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Important Dates

Oct – National Youth Science Days

Oct 6-12 – National 4-H Week

Oct 7 – 4-H Volunteer

Appreciation Day

Oct 13 – Archery Informational Meeting

Oct 14 – Office Closed

Columbus Day Observed

Oct 15 – Career Day

Oct 20 – Appreciation/Awards Reception & 4-H Council Meeting

Nov 7 – Read for the Record Day

Nov 11 – Office Closed

Veteran's Day Observed

Nov 28 & 29 – Office Closed Thanksgiving Holiday

Save the Date

**Cedar County Fair
July 15-19, 2020**



Welcome Megan Hanefeldt



A new face joined the Nebraska Extension team on September 1st. Megan Hanefeldt is serving Cedar County as the new 4-H/Youth Development Educator. Her main office is in Center, NE and she oversees both the Cedar and Knox County 4-H programs.

Megan will work directly with 4-Hers, club leaders, and 4-H families to provide educational opportunities that will help prepare young people for success in the future.

Megan also intends to work closely with local schools to provide school enrichment programs that emphasize Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) and leadership.

“I am so thrilled to be a part of the great 4-H team in Cedar County and build on the established partnerships. I have always enjoyed working with youth and this position gives me the opportunity to work with youth in a variety of settings,” says Megan Hanefeldt.

Megan recently served as Knox County's Economic Development director for the past four years. Prior to that role, Megan was the 4-H Assistant for Holt and Boyd Counties. Megan graduated from UNL with a bachelor's degree in agribusiness and master's degree in horticulture. Megan and her husband, Taylor, live on a farm south of Center with their three children: Tucker, Jocelyn, and Tate.

Megan joins Jackie Steffen and Ben Beckman who are located in the Cedar County Extension Office. Jackie has transitioned to a Learning Child Educator and focuses on youth ages birth-8. Her programming targets adults who care for young children by providing high-quality professional development that sets the stage for lifelong learning, discovery, and success. She covers Cedar, Knox, Antelope, Boone, and Nance Counties.

Ben is a Beef Systems Educator providing support for livestock producers in Antelope, Cedar, Knox, Madison, and Pierce Counties. He has a background in pasture management and grazing systems, but provides assistance in all livestock and pasture related areas from ration balancing to herd management.

Megan's office will be located in the Knox County Extension Office in Center, Nebraska. Megan can be reached at 402-288-5611 or at megan.hanefeldt@unl.edu.

Thank you!

Bow Creek 4-H Club for hosting the 4-H Family Picnic following the fair. A fun time was had by all!

4-H Council Youth Representatives

Congratulations to Emmalee Harder, Sarah Karnes, Lucas Reifenrath and Bobbi Winkelbauer who were elected at the 4-H Annual Meeting during the 4-H family picnic to serve as youth representatives to the 4-H Council.

Thank You to those who contributed articles for the 4-H Edition in the Norfolk paper. Be sure to read everyone's 4-H stories in the Norfolk paper during National 4-H Week.



National 4-H Week is Oct 6-12

A great time to promote 4-H and show your 4-H spirit by wearing your 4-H shirt, especially Tuesday October 8 which is designated 4-H Spirit Day!

Cedar County Fair Herdsmanship

During the Cedar County Fair, judges view all livestock exhibit areas. They judge the animals and stalls for cleanliness, equipment neatly stored, and that exhibitors are courteous. The winners for Herdsmanship in the club division were:

- 1st – Bow Creek 4-H Club
- 2nd – Needles & Nails 4-H Club
- 3rd – Four Clovers of Randolph 4-H Club
- 4th – Laurel Bit & Bridle 4-H Club

Independent family winners were:

- 1st – Urwiler Family
- 2nd – Burcham/Schindler Family
- 3rd – Ford Family
- 4th – Nelson Family

State Fair Honors

Trisha Dybdal and Agnes Kurtzhals' photo exhibits were selected for special display at the UNL Animal Science Department and the CASNR & Extension Dean's Office respectively. Ava Stewart was recognized for an Outstanding Illustrated Presentation.

State Herdsmanship Winners

Cedar County shared the Top Overall Score with 4 other counties in the Sheep & Goat Barn Herdsmanship. Congratulations to Aiden Schindler and Faith Urwiler for representing Cedar County so well during the Nebraska State Fair Goat Show!



Congratulations to all Nebraska State Fair exhibitors! You represented Cedar County well, and should be proud of the work you did! Please pick up your state fair exhibits from the Extension Office.

4-H Activity Scholarships & Awards

The 4-H Council will be reviewing 4-H awards and scholarships during the October 20th meeting. Members who applied for awards will be notified about the results via mail after the 4-H Council meeting.



THANK YOU! 2019 4-H Council and all volunteers throughout the year to the Cedar County 4-H Program for your time, commitment and leadership. Your guidance, knowledge and dedication is truly appreciated!!

