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

## Important Dates

### February Nebraska 4-H Month

Every Thursday there is a theme see  
[4h.unl.edu/4-h-promotion](http://4h.unl.edu/4-h-promotion)

**Febr 4 – Archery Season End  
Celebration**

**Febr 10 – Beef Weigh-In  
(snowdate February 24)**

**Febr 17 – 4-H Saturday**

**Febr 18 – Shotgun Informational  
Meeting**

**Febr 18 – 4-H Council Meeting**

**Febr 19 – Office Closed**

President's Day Observed

**Febr 25 – 4-H Kick-Off Movie Night**

**Febr 29 – Fairbook Cover Contest  
Entries Due**

**March 12 – 4-H Family Night**

**March 15 – 4-H Re-enrollment  
Encouraged**

**March 29 – Office Closed at Noon  
Good Friday Observance**

**April 1 – 4-H Public Speaking  
Contest**

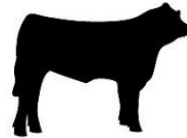
## Save the Dates

**Pre-Fair Day**

**July 13, 2024**

**Cedar County Fair**

**July 17-21, 2024**



## Beef Weigh-In

4-H or FFA members planning to participate in the Market Beef Rate of Gain Contest at the Cedar County Fair are required to weigh-in, tag and identify their beef at an official Extension weigh date. Cedar County Beef weigh-in will be held in Laurel at the Laurel Veterinary Clinic on **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10 from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.** Ear tags will be available at no cost. **PLEASE CONTACT THE EXTENSION OFFICE IF YOU PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BEEF WEIGH-IN TO SET-UP A WEIGH TIME.**



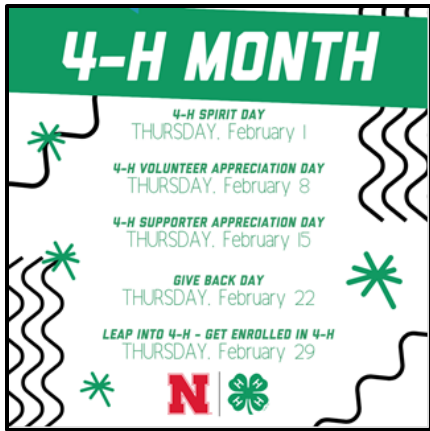
**February 1<sup>st</sup> is 4-H Spirit Day in celebration of  
Nebraska 4-H Month. Wear your 4-H t-shirt!**

## Enroll on 4HOnline for the 2024 4-H program year

<https://v2.4honline.com>

4-H members must re-enroll annually to maintain their membership. If you have not already done so, sign-up today. Returning families/members should not create a new family profile, but instead, log into their existing profile, update contact info and projects, and sign permissions. Dues are \$5 or \$6 for horse participants, payable to 4-H Council. For step-by-step instructions on how to enroll/re-enroll visit our "Join Cedar County 4-H" webpage. The state has made the enrollment process a little easier. You no longer have to register for a specific project, they now only have the general project areas (for example all Clothing projects would be under Textiles, Quilts & Apparel). The only projects that you must specifically sign up for are Horse and the Shooting Sports disciplines because they have an extra consent form you need to sign. Signing up for the general project areas gives us an idea as to where your interests lie.

**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 cover the cost of 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. Your dues cannot be paid online. Please make checks payable to the Cedar County 4-H Council and send to the Extension Office.



**Design the Fairbook Cover Contest**



Be thinking of creative ways in designing a picture for the cover of the 2024 fairbook. Entry can be a photo, a computer-generated art design, or a hand-drawn art design. See attached flyer for contest rules.

Entries due by February 29.



**Sharp Shooters Shotgun Informational Meeting**

The Cedar County Sharp Shooters Shotgun program will have an informational meeting on Sunday, February 18 at 3:00 pm at the Extension Office. See attached flyer for more information.



**County Challenge**

**Buckets of Bloom**

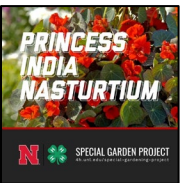


Watch for more information for this upcoming gardening workshop for 4-H members and clover kids, that will add beauty to the Cedar County Fairgrounds.

**Ag Innovator Facilitators**

3 youth from Cedar County have volunteered to be facilitators in the Ag Innovators program this year; Breah Steffen, Kendra Schmidt and Ava Stewart! Ava will also be a State Teen Leader as well! Thank you, girls for volunteering for this great leadership experience.

**2024 Special Garden Project Princess India Nasturtium**



The 2024 Special Garden Project will focus on Princess of India Nasturtium. This Victorian-era heirloom flower can be grown in a variety of ways including in containers. It provides a splash of color from its scarlet flowers and much of the plant can be eaten. Contact our office by February 15<sup>th</sup> to order a seed packet.

