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Seward County 4-H

February 2023 Newsletter



IMPORTANT DATES

- Feb. 3 - 4-H Spirit Day! Wear a green or 4-H Shirt
- Feb. 4 - Volunteer Brunch & Learn 9:30-11am
- Feb. 9 - YQCA Trainer Led Training
- Feb. 11 & Feb. 12 - 4-H Service Learning Weekend
- Feb. 13 - Valentine's Day workshop 4-5pm & Phone-a-thon 6-8pm
- Feb. 14 - 4-H Volunteer Appreciation Day
- Feb. 19 - 4-H Carnival 2-4pm
- Feb. 20 - President's Day, Office Closed
- Feb. 21 - 4-H Donor & Sponsor Appreciation Day & Phone-a-thon 6-8pm
- Feb. 28 - 4-H Professionals Appreciation Day

4-H MONTH

- 4-H SPIRIT DAY**
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7
- WEEKEND OF 4-H SERVICE**
FEBRUARY 11-12
- 4-H VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY**
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14
- 4-H SUPPORTER APPRECIATION DAY**
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21
- 4-H PROFESSIONALS APPRECIATION DAY**
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

4-H VOLUNTEERS

There are some very important requirements for clubs in order to provide a safe experience for youth and to protect volunteers. Please enroll as a volunteer in 4-H online at <https://v2.4honline.com>

Welcome Emily!

Please join me in welcoming Emily Manning to Nebraska Extension.

Emily is the new **Early Childhood Educator** based in Seward, also serving York, Butler, Polk, Merrick & Hamilton.

Emily Manning is originally from Crete, NE. This is also where she met her husband in the school swing choir and where she was an active participant in the Saline County 4-H program. She obtained her B.S. in FCS education from the University of Nebraska, and her M.A. in Human Development and Family Science from the University of Missouri. At the University of Missouri she worked with the Extension program 'Show Me Healthy Relationships' which focused on teaching relationship skills to adults in the community. After graduating Emily was the Family & Consumer Science teacher for two years at Fairbury Jr./Sr. High School. She is looking forward to bringing her teaching experiences and her interests in human development into this new role. Emily is excited and grateful to be working in Extension and is looking forward to meeting you all.



You can reach Emily at emily.manning@unl.edu

Welcome Brittney!

Please join me in welcoming Brittney Emerson to her new role as a 4-H Assistant in Seward County.



Hi, I'm Brittney. I am from Whitman, Nebraska where I grew up on my family's ranch. I received my undergraduate degree in Grazing Livestock Systems with a minor in Agricultural Leadership at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Growing up, I was involved in sewing, cooking, shooting sports and showing livestock with 4-H. I gained so many key skills from my experience in 4-H and am so excited to give back to an organization that has given me so much!

You can reach Brittney at: brittney.emerson@unl.edu



4-H'er Opportunities



STATE FAIR 2023 UPDATES

New in 2023! All members who were at least 9 years of age on January 1 will be eligible to participate in 4-H in-person events (live animal shows, fashion shows, and contests) at the Nebraska State Fair.

Also new this year, all livestock in contention to exhibit at the Nebraska State Fair will be required to submit a DNA nomination. This includes all breeding livestock, market livestock, and feeder calves.

For more information, visit 4h.unl.edu/state-fair.

Looking for the 2023 UNL Beef Cattle Report? Visit <https://beef.unl.edu/2023-nebraska-beef-cattle-report>



SAVE THE DATE

4-H HORSE CAMP

June 8-10, 2023
Fort Robinson State Park
Crawford, NE



*"Through These Doors Have Walked
Some of the World's Finest Horsemen"*



BROCHURE AND REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE MARCH 20!

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**THERE
WILL NOT
BE A
FEEDER PIG LOTTERY IN 2023**



Contact Cindy if you have any questions.

UNL is now accepting registrations for the 2023 Farrowed & Owned Swine Cohort! Registration closes on Wednesday, February 1. This opportunity is designed to enhance the educational value of the traditional 4-H swine project by focusing on swine production, accurate record keeping, and industry knowledge and engagement by the 4-H member. Visit 4h.unl.edu/farrowed-owned to get started.



4-H Volunteer Brunch & Update



Saturday, February 4

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Extension Office.



