



October 29, 2019

### NOVEMBER CALENDAR:

- 2 Clover Kids
- 2 Teen Supremes
- 4 Request State Award Information
- 11 Veterans Day Observed – office closed
- 15 Quilts of Valor Registration
- 19 4-H Council
- 19 Livestock Committee Meeting
- 21 Parade of Lights
- 28-29 Thanksgiving Holiday – office closed

### DECEMBER CALENDAR:

- 2 Fair Manager's Scholarship Apps DUE
- 2 Clover Kid Reg. DUE
- 7 Clover Kids
- 7 Teen Supremes
- 24 Office closes at noon
- 25-31 Holiday Closedown

### JANUARY CALENDAR:

- 1 Office closed-New Year's Day observed
- 2 Office re-opens
- 18 First Lego League Qualifier-Columbus
- 20 Office closed-Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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### 4-H ACHIEVEMENTS!

\* All 4-Hers who completed and submitted applications for county award consideration are to be commended. This effort takes a lot of dedication and hard work! Great job!

\* We were pleased to see many of you at the 4-H Achievement Program on Oct. 20. We hope you enjoyed the evening. The year-end video can be found on our Facebook page at [facebook.com/UNLExtWayneCounty](https://www.facebook.com/UNLExtWayneCounty).

Four new 4-H Council members were elected. New members joining the council for the next two years are Emily Longe, Colton Vovos, Teresa Tiedtke, and Cory Russell. Thank you also to those who agreed to put their names on the ballot. A big thank you to volunteer Diane Roeber for taking care of the Treasurer duties again this year and to outgoing council members Kylie Kempf, Isaac Braun, Molly Schroeder, and Dwaine Junck.

\*Nebraska Extension in Wayne County is privileged to have such talented 4-Hers and volunteers. We look forward to another great year in 4-H.

### LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE MEETING

November 19, 2019, 7:30 PM  
Wayne County Courthouse

The 4-H Livestock, small animal, and horse programs are reviewed (see enclosed agenda). All 4-H parents and 4-Hers 13 years of age and older are encouraged to attend.

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**CLOVER KIDS** will meet Saturday, **November 2** at the Wayne County Courthouse. Youth that will be age 5-7 as of Dec. 31, 2019 are eligible. They will learn about 4-H, how to enroll, and participate in activities involving the fall season.

The December meeting is scheduled for Dec. 7. Contact the office by 5 p.m., Dec. 2 to register.

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**TEEN SUPREMES** - The organizational meeting for the Teen Supremes will be held on November 2, 2019, 10:15 AM, at the Wayne County Courthouse. New members for the group must be 13 years old on or before Dec. 31, 2019. The group's focus is on leadership skills and community service. They are great teachers of the Clover Kids Program. We will plan our 2020 4-H year. Hope to see you there!

**THANK YOU** to all who helped promote National 4-H Week!  
I appreciate the many 4-Hers who took the time to do a PSA at KTCH,  
wear a t-shirt to school, put up bulletin boards and displays, or helped promote 4-H in any way!

## 4-H ONLINE IS OPEN

Go to <https://ne.4honline.com> to enroll for 2020.

**\*Passwords:** 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.

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

### **\*New/Revised Projects for 2020 include:**

#### **Photography**

- Photography Basics - Level 1
- Next Level Photography – Level 2
- Mastering Photography – Level 3

#### **Conservation**

- Outdoor Skills
- 4-H Geology
- Outdoor 1
- Outdoor 2
- Outdoor 3

**\*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 and pie fee and will be collected when 4-Hers enroll in 4H Online or fees may also be brought to the office. Enrollments will be accepted when fees are received. 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:** All new and returning Wayne County volunteers must be screened this year. It continues to be an online process but it is slightly different in that volunteers will go directly to a Department of Health and Human Services website instead of waiting for an email from them. Instructions are available within 4HOnline and will be shared as volunteers enroll. Another change is there is now a \$5.00/person fee that will be paid online during the screening process.

Enrollment instructions will be updated and shared with families soon.



## 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 Managers will award a \$500 scholarship to one qualifying 4-H male and a \$500 scholarship to one qualifying 4-H female who are graduating seniors and plan to continue with a post high school education. Applications are due by **5 p.m., December 2.**

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## 2019 NEBRASKA SEVERE WEATHER/PREPAREDNESS PSA CONTEST

The winter severe weather season is quickly approaching and it is time for a new Nebraska Severe Weather Awareness/Preparedness Public Service Announcement (PSA) Contest. The contest is sponsored by Nebraska Association of Emergency Management, the National Weather Service and the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency. The purpose of the contest is to receive a variety of multimedia products from students that promote preparedness, storm readiness, tornado safety, fire safety or other emergency topics. The contest is open to seventh and eighth grade students. Entries can be an Infogram, a PSA, or a short video with a theme of severe weather safety/preparedness. Complete contest rules and other information is available at the Nebraska Association of Emergency Management website at [www.naem.us](http://www.naem.us). Entries must be submitted electronically by Nov. 25, 2019.

