

4-H CLOVER

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DUNDY | HAYES | HITCHCOCK
MARCH 2024



Looking Ahead!

(All Times Local)

March

- 24 Hitchcock Beef Weigh-in, 2:00 p.m., Fairgrounds
- 25 Dundy 4-H Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Extension Office

April

- 1 Senior Scholarship Applications Due by 4:00 pm
- 1 Camp Scholarship Applications Due
- Hitchcock & Hayes, Dundy may apply anytime
- 1 Hitchcock 4-H Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Courthouse
- 8 YQCA, Benkelman, 6:30 p.m.
- 12 Registration for Communications & Music Contest Due
- 16 YQCA, Hayes Center, 6:30 p.m.
- 22 Communications & Music Contest, Trenton, 6:00 p.m. CT

May

- 11 Dundy Trap Contest
- 20 stART Camp, Benkelman, 10:00 a.m.
- 21 stART Camp, Hayes Center, 1:00 p.m.
- 21 Hayes Lamb & Goat Tag Day, 5:00 p.m.
- 22 Hitchcock Lamb & Goat Tag Day, 5:00 p.m.
- 22 YQCA Training, Culbertson-Fairgrounds, 6:30 p.m.
- 23 stART Camp, Trenton, 1:00 p.m.
- 29 Animal Science Discover Day, NCTA-Curtis, 9:00 a.m.
- 31 Babysitting Clinic, Culbertson-Fairgrounds, 10:00 a.m.

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Dundy
308-423-2021

Hayes
308-286-3312

Hitchcock
308-334-5666

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UPDATES TO 4-H ENROLLMENTS!

Starting in the 2023-2024 program year, **project selection is now optional with exception of shooting sports and horse projects**. By successfully completing the 4-H member enrollment by the June 15th deadline, youth will be eligible to participate and exhibit in any project area, contest, county and state fairs. While project selection is optional, it is encouraged for youth to select projects they are interested in exploring especially **animal projects**.

Please note:

- o Youth are only eligible to exhibit in a project area or contest in a single county.
- o Horse and shooting sports projects will continue to require project enrollment due to the parental consent required to participate in these projects.

To Enroll go to: **v2.4honline.com**



4-H Volunteer Enrollment - Re-Screening and Orientation Required

In 2024 **ALL 4-H Club Leaders and Shooting Sports leaders** must be re-screened (background checked) and complete the new volunteer orientation before enrolling in 4-H. 4-H leaders must be re-screened and complete the volunteer orientation every 5 years. 2024 is the year for Dundy, Hayes & Hitchcock Counties to renew their back ground checks. This must be done even if you just completed the screening in 2023. There is a \$5.00 fee for the screening. If you need reimbursed please contact Kimberly at kcook2@unl.edu or call your local Nebraska Extension Office.

- To complete the DHHS background check please go to: <https://ecmp.nebraska.gov/DHHS-CR/CheckRequest/BeginOrgCheck/81102416>.
- The volunteer orientation can found on at: <https://4h.unl.edu/volunteer-orientation>.
- Once you have completed the 4-H screening with DHHS and the 4-H Volunteer Orientation please enroll in 4-H at v2.4honline.com.
- A letter is being sent to each of the current volunteer leaders enrolled in the 2023 4-H Program with more specific instructions.



Livestock Nominations & YQCA

Livestock nominations for breeding heifer, feeder calves, bucket calves, cow/calf pairs, all sheep, all swine and all goats are due June 14, 2024. Please stop in your local Extension Office to pick up livestock tags and livestock nomination (ID) forms or go to sw3.unl.edu.

All YQCA must be completed by June 14, 2024 in order to show an animal at the county or state fair.



County Horse ID's DUE: 4-H members who plan to exhibit horses in the 4-H Program at the county fair must identify all horses they plan on showing and using in competition. All horse ID's forms are due to the Extension office by June 14th

State Horse Entries DUE: There will be no District Horse Show to qualify for the State Horse Show in 2024. All State Horse Shows nominations and entries are due online by June 1. Registration forms and information may be obtained at 4h.unl.edu/horse or from the Extension Office. All required level testing must be completed by this date to be eligible to compete. State Horse Show: To be held July 13-17 in Grand Island at Fonner Park.

State Fair In-Person Event age lowered to Age 8

Age of eligibility in 2024 to participate in the Nebraska State Fair will now be 8 years of age as of January 1 (of the current year) for all in-person State Fair events (livestock, contests, fashion shows, contests) and other state competitions (Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Expo, PASE, communications contest). Note: there will be some events that will maintain their ages due to specific program rules such as some shooting sports.

STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK DNA

ALL livestock in contention to exhibit at the 2024 Nebraska State Fair and/or the Aksarben Stock Show will be required to submit a DNA nomination. **All 4-H/FFA BREEDING livestock, MARKET livestock and FEEDER CALVES** will now be required to submit a DNA sample to be eligible to exhibit at the Nebraska State Fair. There will be a \$7.00/head fee for DNA nomination for the Nebraska State Fair. This will need to be submitted through Showstock Manager (more information to come). All DNA and online nominations are due on June 15, 2024.



The Special Gardening Project lets 4-H members try their hand at growing unusual vegetables, flowers, and herbs. The project allows experienced 4-H gardeners to grow something fun, new, and different while letting those new to gardening get their feet wet in this project area.

The focus of the 2024 project is the Princess of India Nasturtium. This Victorian-era heirloom flower can be grown in a variety of ways including in containers. It provides a splash of color from its scarlet flowers and much of the plant can be eaten.

- 4-H members enrolled in the Special Garden Project will:
- Receive a 'packet' of Nasturtium (one packet per youth) in March/April
 - Receive a newsletter about planting & growing nasturtium, problems & insects and harvesting.
 - Be able to exhibit this unique herb at County and State Fair

To enroll for the 2024 Special Garden Project please contact your local Nebraska Extension Office to order a packet of seeds. Once the seeds are in we will distribute to youth who have contacted the office.

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 years Special Agronomy Project is Sugar Beets.

To enroll for the 2024 Special Agronomy Project please contact your local Nebraska Extension Office to order a packet of seeds. Once the seeds are in we will distribute to youth who have contacted the office.





SAVE THE DATE

8TH ANNUAL AGRONOMY YOUTH FIELD DAY SAVE THE DATE!!

TUESDAY, JULY 9TH, 2024
NCTA, CURTIS, NE



OPEN STATEWIDE TO YOUTH AGES 9-18; PARENTS & ADULTS ARE WELCOME TOO. FREE EVENT! REGISTRATION LINK COMING SOON
YOUTH WILL LEARN ABOUT CAREERS IN PRECISION AG, AGRONOMY, WEED SCIENCE & IRRIGATION THROUGH HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES FROM NEBRASKA EXTENSION AND NCTA CROPPING & WATER SYSTEMS EDUCATORS & OTHER CROP SCIENTISTS



2024 4-H FAIR DATES

JULY 15-21 Hitchcock County Fair

JULY 22-27 Dundy County Fair

JULY 29-AUG 3 Hayes County Fair

For More Information:
sw3.unl.edu

GREAT PLAINS LIVESTOCK JUDGING CIRCUIT

2024 SCHEDULE

NEBRASKA CATTLEMEN'S CLASSIC

February 17 | Kearney, NE | theclassicne@gmail.com

NE STATE FFA

April 5 | Lincoln, NE | bfrench6@unl.edu

WELD COUNTY (CO)

April 13 | Greeley, CO | lhookereco.weld.co.us

LOGAN COUNTY (CO)

April 20 | Sterling, CO | jd.sexton@colostate.edu

BUTLER, COLFAX, & PLATTE COUNTY

May 23 | Leigh, NE | ebell8@unl.edu
or bdolezal2@unl.edu

THAYER/NUCKOLLS COUNTY

May 24 | Nelson, NE | amy.brockman@unl.edu

NORTHERN PANHANDLE JUDGING CONTEST

May 28 | Hemingford, NE | astevens4@unl.edu
or mmracek2@unl.edu

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

May 30 | Bladen, NE | elizabethjanning@unl.edu

PREMIER ANIMAL SCIENCE EVENT (PASE)

June 21 | Lincoln, NE | bfrench6@unl.edu

Open to Nebraska 4-H and FFA members ages 10-18. For more information, visit 4h.unl.edu/livestock-judging-circuit.



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HOW WILL YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE THIS SUMMER?

THE NEBRASKA STATE 4-H CAMP IS HIRING

- PROGRAM STAFF
- PROGRAM ASSISTANTS

APPLY TODAY
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Summer 2024
CAMP
The power of being  green

CHADRON
JUNE 1-5 10-14 YEARS
JUNE 6-8 8-10 YEARS

COZAD
JUNE 16-20 10-14 YEARS
JULY 1-3 8-10 YEARS

BURWELL
JULY 17-19 8-10 YEARS
JULY 20-24 10-14 YEARS



REGISTER TODAY
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N **BIG RED CAMPS**

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

JUNE 9-14, 2024

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Dundy Announcements

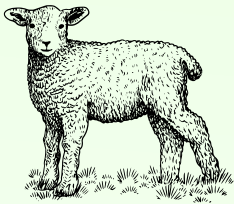


4-H Council Meeting

The next 4-H Council meeting will be held in March 25 at 6:00 p.m. in Benkelman at the Extension Office. Items on the agenda include: County Fair. Please notify the office if you would like to add an item to the agenda.

