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Seward County 4-H

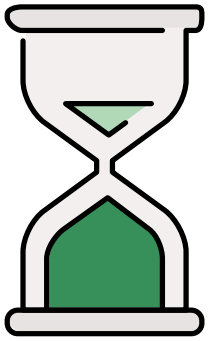
March 2022 Newsletter

April Brings Deadlines!

Diamond Clover Plans: Goal sheets are due April 1. All 4-H'ers are encouraged to apply. Goals are easily met each year. For more information go to: http://4h.unl.edu/diamond-clover . See page 4 of newsletter for more information.

4-H Partners: 4-H Partners is a livestock and horse mentoring program. Deadline to sign-up is April 1. More information can be found on page 5 of the newsletter.

Camp Scholarships: Scholarship applications to both the state 4-H office and the Seward County 4-H Council are due. See page 4 for more details on scholarship information.



IMPORTANT DATES

Mar. 1 - Horsemanship Study Group 6PM

Mar. 6 - Junior Leaders Mtg. 4PM

Mar. 4 - Feeder Pig Lotter Registrations Due by 5PM

Mar. 7 - 4-H Council Mtg. 6:30PM

Mar. 7 - Elmer & Berniece Spahr Scholarship Due

Mar. 10. - Extension Board Mtg. 5:30PM

Mar. 24 - Clover Kids Club Mtg. 4:30PM

April 1 - Diamond Clover Plans Due

April 1 - 4-H Partners Applications Due

April 1 - Camp Scholarships Due

April 21 - YQCA In-Person Training 7PM

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

REMINDER

High School Seniors! The Elmer & Berniece Spahr Scholarship is due to Mike Flyr at Jones Bank by Monday, March 7th, 2022. Two winners will be chosen by March 10th, 2022.

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.

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

March Spotlight

Our March spotlight features all of our club leaders! In mid-February, the Extension Staff hosted a Volunteer Brunch and Learn event. Our amazing club leaders learned about positive youth development and got important updates for the 4-H year. In addition to receiving updates, networking and getting new ideas from each other, and having a learning opportunity, club leaders each received a tote bag. If your club leader wasn't able to attend, stop by the office to pick your clubs tote bag up! Remember 4-H families, your leaders do a lot for you! Make sure to let them know that you appreciate them as much as we do! If you want to see a volunteer or event featured in the newsletter, contact Rebecca McKay at the Extension Office.

Statewide Volunteer Award Nominations Happening NOW!

Nebraska 4-H is now accepting nominations for a new awards program to recognize the outstanding contributions of 4-H volunteers across the state.

The Nebraska 4-H Volunteer Recognition Awards honors adult and youth volunteers, as well as and multi-generational families, who have provided meaningful contributions to Nebraska 4-H. One Outstanding Adult Volunteer Award and One Emerging Adult Volunteer Award winner will be chosen for each of the state's 11 Nebraska Extension Engagement zones. One statewide winner will be named in the each of the youth volunteer and multi-generational family categories.

The nomination period runs through March 15. Nominations can be submitted by any 4-H member, family, supporter, or Extension staff member. Nominees must fit the award categories and can be a volunteer for any Nebraska 4-H experience. Some examples may include 4-H club leader, project leader, junior leader, county or State Fair volunteer, special interest volunteer, such as robotics or shooting sports, afterschool club volunteer or 4-H camp volunteer. More information, along with the nomination form, is available online at: https://4h.unl.edu/volunteer-recognition.

Winners will be announced virtually the week of April 18, in which Nebraska 4-H will be celebrating the Week of the Volunteer. A special awards presentation will take place at the 2022 Nebraska State Fair.

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 ACCEPTED AFTER THIS 7 DAY PERIOD. If you are late with identification forms for Horse District/State show and Livestock State Fair, you will be ineligible to exhibit.

NEBRASKA AGRICULTURAL YOUTH INSTITUTE
Cultivating CONNECTIONS 2022

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!

4-H'er Opportunities

4-H Public Speaking Contest

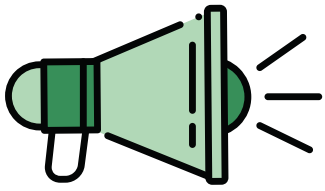
May 1, 2022 at 4:00 pm at the Civic Center

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

4-H Performing Arts Contest

May 1, 2021 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



JUNIOR LEADERS!

The February/March meeting will be held on Sunday, March 6th at 4PM in the Extension Office.

PICK YOUR PROJECT

Not sure what projects to enroll in for County Fair? Pick Your Project is an online database and selection guide for finding 4-H projects and their resources. Users can search for projects by keywords or browse by curriculum area, knowledge level, and geographic level. Check it out! https://4h.unl.edu/news/pick-your-project

4-H'er Opportunities

Diamond Clover Awards Program - Achievable for all 4-H'ers

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 April 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

Camp Scholarships - Due April 1

Looking for an exciting opportunity this summer? Summer 4-H Camps are held in Halsey. There are camp offerings for youth ages 6-18. A variety of programs are offered including: team building challenge courses, shooting sports, canoeing, kayaking, swimming, nature programming, art, crafts, campfires, songs, and fun! For more information, visit https://4h.unl.edu/camps-centers/summer-camp.

Also, check out Big Red Summer Academic Camps! These are residential, career exploration camps held at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. For more information, visit https://4h.unl.edu/big-red-camps-sessions.

State scholarships are available for both Halsey and Big Red Camps at https://4h.unl.edu/camps-centers/summer-camp/scholarship and https://4h.unl.edu/big-red-camps-scholarship. 4-H Council is also offering camp scholarships to 4-H'ers attending a Nebraska 4-H Camp. This includes camps at Halsey and UNL Big Red Camps. Scholarship applications are available on our website seward.unl.edu, and must be submitted by April 1.

Broomcorn Sorghum

ENROLL IN THE SPECIAL AGRONOMY AND GARDENING PROJECTS TODAY!

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High School Seniors! Briggs Scholarship is 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!

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 26 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)
_____ Sheep ($40)
_____ Swine ($40)
_____ Goat ($40)
_____ Poultry ($40)

Return this form with $40 due by ***April 1*** to:
Seward County Extension Office
322 S. 14th St.
Seward, NE 68434
402-643-2981
cynthia.wolverton@unl.edu

Make Payment to:
Seward County 4-H

4-H CLOVERS CLUB
CRAZY ABOUT CORN

Make Your Own Biodegradable Plastic!

Open To all youth who are age 5,6, and 7 by Jan. 1, 2022.

WHAT WILL CLOVERS LEARN?
Clovers will make fun-shaped biodegradable plastic while learning about corn byproducts and the difference between biodegradable and non biodegradable items.

TIME AND DATE DETAILS
4:30-5:30 pm, Tuesday, March 24th
Seward County Extension Office, 322 S 14th Street, Seward

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

NEW NEW NEW NEW

2022 Seward County Fair Breeding Gilt Class

Registered Breeding Gilt Class
Crossbred Breeding Gilt Class

Identification Requirements
Registered: EID Tag + Reg papers+ ID Sheet + ear notch
Crossbred: EID tag + ID Sheet + ear notch

Livestock Info

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

New Beef Class for 2022 County Fair

Market Bred and Owned

CALF HAS BEEN BRED BY 4-H'ER
Natural, AI or ET
4-H'er has taken the time to research genetics and made decisions on what genetics to use in thier 4-H beef project

ONE CLASS
Bred and Owned entry may not enter any other market class
May be used in Showmanship

OVERALL GRAND RESERVE GRAND
Entry is eligible for the overall grand and reserve grand awards.

STEER HEIFER
There will be a class for Market Bred and Owned Steer and one for Makret Bred and Owned Heifer

Must be identified on proper Market Bred and Owned Seward County ID sheet.

For more information contact Cindy Wolverton at 402-643-2981 or cynthia.wolverton@unl.edu

YQCA YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS

2022 In person Trainings

February 17
April 21
~~**June 9**~~

7:00 p.m.
Seward Extension Office

Must enroll via your YQCA account using your 4-H online information and password.

Fee: $3.00 YQCA online fee + $3.00 collected at the training.

All livestock, rabbit and poultry exhibitors must complete either a web-based or In person training to be eligible to exhibit at the 2022 Seward County Fair.

Certificates of completion must be turned into the Seward County Extension office by June 15th, 2022.

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CONTACT CINDY WOLVERTON WITH QUESTIONS
402-643-2981
CYNTHIA.WOLVERTON@UNL.EDU

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. Instructions on how to create, log into and sign up for YQCA training is listed below. Please contact Cindy at the Extension Office if you have any questions.

Before you can create or enroll in a YQCA training you first must enroll as a current 4-H member for 2022. You can enroll for the 2022 4-H year at https://v2.4honline.com . Note: Remember your password.

YQCA Login and Course Complete Instructions may also be found here: https://4h.unl.edu/yqca-instructions.

Step 1: Enroll as a current 2022 4-H Member at https://v2.4honline.com .

Step 2: Login/Create an account

Go to https://yqca.learngrow.io/account/login

A. Select to sign in with 4-H Online
B. You will be prompted to select the state 4-H program you are enrolled in. Select "Nebraska 4-H Youth Development".
C. Then enter the login information for your family 4-H Online Account.
D. After successfully logging in, you will be given a list of active family members. Select a family member and begin the account creation process.
E. After creating your account, you can still log in using your 4-H Online credentials. The username will be used if you decide to disconnect your account from 4-H Online.

Step 3: Accessing and Paying for Courses

A. To begin, click one of the courses listed.
B. Select the training you want to take: Web-based or Instructor-Led training.
C. Read the descriptions of the courses carefully to make sure the individual associated with the account meets the requirements.
D. Select the appropriate course and course options for your age. Youth completing lessons on their own time must select and pay for the "Web-Based Training" option.
E. The Instructor-Led Training option is only for face-to-face YQCA trainings.
    a. Instructor-Led Trainings can be set up for your 4-H club or attend one that is already scheduled.
F. Purchase the course by entering your credit card information. You will only be able to purchase one course at time.

Step 4: Accessing Certificates of Completion

A. For Web Based Training
    a. Once all the lesson quizzes have been successfully completed, the participant will have access to their Certificate of Completion.
    b. Return to the course menu screen to print the certificate or download a PDF file and send the certificate electronically to cynthia.wolverton@unl.edu.
    c. A copy of the certificate must be on file at the Seward County Extension Office by June 15th.
B. For Instructor Led Training
    a. Once the training is completed the instructor will go online and mark everyone that attended "completed". Once that is done then all participants will have access to their Certificate of Completion.
    b. Return to the course menu screen to print the certificate or download it as a PDF and send it electronically to Cynthia.wolverton@unl.edu.
    c. A copy of the certificate must be on file at the Seward County Extension Office by June 15th.

Swine 840 EID Tags

Market Beef EID Tag

EID Tags

Market and Breeding Swine must have an 840 EID tag and premise ID recorded on the animal ID sheet.
Market Beef must have an EID tag and premise ID recorded on the animal ID sheet.
All numbers must be recorded on the animal ID sheet, the panel number as well as the yellow/white button
number. For ease of recording the button numbers, it is recommend that the 4-H'er write down the numbers prior to tagging their animals.
EID tags may be purchased at the Extension Office.

Scrapie Tags: All official USDA scrapie tags must include the state abbreviation, flock ID, and animal ID.

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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