

# 2024 Platte County 4-H Calendar

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**Many Hearts.  
One Love.**

# What is 4-H?

4-H is an informal, practical, learn-by-doing educational program for rural and urban youth, ages 9 to 19. To be in 4-H, youth should turn 9 during the calendar year. Clover Kids is a 4-H program for youth turning the age of 6 during the calendar year through age 8. 4-H is the youth education program of Nebraska Extension.

## Emblem

The 4-H emblem is a four-leaf clover with an “H” on each leaf. The letters of the emblem stand for Head, Heart, Hands, and Health - the foundation of all 4-H programs.

## Pledge

I pledge: My Head to clearer thinking, My Heart to greater loyalty, My Hands to larger service, and My Health to better living for my club, my community, my country, and my world.

## Colors

Green – nature’s most common color; symbolizes springtime, life, and youth.

White - symbolizes purity and high ideals.

## Slogan

Learn by doing.

## Motto

To make the best better.

## Mascot

Lil’ Green



## 4-H Clubs

The 4-H Club is one of the major methods of involving boys and girls in the 4-H program. The 4-H Club meeting is an important way to help members learn to make decisions, develop skills in group discussions, try new ideas, develop citizenship and leadership skills, acquire new knowledge, develop confidence, gain a sense of group pride, and form a cooperative attitude. In Nebraska, the 4-H Club enrollment reporting year is October 1 - September 30. A club may organize at any time during the year. However, enrollment of 4-H members, clubs, and volunteers are due by June 15 of the current year utilizing an internet-based database.

## Learning Through 4-H is a Family Affair

4-H centers in the home and family. Members and parents often attend meetings together. Working on projects takes place at home, in the yard, or around the kitchen table with guidance from mom or dad, an older brother or sister, a grandparent, or a neighbor. 4-H members need the support and encouragement of their families. Growing together through 4-H enhances family strength.

# JANUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> New Year's Day – Office Closed	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
7	<b>8</b> Growing Clovers Club Mtg 6:00 pm & Jr. Leaders Club Mtg 7:00 pm @ Extension Office	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
14	<b>15</b> Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Office Closed	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Leader Training Registration Deadline	<b>20</b>
21	<b>22</b> Leader Training 5:15 pm and 4-H Council Mtg. 7:30 pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> State Indoor 4-H Archery Championship @ Grand Island
28	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			



## FEBRUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<h1>Nebraska 4-H Month</h1>				1	2	3 County Fair Market Cattle Weigh-In 10:00 am-Noon @ Columbus Sale Barn	
	4	5 Growing Clovers Club Mtg 6:00 pm @ Extension Office	6	7	8	9	10
	11	12 Recruitment & Family Night 5-7:30 pm @ Runza	13	14	15	16	17
	18	19 Presidents' Day – Office Closed	20	21	22	23	24
	25	26	27	28	29	<b>Kick-Off Party</b> (Watch newsletter for more info)	

# Policies of the 4-H Program

- 1) All 4-H club members must be enrolled in their 4-H project by June 15 in order to exhibit at the County Fair. Enrollment is completed on-line at <https://ne.4honline.com>.
- 2) The enrollment fee for Clover Kids and 4-H'ers is \$5.00 per member per year.
- 3) Clover Kids may only enroll in Clover Kid projects and all activities are non-competitive.
- 4) Age requirement:
  - \* Any youth who turns 6, 7 or 8 during the calendar year may enroll as a Clover Kid.
  - \* Any youth who turns 9 to 19 during the calendar year may enroll as a 4-H'er.
  - \* The year a 4-H'er turns 19 is the last year they can enroll in 4-H.
- 5) Clubs must receive authorization to use the 4-H emblem for promotion or to use for sale items. Contact Extension Office for more information.
- 6) Local 4-H clubs finance themselves by their own fundraising projects. Before starting any fundraisers, check with the Extension Office to comply with regulations.

