

# Phelps 4-H Newsletter May 2024



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☀️ **Welcome to a 4-H Summer** ☀️

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## Save the Dates



- 6 – Phelps County 4-H Council Meeting (Holdrege)
- 16 – YQCA Training @ 6:00 PM (Elwood Civic Center)
- 20 – Gosper County 4-H Council Meeting (Elwood)
- 23-Presentation and Culinary Challenge Contest in Holdrege
- 28-30 – Building A Better Babysitter Workshop (Holdrege YMCA)
- 27- Memorial Day Office closed



- 1-4-H Small Animal Progress Show
- 1-State Horse ID and advancement levels
- 2-YQCA Bertrand
- 4-9-Big Red Camp
- 4-
- 5-South Central Junior Camp
- 6-4-H Art Workshop
- 15-4-H Enrollment Due
- 15- County ID's, YQCA, DNA, and NE State Fair Livestock Nominations Due



- 5-County Showworks Due
- 10-Dog and Cat Vaccination Forms Due
- 14-Gosper County Fair Set-up
- 15-Fashion Show Contest
- 15-Phelps County Clothing Construction Judging
- 15-Phelps and Gosper Public Fashion Show
- 15-Aerospace Contest and Launch
- 19-Phelps County Fair Set-up
- 20-Phelps-Gosper Horse Show-Elwood
- 21-25- Phelps County Fair
- 23-27-Gosper County Fair

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## 2024 Save the Dates

- 4-H Enrollment Due: June 15
  - County ID's, YQCA, DNA, and NE State Fair Livestock Nominations Due: June 15
  - County Showworks Due July 5
  - Phelps/Gosper 4-H Fashion Show: July 15
  - Phelps County Aerospace Launch: July 15
  - Phelps/Gosper 4-H Horse Show: July 20
  - Phelps County 4-H Fair: July 21 - 25
  - Gosper County 4-H Fair: July 23 - 27
  - Nebraska State Fair: August 23 - September 2
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# Remind App!

## Sign Up for Phelps County 4-H Remind!

# Remind

Phelps County 4-H is going to be trying out a new reminder system with more direct push notifications. We will be using this app to send out reminders for upcoming events, deadlines, and announcements... Like this Newsletter! In the app you are able to turn on App Notifications, Email and Browser Pop Ups, and even Text Reminders directly to you, so you don't miss any announcements!

### Sign Up

You can sign up in multiple ways. Choose whichever seems the best for you.

Tap this link to sign up and join.

**Link:** <https://www.remind.com/join/phelps4-h>

Or you can use the following on screen instructions or open the pdf file.

Remind

## Sign up for important updates from C. DeVries, L. Swanson, N. Renken, and Phelps County 4-H.

Get information for Phelps County 4-H right on your phone—not on handouts.

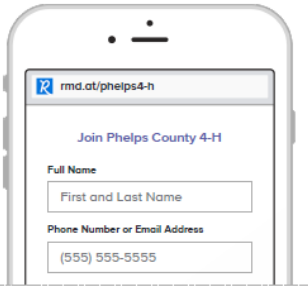
Pick a way to receive messages for Phelps County 4-H:

**A** If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

[rmd.at/phelps4-h](https://www.remind.com/join/phelps4-h)

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.

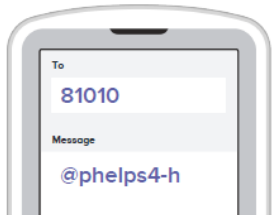


**B** If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message @phelps4-h to the number 81010.

If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @phelps4-h to (484) 241-4261.

\* Standard text message rates apply.



Don't have a mobile phone? Go to [rmd.at/phelps4-h](https://www.remind.com/join/phelps4-h) on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.

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## New Gosper County Extension Office Hours

We are excited to welcome Sandy Dannehl as our new Gosper County Extension Office Manager! Sandy will be working under part time hours. **Starting Tuesday, March 5, the Gosper County Extension Office office hours will be Tuesday - Thursday from 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM.**

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## Congratulations!

**Let's celebrate the high school and college graduates!**

### **4-H Foundation Announces Scholarship Recipients**

Congratulations to the recipients of the 4-H Foundation high school scholarships. Receiving a scholarship in the amount of \$2000 is Charli Wells. Receiving scholarship in the amount of \$1000 are Kourtney Hort, Mia Malcom, Bethany Pelton, and Trey Weaver.

