

## 4-H Family Newsletter - February 2024

### Month Events/Deadlines

- February 3  
County Fair Market Cattle Weigh-In 10 am – Noon @ Columbus Sale Barn
- February 4  
Trap Club Safety Meeting 1:00 pm @ Izaak Walton
- February 5  
Growing Clovers Club Mtg. 6 pm @ Extension Office
- February 12  
Recruitment & Family Night 5-7:30 pm @ Runza
- February 19  
President’s Day – Office Closed
- March 4  
Growing Clovers Club Mtg. 6 pm @ Extension Office
- March 15 – 16  
State Robotics Championship @ UNL
- March 19  
Rural Recognition Banquet
- March 20  
Communication Event Registration Deadline
- March 29  
County Fair Broiler Order Deadline

#### Staff

Sheila Hoppe	Kelly Feehan
Kimberly Johnson	Beth Jones
Blake Wert	Sandra Swanson

#### Office Hours:

Monday – Friday  
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### TIME TO ENROLL IN 4-H

4-H Members, Volunteers/Leaders and Council Members must re-enroll every year! Cost is \$5.00 per 4-H'er. No cost to leaders, volunteers, or Council members.

The enrollment website is <https://v2.4honline.com> or you can go to our county website at <http://platte.unl.edu> for enrolling or re-enrolling instructions to the 4-H Online enrollment website. Google Chrome and Firefox are the recommended web browsers to use when enrolling online.

**If you have enrolled in 4-H in the past, no need to set up a new account.**

Any questions, please contact Sandra at the Extension Office at 402-563-4901 or send an email to [sswanson5@unl.edu](mailto:sswanson5@unl.edu).

### NOMINATE SOMEONE FOR OUR 4-H MONTH SPOTLIGHT!

During the month of February, Nebraska’s 4-H month, we will be featuring a “4-H Spotlight” to highlight individuals or groups who are vital to Platte County’s 4-H program. We are looking for nominations from our 4-H families for these spotlights. Use the QR code to submit your nomination. Remember nominations can be 4-H’ers, 4-H family members, sponsors, mentors, volunteers, and anyone who has impacted your time as a 4-H member!



### 4-H MONTH “4 REASONS I LOVE 4-H” CONTEST

Attached to the newsletter you will find a 4-leaf clover! Fill in the four - leaf clover by drawing or writing things you love about 4-H! The contest will be broken up into age groups and winners will receive a 4-H Swag bag! To be entered into the contest **please have your picture returned by Monday, February 12th** so we can display these pictures during 4-H month!

Statewide 4-H month events...

- Feb. 1 – 4-H Spirit Day
- Feb. 8 – 4-H Volunteer Appreciation Day
- Feb. 15 – 4-H Supporter Appreciation Day
- Feb. 22 – Give Back Day
- Feb. 29 – Leap into 4-H – Get Enrolled in 4-H

## COMMUNICATION EVENT

The Communication Event will include Speech, Impromptu Speech, PSA, Presentation, and Video Communication contest. This event is scheduled for Sunday, April 7 at 4:00 pm at the West Education Center at Central Community College, Columbus.

NEW to the local Communication Event is the Impromptu Speech. This category will allow youth to write and present a speech around a 4-H related topic that they select at the competition. Participants will be given 15 minutes to develop and prepare for their presentation. Then deliver the speech to judges and an audience.

The Video Communication Contest is where 4-H youth may use a phone, laptop, or tablet to create a 60-90 second multi-media piece around a theme. County contest winners will have the opportunity to showcase their video at the State 4-H "Premier Communication Event" in June.

This is a great way for 4-H'ers to start or expand on their public speaking or presentation skills.

For more information and how to register online utilizing 4HOnline for any of these contests, see enclosed flyer with this newsletter.

## SPECIAL AGRONOMY PROJECT

The Nebraska Extension Special Agronomy Project gives 4-H members an opportunity to experience a crop that is grown, was grown or has the potential to be grown in Nebraska. Youth participate by receiving 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. The project allows 4-H members interested in agronomy to grow something fun, new, and different. This year, we honor a crop grown in the panhandle!

In the fourth year of the special agronomy project, youth will explore sugar beets! Sugar beets are a major contributor to the U.S. sweetener industry and occur in a vast range of different food products. Be eligible to enter an exhibit at both the County and/or State Fair in the agronomy project area.

