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CLAY COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2020

WELCOME TO CLAY COUNTY 4-H. We are very excited to start a new year and believe it has potential for some good things happening in 4-H. How about making a goal to try one new project this year? You might surprise yourself and have another fair entry too.

ENROLLMENT: MEMBERS and Volunteer Leaders –

Enroll or Re-enroll in 4-H BY APRIL 1: The address for enrollment or re-enrollment is ne.4honline.com.

Re-enroll: This will be very much like enrollment last year. After opening into the program select that you **have a profile - do not re-create a new one**. Once you are **logged in** you will be taken to the family page. To re-enroll, you will click on the **edit** button next to each youth. Work through and click on **Enroll for 2019-20** button. At this point the program will take you to place to update youth personal information. Be sure to complete the page of authorizations. The Health Form remains optional. Update Club (if changes made) and Projects. *Remove projects you will not be enrolling in for 2020.* The final step will be to click on **'Submit Enrollment'** button. From this point it will show up at the office and after we 'accept' it, you should receive an email verifying so.

New to Enroll – begin with the website ne.4honline.com and create a family profile. Work thru following instructions.

The online site will remain open until April 1, 2020. Once enrolled, projects can be added or removed until that date. You will continue to have access to reviewing your projects after the April 1 enrollment date however changes cannot be made after that date. **Clay County has no enrollment fees again this year.** There will still be fees collected for Shooting Sports program and additional workshops.

Clover Kid project selection choices will automatically show what is available because of the member age. The projects available should all say Clover Kid in the title. (Livestock both large and small animals is titled Clover Kids)

ALL VOLUNTEER LEADERS: Volunteer Enrollment: ALL 4-H volunteers in any capacity, not just club leaders, need to complete or re-enroll a volunteer enrollment form each year. A 4-H volunteer is defined as anyone who works directly with 4-H youth at any capacity; this includes club leaders, project leaders, 4-H Council members, fairboard members, superintendents and workshop leaders. The online address to re-enroll is: ne.4honline.com. If you enrolled last year, **do not create a new profile**, utilize the portion that is to **re-enroll**. Make any updates, work through and complete it by hitting the **submit** button. If you don't remember your password, there is an option for you to request a new one which will be sent to your email. That's it. Pretty simple.

4-H COUNCIL NOTES: No changes were made. Serving Clay County for 2020 will be:

Cheryl Brockman	Michelle Batterman	Cindy Felber	Butch Hassler	Suzy Hassler
Bill Johnson	Rita Brhel	Ann Lindvall	Jason Majors	Angela Menke
Chris Moore	Jody Novak	Sue Ochsner	Joe Parr	Gary Rohrer
Jason Poppe	Kathy Sorensen	Amy Winter		

The re-organizational meeting for 4-H Council will be 7:00 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 27, 2020 at the courthouse. The livestock committee will meet at 6 p.m. to review any changes needed for the fairbook. The meetings are open to the public so you are invited to attend if you choose. Thank you for serving on 4-H Council!!

2020 Fair Theme - voted on at Achievement program and the winner is: **Boots, Buckles & Barrels of Fun.**

Leadership in Action – Become a Junior Leader

The Clay County Leadership in Action 4-H Club is dedicated to providing hands-on leadership training to all its members. The club focuses on bringing out the strengths of each member to help prepare them for future leadership roles. Any youth aged 12+ are welcome to join. You may become a member in this club or in addition to another organized club. The first meeting will be **Sunday, Jan. 12 at 2:00**. The meeting will be at the Extension office in the courthouse. Please use the west door. Contact Leader Holli Alley if interested.

LEADERS if you have not already done so, please turn in the **Year End Financial Report**. They can be found on the website or I can re-send. (The form was sent to each leader in Oct.)

AFTER SCHOOL PORGRAM:

A variety of programs is offered monthly to all youth grades 3 – 6 held after school from 3:30 to 4:30 at school. Membership in 4-H is not required so bring your friends. Pre-registration is highly encouraged at 402-762-3644 or email holli.alley@unl.edu.

January programs will be on **Companion Animal Anatomy**. Learn to identify similarities and differences between human body parts and parts of animals. Also learn about joints and how they are constructed to allow movement through hands-on activities.

Sandy Creek School - Jan. 13, 2020

Harvard School – January 14, 2020

Sutton School - January 15, 2020

State 4-H Scholarships – 4-H members may also apply for one or more the statewide Nebraska 4-H Scholarships: criteria and application forms can be found at <http://ne4hfoundation.org> then click on the Recognition heading. Applications are due Jan. 15. Complete info can be found at this website.

