

# Cherry County 4-H Alert

September 2022



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## Calendar of Events

### *UPCOMING DUE DATES (Bold=Local)*

September 16 - State 4-H Rodeo Registration & Levels Testing DUE

**September 30 - Achievement Applications DUE**

October 1 - Nebraska Youth Beef Leadership Symposium Application DUE

October 15 - State Youth Leadership Conference Teen Ambassador Applications DUE - tentative

October 15 - Make it With Wool Contest Entries DUE

**October 17 - 4-H Enrollment Opens for 2022-2023!**

### LOCAL EVENTS

September 11 & 18 - Cherry Hills "Fair" Live Events, 4:00-5:00 pm CT each date

September 12 - Cherry Co. Ag Society Meeting @ Fairgrounds, 7:00 pm CT

September 13 - Niobrara Council Fall after school programs begin

September 19 - Robotics kick-off in Valentine @ Ext. Office, 3:45 pm OR 6:30 pm

(Cody-Kilgore Robotics will be piloted during the school day this year)

October 4 - Quilts of Valor Organizational Meeting @ Valentine Methodist Church, 7:00 pm CT

October 10 - Ag Society Meeting @ Fairgrounds, 7:00 pm CT

October 16 - 4-H Recruitment Party & Achievement Celebration @ Valentine, TBD

November 7 - 4-H Council Meeting, @ Extension Office, 7:30 pm CT

November 15 - Ag Society Election Meeting @ Fairgrounds, 7:00 pm CT

November 26 - Heart of Christmas Parade & Cookie Booth

### HIGHLIGHTED REGIONAL/STATE/NATIONAL EVENTS

September 10 - State Shotgun Championships, Grand Island

September 17-18 - State Outdoor Archery Championships, Grand Island  
September 29 - Nebraska 4-H Foundation Charity Shoot, Brainard, NE  
October 8 - State 4-H Rodeo, Lincoln, NE  
October 14-16 - Nebraska 4-H Foundation Trail Ride, Halsey, NE  
October 22-23 - Shooting Sports Instructor Training, Nebraska City, NE  
November 19 - State Make It With Wool Competition, Lexington, NE  
December 2-4 - Nebraska Youth Beef Leadership Symposium, Lincoln, NE

## **Congratulations State Fair Qualifiers!**

Results for Cherry County 4-H Youth from the Nebraska State Fair, held in Grand Island, NE August 26-September 5, 2022.

### **LIVE CONTESTS**

#### **Fashion Show**

Purples – Cadence Swanson & Kate Cox for STEAM Level 2 (sewn) outfits; Kate Cox & Brooklyn Coyle for Shopping in Style (purchased) garments.

#### **Beef Show**

Blues – Greyson Hollopeter Swan for Intermediate Showmanship & Hereford Breeding Beef Yearling Heifer.

Reds – Feeder Calf Heifer & Registered Hereford Market Beef Steer.

#### **Rabbit Show**

Purple – Jenalee Garwood Senior Rabbit Showmanship

Best of Breed Rex Rabbit

Best of Breed Lionhead Rabbit

#### **Robotics Showcase**

Blue – Krosston Kasner

#### **Illustrated Presentation**

Blue – Jenalee Garwood

#### **Public Speaking - Public Service Announcement**

Purple – Jenalee Garwood

#### **Horticulture Judging**

Red - Cadence Swanson

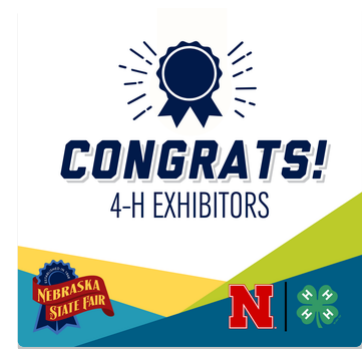
#### **Weeds Judging**

10th Place Senior - Cadence Swanson

### **STATIC EXHIBITS**

#### **Citizenship & Civic Education**

- Rhett Ward, Other Exhibits Depicting Heritage of Member's Family Or Community – Blue
- Jenalee Garwood, Family Genealogy/History Notebook – Purple
- Christen Larson-Malard, 4-H Member Scrapbook – Purple



## **Communications & Expressive Arts**

- Christen Larson-Malard, Photography Unit II Abstract Display or Print – Red; Photography Unit II Portfolio - Blue
- Annalena Nelson, Photography Unit II Candid Display or Print – Blue; Photography Unit II Expression Through Color Display or Print - Blue
- Cadence Swanson, Photography Unit II Creative Composition Display or Print – Blue; Photography Unit II Creative Techniques & Lighting Display or Print – Blue
- Cecilia Benscoter, Photography Unit III Still Life Print – White

