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Nebraska 4-H Website: <http://4h.unl.edu>

Important Dates

- April 6 – Take-n-Make Kits ready to pick-up
- April 21 – 4-H Sewing Workshop
- May 7 – Horse Level Testing Complete, District & State Horse Show Entries Due
- May 19 – 4-H Sewing Workshop
- May 26 – Babysitting Clinic
- May 26 – YQCA Training
- May 27 – Clover Kid Camp
- May 27 – Favorite Foods & Presentations Contests
- May 31 – Office Closed
Memorial Day Observed
- June 1 – YQCA Training
- June 2 – Project Day
- June 4 – Clover Kid Sewing Workshop
- June 10 – Beginning Sewing Workshop
- June 15-16 – District Horse Shows in Burwell & Columbus
- June 17 – Foods Workshop
- June 22 – Advanced Sewing Workshop
- June 28 – Horticulture Workshop

Save the Dates

Pre-Fair Day
June 26, 2021

Cedar County Fair
July 14-18, 2021



4-H Popstand Help Needed

As we make plans for the 2021 Cedar County Fair and the 4-H popstand, the 4-H Council is looking for your help. In 2019 the Council set up a schedule with two General Managers and two Day Managers to oversee the operation of the pop stand. These are paid positions. This worked very well so we are following the same plan this year but are in need of another General Manager and at least two Day Manager positions to fill. If you are interested or would like more information, contact the Extension Office at 402-254-6821 by April 16.

**Livestock
Quality
Assurance**



YQCA Trainings – Save the Date

The following dates have been set for YQCA trainings. See attached flyer for more information and how to register.

May 26 – 9:00 a.m.

June 1 – 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

All 4-H aged youth 8-18 (Clover Kids are exempt) enrolled in livestock projects (beef, dairy, goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine) are required by Nebraska 4-H to complete an annual quality assurance training through Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA).

Have you paid your 4-H Dues?

Attention! A friendly reminder, if you have not paid your 4-H membership dues by April 15, there will be a late fee of \$5.00 assessed. Please make checks out to Cedar County 4-H Council.

Registered families to the Cedar County 4-H program with dues paid will receive an “I Belong” yard sign. Stop by the office to pick-up yours and display your 4-H spirit.



Beginning Shepherd Program on May 1st in Pierce

Nebraska Sheep & Goat Producers and Nebraska Extension are offering a new educational program geared toward new sheep producers. Topics include: Sheep Basics/Choosing Your Flock, All About Wool, Feeding the Flock, Shearing and Hoof Trimming Demonstrations, and much more. For more information or to pre-register contact Mellisa Nicholson at (308) 386-8378 or ne.sheep.goat@gmail.com

If you would like a printed copy of the 2021 4-H Exhibitor's Guide (Fairbook) with colored pages, please contact the Extension Office by April 15th to reserve a copy.

The 2021 fairbook can also be viewed online under the the Cedar County 4-H menu tab "Fairbooks & Scoresheets" after April 15th.

2021 Project of the Year

Entrepreneurship – TEC Box Educational Kit



Nebraska 4-H is thrilled to announce the first-ever Project of the Year, featuring the TEC Box Educational Kit focusing on Entrepreneurship! The kit includes the curriculum and materials youth need to complete four hands-on activities. It is a great 4-H club or family project. The activities help youth think for themselves, practice empathy and solve problems as they learn about entrepreneurship. Youth will invent their own product to make bicycles safer and develop a new game that can be enjoyed with family and friends. These activities and lessons lay the groundwork for a county and state fair eligible exhibit: Class F531006 - Entrepreneurship Challenge. The TEC Box Educational Kit includes a printed facilitator guide and one youth workbook, inflatable 4-H kickball, sports cones, washi tape, felt, yarn, pipe cleaners, foam, and dice. Kits are only \$25 plus shipping and may be ordered through the UNL Marketplace. For more information and to purchase visit <https://4h.unl.edu/project-year>.

2021 County Photography

Theme – WEATHER



4-H members enrolled in levels 1, 2 or 3 of Photography are invited to participate in the county project and exhibit a photo showing an aspect of WEATHER. (Note: We have been having quite a few mornings of frosty trees that would make great photos.)



