

FILLMORE COUNTY 4-H



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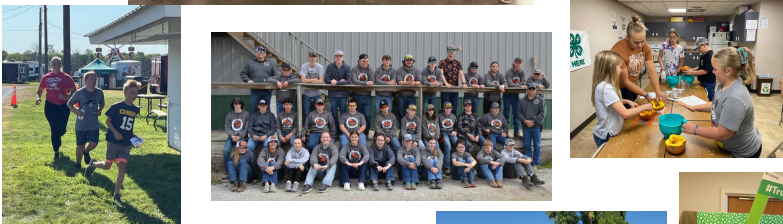
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Class: Fillmore County 4-H



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.



BIG 3:

AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS

- 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.
- Senior Scholarships are now uploaded on the website. These are due to by December 2nd

REGISTER FOR PROGRAMMING

There are lots of opportunities to get involved in the Fillmore County 4-H program. Make sure to check out the monthly calendar, register, and bring a friend! We are excited to offer a wide variety of programming!



UNIVERSITY of NEBRASKA-LINCOLN

High School Seniors Interested in Nebraska!

**APPLY FOR FREE
TO NEBRASKA!**

Apply for free to Nebraska now through November 1!

go.unl.edu/apply
Code: HUSKER

Apply by November 1 to be notified of scholarships on February 12.

We're Here to Help!
admissions.unl.edu
admissions@unl.edu
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LOCAL INFORMATION

4-H COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

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

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.

October- Canning and Food Preservation

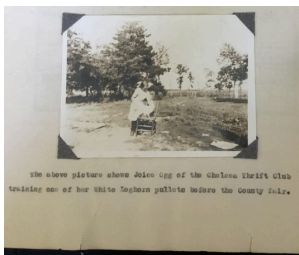
- This topic will be available by appointment only. Email Alexis at alexis.schmidt@unl.edu with interest to set up a time (after school/evenings, weekends, or no school days). Canning will be limited to Boil Water Canning Classes and preserving items to freeze for the Baked product with Frozen Ingredients 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 and Citizenship!

- These will both be take home kits. See page 3 for more details.

December- Clothing

- 4-H Workshop over winter break



STATEWIDE INFORMATION

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

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>

VOLUNTEER ROAD SHOW!

Calling all 4-H volunteers, local fair superintendents, parents and caregivers and any adult who wants to find THEIR spark through volunteering with 4-H!

You're invited to join us for one of our upcoming Volunteer Road Show events:

- Hastings – November 12*
- Scottsbluff – November 14
- Virtual – November 17
- Lincoln – November 18
- Norfolk – November 19



You'll discover new opportunities for your members, network with other volunteers, and build your skills working with youth. Session topics include:

- North Central Region 4-H Volunteer Impact Study
- County Fair Superintendent Training
- Club Service Activities = Fair Exhibits
- Animal and Livestock projects opportunities
- Beyond Ready

A \$15 registration fee covers a meal and all supplies. Learn more and register at <https://4h.unl.edu/volunteer-road-show>.

*If able to attend, let Brandy know and she will arrange for carpooling.

UPCOMING LOCAL PROGRAMMING TO GET INVOLVED WITH!

FAMILY HERITAGE TAKE HOME KIT

Holiday season is right around the corner which means that there is potential for lots of family time. This take home kit is designed for 4-H youth to learn more about their family heritage by creating a family recipe box. The kit will come with a recipe box pieces to glue together, recipe cards, supporting information required for fair exhibit, and brainstorming questions to continue the conversation to learn more about family history.

Register by October 18th.
Cost: \$5



Register here!

<https://forms.office.com/r/5nRGHa8vs2>



CITIZENSHIP TAKE HOME KIT

The Christmas Store in Geneva is in need of tie blankets to pair with books or other gift items. The Christmas Store is an event that happens the second Saturday in December as an opportunity for families to pick out donated gifts to ensure everyone has a Christmas gift to open. This kit will include the material needed to create a tie blanket to donate to the Christmas Store and information on how to exhibit the project at the fair. You will need to have scissors to cut the fabric ties.

