

# Clover Clips



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Douglas, Storey, and Washoe Counties  
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## Clover Clips Changing and Expanding

Plans are in the works to change Clover Clips into a more useful and readable newsletter. The plans include changing the format of the stories, the way it is sent to members, and maybe most importantly, changing it to a statewide publication.

For the past twenty or so years, the Clover Clips 4-H Newsletter has not changed its format significantly. It has been a four-page newsletter with a calendar insert since many of us have been with 4-H. The target audience has been Carson City, Douglas, Storey and Washoe county, with inclusion of state and national events.

Originally, when copies of the newsletter were printed and mailed to all 4-H families in the Western area, (Imagine three people in a room stuffing envelopes for half a day). The format served the purpose well. But as times have changed, emails became the preferred method of distribution. The four-page format was not ideal, but still functioned as a downloadable file.

We are now entering a time when 4-H activities are increasingly available to a wider audience. Statewide and multi-county events are becoming more common. There are also Zoom webinars and classes available to the state as a whole. State and regional events are being staged throughout the state, not just in Reno and Las Vegas, but also in Elko, Fallon, Alamo, and Gardnerville to name a few.

With the introduction of smart phones, paper versions of any publication are being seen by many as inconvenient and wasteful. Even being restricted to sitting at a desktop computer to read a newsletter seems increasingly antiquated.

With these factors in mind, Clover Clips will be changing over the next few months. One of the first changes will be increasing the scope of the articles to cover the entire state. This is not intended to supplant county newsletters, but to augment them. Clover Clips will also become a better vehicle to spread the word of county events to a wider audience.

Another major change will be to the format of the newsletter. There have been numerous comments about the current format being hard to read on cell phones and tablets. Converting the newsletters into HTML or a similar online format that conforms to the device being used is an obvious advantage for readers. The format change is aimed at creating a format that is equally as usable on desktop computers, tablets, or phones.

The Nevada State 4-H office is looking at possible methods and services to accomplish this goal. There is no set time when the change will take place, but it is hoped that it will be in the near future.

As this publication begins the transition to a statewide newsletter. All counties will be encouraged to submit articles about current activities in their area. Even if the event is not statewide, it still is a good way to increase the exposure within the target area, even if it is just your own county.

It should be noted that the four-county calendar which has accompanied Clover Clips will be going away. In its place, any county that is not already doing so will be encouraged to send out a county calendar of events to their local audience.

Some things will be staying the same, including the monthly article on State and National 4-H initiatives and programs which has been featured on the front page (like the one you are reading now). For the remainder of the year you will be seeing articles on the Beyond Ready campaign being presented by National 4-H. Those articles will alternate with articles about initiatives coming from the Nevada State 4-H Office.

It is hoped that these changes will better serve the 4-H community in Nevada. So, don't be surprised when the Clover Clips looks different. It, like the rest of us, is just changing with the times.

*Any articles or event announcements for the March issue can be emailed to Sam Mitchell at [samm@unr.edu](mailto:samm@unr.edu) by February 20. If submissions are not received by the deadline they will not be included.*



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## Nevada Agricultural Foundation (NAF) Scholarship Applications

The Nevada Agricultural Foundation (NAF) is pleased to offer our Education Assistance Awards (EAA) program to students interested in pursuing higher education in agriculture. To acquire the EAA information and application forms, please visit our website at: [www.nevadaagriculturalfoundation.org](http://www.nevadaagriculturalfoundation.org). On our home page, click on "FORMS" and it will take you to the page with information and downloads that are needed to apply for our awards. Forms of interest to students are:

**Introductory Letter**

**Application Checklist**

**NAF Educational Assistance Award Application**



The Nevada Agricultural Foundation is planning to award over \$50,000 in Educational Assistance Awards to deserving Nevada students. The Scholarship Committee will give consideration only to applicants who document intent to follow an agricultural curriculum. Award recipients must enroll within the year

awarded (by Fall semester) or forfeit the award. If a student cannot meet requirements for the award during any year of the award, the award will be forfeited. The recipient is eligible to reapply when they can meet the requirements. Some awards are restricted to major fields of study within an agricultural curriculum.

The application deadline is March 15, 2025. If applications are mailed, they must be postmarked by March 15.

