Dawes County 4-H Newsletter

May 2022

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May 4: Clover Kid Afterschool K-2nd, Primary School, 4 pm
May 16: 4-H After Hours!, Extension Office, 5:30-7:30 pm

May 18: YQCA Training, Crawford, 2:30-4:30 pm
May 19: YQCA Training, Extension Office, 3-5 pm
May 20: Dawes Livestock Judging Contest, Fairgrounds, 9 am
May 23: YQCA Training, Extension Office, 10 am - 12 pm
May 23: 4-H 101 - June 15 Deadline Help, Extension Office, 5:30 pm
May 26: Wilderness Wonders 4-H Camp (3rd-5th), Camp Norwesca, 9 am - 5pm
May 27: Wilderness Wonders 4-H Camp (ages 5-7), Camp Norwesca, 9 am - 3 pm
May 31: 4-H Livestock Clinic, Fairgrounds
May 31: Sheep/Goat Weigh Ins, Chadron, 3-6 pm
June 3: Working Ranch Horse Clinic, Fairgrounds, 8:00 am
June 3: YQCA Training, Extension Office, 1-3 pm
June 6: District Horse in Chadron!
June 9-11: 4-H Horse Camp, Fort Robinson
July 29-August 6: 2022 Dawes County Fair!

Deadline Dates:
May 6: District Horse registration deadline
May 13: Wilderness Wonders Camp & Horse Camp registration deadline
May 25: Working Ranch Clinic & Livestock Clinic deadline
June 15: 4-H Enrollment, YQCA, Animal Affidavits deadline

Newsletter Tip!

You can click on any of the photos or flyers to make them bigger if they are hard to see!

Congratulations Graduates!

Dawes County 4-H CONGRATULATES all our graduating seniors. We are proud of what you have accomplished and know great things are in store for your future.

Jordan Bissonette • Jasmine Dyer • Garrett Ferguson • Jacey Garrett • Samantha Rozmiarek •Alyssa Snyder • Ryan Vahrenkamp

Dawes County 4-H is here to help!

We are offering a few opportunities to help ALL families be better prepared for the summer. See the flyers below for more information!

4-H After Hours - May 16
4-H 101 - June 15 Deadline Help - May 23
4-H 101 - July 1 Deadline Help - June 20
Prepare for the Fair Workday - July 11
4-H 101 - Fair Time Help - July 25

DAWES 4-H 101 HELP SERIES!

4-H 101 - JUNE 15 DEADLINE

MAY 23, 5:30 PM, EXTENSION OFFICE

SO THIS AND THIS IS DUE JUNE 15?! HOW DO I CONNECT 4-HONLINE PROJECTS TO THE FAIRBOOK CLASSES? COME TO THIS MEETING TO LEARN WHAT IS DUE JUNE 15 AND ASK ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

4-H 101 - JULY 1 DEADLINE

JUNE 20, 5:30 PM, EXTENSION OFFICE

I AM ENROLLED IN 4-H FOR COUNTY FAIR - NOW WHAT?! COME TO THIS MEETING TO HELP UNDERSTAND ALL THE FORMS THAT ARE DUE JULY 1

4-H 101 - FAIR TIME

JULY 25, 5:30 PM, FAIRGROUNDS

COME LISTEN TO EXTENSION STAFF, 4-H COUNCIL, AND SUPERINTENDENTS EXPLAIN WHAT TO EXPECT DURING FAIR, HOW TO FILL OUT LIVESTOCK SALE FORMS, AND MORE!

N EXTENSION

Nebraska Extension Dawes County
250 Main St., Suite 8 I Chadron, NE 69337
(308)432-3373

DAWES COUNTY 4-H OFFERS

Prepare for the Fair Workday

Not quite sure what supporting information is needed? Or maybe you just need a little extra help to finish your project. Bring unfinished projects or questions any time throughout the day. We will help as best we can!

July 11, 2022 | 10 AM-5PM
Fairgrounds

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250 Main St., Suite 8 I Chadron, NE 69337
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YQCA - Complete by June 15!

