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Seward County 4-H

April 2022 Newsletter

Attention High School Juniors and Seniors!

Looking for something awesome to do this summer? Look no more! NAYI is a five-day FREE conference that allows you to learn about career opportunities within agriculture. This year's NAYI 51st anniversary theme is "Cultivating Connections" and will feature motivational speakers, discussions on agricultural issues and career options, a farm management game, awards presentations, and creative opportunities to interact with other participants. To learn more and to apply, check out https://nda.nebraska.gov/nayi/ Apply by April 15th!

IMPORTANT DATES

Apr. 1 - Diamond Clover Forms Due
Apr. 1 - 4-H Partners Forms Due
Apr. 1 - Camp Scholarships Due
Apr. 2 - Feeder Pig Lottery 10AM
Apr. 3 - Jr. Leaders Mtg. 4PM
Apr. 7 - Clover Kids Club Mtg. 4:30PM
Apr. 15 - NAYI Applications Due
Apr. 21 - YQCA Training 6:30PM
Apr. 26 - 4-H Partners Orientation 6PM
May 1 - Public Speaking Contest 4PM
May 1 - Performing Arts Contest 6:30PM

Camper Spots for County Fair

There are 38 camping sites available at the fairgrounds during the Seward County Fair. This will be on a first come first serve basis. To reserve your camper space for the 2021 County Fair, please call Jordan Odvody at (402) 440-2294.
PLEASE NOTE: There will be no generator this year.
The fee for one site is $200.
Direct any questions you may have to Jordan.

ATTENTION 4-H'ers taking Gardening and Flower Projects!

It is very important that you keep your seed packets and plant labels. In addition, use plant markers in your garden so that you know what you planted. When you exhibit vegetables and flowers at the fair later in August, you will need to identify your exhibits with the correct cultivar/variety name.

The Extension Office is available for club use for FREE! Call the office today to reserve your dates and times!

4-H Family Handbooks are available at the Extension Office. Please make sure you have one for your family. Information on deadlines and procedures are included!

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4-H'er Opportunities

High School Seniors: Briggs Ag Scholarship Available

The Briggs Family Scholarship application is now available! The application can be picked up at the Extension Office. The application is due June 1, 2022 to Mike Flyr. Each year, this scholarship awards one $1,000 and one $500 scholarship. You must be enrolled in a two or four year Ag program to apply, have a minimum 2.5 GPA, and be a 2022 graduating senior from Centennial, Milford, or Seward High Schools. Stop by to pick up your application today!

.22 Silhouette Match to take place this summer

Attention all shooting sports participants (and any other 4-H members who would like to participate who is enrolled in the .22 rifle program), this year the 10X 4-H Club is hosting a .22 Silhouette Match. It is a 140-shot match over a 5 week period. The event will take place between June 7 & July 5.

In order to participate, you must be enrolled in the .22 Rifle project on 4honline by May 15.

NOTE: This is NOT an open shoot. Youth MUST be enrolled in 4-H to participate.

For more information, please contact Jeff Krivohlavek at 10x4hclub@gmail.com or call at 402-641-7254.

4-H Clovers Club
A Fruity Feast

Clovers will learn how to make a healthy, nutritious snack

Make

Caramel Apple Grapes

And

Apple Slice Cookies!

Open to all youth who are age 5, 6, or 7 by Jan. 1, 2022

Meeting Details:

4:30-5:30 pm Thursday, April 7, 2022
Seward County Extension Office, 322 S 14th Street, Seward

For More Details:

Sheridan Wilson (308) 764-7147
swilson@co.seward.ne.us

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Master Gardeners Available to Answer Horticulture-Related Questions

Have a question about anything garden related? Contact one of our local Master Gardeners today! These individuals have been trained in science-based horticulture education and are here to help answer your questions!