## **Consumer & Family Sciences**

### ***Home Environment Design Decisions***

- Christen Larson-Malard, Accessory 2-D – Blue
- Cadence Swanson, Accessory 3-D – Red
- Tilden Foster, Accessory Outdoor Living – Blue
- Wesley Willert, Accessory Recycled/Upcycled Item for the Home – Blue
- Sarah Burge, Design Board for a Room – Blue; Furniture Wood Opaque Finish - Blue
- Adalin Wickman, Furniture Fabric Covered – Red

### ***Quilt Quest***

- Brooke Brashears, Service Project Quilt – Red
- Kate Cox, Service Project Quilt – Blue
- Will Cox, Service Project Quilt – Blue
- Brooklyn Coyle, Service Project Quilt – Purple and Special Recognition
- Shyanne Dawson, Service Project Quilt – Purple
- Cadence Swanson, Service Project Quilt – Purple

### ***Shopping in Style***

- Kate Cox, Best Buy for Your Buck Ages 14-18 Notebook – Red
- Cadence Swanson, Best Buy for Your Buck Ages 14-18 Notebook – Red
- Christen Larson-Malard, Mix, Match, & Multiply Notebook – Blue

## **Environmental & Earth Sciences**

- Tilden Foster, Entomology Display – Blue
- Christen Larson-Malard, Wildlife Feeder/Waterer – Purple
- Adalin Wickman, Wildlife Feeder/Waterer – Blue
- August Wickman, Wildlife Feeder/Waterer – Purple; Wildlife House – Blue

## **Healthy Lifestyles**

- Shyanne Dawson, Cooking 201 Coffee Cake – Purple and Special Recognition
- Brooklyn Coyle, Cooking 201 Creative Mixes – Purple
- Sarah Burge, Cooking 201 Loaf Quick Bread - Blue
- Kayleigh Harms, Cooking 301 White Bread - Blue

- Cecilia Bencoter, Cooking 401 Foam Cake - Purple
- Wesley Willert, Food Preservation Unit 3 Boiling Canning 1 Jar Jelled Exhibit – Purple;
- General Foods & Nutrition Poster - Purple; Cooking 301 Whole Wheat or Mixed Grain Bread - Purple
- Madysyn Bopp, Food Preservation Unit 3 Boiling Canning 1 Jar Pickled Exhibit – Red;
- Food Preservation Unit 3 Boiling Canning 1 Jar Tomato Exhibit – Blue

## Plants

- Adalin Wickman, Floriculture Calendula - Blue
- Katelyn Blackford, Floriculture Fairy Garden – Blue
- Wesley Willert, Horticulture Slicing Cucumbers – Purple
- Christen Larson, Horticulture White Onions – Red

## STEM

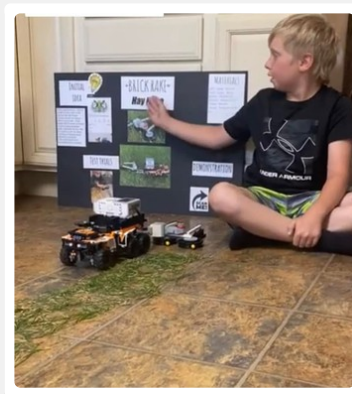
- Rhett Ward, Electricity Electronic Project – Purple
- Krosston Kasner, Robotics Kit Labeled Robot – Blue

## Visual Arts

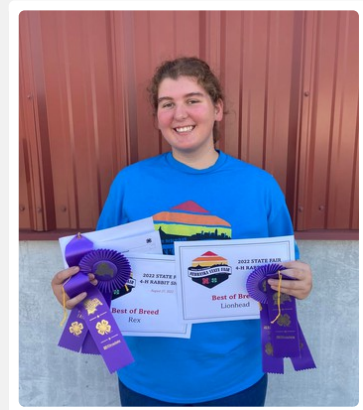
- Cecilia Bencoter, Portfolio Pathways Original Acrylic Painting – White
- Rhett Ward, Portfolio Pathways Original Watercolor Painting – Red
- Rylee Ward, Sketchbook Crossroads Original Ink Drawing – Purple
- Ariana Blume, Sketchbook Crossroads Original Pencil or Chalk Drawing – Blue



**State Fair  
Horticulture &  
Weeds Judging**



**State Fair Robotics  
Showcase**



**State Fair Rabbit  
Show**



**State Fair Beef Show**



**State Fair Shopping in Style Fashion Show**



**State Fair Presentations Contest**



**State Fair Shopping in Style Fashion Show**



**State Fair STEAM Fashion Show**



**State Fair STEAM Fashion Show**

## **Cherry County Ag Society Meetings Second Mondays**

Many of our 4-H families are not aware that Cherry County Ag Society meetings happen the second Monday of each month, starting at 7:00 pm at the Cherry County Fairgrounds. The public is welcome to attend. The next meeting is September 12 and this is a particularly good one for 4-H families to participate in if you have ideas or feedback on Fair. If you can't attend and want to share information with Society members, please get in touch with the Extension Office by 4:30 pm the day of the meeting. The annual election meeting will be November 14.