Congratulations also to the post-secondary recipients. Receiving the 4-H Foundation Post-Secondary Scholarships in the amount of \$1000 are Chloe Newth and Lane Schoff.

Special thanks and congratulations to all of our 4-H Foundation Scholarship applicants and best wishes for your bright futures!

**Best wishes for your future!**

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## Volunteer News

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### **Nebraska 4-H Volunteer Recognition**

Congratulations to Tigh Renken for receiving the Nebraska 4-H Emerging Adult Volunteer Award for Engagement Zone #4! This zone covers 13 county region in Nebraska spanning from Kearney

County to Perkins County. Tigh has a long history in 4-H. He is currently serving as the Phelps-Gosper 4-H Livestock Judging Team leader. This award category is open to any adult (age 19+) who has served in a 4-H volunteer role for three or less years and has made an impact on 4-H programs (clubs, school enrichment, afterschool, camp, special interest) in their local county program and beyond. Tigh will be recognized for this award at the Nebraska State Fair on Sunday, August 25.



## ***TIGH RENKEN***

Gosper & Phelps County

Emerging Adult Volunteer

Zone 4

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## **4-H Committee Members**

The Phelps-Gosper County 4-H Program is very fortunate to have adult and youth volunteers that are willing to share their time and talents. One way to serve the local 4-H program is to be part of the 2024 4-H committees. Attached to the 4-H Newsletter is the current committee list and members. Do you know a community member that would be interested in “Making the Best, Better”? Contact the Extension Office to add your name to the list, join a new committee, or remove yourself from the list. All new members are welcome!!

## **2024 4-H Committees**

### **Fashion Show**

Katie Vaughn  
Kim Ford  
Keeley Vaughn  
Ashley Maloley

### **Clothing**

Sandi Ericson  
Denise Klein  
Beth Schneider  
Ashley Maloley

### **Home Environment / Child Development**

Heidi High  
Carol Anderson  
Mary Wallander  
Micki Fisher

### **Foods**

Niki Kinkade  
Kara Taylor  
Lisa Ziebarth  
Denise Klein

### **Creative Projects, Home Related and Ag**

#### **Miscellaneous**

Michele Cline  
Ron Lyon  
Raelynne Rouse  
Jenny Munn  
Kalei Freeland

### **Rabbit / Small Animal / Cat**

Barb Green  
Pokey Green  
Linda Bowers  
Julie Johnson  
Terry Hofaker

### **Beef**

Nathan Lindstrom  
Mark Williams  
Brent Soneson  
Damon Steinbrink  
Lans Peterson  
Morgan Wohlgemuth  
Dawn Schemper  
Amy Lohmeyer  
Mike Scholz  
Sarah Pelton  
Sam Lavene  
Joseph Pelton

### **Phelps/Gosper Horse**

Kim Anderson  
Wayne Witt  
Leanna Wohlgemuth  
Dawn Schemper  
Kim Rust  
Amy Lohmeyer  
Holly Robinson

### **4-H Council**

Kim Rust  
Morgan Wohlgemuth  
Kalei Freeland  
Ashley Maloley  
Terry Hofaker  
Jodi Ronhovde  
Tyler Freeland  
Patty Samuelson  
Pam Hansen  
Sam Lavene  
Bethany Pelton  
Keeley Vaughn  
Claire Maloley  
Clay Maloley  
Julia Rust  
Alyson Schoff

### **Dog**

Angie Temple  
Jillian Biesel  
Zach Temple  
Morgan Marquardt  
Shannon Kruback

### **Hog**

Mark Kreutzer  
Tyler Freeland  
Lyle Kinnaman  
Patty Samuelson  
Darci Samuelson  
Katherine Stewart

### **Livestock Judging**

Brenda Wohlgemuth  
Shelly Anderson  
Sue Gustafson  
Chris Schoff  
Kalei Freeland

### **Auction- Ag Society**

Becky Crandall  
Richard Waller  
Chadd Jacobson  
Elaine Redfern  
Kalei Freeland

### **Awards**

Terry Hofaker  
Barb Green  
Mary Wallander  
Patty Samuelson  
Sandi Ericson  
Kalei Freeland

### **Sheep and Goats**

Mark Fritson  
Lyle Kinnaman  
Tyler Freeland  
Jesse Landin  
Stan Vaughn  
Pokey Green  
Carrie Trompke



## **2024 4-H Comittees.docx**

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## **4-H Volunteer Screening**

All 4-H volunteers and staff are required to complete the Nebraska 4-H volunteer screening process outlined below. Volunteer screening is done in order to assure a safe, positive, and nurturing environment for all youth involved with the Nebraska 4-H programs and provide protection for the child, the volunteer, the educator, the 4-H Council, the Extension Board, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension.

