



Webster County

4-H News



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.....STRAIGHT FROM THE HORSES MOUTH

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It doesn't seem possible that basketball is about over and spring is just around the corner – but I for one welcome the upcoming time frame. I know we will likely get a little taste of Winter weather yet, but even if you believe in the groundhog's shadow, it means that we are not too far from Spring and we need to think about county fair and of course - what is in between. There is a lot going on and a lot of information to pass on, so here goes.

YOUTH LIVESTOCK QUALITY ASSURANCE: I think everyone knows by now about the Youth Livestock Quality Assurance program that we need to complete each year. If you exhibit beef, dairy, sheep, goats, rabbits, or poultry you must have an YLQA card to show at county and state fair. You can find a document on our website at www.webster.unl.edu on how to “Moodle YLQA!” The on-line course has been divided into three levels, Junior (4-H Youth Ages 8-10), Intermediate (4-H Youth Ages 11-14), and Senior (4-H Youth Ages 15-18). Each year youth will be required to complete 3 modules within their age level. Youth are eligible to work ahead so that they will be done with the YLQA requirements until they reach the next age level. You can find the online YLQA @ <http://campus.extension.org/enrol/index.php?id=527>. Further instructions on how to do the on-line YLQA can be found on page two of this newsletter.

We encourage all of the exhibitors that are in FFA to work with their FFA advisors in getting their training done during the school year. If they take animal science classes in their curriculum, that will suffice for qualifying for credit. Please work with your advisors on making arrangements for completing the requirements for Youth Livestock Quality Assurance and then let our office know of your completions. All 4-H exhibitors should also consider working on these modules at school or working with your FFA advisors. You can also do this from home or if you wish come visit us at the Webster County UNL Extension Office and get on line during regular Courthouse hours. **If you choose to use the on-line course it will cost \$5.00 until March 1st when the price will go to \$12.00!**

We will also have two YLQA session that Steve Landon will teach for those that would rather go face-to-face! Please mark on your calendar March 19 starting at 3:00 pm and May 17 starting at 6:30 pm. These “in-person” YLQA Class will be delivered at the 4-H & FFA Exhibit Hall at the Webster County Fairgrounds in Bladen. Don't wait till the last minute to take care of your YLQA requirements. Best bet – get it done on-line! If you are a first time exhibitor or simply can't remember how you did it last year, please read on for information on how to “get-er-done!”

On-Line Instructions for YLQA: The following information will lead you through this process. A more detailed document is on our website at <http://extension.unl.edu/statewide/webster> on how to “Moodle YLQA!”. The on-line course has been divided into three levels, Junior (4-H Youth Ages 8-10), Intermediate (4-H Youth Ages 11-14), and Senior (4-H Youth Ages 15-18). Each year youth will be required to complete three modules within their age level. Youth are eligible to work ahead so that they will be done with the YLQA requirements until they reach the next age level.



Extension is a Division of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln cooperating with the Counties and the United States Department of Agriculture.

The 4-H Youth Development program abides with the non-discrimination policies of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the United States Department of Agriculture.



How do we do this? First - Each 4-Her will need their own unique email address to register. For example: Gmail <http://mail.google.com> ; Hotmail www.hotmail.com; or iCloud www.icloud.com (Apple/Mac users). Once you have done this, then you need to register if you haven't already. Simply follow these steps:

1. Open your web browser to <http://campus.extension.org> and then click "Create an Account"
2. Complete the online form and click the "Create an Account" button at the bottom of the page. Check your email account for a confirmation email from eXtension Moodle Help Desk. If you do not see a confirmation email within 2 hours email moodlehelp@extension.org and ask for a manual confirmation.
3. When you do get the confirmation email, simply open the email and click on the link provided to confirm your account. A web page will open indicating that "Your registration has been confirmed", under the "Setting" block, click the "My Profile Settings" link, select "Edit profile" from the additional options.
4. Scroll down to the "Optional" block. Even though there is no asterisk by these fields on the website and it's listed under the "Optional" block, **you are required to complete the fields marked with a star** to make sure that your work is reported to your county office.
5. In the ID number each youth should type their county code. For example a youth from Webster should type in "WEB". Leaders should type their county code plus "Leader", In the Institution field put "Nebraska" and then in the Department field type your county "Webster"
6. Click the "Update Profile" button at the bottom of your screen. Click "Home" (upper left corner) to return to the main page. Near the top of your screen, click the "CLICK HERE TO SEARCH" button. Type "livestock quality assurance" in the Search courses text box and then click the "Go" button.
7. Click the "*Livestock Quality Assurance*" course link in the left hand column to enroll in the course. The enrollment key is: "Nebraska". Click "Yes" to confirm your enrollment.
8. **Note:** Anyone that takes an online YLQA needs to know that fee has to be paid via credit card!

