



March 4-H News

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REMINDERS

- ◆ Those members wanting to complete **Level 6 (Diamond)** of the Diamond Clover Program must have their plan approved by **March 2** through the Extension Office.
- ◆ Applications for the Governor's Agricultural Excellence Award are due by **March 2**.
- ◆ Scholarships are available for 4-Hers planning to attend the University of Nebraska. Applications are accepted until **March 2**.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ The Wayne County 4-H Council Senior Scholarship applications are accepted until **March 16**.
- ◆ The *Nebraska Association of County Extension Boards (NACEB)* applications are accepted until **March 15**.

See last month's newsletter for more information.

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 Engineering	Champion Novice Dog Obedience
Champion Senior Engineering	Champion Household Pet
Champion Junior Floriculture	Reserve Champion Household Pet
Champion Junior Horticulture	Champion Feeder Lamb

CLOVER KIDS

We had a great turnout for our first meeting in February! The next meeting is Saturday, March 7, 9:00-10:15 a.m. at the Wayne County Courthouse. Please contact the Extension Office by March 2 if you plan to attend so we have enough supplies. We will be painting, so please wear appropriate clothing or bring a paint shirt.

LEADER INFORMATION

* Please turn in any remaining new volunteer enrollments as soon as possible so mailing lists can be updated. A list of your club officers and the date your club meets should also be sent to the Extension Office.

* The Extension Office will file E-postcards for clubs. Contact the Extension Office if you have questions.

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

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER CERTIFICATION WORKSHOP

The 4-H Program requires that all 4-H Shooting Sports Leaders be certified. Two Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshops are scheduled this spring. They will be held March 28-29 in Hastings and April 11-12 at Ainsworth. Registration deadline for Hastings is March 18 and the deadline to register for the Ainsworth session is April 1.

Volunteers have the opportunity to become certified as an adult (21 years and older) or apprentice (14-20 years old) leader. Five project areas will be offered at the Hastings Workshop - shotgun, rifle, pistol, muzzle-loading, and archery. Four project areas will be available at Ainsworth - hunting skills, shotgun, rifle and archery. Workshop participants will learn under expert instruction from members of the Nebraska State 4-H Shooting Sports Training Team.

The registration fee is \$100.00 per person for initial certification and \$90.00 per person that are adding an additional discipline. This fee includes meals, supplies and program materials. Participants must make their own lodging arrangements. For more information and registration materials see the 4-H Shooting Sports web page at <http://4h.unl.edu/shootingsportseventcalendar>, or contact the Extension Office.

INNOVATIVE YOUTH CORN CHALLENGE

Nebraska Extension and the Nebraska Corn Board are offering the fourth 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. Economics and sustainability of the practice will also be considered. Yields, cropping history, and production information will be collected in the Corn Yield Challenge management summary.

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, each worth \$200.

Youth must complete and return an entry form by March 15th to the Fillmore County Extension Office in Geneva, NE. Forms can be downloaded at cropwatch.unl.edu/youth/activities. For more information, contact Brandy VanDeWalle at brandy.vandewalle@unl.edu, Aaron Nygren at anygren2@unl.edu or Amy Timmerman at atimmerman2@unl.edu.

BAKE AND TAKE DAY



Bake and Take Day is a time to bake an item and then take it to someone to let them know you're thinking about them. Many organizations and individuals participate as a community service project to demonstrate their care and concern for the elderly or shut-ins in their communities. Time spent visiting with the recipient is equally as important as the baked item. Bake and Take Day is scheduled for **March 28**, but can be observed any day of the week.

SPECIAL GARDEN PROJECT

This year's special garden project is the White Satin Carrot. 4-Hers enrolled in the project will receive a packet of seeds; a newsletter about planting & growing carrots; and are eligible to enter this unique vegetable at the County and State Fair. Information is enclosed. Contact the Extension Office by **April 1** if you would like to participate.