Senior Scholarships

Seniors be sure to check our Awards & Scholarship Opportunities webpage periodically. As we learn of opportunities, we will post them. Note: Just posted the Jarvis Memorial Scholarship for girls attending UNL.



DID YOU KNOW?

Check out the Apply to Nebraska link at <https://go.unl.edu/applyunl>

You will find information about first-year college students, transfer students, Nebraska Now classes, and much more.

4-H Edition Articles

4-H STRONG LIKE AN EAGLE by Henry Zimmerman

An eagle uses its strength to soar and reach new heights. As a member of the St. Helena Eagle 4-H Club, I am discovering my strengths which help reach high goals for myself, my club, and my community.

My experience in 4-H this year made me strong when I made projects for the Cedar County Fair. I had to work through obstacles and reimagine how to use materials. One project I made was a Film Reel Clock. I reused parts from an old film projector and a film reel to make a clock. It was a challenge because I had to use resources without buying extra stuff. Strong problem solving skills were needed to figure out how to fit pieces together. The clock earned me a top prize in Home Environments at the fair. I learned that hard work makes me strong and pays off. Another project that was special to me was a picture frame I made out of acorns. The acorns came from a tree my grandpa planted when he was a boy my age. 4-H gives me a chance to connect with the strength of my family and heritage.

My St. Helena Eagles 4-H club strengthened not only me, but members of my club and community as well. Working together we provided and served refreshments to Veterans from our community after their Memorial Day services. In them we recognized strength and patriotism. We hope to develop a strong sense of patriotism as they showed to us.

4-H is strong in me, my club, and my community. Because of the strength found in 4-H, my club and I will succeed like the eagles----STRONG!



What phrase comes to mind when seven Cedar County 4-H clubs come together? 4-H Strong. The mindset and popular slogan after the March 2019 floods damaged the Cedar County Fairgrounds, a place that holds lots of meaning to 4-H families. After mother nature challenged the grounds and put the 2019 Fair in question, the Cedar County 4-H clubs rallied together to come back strong, 4-H Strong that is. All the clubs came together to accomplish big things. Club leaders, with the help of extension staff, planned a fun filled family event for the community hosted at the fairgrounds on May 31st. The Randolph 4 Clovers 4-H club welcomed supporters and hosted yard games as you came for the evening.

Hamburgers and hot dogs complete with a full meal, served to approx. 250 people, were grilled by the Bow Creek 4-H club. The newly re-established St. Helena Eagles walked the crowds with "Split the Pot" buckets decorated by the club. Pleasant Dale 4-H club families hosted a bake sale. Raffle tickets were sold for a bench, designed and donated by the Laurel Bit & Bridle club. The Needles and Nails 4-H club organized and made arrangements for the documentary film, Ocean of Grass, to be shown on a big screen and held a concession stand. A t-shirt fundraiser, with the 4-H strong logo, was also spearheaded through the Needles & Nails club. If all that wasn't enough, the Pearl Creek 4-H club hosted a teen dance to complete the evening. The night was a success, but not just financially. Young 4-H members learn and live by the 4-H pledge, "hands to larger service.....for my club, my community, and my world". Hosting these events show them the power of working together. The hard work and efforts put into that community event will be long remembered at the Cedar County Fairgrounds. The exact project that those funds will be directed to hasn't been decided. But, when the perfect project is chosen, it will have the names of the seven clubs listed. Hopefully as those members come back to the fairgrounds for years to come, the memories of 4-H and the summer of the 4-H strong motto.....makes them **4-H proud!**

- Kristi Bruning, Needles & Nails 4-H Club Leader



Cedar County 4-H Sharp Shooters

Archery



Informational Meeting for Youth & Parents

Sunday, October 13

7:00 pm

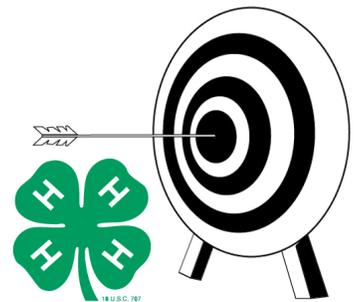
Hartington City Auditorium Basement

Youth ages 8-18 (age as of January 1st) can learn safe and responsible use of archery equipment through the Cedar County 4-H Sharp Shooters Archery Program. To learn more about how to become involved, goals, objectives, and expectations of the program, and to meet the instructors John Broderson and Aaron Wiechelmann, plan to attend this informational meeting. It is very beneficial for interested families to attend, however, if you are interested but unable to attend please contact the Cedar County Extension Office by October 18th.

**Archery season runs from October 2019
through January 2020.**

Cost of archery shooting sports program is \$30

Some equipment is provided. If you have your own archery equipment please bring along to this meeting so leaders can look it over.



There will be no shooting at this informational meeting. First shoot will be October 27.