Cost: \$6- Checks made to Fillmore County 4-H Council due at pick up

Register by October 18th, kits will be ready for pick up after October 28th. The blankets need to be completed and back to the office by November 18th.

PUMPKIN FLORAL WORKSHOP

Who: 5th grade students and older

What: Floral pumpkin decorating workshop.

Participants will be able to create pumpkins decorated with pressed flowers to create a fun table centerpiece for the fall season!

When: October 21st- 6:00-7:00

Where: Fillmore County Extension Office

Register by: October 16th

<https://forms.office.com/r/8mcrwzdJuR>

Cost: Free



PUMPKIN PAINTING

Who: Open to ages 5 and up!

What: Annual pumpkin painting evening!

When: October 14th- 5:00-6:30

Where: Fillmore County Extension Office

Cost: Free

Call the office by October 11th to reserve your pumpkin (402-759-3712)!



4-H AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Join us in Exeter, Shickley, and Geneva for 4-H After School programming! October is focusing on pool noodle creations! Register at: <https://forms.office.com/r/v35sQd7hca>

Shickley:

Fridays Mrs. Shultz's Classroom

Grades: K-2nd 2:30-3:30

Grades: 3rd-6th 2:30 - 3:30

October 4th

October 18th

November 8th

November 22nd

December 6th

December 13th

Shickley LIBRARY:

Grades: K-6th After School

October 9th, November 13th, December 18th

Geneva:

Fillmore County Extension Office

Grades: K-4th Wednesdays 1:30-2:30

October 2nd,

November 6th

December 4th

Marathon Kids

Will take place on these dates as well after 4-H After School.

Grades: 5th-6th Tuesdays 3:45-4:45

October 15th

November 19th

December 17th



Exeter:

Thursdays Exeter Public Library

Grades:K-6th 3:45-4:45

October 10th, November 14th, December 12th

MIDDLE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Fillmore County 4-H is hosting a Nebraska Extension Leadership After School Program for Middle School Youth. The mission of the program is to enhance natural leadership in youth and strengthen skills while building confidence. During this program, youth will interact with other Fillmore Central Middle School 6-8th grade youth, participate in hands-on learning, and discover effective leadership strategies in and outside the classroom.

The program will take place on Early-Out Wednesdays starting in October and wrapping up in April at the Fillmore Central High School in Geneva. There is no cost to the family. Nominations can be made at: <https://go.unl.edu/fcmsleadership> or with the QR code provided. For more details, see the flyer.



AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS

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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SCHOLARSHIPS

FILLMORE COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP

Due December 1st

The Fillmore County 4-H Council will award multiple scholarships to 4-H Seniors. This year scholarships will be awarded by the 4-H Council, the Fillmore County Ag Society, and in memory of Ralph "Bud" Vauck & Clay S. Metcalf.

Members who are pursuing an education in any area at any post-secondary institution are encouraged to apply. We are very fortunate to have multiple scholarships available for 4-H members.

Information and application can be found at the Extension Office or at fillmore.unl.edu under Fillmore County 4-H, under Scholarships for High School Seniors.

Submit application materials by **December 1st** to Fillmore County Extension Office

MORE STATEWIDE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE EXPECTED! WE WILL PASS INFORMATION ALONG TO YOU AS SOON AS WE RECEIVE IT!

4-H CLUB NEWS STEAM PUNKS



The STEAM PUNKS 4-H Club would like to invite you to their Planting Seeds Growing Leaders Exhibition on October 12th. This day will be full of FUN activities for all ages.

9:00-12:00- Watch a Weather Balloon release at AKRS John Deere Dealership in Geneva.

12:00-1:00- Tour the new home for the STEAM PUNKS club and watch their robotics program. Lunch will also be offered as a free will donation- Pulled Pork Sandwich or Walking Taco.

