



# Clay County 4-H

Clay County Extension Office (402-762-3644)

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**April 2025**

## **4-H Enrollment:**

**2025 Enrollment is open!**

**v2.4honline.com**

**Returning 4-H members-** Please log in using the same username and email as you have in the past.

**If you are new to 4-H,** begin with the website v2.4honline.com. You will then create a family profile, and proceed to enroll from there. Please save your password, as you will use this in the future to log in as well.

## **YQCA:**

YQCA is required for ALL 4-H aged youth who are going to show livestock at the County or State Fair. This includes Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goats, Poultry, Rabbit, and Dairy exhibitors. You can complete YQCA online! The link to do so is below.

YQCA must be completed, and have the certificate of completion turned in at the Extension office.

<https://yqcaprogram.org/>

In person YQCA class will be held **at 10:30am on April 21st** at the Clay County Fairgrounds.

Other opportunities for in person classes:

March 30th @ 1:30 pm at Fillmore County Fairgrounds

June 2nd at 1:30 at the Fillmore County Extension Office

## **State Fair livestock Exhibitors:**

If you are planning on showing livestock at the State fair DNA and Online Nominations will need to be completed by June 15th. The website for nominations is: [showstockmgr.com](http://showstockmgr.com)



## **Nebraska Livestock Judging Classic:**

29th Annual - Friday, June 13, 2025

The Nebraska Livestock Judging Classic (NLJC) is a regional livestock judging contest for youth. The NLJC is coordinated by Nebraska Extension in Buffalo County and the Nebraska Livestock Judging Classic Committee. The NLJC Committee works to increase the interest of youth in the livestock judging program and the livestock industry including beef, sheep, swine and goats.

More information on registration will be out in the upcoming month.

### **Livestock Achievement Program:**

This is an opportunity for youth enrolled livestock project, and is designed to promote all educational aspects of 4-H livestock projects including selection, production, leadership, and exhibition by recognizing youth striving to improve in their livestock project knowledge and leadership.

The program consists of three levels that require 4-H members to plan and report a broad range of age-appropriate and project-related accomplishments.

Applications/Sign up are due June 15th through the application form link. Plan and Reports, as well as Project Records will be due August 1 via the completion form on the unl website.

Youth completing the achievement program and receiving member of excellence recognition in the various species will be recognized during the Parade of Champions, 4-H weekend at the Nebraska State Fair.

For more information or to apply, go to: [Livestock Achievement Program | Nebraska 4-H \(unl.edu\)](https://unl.edu/livestock-achievement-program).

### **Summer Horse riding opportunity:**

Our new Horse project superintendent, Lindsey Hinrichs, is planning to ride weekly this summer at the fairgrounds and would like to extend the invite to you as well. If this is something you are interested in, please reach out to her for more details. Lindsey is also level test certified, so if you are new and needing to pass your levels, she can help you do that.

She is a great resource for anyone looking for more help with your ridding skills and practicing for the county fair!

Lindsey Hinrichs  
402-469-7965

### **Quilt Paper Piecing Workshop**

Learn the basics of piecing a quilt together. Youth will make a quilt block using scrapbooking paper. Project will be eligible to exhibit at this year's county fair! The Workshop will be Monday, April 21st from 1:00-2:30 at the fairgrounds.

Can't attend? Order a Grab and Go Kit to make the quilt pattern at home!

In-person Workshop Cost: \$10.00 Supplies include Cardstock, scrapbooking paper, picture frame and supplies to make another one at home.

Grab and Go Kit Cost: \$5 Supplies include Card stock, scrapbooking paper, and instructions.

**Pre-registration to the Extension Office is required by Monday, April 7th.**

### **Clay County Public speaking and Presentation Contest:**

When: Monday, May 19th

Where: Clay County Fairgrounds Activities building

Time: 6:00pm

### **Public Speaking and PSA Contest:**

Clay County's Public Speaking contest will be held May 19th at 6:00 PM at the Fairgrounds. Please let the extension office know if you plan on participating by May 19th! Current classes and guidelines are based on 4-H age as of January 1.

