethics, and sign the back of the form. New volunteers should also complete the Youth Protection 4-H Volunteer Screening Form.

Please turn in volunteer enrollment forms, the \$5.00/family pie fee, along with the \$2.00 per member and/or volunteer insurance fee to your organizational leader. They will bring them to the office. Make checks payable to the **Wayne County 4-H Council**.

Enrollments are due on or before February 2.

### CLOVER KIDS MEETING

The first meeting for Clover Kids is February 7, 9:00-10:15 a.m. at the Wayne County Courthouse. Youth ages 5-7 on or before December 31, 2014 are eligible. They will learn about 4-H and participate in an activity from the *A Space for Me* curriculum that will be an exhibit they can bring to the fair in July. Contact the Extension Office by 5 p.m., Feb 2 to register so we have enough supplies.



Participants will need to enroll in 4-H and pay the \$2.00 insurance fee. Enrollment instructions are available at <http://wayne.unl.edu> (click on 2015 enrollment information) and at the Extension Office. On-line enrollment and paying the insurance can be completed at the meeting; the youth and a parent will need to be present.

The next meeting will be on March 7.

## NEBRASKA 4-H MONTH—#iam4H

Celebrate 4-H's efforts in helping today's youth become tomorrow's leaders. Nebraska 4-H Month is held during the entire month of February.

All 4-H members, families, leaders and volunteers are invited to celebrate Nebraska 4-H Month by enjoying an Open House on **Saturday, February 7**, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Raising Nebraska, located in the Nebraska Building on the Nebraska State Fairgrounds. Enjoy a day full of activities while learning about the many opportunities and projects in Nebraska 4-H.

In addition, the Omaha Children's Museum (OCM) is sponsoring a 4-H Appreciation Day on **Saturday, February 21**, from 9a.m. to 5p.m.

ALL Nebraska 4-H members, parents, and volunteers are invited to enjoy FREE admission for the general exhibits plus the special ag literacy exhibit "Once Upon a Farm". This is an \$11 value per person! The OCM just asks that 4-H members, parents and volunteers wear 4-H shirts (with a 4-H clover) as their proof of 4-H membership. Also, the OCM is offering a discounted membership (discount code: UNL4H) to Nebraska 4-H families. For more information about the Omaha Children's Museum and the special exhibit, go to: <http://www.ocm.org/>

This opportunity is being offered because Nebraska Extension took part in the development of the special exhibit "Once Upon a Farm". The special exhibit will be on display from October 18, 2014 – April 12, 2015.

### 4-H SNOWMAN PILLOW WORKSHOP

Youth will make a felt snowman pillow learning the blanket stitch, running stitch, and will also use a sewing machine to sew four straight seams. The snowman pillow can be exhibited under the Design Decisions Project, Class C257010 Accessory-Textile-3D.

The workshop is scheduled for Feb. 7, 1:00-5:00 p.m. at the Wayne County Courthouse. Cost is \$4.00. Registration & payment due to the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m., Feb 2.



### CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS REMINDERS

- ⇒ The next CWF payment is due February 1
- ⇒ Make plans to participate in the webinar on February 7, 10:30 a.m.—Noon.

## BEEF NEWS



\* **All 4-H Market Beef** must be weighed and tagged. Plan to attend the Wayne County Weigh-in on March 8, 1:00-2:30 p.m. at the Wayne Veterinary Clinic.

\* DNA samples must be collected on animals exhibited at **Ak-Sar-Ben and State Fair**. **New for 2015:** If showing a market animal in a "breed" class, the breed name needs to be documented on the DNA envelope. As in previous years, the State Fair is requiring a negative BVD test be stated on the Certificate of Inspection. All animals weighed and tagged are eligible for the Norfolk Beef Expo Show and Sale.

\* The charge for each DNA sample is \$6.00, ear tags are \$1.00 each and **all must be paid for at weigh-in.**

\* Please be prepared to complete **all** paperwork. You will need to know which animals are home raised, county raised, and those returning from the 2014 County Fair.

\* In case of inclement weather listen to KTCH FM 104.9/AM 1590 or US92 92.7 FM. The snow date is March 15, same location and time.

\* **Please call the office before 5 p.m. on Friday, March 6 if you cannot attend!** Market Beef not weighed at this time are ineligible for the County Rate-of-Gain Contest, but may weigh at an out of county location. Contact the Extension Office for dates and times. Ear tags must be picked up at the Extension Office prior to any out of county weigh-in.

\* **Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic Livestock Judging Contest** is scheduled for February 21 in Kearney. Check [http://cattlemens.org/youth/judging\\_contest.html](http://cattlemens.org/youth/judging_contest.html) for information. Pre-registration due by Feb. 10.

### SHOOTING SPORTS INVITATIONAL

The Wayne County Sharp Shooters 4-H Club is hosting a shoot Feb. 7 & 8 at the Carroll auditorium. Competition is in BB Gun, Sporter Air rifle, and Precision Air Rifle. Relays begin at 8:00 a.m. Saturday and 9:00 a.m. on Sunday. Doors open 1 hour prior. A concession stand will be on site. Contact Darin Greunke at 402.286.4895 or [dgshoots4fun@hotmail.com](mailto:dgshoots4fun@hotmail.com) for more information.

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

## ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

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

- ◆ The Monsanto Company offers **America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders**, a \$1500 college scholarship for students pursuing degrees in agriculture-related fields. Visit <http://GrowAgLeaders.com> and <http://FFA.org/scholarships> for more information. You do not have to be a FFA member to apply. Applications are due by **February 1**.
- ◆ 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 **March 2**.
- ◆ The Wayne County 4-H Council will award up to eight \$200 scholarships to High School Seniors enrolled in the Wayne County 4-H program who meet the qualifications. Choose *4-H Council Senior Scholarship Application* link from the list. Recipients will be selected by a scholarship committee. Applications are accepted until **March 16**.
- ◆ Choose the *Nebraska Association of County Extension Boards (NACEB)* link for information about a \$1000 scholarship to UNL for an incoming freshmen or transfer student. Applications are accepted until **March 15**.
- ◆ Seniors who received a 27 or higher on their ACT and are interested in a major at CASNR (College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources) at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, contact the Extension Office to learn more about a scholarship opportunity.

## GOVERNOR'S AGRICULTURAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

The awards are sponsored by the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA) and recognize 4-H clubs for the work of the individuals in the club and the community service work of the entire club. Recognition is in the form of \$500 checks issued to the club's treasury to be used as described in the award application form completed by the club. **Applications are available on-line at <http://ne4hfoundation.org>**. Any club that hasn't received a Governor's Agricultural Excellence Award for the past two consecutive years is eligible to apply. Applications are only accepted by email and are due by **March 1**.

## COMPANION ANIMAL CHALLENGE:

This is a new program held March 14 in Lincoln It provides youth a chance to participate in a variety of contests that do not require animals, but allow youth to learn more about their dog or other companion animals. Entries are due Feb. 13. Contests include:

- \*Demonstrations (a presentation where youth demonstrate how to complete a task or related to the care of their companion animal)
- \*Photography and art contests (open to all companion animal projects)
- \*Dog Skill-a-thon
- \*Dog Quiz Bowl

More information available at: <http://go.unl.edu/4hcac>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wayne Optimists Scrapbooking Day, Feb. 7, Our Savior Lutheran Church. Reg. due Feb. 2. Search Wayne Optimists Club Scrapbooking Fundraiser on Facebook or contact Kim Dunklau at 402.369.1696.
- Paws-On Dog Workshop—February 28, Lincoln Reg. due by February 18
- Horsin Around 2015—February 28-March 1, Lincoln Reg. due February 20
- Horse Stampede—March 14, Lincoln Reg. due February 13
- Companion Animal Challenge-March 14, Lincoln Reg. due February 13
- Nebraska State 4-H BB Gun & Air Rifle Championships-March 14-15, Broken Bow
- Nebraska Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop-March 28-29, Hastings
- Spring Rabbit Show—March 21, Lincoln