Hastings Area of Commerce Scholarship is available to High School Seniors that plan to major in any Agricultural field. Applications due, March 13, 2020. Online application www.hastingschamber.com under the “about the chamber” tab.

LIVESTOCK INFO:

Animal Science 101 - If you are interested in learning about beef, sheep, swine, and meat goats come check it out! Rachel from Fillmore County will hold classes in both Clay and Fillmore Counties. Some dates to start off with are: Jan. 7, 2020 in Fillmore County at the Extension office and Jan. 27th in Clay County at the fairgrounds. Both times are from 5 – 6:30 p.m. Additional dates will be available in the next newsletter. Contact us to register so we know who plans to participate.

BEEF WEIGH-IN EID TAGGING AND DNA COLLECTING for Clay County is Saturday, **Feb. 8, 2019 from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.** at Sutton Vet Clinic. Fillmore County date is Jan 18 from 8 – 10:30 at Geneva Vet Clinic. All market steers and market heifers must be weighed in and have an EID tag. If unable to attend this date, animals can be weighed elsewhere but all weights must be *completed* within 2 weeks of the Clay County date. Bucket Calf 2 animals have the **option** to weigh in also, thus making them eligible for Rate-of-Gain contest at the county fair.

All market beef planning to go to Nebraska State Fair or AkSarBen must be DNA tested at weigh-in and will need to have an EID tag also. It is suggested to list all family members on the DNA sampling envelope that potentially could show the animal thus providing some options later on.

*****It would be very helpful if you let the office know of your intent to attend in the event of a weather change.**

Nebraska Cattlemen’s Classic Judging Contest – February 15, 2020, Buffalo County Fairgrounds, Kearney NE. This is a Beef only contest. Thousands of dollars in awards will be presented. Go to www.cattlemens.com for more information. Applications are due Feb. 5, 2020. Great opportunity to learn and practice showing and judging skills.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) The YQCA course will be available online 24/7 making it very accessible for all to complete. First you will need to be enrolled in 4HOnline and have an active status (current year) in order to take the course. The website is <http://ygcalearnrow.io>. The online course is \$12 per individual. Certificates will still need to be printed and turned into the Extension office. There will be a few face 2 face training dates which we will publish as they become scheduled.

HORSE INFO:

4-H HORSE STAMPEDE- The 4-H Horse Stampede is held annually on the University of Nebraska–Lincoln East Campus. This year's 4-H Horse Stampede will be held Saturday, March 28, 2020. This event offers a variety of 4-H horse contests that don't require live horses, including public speaking, demonstration, quiz bowl, art, and photography contests. Youth have the opportunity to display their equine knowledge through these contests both as an individual and as part of a team. There is a \$10 entry fee per contestant. Information and registration forms are found at <https://4h.unl.edu/horse/stampede>. Entries are due March 6.

2020 District Horse Show – Mark your Calendars!

2020 Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Show July 24-16, 2020. Entries for district/state are due to the county office by May 8, 2020. Entry forms will be updated online or available at the office at a later date.

District show dates are:

June 15 - Scottsbluff

June 17 - Columbus

June 19 - McCook

June 16 –Burwell

June 18 – Lincoln

NE 4-H Cat Club

Do you like cats? What about learning how to care for or show them? Maybe you have heard about the 4-H Cat Club in the past and wanted to join, but couldn't make the monthly meetings. Do we have good news for you, or what? We are pleased to introduce this year's self-paced Cat Club! No more being bummed that you missed the hour long meeting every second Thursday. You now have access to lessons and activities that you can complete on your own time. **Check out lessons about cat history and breeds here:** <http://4h.unl.edu/companion-animal/cat-club>

You might consider adding the cat project to your list this year. Many of you have cats and it would be fun to get to exhibit them at the County Fair Cat Show. Perhaps this could be a club project to watch the videos and do worksheets together as a club. Cats need to be vaccinated and follow criteria to show at the fair.

Chick Days

The 4-H Chick Days will be held at the Animal Science Complex on the University of Nebraska–Lincoln East Campus on **Saturday, March 14th, 2020**. This event offers a variety of 4-H poultry and food science contests that don't require live animals, including egg decorating, poultry quiz bowl, photography, omelet cookery, and speech contests. Youth have the opportunity to display their poultry and food science knowledge through these contests both as an individual and as part of a team. The contests are designed to encourage youth to explore what poultry and food science industries have to offer. Scholarships and cash prizes will be awarded to senior champions of each contest.

All contest entry forms must be submitted by March 1. Contact the office or online at 4h.unl.edu to register.

February is Nebraska 4-H Month! Make an impact by sharing your 4-H story. Promote 4-H in our community: tell your family, friends and neighbors about the great things 4-H has done for you! Celebrate in your clubs or encourage others to join.

