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Seward County 4-H

April 2024 Newsletter

Enroll in 4-H Today!

Visit v2.4honline.com to enroll in 4-H!

DIAMOND CLOVER AWARD APPLICATION

All 4-H'ers are invited to fill out an application for the Diamond Clover Awards program. It truly is an achievable goal-setting and application process.

There are six levels. Youth can start at the beginning or at the age level associated with the award. For each level, there is a list of possible accomplishments from which 4-H youth choose their goals. The accomplishments increase in quantity and difficulty for each level. At the beginning of the 4-H year, participants plan what to accomplish and at the end of the 4-H year, they report on their completed accomplishments. In Seward County, goal sheets are due **May 1** and reports are due **October 1**. Successful completion of a level's Plan & Report form results in a 4-H youth earning that level of the Diamond Clover program. In Seward County youth receive a pin, a certificate, and a prize. These are awarded at the annual 4-H Achievement Party. More information on the Diamond Clover Program is at: <https://4h.unl.edu/diamond-clover>

DID YOU KNOW?

4-H EMAILS COME FROM "RegMax"



Most emailed 4-H communications from our office do not show up as from Seward County 4-H. Instead, they will be from "RegMax". Please check your spam folders to ensure you are receiving our emails from this source. Call the office at 402-643-2981 if you have questions!

Be on the look out for our upcoming Clover Colleges! The brochure is on its way!

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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Attention Families that Plan to Show Rabbits!

4-H staff and Small Animal superintendents have made the decision to no longer supply and feed rabbits at the fair. This will now become the responsibility of the individual 4-H'er and their family to supply and feed their rabbits.

Additionally, to mirror State Fair rules, we are no longer requiring a rabbit ID sheet to be filled out and turned in to the office. Ear tattoos will still be required.

If you have any questions about the changes being implemented, please direct your questions to Brittney (bemerson4@unl.edu) or Ann (ann.dobesh@unl.edu).



REQUEST FOR FUNDS

The Seward County 4-H Foundation supports 4-H through a variety of grant opportunities. If your club has a special project, an individual wants to attend a training, or you are working on a special project, the Seward County 4-H Foundation may be able to help cover the cost.

Contact Cindy at the Extension Office to access applications and with questions.

cwolverton3@unl.edu
402-643-2981



4-H members ages 8-18 as of Jan.1, 2024 who exhibit beef, goats, sheep, swine, rabbits and poultry **MUST** complete YQCA training (each year) to exhibit at the county fair and state fair. Clover kids ages 5-7 do not need to complete YQCA training.

SEWARD COUNTY INSTRUCTOR-LED TRAINING

January 3 10:00 a.m.
April 4 7:00 p.m.
June 6 10:00 a.m. / 7:00 p.m.

All Instructor Led Trainings will be held at the Seward County Extension Office

How to complete your Instructor - Led training registration:

1. 4-H members need to be enrolled in 4-H for 2024 before you can register for YQCA.
 - a. Use this link to enroll in Seward County 4-H: <https://v2.4honline.com/> (type this link into your browser).
 2. Create a YQCA account if you do not have one. Remember your password! See Attached PDF
 3. Once you have created a YQCA account, register for the training and pay online (\$3/youth) at: <https://yqcaprogram.org>.
- a. See attached PDF for how to register for a Instructor Led Training
- b. First choose your age group
- c. Choose "Instructor Led" training for the date you want to attend.
- d. Choose Seward County
- e. Follow the screen prompts for payment information.

Instructor Led Training Cost
\$6.00/youth
\$3.00/youth at online registration + \$3.00/youth collected at the time of the training.

How to complete your Web-Based training registration:

1. 4-H members need to be enrolled in 4-H for 2024 before you can register for YQCA.
 - a. Use this link to enroll in Seward County 4-H: <https://v2.4honline.com/> (type this link into your browser).
 2. Create a YQCA account if you do not have one. Remember your password! See Attached PDF
 3. Once you have created a YQCA account, register for the training and pay online (\$12/youth) at: <https://yqcaprogram.org>.
- a. See attached PDF for how to register for a Web-Based Training
- b. First choose your age group
- c. Choose Web-Based training.
- d. Follow the screen prompts for payment information.
- e. Complete the course online.

Web-Based Training Cost
\$12.00/youth
Payment online

YQCA completion deadline is June 15

YQCA certificate of completion must be printed and mailed or brought into the Extension Office, or a PDF file emailed to cwolverton3@unl.edu. No phone screenshots will be accepted.

