

FILLMORE COUNTY 4-H

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UPCOMING EVENTS

April

- April 4: K-2 After School 4-H, 4:00-5:00, Ext Office
- April 10: Babysitting Clinic, Geneva, 9-3
- April 10: YQCA Training, Clay Center, 10:30
- April 10: Agronomy 101 Workshop, Clay Center, 1-2:30 pm
- April 14: K-2 After School 4-H, 2:30-3:30, Shickley
- April 18: 3-6 After School 4-H, 4:00-5:00, Ext Office
- April 21: K-2 After School 4-H, 2:20-3:30, Exeter
- April 27: Blueprint 4 Summer, 5:30-7:30, Geneva Library
- April 28: 3-6 After School 4-H, 2:30-3:30, Shickley
- April 28: Office Closed in honor of Arbor Day

May

- May 22: 4-H Speech/Presentation Contest, 6:00, Ext Office
- May 23: Market Sheep Weigh-In, 4-6pm
- May 25: Ag Safety Day, 8:30-1:30 pm, Fairgrounds
- May 29: Office Closed in honor of Memorial Day



Save the Date!

Speech, Presentation, and PSA contests will be held Monday, May 22 at 6 p.m. More information coming soon! **Register by calling the office at 402-759-3712 or emailing Holly at holly.ackland@unl.edu**

Babysitting Clinic

Join us on April 10th from 9-3 to learn more about babysitting and childcare from our Early Childhood Educator, Ingrid Lindal.

Sign up by April 5!

Cost: \$20, includes manual and babysitting kit





2023 STATE FAIR UPDATES

- **STATE 4H COMPETITION AGE CHANGE**

New this year! All members who are at least **9 years** of age on January 1st will be eligible to participate in 4-H in-person events (live animal shows, fashion shows, and contests) at the Nebraska State Fair. This does NOT apply to horse events.

- **NEW LIVESTOCK INFORMATION**

Starting in 2023, all livestock in contention to exhibit at the Nebraska State Fair will be required to submit a DNA nomination. This includes all 4-H and FFA breeding livestock, market livestock, and feeder calves. Any DNA nomination submitted through Show Stock Manager will also be eligible for exhibition at the Aksarben Stock Show. DNA nominations will be \$7.00 per animal. All animals will automatically be eligible for both breeding and market—no additional fees or double payments will be required. DNA nominations for the Nebraska State Fair are due on June 15, 2023.



4-H ENROLLMENT OPEN

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4-H Enrollment is open for 2023. All youth involved in 4-H must be enrolled by June 15th in order to participate in the County and State Fair this summer. There is an enrollment fee of \$10.00 per youth, \$20.00 per family. Re-enrolling families will use the same username (email) and password as before. For new families, go to the website and create a new profile.

For help enrolling go to fillmore.unl.edu and under the Fillmore County 4-H tab click on 4-H Enrollment. It will guide you to the University's step by step picture guide. For further information and help, call or stop by the office. 402-759-3712

2023 FAIR DATES:

JULY 5TH-10TH

Wednesday July 5:

Clean-up day, Static Check-in

Thursday July 6:

Livestock Entry, Poultry and Rabbit Show

Friday July 7:

Pancake Breakfast, Sheep/Goat Show, Culinary Challenge

Saturday July 8:

Horse Show, Swine Show, Talent Show, Fashion Review, Awards Night, Cake Auction

Sunday July 9:

Beef Show, Companion Animal Show

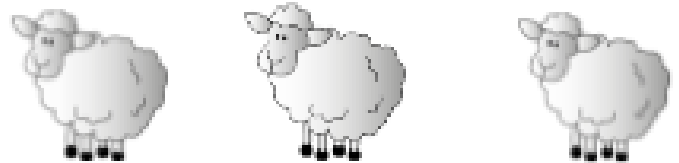
Monday July 10:

Release of exhibits, Round Robin, Picnic, Auction, Clean-up

July 20:

10 a.m. Dog Show

Nuckolls County Fairgrounds



Sheep Weigh-in

Annual market sheep weigh-in will be Tuesday, May 23rd from 4-6:00 p.m. at the Fillmore County Fairgrounds. Reminder: Sheep and Goats only require scrapie tags. No EID tags will be required for sheep and goats. A DNA sample must be taken from any animal going to State Fair. This info will be entered in and paid for by exhibitors online. All 4-H market sheep showing at county fair must weigh-in at an official weigh-in. DNA envelopes and online nominations for State Fair are due June 15th.

Hands-On Learning Opportunities

Spring 4-H After School Workshops

Open to ALL Youth

Free to attend

Geneva, Extension Office, 4:00-5:00:

K-2: April 4

3-6th: April 18

Shickley, School, 2:30-3:30:

K-2: April 14

3-6th: April 28

Exeter, School, 2:20-3:30:

K-2: April 21

Topics:

April: All About Gardening



Registration:

Scan QR Code or

Call the Office at 402-759-3712



Youth for the Quality Care of Animals



Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 21 with a focus on three core pillars: food safety, animal well-being, and character development. This training is **required** for all food producing animal or livestock project members.

Food producing and livestock projects include beef, sheep, swine, dairy cattle, dairy goat, meat goat, poultry and rabbit.

