

Dawes County 4-H Newsletter

May 2024

Calendar of Events: 17



May 13: Dawes Co. 4-H Council Meeting, 6 pm @ Dawes Co.

Extension Office

May 17: YQCA, 9-11 AM @ Crawford Firehall

YQCA, 1-3 PM, Dawes Co. Extension Office

May 20: Babysitting Workshop, 8:30-4 pm @ Dawes Co.

Fairgrounds

May 22: Office Closed for Conference

May 23-24: Wilderness Wonders @ Camp Norwesca

May 27: Office Closed, Memorial Day

May 28: Livestock Clinic & Contest @ Box Butte Co. Fairgrounds

May 30: Livestock Clinic, 9 am @ Dawes Co. Fairgrounds

Sheep & Goat Weigh-Ins, 3-6 pm @ Dawes Co. Fairgrounds

June 3: Let's Become Life-Savers Workshop, 9-11 am @ Dawes Co. Fairgrounds

June 6-8: Ft. Robinson Horse Camp

June 10: Ready, Set, Bake Workshop, 9 am- Noon @ Dawes Co. Fairgrounds

The Bees Knees Clover Kid Workshop, 1-3pm @ Dawes Co. Fairgrounds

June 11: You Create It Workshop, 10am-4pm @ Dawes Co. Fairgrounds

June 12: Sew Much Fun with Morgan Workshop, 9am-2pm @ Dawes Co. Fairgrounds

June 13: Hooked on Fishing Workshop, 9am-2pm @ Chadron State Park

June 14: 4-H Enrollments, Fees, Affidavits, YQCA Due (Office Closed on the 15th)

June 15: Dawes Co. Progress Show

June 18: Stained Glass Workshop, 9am-3pm @ Dawes Co. Fairgrounds

June 19: Barn Quilt Workshop, 1-4pm @ Dawes Co. Fairgrounds

June 20: Fun on the Farm Clover Kids Workshop, 10am-Noon @ Dawes Co. Fairgrounds

June 24: Range Judging Day Camp, 9am-3pm @ CSC

June 26-27: Design Camp @ Camp Norwesca



July 1: FAIR ENTRY FORMS DUE!!

July 4-5: Office Closed, Independence Day & Vacations

Deadlines & Due Dates:

May 3: Wilderness Wonders Reg.

May 13: Babysitting Workshop Reg.- FULL

May 20: Livestock Clinic Reg., Let's Become Life-Savers Reg.

May 27: Ready, Set, Bake Workshop Reg.

June 3: The Bees Knees, You Create It, Sew Much Fun w/Morgan,

Hooked on Fishing, Stained Glass Creation, Barn Quilt, & Design

Camp Reg.

June 10: Fun on the Farm Reg.

June 14/15: Shirt Sizes Google Form, 4-H Online Enrollment, \$3 Enrollment Fee, Animal Affidavits

& YQCA Certifications Due to Extension Office!!! (Office Closed on the 15th)

June 17: Range Judging Day Camp Reg.

July 1: Fair Entry Forms, Pen/ Tie/ Tack Form, Carcass Contest Form & Camper Spot Entry Form

Due to Extension Office!!!