**2024 Special Agronomy Project Sugarbeets**

Visit [go.unl.edu/specialagronomy](http://go.unl.edu/specialagronomy) to learn more about the sugarbeet project. Youth participating will receive seed and resources to grow the crop, research traits of the crop and determine the viability of that crop in the part of the state they live. Contact the Extension Office by February 16<sup>th</sup> to order your seed.

**Multicooker Class**

February 10 from 9:30-11:30 am at Haskell Ag Lab  
 Create nutritious meals for your family  
 To register call Mary Jarvi at 402-584-2261  
 Register by February 2<sup>nd</sup> - Cost \$10

**GRO Big Red Virtual Learning Series**

A free webinar series via zoom every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 12:00 noon – 1:00 in which to learn from the experts on topics about gardening and lawn care. For more information visit <https://hles.unl.edu/grobigrred>. First class is February 14, “Starting Plants for Your Garden.”



## **Data Driven: A Statistics & Data Science Field Day**

Saturday, March 16

Groups of 4 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade

Get ready to embark on an exciting journey into the world of data science and statistics! An engaging competition that will challenge your data skills and spark your passion for numbers. Visit <https://4h.unl.edu/data-driven> for more information.

## **4-H Discount Tickets to Cedar County Fair Entertainment**

The Cedar County Ag Society is again offering up to 5 discounted tickets to the 4-H families for the 2024 Cedar County Fair Entertainment. With the amazing opportunity our Ag Society offers, we have a checklist for you to complete prior to receiving the discounted tickets for the fair entertainment. These tickets are a 50% discount thanks to the wonderful sponsorship of Grossenburgs and Christensen Well. We understand it is difficult to pick a time frame for the Popstand this early; however, we would like each family to commit to a shift that you will be responsible for filling. The Popstand is our one and only fundraiser each year and it takes the work of everyone in 4-H to make it happen!

Your check list includes:

- ✓ Youth enrolled in 4-H Online
- ✓ 4-H dues are paid to our Office
- ✓ Your family has signed up for a shift in the 4-H Popstand –

<https://go.unl.edu/popstandschedule2024>

*Depending on which device (mobile or computer) you use to view the schedule, the pages for each day of the fair will be located either at the top or bottom of the day's schedule.*

Upon completion of these things, send us an e-mail requesting the discount code and we will send you the code!

The discount codes will be available to 4-H families until June 15<sup>th</sup>.



### **Pop Stand Schedule**

**QR code for popstand schedule**

<https://go.unl.edu/popstandschedule2024>

## **4-H Public Speaking Contest**



Start preparing your speeches and PSAs. The 2024 Cedar County 4-H Public Speaking Contest will be held Monday, April 1 beginning at 6:30 pm at the Extension Office. See our 4-H Contests webpage for more information and more details will follow in the March newsletter. This year's PSA and video theme is **"4-H is a Feeling!"**

## **National Volunteer Week April 21-27**

ServeNebraska invites you to apply for a Youth Service Grant to engage Nebraska youth in completing a community service project during National Volunteer Week! Application deadline is Febr 13. For more information and an application visit <https://www.serve.nebraska.gov/volunteer-week/application.html>

## **NDA Poster Contest**

**Theme – Nebraska Agriculture: Ready, Set, Grow**  
Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) Poster Contest is open to 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. The contest applies to everything in Nebraska from crops to livestock. The deadline to submit posters is March 1<sup>st</sup>. Rules and entry form are available online at <https://nda.nebraska.gov/kids/>.

## **Livestock Achievement Program**

The Livestock Achievement Program is designed to promote all educational aspects of 4-H livestock projects including selection, production, leadership, and exhibition by recognizing youth striving to improve in their livestock project knowledge and leadership. The program recognizes Members of Excellence across all 4-H livestock project areas, including: beef, sheep, meat goat, swine, dairy cattle, dairy goat, rabbit, and poultry. For more information visit <https://4h.unl.edu/livestock-achievement>. Applications are due June 15.



## **State Fair Livestock Nominations**

Show Stock Manager will be open on February 1<sup>st</sup> for families at <https://showstockmgr.com/> to begin nominating their state fair livestock. The 2024 Step-by-Step Nomination Instructions can be found on the public page: <https://4h.unl.edu/livestock-id>.

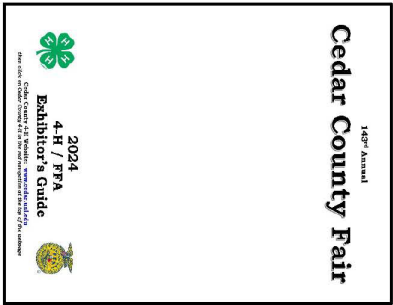






# Design the 2024 Fairbook Cover Contest

14th Annual  
**Cedar County Fair**



*Keep in mind when designing your entry that it may be shrunk to fit into the center 6-inch section of the cover.*

Winner will also receive a cash prize!

