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

Important Dates

- Jan 13 – 4-H Council Meeting
- Jan 15 – District & State 4-H Awards Due (either electronically to state or hard copy to our office)
- Jan 15 – State 4-H Scholarship Applications Due
- Jan 20 – Shooting Sports Organizational Meeting
- Jan 21 – Office Closed
Martin Luther King Jr Day
- February is Nebraska 4-H Month
- Febr 9 – Beef Weigh-In
- Febr 17 – 4-H Kick-Off Pool Party
- Febr 18 – Office Closed
Presidents' Day
- March is Bake & Take Month
- March 1 – Governor's Ag Excellence Grant Due
- March 15 – 4-H Enrollments Due
- March 17 – Leader Training
- March 17 – 4-H Council Meeting
- April 1 – Cedar County 4-H Council Senior Scholarships Due
- April 22 – 4-H Public Speaking Contest
- May 18 – YQCA Training

Save the Dates



2019 4-H Kick-Off Pool Party



Kick-off the 2019 4-H year with your family and friends or come to meet new friends at our 4-H pool party on Sunday, February 17th, from 5:00 – 7:00 pm at the Summit Center in Yankton. 4-H dues must be paid before or at the pool party. **Please RSVP by February 1st if you plan to attend, as we need to setup our contract by then based on how many will be attending.**

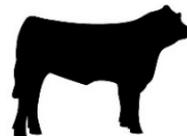


Cedar County Sharp Shooters Are Back



The Cedar County Sharp Shooters is officially reorganizing! Thank you to our newly certified leaders and volunteers: John Brodersen, Jeff Jones, Todd Knutson, Tim Loberg. Because of their willingness and leadership we are able to offer archery and shotgun. To learn more about how to become involved, mark your calendars for an informational shooting sports meeting on **Sunday, January 20** from 5:00-6:00 at the Hartington City Auditorium basement. It is very beneficial for interested families to attend, however, if you are interested and unable to attend please contact the Cedar County Extension office by January 20th. See attached flyer for more information.

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 9, from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.** Ear tags will be available at no cost. (Snow date – Febr 16) **PLEASE CONTACT THE EXTENSION OFFICE IF YOU PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BEEF WEIGH-IN.**

4-H Enrollment

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

Hello 4-H Families! As we embark on a new year it is now again time to (re-)enroll into the 4-H program. All enrollments for members, clover kids and volunteers are to be **completed online by March 15**. 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 left hand side of the webpage, there you will find a “2019 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. Dues not paid before April 15th will be also assessed an additional \$5 late fee.

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. Nebraska Extension also requires all volunteers to be screened through the Department of Health and Human Services for child abuse and neglect. The database is updated every four years on a district rotation. The 4-H Volunteer Screening Form is available on our Cedar County 4-H page under the enrollment section. There is also a link to it in 4HOnline. Click on the link to open the file or save it to your computer. Print the file, complete, and send to the State 4-H Office (address is on the form), or you may send it to the Extension Office and we will be happy to forward it for you. This screening enables the 4-H program to assure you that we are providing a safe, positive and nurturing environment for your child.

National Youth Summit

The National Youth Summit Series consists of multi-day programs focused on giving youth real world exposure in the fields of Agri-Science, Healthy Living, and Photography. Designed of high school students (grades 9-12), the Summits provide opportunities to learn technical skills, participate in hands-on activities, workshops, and engage with nationally-recognized leaders. More information, dates and to register visit <https://4hcenter.org/tours-programs/national-youth-summits/>



4-H Beekeeping Essay

The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees is sponsoring an essay competition on the theme “*Honey Varietals, State to State.*” For more information and rules visit <http://preservationofhoneybees.org/essays#rules-overview-2>). Essays due February 11.

Governor’s Agricultural Excellence Award

The purpose of the Nebraska 4-H Foundation’s Governor’s Ag Excellence Awards, sponsored by the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA), is to recognize 4-H clubs for the work of the individuals in the club and the community service work of the entire club. Grant application forms can be found on our 4-H webpage under the “Awards & Scholarship Opportunities” tab. All Governor’s Agricultural Excellence Award applications must be submitted by March 1, 2019 to pjeffries1@unl.edu.

2019 County Challenge N| 150 Stepping Stones

Create a stepping stone that represents the N|150 milestone. Visit <https://4h.unl.edu/n150> for more details.

February is Nebraska 4-H Month

The Cedar County 4-H Council has \$25 available for each club to plan and conduct a 4-H month promotional event/activity. The goals of these events are to raise awareness of the Cedar County 4-H program and to recruit new members. Activities could include: informational booths at schools or local libraries, an activity in conjunction with a local sporting event, green balloons and promotional flyers at local businesses, news releases written by members, 4-H community scavenger hunt, ice cream social, etc. Be creative and try to do something different than your club did in the past. Contact your club leader and 4-H Council club representative to start planning!!!

What is Happening in 4-H This Year?

There will be a leader training on Sunday, March 17 at 6:00 pm at the Extension Office. Come & discover the new changes within the 4-H program. All 4-H clubs are encouraged to have a representative attend and this training is also open to all 4-H families.

4-H Public Speaking Contest



The 2019 Cedar County Public Speaking Contest will be held Monday, April 22 beginning at 6:30 pm. This year's PSA theme is "**Inspire Kids to Do**". Start preparing your speeches and PSAs. More information to follow in next newsletter and check our Cedar County 4-H webpage under the contest section for resources.

4-H Shooting Sports

Leader Training Certification

April 6-7, 2019 – Central City

Anyone interested in assisting with the archery program is required to become certified. For more information visit <https://4h.unl.edu/shooting-sports/instructor>. Event Information and registration can be found under "Instructor Calendar."

Bucket Calf Born Date Extended

In choosing your bucket calf for your fair exhibit know that their born date has been extended to June 15th. (Born date between January 1st and June 15th)

2019 Photography Exhibits

County Theme - Water



Unit 2 - Beautiful Nebraska

Theme Print: Nebraska's state song, Beautiful Nebraska, talks of peaceful prairie land, rivers, hills of sand, dark green valleys, and rainbows reaching to the ground. However, beauty is

in the eye of the beholder, and everyone has their own idea of what makes Nebraska great. Entries in the theme print class should capture and share what the exhibitor finds beautiful in or about Nebraska.

Unit 3 – N150 Theme Print: February 15 marks 150 years since the day the state of Nebraska chartered the University of Nebraska. How has the University of Nebraska impacted you, your family, or your community? How can you tell this story through photography?



2019 Special Garden Project **Carmine Splendor Okra**

Contact the Extension Office by February 1st to order your Carmine Splendor Okra seeds for the 2019 Special Garden Project. When enrolling in the 4-H program for the 2019 year on 4-H Online be sure to enroll for the Special Garden Project. The Special Garden Project lets 4-H members try their hand at growing unusual vegetables and flowers. This project is open to all youth of 4-H age and it will give them the opportunity to learn about growing, harvesting, preparing, and exhibiting this unique vegetable.

March is Bake & Take Month

A gift from your heart, made by your hands.

Livestock Quality Assurance



Nebraska 4-H requires all youth enrolled in livestock projects (beef cattle, dairy cattle, goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine) to complete 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. YQCA training can be completed online through self-directed courses or through a face-to-face instructor-led training offered by the county. A link to the online course can be found on our Cedar County 4-H webpage under the "Livestock & Small Animals" tab and will cost \$12 per youth. Cedar County will be offering an in-person instructor-led training for \$3 per youth on **Saturday, May 18**. Save the date. If you are unable to attend the in-person training you will need to complete the online training. You must register online for either form of training.

4-H Horse Stampede

Saturday, March 30 at UNL

Visit <https://4h.unl.edu/horse/stampede> for more information. Registrations due March 1st.

Diamond Clover Program

Check out the Diamond Clover Recognition Program at <https://4h.unl.edu/diamond-clover>.

