

# Dawes County 4-H Newsletter

April 2024



## Calendar of Events:

April 6: Panhandle Best Shooting Competition, Chadron

April 12: YQCA @ Dawes Co. Extension Office, 2-4 pm

April 13: Jr. Leader Meeting, 3 pm @ Dawes Co. Extension Office

April 14: Public Speaking Contest, 1 pm @ Performing Arts Center, Alliance

April 19: Service Project Workshop, 2-4 pm @ Dawes Co. Fairgrounds

April 26: Office Closed

April 28: Youth-Led Volunteer Training, 1 pm @ Dawes Co. Extension Office

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

May 17: YQCA @ Dawes Co. Extension Office 1-3 pm

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

Fairgrounds

May 22: Office Closed

May 23-24: Wilderness Wonders

May 27: Office Closed

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

May 30: Sheep & Goat Weigh-Ins, 3-6 pm @ Dawes Co. Fairgrounds

June 3: Let's Become Life-Savers Workshop @ Dawes Co.

Fairgrounds

June 15: Progress Show

July 4-5: Office Closed



#### Deadline Dates:

April 5: Speech Contest Registration Form

April 15: Service Project RSVP

April 19: Youth Led Volunteer Training RSVP

April 29: New Shirt Designs Due

May 3: Wilderness Wonders Registrations

May 13: Babysitting Workshop Registrations

May 20: Livestock Clinic Registrations

May 20: Let's Become Life-Savers Workshop Registrations

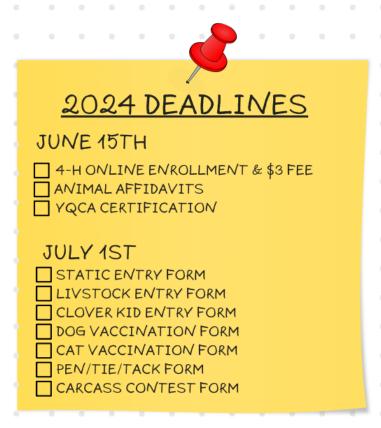
May 27: Ready, Set, Bake Workshop Registrations

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

Glass Creation, Barn Quilt, & Design Camp Registrations

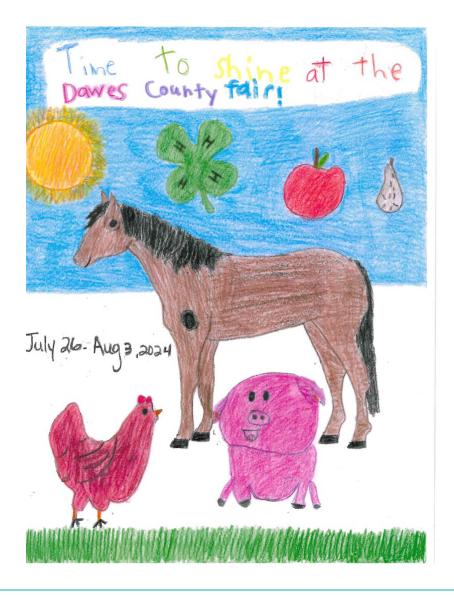
**June 10:** Fun on the Farm Registrations

June 15: Shirt Sizes Google Form Due



## 2024 Fair Theme

The Dawes County Agricultural Society has chosen the theme, "Time to Shine at the Dawes County Fair!" Rhett Lesmeister's theme and drawing was selected and he will receive free passes for his family to all events at the 2024 Dawes County Fair. Congratulations Rhett!



## Have you enrolled in 4-H??

Steps to enroll in 4-H:

- 1. ENROLL on 4honline <a href="https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in">https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in</a>
  - 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 find step by step instructions at <a href="https://4h.unl.edu/enroll">https://4h.unl.edu/enroll</a>

#### 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.

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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.

## Complete Your YQCA Training

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:

 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: <a href="https://yqcaprogram.org/">https://yqcaprogram.org/</a> for more information, get registered and pay fees for the inperson course, or take the online course.

#### **Dates for Instructor Led Trainings:**

- April 12, 2-4, Dawes County Extension Office
- 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 returned to the office.

Please contact the Extension Office if you have more questions.

## **Animal Affidavits**

Animal affidavits can be picked up at our office or they can be found online at: <a href="https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/northernpanhandle/animal-ownership-affidavits/">https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/northernpanhandle/animal-ownership-affidavits/</a>

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="mailto:kmunger2@unl.edu">kmunger2@unl.edu</a> or sent to on Remind.

If you took your **Market Beef** Affidavit home with you at weigh-ins, do not forget to turn it in. If you are attending **Market Sheep & Goat** Weigh-Ins on May 30th, you will fill the affidavits out at that time.