2021 County Challenge – TIE-DYE

4-H members are invited to show their creativity by making an interesting fair exhibit using TIE-DYE. Create colorful clothing, shoes, room décor, towels, pillows, beach bags, etc., let your imagination soar! A \$10 cash award will be given to the top 4-H tie-dye entry at the 2021 Cedar County Fair.

2021 Special Garden Project



Hakurei Turnip – a white salad turnip

The Special Garden Project is an opportunity for 4-H members to grow unusual and fun projects in their gardens. This project is open to all youth of 4-H age and it will introduce them to new and unique growing experiences while learning how to grow, harvest, prepare, and exhibit this unique vegetable. The seeds and newsletter were mailed to families who registered for the special garden project. We have one packet left, if interested please stop by the office to pick it up.

District & State Horse Shows

The 2021 Nebraska District 4-H Horse Shows will be held at the following locations:

June 14 – Scottsbluff	June 15 – Burwell
June 16 – Columbus	June 17 – Lincoln
	June 18 – McCook



The State Horse Show will be July 10-14 at Fonner Park in Grand Island.

All Horse level testing required for participation in these shows and online entry registration must be completed before May 7. For more information visit <https://4h.unl.edu/state-horse-expo-entry>

Award Sponsors Needed

If you are or if you know of someone or a business that would be interested in sponsoring an award or trophy for the 4-H program, whether static or livestock, we have a few areas needing sponsorship. Please contact the Extension Office for more details.

Hartington Community Gardens



If you don't have garden space at home but would like the opportunity to grow fresh produce, contact the city office in Hartington at 402-254-6353 to reserve a spot for \$15. Claude Mathiason has offered to assist any youth with getting started with gardening.

Photography Showcase

4-H'ers are invited to submit their favorite photo once a month for a chance to be selected to be showcased online by Nebraska 4-H. Visit <https://4h.unl.edu/photography-showcase> for more information and submission form link.

A list of Progress Shows and other state wide livestock opportunities can be found at the bottom of our 4-H Programs & Events webpage.

Summer Contests on May 27

Favorite Food Revue

This contest is a fun way to help youth learn how to properly set a table, plan nutritious meals, express creativity in choosing a theme, and express knowledge of food, nutrition, and food safety.

Demonstration/Presentation Contest

Through this contest youth demonstrate their knowledge on how to make or do something. They learn skills in organizing and delivering a presentation.

Clover Kids and 4-H aged youth are eligible to participate in both contests. Try your hand at one or both contests. More information to follow in May newsletter, also helpful resources can be found on the Cedar County 4-H Contests webpage.

PLAN AHEAD!

Youth Loans Available Through FSA

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) makes loans to youth ages 10-20 to establish and operate agricultural income-producing projects in connection with 4-H clubs, FFA and other agricultural groups. Projects must be planned and operated with the help of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience. The maximum loan amount is \$5,000. For help preparing the application forms, contact your Cedar County USDA Service Center at 402-254-6855 or visit fsa.usda.gov.

Cedar County Fair Entertainment 10% Discount for 4-H Families

The Cedar County Ag Society announced that this year 4-H families can purchase season passes or individual tickets at a discounted price. You must be enrolled in 4-H online and membership dues must be paid before you will receive your one-time code to access a 10% discount for up to 8 tickets. It doesn't matter if you purchase individual event passes or season passes. Limit one code per family. You will receive your code and order link upon enrollment completion and dues payment.

January 1 to June 30th

Season Pass -	\$55 adult	\$45 child
Rodeo -	\$12 adult	\$8 child
All Concerts -	\$25 (adult or child)	

July 1st to the end of Fair

Season Pass -	\$60 adult	\$50 child
Rodeo -	\$15 adult	\$12 child
All Concerts -	\$25 (adult or child)	

2021 Nebraska State Fair Culinary Challenge ingredient is HONEY

Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute

NAYI is a FREE five-day conference July 12-16 in Lincoln for high school juniors and seniors to learn about career opportunities within agriculture. This conference features speakers, workshops, agricultural education, networking with industry leaders, professional development, leadership experience, fun and new friends! For more information and to apply online, visit <https://nda.nebraska.gov/nayi/nayi.html>. Applications due April 15th.

