



Clay County 4-H

Clay County Extension Office (402-762-3644)

clay.unl.edu

Late January/February 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.

Volunteer/Leader Enrollment:

4-H Leaders, volunteers, and Council members, you ALL will be required to complete volunteer screening this year. When you enroll make sure you complete all of the steps to complete the screening. If you do not complete these steps, you **WILL NOT** be approved to be a leader/volunteer. THIS IS A STATE REQUIREMENT. There is also the **Volunteer Orientation**. Please make sure you complete that as well!! If you have any questions please reach out to us. Also, if your birthday is not correct, email Cara your birthdate and she will get that changed. I encourage you to refer to this link as you are enrolling if you are a new leader! <https://4h.unl.edu/enroll/new-club-leader>

Leaders, Council members, and volunteers: You will also enroll at v2.4honline.com

A few questions I have gotten:

- Do I have to pay the fee for the screening that is required through Sterling Volunteers?
 - Yes, there is a fee for the screening you will need to pay. Luckily this background screening is NOT something that needs to be done every year.
- Can the Extension office get me enrolled?
 - No, we cannot just go in and enroll for you. You must log in and get enrolled and do the screenings.
- When do I have to have this completed by?
 - Returning Leaders/Volunteers need to have this completed **PRIOR** to March 15th, or before their first event with youth.

Council Members:

Thank you to Everyone who voted for our Council members!

Adult Council Members: Kris Althouse, Michelle Batterman, Rita Brhel, Dana Griess, Lynn Jasnoch, Amy Kathman, Angela Menke, Chris Moore, Sue Ochsner, Carrie Watson, Gary Rohrer, Kathy Sorensen, Jason Majors, Evan Sterkel, Jody Novak, and Jordan Hakanson.

Youth Council Members: Laurel Moore, Emily Brhel, Aniston Jasnoch

2025 Clay County Fair Theme:

Thank you to everyone that voted for a fair theme for 2025. The 2025 Clay County Fair theme is “ Blue Jeans & Country Dreams”

Clay County 4-H Shooting Sports:

Shooting Sports began the Week of January 20th. We have a great group of kids with LOTS of new families joining in on the fun! There will be an awards program and potluck held Sunday, March 2nd. Look for more details about awards program coming out later.

CWF Strawberry sales:

Clay County has 3 youth that are going on the CWF trip this summer! They are doing one last Strawberry fundraiser. If you are interested in Strawberries reach out to one of the kids going, or contact the Extension Office and we can help you as well. Orders are due NO later than Feb. 7th.

Special Garden project:

The 2025 Special Garden Project will focus on the Goldie Husk Cherry. This old-fashioned fruit from the tomato family has sweet berries inside golden husks. The fruits have many uses and can be eaten raw, dried, frozen, canned, or made into tasty treats like pies, desserts, or preserves. (I assure you the husk cherry is different than a groundcherry, which is a weed in Nebraska, that looks very similar, but isn't edible).

Let they Extension Office know if you would like seeds by January 31st!

Special Agronomy Project:

The special agronomy project youth will explore this year is sunflowers! There are two types of sunflower production in Nebraska. There are those grown for oil production, and those grown for human food consumption referred to as confectionery seeds. A portion of the oil seed production is used in the bird seed industry. Sunflowers are grown throughout the state of Nebraska with the greatest concentration in western Nebraska. The variety we will be growing is a high oleic hybrid. Its oil profile combined with a nice black seed color ensures multiple market options.

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 April 10th at the Clay County Fairgrounds.

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 of nominations is:
showstockmgr.com



Livestock Achievement Program:

This is a 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 \(unl.edu\)](http://Livestock Achievement Program | Nebraska 4-H (unl.edu))

Babysitting workshop:

The Building Better Babysitter workshop for youth ages 12-18 will be held Friday March 14th from 9:00am-3:00pm. Cost is \$20.00 Pre-register by March 3rd.

February Homeschool Workshops:

February 11th

9:00-10:15: Kindergarten-2nd grade – Learn parts of the corn plant

10:15-11:30: 3rd – 6th - Corn and Soybean by-products

11:30-12:30 – Middle School – Learning College Lingo

This is open to all Homeschool families! Call the office to pre-register

February is Nebraska 4-H Month:

Every year, Nebraska 4-H month brings thousands of young people, parents, volunteers, and alumni together to celebrate all the ways in which 4-H helps youth find a place where they belong. Across the state, Nebraska 4-H invites community members to celebrate.

February 6 – 4-H Spirit Day – wear your 4-H shirt to school

February 13 – Volunteer Appreciation Day

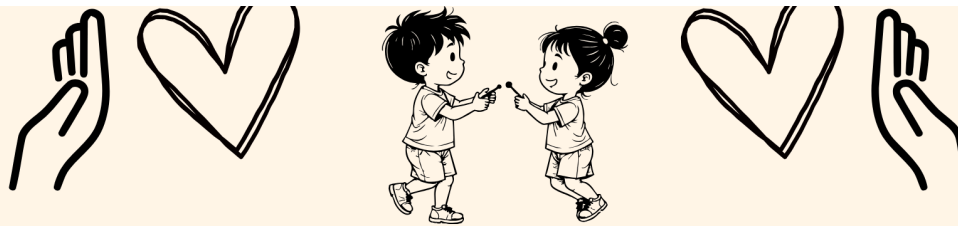
February 20 – 4-H Supporter Appreciation Day

February 27 – Give Back day

February 28 – “pop” into 4-H-Get Enrolled in 4-H Today!!



Clover Kids 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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Upcoming events:

January

27-Clover Kids workshop at the Fairgrounds @ 5:30 pm

February

All month- Nebraska 4-H Month

7- Strawberry orders due to the Extension Office

11-Homeschool workshop at the Fairgrounds

27-Clover Kids workshop at the Fairgrounds

@5:30pm

March

14- Building Better Babysitter Workshop at the Fairgrounds @ 9:00am

24- Clover Kids workshop at the Fairgrounds

@5:30pm

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