All 4-H volunteers (organizational leaders, project leaders, Clover College and fair volunteers) are invited to join us for breakfast, networking, and learning at the annual 4-H Volunteer Update:

On the Agenda:

- Nebraska 4-H and **Seward County** updates for 2023
- **Livestock** updates
- Resources for clubs: get to know you activities, supplies and equipment available to clubs.
- **NEW!** Help us plan the rest of the 2023 year! We want your ideas on needs for the Seward County 4-H program and educational experiences (Clover Colleges and workshops) to help youth thrive.
- Each club with a representative in attendance will get to order \$15 worth of items from Shop4H.org of their choice for attending. Orders will be taken that day.

Sign up by calling 402-643-2981 or email seward-county@unl.edu



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2023
**SPECIAL
AGRONOMY
PROJECT**
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**TEPARY
BEANS**

Please contact the Extension Office if you would like to participate in the Special Garden or the Agronomy projects before March 1st!



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2023
**SPECIAL
GARDEN
PROJECT**
4H.UNL.EDU/SGP

**MRS. BURNS'
LEMON BASIL**

Clover Kids!

Please review the rules concerning the Clover Kids Livestock showmanship class. Nothing is new, however, rules will be enforced for the 2023 Seward County Fair.

- Clover Kid Showmanship Class Pre-fair entry is required.
- Clover Kid must ID animal with own Animal ID sheet or include their name on the ID sheet of the animal owned by another 4-H/FFA exhibitor.
- Each member may bring one animal (or use another 4-H/FFA member's animal) in this division to the county fair.
- The animal may be stalled during the fair or be brought the day of the show.
- If exhibiting their own animal, a stall will be needed and must be indicated on 4-Her's entry form.
- The animal needs to be an animal the youth has cared for.
- An adult is required to be with the Clover Kid when working with or showing their animal.
- The Clover Kid will lead the animal in the show ring or be placed in a holding pen (according to the superintendent's discretion).
- The youth will discuss their knowledge of care and raising of the animal with the official.
- Age, size and temperament of the animal project must be appropriate for the exhibitor's age and size.

Rules that must be followed include:

1. The show will be non-competitive.
2. There will be one adult/teen volunteer per Clover Kid assisting when the animal is being handled.
3. The animal must be 6 months of age or younger the day of show.
4. The animal must be less than 350 pounds the day of the show.

4-H'er Opportunities

Enroll now in 4-H to be put into a drawing to win this basket! It includes a \$10 gift certificate for a Clover College this year.

We plan on raffling off a couple more baskets throughout the next few months.

If you have any questions about enrolling, please call our office.

(402) 643-2981

<https://v2.4honline.com>



The SOAR Workshop Series provides youth and their canine companion with an opportunity to develop and practice Showmanship, Obedience, Agility, and Rally skills under the guidance of experienced clinicians. While youth will benefit from participating in each workshop in the series, it is also not required. We encourage youth to join any of the workshops even if they cannot attend them all. More information and upcoming workshop details are available at 4h.unl.edu/soar.

NEBRASKA STATE 4-H CAMP Adventure Together 2023

Discover. Learn. Grow.

ADVENTURE TOGETHER ACROSS NEBRASKA WITH 4-H CAMP

- Chadron** June 5-9
Experience Nebraska via horseback, hiking, and with a trip down the Super Slide! Then see the prehistoric Agate Fossil Beds for a week of exploring Nebraska's wilderness, both past and present.
- Cozad** June 16-20
Challenge yourself with high ropes, zipline, and a rock wall! Work together with your new friends for a canoeing adventure, and round out your day with gaga and 9 square in the air!
- Ashland** June 26-29
Have an "in-tents" outdoor adventure at Mahoney State Park. Cook by the campfire, explore the tree canopy on the ropes course, and make a splash going down the slide at the pool!
- Burwell** July 16-20
Explore the flora and fauna with a week on the river front! Explore the North Loup River, go geocaching, tracking, and don't forget about playing an epic game of capture the flag!
- Louisville** July 27-30
Close out the summer with an "in-tents" experience at Platte River State Park. Practice your aim at the archery range, investigate the aquatic life at Crawdad Creek, and enjoy s'mores and songs with your new friends!

