



Clay County 4-H

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4-H Enrollment:



2023 Enrollment is open!

v2.4honline.com

You will use the same username and password as before. Work through and enroll in 2022-2023 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".

Members should now be able to go in, even after completing enrollment to edit the projects they have enrolled in.

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.

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

Clay County 4-H Remind 101:

If you would like to receive reminder messages about Clay County 4-H please sign-up for these messages. Text @4hclayco to the number 81010.





YQCA:

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 21 with a focus on three core pillars: food safety, animal well-being, and character development. This training is required for all food producing animal or livestock project members. Food producing and livestock projects include beef, sheep, swine, dairy cattle, dairy goat, meat goat, poultry and rabbit. Members will go to www.yqcaprogram.org and log in using their 4HOnline login. Members must have an Active status with 4HOnline to be able to log in and complete the courses. Face to face trainings that are available:

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

Last F2F YQCA June 14th-Fillmore County Extension Office (time TBD later)

Show Stock Manager is now open:

State Fair Livestock Exhibitors: For those planning to show at the Nebraska State Fair, livestock nominations for Breeding and Market animals are due by June 15th, in Show stock Manager. All animals require DNA. This is just the nomination portion. If you have questions about this, please let the Extension Office know. Online class entries for state fair will be due in August.

<https://showstockmgr.com/>

Clover Kids Workshops:

We will continue to have Clover Kid Workshops. **Please call the Extension office to sign up for the workshops.** Workshops will continue to take place at the fairgrounds from 5:30-6:30pm. Workshops will be held on the following dates:

April 25th

May 9th

Agronomy 101 Workshop

When: April 10th

Time: 1:00pm-2:30pm

Where: Clay County Fairgrounds

Learn about end uses of crops as well as crop production in Nebraska.

Identify careers related to crop production.

Become familiar with types of technologies used in agriculture, including variable rate irrigation and even make their own "model".

Finally, youth will learn a little more about Tepary beans which is this year's special agronomy project.

Great Plains Livestock Judging Circuit:

Open to Nebraska 4-H & FFA member ages 10-18. For more information go to 4h.unl.edu

Locations and Dates:

Morgan County (CO)- April 15th

Logan County (CO)- April 22nd

Scotts Bluff County Livestock Invite - April 29th

NCTA- May 24th

Colfax County- May 25th

Thayer-Nuckolls County- May 26th

South Central (Bladen)- June 1st

Dawes County- June 2nd

Wheeler County- June 9th

Box Butte Western Livestock Challenge- June 15th

Nebraska Livestock Judging Classic (Kearney)- June 16th

PASE (Lincoln)- June 22nd





Fishing Workshop:



Join us for a fishing workshop hosted by Wayne Peshek. Please RSVP to the Extension office by May 1st! Youth that attend will go home with a book from NE Games and Parks as well as a couple other fishing supplies. The class will consist of hands-on learning to tie fishing knots and practice casting. Other learning will be to identify differences of hooks, poles, reels, and lures. Nebraska Fishing guideline rules and regulations will be shared.

Youth ages 8 and up are invited to attend. Parents are welcome to stay if interested also.

Where: Clay County Fairgrounds in the Old 4-H building (Shooting Sports building)

When: Saturday, May 6th

Time: 1:00-4:00pm

Cost: \$5.00

Livestock Auction rule update:

***NEW in 2023 – Exhibitors will now have a choice to sell their animal for premium only or sell it and have it go on the truck.

Examples:

- i. Billy decides to sell his animal for premium only. During the auction, that animal will be “sold”, and youth will only receive the premium bid amount. He will still retain ownership of that animal, and take that animal home.
- ii. Billy decides to sell his animal and wants it to go on the truck. That animal will be sold in the auction and Billy will receive the premium bid amount as well as the packer bid for his animal. That animal will then go on the truck, and he will no longer have ownership of that animal.

All animals will be sold as designated by the youth. Buyers will NOT have the option to purchase and keep an animal during the live auction. Only market animals shown at the Clay County Fair will be allowed to sell in the auction.

2023 Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Exposition:

- Date- July 15-19th, 2023
- Location- Fonner Park – Grand Island, NE
- **Online entry deadline June 1st (Includes hippology and horse judging entries), Horse ID forms and Advancement level deadline to hand into county offices also June 1st**
- For more information and registration forms: <https://4h.unl.edu/horse-expo>



Horse Exhibitors:

New this year, stalling horses during the Clay County Fair will be optional. Stalling horses is still welcome, but because of the condition of the horse barn it is optional this year. Youth will show their horses, then they will be able to take them home. Youth will still receive their premium money. Reminder that youth must be enrolled in the horse project, and Level 1 achievement must be completed by June 15th in order to compete at the County Fair.

Clay County Speech Contest:

Clay County's Public Speaking contest will be held May 18th at 5:30 PM at the Fairgrounds. Please let the extension office know if you plan on participating by May 10th! 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 2023 PSA theme **“Discover your spark in Nebraska 4-H”** · 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)

Presentation Contest:

Presentation Contest will be held on May 24th at 4:30pm. Please let the Extension office know if you are planning to participate by May 17th.