MARKET BEEF EXHIBITORS

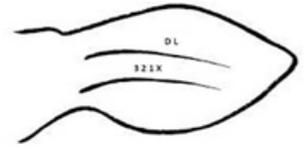
Our two weigh-ins have been completed, but I do know that there will likely be others that are added to your show string with the Classic coming up and some club calf sales still on the docket. If that is the case with you, please note that you can make arrangements with me to individually weigh in that calf. I have also received questions about second year **bucket calves**. **Yes, they need to be weighed in and an EID tag put in as well.** That is particularly true if it is destined for the market beef show and to be sold at the auction or put on the truck. When in doubt call me! All market beef must be on an affidavit and weighed in with EID before April 15, 2017.

What do I need if I am going on to Nebraska State Fair and/or Ak-Sar-Ben? 4-H exhibitors are reminded that if they intend on going on to State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben, they must have their beef DNA sampled. DNA is now also required for FFA beef that will be going on to the Nebraska State Fair. There is a \$6 per head charge for all DNA samples. This will also be done at the weigh-in site for those that so desire. When in doubt, or not sure of their intentions, we suggest that exhibitors make sure their beef are EID'ed with the NE 840 tag, and take a DNA sample on your market beef to be on the safe side. It is too late if you decide at County Fair that you want to go on to State. Exhibitors do have until April 15 to DNA any beef animal that may go to State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben. **Note:** You will also need DNA if you plan to go on to the American Royal in Kansas City. Speaking of the Nebraska State Fair. Please look below:

Rate of Gain Requirements for Webster County Fair: Since the Nebraska State Fair decided last year to do away with the 2.2 and 2.0 ROG requirement for placement of market beef, our Webster County Youth Council followed suit and decided also to discontinue Rate of Gain requirement for beef ribbon placement at our county fair. **However** we did decide to keep our ROG Contest as we have some exhibitors that use that as their main goal! That means we will continue to weigh in our calves as per usual. What is cool is that the Council decided to give a **Champion and Reserve Champion Production Market Beef award**. This would be competitive with four items counting towards the championship. Points would be awarded for 1) Rate of Gain 2) Carcass Scan Placing 3) Live Placing and 4) Require that the exhibitor turn in a record book. Those records could be the typical 4-H Market Beef Record Book that is available from our office or an app such as: 4-H Livestock Record App for iPad <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/4-h-livestock-record/id898568078?mt=8> or LiveStock Weights Expenses can be found at: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/livestockweights/id1061212347?mt=8> I might suggest that you go to <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.goyal.livestockweights&hl=en> for Androids and go to: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.farmtracktech.farmtrack.android&hl=en> for the Farm Animal Tracker for Android.

BREEDING HEIFERS

Breeding Heifer Tattoos: Regardless if you go to the Cattlemen's Classic or not, in preparation for county fair, state fair and Ak-Sar-Ben please note that **ALL breeding heifers** need to have tattoos in their ears. Only purebred or registered heifers required this before. **Now, all commercial breeding heifers also need to sport a tattoo.** This can be a herd number or a number that corresponds with the 4-H tag - it is up to you, but it must be tattooed. If you buy a heifer from a breeder make sure it has a tattoo – even if they say there is one there. If you raise your own it always good thing to tattoo, it is a good management and identification tool. Purebred or percentage breed heifers must also have a certified pedigree registration paper. The main thing if you plan to exhibit your breeding heifer at any progress show, county fair and/or Nebraska State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben be sure you have a legible tattoo that matches the registration paper and/or the breeding beef affidavit. **NOTE – NEW THIS YEAR.** Families will be required to submit a Breeding Nomination Card for all breeding animals showing at State Fair. **Breeding Nomination Cards will have a \$2 nomination fee.**