Mail completed applications to:

**Nevada Ag. Foundation**  
**Education Assistance Awards**  
**2165 Green Vista Drive, Suite 295**  
**Sparks, NV 89431**

This link will take you to the Nevada Agricultural Foundation website where you can find the introductory letter with all necessary information as well as the scholarship application.

<https://nevadaagriculturalfoundation.org/forms/>

Applicants must provide complete forms and transcripts that comply with the items on the Application Checklist. Worthy applicants will be eliminated from consideration if they have failed to sign their application and/or send their transcript. Notification to successful applicants will occur in April.

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## Washoe, Carson City, and Douglas Counties Livestock Skillathon Clinic

Want to get into livestock skillathon contests but not sure where to start? Come to the 4-H Livestock Skillathon Clinic co-hosted by Douglas, Carson City, and Washoe counties on February 8, 2025, at the Washoe County Extension Office (4955 Energy Way, Reno NV 89502. Please use the back door to enter). Check-in is at 9 a.m., Welcome and Orientation at 9:30 a.m., and Clinic starting at 10 a.m.

You can learn the ins and outs of skillathon contests. 4-H members will participate in livestock breed, feed, equipment, and meat identification, team activities including ear notching, cattle tags, animal breeding and much more.



Registration is due by February 1, 2025. The cost is \$10 per participant. Registration fees includes breakfast for youth participants and supports the costs associated with official judges and contest materials. to register, go to the link at

<https://forms.office.com/r/d29AwhfNgK>

Copies of the rules for all divisions can be found on the University of Nevada, Reno Extension website at <https://tinyurl.com/34zktz9t> or you can get a copy from the Extension Office.

For more information or if you need assistance with registration, please contact Rebecca Glocknitzer at [rglocknitzer@unr.edu](mailto:rglocknitzer@unr.edu)

## 4-H Livestock Contest Series Schedule:

There have been some more changes to the Livestock Contest Series dates. the Elko County Livestock Judging Contest and the State Livestock Skillathon and Quiz Bowl contest have been added to the list. Changes are in **bold** below.

- February 8- Washoe, Carson City and Douglas Counties Skillathon Clinic
- **March 22- Elko County Livestock Judging Contest**
- April 9- State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest, Clark County Fair (pending approval)
- June 7 - Washoe, Carson City and Douglas Counties Livestock Skillathon and Quiz Bowl Contest
- August 7- Eureka County Fair Skillathon and Quiz Bowl Contest
- August 14- Lyon County Fair Livestock Judging Contest
- **September 25-27 State Livestock Skillathon and Quiz Bowl Contest**

For more information, contact: Rebecca Glocknitzer, [rglocknitzer@unr.edu](mailto:rglocknitzer@unr.edu).

Please watch for information about each individual contest and entry forms coming from your county office. Please keep in mind that all clinics and contest are open to all 4-H livestock members.

## Washoe 4-H Small Animal Show and Static Exhibit 2025

Save the date for the Washoe County 4-H Small Animal Show and Static Exhibit on March 8, 2025, starting at 8 a.m.

The show is at the Reno-Sparks Livestock Events Center Pavilion, 1350 N. Wells Ave. in Reno. 4-H members from counties surrounding Washoe County are invited to enter any items they have created this year from projects including educational posters and art to photos, sewing projects, or food.

Keep an eye on your email for more information and entry forms or reach out to Rachel Kaiser-Schoen at the Washoe County 4-H office 775-336-0235 or [rkaiserschoen@unr.edu](mailto:rkaiserschoen@unr.edu) for more information.

## NDA Poultry and Dairy Cattle Notice

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) has been detected across Nevada in recent weeks. This most recent outbreak within the U.S. started in early 2022. Unfortunately, the disease has not only dramatically affected the commercial poultry industry, but more recently, the dairy industry as well. Some of the largest outbreaks have occurred in these industries in western states and now Nevada. The most recent and severe outbreak has caused great impacts, both financially and to animal welfare in California. Although Nevada is not a large state in terms of commercial poultry production, we have many backyard flocks and a large dairy and beef industry that contribute to the livelihood of many individuals and provide food for Nevadans.

Given these factors and the challenges associated with bringing an end to this nationwide outbreak of HP AI, the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) is implementing a ban on all Nevada Poultry (birds and eggs) and Dairy Cattle Exhibitions at fairs and shows until further notice.

