



Dawes County 4-H Newsletter

September 2024

4-H Calendar



Calendar of 4-H Events:

- September 2:** Office Closed, Labor Day
- September 4:** State Fair Projects Back at the Extension Office
- September 8:** Jr. Leaders Mtg. 4pm, Extension Office
- September 16:** 4-H Council Mtg. 6pm, Extension Office
- October 6-12:** National 4-H Week
- October 14:** Office Closed, Columbus Day
- October 20:** Achievement Banquet, 2:30pm, Crawford Community Building
- November 11:** Office Closed, Veterans Day
- November 28-29:** Office Closed, Thanksgiving Break

SAVE THE DATE

DAWES COUNTY
4-H
ACHIEVEMENT
BANQUET

OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		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	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Sunday, October 20th, 2:30 pm
@ the Crawford Community Building
**desserts only

September 13: Special Award Nominations Due

September 15: 4-H Foundation Scholarship Due

September 20: Achievement Applications & Diamond Clover Due

October 11: Senior Royalty Bios & Pictures Due

Jr. Leaders Meeting
Sunday, Sept. 8th at 4 p.m.
Extension Office



- ◆ Jr. Superintendents Fair
- ◆ Community Service Project
- ◆ Sell ads for Special Edition
- ◆ Summer Trip



Why Join:

- Leadership Development
- Personal Growth
- Help Others

Contact: Marisa Betson 308-665-5396 or
Crystal Vander May 308-430-8060

DAWES COUNTY 4-H

Achievement Banquet



October 20th, 2:30 pm
Crawford Community Building

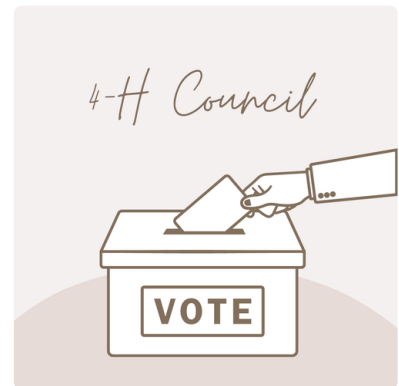
Set Up/ Decorate: Independent Members
Arrange Food: Happy Hustlers Club
Prepare & Serve Drinks: Jr. Leader Club
Greet & Distribute Door Prizes: Corn Valley Club
Royalty Ceremony: Highland Huddlers Club

Each family unit is asked to please bring
1 door prize and a dessert to be shared

4-H Council Vacancy Announcement:

We have two council members who are up for re-election for another two-year term - *Kris Vahrenkamp, Buffy Hourt-Allred*. Anyone else wanting to volunteer their time and have a voice in our 4-H program is welcome to place their name on the ballot as well.

Youth members are also included on the 4-H Council. This is a vital role necessary to give our youth "voice" on decisions that affect their educational experience. 2-4 youth members ages 12-18 can serve on the council. Youth members shall be elected for a term of one year and terms may not exceed 2 year consecutively. We have one youth member who has completed their term and are not eligible for re-election - ***Alexa Tollman***. We have youth members that are up for re-election for another one-year-term - ***Roudy Schommer, Ava Pyle, Miranda Betson, Kendall Sellman***. ***Additional names will still be accepted.***



Any adult or youth interested in having your name added to the ballot for the Dawes County 4-H Executive Council is encouraged to call the office (308-432-3373). The annual election will be held at the Achievement Banquet in October.

****Senior Royalty 2024-2025****

Our records indicate the following 4-H members are currently in 12th grade and have earned the right to be called "Senior Royalty." In recognition of this outstanding accomplishment, we would like to make you "special guests" at the 2023 4-H Achievement Banquet. Please submit a short biography which will be read and displayed along with a current photo by **OCTOBER 11**. You can drop off your information/photo at the office or email Chelsey at chelsey.scherbarth@unl.edu.

**Please let the office know if there is an error in this list. We use the information provided in 4HOnline



- Jodean Chesley
- Kade Keim
- Jose Obando

Dawes County 4-H Foundation Scholarship:

The Dawes 4-H Foundation is proud to offer again one \$500 scholarship to a senior who participates in Dawes 4-H. The scholarship application is **due September 15** and will be announced in October at the banquet. The scholarship is for a senior who just graduated in **May 2024**, not a senior who will graduate in 2025. Please let me know if you have questions.

