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

Important Dates

- May 21** – Livestock YQCA Trainings
- May 22** – Building Better Babysitters Clinic
- May 22** – 4-H Council Meeting
- May 25** – Buckets of Bloom Workshop
- May 28** – Presentations Contest
- May 28** – Favorite Food Revue
- May 30** – Makerspace Day at Randolph
- June 1** – Horse Level Testing & State Horse Show Entries Due
- June 3** – Clover Kid Day Camp
- June 6** – Project Day
- June 10** – Beginning Sewing Pillowcase Workshop
- June 11** - Livestock YQCA Training (final in-person)
- June 13** – Virtual Bee Workshop
- June 13** – Foods Workshop – Pies
- June 13 & 14** – Clover Kids Art Spectacular Workshop
- June 15** – All Livestock Pre-Entry/ ID Forms DUE & YQCA Training Complete
- June 15** – Clover Kid Pre-Entry Forms Due
- June 15** – Last day to enroll on 4HOnline to exhibit at fair
- June 19** – Crochet Workshop
- July 13** – Randolph Livestock Show

Save the Dates

Pre-Fair Day
July 13, 2024
Cedar County Fair
July 17-21, 2024

Congratulations to Our Graduating Seniors!



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| Samuel Aitken | Kinslee Heimes |
| Abigail Anderson | Kale Korth |
| Karli Bruning | Madison Kuchta |
| Tessa Haahr | James Pick |
| Jackson Hall | Chelsea Potts |
| Annika Heimes | Faith Urwiler |

Livestock Quality Assurance



YQCA Trainings – Save the Date

The following dates have been set for YQCA trainings.

Tuesday, May 21 – 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 11 – 9:00 a.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).

- To register visit <https://yqcaprogram.org>
- Also visit the [link for login & registration instructions](#) found on our 4-H webpage
- Due to Children's Online Privacy Protection Rule (COPPA) parents will need to register children
- Parents will receive a confirmation email to validate. Add all your children needing to complete YQCA (this does not include Clover Kids) and submit.
- Complete the data sharing consent.
- Now you are ready to purchase your YQCA training.
- Go to the Home Page. Scroll down and select a training you would like.
- Click Proceed to Buy when you are finished.
- Purchase Course via Credit Card
- All students must take the pre-test after signing up for an instructor-led course. Instructors will not be able to mark students as complete until they take the pre-test. Students can access the pretest by signing into their YQCA account and then clicking on the blue username. In the dropdown menu, students will select "Enrolled ILT Trainings" and click the Pre-Test button.

Attend the training on either May 21 or June 11.

The 2024 Fairbook (4-H/FFA Exhibitor's Guide) can be picked-up at the Extension Office or can also be viewed online under the Cedar County 4-H menu tab "Fairbooks & Scoresheets"

Needing Pop Stand Day Managers

A pop stand day manager is needed for each day of the fair or can be a shared position. Day Managers are responsible for being on site and available when needed. Day managers will assist general managers with preparing and stocking food, assisting volunteers as needed, transporting supplies back and forth to the pop trailer as needed. Day Managers will also assist checking supplies for next day. If willing to help please contact Amy Graham at 402-640-7579 or email 5negrahams@gmail.com.

State Horse Show July 13-17

Horse level testing and State Horse Show entries deadline in June 1st. Don't wait until the last minute! New for 2024 youth 8 & 9-years-old are eligible to compete. For more information visit <https://4h.unl.edu/horse-expo-show>.

2024 Special Agronomy Project **Sugarbeets**

Visit go.unl.edu/specialagronomy to learn more about the sugarbeet project. Youth participating will receive 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. We have a few seeds left if anyone would like to try growing them.



2024 County Challenge

Buckets of Bloom



4-H members and Clover Kids are invited to plant whatever you want in a 5-gallon bucket with drain holes and add beauty to the Cedar County Fairgrounds. A workshop will be held on Saturday, May 25 at the Hartington City Auditorium Basement to learn gardening tips from local experts. One 4-H bucket per family will be provided. See attached flyer for more information.

2024 County Photography Theme **Favorite Places in Cedar County**



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 their "Favorite Place in Cedar County".

Attention Gardeners!!!



As you are planting your flower and vegetable gardens, remember to keep track of the variety name of your flowers and vegetables. This will make it easier at fair time when you need to know the exact variety name to put on the pre-entry form. Available on our Cedar County 4-H page under the "Pre-Fair & Fair Resources" are resources on how to select and prepare your vegetables, herbs and fruits for exhibiting, and preparing your cut flowers for the fair.