YQCA Platform has moved to https://yqcaprogram.org/. You can now sign up for in-person trainings on the platform. Tessa named the trainings "YQCA Dawes." You are required to sign up on the platform to get youth certificate.

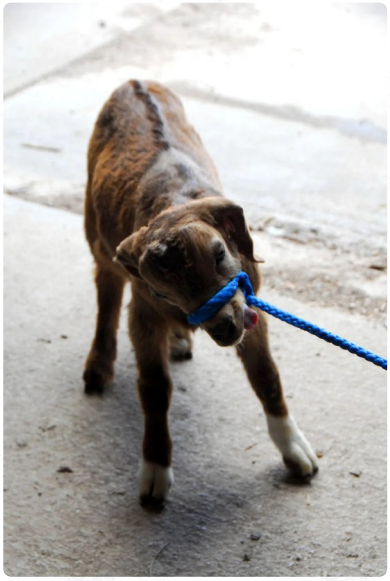
IN-PERSON TRAINING:
Tessa and Melissa are certified to teach face-to-face YQCA training. The training will include hands on activities and no paper test.
Dates face-to-face training will be offered:

- **May 18 - 2:30-4:30, Crawford Exact Location TBD**
- **May 19 - 3:00-5:00, Chadron Extension Office**
- **May 23 - 10:00-12:00, Chadron Extension Office**
- **June 3 - 1:00-3:00, Chadron Extension office**

There is limited number of spots for each session.

Nebraska 4-H requires all youth enrolled in livestock projects to complete annual quality assurance training through Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). Youth enrolled in any of following projects or project areas will need to complete YQCA training: **Beef, Dairy Cattle, Goat**, **Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep**, and **Swine.**

YQCA Help Document



Sheep & Goat Weigh Ins

Dawes County 4-H will have our Market Sheep & Market Goat weigh ins on Tuesday, May 31st, 3-6 pm at the Fairgrounds. All youth planning to exhibit a market sheep or goat animal at the Dawes County Fair must bring it to the weigh in to be tagged and identified. Youth planning to show at the Nebraska State Fair and Aksarben should let the office know as there are other requirements for showing (DNA).

Animal Affidavits & Animal Tags

Animal affidavits can be found in our office or they could be found online at: https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/northernpanhandle/animal-ownership-affidavits/ All animal affidavits (Except cat & dog vaccinations forms) are due by June 15. *New in 2022 - Companion Animals and Exotic Animals are required to turn in Animal Affidavits!

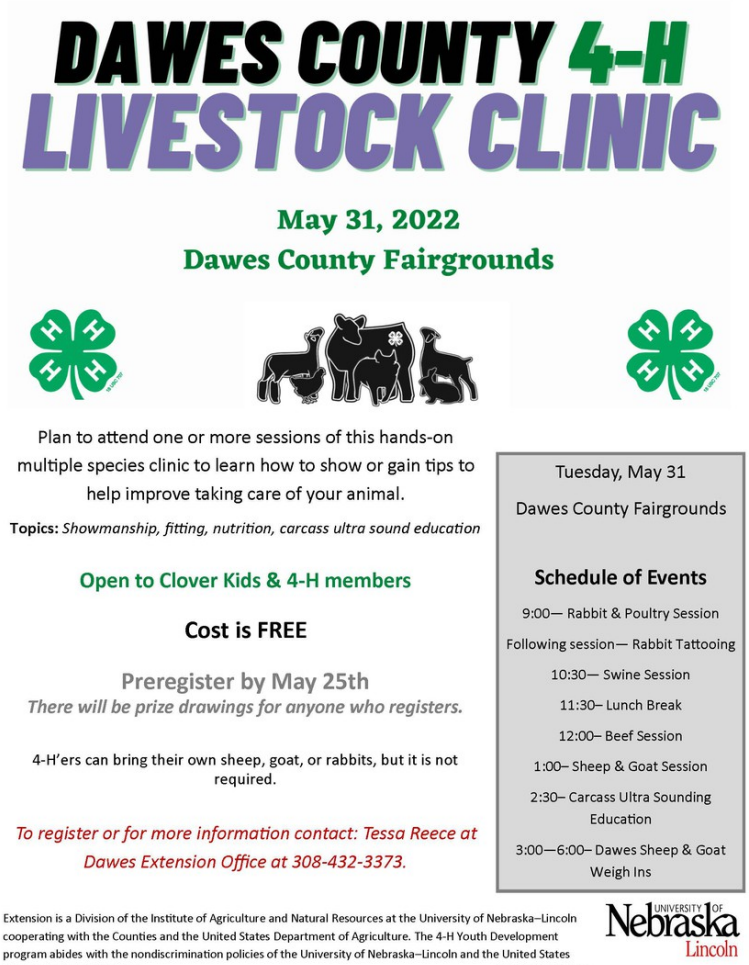
Don't forget the Extension Office has animal tags for swine, bucket calves, and stocker feeders!