The NDA would like to remind all dairy and poultry producers to maintain very strict biosecurity practices on their farms and premises to avoid contracting this devastating disease. HP AI can be easily transmitted from contaminated equipment, vehicles, and even clothing. It is also important to report any cases of increased mortality in poultry and clinical symptoms in dairy cattle promptly to your veterinarian and the NDA State Veterinarian's office: (775) 353-3755.

The NDA will continue to monitor the disease spread here in Nevada and our neighboring states in hopes to quickly identify an appropriate time to end this ban on Poultry and Dairy Exhibitions at fairs and shows. With increased biosecurity, rapid reporting of new disease detections and appropriate disease response, we will be able to control this disease sooner and protect our agriculture industry partners.



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## Washoe County 4-H Swine Clinic

Washoe County 4-H has partnered with Adam Mendoza from No Limit Genetics to bring a swine clinic to Reno on March 1, 2025. The clinic will be held at the Reno-Sparks Livestock Events Center in the pavilion (1350 N Wells Ave, Reno, NV 89512).



Check in will start at 7:00 a.m. and the clinic will begin at 8:00 a.m. This clinic is open to anybody who would like to attend. The cost will be \$50 if you are bringing your pig with you, and \$45 if you are not bringing your pig.

This will be a hands-on clinic where youth will have the opportunity to learn more about showmanship, nutrition, fitting and management as well as having a chance to practice and improve their skills!

Scan the QR code to register today! If you have any questions please contact Abbie by phone at (775)336-0270 or by email at [ajaynes@unr.edu](mailto:ajaynes@unr.edu).

## Professional Bull Riders in Reno

Experience the electrifying adrenaline rush of PBR! This is your chance to witness both rising bull riding talents and established superstars going head-to-head with powerful bucking bulls in this must-see competition! It's where dreams collide with grit, forging paths for the next generation of fearless riders!

Professional Bull Riders League (PBR) is partnering with Nevada 4-H for the PBR event in Reno on February 21 and 22. Nevada 4-H will receive a portion of that sale for every ticket sold. There is also an opportunity to donate to Nevada 4-H at checkout.

Please share this link with club members, families, and your networks. This is an easy way to support Nevada 4-H!

<https://fevo-enterprise.com/group/PBRReno4H>

## Record Book Clinic Dates

The Washoe County 4-H staff will be hosting a few Record Book Working sessions in 2025 and they would love to have you join them! There will be laptops, project record packets, record book covers for purchase, and staff on hand to answer questions and provide clarification.

The remaining working sessions will happen at the Washoe County 4-H office (4955 Energy Way, Reno, NV, 89502) on the following dates:

- Monday, February 10, from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, March 13, from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, September 4, from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Have questions? Please reach out to Bethany Steiner by email at [bsteiner@unr.edu](mailto:bsteiner@unr.edu).



## Know Before You Show Swine Clinic

Know Before You Show Swine Workshop will be available on Zoom March 6, 2025, from 5:30p.m.- 7:00p.m. Please join Noah Vantrease as he goes over some important details about showing hogs.

Noah Vantrease grew up in New Plymouth, Idaho, showing hogs across the Pacific Northwest competitively having success in showmanship at state and regional level shows culminating in winning his country fair showmanship each of the last 5 years he showed, he translated that to live-stock judging collegiately where he attended Fort Scott Community College where the team was 7th high in swine in Louisville Kentucky and was he was tied 10th in total placings at Houston, he later transferred to East Texas A&M University where he completed his college judging career 6th in total placings at the Collegiate National Championship.

Noah has had the opportunity to train showmanship champions in numerous states both with individual coaching and through Next Level live-stock camps. He will be covering swine nutrition, show trends/fitting, showmanship tips, and a judges' perspective from the show ring. Please list any questions you would like Noah to address on the registration form.

For more information, contact Rebecca Glocknitzer [rglocknitzer@unr.edu](mailto:rglocknitzer@unr.edu)

To register, please use the link.

<https://forms.office.com/r/kBDWS2cfVs>

The clinic is free, but you must register. Registration ends on March 1, 2025

### February Dates to Remember

**Feb. 8** - Washoe, Carson City and Douglas Counties Skillathon Clinic

**Feb. 15** - Silver Knolls Spurs Annual Tack Sale - Reno/Sparks Livestock Events Center

**Feb. 17** - Presidents' Day  
(Offices Closed)

## Nevada 4-H Youth Meat Animal Harvest, Processing, and Fabrication Workshop

Save the date for the 2025 Nevada 4-H Youth Meat Animal Harvest, Processing, and Fabrication Workshop coming to the Reno area on March 10-12, 2025, and Southern Nevada on March 13-15, 2025.