**The Following 3 steps must be completed by all 4-H volunteers serving as a Direct Volunteer before performing your role. All steps need to be completed prior to your volunteer service.**

- 1.) 4-H Online Enrollment: <https://v2.4honline.com>
  - Step by Step Instructions: <https://4h.unl.edu/enroll>
- 2.) DHHS Volunteer Screening (**must use this link**).
  - <https://ecmp.nebraska.gov/DHHS-CR/CheckRequest/BeginOrgCheck/81102416>
  - \$5 Fee associated with screening

### 3.) Volunteer Orientation

- <https://4h.unl.edu/volunteer-orientation>
- Estimated time of completion: 40 Minutes.

Additional volunteer resources can be found at <https://4h.unl.edu/volunteer>.

**Direct volunteers** are those working directly with youth, such as club leaders and workshop facilitators. Direct volunteers will be asked to complete the following screening process and repeat screening as scheduled.

Please note that direct volunteers are responsible for covering a screening fee. Currently, the cost of the screening is \$5.00. This fee must be paid at the time of screening and re-screening.

#### Re-Screening Process

Volunteer screening is repeated every five years based on geographic location regardless of when the original screening was completed. When it is time for re-screening, volunteers will be prompted with instructions for completing the online re-screening process. See [Volunteer Screening Schedule](#).

2024: Adams, Arthur, Buffalo, Chase, Custer, Dawson, Dundy, Franklin, Frontier, Furnas, Gosper, Hall, Harlan, Hayes, Hitchcock, Kearney, Keith, Lincoln, Logan, McPherson, Perkins, Phelps, Red Willow, Webster.

## County News

### Summer 2024 4-H Workshops

#### Building A Better Baby- May 28,29,30

A class for youth 10-14. Learn the basics of child development, safety, nutrition and more. Become a trusted babysitter that parents respect and children enjoy. Youth do not need to be enrolled in 4-H to attend. This class is in conjunction with the Don Sjogren Community YMCA. Enrollment is through the Y. Please contact the Y at 308-995-4050.



DON SJOGREN COMMUNITY YMCA  
STEM Adventures

#### SAFE SITTER SAFE FUTURES

##### Babysitting Clinic

This class is designed to help young babysitters learn the important aspects of child care including safety skills, feeding and caring for infants and young children, first aid and rescue skills, and life and business skills. Class will include hands-on demonstrations and skills practice.

**WHEN:** May 28-30  
**AGES:** 10-14  
**TIME:** 1-4 PM  
**FEES:** \$25 M/\$35 NM  
**REGISTER:** Register by May 24



DON SJOGREN COMMUNITY YMCA



## 2024 4-H Summer Workshops

Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you! Each Workshop listed here needs a minimum of 5 youth and a maximum of 20. So please register early! Registration closes on a week before each workshops. Each workshop listed is \$15 per youth.

[go.unl.edu](https://go.unl.edu)

**N | 4-H EXTENSION** **2024 PHELPS & GOSPER SUMMER WORKSHOPS**

**JUNE 4**  
**INSECTAGATOR:** AGES: 8+ COST: \$15 EACH  
TIME: 10AM-12PM  
LOCATION: NORTH PARK - MEET BY THE EAGLE SHELTER ON THE SOUTH SIDE  
EXPLORE THE AMAZING WORLD OF INSECTS!  
COLLECT & IDENTIFY AND BEES & HISSING COCKROACHES!  
PLEASE DRESS WEATHER ACCORDINGLY, HAT, CLOSED TOE SHOES, SUNSCREEN, & BUG SPRAY.

**JUNE 5**  
**SOUTH CENTRAL JR. CAMP:**  
[HTTPS://GO.UNL.EDU/SOUTH-CENTRAL-4H-CAMP](https://go.unl.edu/south-central-4h-camp)  
COST \$20 AGES: 8 -12  
MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER ONLINE USE THE QR CODE OR LINK ABOVE.

