



4-H Bulletin Board - October - 2009

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2010 County Fair Dates

The Boone County Fair dates are July 10-15. We don't have the Nance County Fair dates confirmed yet.



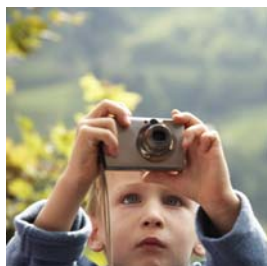
Scholarships Available

The Nebraska Association of Fair Managers will be offering two \$500 Martha & Don Romeo Scholarships. Each county can submit an application for one male and one female.

Application forms are available at the county offices and are due by December 1st. These scholarships will be awarded at the NAFM annual convention in January.

Join the Junior Leaders!

If you are 8th grader or above and enrolled in 4-H in your county, you can become a member of the Junior Leaders. Junior Leaders offer great support to the 4-H program. For more information in Boone County contact Lisa Wagner (395-3339) and in Nance County contact Sonya Glup (536-2691).



2010 4-H Photography Themes

Unit II – “A Season of Change”

Unit III – “Head, Hands and Health in the Heartland”

Photos entered as a Nebraska Theme Exhibit Print should reflect these themes and portray Nebraska. We hope these themes inspire some great photography in 2010!



Tips for Positive Youth and Adult Partnerships

Youth and adults working together presents exciting opportunities and powerful results. How these partnerships are initiated is crucial to their success. Working with young people may not come as naturally to adults as working with their peers does. Patience, flexibility, and genuine interest are some of the most important tools adults need when working with youth. Here are a few tips to think about:

- ☆ **Meaningful Involvement** - Assign meaningful roles to teens, not just a token seat on a board or committee. This is meant to be a learning experience for them as well as an asset to your group.
- ☆ **Orientation and Training** - Give youth a little "101 course" about your group to help acquaint them with structure and inner workings of the group. Lay out clear-cut expectations for both the youth and adults involved, so everyone is responsible for acting appropriately.
- ☆ **Flexible Scheduling** - Youth need responsibilities that will also take into consideration their school calendar and other activities. Their academics should always come first.
- ☆ **Set Goals and Evaluate** - Help youth to grow by assisting them in setting goals and performing evaluations of specific events or an entire year of work.
- ☆ **Show That You Care** - Follow up immediately if someone does not show up for a meeting or event. Youth need to know that they are missed and that someone cares. Provide validation that what they are doing is meaningful and important to your group. Tell them "thanks" for their input and participation.
- ☆ **Transportation** - Transportation may be a major deterrent to youth involvement. If there is any way that you can help with arranging/providing transportation for youth, or possible car-pooling, please do so.
- ☆ **Ownership** - Build youth ownership in your group by allowing them to help with planning and decision-making in all areas of interest, not just with "youth issues." Challenge them to new levels of commitment and leadership. If youth are confused about an issue, respond and guide them to the information they need.
- ☆ **Food and Fun!!** - If possible, try to have food or beverages at your gatherings. Above all, make your time together FUN!

Nebraska 4-H Volunteer Staff Screening

Just a reminder that all 4-H volunteers who work with youth must complete the 4-H Volunteer Screening Form. This form can be obtained at: <http://4h.unl.edu/pdf/4Hf104.pdf> or at the office.

All 4-H volunteers and staff must be screened for criminal behavior that UNL Extension determines, in its sole discretion, may present a risk to its participants. Failure to cooperate in such screening will disqualify any volunteer or staff member from service.

Misrepresentation of criminal history by any volunteer may disqualify the individual from the benefits offered by University of Nebraska—Lincoln through its liability insurance program. If you have not completed this form, please do so as soon as possible. Thanks!



ONEOK Energy Marketing

Many of you may have heard some recent ads on local radio station from ONEOK Energy. ONEOK Energy Marketing participates in the Choice Gas program in Nebraska - a program that allows homeowners, businesses, farmers and ranchers to choose their natural gas supplier each year.

This year, ONEOK Energy Marketing dedicated a specific amount to each county in their Nebraska service area and also they made an additional contribution based on the number of customers who chose ONEOK during the 2009 Choice Gas selection period last spring.

ONEOK Energy has made a contribution to both 4-H programs in Boone and Nance Counties. They will be repeating their efforts during the 2010 Choice Gas selection period.

4-H Achievement Wrap-Up

We still have a few items (record books, Cornhusker pictures) left in the offices for members and leaders to pick up. Please stop by to claim your materials soon.



Craig Frenzen (left), Nance County 4-H Council President, presents the 2009 Outstanding 4-H Supporter Award to Steve and Amy Shotkoski of Fullerton during the Nance County 4-H Achievement.