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

## 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. 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 identified. 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).

## **New Fair Shirts**

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**

## **Design Our New Shirts!**

Let your creativity soar and help us design our new shirts! All entries will be voted on by our 4-H Council youth.

- Shirt design must say "Dawes County 4-H"
- Design may have 1-2 colors, Front Sided Only
- Designs must follow the rules on the use of the 4-H Name & Emblem
   (https://www.nifa.usda.gov/sites/default/files/resource/fy-2019-4-h-name-emblem-use-guide

Youth members may send their designs to <a href="mailto:kmunger2@unl.edu">kmunger2@unl.edu</a> by April 29th.

## Fair Updates:

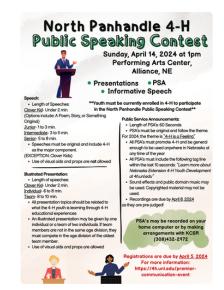
- Goat Halters: Ghost halters can now be utilized to show your goats
- The Visual Arts Classes have been significantly changed from last year so please be sure to look over them closely!

## North Panhandle 4-H Public Speaking Contest

The Premier Communication Event and will be a two-day event held on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln East Campus on Monday, June 17th & Tuesday, June 18th. For more information visit: <a href="https://4h.unl.edu/premier-communication-event">https://4h.unl.edu/premier-communication-event</a>

Box Butte County 4-H will hold the Speech, PSA and Presentations Contest on Sunday, April 14 at 1:00 pm in Alliance at the Performing Arts Center. Contest will consist of youth from Box Butte, Dawes, and Sheridan counties. Youth will be judged in each county and separate awards will be given per county.

Registration forms are due to the Dawes County Extension Office by Friday, April 5th!



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## Service Project Workshop-NEW DATE

Due to a school calendar change, we have rescheduled our Service Project Workshop-Come join us on April 19th from 2-4 and help us make seed packets to gift to our local teachers for May Day! All ages are welcome!



## **Youth-Led Volunteer Training**



A Youth- Led Volunteer Training will be held on Sunday, April 28th at 1 pm. All 4-H volunteers are invited to attend this opportunity! 4-H Club Leaders are expected to attend. Youth will teach adult participants how to make a project. Adults will be able to take what they learned back to their club, teach their own kids, etc. We understand the importance of giving our 4-H youth the opportunity to be leaders, give back to the organization, & feel like they belong. We are hopeful this youth-led training will benefit many!

Please register by April 19th. There is a \$5 fee payable to Dawes County 4-H Council to cover supplies.

## **Summer Workshops**

Our 2024 Summer Workshops are all planned and ready to go! You can find our complete packet with all of the details here!

- Youth do not have to be 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 will fill on a first come, first serve basis.

There are 2 ways to register for summer workshops-

- Online: <a href="https://forms.gle/9nGggc7DyE8ea7Qd7">https://forms.gle/9nGggc7DyE8ea7Qd7</a>
- Paper Form: Attachment Below

We prefer you use one of these 2 methods so we can ensure we get all the necessary information. Some workshops have individual registration forms. These include:

Wilderness Wonders, N. Panhandle Livestock Judging, Ft. Robinson Horse Camp, Dawes Co. Progress Show, & Design Camp.

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## **Build a Better Babysitter**

Learn the basics of Child Development, Nutrition, Safety, CPR &

More!

Who: Ages 10+

When: May 20, 2024

Where: Dawes County Fairgrounds

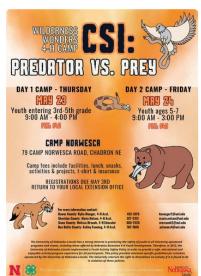
**Cost:** \$30

Projects: C200008, E440001

Register By: 5/13



## Wilderness Wonders 2024



Enter CSI: Predator vs. Prey... On May 23rd, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm camp will be offered for youth going into 3rd-5th grade. On May 24th, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm it will be offered for 5-7 year olds. Both camps are \$40 each.

Registrations are due <u>May 3rd to the Dawes County Extension</u> <u>Office!</u> We must have the form and payment for registration.

#### Copy of 2024 Wilderness Wonders Camp Flyer-Registration.pdf

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## **Livestock Clinic**

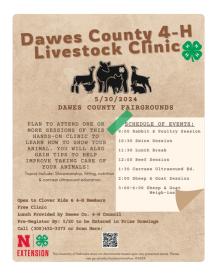
Plan to attend 1 or more sessions of this hands-on clinic to learn how to show your animal. You will also gain tips to help improve taking care of your animals. There will be a free lunch provided by the 4-H Council

Who: Ages 5+

When: May 30, 2024

Where: Dawes County Fairgrounds

Cost: Free



## Let's Become Life-Savers



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

## 50th Year of Ft. Robinson Horse Camp

Registration for Fort Robinson Horse Camp is now available! This year is the 50th year and will be held June 6-8.