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

Sincerely,

*Amy*

Amy Topp, Extension Educator



## February 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Teen Supremes	<b>2</b> 4-H Enrollments DUE  CWF Payment Due  Clover Kid Meeting Reg. DUE  Snowman Pillow Workshop Reg. DUE  4-H Council	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Clover Kid Meeting, Wayne County Courthouse  CWF Webinar Meeting  Snowman Pillow Workshop, Wayne County Courthouse  Sharp Shooters Invitational, Carroll Auditorium  4-H Month Celebration, Grand Island
<b>8</b> Sharp Shooters Invitational, Carroll Auditorium	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Horse Stampede & Companion Animal Challenge Reg. DUE	<b>14</b> VALENTINE'S DAY 
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> President's Day Observed — Office Closed	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Horsin' Around Reg. DUE	<b>21</b> First Lego League State Competition, Ashland  4-H Appreciation Day, Children's Museum, Omaha
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Horsin' Around

Turn over for the March calendar of events.

## March 2015

- 1 Horsin' Around
- 1 Teen Supremes
- 2 4-H Council
- 2 CWF Payment DUE
- 2 Diamond Clover Plans approved
- 2 College Scholarship Applications Due to 4-H Foundation
- 2 Governor's Agricultural Excellence Awards Due
- 7 4-H Clover Kid Meeting, Wayne County Courthouse- Reg. DUE March 2
- 7 Teen Supremes Ice Skating—Reg. DUE March 5
- 8 Market Beef Weigh-in, Wayne Veterinary Clinic—Snow date March 15
- 14 4-H Companion Animal Challenge, Lincoln
- 14 4-H Horse Stampede, Lincoln
- 14-15 State BB Gun and Air Rifle Championship, Broken Bow
- 15 Nebr. Association of County Extension Boards (NACEB) Scholarship Applications Due
- 15 Innovative Youth Corn Challenge Reg. DUE
- 16 4-H Council High School Senior Scholarship Applications DUE
- 21 CWF Meeting
- 28 Bake & Take Day
- 28-29 Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop, Hastings



# 2015 Wayne County 4-H Calendar



## January

- 5 Extension Office re-opens
- 8 District Award Applications DUE
- 12 4-H Leader Meeting
- 19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day observed—Office Closed
- 24 First Lego League State Qualifier, South Sioux City

## February—Nebraska 4-H Month-#iam4H

- 1 Teen Supremes
- 2 4-H Enrollments DUE
- 2 4-H Council
- 2 CWF Payment DUE
- 7 Clover Kids Meeting, Wayne County Courthouse, 9-10:15 a.m. (Reg. Due Feb. 2)
- 7 CWF Webinar Meeting, 10:30 a.m.—Noon
- 7 Snowman Pillow Workshop, 1:00-5:00 p.m. (Reg. Due Feb. 2)
- 16 President's Day observed—Office Closed
- 21 First Lego League State Competition, Ashland

## March

- 1 Teen Supremes
- 2 4-H Council
- 2 CWF Payment DUE
- 2 Diamond Clover Award Plan Approval DUE
- 7 Clover Kids Meeting, Wayne County Courthouse, 9-10:15 a.m. (Reg. Due Mar. 2)
- 7 Teen Supremes—Ice Skating (Reg. Due 5)
- 8 Wayne Co. Market Beef Weigh-in, Wayne Veterinary Clinic, 1-2:30 p.m. Snow Date Mar. 15
- 8 Market Beef ID's and DNA Samples DUE
- 14-15 State 4-H BB Gun/Air Rifle Championship, Broken Bow, NE
- 16 4-H Council High School Senior Scholarship Applications DUE
- 21 CWF Meeting

## April

- 6 4-H Council
- 20 Public Speaking Contest (Entries DUE 17)
- 24 Arbor Day observed—Office Closed

## May

- 1 4-H Council Camp Scholarship Applications DUE
- 1 Bucket Calf ID's DUE
- 1 CWF Payment DUE
- 2 Clover Kids Meeting, Wayne County Courthouse, 9-10:15 a.m. (Reg. Due TBA)
- 2 Teen Supremes (following Clover Kids Meeting), 10:15-11 a.m.
- 4 4-H Council
- 15 Horse Level Testing must be complete, ID's, & District & State Horse Show Entries DUE
- 15 Swine ID's DUE
- 20 CWF Meeting
- 21 Regional Public Speaking Contest (Entries DUE 4)
- 21 Regional Interview Judging Contest (Entries DUE 4)
- 25 Memorial Day observed—Office Closed
- 27 Quality Assurance, Wayne, Wayne County Courthouse, 1 PM & 7 PM
- 28 Meat Goat Weigh and Tag Day, Fairgrounds, County Market/Breeding Meat Goat ID's DUE
- 28 Sheep Weigh and Tag Day, Fairgrounds, County Market/Breeding Sheep ID's DUE
- TBA Horse Barrel/Pole Racing or Working Cow Horse/Penning Clinic