Enroll for the 2024 Special Agronomy Project through 4-H Online by enrolling in the Agronomy project and contacting your local Nebraska Extension Office to order packets of seeds. The local Extension Office will order and distribute the seeds to members.

## 2024 SPECIAL GARDEN PROJECT – PRINCESS INDIA NASTURTIUM

The Special Garden Project (SPG) is a way for 4-H'ers to grow unusual and fun projects in their gardens. This year the SPG is focused on Princess India Nasturtium. This is an heirloom annual flower whose leaves and blossoms are edible.



Photo: Johnny's Select Seed

To participate in the SPG, 4-H'er must

enroll in a horticulture project in 4HOnline, complete and return form along with project fee to the Platte County 4-H Office by the April 10, 2024 deadline.

Flyer and form were in January's 4-H family newsletter or can be found on our website at: <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/platte/2024-platte-county-4-h-special-garden-project-princess-india-nasturtium/>

## 4-H RECRUITMENT & FAMILY NIGHT AT RUNZA

Come join us for supper or an ice cream treat at Runza in Columbus on Monday, February 12 from 5:00 – 7:30 pm.

If you know of a friend or family interested in joining 4-H, have them stop by Runza where 4-H staff will be present to answer questions and hand out 4-H packets.



## FUNDRAISER

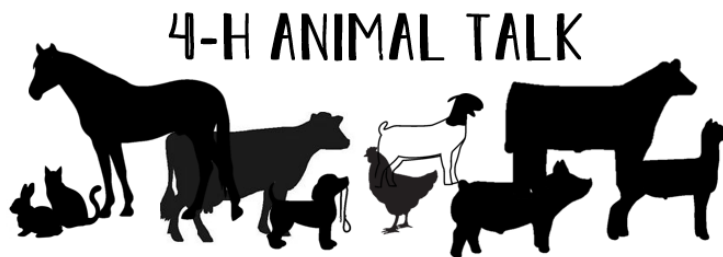
Join us at the Columbus Runza<sup>®</sup>  
Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>

10% of sales  
from 4 - 8 pm will be donated to  
Platte County 4-H.

We invite you to join us in any manner you feel comfortable. All sales through the drive-thru, dine-in or carry-out will support Platte County 4-H.



Office Closed – Monday, February 19



**QUALITY ASSURANCE:** Trainings will be offered through the program YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) again this year! Blake Wert will be offering face-to face sessions at the Platte County Extension Office and is available to conduct training at club meetings as his schedule allows. You can contact Blake at [bwert3@unl.edu](mailto:bwert3@unl.edu) to set up a time. The deadline to complete quality assurance is **Friday, May 31**.

Registering for quality assurance will be online at [yqcaprogram.org](http://yqcaprogram.org), using the Family 4-H Online login information for active youth. If you are in both 4-H and FFA, please register through the 4-H login option. Face-to-face sessions cost \$3 and online sessions cost \$12. This is paid online when you register. Youth will need to register prior to coming to the face-to-face session. Face-to-face sessions will last about an hour and the following dates have been set.

Sunday, February 11 <sup>th</sup>	2pm-3pm
Friday, March 8 <sup>th</sup>	10am -11am
Monday, April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	6:30pm – 7:30pm
Monday, May 13 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm – 7:30pm
Friday, May 24 <sup>th</sup>	3pm-4pm

**State Fair Nominations:** Nominations will be online again this year via [www.showstockmgr.com](http://www.showstockmgr.com). State fair tags and DNA envelopes are available at the Extension Office. The deadline for ALL online nominations, including Market Beef, is **Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**.

**General Livestock:** Nebraska 4-H Livestock Achievement Program enrollment is open! This additional opportunity for enrolled livestock project youth, 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 areas including beef, sheep, meat goat, swine, dairy cattle, dairy goat, rabbit, and poultry. For more information, contact Blake or visit <https://4h.unl.edu/livestock-achievement-program>.

**Nebraska Cattlemen’s Classic Livestock Judging Contest:** Here is an opportunity for 4-H youth to sharpen their Cattle Livestock Judging Skills Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> in Kearney. More information about this contest can be found here: <https://nebraskaclassic.org/winter-edition/judging-contest.php>.

**PASE CONTESTS:** If you are interested in livestock judging, quiz bowl or skillathon, please let Blake know at [bwert3@unl.edu](mailto:bwert3@unl.edu) or 402-563-4901 so you can be put on the email list. Livestock Judging will begin once we have a list of those who may be interested. Quiz Bowl and Skillathon is a state contest. Those interested would practice at the Extension Office and would compete on June 20-21 in Lincoln. At least 4 members are needed for a team! The minimum age for a team member is 10 as of January 1.

**Bottle Goat Class:** This year will be the first year of the Bottle Goat Class! Bottle goats must be born no later May 1, 2024. This class will consist of the member completing a record book about project, interviews on their knowledge and experience with the project, and show evaluation in which the judge will score the exhibitor on their animal handling skills while in the arena. If you have any questions regarding the Bottle Goat Class, be sure to reach out to Blake!

## **Platte County 4-H Council Meeting**

**January 22, 2024**

**7:30 p.m.**

Sandi Seckel, the president, called the meeting to order. Roll Call was taken by Kristy Spawn, secretary. Council Members in attendance were: Travis Dicke, Brigen Kinnison, Julie Kreikemeier, Eli Kreikemeier, Cory Osten, Gine Renner, Lindy Schmidt, Stephanie Schmidt, Sandi Seckel, Amber Spawn, Kristy Spawn, Kim Went, and Logan Went. Staff in attendance were: Sheila Hoppe, Kimberly Johnson, and Blake Wert.

The minutes from the last minutes were approved as written. No correspondence was shared. Kim Went, treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report. \$9,000 was received to start the trap club. The trap club now has its own account, so the funds were given back to them. Future transactions will go through the trap club's account. The Revolving Account Report was presented by Sheila Hoppe. The current balance is \$14,456.21.

### **Committee Reports:**

- Executive Committee – A budget was created for the 2024 year. It will be presented at the next meeting for approval. Some budget items will increase due to inflation.
- Extension Board Liaison Report – New President is Brad Christensen. NACEB Annual Meeting and Legislative Day will be Feb. 6.
- Beef Efficiency – Travis Dicke - The pen of 3 weigh-in is on Sat. Feb. 3 at Columbus Sale Pavilion from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; 10 head or less come first; 11 or more come later; see the 4-H newsletter for details; also pulling DNA that day for beef.
- Livestock Sale – This committee met in Dec. Two auctioneers will run the livestock sale simultaneously every year, instead of rotating through various people each year. Businesses need to fill out forms for new buyers prior to the sale. The order of banners was decided for the sale. It was decided that poultry cage replacement fees should not come out of the Livestock Sale budget. They will try to get another person to watch the crowd for bids during the sale.
- Recognition – no report
- Scholarship & Awards – Four recipients will be selected at tonight's meeting.
- Pop & Food Stand – no report
- Promotion - no report
- Jr. Leaders – The Jan. meeting was canceled due to snow; looking forward to the Feb. meeting; meetings will be held the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Extension Office.
- Other - Staff Reports
  - Sheila Hoppe-She is planning for 4-H month, camps, county fair and the Children's Muesum.
  - Kimberly Johnson-She is presently working on take-and-make workshops in addition to in-person workshops. Youth can come to the Extension Office to make Valentine's on Feb. 4 from 3:00-4:00 p.m. to make cards for nursing homes. The Extension Office is collaborating with CCC, daycares, and other groups to share babysitting curriculum.
  - Blake Wert-We welcome Blake as the new Platte County livestock assistant. He showed sheep and cattle as he grew up. Blake recently graduated from UNL with a degree in animal science. He has been busy with onboarding training and networking with fair superintendents.

