

# 4-H Achievement Ceremony

Sunday, September 14, 2025

5:00 p.m.

Nebraska Extension in Madison County



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**Celebrating You!**



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## 2025 4-H Special Edition

### Ad Sales:

Caden Buss  
Serenity Strong  
Franklin Polacek  
Lillian Polacek  
Aria Hoehne



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### Annual Achievement Application

*The Annual Achievement Application allows youth to focus on his or her most important achievements in 4-H experiences, leadership, and community service. This application will be used to select winners for 4-H Congress, Conference, scholarships, and other leadership opportunities. Once a county award is earned, 4-Hers age 15 years or older by January 1 can make changes and apply for the State level review in mid January.*

- Aria Hoehne
- Franklin Polacek
- Henry Rohde
- Lillian Polacek



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### Charter Clubs

*To receive designation as a Nebraska 4-H Club of Excellence, clubs must meet certain criteria, such as recite the 4-H Pledge at meetings, complete a club project, and do community service projects.*

High Caliber 4-H Club  
Lucky Clovers 4H Club

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# Congrats

## 4-Her who Entered the Most Static Exhibits at the 2025 Madison County Fair & Rodeo

*Junior (8, 9, & 10 year olds)*

Aubree Knapp (37)

*Intermediate (11, 12, & 13 year olds)*

Aria Hoehne (40)

*Senior (14 years and older)*

Ashley Schutt (24)

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### Diamond Clover Awards

*The Diamond Clover Program is designed to recognize accomplishments of 4-H members in a noncompetitive way.*

*Level 1—Amethyst*

Henry Rohde

*Level 2—Aquamarine*

Lillian Polacek

*Level 4—Sapphire*

Aria Hoehne

Franklin Polacek



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### Orville Carlisle Rocketry Award

*Recognizing 4-Her's outstanding rocket projects.*

Aubree Knapp



# YEAR AWARDS

## 13 YEAR 4-H MEMBERS:

Alexis Hoffmann	Jarett Werner
Cejay Dahlberg	Nicholas Miller
Serenity Strong	Owen Kaufman

## 12 YEAR 4-H MEMBERS:

Alexis Jackson  
Dylan Luetkenhaus  
Kailey Patzel

## 10 YEAR 4-H MEMBERS:

Kiara Brachle	Dominick Preister
Leslieann Brandl	Emily Preister
Wyatt Brandl	Isabel Preister
Karson Lingenfelter	Thomas Seevers
Klayton Lingenfelter	Kamden Showalter
Taylor Mazuch	Finley Smith
Taylor Pfeifer	Baylar Taake

## 8 YEAR 4-H MEMBERS:

Conner Anderson	Griffin Nelson
Caidence Bethards	Garrett Ohnesorg
Sadie Brabec	Jett Reichmuth
Spencer Brachle	Andrew Schutt
Bennett Brandl	Lillian Seevers
Lauren Carlisle	Delanie Showalter
Jessica Cohn	Ashlyn Tegeler
Dracen Dieter	Madilynn Tillotson
Payton Fehringer	Brooklyn Whatley
Pierce Fehringer	Sydney Whatley
Jace Forre	Brenna Wieseler
Michael Gilsdorf	
Tyler Luetkenhaus	
Everett Nelson	

## 5 YEAR 4-H MEMBERS:

Ellie Afrank  
Mavrick Afrank  
Paisley Anderson  
Emily Fehringer  
Annika Ferguson  
Leilani Forrest  
Harper Frisch  
Trevor Kahny  
Kaitlyn Luetkenhaus  
Bennett Nelson  
Adelyn Obermire  
Kaden Obermire  
Ezra Ohnesorg  
Daxton Olmer  
Jadyn Pfeifer  
Lillian Polacek  
Zachary Preister  
Avery Schutt  
Ava Sobotka  
Charlee Stone  
Tritt Tegeler  
Zander Watson  
Emily Wedekind  
Wyatt Wedekind

## HONORED LEADERS:

### 10 years

Jami Brandl  
Donna Miller



## **Presentation of Special Awards -**

**See below for write ups for award recipients**

### ***Oswald Family “Spirit of 4-H” Award***

- *Scott and Courtney Schmidt Family*

### ***Patty Nelson “Making the Best Better” Memorial Award***

- *Kailey Patzel*

### ***4-H Rookie Award***

- *Henry Rohde*

### ***“Above and Beyond” Award***

- *Josie Stenger*

### ***“I Believe in you Award”***

- *Hadley Kauth*

### ***Outstanding 4-H Alumni***

- *Myranda Hansen*

### ***Outstanding 4-H Leader***

- *Sarah Polacek*

### ***Outstanding 4-H Member***

- *Skyler Tegeler*

### ***Legacy Award***

- *Leon and Terry Boecker*



# THANK YOU TO OUR 4-H VOLUNTEERS

## for Helping our 4-H'ers become 'Beyond Ready'!

### County Fair Superintendents

Terry Boecker  
Decorated Cakes  
Kristen Sindelar  
Co-Home Environment  
Jami Brandl  
Dairy  
Marti Carter  
Horse  
Cindy Bohl  
Horticulture  
Tessa Ferguson  
Co-Cat  
Jamie Thomas  
Heritage  
Karen Grant  
Clothing

