



September 18, 2018

OCTOBER CALENDAR:

- 1-15 4-H Online website shut down
- 5-7 State 4-H Camp Trail Ride
- 6 Power of Red Visit Day (Reg. Due Sept. 28)
- 7-13 National 4-H Week
- 8 Columbus Day Observed – office closed
- 15 Nebraska 4-H Fed Steer Challenge Applications Due
- 16 4-H Online website open for 2019 Enrollment
- 19 Shooting Sports Leader Certification Add-One Workshop, Hastings (Reg. Due Oct. 10)
- 20-21 Shooting Sports Leader Certification, Hastings (Reg. Due Oct. 10)

- 21 4-H Achievement Program
- 21 Teen Supremes Sign-up
- 27-28 Shooting Sports Shotgun Leader Certification, Ashland (Reg. Due Oct. 17)
- 29 Clover Kids Meeting Reg. Due

NOVEMBER CALENDAR:

- 1 Livestock Committee Meeting
- 3 Clover Kids
- 3 Teen Supremes
- 5 Request State Awards Information
- 12 Veterans Day Observed – office closed
- 22-23 Thanksgiving Holiday – office closed
- 26 Clover Kids Meeting Reg. Due
- TBA 4-H Council

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.

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, and Fairboard Meetings.



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 ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

is scheduled for October 21, 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!

THE 4-H LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE MEETING

is scheduled for **Thursday, November 1, 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.

CLOVER KIDS will meet Saturday, **November 3** at the Wayne County Courthouse. Youth that will be age 5-7 as of Dec. 31, 2018 are eligible. Please contact the Extension Office by October 29 to register so we have enough supplies.

4-H ONLINE WILL OPEN FOR THE 2019 4-H YEAR ON OCTOBER 16.

New for 2019 –The 4-H Council voted to have 4-Hers and Clover Kids 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.



DID YOU KNOW?

The College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska (CASNR)-Lincoln is offering potential students a glimpse of college. **EXPERIENCE THE POWER OF RED VISIT DAY** will be held on **October 6 at 9 a.m.**

The visit will begin with refreshments and a browsing session, where students get a brief introduction to each department in the college. Following a welcome at 10 a.m., students and parents will attend academic sessions that offer more in-depth information about each academic program. The event concludes with lunch and a scholarship drawing at 12:45 p.m. Optional tours of City Campus and East Campus will begin at 1:30 p.m.

Advance registration is required by **Sept. 28**. To register and to see the complete schedule for the day, visit <https://casnr.unl.edu/visitday>.

For more information about CASNR, visit <http://casnr.unl.edu> or contact Sue Ellen Pegg at 402-472-0615 or spegg2@unl.edu.

STATE 4-H CAMP TRAIL RIDE

Support the Nebraska State 4-H Camp in Halsey, while you enjoy a guided trail ride **October 5-7** in Nebraska National Forest near Halsey. Enjoy the beautiful scenery while riding trails, delicious meals, family activities, and great entertainment. All proceeds will support the Nebraska State 4-H Camp. Registration fee is \$65 and due **September 28**. Registration fee is \$75 if postmarked after that date. For more information, visit the website at www.ne4hfoundation.org.



NEBRASKA 4-H FED STEER

CHALLENGE - This is a new project for 4-H members 14 years of age and older (as of 12/31/2018). The goal is for youth to increase their knowledge of the beef industry through a more realistic production and carcass-based project. Participants will participate in monthly educational programs, keep detailed records, and select and purchase a calf from pre-selected commercial feeder calves in January. Calves will be exhibited in a special class at the Nebraska State Fair. Online applications for the project are due **October 15**. More information and application form is available at <https://4h.unl.edu/fed-steer-challenge#contest>

MAKE IT WITH WOOL CONTEST - The 2018 State Make It with Wool Contest will be November 17 at the Dawson County Extension Office, Lexington. 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. Entries are due by **October 15**.

