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

Important Dates

February is Nebraska 4-H Month
Febr 6 – Beef Weigh-In at Laurel
Febr 15 – President's Day
 Observed – Office Closed
Febr 17 – Sewing Workshops
Febr 19 – 4-H Spirit Day
Febr 20 – Clover Kid Saturday
Febr 21 – 4-H Kick-Off Party
Febr 21 – Shotgun Shooting
 Sports Informational Meeting
Febr 27 – Make it at the Mercantile
 Workshop
March **Bake & Take Month**
March 15 – 4-H Re-enrollment
 Encouraged
April 5 – 4-H Public Speaking
 Contest

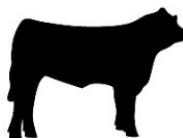
Save the Dates

Pre-Fair Day
June 26, 2021

Cedar County Fair
July 14-18, 2021



Join 4-H Today!



Beef Weigh-In

4-H or FFA members planning to participate in the Market Beef Rate of Gain Contest at the Cedar County Fair, Nebraska State Fair, or Ak-Sar-Ben, are required to weigh-in, tag and identify their beef at the official Extension weigh date. Also, required for 4-H State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben is a DNA sample, which will be taken at this time at a cost of \$7 per head. Beef weigh-in will be held in Laurel at the Laurel Veterinary Clinic on **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.** Ear tags will be available at no cost. (*Snow date – Febr 13*) **PLEASE CONTACT THE EXTENSION OFFICE IF YOU PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BEEF WEIGH-IN TO SET-UP A WEIGH TIME.**

"Stay Active" in 4-H Kick-Off Party

Join us for fun sports games to kick-off the 2021 4-H year with your family and friends or come to meet new friends on Sunday, February 21, from 2:00 – 3:30 pm at the Hartington City Auditorium. This event is free to 4-H members and their families upon payment of your 2021 4-H dues (can be paid before or at the party) and prior registration to 4-H Online for the 2021 year is also encouraged. Please RSVP by February 19th if you plan to attend, so hosts have an idea of how many to plan for and can accommodate for social distancing. Wearing of masks is strongly encouraged. See attached flyer.

February is Nebraska 4-H Month



Nebraska 4-H Month is an opportunity to celebrate 4-H, recruit new members and volunteers, and have fun! Nebraska 4-H strives to help young people achieve their greatest potential by introducing high-quality youth development experiences into the lives of Nebraska youth and families. The theme for this year's Nebraska 4-H Month celebration, I Belong, is a promotion created to celebrate 4-H members and encourage others to explore opportunities for belonging in 4-H. **To show your 4-H spirit, contact the Extension Office to reserve a "I Belong" yard sign (pictured above).**

February 21 – 4-H Spirit Day – wear your 4-H t-shirts

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The 4-H Youth Development program abides with the nondiscrimination policies of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the United States Department of Agriculture.

4-H Enrollment

<https://ne.4honline.com>

Hello 4-H Families! As we embark on this new 2021 year it is now again time to (re-)enroll into the 4-H program if you have not already done so. Because we update our mailing and email address lists as of March 15 we strongly encourage re-enrollments for members, clover kids and volunteers to be completed online by this time, so that you receive correspondence of all upcoming 4-H opportunities. Members who are re-enrolling will only need to update their profile (do not setup a new profile) and project listing. New members will need to create a family profile or if family has already enrolled will only need to add a member. You can find a link to 4HOnline on our home page or go to the Cedar County 4-H webpage – www.cedar.unl.edu then click on Cedar County 4-H in the red navigation menu. When on the Cedar County 4-H webpage, click on “Join 4-H” under Cedar County 4-H in the red drop down menu or in the gray navigation menu along the right hand side of the webpage, there you will find a “2021 4-H Enrollment – Online” link to the Nebraska 4honline. You will also find step-by-step instructions for re-enrollment, new member or volunteer enrollment scenarios, and the Project Resource Central Guide, and our county project listing. **Notes:** When filling out the emergency contact information please add contact info of someone other than yourself; if we are unable to get a hold of you who should we contact (spouse, grandparent, friend, etc.)? If you have any questions about the enrollment process, please contact the office. Also, if you break for a moment the program will time out and you will need to restart from the permissions page. We recommend you print off the list of project areas and know what you are going to sign-up for before you go online. If you need your enrollment history, you can log into your family page, there is a family report in the top dropdown menu which has an enrollment history report. You can use that for information about your past history.

