



Clay County 4-H

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April 2024

4-H Enrollment:

2024 Enrollment is open!

Enrollment deadline is June 15th

v2.4honline.com

You will use the same username and password as before. Work through and enroll in 2023-2024 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. Please save your password, as you will use this in the future to log in as well.

** Please make sure to include T-Shirt Size!

***If you are wanting to add project areas after you have already enrolled, and it is not letting you, contact Cara at the Extension office and she will help you add them.

Clay County Fair official dates:

The 2024 Clay County fair will be held July 10th-13th!

Clover Kids Workshops:

We will be holding our Clover kid workshops this spring. These will take place at the fairgrounds at

5:30pm on the following days:

April 22nd-”April Showers Bring May Flowers”

Call the Extension office to sign up!

Great Plains Livestock Judging Circuit:

The Great Plains judging circuit will be held again this year. Check out the flier (on the following pages) to see the schedule of contest that will be happening throughout the spring and summer.

NAYI:

LINCOLN – The Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) is currently accepting applications to attend one of the biggest ag youth outreach events in the state. The Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute (NAYI) brings together hundreds of high school juniors and seniors for a week to learn more about agriculture, Nebraska’s number one industry.

NAYI will be held July 8-12, 2024, at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln’s East Campus. Students selected to attend NAYI do so free of charge due to generous donations from numerous agricultural businesses, commodity groups and industry organizations. Current high school juniors and seniors interested in attending have until April 15, 2024, to apply. Applications for NAYI are available at nda.nebraska.gov/nayi and must be submitted online.

YQCA:

YQCA is required for ALL 4-H aged youth who are going to show livestock at the county fair. This includes Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goats, Poultry, Rabbit, and Dairy exhibitors. There will be an in-person class held on April 1st at 10:30am at the fairgrounds. If you want to complete YQCA online you are more than welcome too! The link to do so is below. YQCA must be completed, and have the certificate of completion turned in at the Extension office by

June 14th.

<https://yqcaprogram.org/>

Pen to Plate:

Attend an intergenerational, hands-on learning experience for all ages to learn more about the livestock industry from “Pen to Plate”. Participants will rotate through sessions on meats, livestock management, animal science careers, and livestock judging. Youth and adults are welcome to attend and participate!

When: Sunday, April 14th

Where: Fillmore County Fairgrounds

Time: 3:00-6:15pm

Meal will be provided.

RSVP by April 10th to 402-759-3712

Clay County Public Speaking Contest:

Clay County's Public Speaking contest will be held May 20th at 6:00 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 (2 - 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 **"4-H is a Feeling"** · 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 used. · 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 . (No CD's)

Illustrated Presentation Contest:

The 2024 Clay County Presentation contest will take place following the Speech contest on May 20th (approx. 7:15) at the fairgrounds. Please let the Extension office know if you are planning on participating by May 10th.

An Illustrated Presentation is a live presentation with a formal talk where youth will use visual aids (such as props, posters, computer-based visuals, handouts, video, etc.) to show and tell others how to do something.

The judge views the entire presentation and engages in a question-and-answer session following the presentation.

Individual - Junior Division: 3-5 minutes

Individual - Intermediate and Senior Divisions: 6-8 minutes

Team - Junior Division: 5-7 minutes

Team - Intermediate and Senior Divisions: 8-10 minutes

Participants will be penalized if their presentation exceeds the time limit

An Illustrated Presentation may be given by one (1) individual or a team of two (2) individuals. If team members are not in the same age division, they must compete in the age division of the oldest team member.

All presentation topics should be related to what the 4-H youth is learning through 4-H educational experiences.

Presentations should include an introduction (the "why" portion of the topic), a body (the "show and tell" portion of the topic), and a conclusion/summary (the "what" portion of the topic).

Presenters using computer-based visuals may bring files on a USB drive that is PC formatted. Participants may also provide their own computer or other equipment as needed; however, participants must be able to connect their computers to an HDMI cord.

Live animals will not be able to be used in the presentation. Alternative ways of showing information about live animals (models, videos, photos, etc.) are encouraged.

Show Stock Manager is open:

State Fair Livestock Exhibitors: For those planning to show at the Nebraska State Fair, livestock nominations for ALL Beef, Sheep, Swine, and Goats are due by June 15th, in Show Stock Manager. This is a Saturday, so I strongly recommend you have it done prior to June 15th. 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/>

DNA envelopes will be due to the Extension office by Friday, June 14th! **NO Exceptions.** All exhibitors from the family need to sign the envelopes.

Fairbook Updates:

The fairbook has been updated and sent off to the printer! We will let everyone know when they come in. We just wanted to briefly give a update on just a few of the bigger changes in the Fairbook. Some were made by the council on a local level, some were made at the state level.

- Home Environment is now called **Home Design & Restoration** (State change)
- Visual Arts is now divided into **Visual Arts Mediums & Visual Arts Themes** (State Change)
- Stalling of Clover Kids livestock at the County Fair is now optional. (THIS APPLIES TO CLOVER KIDS ONLY!)
- A Hair Breeds Sheep class has been added. (local and state level)
- A Reptile class has been added to the Small animal show. Small animal exhibitors will be allowed to show 2 animals per a class, and 4 small animals maximum.
- Baked food exhibits will be sold at the food stand after judging has been completed. If you do not want your food item sold at the food stand, please indicate that at the time of check-in.

Fairgrounds clean-up day:

Fairgrounds clean-up day will be on Sunday May 19th at 2:00pm. Lets clean-up our fairgrounds and get it looking great for the Dairy Show and County Fair! More hands make light work!

Rocket Workshop:

Come build a rocket, that you will then be able to enter at county fair! A rocket shoot off day will follow, likely in May, but a date will be set, and announced at the April workshop.

When: Friday, April 26th

Time: 6:00pm

Where: Clay County Fairgrounds activities building

Please RSVP by April 15th so we know how many rockets will need to be ordered.



Upcoming Events:

April

- 1- YQCA Training at the fairgrounds at 10:30am
- 22- Clover Kids Workshop at 5:30 at the fairgrounds
- 26- Rocket Workshop at 6:00pm at the fairgrounds

May

- 19- Fairgrounds clean-up day at 2:00pm
- 20- Public speaking and Presentation contest @ Fairgrounds at 6:00pm