Carcass Contest

Dawes County 4-H offers a Carcass Contest during county fair. Any 4-H'er with a market beef, swine, sheep, or goat will be eligible for the Carcass Contest. Market animals will be ultra-sounded at weigh ins during county fair. Results will be posted during county fair and youth have a chance to be awarded Grand Champion Carcass.

The 4-H Council will pay for an ultrasound for one market animal per 4-H'er if they attend the educational session about ultra-sounding provided by 4-H. If youth don't attend, 4-H Council will not pay. 4-H'ers are allowed to purchase as many ultrasounds at they would like at their own cost at $7.00/animal.

We will be offering the carcass educational session at the 4-H Livestock Clinic on May 31st at the Fairgrounds. See the flyer and schedule below.



YAY! - Summer Programs

We are SO EXCITED to share our summer programs with you! You can find the complete packet with all details here.

Things to keep in mind:

Youth do not have to be in 4-H to attend workshops.

Workshops are subject to cancellation if minimum participation is not reached; we will notify accordingly.

Most workshops have a maximum number of participants. All workshops fill on a first come, first serve basis.

DAWES COUNTY ROUNDUP - LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Who: Ages 8 & up
When: May 20, 9:00 am-2:00 pm
Where: Chadron Fairgrounds
Cost: $15
Register Deadline: Can register day of

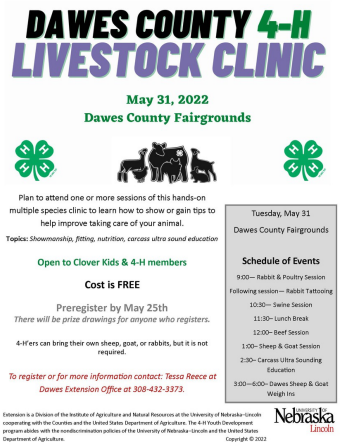
Wilderness Wonders 4-H Camp

Grow Your Spark at the 2022 4-H Wilderness Wonders Camp! On May 26, camp from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm will be offered for youth going into 3rd-5th grade. The camp is limited to 40 and will have a $40 fee. On May 27, camp from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm will be offered for youth ages 5-7. The camp is limited to 30 and will have a $30 fee. Youth will need to bring their swimming suits and towels to the May 27 camp.

Registrations are due by May 13. You may turn in your registrations to your local Extension Office or mail them to Box Butte Extension Office.

Wilderness Wonders Camp Registration Form

4-H Livestock Clinic



Come learn from multiple experts about showmanship, fitting, and nutrition. Plan to attend one or more sessions of this hands-on beef, sheep, goat, swine, rabbit, and poultry clinic.
Who: Ages 5 & up
When: May 31, 9:00 am
Where: Chadron Fairgrounds
Cost: FREE
Projects: Animal Showmanship
Register Deadline: May 25 for prize drawings or the day of

Working Ranch Horse Clinic

Come learn from Jayde Trump about the basics of working cattle safely and correctly with your horse! This clinic is designed to improve your horsemanship and stockmanship for both in the arena and out. Must have passed Level I and Level II to compete in working ranch at fair, but not for the clinic
Who: Ages 8 and up
When: June 3, 8:00 am
Where: Fairgrounds
Cost: $25
Projects: Horse
Register Deadline: May 25

Fort Robinson 4-H Horse Camp

The annual Fort Robinson Horse Camp will be held on June 9-11 at Fort Robinson. Participants enhance their horse skills through training sessions such as reined cow horse, pattern like a pro, moving in a whole new direction, if the tack fits and more! The fee for youth participants is $50 and $40 for an adult accompanying them. This fee includes a stall for Thursday night, meal for Friday night, Saturday breakfast, and a craft. Scholarship application, camp program, and registration can be found online or in our office.
Registration is due May 13th.