Home Bred and Raised Heifer Show at County Fair: The affidavits are in addition to the regular breeding beef affidavit and they too are due by April 15, the same time as the other breeding heifer affidavits. Exhibitors must remember that they will need to turn in two affidavits for the heifer. One for the regular breeding heifer class and a second one specifically for the Home Bred and Raised Breeding Heifer class. It may interest our breeding beef exhibitors that we will continue the way these exhibits were shown at the 2016 Webster County Fair. The special breeding beef jackpot class will once again be on the same day as the beef showmanship. It will directly follow the beef showmanship event. The class will be judged as a “blow and go” class. They will be shown in their respective classes during the regular breeding beef show.



2017 Livestock Identification Process For State Fair

1. There will be no online or paper ownership affidavit requirements for State Fair entries. Paper copies will still be used for our county fair!
2. 4-H and FFA with both use visible EID tags for all market beef, market swine, market lamb, meat goat and feeder calves showing at State Fair. These tags will have an EID button and visible portion that will have a number. An additional 4-H or FFA tag is permissible.
3. Families will be required to submit a Breeding Nomination Card for all breeding animals showing at State Fair. Breeding Nomination Cards will have a \$2 nomination fee.
4. For breeding goats and breeding sheep, the scrapies tag identification number will serve as the official identification. For breeding beef, the tattoo will serve as the official identification. Bang tattoos are not an accepted form of identification. For breeding gilts, ear notches will serve as the accepted form of ID. Students may use EID for their breeding animals as well.
5. DNA or breeding card verification will be required for all livestock animals showing at State Fair.
6. There will be a total limit of nominations by individuals including both 4-H and FFA entries to help level the playing field for those youth who are in both organizations. Entry Limits- Beef (10) Lambs (20) Swine (40) Goats (20).
7. Youth will have until August 10 (State Fair pre-entry deadline) to select whether they are showing their animal in 4-H or FFA. This could mean they show one organization at the county level and one organization at State Fair. They cannot switch between State Fair and AKSARBEN.
8. Families will be able to select which animal entries they have chosen to show at State Fair in a dropdown menu in ShoWorks. All nominated animals will be automatically listed as a choice option for pre-entry registration
9. Youth in both organizations can show a species in multiple counties (one for 4-H and one for FFA) but an individual animal cannot be shown in more than one county. It is recommended that animals are nominated in the county they will be shown.
10. Because of the role Ak-Sar-Ben plays in the 4-H process, staff at Ak-Sar-Ben will also be handling the processing of livestock information for FFA.

Family Responsibilities

1. Exhibitors showing market beef must have a signed and sealed official envelope with hair samples for DNA verification turned in to their county office or FFA chapter by the April 15 nomination deadline.
2. Exhibitors showing feeder calves, market swine, market lambs and market goats must have a signed and sealed official envelope with hair samples for DNA verification turned in to their county office by the June 15 nomination deadline.
3. Exhibitors showing breeding beef, breeding sheep, breeding swine and breeding does at State Fair will be nominated with a breeding nomination card. The breeding nomination card will contain all information necessary for State Fair eligibility. Families will need to have completed breeding nomination cards turned in to their county office or FFA chapter by the June 15 nomination deadline.
4. Exhibitors will select which animal entries they have chosen to show at State Fair in a dropdown menu in ShoWorks. All nominated animals will be automatically listed as a choice option for pre-entry registration.
5. 4-H and FFA youth participants will declare which youth organization they will show their animal projects by August 10 in ShoWorks.

Cattlemen's Classic: The 26th Annual Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic is fast approaching February 18-26, 2016. The event is held at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds in Kearney, Nebraska. <http://cattlemens.org> **Attention 4-H and FFA Youth Exhibitors:** *All youth beef entries must be pre-entered before February 3.* Check-in and weighing for junior exhibits will be from 8:00 am until noon on Saturday February 25. Showmanship will be on Saturday, February 25th. It will be BLOW-N-GO, starting at 2 p.m. The age breakdown is Junior: 8-11, Intermediate: 12-15, and Senior: 16-21. The show is in two rings and starts on Sunday, February 26 at 8:00 am. I plan to be in attendance on Saturday and Sunday, so give me a shout if you see me wandering around. Specific youth rules, regulations and information can be found on the web at: http://cattlemens.org/youth/junior_show.html. Breeding heifers can also be shown at the Classic. They too are due by **February 3** along with registration papers. If you need further information go to the website above or email Ronette (Bush) Heinrich at rkbush@frontiernet.net