Join 4-H staff and members of the American Meat Science Association for a hands-on educational experience covering meat industry essentials, animal handling, food safety, harvest demonstrations, fabrication techniques, and much more.

The workshops are open to 4-H youth ages 11-19 years old (as of January 1, 2025) interested in gaining knowledge and skills in meat animal processing.

Stay tuned for more details on registration and locations. Don't miss this unique opportunity to learn from industry experts and improve your expertise.

## Nevada State 4-H Shooting Sports T-shirt Contest

Calling all artists! Nevada State 4-H Shooting Sports is looking for a new t-shirt design for their official t-shirt for the upcoming year. It will be available to purchase once designed. The design contest has been extended until March 31, 2025. All youth currently enrolled in a 4-H Shooting Sports project may participate.

For the updated design sheet with the new end date or for more information, please contact Kristina Williams at the Carson City/Storey 4-H office at [kristinawilliams@unr.edu](mailto:kristinawilliams@unr.edu).

Find it in  [4-h.org/clover/](https://4-h.org/clover/)

**Digital Art** Authored by Rachel S. Haselby

The term Digital Art means that technology was used to create the artwork. In this 15 minute interactive activity, you'll learn how to create your own digital art!

By the end of this activity, you'll be able to identify basic digital art tools and their functions, create a simple digital artwork using shapes, lines, and colors, and you'll reflect on your creative process and the possibilities of digital art.

For this activity, please use a desktop or laptop computer. Mobile devices are not supported.

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### CLOVER CLIPS PARTICIPATING COUNTY OFFICES

**Carson City/Storey County**  
775-887-2252  
727 Fairview Drive Suite F  
Carson City, NV 89701

**Douglas County**  
775-782-9960  
1325 Waterloo  
Gardnerville, NV 89410

**Washoe County**  
775-336-0259  
4955 Energy Way  
Reno, NV 89502

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## 4-H Events Calendar February 2025



DATE	WESTERN AREA AND OTHER COUNTIES	CARSON CITY/STOREY COUNTY	DOUGLAS COUNTY	WASHOE COUNTY
1	.	.	Cloverbuds, 10-11:30 a.m.	.
3	.	Target Rippers, Fuji Exh., 6-8:30 p.m.	CV Shepards, Extension Office, 6-7:30 p.m.	.
4	.	.	Advanced Baking, Douglas County Comm. Center, 5-7:45 p.m.	.
5	.	.	Wings n Things, 6:15-8:00 p.m.	.
6	.	4 Paws, Fuji Exh., 6-8 p.m.	.	.
7	.	Capital City Hot Shots, Carson City Gun Range, 6 p.m.	.	.
8	.	Capital City Critters, 6-8 p.m.	Sewing, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.	<b>Washoe, Carson City, and Douglas Counties Livestock Skillathon Clinic, 8 a.m.</b>
10	.	Sewing 3-5 p.m.	Baking A, 5:30-7:30 p.m.	<b>Record Book Clinic, 4-H office, 5:30-7:30 p.m.</b>
11	.	.	Equestrian, CVUMC, 6-7:30 p.m.	<b>Horse Leaders' Mtg., 5:30 p.m.</b>
12	.	Arrowhead Livestock, 6-8 p.m.	Rabbit, 6-7:30 p.m.	.
13	.	4 Paws, Fuji Exh., 6-8 p.m.	.	<b>Small Animal Leaders Mtg. 5:30 p.m.</b>
14	.	Capital City Hot Shots, Carson City Gun Range, 6 p.m.	.	.
16	.	.	.	Tack Sale, RSLEC, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
17	.	<b>PRESIDENTS' DAY - OFFICES CLOSED</b>		.
19	.	.	Baking B, 5:30-7:30 p.m.	.
20	.	4 Paws, Fuji Exh., 6-8 p.m.	.	.
21	.	Capital City Hot Shots, Carson City Gun Range, 6 p.m.	.	.
22	.	.	NJLS Sheep, Goat, and Swine Weigh-in Douglas Co. Fairgrounds, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.	CBC Herpetology Clinic. Open to all 4-H Herpetology project members. Washoe County 4-H Office, 2-5 p.m.
23	.	.	.	<b>Washoe County Sheep, Goat, and Swine Tagging, RSLEC 10 a.m.</b>
24	.	Sewing 3-5 p.m.	.	.
25	.	.	Douglas Co. Shooting Sports Mandatory Safety Training, 5 p.m.-9 p.m. - Douglas Co. Fairgrounds Indoor Pavilion	<b>Small Animal Show Entry forms and fees due to Washoe 4-h Office.</b>
28	.	Capital City Hot Shots, Carson City Gun Range, 6 p.m.	.	.