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## BEGINNING PHOTOGRAPHY

**WORKSHOP** – Make plans to attend a workshop on Nov. 7, 4:00-6:30 p.m., at the Nebraska Extension in Madison County office. The workshop will be taught by professional photographer Laura Forker of CS Photography. Basic digital camera knowledge and skills will be covered. This workshop is for ages 8 and older as of Dec. 31, 2019. Limit of 10 participants. Must bring a digital camera. **Cost is \$6.00. Reg. Due by Oct. 31 to Madison County (402.370.4040).** A follow up workshop in the spring of 2020 will enable you to select and print photos to exhibit at fair.

**Nebraska 4-H Camp Registration** is open at <https://4h.unl.edu/camps-centers/summer-camp/register>. Register before December 31, 2019 and receive a limited edition camp sweatshirt at check-in. The 4-H Council offers camp scholarships for 4-H Camps. Applications are accepted until May 1, 2020. Watch upcoming newsletters for information on applying.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### General

- **Quilts of Valor** – Nebraska 4-H youth are invited to participate in a statewide community service effort by creating and donating quilts to the service men and women who are protecting our country and who are “touched by war.” The quilts will be collected and given through the Quilts of Valor Foundation. The quilts may be entered in county and the Nebraska State Fair in the citizenship, quilt quest, or design decisions project areas. The Quilt Store in Wakefield would like to assist 4-H members in creating the quilts. Please **contact the Extension Office by Nov. 15** if you are interested in attending some sewing classes with them. Check <https://4h.unl.edu/quilts-of-valor> for more information.
- The annual **Parade of Lights** is set for Nov. 21 in Wayne. Contact the Wayne Area Chamber at (402) 375-2040 for more information.
- Dates for the **Wayne County Fair** are July 22-26, 2020.

### 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 a new opportunity for youth and is designed to cultivate the next generation of leaders in the Nebraska cattle industry. The goal of the Fed Steer Challenge 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 has been extended to Dec. 1.**
- **Northeast Community College Livestock Classic Steer and Heifer Show** is Nov. 29-30 at the Ag Complex, Norfolk. Entries should be postmarked by Nov. 22 in order to be assigned a stall. Entry information is available at <https://wayne.unl.edu/upcoming-animal-events> and the Extension Office.
- **The National Western Stock Show Catch-A-Calf Program** is designed to promote youth development and understanding of the cattle industry. Applicants must be between the ages of 12-18 as of Dec. 31, 2019 and be enrolled in 4-H at the time of application. The application to participate in this year’s Catch-a-Calf program at the NWSS are available at <http://nationalwestern.com/livestock-shows/catch-a-calf-program/>. **Applications must be postmarked by Dec. 1, 2019.**

### Companion Animal

- **4-H Cat Club Revamped** – Do you like cats? What about learning how to care for or show them? Maybe you have heard about the 4-H Cat Club in the past and wanted to join, but couldn’t make the monthly meetings. **Cat Club** is a self-paced learning opportunity offering information about caring for and showing cats. Cat Club is open to all youth, as well as adults and volunteers looking to learn more about cats and the 4-H Cat project. New lessons are added each month and cover various topics. The monthly lessons will be made accessible online on the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month starting in September and continuing through May. Check out <http://4h.unl.edu/companion-animal/cat-club> to register.

### Horse

- **Equine webinars** are scheduled for the second Monday of every month. The next webinar is Nov. 11, 6:00 p.m. and will also be recorded. Go to <https://4h.unl.edu/horse/webinar-series> to register or view recorded webinars. October’s webinar covered getting a horse judging team started.

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

- **Leader Update** is set for Nov. 9 at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds in Kearney. Discipline updates that will be offered include rifle, shotgun, archery, and muzzleloader. **Reg. due October 30.**
- **Leader Certification Workshop** – January 18-19, 2020 at the Nebraska Game and Parks Outdoor Education Center, Lincoln. **Reg. due Jan. 8.**



Sincerely,

*Amy*

Amy Topp, Extension Educator



**2019-2020 LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE MEETING** (open to all Wayne County 4-H families)

7:30 P.M. November 19 - Wayne County Courthouse Basement

See **PROPOSED** agenda items below that will be discussed and voted on at the meeting.

(All changes for the 2019-2020 4-H year must be discussed and voted on or changes will not be made.)