Cattlemen's Classic Judging Contest: Each year there is a Judging Contest as a part of Cattlemen's Classic in Kearney. The contest is on Saturday, February 25 with registration starting at 7:00 am and the contest to begin at 8:00 am. The contest will consist of two divisions: Senior 4-H/FFA and Junior 4-H. Senior contestants will give 3 sets of oral reasons. Junior contestants will answer ten questions on two classes. Age will be classified by the 4-H age as of January 1st. Here is a chance to compete on the regional level with youth from all across Nebraska and several other states. This is one of the best beef judging contests you can go to and is really good practice for PASE (State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest). There are awards and scholarships given to the top judges. You must be registered as an individual or as a team by **February 3**. You can find application forms, a flyer and a lot of info including last year's results at: www.cattlemens.org/classicjudgingcontest.html

Webster County Pick-A-Pig Program: Each year we conduct a 4-H and FFA "Pick-A-Pig" Program. These give prospective swine exhibitors the potential of receiving up to three feeder pigs for market and two for breeding gilt classes. If interested in the program please call the Webster County Extension Office at 402-746-3417 and we will send you a form to fill out or if you prefer email to: ckumke2@unl.edu or dlienemann2@unl.edu. We will need to have any applications for this project in our hands no later than March 17. Basically here is how it works:



1. 4-H and/or FFA youth would request to be included in this Pick-A-Pig program.
2. If we get enough interest, 4-H and FFA leaders will find a swine producer that will have quality feeder pigs that will be market ready by the Webster County Fair.
3. We suggest that you put in for more than one feeder pig (3 suggested) as they are gregarious animals and need company. Individuals may also apply for breeding gilts, but they will not be allowed to go through the auction.
4. The Foundation would purchase the pigs and tag them with 4-H tags. Those pig's tag numbers would then be put into a lottery system and those pigs would be assigned to potential swine exhibitors by drawn numbers. The pigs may be gilts and/or barrows depending on the provider. The pigs will be delivered to the Webster County Fairgrounds or directly to the youth on a particular day (when the pigs are ready for feeding and training).
5. The youth would then take their new show-pig enterprise to a ready-made facility at their farm or other place to keep them. If more than one youth want to go together for facilities and care that would be encouraged and welcomed. Help and suggestions for feed and/or care will be made available if needed from volunteers, 4-H Leaders, FFA Advisors or the Extension office.

6. The youth and/or families would then be responsible for the care and feeding up through when they would compete at the County Fair, and are ultimately taken through the premium auction ring, or are marketed as fat hogs. They are responsible for all of the feed, care and facility costs during the time they have them.
7. The youth would then pay the Foundation back for ALL of the pigs that they committed to after the County Fair or State Fair - should they decide to go on. If they should elect to keep any gilts back for a potential breeding project for the following year it is permissible, but the exhibitor will need to still pay the purchase price. All premiums and premium auction proceeds would go to the exhibitor.

HORSE EXHIBITORS:

4-H Horse Stampede: The 2017 4-H Horse Stampede has been scheduled for Saturday, April 1, 2017 and entries due to our office by Friday, March 10, 2017. So, mark your calendars!! For more information on the 4-H Horse Stampede please go to <http://animalscience.unl.edu/horse-4-h-and-youth#tab4> to find a schedule, entry forms and contest rules. The following events are scheduled for 4-Hers interested in Equine projects:

Public Speaking Contest -: Public Speaking Contest topics must be related to Nebraska 4-H Strategic Plan topics (include information related to at least one of the 5 Significant Outcomes: 4-H Strategic Plan Outcomes - - 4-H Science, Agricultural Literacy, Career Development/College Readiness, Citizenship and Leadership, and Healthy Living.



