



Clay County 4-H

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April 2022

4-H Enrollment:

2022 Enrollment is open!
v2.4honline.com

While this is a new website, enrollment is very much like previous years. You will use the same username and password as before. Work through and enroll in 2021-2022 4-H year. At this point the program will have you update youth personal information. Be sure to complete the page of authorizations. The health form remains optional. Update club and projects. The final step will be to click on "submit enrollment." From this point it will show up at the Extension Office and we will "accept it".

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.

If you have already submitted your enrollment and would like to add projects, please let the Extension Office know. We will help you add those projects!

Speech Practice Opportunity

Rita Brhel has offered to host a Speech practice for anyone interested. This would be on May 5th at 6PM at the Fairgrounds. If you are interested and want to practice before the Speech Contest this is a great opportunity! Please let the Extension office know by **April 28th** if you are wanting to participate.

Public Speaking Contest

Clay County's Public Speaking contest will be held May 9th at 7:00 PM at the Fairgrounds. It would be very helpful if you could please let the extension office know if you plan on participating By May 2nd!

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 (1 - 3 minutes)

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

Senior – 4-H age 14-18 (5-8 minutes)

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 2022 PSA theme "Opportunity 4 All"**
- 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 use.
- 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 with 1 copy of the PSA test. (No CD's)

Great Plains Livestock Judging Circuit Dates and Locations:

Thayer-Nuckolls County- May, 23 in Nelson
South Central Judging Contest- June, 2 in Bladen
Nebraska Livestock Judging Classic- June, 17 in Kearney
Premier Animal Science Event (PASE)- June 23 in Lincoln
Other dates and locations can be found at:
4h.unl.edu/livestock-judging-circuit

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

YQCA is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8-21. YQCA focus on three Core Pillars: Food Safety, Animal Well-Being, and Character development. YQCA training is required for all food producing animals or livestock exhibitors. **These projects include Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Meat Goat, Poultry, and Rabbit.** Members are able to complete YQCA online by going to www.yqcaprogram.org. Log in using their 4honline login. You must be enrolled on 4honline in order to login and complete the courses.

Face to face training is also available:

YQCA Training- April 18th @ 10:30 AM- Clay County Fairgrounds



Attention Swine Exhibitors

Because ractopamine has been banned in international markets, swine exhibited at the 2022 Clay County fair are required to be ractopamine-free. To ensure that exhibitors follow this protocol, the Clay County 4-H Council will secure a signed affidavit from a parent/legal guardian and exhibitor at the time of weigh-in which states that the pigs shown by the exhibitor have never been offered ractopamine (sold under the trade names Paylean® or Engain® for swine).

District Horse Show Dates and Locations:

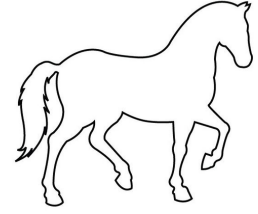
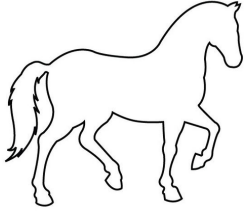
June 6- Chadron, NE

June 7- Guide Rock, NE

June 8- Albion, NE

June 9- Raymond, NE

June 10- Kearney, NE



State Horse Show: July 9-13- Grand Island, NE

Schedule can be found at : 4h.unl.edu/horse-expo

All Entries for District/State Horse Show must be completed by

May 6th, 2022

County Horse Show Changes:

Due to low number of Horse exhibitor's, 4-H Council has decided to make a few changes to the Horse show. There will now only be 2 age divisions Juniors (8-12) and Seniors (13 & Over). They also decided to eliminate Western Riding and Reining.

County Dog Show:

Clay County's Dog show will be combined with Fillmore as well as Nuckolls County this year. This Year Nuckolls County will host the show. It will be held on Tuesday, July 5th at 10AM in Nelson at the Fairgrounds.

Youth Summer Workshops:

Forestry Workshop- June 6th - Learn about Identifying trees, tree rings, as well as start a leaf collection to enter as a project for fair. Pre-Register by May 27th.

Pillow Case Workshop- June 9th- Bring 1 yard of Fabric and come sew a pillow case! Pre-Register by June 1st.

Dog Days of Summer Workshop- June 16th- Bring old T-Shirts to recycle and make into dog toys! Pre-Register by June 6th.

County Day Camp:

County Day Camp will be held Tuesday, June 14th at Crystal Lake. It is open to all youth ages 8-12 and 10.00 Per child. Youth do not need to be enrolled in 4-H to attend. Pre-Registration is required by June 1st.

Lawn Care Workshop: May 17th @ 6:00 PM at the Fairgrounds Cost \$5.00

Nicole Stoner, Extension Educator in Gage County, will discuss how to manage your lawn in the Spring and Summer and what to wait on until Fall. She will also give a seasonal update including information on how the garden season is progressing and what to expect in your lawn and garden this summer.

Please RSVP by May 10th to the Extension Office

Apply to attend NAYI

The Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute (NAYI). NAYI brings together High School Juniors and Seniors to learn more about Nebraska agriculture, network with agriculture leaders and discover the many careers available in agriculture. NAYI will be held at the **University of Nebraska-Lincoln's East Campus July 11-15, 2022**. Applications for NAYI are available at nda.nebraska.gov/nayi and must be submitted online. **Current high school juniors and seniors interested in attending have until April 15, 2022, to apply.** This year's theme is "Cultivating Connections."



Upcoming Events:

April

April 18- YQCA Training

May

May 9-Public Speaking Contest

May 17- Lawn Care Workshop with Nicole Stoner

June

June 6- Forestry Workshop

June 9- Pillow Case Workshop

June 16- Dog Days of Summer Workshop

July

July 5- County Dog Show in Nelson