**JUNE 6**  
**4-H CREATIVE ARTS SAMPLER:** AGES: 8+  
TIME: 1PM-4:30PM  
COST: \$15 EACH  
LOCATION: PHELPS AG CENTER  
ORIGINAL ACRYLIC PAINTING, DOOR HANGINGS, AND EXPLORING COLORS.

**JUNE 11 & 12**  
**CLOVER KIDS:** AGES: 5 - 7 BY JAN 1, 2024  
COST: \$15 EACH  
TIME: 9AM-12PM  
JUNE 11 - GOSPER: CIVIC CENTER  
JUNE 12 - PHELPS: AG CENTER  
JUMP INTO 4-H BY EXPLORING HAMMER ART, PRINTING WITH COLOR, ANIMAL CARE, & SNACKS.

**JUNE 26**  
**3. 2. 1... BLAST OFF! ROCKETRY:** AGES: 8+  
COST: \$15 EACH  
TIME: 1PM-4PM  
LOCATION: PHELPS AG CENTER  
LEARN THE BASICS OF 4-H AEROSPACE.  
LEARN THE PARTS AND BUILD YOUR OWN ROCKET, THEN LAUNCH IT!

**REGISTER ONLINE: [HTTPS://GO.UNL.EDU/SU-MMMERWORKSHOPS24](https://go.unl.edu/su-mmmerworkshops24)**  
**OR SCAN THE QR CODE**  
A MINIMUM OF 5 WILL BE NEEDED PER WORKSHOP. MAXIMUM OF 20 SO REGISTER EARLY! REGISTRATION IS DUE 1 WEEK BEFORE THE WORKSHOP

**PAYMENT:** PAYMENT WILL NEED TO BE PROVIDED TO THE PHELPS COUNTY OFFICE BY CASH OR CHECK IN ADVANCE.

**QUESTIONS?** 308-995-4222 PHELPS-COUNTY@UNL.EDU

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## 4-H Grab and Go Activity Bags

The activities are FREE thanks to grant funding from Phelps County 4-H Foundation. Reserve your Grab and Go Activity Bag by May 13. Kits will be ready for pickup May 20

Beginner-Clay Ornament  
Intermediate-Silicone Bracelet





### Silicon Bracelet-C221007 Fashion Accessory

Everything you need to make a unique silicone bracelet/key chain.



### Tomato Cage Side Table- Design Decisions C257020 Furniture Recycled/Remade

Create a side table using a tomato cage!



### Air Dry Clay Ornament- Design My Place Clay Accessory C251008

Explore the possibilities of creating with clay.

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## 4-H Presentation and Culinary Contest May 23

Phelps County will host an invitational 4-H Presentation Contest with 4-H'ers from other counties being invited to participate. Call the office to register!

### Two ways to Participate!

**4-H Presentation** Youth, ages 8-18 by Dec. 31, 2023, have an opportunity to teach others about the skills they have learned in 4-H by developing and delivering a "show and tell" presentation. Youth may use computer slide show or posters to assist in their demonstration.

**The 4-H Culinary Challenge Contest** will require a youth team of two, to demonstrate healthy decision making through nutrition, food preparation, menu planning, and food safety; utilizing a foods and nutrition curriculum. **The 2024 challenge ingredient is soy.**

More information about the culinary contest can be found at <https://4hfairbook.unl.edu/fairbookview.php/contests/22>

Our 4-H Team is excited to help you organize and practice for these events. Let us know you need help and we will set-up a time to get together! Register by May 22!

The Nebraska 4-H Premier Communication Event features a variety of state-level communication contests. The two-day event is held at the on the [University of Nebraska-Lincoln](#) East Campus in Lincoln. June 17 and June 1, 2024

4-H Age participants who receive a purple at county contests may advance to the Premier Communication Event. **Nebraska 4-H Foundation supports the top winners with cash prizes and scholarship funding.**

**Register for a county communication event to be eligible.**

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## Find Us On Facebook

The Phelps-Gosper 4-H Team has so much to share! Not everything can fit in the Newsletter. Like and follow our Facebook page for the most current information.

<https://www.facebook.com/PhelpsGosperExtension>

**Log in or sign up to view**

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## What is the 4-H Premium Book?

The 4-H Premium Book is the book of rules and policies of the exhibits you may bring to the county fair, 4-H contests, and the fair schedule. Find your project area and read carefully as there have been changes since last year. The Premium Book has unique information for each county.