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(4-H Council Representative)

# MARCH 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 Growing Clovers Club Mtg 6:00 pm @ Extension Office	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 State Robotics Championship @ UNL	16
17	18	19 Rural Recognition Banquet	20 Communication Event Registration Deadline	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 County Fair Broiler Order Deadline	30
31 Easter Sunday						

# APRIL 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Growing Clovers Club Mtg 6:00 pm @ Extension Office	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
7 Communication Event 4:00 p.m. @ CCC	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
14	<b>15</b> 4-H Council Meeting 8:00 pm @ Ext. Office	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
21	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Arbor Day – Office Closed	<b>27</b>
28	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Clover Academy Summer Workshops – watch newsletter</b>			



# MAY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> County Fair Information Night 5:15 pm @ Extension Office	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Diamond Clover Goal Submission, Jr. Camp Registration & Jr. Camp Counselor App Deadline	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Growing Clovers Club Mtg 6:00 pm @ Extension Office	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> County & State Fair Goat, Sheep & Swine Tagging, ID Sheet & DNA Day 8-10 am @ Ag Park
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> County Fair Animal ID Deadline	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Livestock Judging Contest @ Leigh	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Memorial Day – Office Closed	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Horse ID, Horse Level Testing & YQCA Deadline	

# JUNE 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 State Horse Online Entry Form Deadline
2	3 Growing Clovers Club Mtg 6:00 pm @ Extension Office	4	5	<b>Regional Jr. Camp</b> <b>June 5 - 7</b>		8
9	10	11	12	13	14 State Fair ID/DNA Deadline	15 County Fair Entry Deadline
16	17 4-H Council Meeting 8:00 pm @ Ext. Office	18 State 4-H Premier Communication Event @ Lincoln	19 Juneteenth Day – Office Closed	20  PASE @ UNL	21  East Campus	22
23	24	25	26 Fair Superintendent Meeting 8 pm @ Ag Park	27 Plant & Insect ID Contests @ Ag Park	28	29
30 Open 4-H Horse Show 9 am @ Ag Park						

# JULY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Pen of 3 Weigh-In 7 – 8:30 pm @ Sale Barn	<b>2</b> Pen of 3 Show 9 am @ Sale Barn	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Independence Day – Office Closed	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
7	<b>8</b> Pre-Fair Entries Begin <hr style="width: 50%; margin: 5px auto;"/> Check Fair Book for Schedule	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
	<b>Platte County Fair</b> <b>July 10 - 14</b>					
14	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
	<b>Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Expo</b> <b>July 13 - 17</b>					
21	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
28	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Robotics Camp</b> (Watch newsletter for more info)		

# AUGUST 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
				1	2	3	
4	<b>5</b> Growing Clovers Club Mtg 6:00 pm @ Extension Office	6	7	8	9	10  <b>State Fair                      Livestock &amp;                      Contest On-Line                      Entry Deadline</b>	
11	<b>12</b> 4-H Council Meeting 8:00 pm @ Extension Office	13	14	15	<b>16</b> State Fair Static Exhibits due to office by 5 pm	17	
18	19	20	<b>21</b> State Fair Perishable Exhibits due to office by 8 am	22	23	24	
25	<b>Nebraska State Fair @ Grand Island</b> <b>August 23 – September 2</b> 4-H Weekend August 23 – 25 / FFA Weekend August 30 – September 1					30	31

# SEPTEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1	2 Labor Day - Office Closed	<b>State Fair Exhibitor Celebration</b> August 3 – 5 Pickup exhibits, checks, etc. fill 6:00 pm			5	6	7
8	9	<b>Husker Harvest Days</b> September 10 -12			12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
29	30						



# OCTOBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Diamond Clover Program Deadline	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<b>National 4-H Week</b> October 6 – 12						
13	14 Columbus Day – Office Closed	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

# 4-H Council Role & Responsibility

The Platte County 4-H Council is comprised of adults and youth representing all parts of the county. There are five districts and an at-large district with three adults and one youth serving on the 4-H Council from each district. Their term expires at the end of the year designated after their names.