(r-l) Scott Gonsior, Jolene Andreasen, Mitch Lane and Rachel Olson, outgoing 4-H Council members, were recognized for their contributions to the 4-H youth program, by Nance County 4-H Council President, Craig Frenzen. Not pictured were Dana Peterson, Zach Czarnick and Karyn Wetovick.



Carol and Tony Kusek receive the 2009 Outstanding 4-H Supporter Award during the Boone County 4-H Achievement from Joel Travis, Boone County 4-H Council President.



Gale Carder (center) presents the 2009 Neil Carder All Around Livestock Exhibitor Award to Dustin Christo and Heidi Reinhart during the Boone County 4-H Achievement.

Special thanks to the planning committees who helped organize these events. If you did not attend, you missed out on great food, dessert and good friendship during the evening! You may have even missed out on seeing yourself in the special slide show!

Welcome New 4-H Council Members

Congratulations to the new members coming onto the Boone and Nance County 4-H Councils next year. Members newly or re-elected to serve include:

Boone

Kim Beierman	Chris Grundmayer
Bill Robinson	Ken Young

A special thanks to outgoing members - Karen Benes and Wayne Choat.

Nance

Matt Cunningham	Shelli Horacek
Jennifer Stanczyk	Ryan Sonderup
Penny Wetovick	

Youth - Nick Czarnick, Jamie Frenzen

Thank you outgoing members - Mitch Lane, Dana Peterson, Scott Gonsior, Karyn Wetovick, Jolene Andreasen, Rachel Olson and Zach Czarnick.

4-H Clover Kids Resources

The 4-H Cloverbuds Program is for youth between the ages of five - seven years old on January 1 of the current calendar year. This program is designed to be hands-on and noncompetitive.

Because 4-H Cloverbuds are developmentally different than the other 4-H'ers, it is often challenging to have a positive meeting experience for all ages of youth within a 4-H club. Extension staff have developed and designed easy-to-use, quick-reference worksheets for volunteers to use when working with the 4-H Cloverbuds Program.

The worksheets are based on information gathered from the various 4-H Clover Kids Curriculum that are available from your Extension Office and can be found in the "Nebraska 4-H Pick-A-Project".

4-H Cloverbuds Meeting Ideas

1. Aerospace 1
2. Bicycle Adventures
3. Create Your Corner
4. Exploring Animals
5. Family Celebrations Around the World
6. Just Outside the Door
7. Road to Good Cooking
8. Theatre Arts 1

As we begin the new 4-H program year, please take a look at these quick, easy and colorful resources available to you at: <http://dodge.unl.edu/4H/4hprojects/cloverbud.htm>

Aksarben Livestock Expo

Boone County livestock and horse exhibitors included Beau Bremer, Sklyer Weber and Eleanor Wagner.

Congratulations to all of these youth for their extra efforts!

Animal Science Overnight

UNL Animal Science is hosting the 6th Annual Animal Science Overnight on Nov. 19-20, inviting high school seniors to experience college life first hand. Seniors will experience a college class and tour Memorial Stadium. Contact the Extension Office for more details. Registration is due by November 11th.

2010 Camping Season

Dates for Junior 4-H Camp near Genoa are set for June 2-4. This camp is for youth, ages 8-12. More details will be coming in future newsletters.

We will soon have brochures available of the 2010 schedule for the state 4-H camps - Halsey, Gretna and Alma. These camps offer an opportunity for people of all ages.

4-H & FFA Market Beef Weigh Days

Four-H and FFA beef exhibitors who plan to attend county fair, State Fair, Aksarben, or the Norfolk Beef Expo must have their beef animals weighed and tagged. Two check-in days have been scheduled for beef exhibitors who reside in Boone or Nance County -

Sunday, January 31, Rick Wetovick Ranch,
Fullerton, 10 to noon

Sunday, February 7, Town & Country Vet Clinic
Working Facility, Albion, 1-3 p.m.

Four-H and FFA members should plan to take their beef animals to one of these sites to be processed. Exhibitors who show at county fair must also use one of these check-in days to identify their beef animal to be eligible for rate of gain and carcass contests.

Any exhibitor who plans to exhibit any market animal at Aksarben or the Nebraska State Fair must submit a DNA sample for nomination by the required deadline for the species.

Contact the Boone or Nance County Extension Offices for more information.

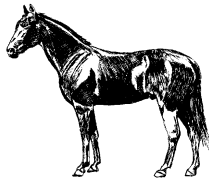
2010 Youth Animal Science Programs

PASE (Premier Animal Science Events) will be held on the UNL East Campus on June 28-29. During this time many livestock related contests will be held including quiz bowl, livestock judging, meats judging and livestock skillathon.