4-H Council now offering to pay for 75% of one 4-H Camp

Don't miss out on your opportunity to go camping this year. The 4-H Council agreed to pay 75% of one 4-H camp per youth enrolled in 4-H in Dundy County and have completed their 4-H Record Book the previous year. 4-H Camp Scholarships are available to help defray costs of registration fees for 4-H camps throughout the year. If you are planning to attend camp this summer, please be sure to contact the Extension Office. Plan ahead for your summer adventure at one of the many camps available to 4-H'ers.



Lamb & Goat Weigh-In

Lamb and Goat Weigh-in has been set for May 20 at 5:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds in Benkelman. All sheep and goats will need to be tagged with scrapie tags before coming to weigh-in. Lambs must be weighed and identified at this time to be eligible for the rate of gain contest.

If your lamb or goat does not have a scrapie tag it will be your responsibility to get a tag from the breeder or you may get your own scrapie tags by calling 866-873-2824.

4-H Dress Code

Shooting Sports—blue jeans and a approved 4-H T-Shirt purchased from the Extension Office or white sleeved shirt with a 4-H chevron. (no shorts or capris)

Livestock—beef, dairy, swine, goat, sheep, llama, rabbits, cats, dog and small animals. Approved 4-H T-shirt/polo purchased from the Extension Office or white sleeved shirt with a 4-H chevron, blue jeans, hard sole shoes

Horse—white long sleeved shirt with a 4-H armband (except Hayes), western hat, dark blue jeans, hard-soled shoes or cowboy boots. Be sure to check the rule book on page 18 for specifics on attire.



County Fairbooks

Fairbooks are available to pick up at the Extension Office and online at sw3.unl.edu. To be sure we have enough printed please call the Extension Office at 308-423-2021 or email Wendi at wendi.vanderford@unl.edu to get one reserved for you.

Fairbook Changes

Any changes that were made to the County Fairbook from the previous year have been highlighted within the fairbook. Please always be sure to completely read your county fairbook for complete information pertaining to different classes.

Hayes Announcements

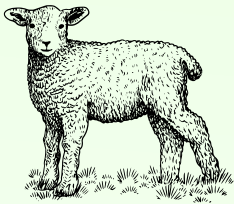


4-H Council Meeting

The next 4-H Council meeting will be held in April TBA at 7:00 p.m. in Hayes Center at the Courthouse. Items on the agenda include: County Fair. Please notify the office if you would like to add an item to the agenda.

4-H Camp/Activities Scholarship

The 4-H Council is offering \$150 4-H Camp/Activity Scholarships to help defray costs of registration fees for 4-H camps or educational events throughout the year. Applications are enclosed in your 4-H newsletter packet and are due back to the office by May 1st. As a reminder you must have turned in a 4-H Record Book the previous year to be eligible for a scholarship. Plan ahead for your summer adventure at one of the many camps or activities available to 4-H'ers.



Lamb & Goat Weigh-In

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Reminder there will be new colored 4-H shirts available to order this year. More to come on ordering



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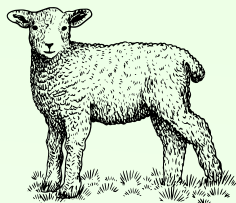


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4-H Enrollment & Fees

This year's enrollment fee will be \$5.00. The \$5.00 enrollment fee must be paid at the Extension Office before the online 4-H Enrollment will be accepted and participation in 4-H is allowed. Please make send check to: 4-H Council in Hitchcock County, PO Box 248, Trenton, NE 69044.

Bowling Contest

The bowling contest will be held on Sunday, April 28 at 1:30 p.m. at TJ's Fun Center in McCook. **Participants will pay for their bowling at the contest at the end of contest.** Clover kids will bowl one round and 4-H'ers will bowl 2 rounds. You must register for the Bowling Contest by April 24 by calling the Extension Office at (308)334-5666 or emailing Haley at haley.walker@unl.edu.



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Designs may be on Front and/or Back

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4-H Communications Contests

The Presentations, Public Speaking and Music Contest will be held on April 22 at 6:00 p.m. Location TBA (will be Trenton or Hayes Center). More information on Public Speaking, Presentations and PSA Contests maybe found at: <https://4h.unl.edu/premier-communication-event-contests>

4-H Public Speaking

General Guidelines for Speeches

- Must be original work and include 4-H as the major component of the speech with the exception of the novice division. May not use old speech/presentations written by sibling, another 4-H member or anyone else.
- Novice may recite a poem or short book or have an original speech.
- NO visual aids allowed.
- No team speeches allowed.

