



September 20, 2019

OCTOBER CALENDAR:

- 1-15 4-H Online website shut down
- 1 Nebraska 4-H Fed Steer Challenge Applications Due
- 5-6 4-H Foundation Trail Ride
- 6-12 National 4-H Week
- 14 Columbus Day Observed – office closed
- 16 4-H Online website open for 2020 Enrollment
- 20 4-H Achievement Program
- 20 Teen Supremes Sign-up
- 26-27 NE 4-H Shooting Sports Shotgun Leader Certification Workshop, Ashland (Reg. due Oct. 16)
- 28 Clover Kids Meeting Reg. Due

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
- 28-29 Thanksgiving Holiday – office closed



CONGRATULATIONS to all State Fair participants! Everyone who participated should be proud of a job well done! Remember to pick up your State Fair exhibits at the Extension Office. There are a few County Fair exhibits in the office as well.

THANK YOU to everyone who made suggestions concerning the 4-H Year or the Wayne County Fair. Enclosed is the list of suggestions that were compiled. They will be discussed at the 4-H Council, Livestock Committee, Fairboard Meetings, and forwarded to Open Class.

THE 4-H ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM is scheduled for October 20, 5:00 p.m. at the Wayne City Auditorium. A picnic meal will follow the award presentations. New 4-H Council representatives will be elected by those in attendance. Premium checks and member completion certificates will be available for Organizational Leaders to pick up. Come and watch the 4-H slide show!

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. Please contact the Extension Office by October 28 to register so we have enough supplies.



This year's theme is Inspire Kids to Do. Clubs or individuals may wish to organize a promotional campaign. Check last month's newsletter for ideas.

THE 4-H LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE MEETING is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 19, 7:30 p.m.** at the Wayne County Courthouse, Wayne. The 4-H livestock, small animal and horse programs are reviewed. **ALL** 4-H families are encouraged to attend and provide input.



4-H ONLINE WILL OPEN FOR THE 2020 4-H YEAR ON OCTOBER 16.

Clover Kids and 4-Hers 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. Volunteers that choose to purchase insurance will need to bring their \$2.00 to the office.

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.



DID YOU KNOW?

Check out the Apply to Nebraska link at <https://go.unl.edu/applyunl>

You will find information about first-year college students, transfer students, Nebraska Now classes, and much more.

UPCOMING EVENTS

General

- **Make It With Wool Contest** - The 2019 State Make It with Wool Contest will be November 23 at the Adams County Extension Office, Hastings. The object of the contest is to promote the beauty and versatility of wool fabric and yarn; to encourage personal creations in sewing, knitting, crocheting, spinning, and weaving of wool fabric; and to recognize creative skills. Information is available at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/dawson/> and the Extension Office. **Entries are due by October 15.**
- **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 November 15** if you are interested in attending some sewing classes with them. Check out the information sheet <https://4h.unl.edu/quilts-of-valor>

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. **Applications are due October 1.**

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 a cover various topics. The monthly lessons will be made accessible online on the 5th 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 October 14, 6:00 p.m. and will also be recorded. Go to <https://4h.unl.edu/horse/webinar-series> to register or view recorded webinars. September's webinar covered miniature horses.
- **4-H Foundation Trail Ride** – October 5-6, at the State 4-H Camp in Halsey. Cost for an individual adult rider is \$50 and individual youth rider is \$25. **Registrations due by September 27** and can be found at <http://ne4hfoundation.org/2019/08/2019-trail-ride/> and the Extension Office.

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

- October 26-27-Leader Certification Workshop (Shotgun), Ashland Gun Club, Ashland. **Registration due October 16.**



See you at the Achievement Program!

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2019 Wayne County Fair/4-H Year Comments & Suggestions

Beef

- 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.
- Open Class Beef Show: 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?
- 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 rebid this year.

Dairy

- Fair Book – Letter D-add FFA to Dismissal Policy

Goats/Sheep

- Breeding Meat Goats – suggestion to follow other species and not have them come to weigh-in.
- 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.

Horse

- 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 an adult participant/spectator (I'm not sure which) 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.
- 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.

Poultry/Rabbit

- 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

General

- Add FFA Static Exhibits
- 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.
- 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.”

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