Presidents' Day - February, 2025



Valentines Day - February 14, 2025

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# Upcoming 4-H Events Calendar



DATE	WESTERN AREA AND OTHER COUNTIES	CARSON CITY/STOREY COUNTY	DOUGLAS COUNTY	WASHOE COUNTY
<b>March 2025</b>				
1			Cloverbuds, 10-11:30 a.m.	Swine Clinic, RSLEC Pavilion, 8 a.m.
1-2				Sheep and Goat YGB Clinic, RSLEC Main Arena, 8 a.m.
3	Capital Days in Carson City	Target Rippers, Fuji Exh., 6-8:30 p.m.	CV Shepards, Extension Office, 6-7:30 p.m.	
4	Capital Days at UNR		Advanced Baking, Douglas County Comm. Center, 5-7:45 p.m.	
5			Wings n Things, 6:15-8:00 p.m.	
6		4 Paws, Fuji Exh., 6-8 p.m.		Small Animal Leaders Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
7		Capital City Hot Shots, Carson City Gun Range, 6 p.m.		
8		Capital City Critters, 6-8 p.m.	Sewing, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.	Small Animal Show and Static Exhibit, RSLEC, 8 a.m.
10		Sewing 3-5 p.m.	Baking A, 5:30-7:30 p.m.	
11			Equestrian, CVUMC, 6-7:30 p.m.	Horse Leaders' Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
12		Arrowhead Livestock, 6-8 p.m.	Rabbit, 6-7:30 p.m.	
13		4 Paws, Fuji Exh., 6-8 p.m.		Record Book Clinic, 4-H office, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
14		Capital City Hot Shots, Carson City Gun Range, 6 p.m.		
17		Target Rippers, Fuji Exh., 6-8:30 p.m.		
19			Baking B, 5:30-7:30 p.m.	
20		4 Paws, Fuji Exh., 6-8 p.m.		
21		Capital City Hot Shots, Carson City Gun Range, 6 p.m.		
24		Sewing 3-5 p.m.		
28		Capital City Hot Shots, Carson City Gun Range, 6 p.m.		
31	NJLS entry deadline			
<b>April 2025</b>				
1	YQCA deadline		Advanced Baking, Douglas County Comm. Center, 5-7:45 p.m.	
2			Wings n Things, 6:15-8:00 p.m.	
3		4 Paws, Fuji Exh., 6-8 p.m.		Home Arts and Sciences leaders mtg, 6:30 p.m.
4	Camp Teen Application Deadline, 5 p.m.	Capital City Hot Shots, Carson City Gun Range, 6 p.m.		Livestock Record Book Deadline for NJLS
5			Cloverbuds, 10-11:30 a.m.	
7		Target Rippers, Fuji Exh., 6-8:30 p.m.	CV Shepards, Extension Office, 6-7:30 p.m.	
8			Equestrian, CVUMC, 6-7:30 p.m.	Horse Leaders' Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
9		Arrowhead Livestock, 6-8 p.m.	Rabbit, 6-7:30 p.m.	
10		4 Paws, Fuji Exh., 6-8 p.m.		
11		Capital City Hot Shots, Carson City Gun Range, 6 p.m.		
12		Capital City Critters, 6-8 p.m.	Sewing, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.	
14		Sewing 3-5 p.m.	Baking A, 5:30-7:30 p.m.	
16			Baking B, 5:30-7:30 p.m.	
17		4 Paws, Fuji Exh., 6-8 p.m.		
18		Capital City Hot Shots, Carson City Gun Range, 6 p.m.		
19	Camp Teen Interviews, Washoe Office, all day			
21		Target Rippers, Fuji Exh., 6-8:30 p.m.		
25		Capital City Hot Shots, Carson City Gun Range, 6 p.m.		
26				Washoe County Livestock Show, RSLEC, 8 a.m.
28		Sewing 3-5 p.m.		Leaders' Council Mtg., 6 p.m.