<u>Division</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Time</u>
Novice Speech	8-10 years	under 3 minutes
Junior Speech	8-10 years	2-3 minutes
Inter. Speech	11-13 years	3-5 minutes
Senior Speech	14 –18 years	5-8 minutes

4-H Public Service Announcements (PSA)

General Guidelines for PSA's

- All PSA's must promote 4-H and be general enough to use in Nebraska any time of the year.
- **All PSA's must submit their full recorded PSA by the registration date.** Judges will be given the PSA's to judge before contest.
- All PSA's must use the state theme as the basis for their PSA: **2024 Theme is "4-H is a Feeling"**
- All PSA's must include the following tag line within the last ten seconds the PSA: "Learn more about the Nebraska Extension 4-H Youth Development Program at 4h.unl.edu." The tagline is included in the 60-second time limit.
- Sound effects and public domain music may be used. Copyrighted material may not be used.
- PSA's must be the original work of the presenter.
- All PSA's must be submitted electronically in a .wav or .mp3 format. If you need help with this please contact the office.
- **All PSA's are due by ENTRY DEADLINE so we can have them pre-judged.**

<u>Division</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Time</u>
Junior PSA	8-10 years	60 seconds
Intermediate PSA	11-13 years	60 seconds
Senior PSA	14 –18 Years	60 seconds

4-H Presentations

General Guidelines for Illustrated Presentations

- 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.
- All presentation topics should be related to what the 4-H youth is learning through 4-H educational experiences.
- Presentations should 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).
- The check-in area will contain temporary storage space for presentation supplies. Only presenters and contest officials will be permitted in the designated preparation areas; no relatives or friends, please. Presenters are expected to clean up the areas in which they work.
- Equipment provided includes two (2) tables, one (1) easel, PC compatible computer (including Microsoft PowerPoint) with a WiFi internet connection, and a projector or television screen.
- Presenters using computer-based visuals may bring files on a USB drive that is PC formatted. Participants may also provide their own computer or other equipment as needed; however, participants must be able to connect their computers to an HDMI cord.
- Participants will be penalized if their presentation exceeds the time limit.
- **Change for 2024:** For State Contests: Due to event location, live animals will not be able to be used in the presentation. Alternative ways of showing information about live animals (models, videos, photos, etc.) are encouraged. For county, please contact Kimberly to discuss options for live animals if using.

<u>Division</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Time</u>
Individual - Junior	8-10 years	3-5 minutes
Individual – Intermediate	11-13 years	6-8 minutes
Individual – Senior	14-18 years	6-8 minutes
Team - Junior	8-10 years	7-7 minutes
Team – Intermediate	11-13 years	8-10 minutes
Team – Senior	14-18 years	8-10 minutes

General Guidelines for Impromptu Presentations

- Only individuals may compete in this class; no team entries are allowed.
- On the day of the contest, participants will have a topic randomly selected for them. Youth will have no more than 15 minutes to develop a speech on the selected topic. Participants will then deliver the speech to judges and audience members.
- Example topic: My Day in 4-H

<u>Division</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Time</u>
Junior	8-10 years	1 1/2 minutes
Intermediate	11-13 years	3 minutes
Senior	14-18 years	5 minutes

General Guidelines for Impromptu Presentations

- 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.
- Length: 60-90 seconds
- All age divisions will be judged together.
- Only individuals may compete in this class; no team entries are allowed.
- 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.
- Videos will be submitted electronically as MP4 files along with the registration form.

4-H Music Contest to be held on April 22

The Dundy, Hayes & Hitchcock 4-H Music Contest will be held with the Public Speaking Contest on **April 22 at 6:00 p.m. in TBA (Trenton or Hayes Center).**

Music Contest Guidelines

Each youth may have two entries in each class.

Each group must have two or more participants; all must be 4-H members. A 4-H member may sing or perform in only one group but may accompany another group.

Accompaniment - Performing groups must provide their own music and equipment. Song groups may be accompanied by any instrument. Live accompaniment, if used, may be by an Adult or Youth. Not more than one adult may accompany a group. All performers in the band or combo classes must be 4-H members.

Bring a copy of your music for Judge to look at.

CLASSES

B902901 - **Drill or Dance Routines** - May be a drill, square or folk dance, tap dance or any routine done as a group.

B902902 - **Combo or Band** - Group must be 3 or more with instruments of their choice, including piano. May include vocalists.

B902903 - **Vocal Group** - (all must be 4-H members)

B902904 - **Vocal Solo**

B902905 - **Instrumental - Group** (all must be 4-H members)

B902906 - **Instrumental - Solo** may be accompanied by an adult or youth.

B902908 - **Talent Group - or more 4-H members** - Examples - skits, one-act play, pantomimes, lip sync, puppet show, comedy act, etc.

Music Contest Registration Form Entry Forms are Due April 12

NAME: _____

Classes

____ 901. Drill or Dance Routines

____ 902. Combo or Band

____ 903. Vocal Group

____ 904. Vocal Solo

____ 905. Instrumental—Group

____ 906. Instrumental—Solo

____ 908. Talent Group—or more 4-H members

Please list **Music Title and Composer** for each piece: