

FILLMORE COUNTY 4-H



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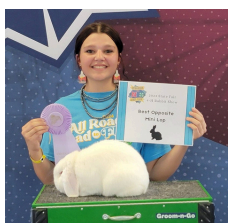
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CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to all who competed and exhibited in the 2024 Nebraska State Fair. Fillmore County had a great representation and everyone should be proud of their accomplishments this year! Below are some pictures from the contests and livestock shows!

Exhibitors be sure to stop by the office to pick up your premium check and static exhibits! Starting September 3rd.



BIG 3:

ACHIEVEMENT APPLICATIONS/ DIAMOND CLOVER AWARDS

- Due November 1st
- Applications can be found at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/fillmore/diamond-clover/>
- NEW this year! A Clover Kid Record Book
- Awards and recognition will be given in December during the Geneva Sipp'n with Santa Event.

SEND THANK YOU!

4-Hers, the 4-H programs, events, and awards would not be possible without the support of our sponsors. If you have not wrote your thank yous from County Fair, please do so ASAP. If you exhibited at the Nebraska State Fair, please write thank yous to those sponsors as well. If you don't know who those are, please contact the office.

UPCOMING PROGRAMMING

New school year = new after school programming opportunities! Check out the details for 4-H After School programming and 4-H workshops inside the newsletter!

CLUBS OF EXCELLENCE

The overall goal of 4-H Clubs is to develop enthusiastic young people who boldly take action to demonstrate life skills as capable, caring, competent kids of character thus contributing to the improvement of themselves, their family, their club, their community, and their world. One way clubs might choose to measure their success in meeting that goal is their ability to gain status as a Nebraska 4-H Club of Excellence. To receive the designation as a Nebraska 4-H Club of Excellence, clubs must meet a certain set of criteria and document how this criterion was met. Clubs meeting the requirements will initially receive a certificate. In subsequent years clubs successfully meeting the requirements will receive a special insignia to place on their certificate. Clubs must apply annually to receive this recognition.

DUE September 15th

Learn more at: <https://4h.unl.edu/clubs-excellence>

NE YOUTH BEEF LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM

It's that time of year again and we'll be hosting the 20th annual Nebraska Youth Beef Leadership Symposium (NYBLS) here at the Animal Science Complex on November 8 – 10, 2024. More details about the symposium, the 2023 recap video and the application link can be found at go.unl.edu/nybls. Please note the application deadline of **September 15th**. If an individual is selected to participate, a \$75 registration fee will be collected at that time. I have attached social media content for you to share if you wish as well as a flyer that can be distributed. Please contact araymond2@unl.edu with any questions.

SHOOTING SPORTS INSTRUCTOR WORKSHOP

A Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop is scheduled for mid-October near Ashland. It will be held October 12-13 at the Ashland Gun Club near Ashland. The early bird deadline to register for the Ashland session is October 2nd, 5 pm.

Find more information at:

<https://newsroom.unl.edu/announce/4hstaff/17743/96189>



DIAMOND CLOVER AWARDS

Looking for a new challenge? Like accomplishing projects and tasks on your own? Check out the Diamond Clover Award. This award program has six levels that require you to plan and report appropriate accomplishments. More information can be found at <https://4h.unl.edu/diamond-clover>.

If interested in participating in this program should stop by the office to pick up an application or download it from the site above. These are due **November 1st**.

ACHIEVEMENT APPLICATIONS

A perfect way to wrap up the 2024 4-H year! Achievement applications are awards that can be won at the county and state level (seniors only). These applications are a record of your 4-H career and year. It includes a story of personal growth, skills gained, and leadership experiences in 4-H. Download your achievement application at <https://4h.unl.edu/achievement-application>. These applications are due **November 1st**. Please reach out with any questions!

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4-H JUDGE REGISTRATION OPEN!

Are you an adult that is interested in being a 4-H judge for the 2025 year? Submit your interest now through **September 30, 2024**. Those interested in serving as a county fair or state fair 4-H judge in 2025 are encouraged to submit your interest and qualifications at 4h.unl.edu/judges.

4-H YOUTH AND FAMILY VISIT DAY

Explore the "Power of Red" at the 4-H Campus Visit Day! ✨ Join us on Saturday, November 9th, for a half-day college visit experience at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Dive into academic interests, enjoy a campus tour, and get all your questions answered about admissions, financial aid, and more. Complimentary lunch included! Register now at go.unl.edu/casnrvisitday24. #PowerOfRed

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

High School Seniors, Your Future Starts Here! Apply for FREE to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln by November 1st using code HUSKER. Don't miss out on scholarship notifications!

4-H COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

National 4H Week is October 6-12: Beyond Ready Building a ready generation in a world of change, 4-H equips youth with skills for the future while meeting them where they are today. Becoming Beyond Ready encompasses opportunities and experiences, connections and discovery, shaping youth into their true and authentic selves.

Interested in making a difference in the Fillmore County 4-H program? Consider applying to serve on the 4-H Council. The council meets monthly with the goal of providing positive opportunities for all youth to be involved. For 2025 we are in need of 2 adult members. Nominations will be accepted until October 18th. Talk to any of the council members or extension staff for more information.