The duties and responsibilities of the 4-H Council include:

- \* Help plan a sound county 4-H program.
- \* Help determine policies for the county 4-H program.
- \* Serve as a sounding board for ideas and programs.
- \* Assist in carrying out 4-H events and activities.



The following are members of the 4-H Council:

## **DISTRICT I** - Walker, Woodville, St. Bernard, Granville, Joliet and Burrows

Townships

Shelley Reichmuth - 2024 (District Rep.)	402-920-2382
Eric Reichmuth - 2025	402-920-2498
Angie Reardon - 2026	402-750-7364
Callista Reichmuth - 2024 (Youth)	

## **DISTRICT II** - Humphrey, Creston, Grand Prairie & Sherman Townships

Travis Dicke - 2024 (District Rep.)	402-270-0728
Brandon Groteluschen - 2025	402-920-2024
Logan Went - 2026	402-270-3657
Adyson Groteluschen - 2024 (Youth)	

## **DISTRICT III** - Monroe, Lost Creek, Oconee, Loup & Butler Townships

Travis Schultz - 2024	402-750-9693
Stephanie Schmidt - 2025 (District Rep.)	402-270-4315
Kim Went - 2026 (Treasurer)	402-380-3726
Lindy Schmidt - 2024 (Youth)	

## **DISTRICT IV** - Shell Creek, Bismark and Columbus Townships

Jenny Meyer - 2024	402-910-0621
Cory Osten - 2025 (Vice President & District Rep.)	402-910-8579
Holly Anderson - 2026	402-910-4593
Emma Klug - 2024 (Youth)	

## **DISTRICT V** - City of Columbus

Brigen Kinnison - 2024	402-910-2129
Kristy Spawn - 2025 (Secretary & District Rep.)	402-276-4779
Sandi Seckel - 2026 (President)	402-276-0005
Amber Spawn - 2024 (Youth)	

## **AT-LARGE** - Persons not represented in other Districts.

Julie Kreikemeier - 2024	402-367-8800
Gina Renner - 2025 (District Rep.)	402-910-4351
Pat Wiese - 2026	402-270-0718
Eli Kreikemeier - 2024 (Youth)	



# NOVEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b>	2
3	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	9
10	<b>11</b> Veterans Day – Office Closed	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	16
17	<b>18</b> 4-H Council Meeting 7:00 pm @ Extension Office	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	23
24	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Thanksgiving Day – Office Closed	<b>29</b> Thanksgiving Holiday - Office Closed	30

# 2024 Platte County 4-H Committees

The following 4-H Committees are comprised of members of the Platte County 4-H Council to carry out the many activities of the 4-H Program. Along with the Extension Staff, the committees will meet to carry out their duties. A Council Representative is listed on each committee to help report back to the 4-H Council.

## **Beef Efficiency**

This committee will assist with identifying and weighing all market beef and Pen of 3 animals twice a year.

Travis Dicke - Council Rep.

Brandon Groteluschen

Cory Osten

Travis Schultz

Pat Wiese

Adyson Groteluschen

Eli Kreikemeier

## **Livestock Sale**

This committee is to plan, prepare and conduct the County Fair Livestock Sale. There is another group of volunteers who assist with livestock sale donations.

Travis Dicke

Brandon Groteluschen- Council Rep.

Julie Kreikemeier

Cory Osten

Travis Schultz

Logan Went

Pat Wiese

Adyson Groteluschen

Eli Kreikemeier

## **Recognition**

This committee will solicit donors for trophies and awards for the 4-H Program.

Holly Anderson

Jenny Meyer

Angie Reardon - Council Rep.

Eric Reichmuth

## **Scholarship/Award**

This committee will review and award 4-H Council scholarships and camp scholarships.

Julie Kreikemeier

Jenny Meyer

Gina Renner

Shelley Reichmuth

Stephanie Schmidt

Kim Went - Council Rep.

Lindy Schmidt

## **Pop & Food Stand**

This committee will plan pop stand, food menus and prices for the County Fair. They will obtain the necessary food & supplies and partake as a coordinator during shifts throughout the fair.