Information is available at <http://nationalmakeitwithwool.com> and the Extension Office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Companion Animals

The 4-H Online Cat Club meets the second Thursday of every month. The next meeting is October 11, 6:00 p.m. Any 4-H member may join the meetings from home to watch and participate in the session. Go to <http://4h.unl.edu/companion-animal/cat-club>

Horse

Equine webinars are scheduled for the second Monday of every month. The next webinar is October 8, 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 horse bits.

Shooting Sports

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

October 19-Leader Certification Add-One Workshop, Adams County Fairgrounds, Hastings. Reg. Due October 10

October 20-21-Leader Certification Workshop (Rifle, Archery, Shotgun), Adams County Fairgrounds, Hastings. Reg. Due October 10

October 27-28-Leader Certification Workshop (Shotgun), Ashland Gun Club, Ashland. Reg. Due October 17



See you at the Achievement Program!

Amy

Amy Topp, Extension Educator



2018 Wayne County Fair/4-H Year Comments & Suggestions

Beef

- Reduce the amount of breeding beef classes.
- Clarify Renee Herd Builder premiums, check-in procedure, and quotas.

Cat/Dog

- Possibly stagger the starting times for the cat and dog shows.

Goats/Sheep

- Don't split arena for goats and sheep again. Possibly build another one in north "waiting area".
- All goats check in Wednesday evening.
- Best Dressed Animal class must be pre-entered.
- Splitting ring for goat and sheep show worked well, would like to see that happen again in the future.
- There's a rule in the fair book that says all meat goats must be slick shorn to 3/8". I would like to see that changed to market meat goats so the breeding does can keep their hair.
- Split the breeding does up into smaller classes. They split them by weight at the State Fair this year and it seemed to work pretty well.
- Push weigh-in for goats to June when State Fair nominations are due.

Horse

- The horse show (on Tuesday) was ran amazing. Excellent help, good judge, kept things moving.
- Lauri Huyck offered to do a Hitching and Driving Clinic – is there interest?
- Youth that enter walk-trot pleasure and/or horsemanship should not be able to enter reining or speed events.
- Ranch Horse Pleasure trophy – have a sponsor
- The 4-H Horse Show went well – Great team work that kept it moving and was done by the Goat Show.
- Many concerns about adults drinking during the horse show and in the barn.

Poultry/Rabbit

- Poultry are tested on a rotating basis at County Fairs (2019 for Wayne County Fair).
- Please do not move bleachers during the Poultry and Rabbit Shows.
- The sound system for rabbits and chicken show doesn't work well. No one could hear the kid's presentations. This is an ongoing issue – these kids work hard too! Could we please have a decent sound system?
- The large cages for geese, etc. need major attention. Most of these cages are at least 10-20 years old (yes that is true).
- The netting was stolen from the cabinet for the north and south ends – needs to be replaced.

Swine

- In the hog show arena, the hogs gather in the corners (at the gates where they enter & exit) and they stay there and squeal because they want out. If solid panels could be put up in those corners so they can't see past them, they shouldn't bother the corners and stay in the middle of the arena.
- Rather than disposing of the wood shavings in the arena right after the hog show, it could be piled somewhere/somehow for kids to use in their pens to keep them clean and dry the rest of the fair.

Horticulture

- Consider using a bowl rather than a plate to display cherry tomatoes.
- Please no Styrofoam containers.

General

- More dumpsters and port-a-potties on the hill by campers.
- Bathrooms and port-a-potties were well kept.
- No trophies – awards like feed pans, brushes, halters, chairs, buckles, etc.
- Rent the 4-H Food Stand to a different organization and 4-Hers don't work it.
- There needs to be more emphasis/enforcement of members assisting with the club them booths. For too many years a leader has been the only one to put up her club's booth and the kids learn/gain nothing from that.
- Get rid of 4-H Food Stand and find another way to raise the money that doesn't take kids away from their projects at fair. Maybe a raffle and kids can sell tickets all year? Or give the option of making a donation instead of the food stand.
- There is drinking that takes place during some of the livestock shows and in livestock barns during the fair. This will continue to be addressed. The 4-H Code of Conduct needs to be reviewed by all volunteers and leaders.

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