**BEEF**

- Selection of judge
- Set weigh date/scanning
- Require registration papers for registered classes
- Check tattoos on breeding heifers and British breed steers
- Fair Book: Market Beef, Letter E-British breed challenge—can this be removed?
- Fair Book: Breeding Beef, add statement: Animals will show in the class as they were ID'd.
- The ring help needs to make sure they are paying attention to and helping kids struggling in the show ring.
- Rotate the dairy stalls and beef stalls since the barn is to be rebeded this year.
- Revisit Cow/Calf on Halter- Does Renee's Herd Builder Count
- Clarify showmanship for individuals who show only cow/calf.
- Announce during Beef Show to take pictures throughout the day
- Address Substitute Showman/Substitute after entry

**Open Class**

- Fair Book does not clearly state that open class beef (breeding heifers, bulls) need to be at the fair the entire time of the Fair. Entries were brought on Saturday (show morning) and could not be shown. Should this policy be reviewed?

**BUCKET CALF** - Selection of judge

**CAT/HOUSEHOLD PET** - Selection of judge

**DAIRY**

- Selection of judge
- Fair Book – Letter D-add FFA to Dismissal Policy

**DOG**

- Selection of judge

**GOAT**

- Selection of judge
- Weigh Breeding Meat Goats at the fair and split classes by weight.
- Goat show needs to follow the rules in the Fair Book.
- Do not require breeding goats to come to weigh-in, and do not require they be ID'd until the state fair deadline.
- Goat Showmanship Clinic in Spring
- Lights used for decorations, should no cross the isle
- Revisit best dressed goat class
- Address Substitute Showman/Substitute after entry
- Change Goat show to Saturday before Open show
- Board placed in front of gate to control sawdust in the isles

**HORSE**

- Selection of judge
- All horses shown at the fair should come with a 15 day vet health certificate and proof of vaccinations. There was sickness present this year that could have been prevented. It's only fair that 4-Hers should expect the horse in the next stall to be healthy, just like at state.

**Open Class**

- The 2019 Wayne County Fair was wonderful. It was well run again and the goal of serving 4-H youth was achieved. The only negative I took from the fair happened at the Open Class Horse Show. There was a confrontation between two adults and who I think was the Superintendent. It was uncomfortable to listen to and didn't show either woman in their best light. It wasn't a good example of problem solving for kids to see. It was my first horse show, ever, and that was an unfortunate thing for everyone to watch and hear. I understand that conflicts arise, but how those conflicts are handled is important.

**POULTRY**

- Selection of judge
- Poultry are tested on a rotating basis at County Fairs. (testing did not occur at the 2019 Fair due to unforeseen circumstances-expect in 2020).
- Could we please get somewhere or something to dump dirty saw dust in from the rabbit and poultry barn? We had to carry it to the dairy barn or north end of hog barn. Kind of big to carry that far.
- Sound System: Work on better fit for hands-free microphone
- Sound System: Great this year
- New cages for larger birds: Great-very nice
- Storage units: Great idea

**RABBIT**

- Selection of judge
- Could we please get somewhere or something to dump dirty saw dust in from the rabbit and poultry barn? We had to carry it to the dairy barn or north end of hog barn. Kind of big to carry that far.
- Sound System: Work on better fit for hands-free microphone
- Sound System: Great this year
- Storage units: Great idea

**SHEEP**

- Selection of judge
- Set weigh date
- Board placed in front of gate to control sawdust in the isles
- Change time of show (move later in the day)

**SWINE**

- Selection of judge
- Explore additional classes (furity/ production/ breeding gilt)
- Trophies for Supreme/Reserve Supreme Barrow/ Gilt Swine

**GENERAL**

- Write thank yous
- Add FFA Static Exhibits
- Hold shows for kids/work with the kids who are exhibiting in multiple
- Eliminate the 4-H Food Stand-our club was still participating in the cow/calf show when scheduled to work on Friday. It is also an issue when no one is available to complete herdsmanship tasks due to being in the Food Stand.
- Animals must be shown in a class other than showmanship
- Address who enters/show animal
- Other

**Bonus Auction Committee**

- Rework the bonus auction and pool money. Horse participants can use the same animal every year and are not competing in rate of gain. Why are they receiving pool money? That money could be distributed among the market animal participants.
- Announce the winners at the bonus auction, with champions and reserves of each species being recognized. Have the kids bring their animals to the ring so the buyers know what they are spending their money on and the kids can show off their projects.
- Buy a plaque for the purchaser of the champions to hang in their businesses, something like "purchased the Grand Champion Market Beef at the 2020 Wayne County Fair."
- Should feeder lambs be included in Pool Money rather than Bonus Auction.