Clover Kid – under 2 min. in length. Does not need to be about 4-H. Can be speech, poem or story.

Novice - - ages 10 and under - having never competed in a speech contest before, can use a poem or story, under 3 minutes- the Novice division is COUNTY ONLY.

**Junior, Intermediate and Senior speeches must be an original speech relating to some aspect of 4-H.**

Junior – 4-H age 8-10 (2 - 3 minutes speech length)

Intermediate – 4-H age 11- 13 (3-5 minutes speech length)

Senior – 4-H age 14-18 (5-8 minutes speech length)

**Public Service Announcements (PSA) Contest Rules All Divisions:** · All PSA's are 60 seconds in length. · All PSA's will use the state theme as the basis for their PSA. The 2025 PSA theme **"Ready through 4-H.... and beyond"** · All radio PSA's must promote 4-H and be general enough to be used anywhere in Nebraska at any time of the year. · All 4-H PSA's must include the following tag line within the last ten seconds of the PSA: "Learn more about the Nebraska Extension 4-H Youth Development Program at 4h.unl.edu". The tag line is included in the 60 second time limit. · Sound effects and public domain music may be used. Copyrighted material may not be used. · All PSA's must be the original work of the presenter. Contestants may not use PSA's written and provided by the state or national staff. · No team PSA's are allowed. · Radio PSA's will be submitted electronically as mp3 format . (No CD's)

## **\*\*NEW Public Speaking contest for Clay County:**

### **Impromptu Speaking!**

This is new for Clay County, and is a current state contest! Please let the Extension Office know by May 9th if you plan to participate!

The Impromptu Speech competition gives youth the opportunity to write and present a speech around a 4-H-related topic that they select during the competition, where they are given 15 minutes to develop and prepare for their presentation. Judges evaluate the subject, organization, and delivery of the speech.

**Junior** Division (ages 8-10): 1 1/2 minutes

**Intermediate** Division (ages 11-13): 3 minutes

**Senior** Division (ages 14-18): 5 minutes

Only individuals may compete in this class; no team entries are allowed.

On the day of the contest, participants will have a topic randomly selected for them. Youth will have no more than 15 minutes to develop a speech on the selected topic. Participants will then deliver the speech to judges and audience members.

Example topic: My Day in 4-H

To learn more about this contest go to- <https://4h.unl.edu/statewide-events-opportunities/communication/pce/contests/#tab-impromptu-speech>

## **Illustrated Presentation Contest:**

The 2025 Clay County Presentation contest will take place on May 19th at the fairgrounds. This contest will take place with our Public Speaking Contest. Please let the Extension office know if you are planning on participating by May 9th.

An Illustrated Presentation is a live presentation with a formal talk where youth will use visual aids (such as props, posters, computer-based visuals, handouts, video, etc.) to show and tell others how to do something. The judge views the entire presentation and engages in a question-and-answer session following the presentation.

Individual - Junior Division: 3-5 minutes

Individual - Intermediate and Senior Divisions: 6-8 minutes

Team - Junior Division: 5-7 minutes

Team - Intermediate and Senior Divisions: 8-10 minutes

Participants will be penalized if their presentation exceeds the time limit

An Illustrated Presentation may be given by one (1) individual or a team of two (2) individuals. If team members are not in the same age division, they must compete in the age division of the oldest team member.

All presentation topics should be related to what the 4-H youth is learning through 4-H educational experiences. Presentations should include an introduction (the "why" portion of the topic), a body (the "show and tell" portion of the topic), and a conclusion/summary (the "what" portion of the topic).

Presenters using computer-based visuals may bring files on a USB drive that is PC formatted. Participants may also provide their own computer or other equipment as needed; however, participants must be able to connect their computers to an HDMI cord.

Live animals will not be able to be used in the presentation. Alternative ways of showing information about live animals (models, videos, photos, etc.) are encouraged.

