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

Important Dates

Aug 10 – Registration Deadline for In-Person Shows & Contests at Nebraska State Fair

Aug 23 – State Fair Exhibits due to our office by 4:30.

Aug 27 – Sept 6 Nebraska State Fair

Sept 6 – Office Closed/Labor Day Observed

Sept 9 – Pick-up State Fair Exhibits

Sept 11 & 12 – Norfolk Beef Expo

Sept 15 – County Awards, Diamond Clover & Outstanding 4-Her Application Due

Sept 21 – Livestock Superintendents Meeting

Sept 21 – 4-H Council Meeting

Sept 24-26 – Ak-Sar-Ben Stock Show

Oct 3-9 – National 4-H Week

Nov 3 – 4-H Council Meeting

Save the Date

**Cedar County Fair
July 13-17, 2022**



“4-H is a learning experience. It teaches you how to set goals and achieve them.”



A **Big Thank You** to everyone who lent a helping hand with the 2021 Cedar County Fair – the 4-H members who spent hours getting ready for the fair; the parents for their patience, cooperation, sense of humor, and encouragement to their children; the fair superintendents and helpers that pitched in when getting ready for the livestock shows; award sponsors and donors; the Ag Society for their help and cooperation; the people who provided their equipment; and to everyone who helped in any way. 4-H volunteers are essential to help youth make the most of their learning experiences. With your help 4-H members gain the knowledge, skills and character they need to become successful adults. Your time and dedication is greatly appreciated! We can not do it without YOU!

If you did not pick-up your fair premium moneys when exhibits were released at the fair, your Clover Kid & 4-H fair premium moneys are now available at the Extension Office. Please pick-up by September 1.

Livestock Premium Recognition Moneys

The 4-H Council requires that thank you cards be written prior to receiving your premium recognition dollars. All livestock exhibitors participating in showmanship or an interview process are eligible for the livestock premium recognition and would have received an email between July 26-27 with a list of donors to write a thank you to. Please write thank you cards and deliver them to the Cedar County Extension Office before **September 1, 2021**. No need to include postage, it will be provided for you. Once you turn in your thank you cards, you will be given your livestock premium recognition cash.

4-H Special Edition News Articles Needed

The Norfolk Daily News will publish the 47th annual 4-H Special Edition section during National 4-H Week in October. 4-H members and Clover Kids are invited to submit an article with photo, or a stand-alone photo with caption about a 4-H project, experience, opportunity, memory, etc. This year's theme is **“Getting Back to the Basics in 4-H: 2021”**. Please mail or email your article and/or picture to Megan at megan.hanefeldt@unl.edu before August 12th.



**Congratulations 4-H & Clover
Kid Members
for a successful 4-H year!**

Nebraska 4-H strives to help young people achieve their greatest potential by introducing high quality youth development experiences into the lives of youth. Cedar County had great participation in the livestock shows and filled the Commercial/4-H building showcasing the wonderful accomplishments you shared at the Cedar County Fair!

Thank You Notes



4-H members who received special awards (cash, gifts, and rosettes) should be sure to send thank-you notes to their donors. Be sure to tell them something about your winning project as well as thanking them for their support of the 4-H program. Without their help, we would not be able to offer these special awards. Rosettes were provided by the Cedar County Ag Society, unless there was a label with name & address on the back stating otherwise. If you have questions or need names and addresses, please contact the office.

Cedar County Ag Society
PO Box 637
Hartington NE 68739

Please send a thank you to the 4-H Council for all their time and hard work put in to keep our 4-H program going strong.

Cedar County 4-H Council
PO Box 322
Hartington, NE 68739

Beef showmanship participants receiving a halter, please send a thank you to:

Dybdal Charolais
88361 575 Ave
Newcastle NE 68757

Static exhibitors receiving a 4-H I Belong lanyard, please send a thank you to:

Etched Impressions & Nebraska Land Tiling
PO Box 45, 203 N Broadway Ave
Hartington NE 68739

Thank You Card Online – A quarter-fold 4-H thank you card can be found under the club resources tab of our Cedar County 4-H webpage and printed off; print, fold, add your personal note, mail.



Congratulations!

4-H Council Senior Scholarship Recipients

Emmalee Harder Mackenzie Sudbeck
Skyler Sudbeck

Presentations

Champion – Ava Stewart

**2021 Nebraska State Fair
Discount Tickets for Static Exhibitors**



4-H static exhibitor families will be able to order \$5.00 discount passes directly from the Nebraska State Fair, with a limit of 10 tickets per exhibitor. Contact the Extension Office for an order link and password.