CONSTELLATION SUPPORTS 4-H

Constellation serves 60 Nebraska counties. If you are not a Constellation customer, consider Constellation for your natural gas supply during the Choice Gas Selection Period (April 10-23, 2015). See the enclosed flyer to learn more about how Constellation supports 4-H.



DID YOU KNOW?

Admissions Checklist to the University of Nebraska—Lincoln

1. First things first—Apply and get admitted
2. Pay enrollment deposit of \$250
3. File FAFSA by April 1, 2015
4. Sign a Housing Contract
5. Register For New Student Enrollment (NSE)

For more information go to admissions.unl.edu/apply.aspx#adm-checklist-band

4-H ANIMAL OWNERSHIP REVIEW

All beef (including cow/calf pairs & feeder calves), cat, dog, goat, poultry, sheep and swine project animals must be owned by the 4-H member or in partnership with other members of his or her immediate family. Immediate family is defined as members of a household, including parents, brothers, sisters, and youth in the care of the head of the household.

Dairy and dairy goat projects not owned by the exhibitor or immediate family can get permission from the animal's owner if that owner signs the affidavit sheet stating the 4-H member must manage feeding, grooming, fitting, etc. and have access to the animal at least 75% of the time during the project season.

Horse projects not owned by the exhibitor or immediate family must have the owner sign the affidavit certifying that the exhibitor will manage and have access to the horse at least 75% of the time during the course of the project year. The term manage includes all of the following: feeding, grooming, exercising, training, stall management and use of the horse.

Please contact the Extension Office if you have questions concerning ownership requirements.

ANIMAL ID INFORMATION

The 2015 Wayne County Animal Affidavits are due to the Extension Office on or before:

- Bucket Calf – May 1
- Horses – May 15
- County Fair Swine – May 15
- County Fair Sheep – May 28
- County Fair Market Meat Goats – May 28
- Breeding Beef, Cow Calf, Feeder Calf, Dairy Cow, Breeding Meat Goats, Dairy & Pygmy Goats, Rabbits – June 15
- Ak-Sar-Ben Feeder Calves – June 15
- Ak-Sar-Ben/State Fair Meat Goats – June 15
- Ak-Sar-Ben/State Fair Sheep – June 15
- Ak-Sar-Ben/State Fair Swine – June 15

The State 4-H Office requires copies of all livestock ID's are kept on file at their office. Please help us make sure all ID sheets are filled out completely.

ON-LINE 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 trainings offered on May 27, 1:00 & 7:00 p.m. at the Wayne County Courthouse. The other choice is to complete the on-line Livestock Quality Assurance Moodle Course available at <http://campus.extension.org>. New for 2015: the annual fee for the online training is \$5.00

Instructions are enclosed for setting up an account, how to complete the modules and answers to frequently asked questions. A youtube video is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8gkYI3EOMzs&feature=youtu.be>

Instructions are also available at <http://wayne.unl.edu/county4h> under Animals.

Please contact the Extension Office if you have questions.

ATTENTION COW/CALF EXHIBITORS



Reminder: Intermediate and senior age division cow/calf exhibitors must show a calf from their cow/calf pair at halter, either as a feeder calf or baby breeding heifer. Make sure you are enrolled in either the Feeder Calf or Breeding Beef Project and the calf is ID'd as either a baby breeding heifer or feeder calf. Feeder calves need a 4-H tag.

HORSE REMINDERS

Leaders: All leaders who give the skills portion of the level 1 and 2 advancement level tests are required to take a certification course in order to give these tests. The online course consists of watching videos and taking a short quiz. Once completed the leader will receive a certificate and will be put on the advancement level list as certified to give the level 1 and 2 skills tests. Youth will not be able to do the skills tests with someone not certified.

4-Hers: Horse levels must be passed by May 15, 2015. Members must pass Horse Level 1 to exhibit at the Wayne County Fair when eligible for the Intermediate Division (11 years of age on or before Dec. 31). To be eligible for the District & Fonner Park State Horse Shows, members must pass Horse Levels 1 & 2 (with the exception of Halter and Showmanship). Some classes at the State Show require passing Levels 3 & 4. Now is a good time to take the written tests. Give us a call to set up a time!