Demonstration Contest, Art Contest, and Horse Bowl Contest (Junior and Senior Divisions)

2017 District Horse Shows: Remember that 4-H'ers must have passed Horsemanship Advancement Level II by May 12, 2017 in order to participate at a district show. District classes are held as qualifiers for corresponding classes at the State 4-H Horse Expo. District show classes include: Hunter Under Saddle, Western Pleasure, Hunt Seat Equitation, Western Horsemanship, Reining, Barrels, and Poles. The **District Horse Show sites have been set.** This year they will be held at the following locations: June 12: Dawson County Fairgrounds - Lexington, NE; June 13: Loup County Fairgrounds, Taylor, NE; June 14: Wayne County Fairgrounds, Wayne, NE; June 19: Box Butte County Fairgrounds, Hemingford, NE; and June 20: Lancaster Event Center - Lincoln, NE. For entry forms and more information go on the web at: <http://animalscience.unl.edu/horse-4-h-and-youth> Horse ID sheets must be completed by May 12.

2017 State Horse Exposition: Good news for our county horse exhibitors. The dates for the 2016 Fonner Park - State Horse Show this year will not be on top of our County Fair. The dates for this year are **July 16-20, 2017.** More information will be forthcoming as we get closer to the event. <http://animalscience.unl.edu/horse-4-h-and-youth>

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR 4-H AND FFA MEMBERS

Each year our office receives information on several scholarships that are available to our county 4-H and FFA youth. We listed a bunch of scholarships last week. Many of those are due this month. Please go back to last month's newsletter for further information on those. Always remember that your best source of scholarships and scholarship information is your local high school guidance counselor. Please take advantage of these funds, it pays!

OTHER ITEMS FOR THE GOOD OF WEBSTER COUNTY 4-H & FFA

FAIR DATES: The 2017 Webster County Fair have been set for **July 22-29 with the rodeo and Carnival on the July 27-29.** We will follow the same schedule as was implemented last year with a small change as we will go back to having the Horse Show and BBQ Contest on Saturday and the Church Service and Ice Cream Roll on Sunday. We will be updating the website as we get more information – www.webstercountyfair.org

February is Nebraska 4-H Month: February has been declared as “Nebraska 4-H Month” and is held during the entire month of February. If your club wants it help celebrate Nebraska 4-H Month you can get information from our office or directly from the web. Let's inform people from all over our state about 4-H and how we can Grow 4-H!

Life Challenge and Premier Animal Science Events: Don't forget that the 2017 Life Challenge and PASE Contest dates are June 26-27 at UNL, East Campus. Please mark your calendars if you are interested in participating in either State 4-H Contest. We are starting to take entries for team members for both the Life Challenge and PASE. For further information on these contests you can go to: <http://4h.unl.edu/paselifechallenge>



Governor's Agricultural Excellence Award: The Governor's Agricultural Excellence Award Applications are due the first of March. The Governor's Agricultural Excellence Awards, sponsored by the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA), recognize 4-H clubs for the work of the individuals in the club and the community service work of the entire club. Recognition is in the form of \$500 checks issued to the club's treasury to be used as described in the award application form completed by the club.

Each county may submit up to 10 applications to the district office, we would love to have even just one applicant. Applications are available online on the 4-H website at: <http://www.ne4hfoundation.org/agexcellenceaward.htm> Clubs must e-mail their application with Governor's Ag Excellence Award applications to Lori Oberembt at the Nebraska 4-H Foundation Office by March 4th, 2016 at lori.oberembt@unl.edu Clubs will be notified by **May 16, 2017**. The Governor's Agriculture Excellence Awards are usually presented by the Governor and NIFA officials during the evening picnic of the PASE/Life Challenge Event.

Companion Animal Challenge: The second 4-H Companion Animal Challenge will be held on April 1, 2017 at the Animal Science Complex on UNL's East Campus. It provides youth a chance to participate in a variety of contests that do not require animals, but allow youth to learn more about their dog or other companion animals. Entries are due by March 10. The youth who participated in the event last year said that it was fun and they learned a lot. Youth do not need to be experts to participate in the event. More information available at: <http://go.unl.edu/4hcac> or please contact Lisa Karr-Lilienthal via email at lkarr-lilienthal2@unl.edu if you have questions. Contests include:

- Demonstrations (a presentation where youth demonstrate how to complete a task or related to the care of their companion animal)
- Photography and art contests (open to all companion animal projects)
- Dog Skill-a-thon
- Dog quiz bowl