4-H Youth Leadership Conference



High school students ages 14-18 are invited to attend a Youth Leadership Conference July 1-3, 2021 at the Nebraska State 4-H Camp in Halsey. Cost \$200. Visit

<https://go.unl.edu/ylc2021> to register.

UNL Computer Science Summer Workshop

High school students interested in learning more about computer science and innovation are encouraged to participate in a learning opportunity at UNL from July 11-24. Visit <https://raikes.unl.edu/summercamps> for more details and to apply.



Registration for Summer Camp 2021 is now open! Check out our exciting 4- and 5-day overnight camp offerings at the Nebraska State 4-H Camp in Halsey! Charter bus transportation option offered select weeks from Lincoln (UNL East Campus) and Grand Island (Raising Nebraska)! For more camp information and to register visit <https://4h.unl.edu/camps-centers/summer-camp>.

Big Red Summer Academic Camps are scheduled for June 13-18, registration is open, and there are so many exciting sessions available this year, including Agriculture & Natural Resources, Animation, Digital Media, Engineering, Filmmaking, Sustainable Fashion, Teaching, Veterinary Science, Talent in Startups, and Unicameral Youth Legislature. See full session details and register <https://4h.unl.edu/big-red-camps>.

Congratulations to the Cedar County 4-H Public Speaking Contest Participants



Whether we are speaking in person or virtually, we need to be able to express our thoughts to others. Public speaking contests help youth develop skills for communicating to audiences, learn how to organize and prepare a speech, develop speech delivery skills, learn how to present themselves to others, and develop self-confidence.

Twenty-three 4-H members were awarded ribbons at the 2021 Cedar County 4-H Public Speaking Contest held Monday, April 5, at the Hartington VFW. Participants were able to present a speech and record a PSA.

Speeches were presented in five speech divisions: Clover Kid, Novice, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior.

Clover Kids, youth ages 5-7, participate in a non-competitive fashion by reciting a poem, chant, read or tell a short story. Participants in the Clover Kid Division included: Brady Heimes, son of Julie & Steve Heimes of Wynot, introduced characters of “Sonic”; Kesley Koch, daughter of Chrys & Jody Koch of Hartington, recited “Nursery Rhymes”; Kyra Koch, daughter of Chrys & Jody Koch, also recited “Nursery Rhymes”; Cadence Lammers, daughter of Erin & John Lammers of Hartington, recited the poem “Popcorn”; Cara Saylor, daughter of Jane & Matt Saylor of Hartington, recited “Angel of God”; Levi Steffen, son of Jackie & Brad Steffen of Hartington, recited “Eat, Sleep, Hunt, REPEAT!”; Alma White, daughter of Laura & Anthony White of Laurel, read the story “Goodnight Gorilla”; Clara Winkelbauer, daughter of Katie & Chad Winkelbauer of Coleridge, recited “I Want to be a Cowgirl”; and Clara Wuebben, daughter of Anne & Craig Wuebben of Fordyce, chanted “I’m in the Lord’s Army”. Each Clover Kid received words of encouragement from the judge, a certificate, and a Clover Kid rainbow ribbon for their participation.

In the Novice Speech Division, youth ages 8-11, who have never competed in the 4-H speech contest except as a Clover Kid, may recite a poem, read or tell a story. Participants in the Novice Division included: Owen Becker, son of Miranda & Eric Becker of Hartington, received a purple ribbon and the Novice Speech Division Champion Medal for a story he wrote and read entitled “Super O versus Snoopy”; Landry Heimes, daughter of April & Scott Heimes of Hartington, received a blue ribbon for recitation of the poem “Butterfly Painting”; Brooklyn Kuchta, daughter of Tanya & Tom Kuchta of Fordyce, received a blue ribbon for her recitation of poems about “Moses”; Morgan Kuchta, daughter of Tanya & Tom Kuchta, received a blue ribbon for recitation of poems about “Easter”; Elle White, daughter of Laura & Anthony White of Laurel, received a purple ribbon for her recitation of “I Dream About Chickens”; and Harrison Winkelbauer, son of Katie & Chad Winkelbauer of Coleridge, received a purple ribbon for his recitation of “I’d Rather be Fishing”.