## **\*\*New Presentation contest for Clay County**

### **Video communication!**

This is new for Clay County, and is a current state contest! Please let the Extension Office know by May 9th if you plan to participate!

The video communication contest allows youth to create a multi-media video around a theme related to 4-H. Judges will be evaluating on both the organization of information as well as the audio and video production.

Length: 60-90 seconds

Only individuals may compete in this class; no team entries are allowed.

Youth may use a phone, laptop, or tablet to create a multi-media piece around the 2025 Theme: **"Ready through 4-H...and beyond"**

Sound effects, public-domain music, and graphics can be used. Copyrighted materials may not be used.

Videos will be submitted electronically as MP4 files.

To learn more about this contest go to <https://4h.unl.edu/statewide-events-opportunities/communication/pce/contests/#tab-video-communication>

**Register Today!**

**HEAVY EQUIPMENT CAREER EXPLORATION**

**SESSIONS INCLUDE:**

- Navigate and drive virtual heavy equipment simulators
- Behind the wheel experience with a variety of Heavy Equipment Pieces
- Learn about the Hastings CCC Heavy Equipment Program
- Career panel
- Optional campus tours

**MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2025**  
CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE - HASTINGS

Registration open to students in 8th - 12th grade in fall of 2025

**Cost: \$35**  
**Registration Opens: March 1, 2025**  
**Registration Link:**  
<https://go.unl.edu/heavyequipment>  
**Registration Deadline: Friday, June 13 by 5 pm CT**  
**Contact Info:** Beth Janning  
ejanning2@unl.edu  
402-461-7209

**CHECK-IN: 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM**  
**LUNCH INCLUDED**  
**WRAP-UP: 4:30 PM**  
**OPTIONAL TOURS AVAILABLE AT 4:30**

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### **Heavy Equipment Career Exploration:**

Register today for the Heavy Equipment Career Exploration day set for Monday, June 23, 2025 at Central Community College -

Hastings Campus in Hastings, NE. Sessions include:

- \* Navigate and drive virtual heavy equipment simulators
- \* Behind the wheel experience with a variety of Heavy Equipment Pieces
- \* Learn about the Hastings CCC Heavy Equipment Program
- \* Career panel
- \* Optional campus tours

Check-in is from 9:30 am to 10:00 am. Lunch is included. The day ends at 4:30 pm with optional campus tours. Registration cost is \$35.00. Register at <https://go.unl.edu/heavyequipment>. Registration will close on Friday, June 13, 2025 at 5 pm or once all spots are filled.

### **Nebraska Agriculture Youth Institute (NAYI):**

The Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) has opened the application process for high school juniors and seniors interested in attending the Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute (NAYI). NAYI is one of Nebraska's biggest agriculture youth outreach events. The five-day program brings together students to network with ag leaders, learn more about the industry, and discover careers available in agriculture. NDA helps sponsor and coordinate NAYI every year. This year's theme is "Agriculture: It's in our Genes." NAYI will be held at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's East Campus July 7-11, 2025. Current high school juniors and seniors interested in attending must apply online at: [nda.nebraska.gov/nayi/](https://nda.nebraska.gov/nayi/) All applications must be submitted by the April 15, 2025, deadline. NDA selects students to attend NAYI based on their interest in agriculture, leadership skills and involvement.



### **Dairy Show:**

Clay County will be hosting the dairy show on June 21st at 10:00am at the Fairgrounds.

### **SAVE THE DATE for upcoming events:**

Crazy to think we are already almost upon another busy summer of 4-H events and activities! Below is a list of dates to get on your Calendars!

- June 6th- Project Palooza day
- June 11th- County Day Camp
- June 26th- Fashion Review and Favorite Foods contest

**Be on the lookout for more upcoming summer workshops!**

### **County Fair dates reminder:**

Reminder that the official fair dates are July 9-12th. \*\*New this year- Static Judging will take place on Tuesday July 8th!\*\*

Also- Reminder to Livestock exhibitors- the 2025 Livestock auction will be Premium ONLY! That means ALL animals will return home following fair. We are also going to include Broilers and Fryers this year.