Amber Stephens
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Register now for the Adventure Together 4-H Summer Camp series at 4h.unl.edu/camps-summer. Spots are limited, so don't wait until it's too late!

4-H Horse News

No District 4-H Horse shows for 2023 State 4-H Horse Show

June 1st Deadline for :

- Horse ID Affidavit to the Extension Office
- All State 4-H Horse entries due online at <https://4h.unl.edu/horse-expo-show-entry>
- Contact Cindy Wolverton if entering Horse Judging or Hippology
- 2 & 3 year old Western Pleasure Affidavit to the Extension Office

Horsemanship Clinic Western Collegiate Equestrian Team Coach at St. Andrews University, Carla Wennberg

- Sign up here: <https://4h.unl.edu/horse>
- June 2- TBD
- June 3 - Lincoln, NE at the Lancaster Event Center
- June 4 - Albion, NE at the Boone County Fairgrounds

Seward County Fair

June 15th Horse ID Affidavit due to the Extension Office

- Please no attached photos
- Copy photos to paper and attach to the ID sheet
- May draw in markings on ID sheet
- Drop off at the Extension office (prefer no emails of ID sheets)

2 & 3 year old Western Pleasure Affidavit to the Extension Office

Pick up Affidavit at the Extension office or download from here:

<https://4h.unl.edu/documents/Horse/Western-Pleasure-Affidavit.pdf>

July 10th Advanced Horsemanship Levels Due

- Must complete all requirements of level working on
- Must pass level 1 in hand to compete at the Seward County Fair Showmanship and Halter
- Must pass level 1 Riding to compete at the Seward County Fair all events/classes
- Walk/Trot exhibitors do not have to pass level 1. May show in Showmanship, Halter, and Walk/Trot classes





Seward County 4-H Partners



What are 4-H Partners?

4-H Partners is a livestock mentoring program. It is for youth who would like to learn about animals but are not ready to own one. They are matched up with a mentor and learn how to care for that animal, how to raise it and how to show it.

Who Are the Mentors?

Mentors are volunteers who want to share their knowledge & skills with a young person. A mentor can be an older 4-H'er, a college student, a 4-H leader, a parent, or grandparent who has experience with 4-H and an animal project. You might have a mentor in mind, or you will be assigned one.

What Will I do as a 4-H Partner?

- Attend orientation on April 27 at 6:00 p.m.
- Make regular (minimum of 6) visits to your mentor's farm, do chores, and help take care of the animal and learn from your mentor.
- Attend a workshop or a field trip.
- Complete assignments and keep a journal about what you learn each time you go out to your mentor's farm.
- Enter and bring your animal to the county fair and participate in showmanship.
- Take care of your animal at the county fair with your mentor.
- Enter your journal as an exhibit at the county fair and participate in an interview.

Enrollment in 4-H Partners will be based on availability of mentors. The first to sign up will be matched with a mentor first.

If a mentor is not available, the fee will be returned.

4-H Partners Registration

Name: _____

Age: _____

4-H Club: _____

Parent/Guardian's Names: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

I would like to enroll in the 4-H Partners Project

In the area of: (check one)

Beef (\$40) _____

Dairy (\$40) _____

Horse (\$40) _____

Swine (\$40) _____

Goat (\$40) _____

Poultry (\$40) _____

Return this form with \$40 due by *March 31 to:

Seward County Extension Office

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Seward, NE 68434

402-643-2981

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Make Payment to:

Seward County 4-H



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Valentine's Day Workshop

COME MAKE SOMEONE YOU LOVE A GIFT THAT WILL MAKE THEM SMILE!
MONDAY FEBRUARY 13
4-5 PM



Games Prizes Food Fun

4-H Jr. Leader Carnival
February 19th
2-4 pm

Come join the 4-H Jr. Leaders as they host the 1st Annual 4-H Carnival! Bring 1 or more non-perishable food items for 10 free tickets!


Give someone you love a crafty Valentine this year! Join us at the Extension Office for a Valentine's Day themed pop-up Clover College where we will make tie heart-shaped pillows!

REMINDER: LATE FEE POLICY

In 2019, 4-H Council enacted a late fee of \$15 per member for those that are late with animal ID sheets and county fair pre-entry. Identification forms and /or entries may be submitted up to 7 days past the specified due date (County Fair Only) and are subject to this late fee. ID Forms and entries will not be excepted after this 7 day period. If you are late with ID forms for District, State horse show and State Fair Livestock, you will be ineligible to exhibit.