4-H Horse Camp Documents

Entomology Zoom Workshop

Get your summer a buzzing by attending the entomology workshop. Youth will create Pollinator Boxes that can be placed in their own backyards. 4-H Educator, Mike Eskelson will lead this workshop over zoom!

Who: Ages 8 & up
When: June 13, 9 to 11 am
Where: Extension Office
Cost: $15
Projects: H800005
Register Deadline: June 6

Dawes 4-H Progress Show

Who: Ages 5 & up (see rules for ages 5-7)
When: June 18, Show start 9:30 am
Where: Chadron Fairgrounds
Cost: $15 per head and $5 showmanship by June 6, $25/head and $10 showmanship after
Projects: Beef, Goat, & Sheep
Register Deadline: June 6 for cheaper cost but can register day of

4-H Progress Show Rules & Registration

Lovin' from the Oven

Grab your kitchen utensils and join us in the kitchen where you will learn how to make granola bars, muffins & brownies.

Who: Ages 8 & up
When: June 22, 10 am to 2 pm
Where: Fairgrounds
Cost: $5
Projects: Cooking 101 or Cooking 201
Register Deadline: June 17

Let's Get Back to our Roots!

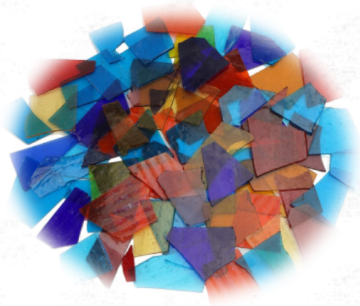
Join us for a gardening workshop learning about best gardening practices and what to do with your produce after you harvest.

Who: Ages 8 & up
When: June 24, 9 am to 3 pm
Where: Fairgrounds
Cost: FREE
Projects: Horticulture
Register Deadline: June 17

Range Judging Day Camp

Come learn about plant ID & Classification and work on a range project book! Great way to prepare for FFA contests and develop an exhibit for the 4-H Range Management Project.

Who: Ages 8 & up
When: June 28, 9:00 am—3:00 pm
Where: Chadron State College
Cost: $5
Projects: D330002 or D330005
Register Deadline: June 17
Items to Bring: Lunch



You Create It

Here's your chance to get THREE projects done in one day! Youth will complete a stained glass accessory, wooden flower display, and a SURPRISE!

Who: Ages 8 & up
When: June 29, 10 am to 4 pm
Where: Fairgrounds
Cost: $20
Projects: C221007, C257014, & TBA
Register Deadline: June 17
Items to Bring: Lunch

Clover Kid Day Camp

Join us for Clover Kid fun! Specifically designed for kids ages 5-7, this workshop will introduce your child to fun, friends, and 4-H. Youth will complete several projects that can be exhibited at fair.

Who: Clover Kids Ages 5-7 as of Jan. 1
When: July 7, 9 am to 12 pm
Where: Fairgrounds
Cost: $15
Projects: More info to come
Register Deadline: July 1

Candle Making Zoom Workshop

Use this workshop as an opportunity to start your own business while creating your very own scented candle. 4-H Assistant, Marie Nelson will lead this workshop over zoom!

Who: Ages 8 & up
When: July 7, 1 to 2 pm
Where: Extension Office
Cost: $10
Projects: F531004
Register Deadline: July 1

Sewing Workshop

Sew much fabric; sew little time! In this workshop for beginners, we will learn basic stitches, how to run a sewing machine, and then put it all together to create a tote bag.

