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## UPCOMING PROGRAMMING

### JANUARY

- JAN 1- Office Closed
- JAN 2 Sewing Workshop, Geneva, 10:30-12:00
- JAN 3 Sewing Workshop, Geneva, 10:30-12:00
- JAN 8 Robotics Club Meeting
- JAN 8 Livestock Judging Meeting, Geneva, 6:30
- JAN 12 4-H After School K-2, Shickley, 2:30-3:30
- JAN 13 Beef Weigh-in, Geneva Vet Clinic, 8:00-10:30
- JAN 15- Office Closed
- JAN 17 4-H Library, Shickley Library, 3:30-4:45
- JAN 19 4-H After School All, Exeter, 2:00-3:00
- JAN 22 Robotics Club Meeting
- JAN 22 Youth Leadership Meeting, Geneva, 6:30-7:30
- JAN 24 4-H After School K-2, Geneva, 4:00-5:00
- JAN 26 4-H After School 3-6, Shickley, 2:30-3:30
- JAN 29 Robotics Club Meeting

### FEBRUARY

- FEB 2- 4-H After School K-2, Shickley, 2:30-3:30
- FEB 5 Robotics Club Meeting
- FEB 7- 4-H After School 3-6, Geneva, 1:30-3:00
- FEB 9- 4-H After School ALL, Exeter, 2:00-3:00
- FEB 10- Special Horticulture Project Seed Sign-up Due
- FEB 12- Robotics Club Meeting
- FEB 16- 4-H After School 3-6, Shickley, 2:30-3:30
- FEB 21- 4-H After School K-2, Geneva, 4:00-5:00
- FEB 26 Robotics Club Meeting

### Have an idea for a workshop?

Let us know, we would love to discuss options and opportunities for spring/summer programming!

## Congratulations!

### Diamond Clover Level 1:



Wesley S.  
Ryatt L.  
Amethyst L.  
Elsa A.  
Caden E.  
Briley R.  
Ruby L.  
Joseph E.  
Amiya T.  
Ally W.  
Meredith V.  
Weston R.  
Cortlen R.  
Camden R.

### Diamond Clover Level 2:

Kelsey E.

### Diamond Clover Level 3:

Cullan S.  
EmyJay H.

### Diamond Clover Level 4:

McKenzie V.

### Achievement Applications:

EmyJay H.  
Cullan S.  
Tucker R.  
Meredith V.  
McKenzie V.





# January



# 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
		1 Sewing Workshop Day 1 10:30-12:00	2 Sewing Workshop Day 2 10:30-12:00	3	4	5	6
7 Robotics Club Meeting 4:30-7:30 Livestock Judging Meeting 6:30-7:30	8	9	10 Shickley Library 4-H 3:30-4:45	11 Shickley K-2 After School 2:30-3:30	12 Shickley All After-School 2:00-3:00	13 Beef Weigh-in Sign-up for a time	
14 Office Closed	15	16	17	18	19	20	
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28 Robotics Club Meeting 4:30-7:30	29	30	31	1	2	3	

**TO FIND MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTER VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT [FILLMORE.UWL.EDU](http://FILLMORE.UWL.EDU) OR CALL THE OFFICE AT 702-759-5712**



## 4-H After School/ 4-H Library Program

December focused on holiday activities. Snowman lanterns, puzzle piece ornaments, snowflakes, and ornaments were created



## Market Beef Weigh-In

**Who:** ALL 4-H and FFA Market Beef Animals

**When:** Saturday, January 13th 8:00-10:30

**Where:** Geneva Vet Clinic

**Why:** Official weigh-in, tagging, and DNA collection for all market beef. Tags are provided by 4-H Council. DNA will be collected with EID tagging for all animals with potential for State Fair and/or AkSarBen. If you can NOT attend you must inform office by January 12th to arrange other options. Animals MUST be weighed in within one month of January 13th.

Please register for a time slot at  
<https://go.unl.edu/0tyu>

## NEW Age Eligibility Change

As you know, in 2023, Nebraska 4-H lowered the age limit for participation in the Nebraska State Fair for all in-person events to nine years of age. That change increased our participation and provided more youth the opportunity to have an engaging learning experience. We had many positive comments from legacy families as well as new.

Based on feedback and our goal of increasing access, **the decision has been made to change the age of eligibility in 2024 to be 8 years of age before January 1 (of the current year) for all in-person State Fair events (livestock, contests, fashion shows, contests) and other state competitions (Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Expo, PASE, communications contest).** Note: there will be some events that will maintain their ages due to specific program rules (shooting sports, FIRST LEGO League Challenge robotics). Please check information on each specific event as it becomes available.