Contact Seward County Extension Office with questions
402-643-2981




2023 YQCA Trainer Led Trainings

February 9th
April 13
June 8th

All YQCA Trainer Led Trainings will be held at the Seward County Extension Office
7:00 p.m.
Enroll via yqcaprogram.org
There will be a \$3.00 YQCA fee and an additional \$3.00 collected the night of the training.

Contact Cindy Wolverton with questions.
402-643-2981
cwolverton3@unl.edu





All livestock, rabbit, and poultry exhibitors: read entire contents to be sure you know how to complete your YQCA Certification.

All livestock, rabbit, and poultry exhibitors must pass YQCA yearly to be eligible to exhibit at the Seward County Fair and NE State Fair shows. Youth may enroll in online classes or attend a trainer led class. Please contact Cindy at the Extension Office if you have any questions.

YQCA login and Course Completion Instructions may be found here: www.YQCAprogram.org

1. Go to www.yqcaprogram.org

2. Log into your existing Account or:

3. Create a new YQCA account. You can now create a family account and pay for your family at one time.

4. Complete registration information for the owner of the account.

a. Remember your Username and Password

5. Validate your account registration.

6. Once an account has been created then you can add more than one child. Select Add Child. Please use your child's name and allow access so that the certificate of completion is in your child's name not the adults name.

7. Complete the registration for your child. Select "submit" to move on or "Submit and Add Another Child" to add additional children.

8. Complete "Data sharing Consent" to verify their certification with the listed third parties.

9. View the child dashboard to edit child profiles, you can add and delete youth here.

10. For online and trainer led trainings youth must complete a pre and post test prior to gaining access to their YQCA Certificate of Completion.

11. Follow this link for help guides to enter trainings:

https://yqcaprogram.org/local/youth_parents.php

12. YQCA Help Video for Web Based Training: www.youtube.com/watch?v=qC5n5YWx1rI

13. YQCA Help Video for Instructor-Led Training: www.youtube.com/watch?v=wZHW2qtMIOc

Printing your Certification

1. Log into your account.

2. Be sure you have completed the pre and posttest.

3. Access your certificate using the dropdown menu under "Course Certificates." Select the "+" to see dropdown on completed courses.



4. Select the blue button to download certificate.

5. Print the certificate or save it to your device.

6. Make sure the Extension Office has a copy of your certificate of completion (print and bring a copy to the extension office or email a PDF of the YQCA Certificate of Completion to cwolverton3@unl.edu) by June 15th.

NEBRASKA 4-H MONTH

FEBRUARY 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			2nd night of Scholarship Interviews		4-H FRIDAY! WEAR A 4-H SHIRTI	4-H VOLUNTEER BRUNCH N LEARN
		4-H SPIRIT DAY! WEAR GREEN!			4-H FRIDAY! WEAR A 4-H SHIRTI	4-H SERVICE LEARNING WEEKND
4-H SERVICE LEARNING WEEKEND	Valentine's Day Workshop Jr. Leader & 4-H Council Phone-a- thon	4-H VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY			4-H FRIDAY! WEAR A 4-H SHIRTI	
4-H CARNIVAL 2-4 PM		4-H SPONSOR & DONOR APPRECIATION DAY Jr. Leader & 4-H Council Phone-a-thon			4-H FRIDAY! WEAR A 4-H SHIRTI	
		4-H PROFESSIONAL APPRECIATION DAY				



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Important 4-H Club Information

Volunteer Enrollment: All 4-H volunteers need to re-enroll in 4honline every year. Please make sure that your club organizational leaders, as well as anyone who helps in any way with your club, is enrolled. Go to <https://ne.4honline.com/>

Leadership Changes? Let us know if your club will be changing organizational leaders as soon as possible, so we can update our address lists. Thank you to all of the 4-H club leaders who do the important work of positive youth development.

Resources for Club Leaders: Looking for ideas? Check out Nebraska 4-H's Resources for Club Leaders for leader, officer, meeting, and teaching resources. <https://4h.unl.edu/resources/club-leaders>