



Clay County 4-H

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March 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.

Clay County Ag Society: Next meeting will be Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Fairgrounds.

4-H Council: Next meeting will be Monday, March 14 , 2022 at 7:00 PM.

The meeting will be at the Fairgrounds. Beef, Sheep, Goat, Swine, and Horse superintendents are invited to attend.

Shooting Sports Awards Program

4-H'ers will shoot for competition at their regular practice times during the final week.

The Shooting Sports Awards Program will be held on Sunday, March 20, 2022 at 5:30 PM. Potluck to follow the awards presentation. Each family is asked to bring a covered dish and a dessert or salad. Drinks and table service will be provided.

If you are unable to attend the Awards Program, you may pick up your awards at the Extension office after March 20th.

Speech Workshop

Rita Brhel has offered to host a Speech writing workshop and practice for anyone interested. This workshop would be split into two sections. The first one, tentatively mid April, would be focused on writing a speech. The second workshop would be used to practice your speech. Any and all youth are welcome. If this is something that you would be interested in, please contact the Extension office, or email Cara (cfelber4@unl.edu). Once we know who is interested, we will set a date that works for those interested.

Public Speaking Contest

Clay County's Public Speaking contest will be held May 9th at 7:00 PM at the Fairgrounds. More information to come in the April Newsletter.

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.yqca.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:

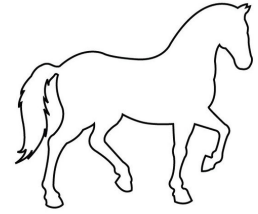
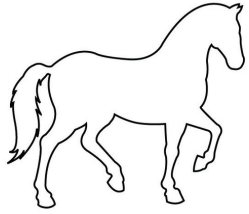
June 6- Chadron, NE

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

State Fair Market Beef, Sheep, Goat, and Swine Exhibitors

If you are planning on showing Market animals at State Fair, you will need to DNA your animals. If you have not taken DNA on your animal yet, and need DNA envelope(s) please pick them up at the Extension Office. DNA is due to the Extension Office June 15th, but the sooner you get it done the better.

4-H Spring Rabbit Show

The 4-H Spring Rabbit Show will be held Saturday, March 19, at 9 a.m. at the Lancaster Event Center Fairgrounds – Exhibit Hall, Lincoln. Registration 7:30–8:30 a.m. Open to all youth ages 8–18, with a Clover Kids class for youth ages 5–7. For more information go to:

<https://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/rabbit/Rabbit-Show-Spring-22.pdf>

UNL Chick Days

UNL Chick Days will be held March, 26th. They will be having a photography and Egg Art Contest for both youth and adults. There will also be speakers on flock health as well as a poultry judging clinic. For more information please contact the Extension Office, and we will be happy to get you more information.

2022 National 4-H Annual Index Study

Nebraska 4-H is participating in the National 4-H Annual Index, a national 4-H study designed to help us evaluate the positive youth development experience and 4-H program impacts experienced by youth across the country. If your youth are in the target age range (13-18 years old) and were enrolled in 4-H in 2021, you will, or may have receive(d) an e-mail invitation from Nebraska 4-H at the email address provided in your enrollment profile.

We encourage your participation in telling the 4-H story! Please reach out if you have any questions!



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:

March

March 10 - Clay County Ag Society Meeting

March 14 - 4-H Council Meeting

March 20- Shooting Sports Banquet

April

April 18- YQCA Training

May

May 9-Public Speaking Contest