ONLINE LIVESTOCK AFFIDAVITS—New for 2015—All market beef, market sheep, market goats, and market swine must complete an online livestock affidavit to be **eligible for State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben**. Market beef are due April 15 (midnight) and all other species June 15 (midnight). Hard copies are still required for county fair. We will work with the families this affects. Instructions can be found on the Wayne County web page.

4-H CAMP INFORMATION



*Early Bird registration for Nebraska 4-H Camps is DUE April 15. Information is included or at <http://wayne.unl.edu/county4h>. Click on the Nebraska 4-H Summer Camps and Centers link under the Camps heading.

*The 4-H Council offers camp scholarships. Click on the 4-H Council Camp Scholarship Application link under the Camps heading on the website listed above. Applications accepted until May 1.

BIG RED SUMMER ACADEMIC CAMPS

Explore careers at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Camps are scheduled for June 7-12 for students in grades 10 -12 (for Fall '15) and 2015 high school graduates. Camps included are:

- Crop Science
- Digital Arts
- Education
- Engineering
- Filmmaking
- Outdoor Nebraska
- Weather & Climate Science
- Veterinary Science
- Culinary Arts & Food Science
- Unicameral Youth Legislature (grades 9-12)

Early bird registration is due by April 1. Additional information is available at <http://bigredcamps.unl.edu> or the Extension Office. Scholarships are available.

NEBRASKA AGRICULTURAL YOUTH INSTITUTE

NAYI is a five-day program for high school juniors and seniors to help build leadership skills, explore new aspects of agriculture, and encourage young people to become more involved with and remain in agriculture. The conference 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.

PHOTOGRAPHY THEMES

UNIT II: Nebraska Photography Career Exhibit Print:

Explore a career as an editorial photographer. Editorial photographers take pictures that highlight the topics being written about in books, magazines, and newspapers. Editorial photos should be creative, powerful images that tell an intriguing story. Let's tell a story about why we love our Nebraska communities. Capture editorial photos that tell a story about your Nebraska Community.

UNIT III Nebraska Photography Career Exhibit Print:

Explore a career as a commercial photographer. Commercial photographers take pictures that are used for promotional purposes. Commercial photographs are often used in print and online communication materials (advertisements, brochures, flyers, web sites, social media banners, direct email messages, etc.). Capture commercial photos that tell the story of 4-H in your Nebraska community; photos should show the Nebraska 4-H Program in action. Photos may be used to promote the UNL Extension 4-H Youth Development Program.

CHANGES IN CLOTHING PROJECTS IN 2015

After many years of having the same 4-H clothing projects, there are changes coming in 2015. New curriculum has been developed to integrate Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM) principles into the traditional sewing projects and curriculum. The table below indicates the changes in new curriculum. Several of the fair classes will be the same, however, many new exciting fair classes will be added! We will continue to talk about these changes and they will appear in the 2015 Wayne County Fairbook.

Clothing Curriculum Update	
Previous Project	Replaced With
Decorate Your Duds	Beyond the Needle
Sewing for Fun	STEAM Clothing 1: FUNdamentals
Clothing Level I	
Clothing Level 2	STEAM Clothing 2: Simply Sewing
Challenging Patterns	STEAM Clothing 3: A Stitch Further
Challenging Fabrics	
Tailoring	

STATE FAIR CHANGES

The State Fair Book is available at <http://wayne.unl.edu/county4h> under the County and State Fair Information heading. Click the [Fair Book-State 4-H Section-2015](#) link.

Many changes occurred in clothing projects. Home Environment now requires supporting information for all exhibits, including the element or principle of design that was used. In Foods, Youth in Motion is now a county level project and is not eligible for State Fair. Registration requirements for both Market and Breeding Beef have changed for some breeds.

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

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

Sincerely,

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