Thursday, July 25	8:30-9:30 AM Clothing/Sewing Check-in 9:00-9:30 AM Modeling Practice 9:00 AM-1:00 PM Constrution Judging 9:30 AM Modeling Judging 10 AM-11 AM FCS Life Challenge Contest 7 PM Fashion Show Public Welcome	Chadron High School
Friday, July 26	8:30 AM 4-H Cat Show (Check-in 7:30-8AM) 1:00 PM 4-H Dog Show (Check-in 7:30-8AM)	Dixie Eaton/Henkens Roberts
Saturday, July 27	7:30 AM All Horse Check-In 8 AM Horse Show 8 AM- 1PM Hippology Contest	Working Ranch & Performance Horse Show, Arena
Monday, July 29	8:30 AM Check-in Begins 9Am-1PM Static Judging 2-4PM Decorated Cakes Judging 5-7 PM Creative Chefs Silent Auction 5:30 PM Live Cake & Pie Auction	4-H Building Grandstands
Tuesday, July 30	8-830 AM Check In 8:30 AM Show Starts 11 AM Poultry Check In 1:30-3:30 PM Swine Weigh-ins 3:30-5:00 PM Goat & Sheep Weigh-Ins 5-6 PM Beef Weigh-Ins 4:30 PM Static Award Photos	Companion Animal, Exotic, Rabbit, Poultry (Shows run consecutively w/lunch break) North Vetter Building (Champions/State Fair)-4-H Bdg
Wednesday, July 31	8:30 AM Dairy Goat Show 10:00 AM Meat Goat Show 1-3 PM Bottle Lamb Interviews 3PM Swine Show	Vetter Building Show Barn Vetter Building
Thursday, Aug 1	8-10 AM Bucket Calf Interviews 8:30 AM Sheep Show 8:30 AM All Animal Livestock Sale Photos Following Sheep Show, Bottle Lamb Awards 11 AM Dairy Cattle Show, Beef Showmanship, Bucket Calf Awards, Breeding Beef, Stocker Feeders, Market Beef Show, Beef Sale Photos 5 PM 4-H Pizza Night	Vetter Building (Shows run consecutively)
Friday, Aug 2	9 AM Small Animal Round Robin 11 AM Large Animal Round Robin 4 PM 4-H Council Fundraiser- TBD 5-6 PM Livestock Buyers Social 6 PM Static Exhibit Silent Auction Closes 6 PM 4-H Small Animals Check-out	Vetter Building
Saturday, Aug 3	8 AM 4-H Exhibit Check-out, Animal Projects Released, Fairgrounds/ Stall Cleanup Everyone Should Help!	4-H Building

Market Sheep & Goat Weigh-Ins

Dawes County 4-H will have our Market Sheep & Goat weigh-ins on Thursday, May 30 from 3-6 pm at the Fairgrounds following the Livestock Clinic. Remember 4-H families- Market Sheep & Goats are required to have scrapies tags. The Dawes County Office does not carry any of these tags. Youth are expected to have these tags in at weigh-ins. Youth planning to show at the Nebraska State Fair and Aksarben should let the office know as there are other requirements for showing (DNA).



4-H Online Enrollment Due 6/15!

Steps to enroll in 4-H:

1. ENROLL on 4honline - https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in Enrollment will look a little different depending on if you're a new 4-H member or if you're a returning 4-H member. You can not

step by step instructions at https://4h.unl.edu/enroll

2. PAY FEES TO EXTENSION OFFICE TO BECOME ACTIVE Ages 5-7 as of Jan 1st 2024- FREE Ages 8-18 as of Jan 1st 2024- \$3.00 (office only accepts check or cash)

*Note - completing only ONE of these steps does not make a 4-H age youth active in 4-H. To be active, 4-H age youth have to complete BOTH 4-HOnline and pay enrollment dues.



Project Enrollment

Starting in the 2023-2024 program year, project selection is now optional. By successfully completing the 4-H member enrollment by the June 15th deadline, youth will be eligible to participate and exhibit in any project area, contest, county and state fairs. While project selection is optional, it is encouraged for youth to select projects they are interested in exploring. Please note:

- o Youth are only eligible to exhibit in a project area or contest in a single county.

 o Horse and shooting sports projects will continue to require project enrollment due to the parental consent required to participate in these projects.
- ***You should receive an email saying "Your enrollment has been approved, however payment is required" once you submit your enrollment. If you do not receive this email, your enrollment is NOT complete. There is a lot of clicking at the end- keep clicking © Once we receive your payment, you will receive another confirmation email.

YQCA-Due 6/15!

If youth ages 8-18 as of Jan 1 are showing beef, pigs, sheep or goats (this includes breeding, bucket calves and feeder calves), dairy cattle, dairy goats, poultry and/or rabbits at County fair, state fair, AKSARBEN or other shows, they need to complete the YQCA Certification.