Members will go to www.yqca.org and log in using their 4HOnline login. Members must have an Active status with 4HOnline to be able to log in and complete the courses.

Face to face training that are available:

YQCA Training April 10th @ 10:30-Clay County Fairgrounds

Last F2F YQCA June 14th-Fillmore County Extension Office

Blueprint 4 Summer

We will be at the Geneva Library on April 27th from 5:30-7:00 to promote summer programming and answer any questions you may have for the upcoming summer!

Crochet Workshop

April 18 & 27

6:00-7:30



Clay County Fairgrounds

Join Rachel Brhel in a two-night series to learn the art of Crochet!! This is open to all youth and adults. 4-H membership is not required. She'll be covering the basics of crocheting and guiding attendees through making a crocheted bracelet and coaster. Attendees will learn the chain and single crochet stitches. The workshop fee is \$5 per person and covers the cost of the supplies, including a crochet hook, skein of yarn, and tapestry needle. Attendees are encouraged to keep the supplies to practice their crochet skills! A follow-up workshop to review skills learned will occur on April 27th. Attendees are asked to bring their crochet hook, skein of yarn, and tapestry needle for the follow-up workshop. When attendees are finished with their bracelet and coaster from the first workshop, and if there is enough interest, these workshops may be continued to crochet more projects like a scarf or hat.

Pre-registration is required by April 4th. Open to all youth and adults!! Call the Clay County Extension Office to register at 402-762-3644 or email Holli Alley at holli.alley@unl.edu

CULLINARY CHALLENGE

The 4-H Culinary Challenge Contest demonstrate healthy decision making through nutrition, food preparation, menu planning, and food safety. To showcase these skills, youth will create a menu, prepare a food item, and choose an appropriate theme for their occasion while expressing their food, nutrition, and food safety knowledge during a live interview with a judge at the contest. A challenge ingredient will be selected each year, highlighting a Nebraska commodity food product. **The 2023 challenge ingredient is sunflowers.**

Find more information at

<https://4hfairbook.unl.edu/fairbookview.php/contests/22>

The Fillmore County Culinary Challenge will take place on Friday, July 7th.





News from Nebraska 4-H



We're excited to offer a new 4-H horsemanship clinic series! Come learn with Carla Wenburg – an experienced horseman, clinician, and judge. These clinics will give youth an opportunity to work on horsemanship and training maneuvers – great practice for the State 4-H Horse Show! Registration fees must be sent by Friday, May 5. Register now at go.unl.edu/carlaclinics.



Set in the beautiful Pine Ridge region of Western Nebraska, Fort Robinson provides the ideal setting to enjoy one of the greatest outdoor experiences of a lifetime – horseback riding! Youth ages 8+ are invited to join us for the Fort Robinson 4-H Horse Camp from June 8-10 to enhance their expertise as horse enthusiasts, practice their horsemanship skills, and build a greater bond with their horses. For more information, visit go.unl.edu/4h-horse-camp.



Tractor and farm equipment safety courses are now open for registration! Teens ages 14- 15 who work on farms, or others who are interested in learning about tractor and farm equipment safety practices, can register for a safety training course offered at seven locations across Nebraska from May 22 through June 8. Learn more at go.unl.edu/2023tractorsafety.



Registration is now open for the 2023 4-H Youth Leadership Conference! High school students, ages 14-18, are invited to Camp Comeca in Cozad from June 19-21 to gain real-world leadership skills. The experience is open to all youth, not just 4-H members! Register by June 4 to claim your spot. Visit 4h.unl.edu/leadership-conference to get started



Looking to level up your livestock evaluation and oral reason skills? Make plans to attend this year's UNL Livestock Judging Camp on June 7-9 in Lincoln. Registration is \$300 and is due by Monday, May 22. Learn more at go.unl.edu/judging-camp. *SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE, contact Extension Office

The Great Plains Livestock Judging Circuit schedule is available at 4h.unl.edu/gpljc.



Reference Sheet for State Fair Livestock
<https://4h.unl.edu/livestock-id>

PROGRESSIVE AGRICULTURE

SAFETY DAY

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2023

8:30-1:30 P.M.

FILLMORE CO. FAIRGROUNDS
GENEVA, NE



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Fun-filled day for children currently in
1st-6th grades

Learning demonstrations and activities include topics such as:



Fire Safety with the Smoke-house trailer

Electrical Safety

Grain Safety

Farm Equipment

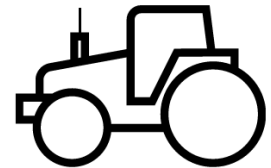
Firearm Safety

Bike Safety

Knife Safety

Burn Safety

Underground Utilities



Registration fee of \$5.00 due April 27th, includes lunch, snacks, T-shirt & take-home bag
(\$10 after April 28th but can't guarantee a t-shirt)

Checks payable to UNL, Fillmore Co. Extension 1340 G St., Geneva, NE 68361



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A Registration Form **MUST** be completed for youth to attend!
Available at Fillmore Co. Extension Office or fillmore.unl.edu

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in Farm Economics, Fortify Group & Fillmore County Emergency Management

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If you are in need of financial assistance, 4-H scholarships are available upon request.