State Fair Animal & Contest Entries

4-H members wishing to exhibit livestock, small animals, or are participating in an in-person contest (presentations, fashion show, etc) at the Nebraska State Fair must personally register online before 8:00 p.m. on August 10 via ShoWorks. Visit <https://4h.unl.edu/state-fair> for resources on how to register. A credit card is required to submit entries. You will be able to order discounted tickets at this time. Please do not wait until the last minute for registering online as they have been known to have problems and if you are not registered by the 10th you will not be able to participate. No late entries will be accepted.

Static State Fair Exhibits

If your exhibit/entry tag had a purple State Fair sticker on it, your exhibit is eligible to go to the Nebraska State Fair. Please review specifications required in the fairbook and read through the judges comment sheet, if they suggested to make any improvements, please do so to make your exhibit state fair worthy. We will take your exhibits to Grand Island unless it is very large. Static Exhibits going to the state fair need to be in our office by Monday, August 23; **ONLY** Food & Horticulture exhibits can come in Tuesday but must be in our office before noon



Livestock Exhibits Meeting

If you have any comments or suggestions as to improvements we can make for the fair or 4-H program please let Megan know or come to the **Livestock Superintendents Meeting on Tuesday, September 21 at 6:30 pm at the Extension Office.** We will discuss improvements, concerns and judges for next year's fair. We continue to strive to make the best, BETTER!

Horticulture Exhibits for State Fair

Flowers and vegetables may substitute another horticulture variety based on what is available in their garden at the time of the state fair. If you will be substituting a different product then what was entered at the county fair or if you don't plan on sending anything, please contact the Extension Office by August 16 so we know what to print for entry tags for the exhibits. Be sure to include the variety name for the entry card.

Outstanding 4-H Achievement & 4-H Service Awards

Applications were mailed this week to high school juniors and seniors of the 2020-2021 school year for the Outstanding 4-H Achievement and 4-H Service Awards. To qualify for these awards, 4-H members are required to have participated in the Cedar County 4-H program for at least 5 years. If you have not received an application by August 10, please contact the Extension Office. Applications will be due back to the office by September 15.

4-H Council Activity Scholarship

If you participated in a 4-H camp/class this year, the Cedar County 4-H Council is offering scholarships to 4-H youth ages 8 to 18 as of January 1, 2021. The recipients are eligible to receive half the cost of any local or Nebraska 4-H camp/class up to \$75. Visit our Cedar County 4-H webpage under the "Awards & Scholarship Opportunities" tab for an application. They are due to our office by September 15.

4-H Council Club Project Fund

The Cedar County 4-H Foundation has available up to \$200 grants for clubs or groups to plan and conduct a community service project, citizenship project, or club educational experience. A summary of the project with pictures and proof of media reach must be submitted to the 4-H Council by September 15.




Clubs 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. For more information or for an application visit the Cedar County 4-H webpage under the "Awards & Scholarship Opportunities" section. To receive the Club of Excellence recognition the application is due to the Extension Office by September 15th. Otherwise this form and the end of the treasury report form is due by the end of the year.

4-H Achievement Applications

Now is the time to be preparing your county award applications! This is not a required activity, but it is encouraged as a means of recording your experiences throughout the year. Achievement Applications can be found on the Cedar County 4-H webpage under the "Awards & Scholarship Opportunities" section as a print in form or visit <https://4h.unl.edu/achievement-application>. Please read the directions on the application sheet for criteria needed to apply for awards. The application will need to be turned into the Extension Office by September 15. The senior application reflects the district/state awards program also. If you have any questions on how to fill out the application, or would like some help getting started, contact the office.

Get Your 4-Hers Involved in the Nebraska 4-H Diamond Clover Program

 The Nebraska 4-H Diamond Clover Program encourages 4-H youth to engage in a variety of projects and activities that will enable members to acquire the life skills necessary to lead successful lives as competent, caring, and contributing citizens. To begin the Diamond Clover Program, a 4-H member must complete the Plan & Report form and turn it into the extension office by September 15. The program consists of six levels that require a 4-H member to plan and report a broad range of age-appropriate accomplishments. The program is designed to enable every 4-H member willing to exert the effort an opportunity to be recognized, regardless of how they are involved in 4-H. 4-H members will obtain a certificate of achievement at the end of the 4-H year once they have completed a level. To learn more visit <https://4h.unl.edu/diamond-clover> or there is also a link on our 4-H webpage under the "Awards & Scholarship Opportunities" tab.