In the Junior Speech Division, youth ages 8-9 write an original speech 1-3 minutes long about an aspect of 4-H. Participants in the Junior Division included: Stella Graham, daughter of Melissa & Jon Graham of Laurel, received a purple ribbon for her speech entitled “My Favorite Things”, and Kynlee Steffen, daughter of Jackie & Brad Steffen of Hartington, received a purple ribbon and the Junior Speech Division Champion Medal for her speech entitled “It Doesn’t Get Any Better Than This”.

In the Intermediate Speech Division, youth ages 10-13 write an original speech 3-5 minutes long about an aspect of 4-H. Participants in the Intermediate Division included: Aidan Anderson, son of Pam & Adam Anderson of Hartington, received a purple ribbon for his speech entitled “It’s Electrifying!”; and Breah Steffen, daughter of Jackie and Brad Steffen, received a purple ribbon and the Intermediate Speech Division Champion Medal for her speech entitled “Just a Girl Who Loves Goats”.

In the Senior Speech Division, youth ages 14-18 write an original speech 5-8 minutes long about an aspect of 4-H. Participants in the Senior Division included: Abby Anderson, daughter of Pam & Adam Anderson of Hartington, received a purple ribbon and the Senior Speech Division Champion Medal for her speech entitled “4-H...A Family Legacy”; Maddy Graham, daughter of Melissa & Jon Graham of Laurel, received a purple ribbon for her speech entitled “Overcoming the Fear of Public Speaking”.

4-H members were also able to participate in a Radio Public Service Announcement (PSA) category in which they recorded a 60 second radio spot promoting 4-H and using the theme “Opportunities 4 All.”

Participating in the Junior PSA Division, Stella Graham, daughter of Melissa & Jon Graham, received a purple ribbon. In the Senior PSA Division, McKenzie Bruning, daughter of Kristi & Mark Bruning of Hartington, received a purple ribbon; Maddy Graham, daughter of Melissa & Jon Graham, received a purple ribbon; and Chelsea Potts, daughter of Jackie & Lee Potts of Laurel, received a purple ribbon and the Overall PSA Champion Medal.

Aidan Anderson, Abby Anderson, McKenzie Bruning, Maddy Graham, Chelsea Potts, and Breah Steffen all qualify to compete in the State 4-H Public Speaking Contest to be held June 30 in Lincoln in their respective divisions in the speech and PSA categories.

Heather Heimes and Michelle Koch were the judges and provided excellent comments and encouragement to all the participants. The Public Speaking Contest medals were sponsored by Bank of Hartington, Cedar Security Bank, Citizens State Bank, Farmers & Merchants State Bank, and First Northeast Bank of Nebraska.



Back Row: Aidan Anderson, Abby Anderson, McKenzie Bruning, Maddy Graham, Stella Graham, Kynlee Steffen, Breah Steffen, Morgan Kuchta

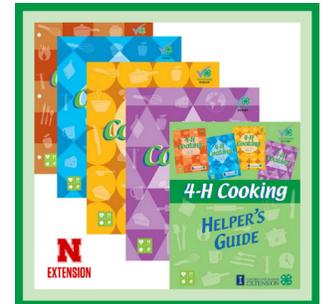
Middle Row: Kesley Koch, Brooklyn Kuchta, Harrison Winkelbauer, Landry Heimes, Owen Becker, Elle White, Clara Wuebben

Front Row: Levi Steffen, Cara Saylor, Brady Heimes, Alma White, Cadence Lammers, Kyra Koch, Clara Winkelbauer

4-H Cooking & Food Preservation

This past year has resulted in increased interest of gardening, food preservation, and cooking/baking! Several people want to learn and improve cooking and baking skills. **Youth and adults** can utilize the Nebraska 4-H Cooking 101-401 project manuals to gain knowledge.

The 4-H cooking series include manuals for four different levels. The manuals provide content information, food science experiments, and a variety of classic recipes that are youth tested and youth/adult friendly. **ANYONE** can purchase the manuals online at: shop4h.org or check to see if you can buy them at your local Nebraska Extension County Office. The curriculum comes as loose-leaf paper, so be sure to purchase a binder to store the manual. Happy cooking!



Cooking 101 - Improve and learn new skills in cooking and baking. PLUS, explore great new dishes! Youth will learn about MyPlate, how to stop the spread of germs in the kitchen, measure and mix ingredients, rate baked goods for appearance and taste, set the table for a family meal and delve into cooking basics. Fair entries: cookies, muffins, no bake cookies, brownies, granola. (Refer to your county fair book for more information.)