Who: Ages 8 & up
When: July 12, 9 am to 12 pm
Where: Fairgrounds
Cost: $10
Projects: C221009
Register Deadline: July 1
Items to Bring: Sewing machine, Sewing notions, & sack lunch only if staying for afternoon workshop!

$40 Challenge!

Are you ready for a shopping challenge? Start by identifying colors that best complement your skin tone with “Show Me Your Colors," followed by learning how to budget. Then head to Walmart to find an outfit for only $40!

Who: Ages 8 & up

When: July 12, 1 to 4 pm
Where: Fairgrounds & Walmart
Cost: FREE but—Bring $40 for shopping spree!
Projects: Consumer Management
Register Deadline: July 1

Clover Kid Day Camp #2

Join us for Clover Kid fun round 2! Specifically designed for kids ages 5-7, this workshop will have different opportunities than the first workshop.

Who: Clover Kids Ages 5-7 as of Jan. 1
When: July 14, 1 to 4 pm
Where: Fairgrounds Cost: $10
Projects: More info to come
Register Deadline: July 1
Items to Bring: Towel

Electrify your Summer!

Electrify your summer at this fun workshop. Youth will work with simple circuits to create a lamp, bracelet, and so much more!

Who: Ages 8 & up
When: July 20, 9 am to 3 pm
Where: Fairgrounds
Cost: $15
Projects: C221010, H870003, & TBA
Register Deadline: July 1

Items to Bring: Lunch

Everything Fair! - Tough Enough to Wear Pink!