Jason Hansen  
Beef  
Deb Jacobson  
Co-Food  
Emily Jacobson  
Co-Food  
Jerry & Crystal Ketelsen  
Rabbit & Poultry  
Doug McKibbon  
SET & Ag  
Mark McKibbon  
Co-Swine  
Kathy Neidig  
Photography

Shane Nelson  
Sheep & Goats  
Christy Owen  
Co-Home Environment  
Marcia Schnoor  
Co-Cat / Pocket Pets  
Evan Unkel  
Co-Swine  
Jamie Unkel-Wolff  
Dog  
Lynn Walmsley  
Bucket Calf

### Madison County 4-H Council

Annika Ferguson  
Aria Hoehne  
Knox Wolff  
Lillian Polacek  
Kaitlyn Koenig  
  
Jami Brandl  
Jami Koenig  
Evan Unkel  
Christy Owen  
Katie Ferguson  
Megan Coover  
Katrina Brandl  
Jodi Hoffmann

### Madison County Extension Board

Amanda Hafer  
Kevin Kowalski  
Janell Parks  
Lori Pfeifer  
Lynn Walmsley  
Donna Miler  
Rob Thomas

### Madison County Fair Board

Luke Beiermann  
Russell Dusel  
Jeanie Emry  
Sherri Fish  
Brady Wegener  
Sheryl White  
Tim Koenig  
Judy Yoch  
Randy Ritterbush  
Tom Borchers  
Lynn Walmsley  
Katie Ferguson  
Brandon Timmerman  
Anthony Warneke  
Evan Unkel



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Madison, NE 68748

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- Champion Intermediate Showmanship-Goat, Sheep, Swine, Beef -Madison County Farm Bureau
- Thursday Rootbeer Floats - Farm Credit Services
- and so many more that help make the fair a success.

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# Presentation of Special Awards



## **Oswald Family “Spirit of 4-H” Award: Schmidt Family**

We are proud to recognize the Scott and Courtney Schmidt family for their outstanding dedication and attitude. The entire family consistently demonstrates a strong will to learn, try new things, and lend a helping hand wherever needed. Their curiosity and eagerness to ask thoughtful questions reflect their commitment to growth and improvement. Throughout every step of the 4-H process, regardless of the outcome or placement of awards, the Schmidt family maintains a positive and encouraging attitude. Their team spirit is truly inspiring, making them a valued part of the 4-H community. The Schmidt family embodies the spirit of 4-H, and it is with great appreciation that we honor them with this award.

## **Patty Nelson “Making the Best Better” Memorial Award: Kailey Patzel**

I am honored to recognize Kailey Patzel for the Patty Nelson "Making the Best Better" award in recognition of her dedication, leadership, and selfless service in our 4-H community. Kailey consistently goes above and beyond—leading projects, supporting younger members, and volunteering with enthusiasm and humility. This past year, Kailey was seen comforting and encouraging a younger member who was struggling during a show. She was “making the best better” and truly demonstrated her genuine care and leadership by taking her time for this other member. Kailey truly lives the 4-H pledge, inspiring others through her quiet but powerful example. Kailey is a true role model and a shining example of what it means to be a 4-Her. Thank you for Making the Best Better.

## **4-H Rookie Award: Henry Rohde**

We are excited to recognize Henry Rohde. His nomination shared, that since joining 4-H, Henry has grown in ways that were never expected. His attention to detail—whether working with his calves or shooting archery—is impressive. Often, he can be found washing or halter training his calves well past mealtime with his calm and his patient attitude. 4-H has truly helped Henry in developing valuable life skills at just 10 years old. Congratulations Henry for being our 4-H Rookie of the year.

## **“Above and Beyond” Award: Josie Stenger**

Josie exemplifies kindness and a generous spirit in all she does. She is always quick to respond whenever questions about 4-H arise, offering guidance and support without hesitation. Beyond 4-H events, Josie consistently takes the time to warmly greet and encourage younger members, creating a welcoming and positive environment. Her genuine care and leadership have made a lasting impact, serving as a strong role model for many. Josie truly goes above and beyond in embodying the values of 4-H.