### **Education:**

### **Unfinished Business:**

- Council members photos, email & phone # for website-almost complete
- 4HOnline Enrollment and Prizes-enrollment is open; incentives being offered for those who register by Jan. 31
- Livestock 4-H Assistant Position-Blake Wert hired.
- Trap Club update-looking for more volunteers; have 3 coaches already and would like more; already have 50 youth interested; contact Jill Goedeken

- Ag Park & County Fair update-The county fair will be at Ag Park; livestock spaces will not change; not sure where the static exhibits and some inside events will be held yet; the casino will be moving out in the spring, but the inside space may look different.
- State Horse Show & Fair Release Time-Extension staff talked to other counties about mandatory stalling of horses during fair week; some counties don't require stalling at all; other counties require it but allow those showing at the State Fair Horse Show to submit a letter requesting to not stall at the county fair when the shows interfere; motion made by Julie Kreikemeier to allow exhibitors to request not stalling when our county fair is at the same time as the State Horse Show; seconded by Sandi Seckel; motion carried
- Open 4-H Horse Show-The Platte County show and the Wranglers show are combining and will happen simultaneously. Some details are still being discussed.
- Bottle Goat Project-This is a new project for goats, similar to the bucket calf project. It will add one class to the goat show. This project has a special record book and interview. Motion made by Kristy Spawn to add the project to the fairbook; with final write-up to be approved at the next Council meeting; seconded by Travis Dicke; motion carried.
- Meritorious Service & Friends of 4-H Awards-recipients selected tonight; motion made by Eli Kreikemeier and Cory Osten seconded; motion carried.

#### **New Business:**

- 4-H Club Leader Training-11 leaders attended tonight; it went well
- YQCA, PASE Contest & Livestock Judging-working to schedule dates for clubs and for sessions at the Extension Office; PASE will be June 20-21 at UNL; a livestock judging contest will be held in Leigh on May 23.
- County Fair Theme-You've Got a Friend in 4-H
- Family & Recruitment Night-Feb. 12 4-8pm at Runza; proceeds for sales go to 4-H.
- Kick-Off Party-changing to a wind-down party at the end of July; this is an attempt to get more youth to participate.
- Jr. Camp Update-Olympics theme; incorporating healthy living; asking local Nebraska Olympians or Paralympians from the area to present at the camp or virtually; June 5-7; camp counselors needed.

#### **Other Business:**

- Lillian Hudnall completed her Nebraska Gives Back project with a Quilts of Valor project. She'll be recognized at the Rural Recognition Banquet.
- Poultry Cages-We have \$3,000 donated in memorial funds. It was recommended to replace cages and baseboards/screens as needed. A motion was made to budget \$5,500 for new poultry cages, only \$2,500 yet to secure since memorial funds will be used. The motion was seconded by Brigen Kinnison. Motion carried.
- Clover Kids use of sibling's livestock for Clover Kid showmanship-motion made by Kristy Spawn to allow Clover Kids to use a sibling's animals for Clover Kid showmanship; seconded by Eli Kreikemeier. Motion carried.
- Memorial for Blake Anderson-motion made to purchase a wooden clover memorial from Rustic Lux for the Anderson family; motion made by Eli Kreikemeier and seconded by Julie Kreikemeier; further memorial efforts to be discussed at the April meeting.
- Holly Anderson has requested to be taken off 4-H Council. Her position is being filled by Crystal Klug for the remaining of the term.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kristy Spawn, secretary.



## Additional 4-H Council Notes:

The following were voted on via email:

- Approved to remove bike rodeo from 2024 County Fair.
- Approved to remove talent show from 2024 County Fair.
- Approved the 2024 4-H Council Budget.

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For project specifications and details, be sure to go to the Nebraska State Fairbook at <https://4hfairbook.unl.edu/fairbookview.php/rules>.

## **INNOVATIVE YOUTH CORN CHALLENGE**

- Can you improve corn yields to meet the growing global demand?
- Open to 4-H & FFA members
- Over \$2,000 in cash prizes awarded!
- Network with agronomic professionals!
- Access to valuable corn resource materials!

Deadline to enter the contest: March 15th  
Download entry forms at <http://cropwatch.unl.edu/youth>

start the  
innovation

For more info, call 402-759-3712.

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## 2024 Communication Event

**Contests:** Speech, Impromptu Speech, PSA, Presentation, Video

**Event Date & Time:** Sunday, April 7, 2024; 4:00 p.m.

**Location:** West Education Center, Room 205, Central Community College, Columbus

**Registration:** Online pre-registration required. The deadline to register is March 20, 2024.

### Speech Contest

#### **Age Categories, Time Limits, Topics:**

1. Clover Kid (ages 5 - 7 as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year)  
3 minutes or less. Talk about anything! You may read a poem or a favorite story.
2. Junior (ages 8 - 10 on January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year)  
2 - 3 minutes. Must be an original speech relating to 4-H.
3. Intermediate (ages 11 - 13 as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year)  
3 - 5 minutes. Must be an original speech relating to 4-H.
4. Senior (ages 14 - 18 as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year)  
5 - 8 minutes. Must be an original speech relating to 4-H.