- Judy Meyer -- judithmeyer14@icloud.com
- Carol Dougherty -- kv01719@windstream.net
- Cindy Snyder -- cynsnyder@gmail.com
- Lisa Policky -- jlp_designs@yahoo.com
- Kim Doerr -- KimmerD70@gmail.com
- Marilyn Bechtel -- mjbech@gmail.com

4-H'er Opportunities

4-H Public Speaking Contest

May 1, 2022 at 4:00 pm at the Civic Center

The 4-H Public Speaking Contest will be held on Sunday, May 1 at 4:00 p.m. at the Civic Center Auditorium. Speeches must be about 4-H. The theme for PSA's is "Opportunity 4 All" and must be incorporated in each PSA. All 4-H PSA's must include the following tag line within the last ten seconds of the PSA: "Learn more about Nebraska Extension 4-H Youth Development Program at 4h.unl.edu." The tag line is included in the 60 second time limit.
Registration will be done online. To register, please visit https://go.unl.edu/publicspeaking22

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2022

4-H Performing Arts Contest

May 1, 2022 at 6:30 pm at the Civic Center

The 4-H Performing Arts Contest is scheduled for Sunday, May 1 at 6:30 p.m. at the Civic Center Auditorium. 4-H'ers and Clover Kids can compete in individual classes including: dance, voice, instrumental, and theatrical arts. Duets or group performances, including Clover Kids, may also enter including: drill and dance routines, vocal song, instrumental, or theatrical arts.
Registration will be done online. To register, please visit https://go.unl.edu/performingarts22

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If you have enrolled in the Special Garden Project or Special Agronomy Project, come in to the Extension Office and pick up your seeds! For those who haven't enrolled yet but want to enroll, we have extra seeds!

DON'T FORGET TO ENROLL IN 4-H!

Visit 4-H Online and Enroll Today!
v2.4honline.com
Please call the Extension Office at
402-643-2981 with any questions.

Livestock Information

District Horse Show Information

District Horse show dates/locations: June 6 Chadron, June 7 Guide Rock, June 8 Albion, June 9 Raymond, June 10 Kearney.

NOTES:

- Youth must be at least 10 years old as of January 1, 2022.
- Must be enrolled in the 4-H Horse Project.
- Must have passed the Horsemanship Advancement Level 2 prior to entering a District 4-H Show.
- There are not individual workouts for English Pleasure, English Equitation, Western Pleasure, or Western Horsemanship at the 2022 districts.
- 2- and 3-year-old western pleasure horses must have an Affidavit submitted prior to entry.
- Horse ID sheets for District/State are due May 6th, 5:00 p.m. to the Extension Office
- No late horse ID sheets will be accepted.

District/State Horse Show Entry Procedure

District & State Horse Show entry process must be completed by the exhibitor (or their family). Entry fees must be paid for using a debit/credit card. There are no other payment options. This process is not to be completed by 4-H Club Leaders or County Extension staff

State District information can be found here: 4h.unl.edu/horse-district-shows-entry

Please follow this link and scroll down to the "Horse" section for entry directions:

https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/seward/static-horse-livestock-and-yqca-information-resources/

New YQCA Platform as of March 23rd, 2022.

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. Create a new YQCA account. YQCA is no longer attached to 4-H Online. You can now create a family account and pay for your family at one time.
3. Complete registration information for the owner of the account.
    a. **Remember your Username and Password**
4. Validate your account registration.
5. Once an account has been created then you can add more than one child. Select Add Child.
6. Complete the registration for your child. Select "submit" to move on or "Submit and Add Another Child" to add additional children.
7. Complete "Data sharing Consent" to verify their certification with the listed third parties.
8. View the child dashboard to edit child profiles, delete a child/children, and add a child/children.

If you have a current YQCA Certificate from the previous site, you will need to upload it to the new YQCA Platform.

1. Email help@yqcaprogram.org with the following information:
    a. Name on Account (Parent name if parent account that has added children).
    b. Name of youth(s).
    c. Copy of current and valid YQCA certification as PDF or image file.
2. YQCA will verify the certification and process the request. Check back at yqcaprogram.org under "Course Certificates" for a new certificate.