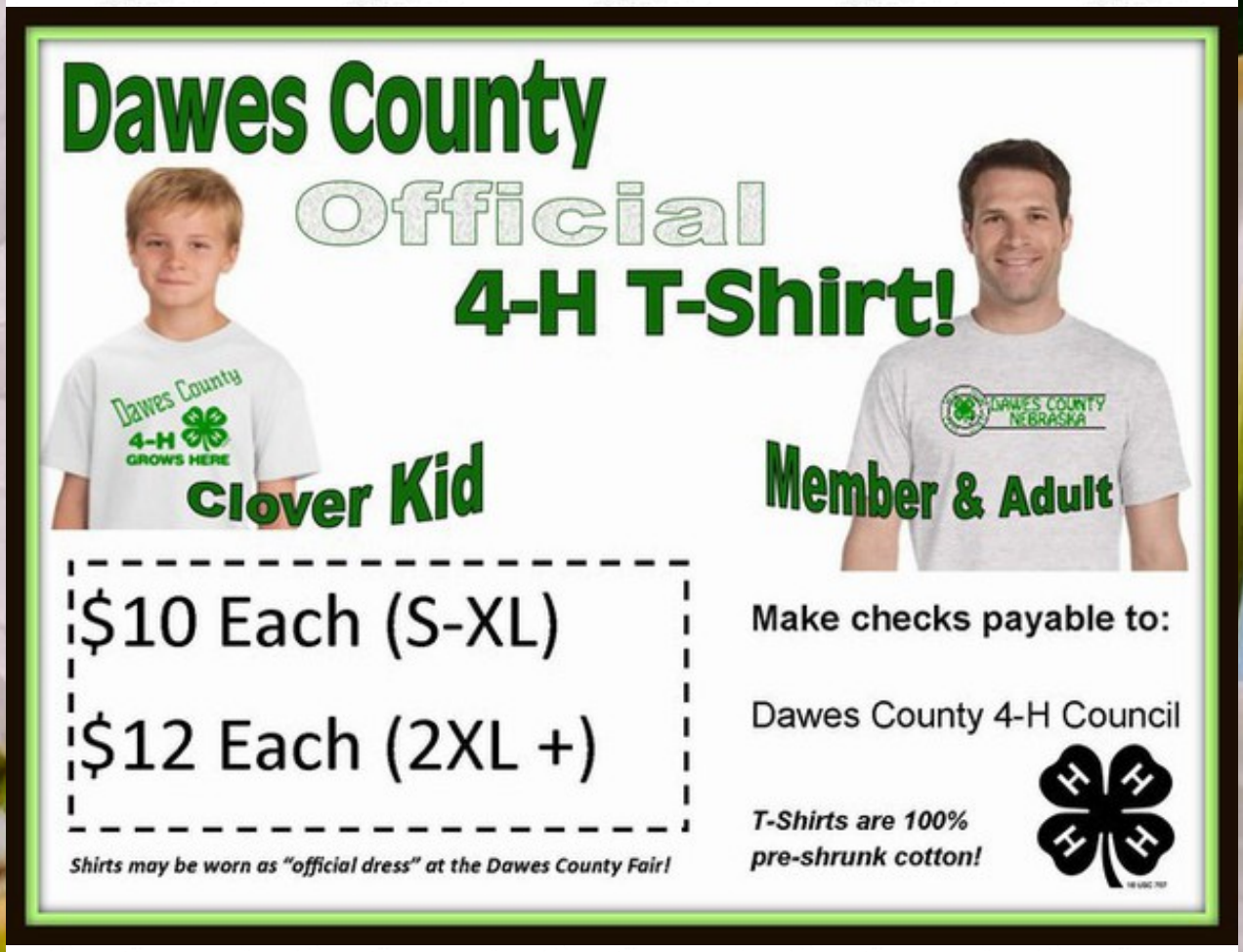
Fairbook

The Dawes County Fairbook will be available by May 13. The Fairbook is available now on our website at https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/northernpanhandle/2022-dawes-

county-fair/. We can also print you certain sections of the Fairbook

Schedule

The complete 2022 Fair Schedule is available at: https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/northernpanhandle/2022-dawes-county-fair/ or we have printed copies in the office.



Rabbit Tattooing

All new rabbits are required to get a tattoo. If your rabbit needs a tattoo, there will be rabbit tattooing at the Livestock Clinic around 9:30 am on Tuesday, May 31.

4-H Public Speaking Contest Results

Nebraska Extension Sheridan County hosted 4-H youth, families, and volunteers from Sheridan and Dawes County on Sunday, May 1 for the 2022 4-H Public Speaking Contest.

Box Butte and Sioux Counties also joined over zoom. Dawes County had 5 youth give speeches and 5 recorded Public Service Announcements. Sheridan County had 4 youth give speeches. Box Butte County had 5 youth give speeches. Sioux County had 1 youth give a speech. The speech topics were as diverse as the opportunities are in 4-H with all youth doing an outstanding job.

Results in the Public Speaking Division were (Dawes County):
Clover Kid (ages 5-7): **Wyatt Redden**, rainbow ribbon, “Pledge of Allegiance”.
Intermediate (ages 11-13): **Anabelle Vander May**, purple ribbon and Champion, “The Beef of It”; **Miranda Betson**, purple ribbon and Reserve Champion, “4-H Creates Career Opportunities”; **Garett Tollman**, purple ribbon, “LOG N Camp”.
Senior (ages 14-18): **Alexa Tollman**, blue ribbon and Champion, “Closing Time”.
Anabelle Vander May, Miranda Betson, and Garett Tollman also qualified for the State Public Speaking competition to be held on June 24, 2022 in Lincoln, NE.

Results in the Public Service Announcement Division were (Dawes County):
Junior: **Amelia Betson**, purple ribbon and Champion, “Opportunities Await!”; **Oakley Terrell**, purple ribbon and Reserve Champion, “Opportunities for All”.
Intermediate: **Kadence Fisher**, purple ribbon and Champion, “What Opportunities Will You Grab?”; **Roudy Schommer**, purple ribbon and Reserve Champion, "Say Ready to 4-H".
Senior: **Layne Davidson**, purple ribbon and Champion, “Adventures in 4-H”.
Amelia Betson, Oakley Terrell, Kadence Fisher, Roudy Schommer, and Layne Davidson PSAs qualified for state competition.

Dawes and Sheridan 4-H youth Public Speaking Contest participants
Back row (left to right): Larry Nelson, Garett Tollman, Alexa Tollman, and Roudy Schommer. Middle row (left to right): Anabelle Vander May and Willow Frink. Front row (left to right): Loy Nelson, Wyatt Redden, and Cedar Frink. (Not in the picture: Miranda Betson, Amelia Betson, Layne Davidson, Kadence Fisher, and Oakley Terrell.)

Clover Kid: Wyatt Redden

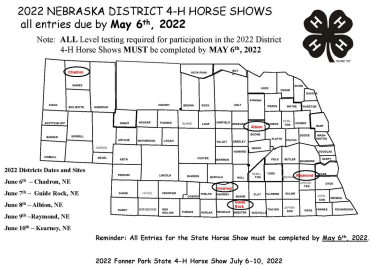
Senior Division: Alexa Tollman

Intermediate: Miranda Betson

Intermediate: Garett Tollman

Intermediate: Anabelle Vander May

4-H District Horse Shows - Deadline May 6!



Chadron is hosting a District Horse Show this year! 4-H'ers must have passed Horsemanship Advancement Level II by May 6 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. All entries are due by May 6th. Go to https://4h.unl.edu/state-horse-expo-district to learn about the entry procedure.

Online Horticulture Judging Contest

Do you know what it takes to pick the best fruit and vegetables out at the grocery store? Or do you know what judges are looking for when they judge your plants at the county fair? Have you ever wondered, what plant is that!?! We are excited to offer the opportunity to learn these and other important horticulture skills through the Online Horticulture Contest. The contest will be available June 3-20, 2022 at: https://go.unl.edu/online4hhortcontest

Horticulture judging contest consists of three parts. The first is identification of plant material. The second is a knowledge portion, usually in the form of a true/false or multiple choice quiz. The last portion is judging or placings.

More details at: https://4h.unl.edu/online-horticulture-judging-contest
More information about the Nebraska State contest can be found in the Fairbook https://4hfairbook.unl.edu/fairbookview.php/contests/45 .

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) - update

The controlled movement order that prohibits birds of any type at events including but not limited to fairs, expositions, swap meets, exotic sales and live bird auctions that NDA issued on March 26, 2022, that was set to expire on April 30, 2022, will now be extended through 11:59 p.m. on May 15, 2022. The order will be reevaluated again at that time. We will keep you updated on poultry at the county fair.

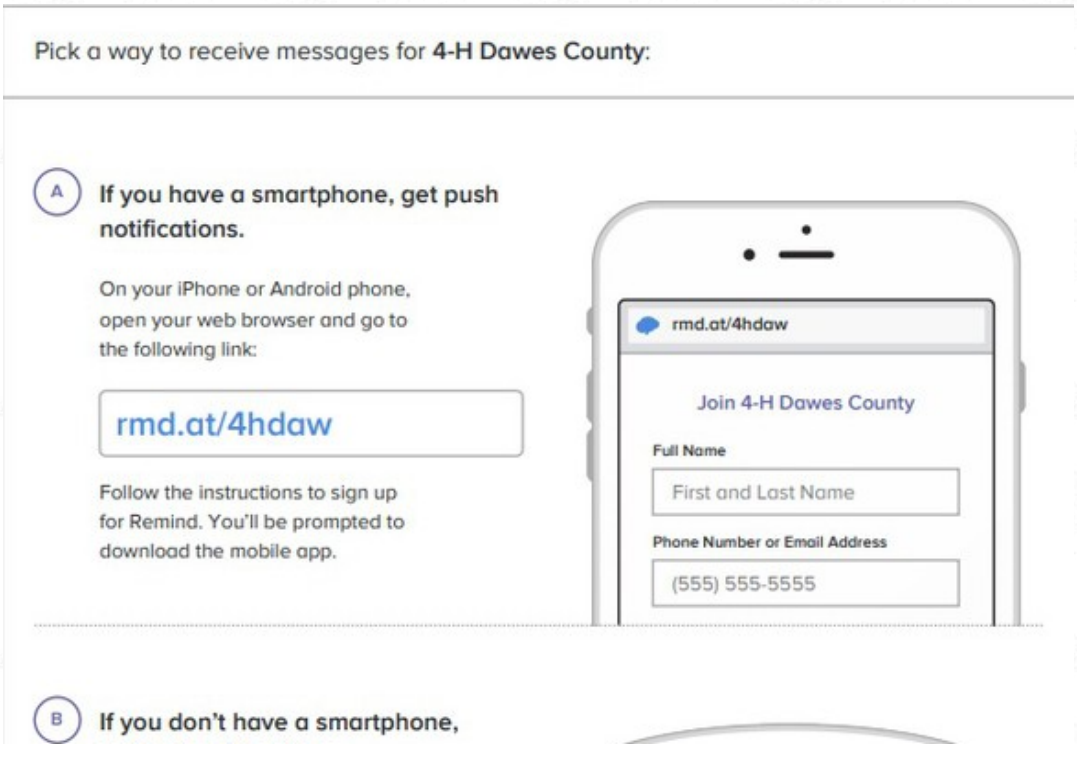
HPAI is a highly contagious virus that spreads easily among birds through nasal and eye secretions, as well as manure. The virus can be spread in various ways from flock to flock, including by wild birds, through contact with infected poultry, by equipment, and on the clothing and shoes of caretakers. Wild birds can carry the virus without becoming sick, while domesticated birds can become very sick.