## **“I Believe in You” Award: Hadley Kauth**

This year, we are proud to recognize Hadley Kauth with the “I Believe in You” award. Hadley faced a tough challenge this summer when she was diagnosed with pneumonia just days before judging. After months of hard work and preparation on her 4-H projects, it was a heartbreaking setback. But even in the face of disappointment, Hadley’s determination and positive spirit never wavered. Her perseverance paid off—her projects were celebrated, and some even earned recognition at the state fair. Through it all, Hadley remained hopeful, strong, and focused. She had many who believed in her, and she proved that belief right. More importantly, Hadley believed in herself—and that made all the difference. She is a true example of what this award stands for: facing challenges with courage, working hard even when it’s tough, and never losing faith in your own strength. Congratulations, Hadley

# Presentation of Special Awards



## **Outstanding 4-H Alumni: Myranda Hansen**

Myranda Hansen exemplifies what it means to be a lifelong 4-H'er. A dedicated 10-year member, Myranda was actively involved in all aspects of the program—from showing cattle to demonstrating leadership in and out of the show ring. She regularly volunteered at project days, participated in the promotion of 4-H during Nebraska 4-H Month, and consistently stepped up to support her peers and younger members.

Myranda's commitment to the program didn't end when her membership did. She continued to give back as a 4-H summer intern, bringing the same energy, willingness to learn, and servant-hearted attitude that defined her time as a youth member. Always ready to help, grow, and lead by example, Myranda remains a strong ambassador for 4-H and a role model for current members.

Her continued involvement and dedication make her a deserving recipient of the Outstanding 4-H Alumni Member award. Congratulations!

## **Outstanding 4-H Leader: Sarah Polacek**

Sarah consistently goes above and beyond in her role as a 4-H leader, but this year she demonstrated just how deeply she cares for the families she serves. When one of the members, unexpectedly ended up in the ER the night before fair judging, Sarah didn't hesitate to step in. Despite her own full schedule and a vehicle already packed with her own children's projects, she went out of her way to meet in a gas station parking lot—ready to load up and transport another family's 4-H projects to ensure they were represented.

In a moment of high stress and worry for a fellow parent, Sarah offered not just help, but reassurance and support. Her actions were a true reflection of leadership, compassion, and the sense of community that 4-H is all about. Sarah is not only a dedicated leader to The Lucky Clovers and truly a friend.

Congratulations, Sarah! The Lucky Clovers are lucky to have you.

## **Outstanding 4-H Member: Skyler Tegeler**

Skyler Tegeler exemplifies the very best of what 4-H stands for—head, heart, hands, and health. As a long-time and active member, she has participated in a wide range of projects, including livestock, sewing, and cake decorating. In each of these areas, Skyler has demonstrated skill, dedication, and a strong willingness to learn while also helping others grow alongside her.

Known for her strong work ethic and integrity, Skyler stands out both academically and personally. Among her peers and leaders, she is recognized as dependable, respectful, and driven—qualities that make her not only an outstanding 4-H member but a true role model.

Skyler's consistent commitment to excellence and leadership reflects the core values of 4-H. Members like her are what make the program impactful, inspiring, and enduring. She is highly deserving of the Outstanding 4-H Member Award, and her contributions today point toward a bright future of continued leadership and service.

## **Legacy Award: Leon & Terry Boecker**

The greatest legacy a grandparent can give is the gift of time, encouragement, and shared values—and Leon and Terry Boecker have done just that across two generations of 4-H. While Leon was never a 4-H member himself, he has spent the last 20 years actively supporting his daughters and, now, his grandchildren in their 4-H journeys. From woodworking and furniture refinishing to various craft projects, Leon has patiently taught essential skills—emphasizing safety, hard work, and attention to detail. His steady guidance has helped shape countless successful projects and confident young people.

Terry, equally devoted, adds her own creative touch to the family's 4-H experience. Her handmade, matching outfits for the grandkids at rodeos and events are now a beloved tradition. She's always present—at archery practices, project check-ins, and throughout the fair—offering help and encouragement with warmth and pride.

Together, Leon and Terry are a constant, dependable presence in the lives of their four grandchildren, all active members of Madison County 4-H. Whether cheering from the stands at archery tournaments and fashion shows or working side-by-side in the shop and kitchen, they are building a lasting 4-H legacy rooted in love, learning, and service.

Now a proud three-generation 4-H family, the Boeckers truly embody what it means to support and grow through 4-H. Their dedication, generosity, and values continue to make a lasting impact—not only on their own family but on the broader Madison County 4-H community.

Congratulations to Leon and Terry Boecker—a true 4-H family and deserving recipients of this Legacy recognition.