Blow & Show for all Beef Shows at Webster County? – Last year the State Fair Board made the decision to go Blow & Show, or as some call it “Blow and Go”, for all 4-H and FFA live cattle and showmanship events. In Webster County we have conducted a Blow and Show rule for Beef Showmanship Classes only and have allowed exhibitors to fit their livestock for the live beef show, both market and breeding. **This is your last chance to vote!** Our question to our Webster County 4-H and FFA Families is: **Do you wish to go to a Blow and Go for all our beef show to be in alignment with the Nebraska State Fair?** We would like to hear from our families if you wish this rule to remain as it is or change to Blow and Show for the entire fair? We will then take the results to the Webster County Youth Council and they will decide how we will proceed. I put the new ruling for Nebraska State Fair in the January 4-H Newsletter. **Please let our office know your choice immediately or forever hold your peace!!!**

Upcoming Activities: I have attached a calendar of activities for February through May at the end of this newsletter that I have put together so far. Of course there will be a lot more as the Winter Programming begins. We will try to update this as things come in. If any of you know of progress shows or other events that would benefit our 4-H and FFA Families please let me know and I will add them. That is about all that I have for this month. Now let's see what Carol and Liz have for you!

DON'T MISS IT!! WEBSTER COUNTY JUNIOR LEADERS WILL BE SPONSORING A SOUP DINNER ON SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH FROM 11:30 TO 1:30



4-H Public Speaking



Speech & Presentation Contest: Through the 4-H Public Speaking & Presentation Contest, youth have an opportunity to write a Speech or a Public Service Announcement (PSA) that incorporates the topic of 4-H and deliver it to an audience.

The 4-H Public Speaking Contest helps youth develop skills for communicating about current issues to real audiences, learn how to organize and prepare a speech, develop speech delivery skills, learn how to present themselves to others, and develop self-confidence.

This year's Webster County Speech/Presentation Contest will be held on Sunday April 2nd at 3:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds.

As an extra incentive Green Cover Seeds of Bladen has graciously offered to sponsor added bonuses! They will award a \$100.00 savings bond to the Champion Senior Division winner, a \$50.00 savings bond to the Reserve Champion Senior Division winner, a \$50.00 savings bond to the Champion Intermediate and Junior Division winners and a \$25.00 savings bond to the Reserve Champion Intermediate and Junior Division winners! The deadline to register for this years' contest is March 17th!



Barn Quilt Workshop – Our office will once again be hosting a Barn Quilt Workshop on March 16th beginning at 5:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. and finishing up on the 17th. The charge is \$30.00 for a 2x2 foot or \$37.50 for a 4x4 foot barn quilt. **Registration deadline is Monday, February 27th!**

“AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS!”

Our 4-H Afterschool programs have been a huge success! We offer them at three locations this year from 4 to 5 pm! All youth grades 2-6 are invited to attend! We will be teaching the same curriculum at each location. Programs include: Drone/Rocketry, Ag Literacy, Plant Science and Design Decisions. Each program will be tied to 4-H projects so the youth can have a project ready to take to the fair!

Blue Hill—Public Library

Jan 9, Feb 6, Mar 6, Apr 3 & May 1

Bladen—Webster County Fairgrounds

Feb 13, Mar 13, Apr 10 & May 8

Auld Library-Red Cloud

Feb 2, Feb 27, Mar 20, Apr 24, May 15



Innovative Youth Corn Challenge

- Can you improve corn yields to meet the growing global demand?
- Open to 4-H & FFA members
- Over \$2,000 in cash prizes awarded!
- Network with agronomic professionals!
- Access to valuable corn resource materials!

Deadline to enter the contest: March 15th! Download entry forms at <http://cropwarch.unl.edu/youth>

Webster County Junior Leaders – Next meeting date is February 12th at the city building in Blue Hill at 4:00 p.m. We will need numbers for those planning to attend the “STORM” hockey game on February 25th and we will be finalizing plans for our soup dinner which is to be held on March 12th. New members are always welcome!