#### **Contest Guidelines:**

- All speeches must be original and include 4-H as the major component of the speech.
- Many speakers in the Public Speaking Contest have given speeches in other contests. This is fine; however, previous speeches may not be used verbatim for the 4-H contest. It is okay to use the same ideas from a speech previously delivered in competition, but it must be 4-H related. Enough changes should be made to make that speech new to the speaker and the audience. 4-H public speakers may not use an old speech written by a sibling, another 4-H member, or anyone else.
- Acknowledge the source of information used in the speech. For example, an article from a magazine may be used for reference but should not be quoted directly unless you tell the audience your source.
- **Organization:** Introduction, body, and conclusion.
- Use of visual aids and props is not allowed. Notes may be used for Clover Kid & Novice categories.
- **Delivery:** Eye contact, timing, gestures, and posture.
- **Voice:** Clear tones, correct volume, and good pronunciation.
- Dress appropriately. Do not wear costumes or special effect clothing. 4-H Chevron required.
- No team speeches are allowed.
- 4-H'ers who are 8 years old and older as of January 1 of the current year will be eligible for the Premier Communication Event (State Contest). Youth must be selected at the County Contest to compete in the Premier Communication Event.



## Impromptu Speech Contest

### Age Categories, Time Limits, Topics:

1. Junior (ages 8 - 10 as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year)  
1 1/2 minutes.
2. Intermediate (ages 11 - 13 as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year)  
3 minutes.
- 3 Senior (ages 14 - 18 as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year)  
5 minutes.

### Contest Guidelines:

- Competition will give youth the opportunity to write and present a speech around a 4-H related topic that they select during the competition.
- Given 15 minutes to develop and prepare for their presentation. Participants will then deliver the speech to judges and audience members.
- Example topic: My Day in 4-H
- Only individuals may compete in this class; no team entries allowed.
- 4-H'ers who are 8 years old and older as of January 1 of the current year will be eligible for the Premier Communication Event (State Contest).

### Contest Resources:

The following resources can be found online at:

[PCE Impromptu Speech Scoresheet.pdf](#)

## Public Service Announcement (PSA) Contest

### Age Categories, Time Limits, Topics:

1. Junior (ages 8 - 10 as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year)
2. Intermediate (ages 11 - 13 as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year)
3. Senior (ages 14 - 18 as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year)

### Contest Guidelines:

- All PSA's are 60 seconds in length.
- Youth will prepare a PSA around the theme: "**4-H is a Feeling**"
- All radio PSA's must promote 4-H and be general enough to be used anywhere in Nebraska at any time of the year.
- All 4-H PSA's must include the following tag line within the last ten seconds of the PSA: "**Learn more about the Nebraska Extension 4-H Youth Development Program at 4h.unl.edu.**" The tag line is included in the 60 second time limit.
- Sound effects and public domain music may be used. Copyrighted material may not be used.
- All PSA's must be the original work of the presenter. Contestants may not use PSA's written and provided by the state or national staff.
- No team PSA's are allowed.
- Scoring is based on the content of the material and delivery.
- Appearance and gestures are not judged.





- **County Contest Only:** Participants may read their PSA at the contest or submit it electronically in a .wav or .mp3 audio format on a flash/jump drive to be played at the contest.
- If selected to go onto the Premier Communication Event (State Contest), radio PSA's will be submitted electronically as a .wav or .mp3 audio format. No CDs accepted.