(A link can also be found on our Cedar County 4-H webpage under the "Awards & Scholarship Opportunities" tab.) It has been revamped a little, with the biggest change in level 6, which no longer is a 2 yr project. Now is the time to set goals as to what you would like to accomplish this year. If you have any questions on the program please contact our office.



New - Nebraska 4-H Gives Back

The Nebraska 4-H Gives Back program is an opportunity for a Nebraska 4-H member or a team of 4-H'ers to make a meaningful contribution to their community. This award replaces Level 6 of the Diamond Clover Program. For more details visit <https://4h.unl.edu/ne4h-gives-back#after>, or a link can also be found on our 4-H "Awards & Scholarships Opportunities" webpage.

2019 4-H Culinary Challenge

A team of 2 4-H members will demonstrate healthy decision making through nutrition, menu planning, food preparation, and food safety during an interview with a judge and through a technology presentation during a contest at the Nebraska State Fair using the 2019 culinary challenge ingredient **DAIRY**. They will apply healthy living knowledge and skills by planning a nutritious menu, demonstrating their understanding of time management skills in the kitchen, and expressing their originality and creativity through an appropriate themed and properly set table. Youth will create a menu, prepare one food item, and choose an appropriate theme for their occasion while expressing their food, nutrition, and food safety knowledge during a live interview with a judge at the contest. In order to highlight knowledge and skills acquired, youth will utilize technology as part of their interview. To learn more about the contest and for helpful resources visit <https://4h.unl.edu/fairbook/contests/culinary-challenge>.

4-H Companion Animal Challenge

Saturday, March 30 at UNL

These contests are animal-less and test youths knowledge about companion animals. Visit <https://4h.unl.edu/companion-animal/challenge> for more information. Registration due March 8th.

District & State Horse Shows

The 2019 Nebraska District 4-H Horse Shows will be held at the following locations:

June 10 – Bloomfield June 11 – Elkhorn
June 12 – Ord June 13 – Ogallala
June 14 – McCook



The State Horse Show will be July 14-18 at Fonner Park in Grand Island. All Horse level testing required for participation in these shows must be completed before May 10.

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 7-20. Visit <http://raikes.unl.edu/summerworkshops> for more details.

Poultry Breeders



If looking for show poultry for your 4-H project here is a list of breeders around the area, breeds they raise, and contact info.

Reynold Loecker - Yankton SD - 605-665-7900

Bantams - Birchen Modern Game, BB Red and Black Old English, Rhode Island Red, Black, Black Tailed White, Mottled Japanese, White Leghorn, Quail Belgian d'Anver, Partridge and Black Wyandotte, and Black Cochin

Ken Splett - Freeman SD - on Facebook

Bantams - Mottled Cochin, Barred Rock, and Salmon Faverolle, Large Fowl - Black Cochin, Black Australorp, Rhode Island Red, and Salmon Faverolle

Shannon Ahlman - Grand Island NE - 308-370-2605 and on Facebook

*Large Fowl - Black Sumatras and Black Australorps
Ducks - Black Cayuga and Rouen*

Jeremy Woeppel - Chambers NE - 402-336-7861 and on Facebook

*Bantams - Silver Penciled Rock
Large Fowl - New Hampshire Red, Barred Rock, White Rock, and Rosecomb Ancona*

Dereck Tuntland - Parker SD - on Facebook

Large Fowl - Rhode Island Red and Buff Orpington

Larry Schrage - Norfolk NE - on Facebook

Large Fowl - Cochins in Black, Blue, Buff, White, and Partridge

Rick Hoffman - Homer NE - 402-987-6052 and on Facebook

*Bantam - Barred Rock and Rhode Island Red
Large Fowl - Black Australorp and Rhode Island Red
Geese - African, Buff American, and other breeds
Ducks - Various breeds*

Jeff Hochstein - Hartington NE - 402-841-1894 and on Facebook

*Large Fowl - Light Brahma
Bantams - Delaware, Buff Brahma, and Partridge Wyandotte
Geese - Egyptian and Sebastopol
Ducks - Black East Indie, Snowy and White Call*