There are 3 ways to complete this certification:

- 1. Youth can complete an online course. This course has 3 sections and youth must complete a quiz in each of the sections and pass with an 80% or better. If youth do not get at least an 80% they are locked out for an hour and should review material. This course also has a fee of \$12 that must be paid online.
- 2. Youth can attend an Instructor Led Session put on by the Extension Office. Youth will attend in-person and actively participate through the 60 minute PowerPoint, as well as some hands on activities at the end. This session has a fee of \$3 that must be paid online through the YQCA Website. We also ask that you pre-register through the YQCA website so we can make we have enough supplies for the hands on activities.
- 3. Youth could complete the Test Out option online at the Intermediate or Senior Level. These courses cost \$36 & \$48 respectively.

Please visit: https://yqcaprogram.org/ for more information, get registered and pay fees for the inperson course, or take the online course.



Dates for Instructor Led Trainings: May 17, 9-11, Crawford Firehall May 17, 1-3, Dawes County Extension Office

Deadline to complete YQCA is June 15th! YQCA Certificates need to be sent (<u>kmunger2@unl.edu</u>) or turned in to the office.

Once youth have attended their YQCA in-person test, there's a short, survey-like "post test" they will need to complete in order to print their certificate.

Animal Affidavits-Due 6/15!

Animal affidavits can be picked up at our office or they can be found online at:

https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/northernpanhandle/animal-ownership-affidavits/ All animal affidavits (except cat & dog vaccination forms) are due by June 15th. We also need Swine photos turned in with their affidavits. (1 full body photo, 1 showing tag)

Photos can be emailed to <a href="mailed-email

**New in 2022- Companion Animals & Exotic Animals are required to turn in Animal Affidavits!

Animal Ownership Affidavits

Animal Ownership Affidavit Forms Horse Breeding Beef Breeding Doe Goat

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Fair Forms-Due 7/1

- Static Entry Form
- Livestock Entry Form
- Clover Kid Entry Form
- Pen & Tie Form
- Carcass Contest Form
- Fashion Show Narration Form

Dawes County Fair Camper Reservations - Due 7/1!

The Dawes County Ag Society and Extension Office are continuing the camper spot guidelines from 2023, again in 2024. Please read the guidelines fully. The guidelines are attached and are also available on our website at:

https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/northernnanhandle/Dawes County 4-

H/Fair_Info/Dawes%20County%20Ag%20Society%20County%20Fair %20Camper%20Guidelines_Signed%202023.pdf The Ag Society only has 7 available hookups this year. Interest in 1 of the 7 camper hookups is due by July 1st. A drawing will be completed after July 1st.



Families interested in obtaining a camper spot must call or inform

the Dawes County Extension Office by July 1st of the current year. When calling the Extension Office, please share name and phone number. The Dawes County Ag Society is asking families to only call if you live 15+ miles away from the Fairgrounds. The Dawes County Extension Office will confirm that families live 15+ miles away from the Fairgrounds. After July 1st, the Dawes County Extension Office will put all names into a drawing. The first seven families drawn will receive a camper hookup spot. Families will receive a phone call if they receive a spot.

The fee for the camper hookup spot will be \$25 per day. If you receive a camper hookup, you are expected to stay the entire week. Keep in mind if a camper is put in place weeks before the county fair, families will be charged \$25 for each day. Families will have to pay before getting the box unlocked. The Dawes County 4-H Assistant, Kylin, will handle the unlocking. You may call her at the Extension Office (308)432-3373 to set up a time.

Checks are payable to the Dawes County Agricultural Society. Please understand that the Dawes County Ag Society and Dawes County Extension Office are trying to make the camper spot process fair and organized for everyone.

New Fair Shirts, Sizes Due-6/15!

Farm Credit Services of America has graciously offered to sponsor our 4-H T-Shirts for fair. Please fill out this form for each enrolled youth member that you have in your family by June 15th so we can get new shirts ordered. Each youth will receive 1 new shirt for free. Additional shirts will be available for purchase.