New this year, youth can create a t-shirt design for the camp to use in 2025. If their shirt design is selected, they will be reimbursed for their camp fee. Designs may be emailed to <a href="mailto:mmracek2@unl.edu">mmracek2@unl.edu</a>.

Scholarships forms can be found at the link below:



#### https://extension.unl.edu/2024%20Horse%20Camp%20scholarship%20application.pdf

#### Horse Camp Registration Form 2024.pdf

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#### Ft. Robinson Horse Camp Program 2024.pdf

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## 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

## **Clover Kid Workshops**

On June 10th & June 20th we will be holding our Clover Kids Workshops!

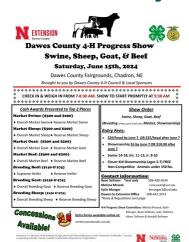
June 10th from 1-3 pm kids can come complete several insect & outdoor projects that can be exhibited at fair!

June 20th from 10 AM-Noon we will be having Fun on the Farm! Kids will learn all about the farm while making farm crafts.

Both workshops are \$20 each and have separate registration deadlines.



## **Dawes County 4-H Progress Show**



Mark your calendars for the Dawes County 4-H Progress Show on June 15, 2024! This is great practice for fair! This will include Swine, Sheep, Goat, & Beef

## **Progress Show Registration**

## **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.



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#### Next Level Log N Camp-May 29-31st

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## LOG N Camp- July 1-2nd

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## N. Panhandle Livestock Judging Clinic & Contest

The N. Panhandle Livestock
Judging Contest will be held in
Box Butte County this year.
They have added a clinic to the
contest. The clinic begins at 9
am and the contest begins at
12:30. If you attend both, the
fee is \$30 and if you only
attend the contest, it's \$20. The
fee includes lunch & prizes.
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## 4S Goat Expo Scholarship

The 4S Goat Expo would like to extend their scholarship to young goat producers in the state of Nebraska again this year. This scholarship is open to Seniors in High school and Freshman in college. The deadline for this scholarship is May 31, 2024. Thank you for your help reaching these youth.

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The University of Nebraska – Lincoln Panhandle Research, Extension and Education Center will again offer the "Panhandle Research, Extension and Education Center Student Scholarship." Two scholarships of \$1000 each will be awarded. The application period will be open from March 1 to April 15, 2024. To apply for the scholarship visit

https://ssp.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\_5C05tjKSe78aTUq. Along with filling out the online form a letter of recommendation must also be submitted and emailed to <a href="mailto:dmccarthy2@unl.edu">dmccarthy2@unl.edu</a>. The email subject line should be "2024 Scholarship Recommendation Letter (Insert Name of Student)." The application will be considered incomplete without the letter. Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Have attended high school in the Panhandle of Nebraska in one of the following counties:
   Banner, Blaine, Box Butte, Cherry, Cheyenne, Dawes, Deuel, Garden, Grant, Hooker, Kimball,
   Morrill, Scotts Bluff, Sheridan, Sioux, and Thomas
- Be attending any of the Nebraska University Campuses, including Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture.
- Majoring in Agronomy, Ag Economics, Animal Science, Vet Science, Agriculture Technology, or a related degree emphasizing agriculture.
- Be a graduating high school senior or in the first or second year of study.

Awards will be chosen by May 1, and applicants will be notifed via email if selected. For more information or questions, contact Deidra McCarthy at <a href="mailto:dmccarthy2@unl.edu">dmccarthy2@unl.edu</a> or 308-6321230

# 4-H Happenings







Happy Hustlers Happy Hustlers spent an afternoon talking to 3rd and

#### **Congratulations, Melissa!**

4-H Extension Educator,
Melissa Mracek coached 7
robotics teams this year and
received Coach/Mentor of the
Year at State Robotics in
Lincoln

## 4-H Promotional Contest Winner- Luke Bruns!

Congratulations to Luke Bruns for winning the Dawes County 4-H Promotional Contest! His poster will be used in a variety of 4-H events including the annual Achievement Banquet! Way to go Luke!

4th graders about 4-H.
Teaching them the 4-H pledge
and making Saint Patrick's Day
cards and Lucky Buddies for
Crestview Care Center
residents. They also painted
clovers with marshmallows.



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