The Premium book will help you answer questions like; *How much can my market steer weigh? What size of photos can I display? What supporting information do I need for my exhibit?* The 4-H Premium Book can be found at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/phelps-gosper/prembk/>

UPDATE

**\*\*The online premium book will reflect the most up to date information.**

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## 4-H Clubs, Share Your News

If your 4-H club is having a meeting, share your club dates with the 4-H staff. The staff will happily share the events with the 4-H community.

If your 4-H club is hosting a learning activity, consider sharing the information. Other 4-H members and clubs would love to learn alongside you!

The 4-H Team would love to attend your meeting and share 4-H learning with you. Just give a call and set up a date.

**Club Fair Exhibits**

Your 4-H club can create a club exhibit for the county fair! The **Heritage Project** allows clubs to exhibit their 4-H Scrapbook or a 4-H History Poster. The **Citizenship Project** allows clubs to create a club exhibit depicting what a 4-H Club has done for community service. Be creative!



**SATURDAY  
JUNE 1, 2024**

## **SMALL ANIMAL PROGRESS SHOW**

Phelps County 4-H Council and Lone Star 4-H Club welcome 4-h youth and Clover Kids. Companion animal and cat exhibitors are limited to four animal exhibits in the shows. Rabbit and poultry exhibitors are limited to ten animal exhibits in the shows. Show will follow guidelines as printed in the current Phelps/Gosper County Fair Premium Book.

- \$3 per Animal
- \$1 Showmanship

### **Our Show:**

- ✓ Rabbits
- ✓ Poultry
- ✓ Pocket Pets
- ✓ Two Rings
- ✓ Showmanship tips
- ✓ Rabbit and Poultry ID Contest
- ✓ Prizes for Exhibitors
- ✓ Clover Kids earn rainbow ribbon
- ✓ Tattoo ID Rabbits \$2 each



Concession Stand and Raffle  
by Lone Star 4-H Club

**REGISTRATION 8:30  
SHOW 9:30**

📞 308-995-4222

📍 Phelps County Fair Grounds  
1308 Second St., Holdrege NE

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## **PASE**



### **Premier Animal Science Event (PASE)**

Phelps and Gosper County 4-H'ers are invited to participate in the Premier Animal Science Event (PASE). PASE is a 4-H statewide competition where youth compete in Livestock Judging, Poultry Judging, Livestock Quiz-Bowl, Livestock Skill-a-thon, and Meats Judging. Meetings have started and Tigh Renken is coaching our 4-H members who are interested in Livestock Judging! Practices are hosted on Thursday's in Bertrand, NE at Immanuel Lutheran Church at 7:00 PM. **To learn more about this program or to RSVP**

for a future practice, please contact 4-H Educator Calvin DeVries at 308-995-4222 or [cdevries2@unl.edu](mailto:cdevries2@unl.edu).

To sign up for PASE, please contact the Phelps or Gosper County offices no later than Tuesday, **May 28**. The 4-H Phelps/Gosper 4-H team will be responsible for submitting 4-H youth team registrations. Additional information and full contest descriptions on the PASE program can be found at <https://4h.unl.edu/pase>.

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# Livestock News

## Youth Livestock Quality Assurance (YQCA) Due by June 15

All exhibitors in beef, dairy cattle, goats, sheep, hog, rabbit and poultry must complete. **Register online at [4h.unl.edu/yqca](https://4h.unl.edu/yqca).** Call the Extension office if you need to check on your status.

**Final Scheduled In-Person YQCA Training UPDATE From last month**

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

**June 1** Horse Affidavit to County office (for District/State shows)

**June 15** Completed 4-H enrollment including selection of 4-H curriculum projects.

**June 15** Completed Animal Affidavits, Premise ID, YQCA completed to County Office

Breeding Beef Feeder Calves Rabbits (YQCA only)

Bucket Calf Market Swine Poultry (YQCA only)

Dairy Cattle Market Sheep Horse (County Only)

Breeding Sheep Market Goat

Breeding Goat Dairy Goat

**June 15** Online State Fair Nomination with all fees paid <https://4h.unl.edu/livestock/state-id> and DNA to County Office

Breeding Beef (no DNA) Dairy Cattle

Feeder Calves Market Swine

Market Sheep Breeding Swine (no DNA)

Breeding Sheep (no DNA) Breeding Goat

Dairy Goat Market Goat

**All tags, affidavits, and vaccination forms are available in the County Office.**

**New for 2024. Phelps County will not require Bucket Calf Record Books. All 4-H and Clover Kid Bucket Calves do need to be properly identified using a 4-H Animal Affidavit from the Extension Office. This affidavit sheet is due by June**