## Contest Resources:

The following resources can be found on-line at:

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/platte/platte-county-4-h-resources/>

- Guide to Making Great Speeches/How to Prepare a 4-H Radio Public Service Announcement

## Presentation Contest

### Categories:

#### **Show 'n Tell (County Only)**

- **Description:** A live presentation with a formal talk where youth will use visual aids (such as props, posters, computer-based visuals, handouts, video, etc.) to show and tell others how to do something.
- **Age:** Clover Kids Only
- **Time Limit:** up to 5 minutes individual, no team presentation available for this class

#### **Illustrated Presentation (Premier Communication Event Eligible)**

- **Description:** An Illustrated Presentation involves one or two 4-H'ers giving a live presentation with a formal talk where the presenter(s) will use visual aids (such as props, posters, computer-based visuals, handouts, video, etc.) to show and tell others how to do something. All presentation topics should be related to what the 4-H youth is learning through 4-H educational experiences. Participants will be penalized if their presentation exceeds the time limit.
- **Individual or Team:** An Illustrated Presentation may be given by one (1) individual or a team of two (2) individuals. If team members are not in the same age division, they must compete in the age division of the oldest team member.
  - Individual - Junior Division (ages 8 - 10 as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year); Length: 3-5 minutes
  - Individual - Intermediate Division (ages 11 - 13 as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year); Length: 6-8 minutes
  - Individual - Senior Division (ages 14 - 18 as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year); Length 6-8 minutes
  - Team - Junior Division: 5-7 minutes
  - Team - Intermediate and Senior Divisions: 8-10 minutes

### **Contest Guidelines:**

- Presentations must include an introduction (the "why" portion of the topic), a body (the "show and tell" portion of the topic) and a conclusion/summary (the "what" portion of the topic).
- Each participant is required to wear the 4-H chevron, 4-H emblem, or 4-H shirt.
- All categories require the presence of the contestant(s).
- The judge views the entire presentation and engages in a question-and-answer session following the presentation.
- 4-H'ers who are 8 years old and older as of January 1 of the current year will be eligible for the Premier Communication Event (State Contest). Youth must be selected at the County Contest to compete at Premier Communication Event.

### Contest Resources:

The following resources can be found under Contest Resources on-line at:

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/platte/platte-county-4-h-resources/>

- The Versatile 4-H Presentation
- The Four Ps of Planning a Presentation
- Getting Ready to Give a 4-H Presentation
- Presentation Visuals
- Using PowerPoint in 4-H Presentation
- Evaluating a 4-H Presentation
- How to Prepare a Multimedia Presentation

### Video Communication Contest

#### Video Communication (Premier Communication Event Eligible)

- **Description:** The video communication contest allows youth to create a multi-media video around a theme related to 4-H. Judges will be evaluating both the organization of information as well as the audio and video production.
- **Age:** 8 – 18 as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year
- **Time Limit:** 60-90 seconds individual only

### Contest Guidelines:

- Youth may use a phone, laptop, or tablet to create a multi-media piece around the theme: “4-H is a Feeling.”
- Sound effects, public-domain music, and graphics can be used. Copyrighted materials may not be used.
- For county contest only, the 4-H'er must be present to play video. If selected to go onto Premier Communication Event (State Contest), the video will be electronically submitted as MP4 files.

### Contest Resources:

The following resources can be found under County Resources on-line at:

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/platte/platte-county-4-h-resources/>

- Video Communication Judging Criteria

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## 2024 Communication Event On-Line Registration

Deadline March 20, 2024

Log into your 4HOnline family account at <https://v2.4honline.com/>

Click “View” button next to 4-H'er who is registering for contest.

Click on “Events” button stated down the lefthand side.

Click on blue “Register for a new event” button.

Select 2024 Communication Event (Butler, Colfax, Platte) – Click Next

Select Category and Click on “Start Registration”

# Gnomes Flowerpot



Cost is \$10 per participant.

**Included:** 4" clay flowerpot, 1 piece of fur, 1 wooden ball, twine, and a paintbrush. You will need a hot glue gun and Elmer's Glue.

Sign up by 2/16/2024

Pick up projects 2/29/2024 - 3/2/2024

## Gnome Flowerpot Workshop

**4-H'er Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone # :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**# of youth** \_\_\_\_\_ **x 10.00 = \$** \_\_\_\_\_



**OPEN TO ALL  
YOUTH 8-18**  
as of Jan. 1, 2024



# Spring Rabbit Show

## Saturday, March 16, 9 a.m.

Registration 7:30-8:30 a.m.

**Sandhills Global Event Center – South Hall  
84th & Havelock, Lincoln**

**Opportunity  
to learn and  
practice your  
showmanship!**

**AWARDS WILL  
BE GIVEN!**

Best of Breed awards will be given to each breed that has **2 or more exhibitors and 3 or more entries.**



**FREE  
CONTESTS!**  
Rabbit Quiz & Breed ID!\*

\*Knowledge contests are open to adults for a minimal fee!

**Rabbit Classes**

<b>Fancy Rabbits</b> .....	Juniors—under 6 months
.....	Seniors—6 months and over
<b>Commercial Rabbits</b> .....	Juniors—under 6 months
.....	Intermediate—6-8 months
.....	Seniors—9 months and over
<b>Pet Class*</b> .....	Junior exhibitors—ages 8-12
.....	Senior exhibitors—ages 13-19

\*This class is for crossbred rabbits and rabbits which have disqualifications for their breed.

**For Clover Kids Ages 5-7**  
Each participant will receive a participation award. No registration fee.

**Clover Kid Class** .....

Any breed/any age rabbit to be shown by youth ages 5-7

**Registration Fees**

\$3.00	Per rabbit or cavy
\$1.00	Fur class
\$2.00	Showmanship

**Great opportunity for youth to learn from other 4-H'ers where to purchase a show-quality rabbit for a 4-H project!**

**RAFFLE FOR MANY PRIZES!**  
Tickets 3 for \$1 or 20 for \$5

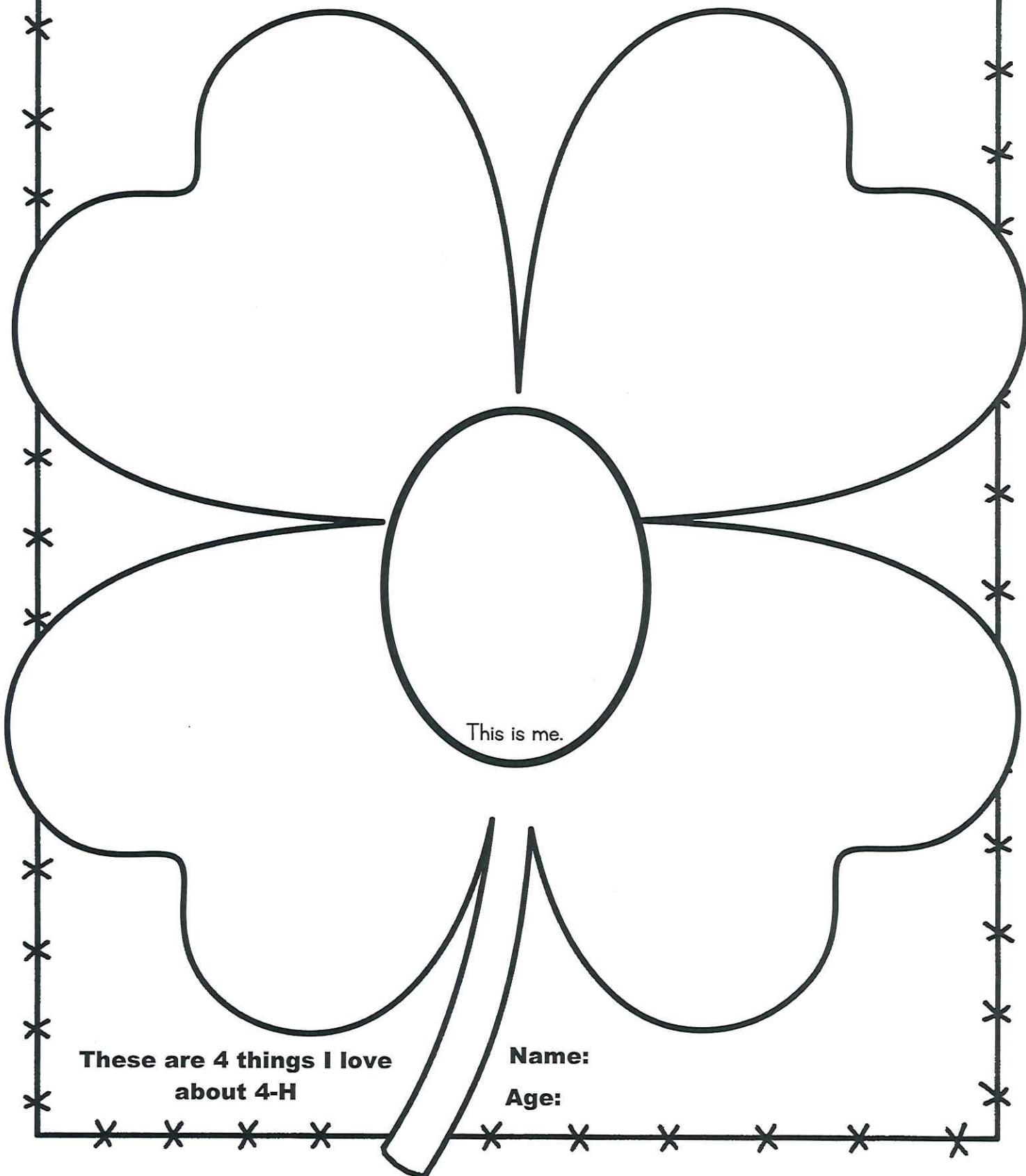
Please bring an item for raffle such as crafts, rabbit items, plants, spring items, books, etc. No homemade food items.