**Previous Dawes County 4-H official t-shirts may be worn. Horse show dress code still applies.

Youth Shirt Size Form











Congratulations to our 2024 Graduates-

Kobe Bissonette, Kenli Boeselager, Chase Brunsch, John Fisher, Gunnar Lans, Jorja Pieper, Grace Pyle, Lauren Rasmussen, Morgan Schommer, Gabriel Tidyman, Alexa Tollman



Fair Sponsorships Available

We currently have sponsorships available for fair. If you would like to sponsor any of these awards, please contact Kylin at kmunger2@unl.edu or call (308)432-3373. Champion Awards are \$30, Reserve Champion Awards are \$15 and Buckles are \$100.

Available Awards:

- Champion Creative Clothing- Senior
- Champion FCS Challenge- Junior
- Champion FCS Challenge- Senior
- Champion Consumer & Family Science- Senior
- Overall Healthy Lifestyles Champion
- Champion Communication & Expressive Arts- Junior
- Champion Sheep Carcass
- Champion Beef Carcass
- Champion Rate of Gain-Steer
- Champion Ranch Horse Reining-Intermediate
- Champion Ranch Horse Reining-Junior
- Champion All Around Horse- Senior (Buckle)
- Champion Dawes County Special- Senior
- Champion Ranch Horse Western Please-Intermediate
- Reserve All Around Horse-Intermediate
- Grand Champion Exotic Animal
- Reserve Champion Exotic Animal
- Champion Dog Showmanship-Intermediate
- Grand Champion Cat
- Grand Champion Companion Animal
- Champion Achievement Application- Senior

ISO: Workshop Help!

We are looking for help for a few of our summer workshops!

• Hooked on Fishing Workshop (June 13) - If any adults or youth ages 14 and up are passionate about fishing, Kylin would appreciate the help. The workshop will be held at Chadron State Park from 9 am - 2 pm.

• Clover Kid Workshops (June 10 & 20) - Kylin is needing youth ages 11 and up or adults to help at the Clover Kid workshops. Volunteering at a workshop is a great addition to your 4-H Achievement Applications.

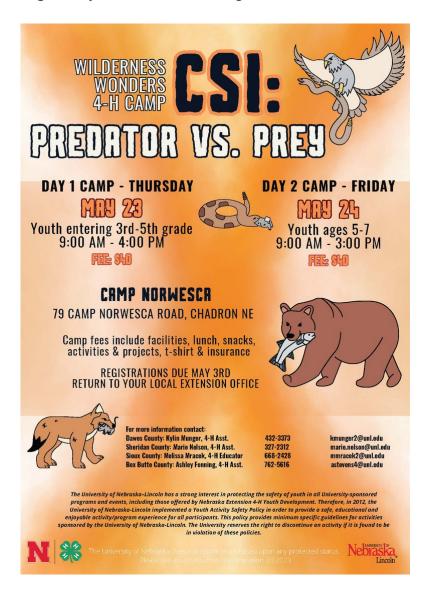
Please let Kylin know by June 3rd if you can help with any of these workshops!

Summer Programs 2024 🥮

Below are just a few of our Summer Workshops we will be having!

- Youth do not have to be enrolled in 4-H to attend workshops
- Workshops are subject to cancellation if minimum participation is not reached
- Most workshops have a maximum number of participants. These workshops fill on a first come, first serve basis.

Wilderness Wonders, N. Panhandle Livestock Judging, Ft. Robinson Horse Camp, Dawes Co. Progress Show, & Design Camp all have their own registration forms



Wilderness Wonders Registrations are due May 3!! We must have the payment and form to register.

Mark your calendars for the Dawes County 4-H Progress Show on June 15! This is great practice for showing at fair!







Dawes County 4-H Progress Show Swine, Sheep, Goat, & Beef Saturday, June 15th, 2024

Dawes County Fairgrounds, Chadron, NE

Brought to you by Dawes County 4-H Council & Local Sponsors

**** CHECK IN & WEIGH IN FROM 7-8:30 AM. SHOW TO START PROMPTLY AT 9:30 AM ****************************

Cash Awards Presented to Top 2 Places

Market Swine: (\$300 and \$200)

♦ Overall Market Swine ♦ Reserve Market Swine

Market Sheep: (\$300 and \$200)

Overall Market Sheep ◆ Reserve Market Sheep

Market Goat: (\$300 and \$200)