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# YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE ANIMALS

Nebraska 4-H **requires** all youth enrolled in livestock projects to complete annual quality assurance certification through Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). YQCA is a national multi-species quality assurance program focused on three core pillars: food safety, animal well-being, and character development.  
Requirements

YQCA certification is required for all 4-H members enrolled in any of the following projects:

- **Beef** (bucket calf, feeder calf, breeding beef, market beef)
- **Dairy Cattle**
- **Goat** (breeding meat goat, dairy goat, meat goat)
- **Poultry**
- **Rabbit**
- **Sheep** (breeding sheep, market sheep)
- **Swine** (breeding swine, market swine)

YQCA is **required** annually.

**Face-to Face Training** In-person YQCA training courses cost **\$3 per individual** regardless of age. Dates to be determined. Be watching your 4-H Newsletter!

**Web-based Training** at <https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login>. The online YQCA course costs **\$12 per individual** regardless of age.

**Test-out options** are only available to youth in the first year of Intermediate (age 12) and Senior (age 15) age levels. There is no test-out option for Juniors. Participants will have only one chance to take the test-out option. If youth fail, they will not be provided another opportunity to test out of that age level.

Test-out costs are:

**Intermediate:** \$36 (\$12 x 3 years of certification) **Senior:** \$48 (\$12 x 4 years of certification).

### YQCA TIPS


↳ 4-H Families will register and pay online

<https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login>

↳ 4-H'ers use their 4-H Online Account

↳ Phelps and Gosper counties will offer a number of in-person training this spring.

## YQCA – Coupon Codes Available!




**Coupons**  
by YQCA <https://yqcaprogram.org>

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Youth for the Quality Care of Animals  
**Coupon**

Provided By Anytown 4-H Club


\$3 Coupon Value Coupon Code:



Youth for the Quality Care of Animals  
**Coupon**

Provided By Anytown 4-H Club

\$12 Coupon Value Coupon Code:



## Two Phelps-Gosper In Person YQCA training dates remain for 2024!

This training is required by all 4-H youth enrolled in Beef, Dairy Cattle, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, and Swine and is due **June 15**.

**Gosper County 4-H Council and the Phelps County 4-H Foundation are sponsoring \$3 coupon codes to provide free in person YQCA trainings this year! This will cover the complete registration cost for trainings in person.** Coupon codes can also be used to complete YQCA online to support the \$12 online course fee (\$9 when using coupon). Our goal is to see high attendance at our in-person trainings this year!

### Phelps County 4-H Families

Contact the Phelps County Extension Office for Coupon Codes.

### Gosper County 4-H Families

Contact the Gosper County Extension Office for Coupon Codes.

### Upcoming 2024 Phelps-Gosper in person YQCA Trainings:

- Thursday, May 16 @ 6:00 pm at the Elwood Civic Center
- Sunday, June 2nd @ 2pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Bertrand, NE

Online Registration: <https://yqcaprogram.org/>.

Instructions: [https://yqcaprogram.org/local/pdf/YQCA\\_HelpDoc\\_GettingLTCertification\\_2023.pdf](https://yqcaprogram.org/local/pdf/YQCA_HelpDoc_GettingLTCertification_2023.pdf).

Please note that a pre-test and post-test need to be completed by each youth before certificates will be made available. (Pre-test and Post-test are just surveys) Once both are completed, please email Certificates of Completion to [cdevries2@unl.edu](mailto:cdevries2@unl.edu) or provide a printed copy to the Phelps or Gosper County Extension Office by **June 15**. Unfortunately, certificates do not automatically populate on our end after the training is completed.

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**2024 Hy-Line Beef, Sheep, & Goat Progress Show** 🐮 🐑 🐐

# 2024 HyLine Beef, Sheep & Goat

## Progress Show

At the Phelps County Fair Ground in Holdrege, NE 68949

Open to all FFA and 4-H'ers

**Saturday, June 1, 2024**

**Cattle Registration from 7:30am-8:30am**

**Sheep and Goat Registration at 10:00am- 11:00am**

Show time Starts at 10:00 am with Cattle. Sheep & Goat will start following the Cattle Show!