2017 UPCOMING EVENTS:

Feb. 2: Red Cloud After-School Program, Auld Library, 4-5:00 pm Red Cloud, NE ckumke2@unl.edu
Feb. 3: NE Cattlemen's Classic Entry forms for Market/Breeding Beef due to NCC http://cattlemens.org/youth/junior_show.html
Feb. 3: Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic Judging Contest Registration Due to Northeast CC in Norfolk mikesr@northeast.edu
Feb. 4: Fullerton FFA Livestock Judging Contest, 8:30 am, Fullerton Livestock Market, Fullerton, NE Mr. Wetovick at 308-550-0965
Feb. 4: Webster County Pheasants Forever Banquet, Blue Hill Community Center, Blue Hill, NE Jamie Reiman @ 402-984-4820
Feb. 8: Webster County Youth Foundation Meeting, Webster County Fairgrounds, 7:00 p.m.
Feb. 9: Blue Hill After-School Program, Blue Hill Library, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm (Drone/Rocketry), ckumke2@unl.edu
Feb. 11: Pheasants & Quail Forever State Habitat Meeting, Holiday Inn Convention Center, Kearney, NE <http://nebraskapf.com/>
Feb. 11: So Central Cattlemen's Valentine's Banquet, 5:00 pm, Lockland Country Club, Hastings, NE RSVP J. Watts 402-984-3588
Feb. 12-19: 2017 Iowa Beef Expo, Iowa State Fairgrounds, Des Moines, IA <http://iowabeefexpo.com/>
Feb. 13: Silver Lake After-School Program, 4-5:00 pm, Silver Lake Grade School, Bladen, NE ckumke2@unl.edu
Feb. 14: NE Pork Producers Assoc Annual Meeting, 10:30 am - 5:30 pm UNL Innovation Park, Lincoln, NE <http://www.nepork.org>
Feb. 18-26: NE Cattlemen's Classic, <http://cattlemens.org> Buffalo Co Fairgrounds, Kearney, NE rkbush@frontiernet.net
Feb. 22: Loup City FFA Chapter Livestock Judging Contest, 9 am, Loup City Sale Barn, Loup City, NE 308-293-2802
Feb. 25-26: Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic Youth Livestock Judging and Beef Shows, Buffalo Co. Fairgrounds, Kearney
Feb. 20: President's Day - Court House and Extension Office Closed
Feb. 23-24: Women in Agriculture Conference, Holiday Inn Kearney, <http://wia.unl.edu>
Feb. 25: NE Cattlemen's Classic Livestock Judging Contest, Buffalo Co Fairgrounds, Kearney, NE bbennett8@unl.edu
Feb. 24-26: NE Cattlemen's Classic Youth Show, <http://cattlemens.org> Buffalo Co Fairgrounds, Kearney, NE rkbush@frontiernet.net
Feb. 27: Farmers/Ranchers College: Tips and Tricks for Women in Ag, 6:00 p.m., Lazy Horse Winery, Ohioa, NE 402-759-3712
Feb. 27: Red Cloud After-School Program, Auld Library, 4-5:00 pm Red Cloud, NE ckumke2@unl.edu
Mar. 3: 104th Annual KSU Cattlemen's Day, Weber Arena, KSU Campus, Manhattan, KS lschrein@ksu.edu
Mar. 4: Big Red Beef Show, NE State Fair Grounds, Fonner Park, Grand Island, NE helms17@outlook.com
Mar. 6: Blue Hill After-School Program, Blue Hill Library, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm (Ag Literacy), ckumke2@unl.edu
Mar. 7: Webster County Extension Board Meeting, Webster County Fairgrounds, Bladen, NE 7:00 p.m.
Mar. 7: Webster County Youth Council Meeting, Webster County Fairgrounds, Bladen, NE 8:00 p.m.
Mar. 11: 2017 Kansas Junior Swine Producer Day, Weber Hall, KSU Campus, Manhattan, KS adhayes@ksu.edu
Mar. 12: Webster County Junior Leaders Soup Dinner, 11:30-1:30 at 4-H & FFA Exhibit Hall, Webster Co. Fairgrounds, Bladen, NE
Mar. 13: Bladen After-School Program, Webster Co Fairgrounds, 4-5:00 pm, Bladen, NE ckumke2@unl.edu
Mar. 16-17: Webster County Barn Quilt Workshop, Webster County Fairgrounds, Exhibit Hall, Bladen, NE ckumke2@unl.edu