Online Horticulture Judging Contest June 7-21 <https://4h.unl.edu/online-horticulture-judging-contest>

Give it a try and test your knowledge

4-H Show T-shirts

Anyone wanting a regulation 4-H show t-shirt, please contact the Extension Office. 4-H livestock and small animal exhibitors are required to wear 4-H t-shirts or have a 4-H chevron on a white shirt. The white or green t-shirts will be acceptable for showing in Cedar County. Wearing of the show t-shirt is optional for Clover Kids, not required. Parents and leaders are also welcome to order a t-shirt. Cost is \$8.00.

Summer Contests on May 28

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. See attached flyer for rules.

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. See attached flyer for rules.

Clover Kids and 4-H aged youth are eligible to participate in both contests. Try your hand at one or both contests. Resources can be found on the Cedar County 4-H Contests webpage.

Attention Photographers



We have 11x14 mats for an 8x10 photo available to purchase at our office for \$2.00 apiece.

Save the date: Fairgrounds clean-up night on July 10! The Cedar County Fair is just around the corner! Each independent family and club is asked to help get the fairgrounds ready for another successful fair experience. More information to come.

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 15th.



Pop Stand Schedule

QR code for popstand schedule

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

✓ Available for Check-Out Poultry American Standard of Perfection 44th Edition

book is available at our office for check-out to aid our poultry exhibitors in identification and showmanship presentation.



GRO Big Red Virtual Learning Series

A free webinar series via zoom every 2nd 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/grobigred>.

Check our 4-H Programs & Events webpage periodically for upcoming workshops. A list of Progress Shows, Clinics and other state wide opportunities can be found at the bottom of our 4-H Programs & Events webpage.

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 is open for families at <https://showstockmgr.com/> to begin nominating their state fair livestock. The 2024 Step-by-Step Nomination Instructions can be found at <https://4h.unl.edu/livestock-id>.

Big Red Camps

Join us for an immersive and empowering college and career ready experience through Big Red Camps 2024! Whether you're exploring potential career paths, preparing for college admissions, or seeking guidance on how to navigate the professional world, our camp provides the tools and resources you need to succeed. Incoming freshmen through seniors during the 2024-25 school year are welcome. We guarantee an unforgettable experience filled with learning and fun! For more information and to register, visit our website 4h.unl.edu/big-red-camps or contact us at BigRedCamps@unl.edu.

Nebraska State 4-H Camps



Nebraska 4-H Camps offer unique, hands-on experiences where youth have the opportunity to develop positive relationships, healthy living, community building, leadership, and build an awareness for the natural world in a fun, safe, and inclusive environment. Visit <https://4h.unl.edu/camps> for a list of great opportunities.



MAKERSPACE WORKSHOP

THURSDAY MAY 30, 2024

9AM-NOON OR 1-4PM

LIED RANDOLPH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Cost \$30

Ages 10 and up

Class size limit: 6 morning and 6 afternoon

Customize a design for an etched cake pan, heat press a kitchen towel, use a wood burner to personalize a wooden spoon and

leave with a yummy treat!

Register by Friday, May 24



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Cedar County
**Clover
Kid
Camp**

**Monday, June 3rd
1:00-3:00**

Hartington Felber
Park Shelter House

Clover Kid Camp is sponsored by
the Cedar County 4-H Council.



To Register contact the
Extension Office by

May 28

at 402-254-6821

Seeking adult and
youth volunteers.
Please contact the
Extension Office if you
would like to help!

Project Areas Include:

- Animal Science
- Woodworking
- Home Environment
- Cooking
- Environmental Science



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2024 4-H PROJECT DAY

THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2024 - 9:00 A.M. - 2:30 P.M. - HARTINGTON AUDITORIUM

4-H AGE : 8 - 18 (LIMITED TO 40 YOUTH)

BRING A SACK LUNCH. LUNCH AND LEARN SESSION FEATURING AG INNOVATORS.
REGISTER BY CALLING THE EXTENSION OFFICE 402-254-6821 (DEADLINE: JUNE 1ST)

COST:
\$25

Youth will participate in all 4 sessions. These projects are meant to be an introduction to building skills in different project areas. We always encourage youth to take the project home and make it their own!