4-H Dues for each 4-H member or clover kid will be \$5.00 with the 4-H horse project participants' dues being \$6.00. All dues will be used to pay for 4-H programming in Cedar County. The dues also covers the cost of a supplemental insurance which is \$2 for horse participants and \$1 for all other 4-H members. Leaders and volunteers may also purchase this insurance coverage for the cost of \$1 if they so wish. The insurance provides coverage to and from 4-H sponsored activities as long as an adult is present, this includes 4-H club meetings. Please give your dues to your club leader or send into the Extension Office. Please make checks payable to the Cedar County 4-H Council.

Volunteers - Parents willing to lend a hand within the 4-H program are asked to enroll as a volunteer. This is a great opportunity for you as a parent to assist your child and others in learning life skills they will carry into the future. The Nebraska Extension 4-H Volunteer application process includes a volunteer screening. Depending on your roll in the 4-H program as to which screening process you will be required to complete. Visit our “Join 4-H” webpage for more information. This screening enables the 4-H program to assure you that we are providing a safe, positive, and nurturing environment for your child, and provide protection for the child and volunteer.

Virtual 2021 National Youth Summit

Online, March 5-7, 2021

At the National 4-H Youth Summit on Agri-Science, high school students develop the skills and knowledge needed for the challenges facing agriculture, food security, and sustainability. Students will work with each other and experts in the agricultural community in this collaborative, hands-on educational setting. For more information visit <https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/>. Registration deadline is February 19.



Shotgun Shooting Sports Informational Meeting

Sunday, February 21 at 3:00 pm
at the Extension Office Meeting Room
see attached flyer for more information

Shooting Sports Certification Interest

4-H Shooting Sports in Wayne and Pierce County are looking at potentially hosting a Shooting Sports leader training this year with Wayne being the host sight. Dependent upon interest, this training could be a recertification or a full training. Based on response and interest, possible disciplines offered could be Archery, Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Muzzle Loading and Hunting. No dates have been set at this time, but we need to know how much interest there is in offering this training in Northeast Nebraska. For more information or to express interest, please contact Darin Greunke, Leader, at dgshoots4fun@hotmail.com or 402-375-8906 (evenings) or Jen Thomsen, Leader, at djgunsnroses@hotmail.com or 402-992-0439 (evenings). Please respond by February 19, 2021 so we can start looking at dates.

2021 County Photography Theme – WEATHER

2021 County Challenge – TIE DYE

2021 Special Garden Project



Hakurei Turnip – a white salad turnip
Contact the Extension Office by March 1st to order your Hakurei Turnip seeds for the 2021 Special Garden Project.

Also, be sure to enroll in the special garden project on 4HOnline. 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.

Senior Scholarships

Visit our “Awards & Scholarship Opportunities” webpage for a list of scholarships available through the 4-H program.

Governor's Agricultural Excellence Award

Nebraska 4-H Foundation’s Governor’s Ag Excellence Awards, sponsored by the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA), recognizes 4-H clubs for their efforts to serve their community. This grant is intended to provide funding for 4-H Clubs to complete projects that will have a lasting impact on their communities. Grant application forms can be found on our 4-H webpage under the “Awards & Scholarship Opportunities” tab. For more information and to submit your Governor’s Agricultural Excellence Award application by March 1, 2021, visit <https://www.ne4hfoundation.org/governors-ag-excellence-award/>



Nebraska Innovative Youth Corn Challenge is approaching its tenth-year engaging youth in crop science-based education. The Innovative Youth Corn Challenge (IYCC) was created as a partnership between the Nebraska Corn Board and Nebraska Extension. Over \$2,000 in cash prizes are awarded. Sign up by March 15th at <https://cropwatch.unl.edu/youth/cornchallenge>.

4-H Public Speaking Contest



Start preparing your speeches and PSAs. The 2021 Cedar County Public Speaking Contest will be held Monday, April 5 beginning at 6:30 pm. This year’s PSA theme is **“Opportunity 4 All.”** More information to follow in next newsletter and check our Cedar County 4-H webpage under the contest section for resources.

March is Bake & Take Month

A gift from your heart, made by your hands.

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)	



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>.

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.



DID YOU KNOW?

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN
APPLYING FOR ADMISSION TO UNL?**

PLEASE CHECK OUT THE
CHECKLIST ON WHAT IS NEEDED AT
[HTTPS://ADMISSIONS.UNL.EDU/APPLY/#CHECKLIST](https://admissions.unl.edu/apply/#checklist)

Possible Upcoming Workshop

Make it at the Mercantile

Saturday, February 27

Watch for upcoming emails with date, time, and details!

Sparks! What are they and where do you find them? - By Julie Kreikemeier

How does 4-H light your SPARK?

Sparks! Not the dangerous kind, but the kind that ignite the fire within our youth! Peter Benson defines Sparks as "hidden flames in your kids that light their proverbial fire, get them excited, tap into their true passions" (2008). These sparks are what motivate our youth to participate in their many activities, events, and ways they spend their time. Sparks are the things youth love to do and get naturally excited about doing.