**Entries due to the Extension Office by February 29**

Contest open to Clover Kids and 4-H aged members.

Entry class # for 4-H members (8-18) to be determined.

*All entries will be displayed at the Cedar County Fair and will receive a participation premium.*

### Contest Rules

1. Entry can either be a photo, a computer-generated art design, or a hand-drawn art design.
2. Entry must be a photo (can be printed on regular white paper) or an art design created on 8 1/2 x 11" white paper.
3. Design/photo must be 4-H oriented.
4. Any computer graphics/photos used should be copyright free.
5. If using 4-H Clover in design, abide by 4-H emblem regulations as stated on <https://4h.unl.edu/name-emblem-guidelines>.
6. Entry should be mounted on 11x14 black poster board with exhibitor's name on the back.
7. One entry per member.



# 4-H Saturday

Celebrate Nebraska 4-H Month at

## Clover Kids

Clover Kids will spend the morning celebrating 4-H month as they discover "The Power of Being Green". They will explore the areas of cooking, creative arts, and science while creating three clover kid projects. They will also learn what 4-H has to offer!

**Class size - limit 15**

**Cost \$10**

The Clover Kids will meet at the Extension Office.

**To register contact the Extension Office at 402-254-6821 by February 9th**

## Saturday, February 17

**9:00 - 11:00 am**

**in Hartington**  
at Extension Office & Hartington City Auditorium Basement

## 4-H Members

4-H members will celebrate 4-H month by adding color to their doors with inspiration by the glass work of artist Dale Chihuly. They will exemplify the 4-H motto, "To make the best, better" and make the world a better place by recycling plastic bottles to create a colorful spiral cut wreath.

**Class size - limit 15**

**Cost \$10**

The 4-H Members will meet at the Hartington City Auditorium Basement.

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Join the

# Cedar County 4-H Sharp Shooters

## Shotgun



Informational Meeting  
Sunday, February 18 at 3:00 pm  
at the Extension Office Meeting Room  
(attendance highly encouraged)

for youth ages 11 – 18 (age before January 1<sup>st</sup>)

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

Cost of program membership is \$175 to be paid at February 18<sup>th</sup> meeting

(Membership fee includes shells and blue rock for practice/competition and \$5 4-H membership dues. It is non-refundable.)

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

**Program registration deadline – March 1, 2024**



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](http://cedar.unl.edu)

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 and Tim Lobeg.

For more information about the shotgun program contact Jeff Jones at 402-762-5022.

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## 4-H Kick-off 2024



Sunday, February 25  
5:30 pm

at the Wayne Majestic Theater

310 Main St, Wayne NE 68787

Name of movie to be announced at a later date via email.

Bring family and friends or come to meet new friends. Free movie for 4-H members and their families upon enrollment and payment of 2024 4-H dues.

4-H members and Clover Kids will also receive a free small popcorn and drink. Additional refreshments will be available for purchase through the theater.



RSVP appreciated to the Extension Office

402-254-6821 by February 23<sup>rd</sup>

so we know how many to plan for.

Hosted by Four Clovers of Randolph



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# February Featured Project Idea



## Seeing i2i

The Seeing i2i project is intended to help youth gain global and cultural knowledge, judgement, and skills needed to appreciate today's increasingly culturally diverse communities.

- A130001 Cultural Fine Arts** – can be made of any art media but should symbolize what makes them unique.
- A130003 Name Art** – should be a creative art exhibit that symbolizes or explains where your name came from and what it means. Can use any media.
- A130004 Family History** – depicting your family cultural history or the ethnic make-up of your community noting who were the first settlers, where did they come from, is there evidence of the background today (local celebrations, family celebrations, museum or educational displays, historical markers, etc.)
- A130005 Exhibit depicting a Cultural Food** – that is special to your family. Can be a story or essay.
- A130006 “This is Who I Am” Poem** – written by the 4-H'er that reflects who they are.
- A130008 Biography** – about an historical figure who has made a positive impact on our society or who has made a difference in the lives of others.

Explore your personal or community culture through one or more of the above classes and enter your project at the 2024 Cedar County Fair!

# Clover Kids

## February Featured Project Idea



### Sock Snowman



With all the snow we have received, it makes you want to build a snowman, but it's too cold outside. So why not read a book about a snowman or winter and then build a snowman in the house.

If you don't have a book about snowmen, search YouTube for a read aloud book. One suggestion would be “The Giving Snowman” written by Julia Zheng. It demonstrates the 4-H theme “To Make the Best Better”.

After reading or listening to your snowman book, you can build your snowman using a couple of socks and other materials you have at home. <https://www.itsalwaysautumn.com/a-holiday-craft-tradition-easy-sock-snowmen.html> has good step-by-step instructions with pictures. You can also use a marker to draw your snowman's face and buttons if you don't have all the supplies. Be creative!

Showcase your snowman at the Cedar County Fair!