Design Decisions

Design Decisions - C257903



Human Development

Human Development - C200902



Wildlife Conservation

Wildlife Conservation - D342902



Visual Arts

Visual Arts - C260903



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Summer Sewing Workshops



Clover Kid Sewing

Tuesday, June 18
10:00 - 11:30 am
Class limit: 10
Cost \$5.00



Join Barb Paulsen in learning the parts of a sewing machine, items to be included in a sewing kit, create a sewing journal, and make an alligator needle-book. Our office has sewing machines available, but we encourage Clover Kids to bring their own machine if they have one, so they learn about their machine. Adult helpers are encouraged but not required.

Beginning Sewing

Monday, June 10
Morning 9:00 - 11:30
Class limit: 8
Cost \$10.00

Burrito Pillowcase

Supplies Needed:

- 1/8 yard of fabric for trim band
- 3/8 yard of fabric for cuff
- 3/4 yard of fabric for body of pillowcase
- Matching thread
- Sewing notions (sewing scissors or rotary cutter with mat, pins, ruler, etc)
- Sewing machine *

Adult helpers encouraged to attend, especially if youth have no sewing experience.

Fair Entry: STEAM Clothing 1 - C205907 Other Item

Will conduct an afternoon session if enough interest.



Advanced Sewing

June 17
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Class limit: 8
for youth aged 10+ with sewing experience
Cost \$10.00
Bring a sack lunch

Wrap-Around Skirt

Supplies Needed:

- 1 1/2 - 2 yards of fabric**
- 1 3/8 yd lightweight interfacing
- Matching thread
- Sewing notions (sewing scissors or rotary cutter with mat, pins, ruler, seam ripper, etc.)
- Sewing machine *

** Reference - Simplicity pattern #6456 for more options/details

Fair Entry: STEAM Clothing 2 - C222008 Skirt Clothing 3 - C223901 Other Item

Sewing Service Project

Soap Holders
Monday, June 24
9:00 - 11:30 am
Class limit: 15
Cost: \$5 & 4 bars of soap

Washcloths will be provided

Supplies Needed if have:

- Thread
- Sewing notions (sewing scissors or rotary cutter with mat, pins, ruler, seam ripper, etc.)
- Sewing machine *

Adult helpers encouraged to attend, especially if youth have no sewing experience.

Fair Entries: Citizenship A120009 - Service Items Supporting information required

Pick a workshop that best fits your age or skill level.

Adult volunteers are encouraged to help youth with limited sewing experience.

* Our office has sewing machines available, but we encourage youth to bring their own machine if they have one, so they learn how to use their machine.

Reminder - Pre-Fair Day is July 13th

All workshops held at the Extension Office.

To register contact the Extension Office at least 1 week prior to workshop at 402-254-6821 or cedar-county@unl.edu

Pies, Pies, Pies!

Thursday, June 13
1:30 - 4:00 pm
at the Extension Office

Join Ann Fenton (Food, Nutrition & Health Extension Educator from Pierce County) in learning the secrets to great pie crust by comparing different types of shortening to make crusts for pie. Each participant will bring home a small pie.

To register contact the
Extension Office by June 7
Class Size Limit: 12

Cost: \$5



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CLOVER KID

ART SPECTACULAR
WORKSHOP
2 Day Series

Thursday, June 13 & Friday, June 14
9:00-11:00 am Both Days
at Hartington City Auditorium Basement

This workshop focuses on creativity and art appreciation. Clover Kids will have the opportunity to take an in-depth look at diverse artists and explore multiple elements of art.

TO REGISTER CONTACT THE
CEDAR COUNTY EXTENSION
OFFICE AT 402-254-6821 BY
JUNE 6.

Cost: \$20

Class Size: 16

(Co-sponsored by the 4-H Council.)

FEATURED PROJECTS



ASSEMBLAGE



POUR PAINTING

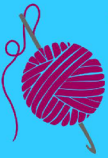


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Beginning Crochet Class

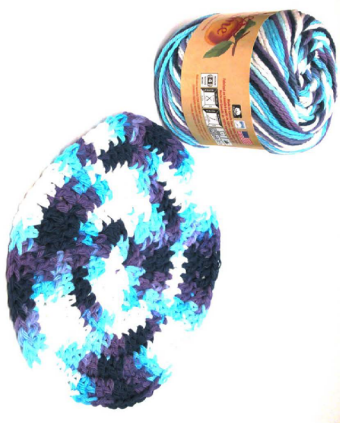


Learn the basics of crocheting during this beginning crochet class. In making this decorative hot pad, you will learn how to start and finish off a project, chain stitch, slip stitch, and double crochet stitch.