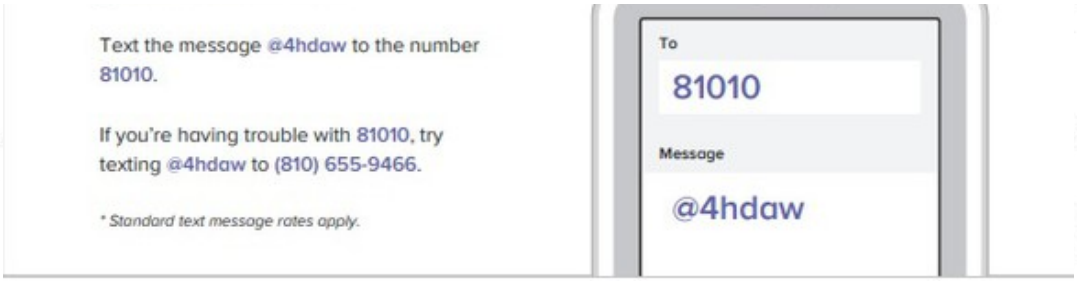
NDA is encouraging bird owners to prevent contact between their birds and wildlife and to practice strict biosecurity measures. More information for producers can be found at https://nda.nebraska.gov/animal/avian/index.html or http://healthybirds.aphis.usda.gov.

Livestock Opportunities - Newsletter by Panhandle 4-H

Click on the button below to see what showmanship clinics, progress shows, and livestock judging contests are coming up! The list is continually being updated and will have more information as we get closer to summer.

Livestock Opportunities Newsletter





Don't have a mobile phone? Go to rmd.at/4hdaw on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.

4-H Leadership

4-H Council:
President - Kayla Lien
Vice President - Adam Sellman
Secretary - Tami Dyer
Treasurer - Tami Tollman
Members at large: Ryan Sellman, Julie Schommer, & Kris Pyle
Youth Members: Jasmine Dyer, Hailey Lien, Morgan Schommer, & Grace Pyle
These people are YOUR voice! Please contact any of them if you have an idea for a new or existing event or activity, have concerns with the program, or just want to have input in the decision making process.

4-H Foundation:
President - Ryan Sellman
Vice President - Chris Garrett
Treasurer - Jan Soester
Secretary - Bill Cogdill
Members at large: Roy Lambert, Jeff Lien, and Kris Vahrenkamp
The 4-H Foundation monetarily supports Dawes County 4-H youth and adult volunteers as they travel outside our county borders to attend educational activities.

Extension Leadership

Dawes County Extension Board:
President - Justin Tollman
Vice President - Tony Denke
Secretary - Becky Bolze
Members at large: Shirley Sellman, Julie Downing, & Steph Turman

Local Extension Staff:
Tessa Reece - 4-H
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TBA - Office Manager
TBA - Food, Nutrition, & Health

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