Livestock Skillathon & Quiz Bowl Meeting

There will be an organizational meeting for any youth interested in learning more about livestock judging, skillathon or quiz bowl on Sunday, November 15th starting at 2 p.m. at the Extension Office in Albion. All 4-Hers are invited to attend along with their parents. Please let Steve know if you cannot attend but are interested.

Horse Management Website



Check out the information about horse management at:

www.MyHorseUniversity.com

This series of presentations are free of charge and are very informative topics.



DID YOU KNOW?

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln offers a variety of unique campus visit options throughout the year. Are you looking for a small, personalized campus visit experience? If so, check out our daily campus visit option, now called "Husker Weekdays." Perhaps you would prefer to attend one of our all-day open house events? Either way, we look forward to hosting you on our campus. For more information or to schedule a visit, go to <http://admissions.unl.edu/visit>

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UPCOMING DATES



October

31 State Fair Auction

November

19-20 Animal Science Overnight, Lincoln

27-28 25th Annual Livestock Classic Steer & Heifer Show, Norfolk, Pre-entries due by Nov. 20

January

14 Nance County 4-H Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

25 Boone County 4-H Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

31 Nance County Market Beef Weigh-in, Fullerton, 10 a.m. to noon

February

7 Boone County Market Beef Weigh-in, Albion, 1-3 p.m.

16-21 Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic, Kearney

20 4-H Horse Stampede, Lincoln, entries due January 8

June

28-29 PASE/Life Challenge, Lincoln

July

12-15 State 4-H Horse Show, Grand Island

Until Next Month,

Steve Pritchard
Extension Educator

Sonya L. Glup
Extension Assistant

Boone County 4-H Council
Monday, October 5, 2009
Boone County Courthouse, Albion

President Joel Travis called the October Meeting of the Boone County 4-H Council to order at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, October 5, 2009. Those attending the meeting included: Karen Benes, Lynda Rasmussen, Dennis Nelson, Jane Prothman, Kim Beierman, Bonnie Wagner, Chris Grundmayer, Joel Travis, Alan Donelson (arrived at 8:13 p.m.) and staff members: Steve Pritchard and Sonya Glup. Absent members included: Hilary Maricle, Lori Warner and Wayne Choat.

The Secretary's Report was read and approved. Bills were submitted for a variety of activities. Approval to pay the outstanding bills was made by Benes and seconded by Rasmussen. Motion passed by a vote of the board. Discussion of certificate of deposit renewals also occurred. Renewal of cds will be left up to the discretion of Pritchard and Beierman.

Jr. Leader Report: Travis reported that Junior Leaders are willing to help out at the 4-H Achievement Party. No other information was available.

Unfinished Business:

4-H Council Ballot: Discussion again occurred about possible candidates for the 4-H Council ballot.

Names need to be confirmed by October 16th in order for the ballots to be printed.

4-H Achievement Party: The committee needs to be present at 1:15 p.m. on Sunday, October 18th to set up for the event. Travis will take charge of the welcome. Plaques are completed. The grill is reserved for us. Farm Credit donated plates, napkins, cups, and has made a \$100 donation towards the food. Games are taken care of.

Port-A-Coolers: They are in and the cost was \$2149 per cooler. They will be delivered soon and be stored in the 4-H building. They have a one-year warranty.

Horse Arena Painting Project: Thanks to all that showed up for the initial painting project. There are still issues with the sandblasting machine. Steve will contact everyone when the project will start up again.

New Business:

Leader Training/Workshop Topics/Ideas: It was suggested that a leader meeting be held in January to get the leaders prepared for the enrollment in February. There are many new curriculum areas to look at. Email ideas to the extension office.

Year End Financial Reports: We are waiting to hear from Lincoln about this year's reporting process.

Other Business: The CWF Trip is planning on going in 2010. June 15-24th are the tentative dates. There are quotes to three travel agencies to line up the trip. November 11th will be the initial payment date. Kids ages 14-18 can go on the trip. People interested in the trip should contact Sonya. Estimated cost is \$2000 with two days in New York, a day in Pennsylvania, and the remaining days in Washington, D.C.

Feedback is needed on pre-fair contests. Also contact Sonya about your thoughts.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

October 18th – Boone County Achievement Party

October 31st & November 1st – 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training, Beatrice

February 7th, 2010 – Market Beef Weigh In – 1-3 p.m. Vet Clinic, Albion

Next Meeting will take place on January 25, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

Beierman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Benes seconded the motion. Meeting ended at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Grundmayer
Secretary



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