♦ Overall Market Goat ♦ Reserve Market Goat

Market Beef: (\$300 and \$200)

♦ Overall Market Beef ♦ Reserve Market Beef

Breeding Beef: (\$150 & \$75)

♦ Supreme Heifer ♦ Reserve Heifer

Breeding Goat: (\$150 & \$75)

♦ Overall Breeding Goat ◆ Reserve Breeding Goat

Breeding Sheep: (\$150 & \$75)

♦ Overall Breeding Sheep ♦ Reserve Breeding Sheep

Show Order

Swine, Sheep, Goat, Beef

(Breeding (sheep, goat, beef only), Market, Showmanship)

Entry Fees:

- \$20/head by June 7 OR \$25/head after June 7
- Showmanship \$5 by June 7 OR \$10.00 after June 7
- Senior 14-18; Int. 11-13; Jr. 8-10
- ◆ Clover Kid Showmanship (ages 5-7) FREE Non-Competitive Animals under 350 lbs.

Contact information:
Ryan Sellman *text only 308-430-3634 Ryan Sellman *text only

Dawes Co Extension Office 308-432-3373

*Rules & Regulations next page

4-H Progress Show Committee:



Entry forms available online at: Tollman & Kendall Sellman

Ryan Sellman, Jake Tollman, Alexa

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Progress Show Registration

Area Progress Shows:

Panhandle Progress Show Flyer 2024 - updated.pdf

Box Butte County

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393.2 KB

698.9 KB





Be ready for an emergency wherever you are! Join FNH Educator, Ashley Ahrens & build a first- aid kit! Sponsored in part by Chadron Volunteer

Fire Department Who: Ages 8+

When: June 3, 2024
Where: Dawes County

Fairgrounds Cost: \$10

Projects: E440001 Register By: 5/20



Ready, Set, Bake!

Do you like to bake? Come put on your chef's hat with Food, Nutrition & Health Educator, Ashley Ahrens! Youth will be making pretzels, quick bread & a sweet treat!

Who: Ages 8+

When: June 10, 2024 Where: Dawes County

Fairgrounds

Cost: \$15

Projects: E4100001, E411003

Register By: 5/27



You Create It!- Just a few spots left!!

Youth can complete 3 projects in 1 day! They will create a flower box, customize their own clock & make a lantern!

Who: Ages 8+

When: June 11, 2024 Where: Dawes County

Fairgrounds
Cost: \$30

Projects: C257013, C257015,

C257025

Register By: 6/3







Dawes County will be holding a livestock clinic on May 30th! Register by 5/20 to be entered in prize drawings!

North Panhandle Livestock Judging Clinic & Contest

Box Butte County will be hosting the North Panhandle Livestock Judging Contest this year. Come join us on our 50th year of <u>Horse Camp</u> at Ft.
Robinson!



Hooked on Fishing

For our 2nd year, we are partnering with Nebraska Game & Parks to offer a fishing workshop!

Who: Ages 10+

When: June 13, 2024

Where: Chadron State Park

Cost: \$20

Projects: #340007 Register By: 6/3



Clover Kids

We are offering 2 Clover Kids Workshops this year!

Who: Ages 5-7

When: June 10 & June 20

Where: Dawes County

Fairgrounds
Cost:\$20/each



Design Camp

Come stay overnight with us at Camp Norwesca and sew your hearts out! On June 26-27 we will be holding a Design Camp! We will be creating 4 projects to be entered in fair. This workshop is for ages 10-14. Males attending will need to bring an overnight counselor. The cost is \$120 and includes meals, lodging and sewing supplies. For more information, view the attachment below. Please fill out the registration form w/ payment by June 3rd.



Sew Much Fun with Morgan!

Dawes County 4-H'er, Morgan Schommer is teaching youth how to sew a pot holder, tote bag & create an embellished garment! Please bring a sack lunch, sewing machine (if possible) & sewing notions.

Who: Ages 8+

When: June 12, 2024 Where: Dawes County

Fairgrounds **Cost:** \$15

Projects: C211913. C211909.