Cedar County 4-H Sharp Shooters



**Organizational Meeting
for Youth & Parents**

Sunday, January 20

5:00 – 6:00 pm

Hartington City Auditorium Basement

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- **Archery**
- **Shotgun**

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**Archery Program
for 4-H youth ages 8-18**

**Shotgun Program
for 4-H youth ages 12-18**

2018 4-H Achievements Recognized



Congratulations to all 4-H members and the Clover Kids for another successful 4-H year! 4-H members were recognized for their achievements, scholarships and awards before the 4-H Council Meeting held on Sunday, October 14. Congratulations to all!

Camp Scholarships

Each year the 4-H Council offers camp scholarships for youth to attend 4-H camps. This year Emily Soll received a scholarship for attending the Citizen's Washington Focus Trip, and Karissa Bruning, Karli Bruning, McKenzie Bruning, Ryan Engel, Luke Harder, Breah Steffen, Ava Stewart and Calley Stewart all received scholarships for attending the Ponca Day Camp.

New Member Enrollments

The 4-H Council rewarded the 4-H Club which enrolled the most new members during the year. This year's award went to the Needles & Nails 4-H Club, who enrolled 10 new members. Thanks to all the clubs in their recruitment work.

Diamond Clover Awards

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. The program's overall goal is to provide 4-H members a rich and diverse learning experience. We are very proud of the number of 4-H youth who embraced this program:

Kaley Lammers – Amethyst, Level 1
Jeremiah Polak – Ruby, Level 3

Kyson Lammers – Amethyst, Level 1
Calley Stewart – Amethyst, Level 1

2018 4-H Project Award Recipients

In Cedar County, members go through a five-year process to receive pins in any curriculum area they choose. The first year is a learning year. The second year, successful applicants receive a green certificate if they meet all the criteria. The third year they are eligible for the silver certificate, and the fourth year they work for their gold certificate. The fifth year, they earn their pin for the curriculum area. After they receive the pin for the curriculum area, they then can go on to receive a year pin for continuing award applications. The following 4-H members received recognition in their curriculum areas this year:

Sophia Harder, Four Clovers of Randolph: received a 9 year pin for Consumer & Family Science and Healthy Lifestyles Education, Communication & Expressive Arts, and a project pin for Leadership & Citizenship

Brian Potts, Laurel Bit & Bridle: received a 8 year pin for Animal Science, Communication & Expressive Arts, Consumer & Family Science, Environmental Education & Earth Sciences, Healthy Lifestyles Education, Leadership & Citizenship, Plant Science, and Science & Technology

Chelsea Potts, Laurel Bit & Bridle: Received a Gold Certificate in each: Animal Science, Communication & Expressive Arts, Consumer & Family Science, Environmental Education & Earth Sciences, Healthy Lifestyles Education, Leadership & Citizenship, Plant Science, and Science & Technology

Ava Stewart, Needles & Nails: receives a Green Certificate for Animal Science, Communication & Expressive Arts, Consumer & Family Science, Healthy Lifestyles Education.

Calley Stewart, Needles & Nails: received a Participation Certificate for her first year in Animal Science, Communication & Expressive Arts, Consumer & Family Science, Healthy Lifestyles Education.

State Fair Honors

Alea Reifenrath received a certificate in recognition for her photography exhibit being selected to represent Nebraska 4-H in a special display at the Nebraska Extension and CASNR Dean's Office.



Outstanding 4-H Members

Emily Soll, daughter of Chad & Katie Winkelbauer and a member of the Pearl Creek 4-H Club, received the 2018 Outstanding 4-H Service Award.

Sophia Harder, daughter of Tyler & Stephanie Harder and a member of the Four Clovers of Randolph 4-H Club, received the 2018 Outstanding 4-H Achievement Award.

Both received a plaque sponsored by the Cedar County News and received \$200 from the 4-H Council.



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