Small Animal Progress show:

Phelps County 4-H is excited to announce June 3, 2023, as the date for the Small Animal Progress Show. No preregistration needed. More information, such as start time will be coming soon!



Southern Plains Livestock Judging:

Southern Plains livestock judging contest to be held on Friday, May 26th in Nelson at the Nuckolls County fairgrounds. The cost is \$10. Lunch will be available and we are also offering a YQCA session at the conclusion of the contest. Families may register using <https://go.unl.edu/tcwf>. This contest is part of the Great Plains Livestock Judging Circuit for PASE. All questions may be directed to Amy Brockman at amy.brockman@unl.edu or by phone at: 402-225-2381.

A poster for the Nuckolls-Thayer Livestock Judging Contest. It features silhouettes of a cow, a sheep, a goat, and a pig. The text includes: 'UNL GREAT PLAINS LIVESTOCK CIRCUIT', 'NUCKOLLS-THAYER LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST', 'NUCKOLLS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS NELSON, NE', 'FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2023', 'CHECK IN: 8 AM CONTEST: 9 AM', and 'PRE-REGISTER: [HTTPS://GO.UNL.EDU/TCWF](https://go.unl.edu/tcwf)'. There are also two red text annotations: 'We will also be having a YQCA training starting at 3 p.m.' and 'Lunch Available'. At the bottom center is the logo for 'N EXTENSION Southern Plains Counties', which includes a red 'N' and a green four-leaf clover.

Crochet Workshop:

April 18 & 27

6:00-7:30

Clay County Fairgrounds

Join Rachel Brhel in a two-night series to learn the art of Crochet!! This is open to all youth and adults. 4-H membership is not required. She'll be covering the basics of crocheting and guiding attendees through making a crocheted bracelet and coaster. Attendees will learn the chain and single crochet stitches. The workshop fee is \$5 per person and covers the cost of the supplies, including a crochet hook, skein of yarn, and tapestry needle. Attendees are encouraged to keep the supplies to practice their crochet skills! A follow-up workshop to review skills learned will occur on April 27th. Attendees are asked to bring their crochet hook, skein of yarn, and tapestry needle for the follow-up workshop. When attendees are finished with their bracelet and coaster from the first workshop, and if there is enough interest, these workshops may be continued to crochet more projects like a scarf or hat.

Pre-registration is required by April 4th. Open to all youth and adults!! Call the Clay County Extension Office to register at 402-762-3644 or email Holli Alley at holli.alley@unl.edu

Clay County 4-H Mentor Program:

If you are new to the Clay County 4-H Program, it can be overwhelming for both you and your child. We want your first years in 4-H to be a positive and fun learning experience. The Clay County Leadership in Action 4-H Club is here to help you!! These 4-H Junior Leaders are creating a 4-H Mentor program. This program allows our new families to have a 4-H Mentor they can reach out to if they have questions or need help with a project. Each family will be assigned one junior leader who they correspond with throughout the year. These Junior leaders are here to help you gain confidence throughout your 4-H journey. Please fill out the form below to sign-up for the program. This is open to all families who have joined 4-H within the last few years. **Sign up at clay.unl.edu.**

Ag Safety Day:

Current 1st through 6th graders are invited to attend Progressive Agriculture Safety Day on Thursday, May 25, 2023 at the Fillmore County Fairgrounds in Geneva, NE. Youth will participate in a variety of events designed to help them be aware of safety in potentially hazardous situations in and around rural and agricultural settings, including electricity, fire safety, burn safety, bike safety and more! NE Extension hosts this event in Fillmore County, along with Shickley and Fillmore Central FFA chapters, 4-H, W.I.F.E., Fortify and Fillmore County Emergency Management. Early registration forms and \$5 are due April 28th; forms can be downloaded at fillmore.unl.edu. After April 29th, registration is \$10/youth. For more info or to register, call 402-759-3712 or email holly.ackland@unl.edu.



Upcoming Events:

April

April 10- YQCA training at Clay County Fairgrounds at 10:30am

April 10- Agronomy 101 Workshop at Fairgrounds at 1:00pm

April 18 & 27- Crochet Workshop at Clay County Fairgrounds 6:00-7:30pm

April 25- Clover kids Workshop at Clay County Fairgrounds at 5:30pm

May

May 6- Fishing Workshop at Fairgrounds 1:00-4:00pm

May 9- Clover Kids Workshop at Fairgrounds

May 15- 4-H Council Meeting at Fairgrounds at 7:00pm

May 18- 4-H Speech Contest at Fairgrounds at 5:30pm

May 21- Fairgrounds Clean-up day from 2:00-4:00pm

May 24- 4-H Presentations Contest at Fairgrounds at 4:30pm

May 25- Ag Safety Day at Fillmore County Fairgrounds

June

June 1- Livestock Judging at Bladen

June 6- 4-H Day Camp at Ayr

July

July 12-15- Clay County Fair!