Entry Fees:	<b>Cattle Show Order: Pee Wee Class Ages 3-7</b>
(Per Animal)	<b>Bucket Calf- Born in 2023</b>
\$ 10.00- Bucket Calf	<b>Showmanship – Age Division Jr. 8-10, Inte. 11-13, Sr. 14 +</b>
\$ 30.00 Per Animal	<b>Breeding Heifer – Born September 2022 through December 2023</b>
"Blow and Go "Rules Apply	<b>Market Heifer- Shown by Weight and Breed</b>
	<b>Market Steer – Shown by Weight, and Breed</b>

**Sheep Show Order: with 20 Minute Intermission**

**Pee Wee Class Ages 3-7**

**Showmanship – Age Division Jr. 8-10, Inte. 11-13, Sr. 14 +**

**Breeding Ewes – Born 2023 yearling or 2024 Lamb**

**Market Lambs – Shown by Weight**

All sheep must be sheared.

**Goat Show Order: with 20 Minute Intermission**

**Pee Wee Class Ages 3-7**

**Showmanship – Age Division Jr. 8-10, Inte. 11-13, Sr. 14 +**

**Market Goats – Shown by weight**

**Breeding Goats – Born 2023 yearlings and 2024 Goat**

**Early registration is available. If registering early cost will be \$25.00 per animal until May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, by contacting Kathy at the email below.**

Email address is [HyLine.Progress.Show@gmail.com](mailto:HyLine.Progress.Show@gmail.com) Not Responsible for Accidents!

Barn Housing is First come first serve or can stall out of your trailer. If you bring bedding, you are responsible for cleaning up that bedding.

**For Questions Please Contact:**

**Kathy Wilkins 308-991-8961**

**Chris Schoff 308-991-8705**

**Perry Anderson 308-991-1596**

## State Fair Livestock Exhibitors

- **New in 2024 - Changes to State Fair Age Eligibility!** All 4-H members who were at least 8 years of age on December 31 of previous year will be eligible to show livestock at the Nebraska State Fair. Learn more about State Fair: [4h.unl.edu/state-fair](http://4h.unl.edu/state-fair).
- **Online Livestock Nominations** - Any animals that you are considering and would like to be eligible to show at State Fair, will need to be nominated and paid online (\$7 per animal), by YOU (4-H families) at [showstockmgr.com](http://showstockmgr.com). **The deadline for all animals is June 14.** \*The official State Fair nomination deadline is June 15; however, that is a Saturday. Our office WILL NOT be open or be able to answer questions on the 15th; therefore, we STRONGLY SUGGEST that you complete your nominations by **June 14**.
- **DNA Samples** will need pulled for ALL animals that are nominated - market, breeding & feeder calves (this applies to Beef, Swine, Sheep & Goats). Please pick up DNA envelopes at the Extension Office for any animals that you plan to nominate & return completed envelopes with samples **by June 14** (see \* above). \*\*Multiple exhibitors in the same immediate family may be listed on each DNA envelope, but **ALL EXHIBITORS MUST SIGN THEIR SIGNATURES ON EACH ENVELOPE.** (This is **NEW** for 2024.)

# Companion Animal News



## 4-H Cat Rules

Cats and Ferrets are required to have completed vaccination forms filed with the Extension Office by July 10. This form must be signed by a vet. All cats, owned by 4-H age youth and Clover Kid age youth are included in this requirement. Minimum age for a cat to be shown is four months. The cat should be brought to the fair in a durable carrier. Cats are required to be on a leash at any time they are removed from the carrier.

# SAVE THE DATE

PHELPS SMALL ANIMAL PROGRESS SHOW



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PHELPS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS





# Barking Good Times with your 4-H Dog

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## Dog Vaccination and Owner Forms

All dogs are **required** to have completed vaccination records on file in the Extension Office by July 10. This includes 4-H age showman and Clover Kid age showman. This form **must be signed** by your vet.

Phelps County also requires an ownership form completed by July 10.

All forms are available in the Extension Office. The office can email you the needed forms.

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## Dog Achievement Program

The Nebraska 4-H Dog Achievement Program encourages youth to engage in a variety of companion animal opportunities, events, and contests. The program is designed to equip youth with a variety of skills and abilities and prepare them for success in the future. The Dog Achievement Program is open to enrolled 4-H members ages 8-18.

[4h.unl.edu](https://4h.unl.edu)

## Dog Achievement Program

The program consists of 4 levels that require youth to plan and report a broad range of age-appropriate accomplishments. For each level, the Dog Achievement program provides a list of recommended accomplishments from which 4-H youth choose their goals. At each level, youth must choose a specific number of recommended accomplishments they plan to achieve. Each level also has a certain number of required accomplishments that youth must complete in order to pass the level. The accomplishments increase in quantity and difficulty for each level. At the beginning of the level, participants plan what to accomplish and at the end, they report on their completed accomplishments. Successful completion of a level's Plan & Report form results in a 4-H youth earning that level of the Dog Achievement program. For more information <https://4h.unl.edu/dog-achievement-program> or contact the Extension Office.

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# Statewide Opportunities

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## 4-H Shooting Sports

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### Thank You!

Phelps and Gosper 4-H Shooting Sports has come to a close for the spring season. 4-H youth of all ages gained skills in safety, respect, and confidence. Thank you to the dedicated 4-H leaders who make this program available!



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## Nebraska 4-H Camps

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### Summer Camp 2024



# Summer 2024 CAMP

The power of  
being  green



REGISTER TODAY  
[4H.UNL.EDU/CAMPS-REGISTER](https://4h.unl.edu/camps-register)



## CHADRON

JUNE 1-5  
JUNE 6-8

10-14 YEARS  
8-10 YEARS

## COZAD

JUNE 16-20  
JULY 1-3


10-14 YEARS  
8-10 YEARS

## BURWELL

JULY 17-19  
JULY 20-24

8-10 YEARS  
10-14 YEARS

### Registration for the Nebraska 4-H Summer Camp Program is Now Open!

The summer 2024 theme is **The Power of Being  Green**. Youth will get to explore and interact with their natural world in six different sessions. Youth will learn how they can use their head, heart, hands, and health to make our natural world a better place for all. The 2024 sessions offer tailored age cohorts, providing sessions for younger campers between the ages of 8-10, and an older cohort for ages 10-14.

Dates, session summaries, and registration information can be found by visiting <https://4h.unl.edu/camps-register>.

Phelps County 4-H Foundation will reimburse 75% of the camp registration fee to enrolled 4-H members. Contact the extension office today for more information. (308)995-4222.

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## Nebraska 4-H Livestock Achievement Program

Through the Nebraska 4-H Livestock Achievement program, youth can receive recognition as Members of Excellence for engaging in various project-related activities. NEW in 2024: Members as young as eight will be able to participate. Applications are due June 15, but why wait? Visit [4h.unl.edu/livestock-achievement](https://4h.unl.edu/livestock-achievement) to get started. The requirements for Senior level applications are shown below. Please contact the Extension office for more information.



# SAVE THE DATE

**MAY 29, 2024**

**NCTA, CURTIS, NE**

Animal Science Discover Day is a hands-on educational program designed to engage youth in Animal Science topics and Agricultural Careers.

Registration information will be available after February 1st.



Youth ages 8-18 will interact with Animal Science faculty and educators, gain knowledge of the livestock industry and explore careers in animal science.

- May 29, 2024
- 9:00am – 3:30pm CT
- NCTA Campus in Curtis, NE, Ag Education Center
- Cost: \$15 includes lunch
- Register by May 22 (late registrations \$20)

Registration link: <https://cvent.me/mNXrmy>

For more information contact Kimberly at [kimberly.cook@unl.edu](mailto:kimberly.cook@unl.edu)

# Tractor & Equipment Safety Training

Tractor and farm equipment safety courses are now open for registration! Teens ages 14-15 who work on farms, or others who are interested in learning about tractor and farm equipment safety practices, can register for a safety training course offered at eight locations across Nebraska from May 21 through June 13. Learn more at <https://www.unmc.edu/publichealth/cscash/outreach/farm-safety-days.html>

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## Calibraska Arts Initiative

### Sign Up For Courses and Internships!

**Calibraska Arts Initiative** registration is open for summer 2024 in-person and virtual art programs for youth, ages 5 years old and up. True to the 'Cali-braska' name, this initiative brings specialized arts offerings from the California industries to Nebraska communities where access is limited to technology, cultural or arts institutions, professional mentorship and resources to the creative industries. The fun begins **June 3 - July 26, 2024!** Scholarships and discounts of 25%, 50%, 75% and 100% are available for all prospective students as well as options to pay in installments. For more information on the classes & registration, visit <http://www.calibraska.org>

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Monday-Friday

#### Gosper County Extension Office

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8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Tuesday-Thursday

**WEBSITE**

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/phelps-gosper/>



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