Graduated Seniors Eligible to Apply:

- Kobe Bissonnette
- Kenli Boeselager
- Chase Brunsch
- John Fisher
- Gunnar Lans
- Jorja Pieper
- Grace Pyle
- Lauren Rasmussen
- Morgan Schommer
- Gabriel Tidyman
- Alexa Tollman

Dawes County 4-H Foundation Scholarship

Checks & Prizes

Livestock Sale checks will be ready soon. Champion prizes will hopefully be ready in October. Premium Checks from the Ag Society will be available to be picked up at the Achievement Banquet and then will be at the Extension Office after that time.

We will announce via Remind & Facebook when things are ready to be picked up.

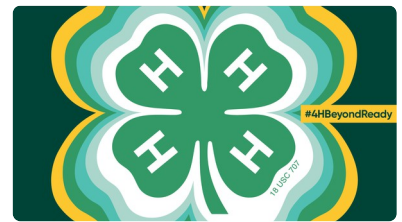
Please do not forget to send thank you's to your livestock/cake buyers & the Ag Society to let them know they are appreciated.



4-H Week

The first week in October is always set aside for National 4-H Week. From October 6-12, plan to celebrate National 4-H Week!

Ideas could include wearing 4-H attire to school, decorating a store window, putting up flyers to promote 4-H, taking baked goods to a neighbor or sponsor, visiting the nursing home or sharing time with someone, sending a thank you, stepping up to help a person in need and more. There are many things you can do to show your leadership skills and promote the value of 4-H.



Special Award Nominations Needed

Another 4-H year has come and gone and it is time to recognize all that went above and beyond during the year to ensure our program was successful. We'll be celebrating the 2024, 4-H year and honoring those individuals at the Achievement Banquet in October.

The nomination process is simple—just submit a brief paragraph that recommends the person, making sure to include which award you are nominating them for, and **send it to the Extension Office by 4:30 September 13th**. The recipients will be announced at the Achievement Banquet. **You can email your nominations to kmunger2@unl.edu**



Recognition is a very valuable tool to let people know how their sometimes simple gestures have made a major difference in the lives of our 4-H families.

- **Key Leader Award** – Dawes County 4-H Foundation: Recognizes a 4-H volunteer who continually goes the extra mile.
- **Helping Hand Award** – Bob and Judy Hawthorne: "I pledge my hands to larger service..." This is an award to recognize the volunteer or leader who is always willing to lend a helping hand to every activity.
- **National Leadership Award: (Formerly I Dare You award)** is open to youth ages 15–18 who have completed their freshman year in high school and show outstanding qualities in servant

leadership. Award recipients receive a personalized award certificate, a copy of William H. Danforth's classic motivational book *I Dare You!* and are eligible to apply for the "I Dare You" Scholarship.

- **Outstanding 4-H Member** - Recognizes the 4-H member, who continually meets and exceeds expectations, has achieved their 4-H goals for the year, always encourages other members to become involved, answers questions, etc. They can be in any age division to win this award. It's all about head, heart, hands and health – not age!
- **Outstanding 4-H Junior Leader** - Please nominate the junior leader who has stepped up to assist other youth, a club or was extremely active throughout the year.
- **4-H Appreciation** - A business or person that really goes all out for 4-H. They may be a major sponsor for awards or just always donating time, energy or their employees to help the 4-H program succeed.
- **Heart of 4-H** - "I pledge my heart to greater loyalty..." This award is designed to recognize that special someone who goes out of their way time and time again to 'make the best better'. A great way to say thank you to someone who truly is the heart of 4-H in Dawes County.
- **4-H Alumni** - A 4-H Alumni who has continued to be a contributing member of 4-H in Dawes County. If you have questions about whether or not a leader or volunteer is an alum, please contact the office.
- **Outstanding 4-H Club** - Has your club gone the distance and then some? If you think your club has really achieved a lot this past year, nominate them and tell us what all you have done. No club is allowed to win this award two years in a row.

Nebraska State Fair Results

Congratulations to all of our 4-H youth who sent items or competed at the Nebraska State Fair.

Exhibitors will be able to pick up their projects at the Extension office on September 4th. Please pick them up as soon as possible.