Brigen Kinnison

Angie Reardon

Shelley Reichmuth

Gina Renner

Stephanie Schmidt- Council Rep.

Sandi Seckel

Callista Reichmuth

## **Promotion**

This committee will assist with 4-H Kick-Off Party in February, the Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Drive in the Spring and Fall, and the 4-H Float in the Columbus Days Parade.

Brigen Kinnison

Kristy Spawn- Council Rep.

Kim Went

Emma Klug

Amber Spawn

## **4-H Executive Committee** (Budget & Nominating)

Travis Dicke

Cory Osten

Shelley Reichmuth

Gina Renner

Stephanie Schmidt

Sandi Seckel - Council Rep.

Kristy Spawn

Kim Went

# DECEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Christmas – Office Closed	26	27	28
29	30	31				

# Platte County 4-H Clubs & Organizational Leaders

				Leadership & Citizenship	Heritage	Photography	Human Development	Clothing/Textiles	Consumer Management	Home Environment	Food & Nutrition	Safety	Plant Science	Environment & Earth Science	Entomology	Livestock	Horse	Companion Animal/Rabbit	Dog	Science, Engineering & Technology	Clover Kids	
4-H Dairy Kids	Cheryl Mueller	kids_express88@yahoo.com	402-562-3965			X					X	X				X		X				X
4-H Superstars	Melissa Kosch	melissakosch@cccneb.edu	402-270-2701	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						X		
6-Pack	Cecilia Stenzel	cecstenzel@frontier.com	402-495-4475			X		X	X	X	X		X	X						X		X
Backyard Buddies	Samantha Clark	sam_mueller90@yahoo.com	402-270-4560	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X									X
Baker Makers	Julie Wilke	julie_wilke@yahoo.com	402-564-5651	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X										X
Bullseye Archery	Abbey Wright	awright13@outlook.com	402276-1130																			
Busy Beavers	Nancy Wiese	nlwiese@telebeep.com	402-428-9037													X						
Dandy Bakers	Sandi Seckel	cseckel@neb.rr.com	402-276-0005	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X				X
Fantastic 4-H'ers	Kristy Spawn	kristyspawn@gmail.com	402-276-4779	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X		X
Growing Clovers	Kimberly Johnson	kjohnson26@unl.edu	402-563-4901																			X
Jr. Leaders	Sheila Hoppe	shoppe3@unl.edu	402-563-4901	X																		
Just Kids	Gina Blaser	ginablaser@hotmail.com	402-276-0312	X		X				X	X	X	X	X		X	X			X		X

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K-9 Commanders	Susan Littlefield	slittlefield@ruralradio.com	402-270-5267																X		
Lindsay Leaders	Laura Wiese	stoverlj@hotmail.com	402-920-0034	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						X	X
Little Leprechauns	Renee DeLaCruz	rmdelacruz5@gmail.com	402-750-2715	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X		X	X
Northern Lites	Tricia Kersting	kersting.td@gmail.com	402-270-0829	X									X			X					X
Platte County Robotics	Michelle Preister	mapreister@telebeep.com	402-923-0241	Robotics Only																	
Platte County Trap Club	Jill Goedeken	jill_goedeken@hotmail.com	402-276-5838	Trap Shooting Only																	
Rising Stars	Mikayla Martensen	mikaylam4201@gmail.com	402-270-7117	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X
Rosenborg 4-H	Kayla Berkeland	kviessman@yahoo.com	402-606-9349	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X				X		X	X
	Krynn Larsen	klarsen@cccneb.edu	402-649-5026																		
Silver Star	Beau Klug	bcklug@frontier.com	402-910-2217	X												X					
	Crystal Klug	crystallynn84@hotmail.com	308-830-3100																		
The Wranglers	Holly Schultz	schultz071983@gmail.com	402-564-1277			X		X		X	X					X	X	X			X
	Tanya Niedbalski	tniedbalski@stfrancis.esu7.org	402-563-2457																		
This 'N That	Robin Coan	rcoan@frontiernet.net	402-246-2303	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X		X	X