### **Fair Theme:**

The 2025 Clay County Fair theme is "Blue Jeans & Country Dreams"



# Upcoming Opportunities and workshops:



## CLAY COUNTY CLOVER KIDS 4-H WORKSHOPS


**When:**  
 Jan. 27 – Heart Full of Me  
 Feb. 24 – Hands that Help, One Thing at a Time  
 Mar. 24 – Health on the Go: Snacks to make me Strong  
 April. 14 – Head in the Science, Bubbles in the Brain

**Where:** Clay County Fairgrounds Activities Building  
 701 N Martin  
 Clay Center, NE

**Time:** 5:30pm- 6:30pm  
**Cost:** FREE!

Workshops are open to ALL youth Ages 5-7 years old! You are welcome to attend all days or pick the ones that work for you.

Call the Clay County Extension Office to sign up for the workshops or scan the QR code! 402-762-3644




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PHELPS COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL



## 4-H SMALL ANIMAL PROGRESS SHOW

**PHELPS COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS**  
 1308 2ND ST, HOLDREGE NE

**SATURDAY JUNE 7**  
 Registration 8:30  
 Show 9:30

**Event Highlights**

- \$3 per Animal
- \$1 Showmanship
- Two concurrent Ring
- Showmanship Tips
- Rabbit and Poultry ID Contest
- Best Dressed Animal Contest
- Prizes for 4-H Age Exhibitors
- Clover Kids Welcome
- Concessions Available

**About Our Event!**

Pre-registration is not required. Companion Animal and Cat exhibitors are limited to four animals. Rabbit and Poultry are limited to ten animal exhibits in the shows. Show will follow guidelines as printed in the current Phelps-Gosper County Fair Premium Book. Equipment and Rabbits for sale. Concessions and Raffle By Lone Star 4-H Club

Contact us 308-995-4222 Rabbits - Poultry - Pocket Pets

Progressive Agriculture Fillmore County Fairgrounds Geneva, NE

## SAFETY DAY



A fun-filled day for children in 1st-6th grades (2024-25 school year)

**THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2025**  
 8:30 AM - 1:30 P.M.

**Learning demonstrations and activities include topics such as:**

- Drug Dog Demonstration
- Weather Safety
- Electrical Safety
- Lawn Mower Safety
- Online Safety
- Sun Safety
- Positive Mental Health
- Chemical Look-Alikes
- Ag Literacy: What happens on a farm/ranch?

Registration fee of \$5.00 due April 25, includes: lunch, snacks, T-shirt & take-home bag (\$10 after April 26th but can't guarantee a t-shirt)  
 \*Discounted scholarship registrations available upon request

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

A Registration Form MUST be completed for youth to attend! Available at Fillmore Co. Extension Office or [fillmore.unl.edu](http://fillmore.unl.edu)

Conducted by: Nebraska Extension, Fillmore Central, Exeter-Milligan-Friend & Shickley FFA, Fillmore Co. WIFE, & Fillmore Co. Emergency Management




**Contact Info:**

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## ANIMAL SCIENCE DISCOVER DAY

Calling all youth ages 8-18! Join our Youth Animal Science Program and engage with Animal Science faculty and educators. Gain hands-on experience, explore careers in the animal industry, and expand your knowledge in an exciting and interactive environment!

**May 28, 2025**  
 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. CT  
 NCTA Campus-Curtis, NE  
 Ag Education Center

- ✓ Mobile Beef Lab
- ✓ Livestock Evaluation
- ✓ Animal Nutrition
- ✓ Entrepreneurship
- ✓ Horse Care
- ✓ Meats

**Cost: \$20 includes lunch**  
**Register by May 22**  
**Late registrations \$30**

**Register at <https://cvent.me/5YwX7d>**

For more information contact Kimberly at [kimberly.cook@unl.edu](mailto:kimberly.cook@unl.edu)




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