For a complete list of results, click here:

<https://nebraska4hresults.com/2024-results>

Special Awards:

- Julia Nicholson- Rabbit: Best Opposite & Champion Market
- Leea Lambert- Sheep: Champion Division I
- Caule Gibbons- Accessory- 3D & Coffee Cake
- Magdalena Fisher- Heritage

In-Person Events:

- Amelia Betson- Purple: Culinary Challenge & Fashion Show

Blue: Range Judging

- Miranda Betson- Purple: Fashion Show Shopping in Style & Culinary Challenge

Blue: Horticulture Judging & Range Judging

- Luke Bruns- (3rd Place) Purple: Culinary Challenge

Red: Range Judging

- Lillian Keithly- (3rd Place) Purple: Culinary Challenge
- Magdalena Fisher- Blue: Fashion Show
- Morgan Schommer- Purple: Fashion Show
- Emily Cullan- Blue: Fashion Show Shopping in Style

- Roudy Schommer- Blue: Range Judging
- Garrett Tollman- Purple: Market Beef & Beef Showmanship
- Alexa Tollman- Blue: Beef Showmanship
- Lizzy Lambert- Purple: Breeding Meat Goat

Blue: Market Meat Goat & Goat Showmanship

- Leea Lambert- Purple: Breeding Sheep

Blue: Breeding Sheep, Market Sheep & Sheep Showmanship

- Joe Lambert- Blue: Swine Showmanship, Breeding Swine & Market Swine
- Julia Nicholson- Purple: Breeding Rabbit & Market Rabbit

Blue: Fashion Show, Breeding Rabbit x4 & Rabbit Showmanship

Static Exhibits:

- Garrett Tollman- Purple: Citizenship

Blue: Woodworking Article

Red: Candid Photography

- Alexander Obando- Purple: Candid Photography

Blue: Heritage & Geocache

- Tatianna Obando- Purple: Original Acrylic Painting, Charcoal Drawing, & Watercolor Painting
- Skyler Edelman- Blue: Heritage, & Creative Techniques and Lighting

Red: Abstract Photography

- Teague Edelman- Blue: Heritage
- Ada Norman- Blue: Heritage
- Luke Bruns- Purple: Care Package Display

Blue: Barn Quilt

- Karsen Stokely- Purple: Creative Composition

Blue: Candid Photography

- Alexa Tollman- Blue: Advanced Composition
- Mikayla Obando- Blue: Advanced Composition
- Roudy Schommer- Purple: Accessory 3D

Blue: Wildlife Knowledge Check & Range Book

- Hazel Bieganski- Blue: Accessory Floral Design
- Miranda Betson- Purple: Specialty Bread

Blue: Accessory Outdoor Living

Red: Shopping in Style

- Magdalena Fisher- Red: Accessory Upcycled Item & Loaf Quick Bread
- Caule Gibbons- Blue: Accessory Upcycled Item, Candy
- Treye Gibbons- Purple: Candy

Blue: Woodworking Article

- Josephine Werner- Purple: Quilt
- Emily Cullan- Purple: Skirt & Wheat

Blue: First Aid Kit

Red: Parts of a Tree & Fairy Garden

- Morgan Schommer- Blue: Alter/Design Your Pattern

Red: Embellished Garment

- Kadence Fisher- Purple: Coffee Cake & Woodworking Article

Red: Romper/Jumpsuit

- Amelia Betson- Blue: Shopping in Style
- Sara Carrick- Blue: Creative Mixes

Red: Jalapeno Peppers, Red Onions & Snap Beans

- Lillian Keithly- Purple: White Bread
 - Julia Nicholson- Blue: Foam Cake
 - Emery Serbousek- Purple: 3 Jar Pickled Exhibit
- Blue: 3 Jar Jellied Exhibit & 3 Jar Vegetable Exhibit
- Joel Cullan- Purple: Wheat & Wood Project
 - Kody Keim- Red: Welding Art
 - Johnathan Fisher- Purple: Woodworking Article
 - Declan Scherbarth-Purple: Leather Project
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Achievement Application

It is Achievement Application time! Keeping records/writing achievement applications is a great way to hold onto your memories about each incredible year you have in 4-H. In a couple of years, you can look through these journals and remember what fun you had. Keeping records is also a great way to develop your skills in communication, organize your time, document events and actions, evaluate your own efforts, set goals, etc.

- Dawes County will **only accept the newer** application, not the "green portfolio".
- Each application will be judged individually for award pins (could possibly receive up to 3 pins).
- There will be awards for "Outstanding 4-H Achievement Application" for junior, intermediate, and senior age divisions.
- All ages are only allowed to apply for **3 program areas**. Youth may apply for awards previously won.
- Clover Kids application will stay the same.
- Dawes County will also have a required application form in the front of each achievement application.
- Project records are optional, not required.