## June

- 1 Mid-year Enrollments DUE
- 1 4-H T-Shirt Orders DUE
- 1 4-H Council
- 4-13 CWF Trip
- 9 Entomology Workshop, Ikes Lake (Reg. DUE TBA)
- 15 Ak-Sar-Ben/State Fair Meat Goat, Sheep & Swine ID's DUE
- 15 Breeding Beef, Cow/Calf, Feeder Calf, Dairy, Goats (Dairy & Pygmy), & Rabbit ID's DUE
- 17 **DISTRICT HORSE SHOW, WAYNE**
- 18 District Horse Show, Seward
- 22 Ponca Day Camp Counselor Training (App. DUE June 12 to Dixon County)
- 23 Ponca Day Camp (Reg. DUE June 12)
- 25 Clover Kid Camp, Bressler Park, 9-11:30 a.m. (Reg. DUE TBA)
- 29-30 PASE/Life Challenge (Reg. DUE June 12)
- TBA 4-H Horticulture Contest

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**July**

- 1 Favorite Foods/Presentation Contest Entries DUE
- 3 Independence Day observed—Office Closed
- 8 Favorite Foods Contest, 6 p.m., Presentations Contest, 8 p.m., Miss Molly’s, Wayne
- 9 Contest Day & All Fair Entries except Horticulture/Floriculture DUE
- 9 Current Cat, Dog & Ferret vaccination records DUE
- 13-16 Fonner Park Horse Expo, Grand Island
- 20 4-H Council
- 23 Contest Day, Wayne United Methodist Church
- 25 Cat, Dog & Small Animal Show, Fairgrounds
- 27 Pre-Fair Clean-up night
- 28 Extension Office moves to the Fairgrounds
- 29 Pre-Fair Judging Day
- 29 Horticulture/Floriculture Entries DUE
- 29-Aug 2 WAYNE COUNTY FAIR**
- 31 Public Fashion Show, Fairgrounds
- TBA Teen Supremes
- TBA NPIP Testing, Fairgrounds (Reg. TBA)
- TBA Poultry Showmanship Clinic, Fairgrounds (Reg. TBA)

**August**

- 3 Extension Office re-opens at Courthouse, 1:30 PM
- 3 Post-Fair Clean-up night
- 7 Ak-Sar-Ben & Norfolk Beef Expo Entries DUE
- 10 Online State Fair Entries DUE by midnight
- 25 State Fair Exhibits DUE by noon to Extension Office

**28-31 NEBRASKA STATE FAIR**

- TBA State Fair Fashion Show/Contest Entries DUE,

**September**

**1-7 NEBRASKA STATE FAIR**

- 7 Labor Day observed—Office Closed
- 11 State Fair exhibits ready to be picked up from Extension Office
- 11 Final Enrollments, County Award & Diamond Clover Applications, Clubs of Excellence & 4-H Career Portfolio Summaries DUE to Extension Office
- 11 Norfolk Beef Expo, Norfolk
- 19-20 Ak-Sar-Ben Horse Show, Lincoln
- 24-27 Ak-Sar-Ben Livestock Show, Omaha
- TBA 4-H Council, County Awards Judging

**October**

- 4-10 National 4-H Week
- 4 4-H Achievement Program
- 4 4-H Council Election
- 4 Teen Supreme sign-up
- 12 Columbus Day observed—Office Closed

**November**

- 1 Teen Supremes
- 2 4-H Council
- 9 Request State Award Information
- 9 Livestock Committee Meeting
- 11 Veteran’s Day Observed—Office Closed
- 26-27 Thanksgiving Holiday—Office Closed

**December**

- 1 Fair Manager’s Scholarship Applications DUE
- 24 Noon—Office closed
- 25-31 Holiday Closedown—Office Closed

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