Mar. 18: Mid-Nebraska Spring Beef Show, Buffalo County Fairgrounds, Kearney, NE khotnem@amherstbroncos.org
Mar. 19: Youth Quality Assurance Training at Webster County Fairgrounds, Bladen, NE 3:00 p.m., ckumke2@unl.edu
Mar. 20: Red Cloud After-School Program, Auld Library, 4- 5:00 pm, Red Cloud, NE (Ag Literacy), ckumke2@unl.edu
Mar. 25: 4-H Spring Rabbit Show, Lancaster Event Center, Lincoln, NE <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/rabbit/RabbitShowSpring17.pdf>
Mar. 25: 2017 Kansas Junior Meat Goat Producer Day, Weber Arena, KSU Campus, Manhattan, KS adhayes@ksu.edu
Mar. 25: K-State Annual Sheep & Meat Goat Sale, Stanley Stout Center, KSU, Manhattan, KS adhayes@ksu.edu
Mar. 25: Kansas Beef Expo Spring Sale, Stanley Stout Center, 2200 Denison Ave, Manhattan, KS www.kansasbeefexpo.com
Mar. 26: 2016 Kansas Spring Beef Expo, Stanley Stout Marketing Center, KSU Campus, Manhattan, KS www.kansasbeefexpo.com
Apr. 1: Burt County Beef Preview, Burt County Fairgrounds, Oakland, NE Michael Nissen 402-380-2772, mtnissen@live.com
Apr. 1: 4-H Horse Stampede, UNL East Campus, Ani Sci Building, Lincoln, NE <http://4h.unl.edu/horse/stampede>
Apr. 2: Webster County 4-H/FFA Speech Contest, Webster Co Fairgrounds, Bladen, NE 3:00 pm, ckumke2@unl.edu
Apr. 3: Blue Hill After-School Program, Blue Hill Library, 4- 5:00 pm, Blue Hill, NE (Plant Science), ckumke2@unl.edu
Apr. 5-7: Nebraska State FFA Convention, Pinnacle Bank Arena, Lincoln, NE
Apr. 10: Bladen After-School Program, Webster Co Fairgrounds, 4-5:00 pm, Bladen, NE (Plant Science), ckumke2@unl.edu
Apr. 15-16: Northern Exposure Steer & Heifer Show, NCK Free Fairgrounds, Belleville, KS www.northernexposureshow.com
Apr. 17: Webster County 4-H Enrollment Deadline <http://extension.unl.edu/statewide/webster/>
Apr. 17: Webster County Market and Breeding Beef Affidavits & all DNA due into office. <http://extension.unl.edu/statewide/webster/>
Apr. 20: Red Cloud FFA Banquet, Red Cloud Public Schools, Red Cloud, NE
Apr. 24: Red Cloud After-School Program, Auld Library, 4-5:00 pm, Red Cloud, NE (Plant Science), ckumke2@unl.edu
Apr. 28: Arbor Day, Webster County Courthouse Closed
May 1: Blue Hill After-School Program, Blue Hill Library, 4-5:00 pm, Blue Hill, NE (Design Decisions), ckumke2@unl.edu
May 2: Silver Lake FFA Banquet, Silver Lake High School, Roseland, NE
May 5: Blue Hill FFA Banquet, Blue Hill Community Schools, Blue Hill, NE
May 8: Silver Lake After-School Program, Fairgrounds, 4-5:00 pm, Bladen, NE (Design Decisions), ckumke2@unl.edu
May 15: Red Cloud After-School Program, Auld Library, 4-5:00 pm Red Cloud, NE (Design Decisions), ckumke2@unl.edu
May 17: Youth Livestock Quality Assurance Class, Webster County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall, 6:30 pm, Bladen, NE
May 21: The Custer County Challenge, Custer Co. Fairgrounds, Broken Bow, NE Bonnie Winters 308-870-3666 stlbmr@aol.com
May 23: Webster County Sheep and Goat Weigh-in. 5-7:00 pm, Webster County Fairgrounds Sheep Building, Bladen, NE
May 31: 4-H Horse Judging Contest, Pitzer Ranch Arena, Ericson, NE Steve Niemeyer 308-346-4200

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Saturday, March 25th

Webster County Fairgrounds, Bladen

Public Open House 2:00-4:00 p.m.

BBQ & Dance for

Webster County Past & Present 4-H'ers/FFA

Members and Families/Friends 5:00 p.m. to ???