C221003



Range Judging Day Camp at CSC

We will once again be partnering with Chadron State College to host a Range Judging Day Camp

Who: Ages 8+

When: June 24, 2024 Where: CSC Rangeland

Cost: \$10

Projects: D330101



Barn Quilts with Artistic Innovations NE- Adults Welcome!

Come learn the history behind Barn Quilts while crafting your very own!

Who: Ages 9+ (9 year olds

must have an adult)
When: June 19, 2024
Where: Dawes County

Fairgrounds

Cost: \$30 (4-H member) \$65

(non-member) **Projects:** C229021

Summer Programs 2024 Flyer

Online Registration

4-H Happenings



YQCA

A group of Dawes County youth attended YQCA training on April 12. If you attended, don't forget to get us your certificate!



YQCA

Youth participated in many different activities to help them learn about how disease spreads among animals



YQCA

Youth had to figure out where to give their animals a vaccine by using animal sounds.



Highland Huddlers Club Demonstrations

Clover Kid, Violet shows how to do a handstand!



Highland Huddlers Club Demonstrations

Lily reveals a chemical reaction



Kiwanis Donation- Thank you!

Kiwanis' Egg Your Yard event resulted in some extra funds that we were able to donate back to different clubs in our community.

Chantel Merchen is presented Dawes County 4-H with a \$200 donation as a result. Thank you to Kiwanis for your donation!!



Embryology With 2nd Grade!

Melissa & Kylin recently just finished up 2nd Grade Embryology at Chadron Primary!



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North Panhandle Communications Contest Results

Congratulations to all who participated!

Garett Tollman- Grand Champion, Senior Division, Purple
Miranda Betson- Reserve Champion, Senior Division, Purple
Amelia Betson- Grand Champion, Intermediate Division, Purple
Wyatt Redden- Clover Kids Participation Ribbon
Jarett Redden-Clover Kids Participation Ribbon
Cody Penaluna- Champion PSA, Senior Division, Blue
Oakley Terrell- Champion PSA, Intermediate Division, Purple
Levi Penaluna- Reserve Champion PSA, Intermediate Division, Blue
Rhett Lesmeister- Champion PSA, Junior Division, Purple

Selected for State Premier Communications Contest: Julia Nicholson, Garett Tollman, Miranda Betson, Amelia Betson, Oakley Terrell & Rhett Lesmeister



Speech Contest

Julia Nicholson received a purple and was selected as Intermediate Champion in the Illustrated Presentation Contest



Speech Contest

Garett Tollman was selected as Grand Champion in the Senior Division



Speech Contest

Amelia Betson received Grand Champion in the Intermediate Division

State 4-H Shooting Sports Results- Great Job!

BB Gun

8 Year Olds:

• Benjamin Eaton- 8th Place

9-10 Year Olds:

- Max Lindsey- 12th Place
- Luke Bruns- 45th Place

11-12 Year Olds:

- Daniel Bronson- 11th Place
- Pheobe Meredith- 28th Place
- Nathan Pearson- 34th Place

13-15 Year Olds:

· Kadanca Fisher- 19th Dlace

Precision Air Rifle

11-12 Year Olds:

• Daniel Bronson- 5th Place

Sporter Air Rifle

8-10 Year Olds:

- Max Lindsey- 3rd Place
- Luke Bruns- 6th Place

11-12 Year Olds:

- Daniel Bronson- 6th Place
- Nathan Pearson- 14th Place

13-14 Year Olds:

• Kadence Fisher- 13th Place

Dawes County's Outstanding Volunteer!

Congratulations, Julie!

Dawes County's, Julie Schommer, has received the Outstanding Adult Volunteer Award. These awards recognize current volunteers who have served more than four years in their local 4-H community. 1 individual is recognized for each Nebraska Extension Engagement Zone.

Thank you for your contributions to the Dawes County 4-H Program, Julie!



Women in Ag Scholarships



2024 Nebraska Women in Agriculture Scholarship Recipient

Alexa Tollman was selected as a 2024 NE WIA Conference Scholarship Recipient!



2024 Nebraska Women in Agriculture Scholarship Recipient

Jadyn Tidyman was selected as a 2024 NE WIA Conference Scholarship Recipient!



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