1:00-3:00- Rocketry Field Exhibition- Watch rockets of all levels up to 5,000 feet! This will happen at Blaine Richards pasture west of Geneva (the intersection of Rd L and Rd 6).

This event is possible thanks to all of the sponsors and mentors of the STEAM PUNKS club.

STRANG 4-BAR-H

The Strang 4-Bar-H club will be working at the Rialto II Theater on Saturday September 28th.

CLUB LEADERS:

Have something you want added to the monthly newsletter? Email Alexis at alexis.schmidt@unl.edu with what you would like added by October 21st for the November newsletter.

NEW AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM



Fillmore Central 6-8th Graders



Leadership After School



Overview

The program aims to enhance natural leadership in youth and strengthen skills while building confidence. During this program, youth will interact with other Fillmore Central Middle School youth, participate in hands-on learning, and discover effective leadership strategies in and outside the classroom.

To participate

It is recommended that youth strive to participate in most dates to create a cohesive group, but they are not required to attend all dates. Sign up for the program at go.unl.edu/fcmsleadership or using the QR code below:



Sign up by
September 30th.

About the program

This FREE program will feature hands-on, activities related to leadership such as goal setting, appreciating differences in others, active listening, empathy, responsibility, and developing respect and care for others.

Dates

(All from 2 - 3:45 p.m.)

Wednesday, October 2nd

Wednesday, November 6th

Wednesday, December 4th

Wednesday, February 5th

Wednesday, March 5th

Wednesday, April 3rd

Location: Fillmore Central High School

Enter the main doors and youth will be directed to the classroom available for that day.

This program is sponsored by Nebraska Extension - Fillmore County.

For more information, contact Brandy VanDeWalle at brandy.vandewalle@unl.edu or (402) 759-3712.



FILLMORE COUNTY 4-H STEAM PUNKS PLANTING SEEDS GROWING LEADERS EXHIBITION

Participating
Organizations
Adding Scientific
Payloads

Shickley Public
Schools 5th and 6th

Fillmore Central
Middle and High
School

SCCHEA Homeschool
Group

Today's Activities
are Sponsored by:

**Shickley
Community
Foundation**

Continued Support and
Founding Sponsor

**Fillmore
County
Foundation**

*B*Weather BALLOON LAUNCH

*Saturday
October 12th*

9am to Noon - Balloon Release at
AKRS John Deere Dealership, Geneva

Noon to 1PM - Tour our new Facility - See
the Robotics program in full swing - Grab a
Free Will Donation Lunch - Pulled Pork
Sandwich or Walking Taco

1pm to 3pm - Rocketry Field Exhibition
with our Mentors - see a variety of
rockets of all levels up to 5000 feet
*Ready to Fly Rockets available to fly on
loan for \$5.00 per flight - cost of motor

Registration and to RSVP *See our facebook page for details*
on each event



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	4-H After School 2 Grades: K-4 Geneva- 1:15-2:15 Marathon Kids 2:30-3:30 K-6th Middle School Leadership High School 2:00-3:45	3	4-H After School Grades: K-2 Shickley- 2:30-3:30	4 5
6	7	8	9	4-H After School Grades: K-6 Exeter- 3:45-4:45	11	12 STEAM PUNKS Exhibition
13	14 Pumpkin Painting 5:00-6:00	15 4-H After School Grades: 5th and up Geneva- 3:45-4:45	16	17	18 4-H After School Grades: 3-6 Shickley- 2:30-3:30	19
20	21 Pumpkin Floral Decorating 6:00-7:00 5th grade+	22	23 Marathon Kids 2:30-3:30 K-6th	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	Achievement Applications and Diamond Clover Applications Due	

TO DOS:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Achievement /Diamond Clover Award Applications (Due Nov 1) Contact Alexis regarding food preservation times Register for local programming opportunities! 	