All rabbits must have a permanent legible tattoo in the left ear (tattooing available at the show 7:30-8:30 a.m. — \$1 per rabbit). All rabbits must be in carriers with leak-proof bottoms.

**For more information, contact Kate at 402-441-7180 or kpulec3@unl.edu**

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# Platte County 4-H



This is me.

These are 4 things I love  
about 4-H

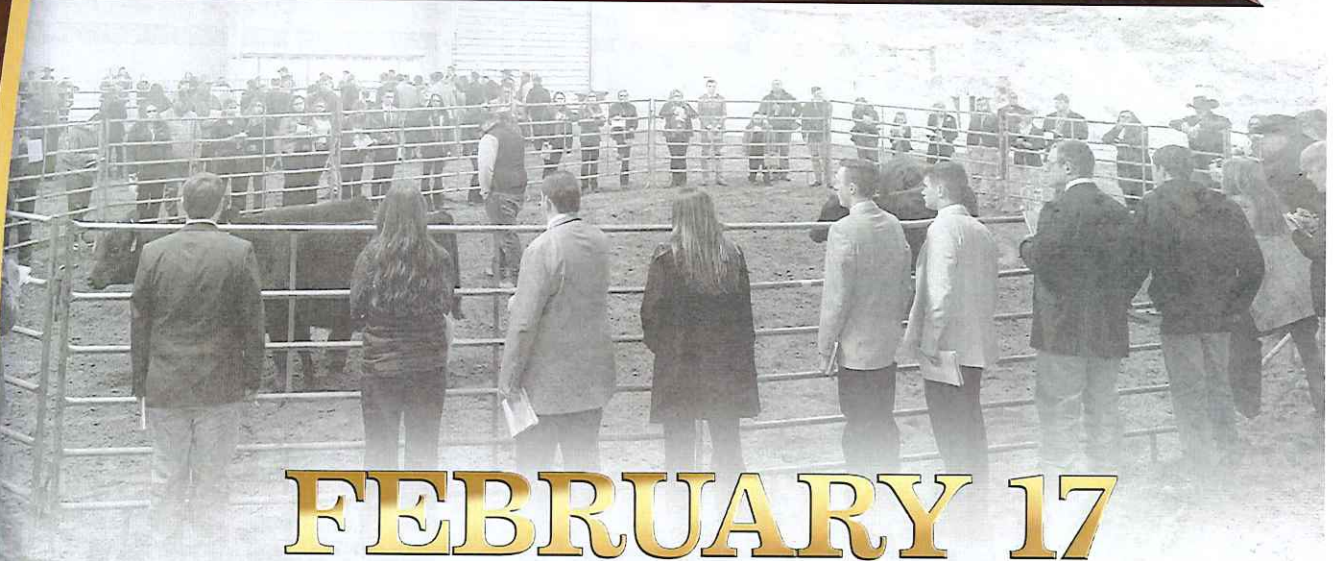
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FEBRUARY 17

- 7 AM • Check-In (*Expo Building*)
  - 8 AM • Beef Livestock Judging Contest
  - NOON • Lunch
  - 1 PM • Oral Reasons/Questions
  - 5 PM • Critique Classes
- Awards Banquet (*Following Critique*)**  
**College awards followed by youth**

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