



# September Newsletter

## September Calendar:

- 1-4 Nebraska State Fair
- 4 Labor Day Observed, Office Closed
- 8-9 4-H Exhibit/Artist Engagement Event in Norfolk
- 9 Cuming County Sharpshooter 22 Metallic 4-H Silhouette Invitational
- 9-10 Nebraska State 4-H Shotgun Championships
- 9-10 Norfolk Beef Expo
- 15 County Award Applications DUE to the Extension Office  
 4-H Club of Excellence Summary Form DUE to the Extension Office  
 National 4-H Week PSA sign-up
- 16-17 Nebraska State 4-H Outdoor Archery Championships
- 21 4-H Council Meeting (7:00 PM)
- 25 PSA recordings due to the Radio Station (information given when you call to sign up)



## October Calendar:

- 1 Nebraska Youth Beef Leadership Symposium application deadline
- 1-7 National 4-H Week
- 7-8 Shooting Sports Shotgun Instructor Certification Workshop (Ashland Gun Club)
- 9 Columbus Day Observed, Extension Office closed
- 13 Norfolk Beef Expo Scholarship DUE
- 19 4-H Council Meeting (7:00 PM)
- 21 HAL 4-H Rocketry Class
- 22 4-H Achievement Program
- 28-29 Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop (Buffalo County Extension Office)
- 30 Clover Kid Registration DUE



## November Calendar:

- 4 Clover Kid Meetings (9 - 10 AM at the Wayne Courthouse)
- 6 Livestock Committee Meeting (7:30 PM)
- 9 4-H Council Meeting (7:00 PM)
- 10 Veterans Day Observed – Extension Office Closed
- 17-19 Nebraska Youth Beef Leadership Symposium
- 23-24 Thanksgiving Holiday – Extension Office Closed





**Congratulations** to all the Nebraska State Fair participants! Everyone who participated should be proud of a job well done! You can pick up your State Fair exhibits and premium checks at the Extension Office.



**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 with the 4-H Council, Livestock Committee, and Fair Board.

**Wyffels Hybrids donated the feed scoops** that were distributed at county fair. If you got one please take the time to send them a Thank You!



Wyffels Hybrids  
 Attn: Emily  
 3018 Bel Air Drive  
 Council Bluffs, IA 51501

**National 4-H Week** is October 1-7 2023. This year's theme is "I ♥ 4-H". Clubs or individuals may wish to organize a promotional campaign, including a radio PSA. Radio PSA sign-up is due September 15.



**4-H Achievement Program is Sunday, October 22.** Attendees will be voting for 4-H Council, premium checks will be available to pick up, and the annual 4-H slide show will be shared. More information to come.

**Clover Kids** will meet Saturday, November 4 at the Wayne County Courthouse from 9-10 AM. Youth that will be age 5-7 as of December 31, 2023, are eligible. Please contact the Extension Office by October 30 to register.

**4-H Livestock Committee Meeting** is scheduled for Monday, November 6 at 7:30 PM at the Wayne City Auditorium. The 4-H livestock, small animal and horse programs are reviewed. All 4-H families are encouraged to attend and provide input.



**Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture Discovery Days** is NCTA's open house for prospective students. The day allows students to meet with faculty, tour campus and meet with student clubs and organizations. Upcoming dates:

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

Monday, November 13, 2023

Monday, March 4 2024

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

For more information: [ncta.unl.edu](http://ncta.unl.edu) | 1-800-3Curtis





# Upcoming Events



**Haskell Ag Lab Fall Fest** – Enjoy this free event at the Haskell Ag Lab in Concord on September 23, 1:00 – 4:00 PM. Tentative plans include composting, fall gardening, food, activities for children, and more. Watch this web page for updated information and a schedule of events at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/hal/>

**Shooting Sports** – <https://4h.unl.edu/shooting-sports>

- September 9 - Cuming County Sharpshooter 22 Metallic 4-H Silhouette Invitational.
- September 9-10 - Nebraska State 4-H Shotgun Championships.
- October 7-8 – Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Shotgun Leader Certification Workshop, Ashland Gun Club, Ashland, Nebraska.
- October 28-29 - Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop, Buffalo County Extension Office.



## 4-H Rocketry Class:

Haskel Ag Lab is offering a Rocketry Class on Saturday, October 21, 2023, from 10 a.m. to Noon. Registration Deadline is October 13 and the cost is \$10. Scan the QR Code to register!



## 4-H Exhibit/Artist Engagement Event in Norfolk:

The Elkhorn Valley Museum in Norfolk will be hosting a 4-H Exhibit/Artist Engagement Event on September 8 and 9. This exhibit was created by National Geographic Ag photographer RJ Kern. As part of his work, he was able to follow the 4-H circuit in Minnesota where he is from. He collected photographs and stories of the kiddos who showed their animals but did not win Grand Champion and then followed up with many of them a few years later.



Exhibit and Artist Engagement  
Opening Reception  
Friday, September 8th  
5pm - 7pm



Presented with support from:  
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Artist Talk @ 6pm  
by R. J. Kern on life lessons learned from participants in his project, The Unchosen Ones, who showed animals at Minnesota county fairs and did not win. Participants 4-years later offer wisdom learned to other fellow 4-Hers.

### Saturday, September 9th

**9am - 1pm - Pinhole Photography Workshop**  
Students will learn to make and use their own pinhole camera to create silver gelatin photographs using found materials and natural light. Ages: 4th Grade and Up Limited capacity. Free. Pre-registration required.

**2:00pm - On Being a National Geographic agricultural photographer** Learn what it is like firsthand to create and publish photographs by a National Geographic photographer, showcasing the agricultural roots of county fairs.

**2:30pm - History of Agricultural Photography 101**  
Did you know some of the first photographs we see are of prize-winning animals? Learn how animal husbandry has been shaped by photography since 1850.

**3:00pm - 4:00pm - Historical Photography Demonstration & iPhoneography Tips** Learn how R. J. Kern creates tintype photographs. Photography means "writing with light," learn tips and tricks on seeing and using light from an award-winning photographer.

## 2023 Wayne County Fair/4-H Year Comments & Suggestions

### Beef

- Rate-of-Gain – discontinue due to number of entries?
- Grooming Rules – update Fair Book match State Fair.

### Goat/Sheep

- Keep Goat and Sheep Show at different days or times so 4-Hers who want to show both can. Worked well this year.
- Grooming Rules – update Fair Book match State Fair.

### Horse

- Please add the age division to the label and a list of horse classes with ribbon placings to the ribbon envelopes. Perhaps run the list on the same color as the age divisions in the notebook.
- Competition for high-point traveling horse trophies or see if sponsor would like to have them.

### Swine

- Grooming Rules – update Fair Book match State Fair.

### General

- Could premium checks be sent earlier?
- Volunteer Thank You Food Stand Coupons-send an email to the volunteers instead of mailing the coupon. Keep a list at the cash register and mark off names when the “coupon” is redeemed.
- Penalty for exhibitors leaving early.
- Level 1 Photography – Change size of 4x6 inch photos to 8x10 inch for My Favorite Photo class.
- Keep a piece of food exhibits, then send rest home when judged.
- Club booths – decorate a round hay bale instead of the traditional club booth?
- Horticulture – change required number of exhibits to match entry numbers for State Fair.
- Have club members sweep in the 4-H Building (where the exhibits are) in the morning and late afternoon.
- Fair passes and entry tags picked up at Pre-fair clean-up.
- Name tags for helpers at Contest/Judging days.
- Banner for metal back drop in 4-H Building to use for pictures.

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