NEW FOR THE 2024 COUNTY FAIR HORSE SHOW



Ground Roping Header
Dummy Roping Header

Live roping:

Breakaway roping only if we have 5 or more exhibitors. There will be a cattle charge due at time of the roping.

There will not be any Heading or Healing live roping.

ALL ROPING WILL BE TUESDAY AUGUST 6 FOLLOWING THE SPEED EVENTS

Watch for rules and more information in the Newsletter

Contact Cindy Wolverton, Christi Arnold, Courtney Kossow or Charli Barnhill for more information.

4-H'er Opportunities

NEW EPISODE!

*"S1E15: Youth Sports:
Don't Lose the Concept
of What It's All About"*



FEATURING FORMER
HUSKER & NFL
FOOTBALL PLAYER
JAY FOREMAN



*“Everyone looks
at the score,
it's bigger than that.”
-- Jay Foreman*

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Jay Foreman joins The Good Life in Early Life to share about the role sports have played in his life and what children and youth can learn from participating in sports. He discusses how he became involved in football as a child and what he learned through his experiences while sharing insight on what to look for in a sports program for young children.

4-H ROPING CLINIC

FRIDAY JUNE 7TH
6:00 P.M.
SEWARD COUNTY
HORSE ARENA

- ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN IN THE FUN.
- NEVER PICKED UP A LARIAT, NO PROBLEM NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.
- PRACTICE ROPING A DUMMY CALF AS WELL AS GROUND ROPING.
 - BRING YOUR HORSE FOR DUMMY ROPING
- \$20 FEE/YOUTH, PAYMENT TO UNL

Contact the following for more information:

- Christi Arnold 402-641-0122
- Courtney Kossow 42-450-2893
- Charlie Meinburg 402-580-7266
- Cindy Wolverton 402-641-4490



S1E16: Sports Performance:

Know When to Dial Back



In this episode, Emily Manning interviews former college athlete and current strength and performance coach, Blake Strecker. He helps athletes of all ages achieve their fitness and performance goals and goes over information in this episode to keep children healthy and strong when competing in sports. Blake also talks about his involvement in sports at a young age and how it has impacted his life.



BLAKE STRECKER

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2024 TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT SAFETY TRAINING

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! COST: \$40

Federal law prohibits children under 16 years of age from using certain equipment on a farm unless their parents or legal guardians own the farm. However, certification received through this course grants an exemption to the law allowing 14- and 15-year-olds to drive a tractor and to do field work with certain mechanized equipment. Certification is earned by completing a Hands-On Safety Day with written test (Certification Day 1), then completing the Tractor and Equipment Safety Training with driving exam (Certification Day 2). Successful completion of a Certification Days 1 and 2 will result in certification for 14 and 15 year old youth to be employed on farms and ranches.

Youth under 14 years of age can attend Certification Day 1 **if accompanied by an adult**. They will not be able to drive equipment, attend Day 2, or become certified. Students under 14 must still register, but will not be charged the registration fee.

SUMMER 2024 SCHEDULE

Date(s)	Event(s)	Location
May 21 May 22	Certification Day 1 Certification Day 2	North Platte, NE
May 28 May 29	Certification Day 1 Certification Day 2	West Point, NE
May 30 May 31	Certification Day 1 Certification Day 2	Weeping Water, NE
June 4	Certification Day 2*	Gering, NE
June 5 June 6	Certification Day 1 Certification Day 2	Gordon, NE
June 7	Certification Day 2*	O'Neill, NE
June 11 June 12	Certification Day 1 Certification Day 2	Grand Island, NE
June 13	Certification Day 2*	Hastings, NE

LEARN MORE

Scan the QR code or visit
[go.unmc.edu/
tractor-safety-training](https://go.unmc.edu/tractor-safety-training)



*Those attending a location that only offers Certification Day 2 must complete Certification Day 1 at another location, OR complete the virtual module. Certification Day 1 (or online module) MUST be completed, with written exam, before attending Certification Day 2.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT TIFFANY HOOVER AT THOOVER6@UNL.EDU

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#FarmSafety
#TractorSafety
#NebExt

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4-H T-SHIRT INFORMATION

- 2024 4-H T-shirts will be a direct order from Middlecreek Printing.
 - Watch for order links and more information in next month's newsletter.
- All orders will be due June 15th.