## Livestock Judging Club

Interested in learning more about livestock judging and meats judging? This program will meet once a month with hands-on learning opportunities. An informal introductory meeting will be held **January 8th at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office** to learn more about the program!



## Farrowed and Owned Swine Cohort

A Farrowed and Owned Breeding and Market Swine division for youth interested in learning more about the swine industry is available again at the Nebraska State Fair in 2024! The Nebraska 4-H Farrowed and Owned Swine Cohort is designed to enhance the traditional 4-H swine project and cultivate the next generation of leaders in the swine industry by providing opportunities focusing on swine production as a goal of the 4-H member's project, along with accurate and complete record-keeping, industry knowledge, and engagement by the 4-H member. In order to participate, youth must be 4-H age 10-18 as of January 1, 2024, complete YQCA, farrowed their project animal(s) and participate in monthly virtual educational meetings.

**Register here by February 1, 2024!**

\*\*Optional special virtual education session on farrowing will be held on January 7th, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Register by January 5th to participate!\*\*



**4-H ENROLLMENT OPEN**  
**V2.4HONLINE.COM**

4-H Enrollment has opened for 2024. The process has been simplified for you as families! All youth involved in 4-H must be enrolled in order to participate. There is an enrollment fee of \$10.00 per youth, \$20.00 per family. (Scholarships available, upon request.)

You will use the same username (email) and password as before. Enroll in 2024 4-H year. Update youth personal information and be sure to complete the page of authorizations.

For help enrolling go to fillmore.unl.edu and under the Fillmore County 4-H tab click on 4-H Enrollment. It will guide you to the University's step by step picture guide.

## VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

4-H Enrollment is open for volunteers as well. Go to v2.4honline.com to enroll. **NEW THIS YEAR!** Volunteers must complete a volunteer orientation



### Special Gardening Project

Members are given seeds and guided through planting, growing, and harvesting seasons. Members can exhibit a cut flower or youth can share their experience through a poster, story, or video exhibit.

Next year, members will work with the PRINCESS INDIA NASTURTIUM. Visit [4h.unl.edu/spg](http://4h.unl.edu/spg) to learn more.

**Please sign up for seeds by February 10th here.**

<https://forms.office.com/r/vA5eVYTB2m>

## 4-H After School



Shickley:

2:30-3:30, Mrs. Schultz's classroom

K-2: January 12, February 2, March 15, April 12

3-6: January 26, February 16, March 22, April 26

Exeter:

2:00-3:00, Commons Area

January 19, February 9, March 8, April 19



Geneva:

K-2: 4:00-5:00, Extension Office

3-6: 1:30-3:00, Extension Office

K-2: January 24, February 21, March 27, April 24

3-6: February 7, March 13, April 3



Themes:

January- Winter

February- Sharing the love

March- Plant Science/Gardening

April- The Power of Water



## Youth Leadership Program

**Have an interest in voicing your opinion on what workshops should be offered? Do you want to learn more about leadership and leadership within 4-H? Would you like the opportunity to lead workshops? Work alongside Extension staff to grow in your leadership skills and help pave the way for the 4-H program.**

**Who:** Youth 6th grade and older

**When:** Monday January 22nd, 6:30-7:30

**Where:** Extension Office

**What:** A NEW leadership opportunity for all 4-H youth 6th grade and older. This program will meet monthly and be designed to learn about leadership, guide 4-H program offerings, and take leadership within the local 4-H program.

**Please confirm interest by January 19th** by contacting Alexis at 402-759-3712 or [alexis.schmidt@unl.edu](mailto:alexis.schmidt@unl.edu).



# 2024 4-H Project Goals

What is a 4-H goal?

A goal... is deciding what you want to do and learn in a 4-H project. Think of it like a map of the year. January is a great time to start thinking about what you want to learn this year!

A way you can set goals is by using the 3 part method. The three parts are:

**Action:** HOW are you going to do it?

**Result:** WHAT are you going to do?

**Timetable:** WHEN are you going to do it?

Example goal setting:

Action	Result	Timetable	Who will help me?
I want to learn	about my bucket calf's nutritional need	before county fair.	Dad
I want to participate	in 4-H workshops	this summer.	Extension Staff
I want to make	a tie blanket for nursing home residents	by June 1st.	Mom

Another great way to set goals is the S.M.A.R.T. acronym. Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time.

Now it's your turn. Create three goals for this upcoming 4-H year.

Action	Result	Timetable	Who will help me?