KICKING OFF THE 150TH YEAR OF THE FILLMORE COUNTY FAIR



Fillmore County Fair Exhibit 1930



Home Beautification Fair Exhibit- 1920



Anniversary Hall - 1925

Did you know that 2025 will be the 150th year of the Fillmore County Fair? The Fillmore County fair looked much different back then. For example, 4-H wasn't established till 1902, so the exhibits were much different! Throughout the next year, we are going to explore some of the popular exhibits that were displayed throughout the years! Each month will have a different theme and will either have a workshop, appointment time, or take home kit.

September/October- Canning and Food Preservation

- This topic will be available by appointment only. Email Alexis at alexis.schmidt@unl.edu with interest to set up a time (after school/evenings, weekends, or no school days). Canning will be limited to Boil Water Canning Classes and preserving items to freeze for the Baked product with Frozen Ingredients class. Options could include: canned fruit (peaches, applesauce, canned pie filling, etc.), jellies (peach, strawberry, strawberry rhubarb, elderberry, choke cherry), baked product with frozen ingredients (Produce to freeze: pumpkins, zucchini, etc.)

November- 4-H History and Family Traditions

- This topic will be a take home kit. The October newsletter will have details about this project!

December- Clothing

- 4-H Workshop over winter break

January- Home Beautification

- This will be a take home kit

February- "Hands for Larger Service"

- This will be a citizenship focused take home kit

March- Demonstrations

- This will be a workshop over spring break

April- Gardening/Agronomy

- This will be a workshop to get seeds started for the 4-H garden, learn more about the special horticulture crop, or to learn more about gardening

May- "Fix-it"

- In 1934 there was a "Fix-it" club introduced to the Fillmore County program. This topic will be a combination of a workshop and a take home kit

All projects associated with learning will be able to be displayed at the Fillmore County Fair. The goal is to get a display of what 4-H exhibits looked like throughout history compared to what a project looks like today in the same class.

Have ideas for how to celebrate this milestone? Reach out to Alexis with your ideas!



4-H AFTER SCHOOL

FALL 2024

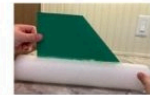


What is 4-H After School?

- 4-H After School is an opportunity to participate in hands-on learning after school with friends in a positive environment!
- 4-H After School meets once a month per age group in Geneva, Shickley, and Exeter
- Each month is focused on a topic. The projects will vary between age groups, but not locations
- The cost is **free** and includes a snack and supplies for the activities.
- **Participants do not need to be in 4-H** to attend! It is open to all youth!

Themes:

September: Dream Big!
 October: Pool Noodle Creations
 November: Thankfulness/Fall
 December: Holiday Celebration!



Join us!

Shickley

Fridays
Mrs. Shultz's Classroom

Grades: K-2nd

2:30-3:30
September 13th
October 4th
November 8th
December 6th

Grades: 3rd-6th

2:30-3:30
September 27th
October 18th
November 22nd
December 13th

Geneva

Fillmore County Extension Office

Grades: K-4th

Wednesdays
1:30-2:30
September 4th
October 2nd
November 6th
December 4th

Grades: 5th-6th

Tuesdays
3:45-4:45
September 24th
October 15th
November 19th
December 17th

Exeter

Thursdays
Exeter Public Library

Grades: K-6th

3:45-4:45
September 19th
October 10th
November 14th
December 12th

Registration!

Please register at least one week before the scheduled program to ensure enough supplies are available. You can register by scanning the QR code, visiting <https://forms.office.com/r/v35sQd7hca> or calling the office



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NEBRASKA EXTENSION MARATHON KIDS



An afterschool program in partnership with the **Fillmore County Hospital** that gets youth moving, increases confidence, and teaches how to set effective goals. Youth will run, walk, or jog their way toward a marathon - one step at a time, one day at a time. Youth will also learn about healthy eating and the importance of physical activity!



WHO: All Kindergarten - 6th grade youth at
Fillmore Central Public Schools

WHEN:

*Early Out
Wednesdays*

Sept. 4th
Oct. 2nd
Oct. 23rd
Nov. 6th
Dec. 4th

2:30 PM -
3:30 PM

COST: No charge to families!

Program expenses are paid for by the Fillmore County Hospital.

WHERE: Fillmore County Extension Office
1340 G Street, Geneva, NE

Registration: Due Tuesday, Sept. 3rd
Scan the QR Code or go to
<https://go.unl.edu/fcnemk24>



QUESTIONS: CONTACT MARIAH NEWMYER (MARIAH.NEWMYER@UNL.EDU)
OR ALEXIS SCHMIDT (ALEXIS.SCHMIDT@UNL.EDU)





SEPTEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Office Closed	3 Stop by after 1:00 p.m. to pick up state fair exhibits and premiums	4 4-H After School Grades: K-4 Geneva- 1:15-2:15 Marathon Kids 2:30-3:30 K-6th	5	6	7
8	9	10 Fair board meeting, Ag Hall, 7:30	11	12	13 4-H After School Grades: K-2 Shickley- 2:30-3:30	14
15 NYBLS and Club Excellence Due	16	17	18	19 4-H After School Grades: K-6 Exeter- 3:45-4:45	20	21
22	23	24	25 4-H After School Grades: 5th and up Geneva- 3:45-4:45	26	27 4-H After School Grades: 3-6 Shickley- 2:30-3:30	28
29	30					

TO DO:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County and State Fair Thank you notes • Achievement /Diamond Clover Award Applications • Contact Alexis regarding food preservation times • Register for 4-H After School Programming! 	