Cooking 201 -Topics include understanding and preventing foodborne illnesses, thawing frozen foods, proper knife techniques, how to read Nutrition Facts labels, and how to make soups, rice, pasta, and other foods. Fair Entries: Loaf Quick Bread Creative Mixes, Biscuits or Scones, Healthy Baked Product, Coffeecake, Whole Grain baked product, nontraditional baked products. (Refer to your county fair book for more information.)

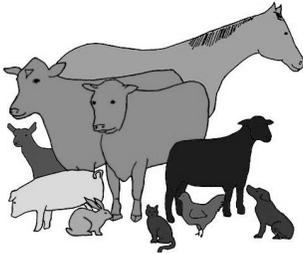
Cooking 301 -Youth practice making bread, grilling meats, vegetables, and fruit, and making butter. Youth learn about yeast, gluten, and different types of fats. Fair entries: White Bread ,Whole Wheat or Mixed Grain Bread, Specialty Rolls, Dinner Roll, Specialty Bread, Shortened Cake. (Refer to your county fair book for more information.)

Cooking 401 -Youth learn about herbs and spices and how to make ethnic foods. Youth also practice making cakes, candy, pastries, and pies. Fair entries: Double Crust Fruit Pie, Family Food Traditions, Ethnic Food Exhibit, Candy, Foam Cake, Specialty Pastry. (Refer to your county fair book for more information.)



Livestock Quality Assurance Training & Herdsmanship Clinic

(a face-to-face instructor-led training)



Wednesday, May 26 - 9:00 am
Tuesday, June 1 - 9:00 am & 1:30 pm
at the Hartington City Auditorium Basement

Nebraska 4-H requires all youth enrolled in livestock projects (beef cattle, dairy cattle, goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine) to complete an annual quality assurance training through Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). YQCA is a national multi-species quality assurance program focused on three core pillars: food safety, animal well-being, and character development.

Cost of instructor-led training is \$3

You will need to register online and pay this fee with a credit card **BEFORE** the training session in order for us to go in and verify that your child has completed the course.

Step-by-step instructions to register:

Visit <https://learngrow.io>

Select Your Organization: Youth for the Quality Care of Animals

Sign in with 4HOnline

Select Your Organization: Nebraska 4-H Youth Development

Sign in with email and password

Select Member

Course List

Select any of the following Instructor-Led Trainings

Age 10: Junior Age 12: Intermediate Age 15: Senior

Instructor-Led Training \$3.00

State: Nebraska

Training: Selection from Training List

Purchase Course via Credit Card

Attend the training on either May 26 or June 1

Also,

Learn Good Herdsmanship

Herdsmanship reflects the way 4-H members view their exhibits. It is a way exhibitors communicate to the public the pride and the value they place on their animals, cleanliness and neatness.

Herdsmanship is the responsibility of the 4-H member.

If you are unable to attend our instructor-led YQCA training, you may attend another county's training or you can complete the online YQCA course for \$12 before June 15th.

Open to 4-H members ages 8-18 in Cedar County.

Babysitting Clinic



How do you know when someone is ready to babysit?

How about after they complete a class that teaches them about:

- The Business of Babysitting
- Child Development
- Basic First Aid & Safety
- Food & Nutrition
- Entertainment
- and Much, Much, MORE!!

Youth ages 10 and above are encouraged to attend.

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Wednesday, May 26
9:30 am – 3:00 pm
at Cedar County Extension Office

Cost \$20.00

Class Size - Limit 15

Bring a sack lunch.

For more information or
to pre-register contact

Nebraska Extension - Cedar County
at 402-254-6821
by Wednesday, May 19





Clover Kid Day Camp

Thursday, May 27

1:00 - 3:30 pm

Hartington Felber Park
Shelter House



Clover Kids are invited to join Jackie Steffen, Nebraska Extension Educator, in an educational camp where they will do activities and projects in Design My Place, Animal Science, Health & Wellness and much more.

Camp is FREE to all registered 4-H Clover kids.

Class limited to first 50

To register contact the Extension Office at 402-254-6821 by May 20