Summer 2024
CAMP

The power of
being  green

CHADRON
JUNE 1-5 10-14 YEARS
JUNE 6-8 8-10 YEARS

COZAD
JUNE 16-20 10-14 YEARS
JULY 1-3 8-10 YEARS

BURWELL
JULY 17-19 8-10 YEARS
JULY 20-24 10-14 YEARS



REGISTER TODAY
4H.UNLEDU/CAMPS-REGISTER



Livestock Information for Clover Kids

Please review the rules concerning the Clover Kids Livestock showmanship class. Nothing is new, however, rules will be enforced for the 2024 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 exhibitor.
- Each member may bring one animal (or use another 4-H 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:

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

Livestock Information

2024 Seward County 4-H and FFA Livestock Identification Guidelines

Market Animals	Date Due	County Fair Only	State Fair online nomination, \$7 DNA
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.showstockmtr.com by the exhibitor family on or before June 15th. 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 online nomination, \$7 DNA
Cow	June 15	Cow: Registered: Tattoo, Reg papers & ID Sheet Cow: Commercial: 4-H Tag/EID Tag or Tattoo, ID Sheet Calf: EID Tag & ID Sheet	Tattoo, matching Reg. Papers, DNA Tattoo or EID Tag, DNA
Includes cow/calf Bulls		Bull: Registered: Tattoo, Reg Papers & ID Sheet Bull: Commercial: Tattoo or EID Tag & ID Sheet	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, DNA Registration Papers EID Tag, DNA
Sheep	June 15	Scrapie Tag & ID Sheet	Scrapie Tag, DNA
Goat	June 15	Scrapie Tag & ID Sheet	Scrapie Tag, DNA
OTHER	Date Due	County Fair Only	State Fair
Dairy Cattle	June 15	ID Sheet with tattoo # and or w/drawing or pictures of left & right sides and head	ID Sheet w/drawing or photos
Dairy Goat	June 15	Commercial Breeding: Scrapie Tag & ID Sheet Registered: Tattoo, Reg #, ID Sheet, Scrapie tag	N/A
Rabbit	June 15	Ear Tattoo	Ear Tattoo
Poultry	June 15	N/A	N/A
Feeder Calf	June 15	EID Tag & ID Sheet	EID Tag, DNA
Bucket Calf	June 15	EID Tag & ID Sheet	N/A
Horse	June 15	ID Sheet w/photos or drawings of markings	ID Sheet w/drawing or photos



24th Annual Seward Calf Classic

April 27, 2024

Seward County Fairgrounds

7:30 – 8:30am ~ Check-in

10:30am ~ Show

**Sanctioned by the Junior Nebraska Cattlemen
Sponsored by Staplehurst Livestock 4-H Club**

Cash paybacks:

Champion & Reserve Champion Market Animal
Breed Champions

Supreme & Reserve Supreme Breeding Heifer

Showmanship: Junior ~ Intermediate ~ Senior

Pre-entries ~ \$30.00 per head

Show Day ~ \$40.00 per head

Fairgrounds will be available Friday, April 26, 2024
Lunch Stand and *Final Drive Supplies* on grounds Saturday.

For more information contact:

Devin Koranda @ 402.641.5467 or ginnykoranda@gmail.com

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM (due by April 24)

Name of Exhibitor: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Breeding Heifer	Market Heifer	Market Steer	Breed	
				<p>Make check payable to: <i>Staplehurst Livestock 4-H Club</i></p> <p>Mail to: <i>Staplehurst Livestock 4-H Club c/o Ginny Koranda 2010 N. Hwy. 15 Seward, NE 68434</i></p> <p>Total Head _____ @ \$30/head</p> <p>Total Enclosed: \$ _____</p>

SHOW ORDER

A. Breeding Heifers

All registered heifers will show in their respective breed class. Heifers without papers will show in the commercial breed class. Classes are divided as follows:

1. January – February
2. March – April
3. May – June
4. July – August
5. September – October
6. November – December

Breeding Heifer Champions will be selected as each breed is shown. Supreme Heifer will be selected at the conclusion of the Breeding Heifer show.

B. Senior Showmanship (16-21 years of age on January 1)

C. Intermediate Showmanship (12-15 years of age on January 1)

D. Junior Showmanship (8-11 years of age on January 1)

Showmanship exhibitors must use animals entered in their own name at this show.

E. Market Heifers

1. Shown by weight
2. Selection of Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Heifer

F. Market Steers

1. Shown by weight
2. Selection of Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Steer
3. Selection of Overall Champion Market Beef

No bedding will be provided. Wood products and shavings are permitted. **NO STRAW!!!**
Exhibitors are required to dispose of all bedding at the end of the show.

Staplehurst Livestock 4-H Club, Seward County Ag Society, or any of the representatives of those groups, are not responsible for any loss or injuries.

**This show will be managed under the rules of the
Junior Nebraska Cattlemen and Staplehurst Livestock 4-H Club**



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