Youth typically experience three types of sparks. They are something they are good at—a talent or skill, something they care strongly about and a quality they know is special. Youth can sometimes recognize the sparks within themselves and will describe them as things they 'love' to do or activities that excite them. When youth can recognize their own sparks, they may need help igniting them! As adults, we face the challenge of recognizing sparks in youth and setting them ablaze. Once you recognize sparks in youth, it is important to encourage those sparks to grow and develop. Development of sparks can bridge the gap between the activities youth are doing now to potential careers and their future. Parents and guardians are integral in the development of sparks in youth, but they are not the only important guides for youth. Any adult or role model in a youth's life can become a "spark champion" (Benson, 2008). Spark champions are those who will support and encourage youth on their spark journey, but are not directly in contact with the youth every day.

As 4-H volunteers and leaders, you are a spark champion in the lives of your 4-Hers. You can help identify and develop the sparks within your members. This can be done through helping them identify their sparks, encouraging members to express it, model or teach it, provide safe spaces and opportunities for 4-H members to communicate their sparks to others and help them eliminate obstacles that might be in their way. 4-H encourages the development of new skills and allows youth to explore new areas, all of which can already be untapped sparks or become new sparks for youth to discover. As a 4-H volunteer, you are among your 4-H members' group of spark champions that encourage and provide spaces for them to grow! You have the flame to ignite the sparks of our youth!

Benson, P. L. (2008). Sparks: How parents can help ignite the hidden strengths of teenagers. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.

"Stay Active" in 4-H

2021 Kick-Off Party



**Sunday, February 21
2:00 – 3:30 pm
at the Hartington City Auditorium**

Join us for fun sports games as we kick-off the 2021 year with "Stay Active" in 4-H. Bring family and friends or come to meet new friends and have a sporting good time.

Free to 4-H members and their families

- ✓ upon payment of 2021 4-H dues (*can be paid before or at the party*)
- ✓ upon enrollment to 4-H Online for the 2021 year at <https://ne.4honline.com>



**RSVP appreciated to the Extension Office
by February 19,**

so hosts have an idea of how many to plan for and can accommodate for social distancing.

Wearing of masks is strongly encouraged.

Hosted by Needles & Nails 4-H Club



Color Explosion Clover Kid Saturday

Color Your World with 4-H

Saturday, February 20

9:00–10:15 am 1:00–2:15 pm

at Hartington Public Library at Lied Randolph Library

Join Jackie Steffen, Learning Child Educator, for a session full of color exploration, science, and FUN! Clover Kids will create an edible color wheel and a color wheel collage. They will also learn about the entry and ribbon process at the Cedar County Fair.

Friday, February 12 at
<https://go.unl.edu/color>
call 402-254-6821 for more
information

Register for
workshop by

**Cost of Workshop
\$5.00**

for 2021 4-H enrolled
Cedar County Clover kids ages 5-7

To enroll in Cedar County 4-H, go to

<http://ne.4honline.com>
Yearly Due: \$5 – Mail in or
pay day of workshop

Masks are strongly encouraged!

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Join the

Cedar County 4-H Sharp Shooters



Shotgun

Informational Meeting

Sunday, February 21 at 3:00 pm
at the Extension Office Meeting Room
(attendance highly encouraged)

for youth ages 11 – 18 (age before January 1st)

- must be Hunter Safety Certified
- will need to enroll in 4-H program

Cost of program membership is \$150
to be paid at February 21st meeting

(membership fee includes 20 rounds of shells, 16 rounds of blue rock,
and \$5 4-H membership dues) non-refundable

Equipment needed: gun (12 or 20 gauge),
ear & eye protection, willingness to learn

Practice – 3:00 pm Sundays

April 11, 18, 25

May 2, 16, 23

June 6, 13

at Cedar County Fairgrounds
(June 27, make-up date if needed)

Youth will have the opportunity to exhibit their skills by competing in local invitational in Northeast Nebraska and the Cornhusker Trap Shoot.

Program registration deadline – March 1, 2021

To register in the Shooting Sports program, contact the

Cedar County Extension Office at 402-254-6821.

Youth will also need to enroll in the Cedar County 4-H program, visit cedar.unl.edu
fundamentals of shooting. Instructors of the Cedar County 4-H shotgun program are Jeff Jones, Todd Knutson and Tim Loberg.

The Shooting Sports program offers opportunities for youth to learn and develop safe gun handling skills and sound fundamentals of shooting. Instructors of the Cedar County 4-H shotgun program are Jeff Jones, Todd Knutson and Tim Loberg.

For more information about the shotgun program contact Tim Loberg after 5:00 pm at 402-841-9383.

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