Wednesday, June 19
6:30 – 8:00 pm
at Cedar County Extension Office

Cost: \$5
Class size: 10
An adult is strongly encouraged to accompany beginners.

To register contact the Extension Office at
402-254-6821
by June 5



Supplies Needed

4 ply medium weight sugar & cream yarn, color of your choice
(look for this symbol on label)



Size H (5 mm) crochet hook
Sewing needle for yarn *(plastic or metal)*
Scissors

Fair exhibit: Crochet – C226901 – Item in this project
Supporting information required. Bring to Pre-Fair Day on July 13th to be judged.
Interview/Judging is not required on Pre-Fair Day for crochet exhibits, but strongly encouraged.

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Sweet Creations Workshop

The Art of Cookie and Cake Decorating

Thursday, June 20
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

at Hartington City Auditorium Basement

Cost: \$15
Class Size: 20
(Co-sponsored by the Cedar County 4-H Council.)
To register contact the Extension Office at **402-254-6821** by June 13.

4-Hers will leave with new skills to apply to their Edible Book Challenge project, 3 cookies, and a beginning cake decorating kit.

Featuring Special Instructors:
Cassidy Goeden and Jane Saylor

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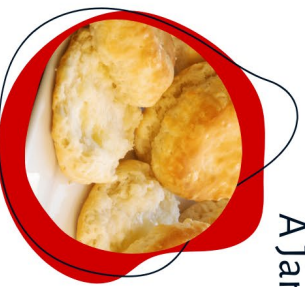
COOKING WITH *Flower Kids*

“Spread” the Fun and Join Us for
A Jam and Biscuit Extravaganza

Tuesday, June 25, 2024

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

at Hartington City Auditorium Basement



(Co-sponsored by Cedar County 4-H Council)

Cost: \$10
Class Size: 20

Learn more about...

- ✓ Food preservation basics
- ✓ Kitchen utensils
- ✓ How to follow a recipe
- ✓ And make Freezer Berry Jam & Mile High Biscuits

To register contact the
Extension Office at
402-254-6821 by June 18

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It's coming down to the wire. With only 10 days until Pre-Fair Day and 17 days until static entry day, it's understandable that there might be some last-minute questions or needs for assistance to finish an exhibit. Whether you need help with photography data tags or completing a workshop item, we are here to help your Cedar County 4-H experience be smooth and rewarding.

Our office has dedicated Tuesday, July 2nd to assisting you with any questions or help you may need with any projects. Following that, our office will be fully engaged in Fair prep.

Please feel free to reach out to our office at 402-254-6821 to schedule an appointment.

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May Featured Project Idea



Floriculture

Worth sharing again this year!



Unique Container

Spring is in the air, grass is turning green and flowers are starting to bloom. Now is a great time to teach your child simple planting and gardening skills. Gardening is both an art and a science, so don't be afraid to experiment and learn as you go. Happy planting!

- Pick an appropriately sized pot for your succulent or flower (not too big or not too small).
- Use the appropriate potting mixture for the type of plant you will be growing.
- Place a layer of gravel in the pot for drainage, especially if your pot does not have a drainage hole in the bottom.
- Fill your pot half full of soil and up along the sides.
- Gently remove the plant from purchased container.
- Loosen up the roots on the bottom, and then place in your new pot.
- Fill soil in around the plant. Gently press soil down around plant.
Note: Do not fill pot completely full of soil, leave at least ½-inch room on top for watering.
- Water plant so that the top inch of soil is soaked. Note: Be careful not to overwater, especially if your pot does not have a drainage hole.
- Water plants when soil begins to feel dry.



Outdoor Hanging Basket

Be creative with your planters and have fun watching your plants grow!

Clover Kids – Bring your plants to the Cedar County Fair to show your green thumb. 😊

4-H Aged Youth – Read Floriculture pages 63–65 of your fairbook to see what options and rules for each class of flowers; hanging baskets, outdoor planter, buckets of blooms, original arrangement, unique container, flowering or foliage plant, dish garden, desert garden, fairy garden, terrarium. Your options are great. Be sure to record the variety names of your plants to include on your fair entry tags. We look forward to seeing a sea of green in full bloom at the fair. 😊

Terrarium



Desert Garden



Miniature Garden



Foliage Houseplant