[Dawes 4-H Application Form](#) (required front page)

[Senior Achievement Application](#) (ages 15-18 as of 1/1/2024)

[Junior Achievement Application](#) (ages 8-14 as of 1/1/2024)

[Dawes Animal Project Record](#) (optional)

[Dawes Project Record](#) (optional)

[Clover Kid Record Book](#)

If you want to learn more about the new application, go to <https://4h.unl.edu/achievement-application>.

Deadline to submit Achievement Applications is September 20 by 4:30.

Achievement Application Help Video

https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/northernpanhandle/Sioux_County_Documents/Contests/Achievement_Application_Help_video.mp4

We're Looking for Volunteers

There is no better way to learn what it takes to complete a good Achievement Application than to help judge them! Please volunteer to judge our county applications anytime from September 30 - October 4. Just pick a category, bring a friend along, and enjoy reading about the accomplishments of our youth. **PLEASE CALL AND SIGN UP BY SEPTEMBER 20!** Thank you for your help!!!!



Diamond Clover Awards

Deadline to submit Diamond Clover is September 20. Forms are available on the [Nebraska 4-H Diamond Clover](#) website.

The [Nebraska 4-H Diamond Clover](#) program encourages 4-H youth to engage in a variety of programs, projects, and activities that will enable youth to acquire skills and abilities that will prepare them for success in the future. The program is designed to reach and recognize all youth engaged in 4-H, from club members and campers to school enrichment, afterschool, and special interest program participants. The program consists of six levels that require a young person to plan and report a broad range of age-appropriate accomplishments.

Rules

- Youth may only receive recognition at each level once.
- Youth may only receive one level of recognition per year.
- Youth should begin at Level 1 and progress through Level 6. However, youth who are older when beginning may opt to start at a higher level (2-4) as is mutually agreeable to the participant and the parent/guardian or leader. In order for older youth to begin at level 5 or 6, the Extension staff must also be in agreement.
- Approval: Levels 1–4 require the approval of a 4-H youth's parent/guardian. If the 4-H youth belongs to a 4-H club, club leader approval is also required (if 4-H youth belongs to more than one club, choose one leader to work with). Levels 5 and 6 require the approval of a local county extension staff member.
- Accomplishments: Each level requires participants to complete a specified number of accomplishments. The 4-H participant may choose accomplishment listed for each level. The accomplishments are age appropriate and increase in quantity and difficulty for each level. Parents/guardians, leaders, and Extension staff may suggest other accomplishments – comparable to those provided – to improve the individual learning experience of each 4-H youth.



2024-2025 4-H Enrollment

The current 4-H fiscal year will end on September 30, 2024 and the new 4-H Enrollment for the 2024-2025 4-H year will open around October 17th.



Please make sure to keep this on your radar and get enrolled in 4-H for the new year starting in October! Deadline for 4-H Enrollment will be June 15, 2024. We are unable to accept late enrollments, due to State 4-H rules, so please remember to enroll on time. Shooting sports members will need to enroll before participating. To be completely enrolled we will have to also have your \$3 yearly enrollment fee.

Club of Excellence

To receive the designation as a Nebraska 4-H Club of Excellence, clubs must meet a certain set of criteria and document how this criteria was met. Clubs meeting the requirements will initially receive a certificate. In subsequent years clubs successfully meeting the requirements will receive a special insignia to place on their certificate. Clubs must apply annually to receive this recognition.

Clubs must:

- Have at least five members from at least three different families.
- Recite the 4-H Pledge at meetings.
- Meet at least six times per year.
- Choose/elect youth officers.
- Have youth serve in leadership roles.
- Have one club project, related to curriculum, which they do together.
- Have adult role model involvement.
- Be facilitated by organizational and project leaders who have successfully completed the volunteer screening.
- Have members who perform a presentation or public speaking at the club level or above.
- Complete one community service project.
- Have members who participate in county, district or state events.
- Celebrate member and club achievements.

Application

To apply for the Club of Excellence recognition, complete the [Nebraska 4-H Club of Excellence Report of Activities](#). The completed form should be turned into the Extension Office by September 13th.



Julie Schommer was selected as Zone 1 Outstanding Volunteer



State Fair Exhibitors

Join our Remind



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