Printing your Certification

1. Log into your account.
2. Access your certificate using the dropdown menu under "Course Certificates." Select the "+" to see dropdown on completed courses.
3. Select the blue button to download certificate.
4. Print the certificate or save to your device.
5. Make sure the Extension Office has a copy of your certificate of completion by June 15th.

Livestock Information

2022 Seward County 4-H and FFA Livestock Identification Guidelines

Market Animals	Date Due	County Fair Only	State Fair ($7 DNA Envelope)
Beef	June 15	EID Tag & ID Sheet	EID Tag and DNA & online nomination
Swine	June 15	EID Tag, ID Sheet & Ear Notch	EID Tag and DNA & online nomination
Sheep	June 15	Scrapie Tag & ID Sheet	Scrapie Tag and DNA & online nomination
Goat	June 15	Scrapie Tag & ID Sheet	Scrapie Tag and DNA & online nomination

All Livestock with an EID tag must have a Premise ID on record at the Extension Office

State Fair: Animal Information must be nominated, paid for, and submitted via www.showstockmgr.com by the exhibitor family on or before the due date listed. NE State Fair entries can be made at www.statefair.org. Due date August 10th.

Aksarben: All ID & entry information can be found at www.aksarbenstockshow.com.

Breeding Animals	Date Due	County Fair Only	State Fair ($2 nomination & online nomination)
Cow Includes cow/calf Bulls	June 15	Cow: Registered – Tattoo, Reg papers & ID Sheet Cow: Commercial – 4-H Tag/EID Tag & ID Sheet Calf: EID Tag & ID Sheet Bull: Registered - Tattoo, Reg Papers & ID Sheet Bull: Commercial – 4-H Tag/ EID Tag & ID Sheet	Tattoo matching Reg. Papers Commercial: Tattoo or EID tag No 4-H Bulls
Swine	June 15	Reg: EID Tag + Reg Papers + ID sheet + Ear Notch Cross Bred/Commercial: EID Tag & ID sheet + Ear Notch	EID Tag + Registration Papers
Sheep	June 15	Scrapie Tag & ID Sheet	Scrapie Tag & online nomination
Goat	June 15	Scrapie Tag & ID Sheet	Scrapie Tag & online nomination
OTHER	**Date Due**	**County Fair Only**	**State Fair ($2 & online nomination)**
Dairy Cattle	June 15	ID Sheet w/drawing or pictures of left & right sides and head	ID Sheet
Dairy Goat	June 15	Commercial Breeding: Scrapie Tag & ID Sheet Registered: Tattoo, Reg #, ID Sheet	N/A
Rabbit	June 15	ID Sheet Registered: Tattoo & ID Sheet	Ear Tattoo
Poultry	June 15	N/A	N/A
Feeder Calf	June 15	EID Tag & ID Sheet	EID Tag
Bucket Calf	June 15	EID Tag & ID Sheet	N/A
Horse	June 15 May 6	ID Sheet w/picture For District and State Entries	ID Sheet w/picture

BEEF MENTORS NEEDED

- Do you have a calf that you would be willing to share with a young 4-H'er?
- We are in need of **4** Beef Mentors for the 4-H Partner program.
- Older teens, college students, leaders, parents and grandparents who have knowledge of working with cattle are needed.
- Meet 6 times or more with the youth.
- Follow provided curriculum.
- Attend a orientation meeting
- Help youth at county fair showmanship class.

4-H PARTNERS

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Contact Cindy if you are interested or have questions.
402-643-2981 or cwolverton3@unl.edu

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The Extension Office is on Twitter!
Check out our page today!
@NebraskaSeward

For up-to-date information and for fun state-wide activities, check out our Facebook page!

https://www.facebook.com/ExtensionSewardCo

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