PROJECTS:

Special Gardening Project – each year a Special Garden Project is available for all to participate in. Enroll in this project online as you are enrolling in your 4-H projects. The office will order some seed packets that you will need. This year the Special Gardening project is the **Classis Magic Bachelor Button**. This plant is a unique mix of plum, purple, and bicolor flowers. Not only do the flowers attract beneficial insects, they are edible as well. Entries can be made at both county and state fair.

Healthy Lifestyles – 4-H Foods and Food Preservation Manuals

The foods and nutrition projects switched curriculums couple years ago. There are manuals for the Food Preservation project – Freezing, Drying, Boiling Water Canning and Pressure Canning. The manuals are very nice and offer a lot of learning opportunities in addition to just making a fair entry. Please be sure to stop by to check them out.

The curriculum is designed to allow a 3 year progression however you are not held to that. The manuals are intended to help you build skills before advancing on. A short description to help you select your project(s) is:

101 teaches food prep skills, beginning baking projects, measuring.

201 teaches food and kitchen safety, quick breads, creative mixes

301 teaches yeast breads, menu planning

401 focusses on technical tricks in food prep including herbs/spices, ethnic foods, cakes, pies.

Innovative Youth Corn Challenge Considering a career involving crops, insects, diseases, soils, water or more? Do you want to help figure out how to feed our world’s growing population in a sustainable way? Nebraska Extension and the Nebraska Corn Board are offering the Innovative Youth Corn Challenge contest. This contest, open to 4-H members (age 10 & older as of Jan. 1st) or FFA members (in-school members), guides participants through all aspects of corn production, as well as agricultural careers related to corn production. To participate as a team in 2020, youth must complete and return an entry form by March 15th to the Fillmore County Extension Office in Geneva, NE. Forms can be downloaded at cropwatch.unl.edu/youth/activities.

Be sure to thank the supporters of the 4-H Awards Program held in Nov. Through generous donations, it is possible to make the awards possible for 4-H’ers.

SUPPORTERS OF 4-H AWARDS PROGRAM

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CAROL TOWNSEND

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CORNERSTONE - Clay Center

CRITTER CARE

NUTRIEN AG SOLUTIONS -

Davenport, Edgar, Fairmont

SHUCK DRILLING CO

SHUCK ENGINEERING CO

FAIRFIELD NON-STOCK CO-OP

INSURANCE PLUS

PINNACLE BANK

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DENNIS VALENTINE

HERITAGE BANK

TITAN MACHINERY

SOUTHCENTRAL CATTLEMENS ASSOC

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Shooting Sports Schedule:

- *SIGNUP TIME - Sunday, Jan. 19th from 2 – 4:00 at the Fairgrounds Activities Building- Kitchen area –Schedule practice times, submit paperwork and fees. Enroll in 4-H online prior to scheduling
- *Feb. 10– first week of practice
- *March 16-19 – Competition week – same time as practice schedule
- *March 22 – Awards Banquet – carry in supper to follow

Clay County is fortunate to have an outstanding 4-H Shooting Sports program for Archery, BB Gun and Air Rifle. If you are new or returning to the program, you may participate by following the guidelines. Equipment is furnished for all disciplines however, if you have your own *archery* equipment, you may use that. All youth ages 8 – 18 by Jan. 1 of current year are invited to participate. Air Rifle participants must have completed Hunter Safety.

Steps to sign up for the program:

**Enroll (if new) or Re-enroll (returning) in 4-H using the online website. Try to complete the online enrollment prior to the signing up. The address is: ne.4honline.com. NOTE: The sign-up will be in the east meeting room at the Activities Building at the fairgrounds. This will allow us to have computers available for anyone that would like to use our computers to complete the online enrollment or re-enrollment process. If you are re-enrolling, you will already have a *profile* to work from. Do NOT make a *new* profile for your family or yourself. Review your information and make any edits necessary. It should be pretty quick and easy. You will use the same password from last year. (or you will be asked to reset a new one if you forgot).

**Complete the parent release form. Available at sign-up or online at clay.unl.edu

**Schedule a weekly practice time.

**Pay 4-H shooting sports fee - \$5 per discipline or \$15 per family.

Sunday, Jan. 19 – after signing up, you are encouraged to bring your archery equipment for a safety checked. If you will be using county equipment, please stop by the Shooting Sports building and get sized up with the equipment so you know which best fits you. This should allow better use of instruction time the first couple weeks of practice.

If unable to attend the sign-up date, please call the office to get scheduled. 402-762-3644.

Happy New Year wishes from Clay County Extension Staff

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