## **Calling "Hands to Larger Service" with the Cherry Hills "Fair"**

Want to serve the community in a fun and easy way? Participate in the Cherry Hills "Fair" with an exhibit! We are keeping the static exhibits from State Fair to put on display the week of September 5th at Cherry Hills. We also hope to have "live" 4-H activities such as talent/speech, robot demos, animals, fashion show, etc. There will be two opportunities - September 11 & 18 from 4-5 pm CT each

day. Please contact the Extension Office at 402-376-1850 ASAP to let us know if you can participate in the Sunday afternoon fun!

## Achievement Applications DUE September 30



We are now shifting into our transition time of year. Youth are encouraged to record and reflect upon their learning through an Achievement Application (formerly known as record book) and submit it for special awards. The deadline for those will be September 30 so they can be judged in time for the Achievement Celebration on October 16. Top Achievement Applications in each age group receive \$100 and you can win up to two project pins each year. There are also special awards for outstanding community service and leadership. To learn more and download the template, visit [Achievement Application | Nebraska 4-H \(unl.edu\)](https://www.4hnebraska.org/achievements). Please note for Seniors, there are state and national opportunities in addition to local recognition!



## 4-H Recruitment Day & Achievement Celebration October 16 in Valentine - displays needed!

This year we are combining the Recruitment FUN and the annual Achievement Celebration and it will be held in Valentine on October 16, site and time TBD. There will be fun and games first for the recruitment portion, along with 4-H project displays (see below), followed by a **potluck meal** and award ceremony as we mark the end of another successful year. All 4-H supporters, donors, and volunteers are encouraged to attend, in addition to our 4-H families. Championship trophies and sweatshirts will be handed out, as well as premium checks and special awards (Horse Levels, Herdsmanship, etc.). There will be prize drawings for 4-H swag for youth who invite non-4-H friends!

**Youth who have received scholarship or grant money MUST have a display for the public, but we encourage ALL 4-H member to showcase and promote a favorite project for the public, especially since this will also be a recruitment day.** Typically youth bring a tri-fold display and/or some items that show what the project is all about. If you will have a display, please arrive 30 minutes early for set-up.



## 4-H Enrollment Opens October 17!

Fall brings a fresh start and we are always excited to kick-off a new 4-H year in October! Online enrollment opens again October 17. Anyone participating in activities (Quilts of Valor, CWF, robotics, etc.) MUST re-enroll immediately, along with any active volunteers. **VOLUNTEERS - PLEASE NOTE THAT IN 2023, CHERRY COUNTY IS DUE IN THE 5 YEAR ROTATION FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS TO DO A NEW BACKGROUND CHECK THROUGH HHSS.** Enrollment stays open through June 15 and you can add and drop projects during that open time. Don't forget that you must pay your \$5 enrollment fee to the Extension Office for the process to be complete. Plus, it's always best to work on your projects year-round, so don't hesitate to get started!

We celebrate the new 4-H year with a Recruitment fun event (see above)!

## Friend of 4-H 2022

In case you missed it, our Friend of 4-H this year is Craig O'Kief. He is a long-time 4-H volunteer who has been especially active in the livestock program and is currently serving on the Livestock Committee. Our Friend of 4-H Business is Sandshooters (Andrea Heinert & family) as they have donated to and designed many 4-H awards and shirts over the past few years. If you see these individuals, please give them a personal thank you for all they do for our program!



**Craig O'Kief**



**Sandshooters**



**Thank you to our Friends of 4-H!**

## New Shooting Sports Instructors Needed - next training is in October!

Cherry County is looking for more shooting sports instructors, especially in the rifle discipline! There are scholarship dollars to help cover training expenses. Please contact our office if you are interested. Here is information on the next training opportunity:

**Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop Offered at Nebraska City**

A Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop is scheduled for October in Nebraska City. It will be held **October 22-23** at the Otoe County Wildlife Club near Nebraska City. ***The early bird deadline to register for the workshop is October 12th.***

Volunteers will have the opportunity to become certified as an adult (21 years and older) or apprentice (14-20 years old) leader. Five project areas will be offered at the Nebraska City Workshop - rifle, pistol, shotgun, coordinator, and archery.

There is a minimum number of participants needed to offer these disciplines at the workshop.

Workshop participants will learn under expert instruction from members of the Nebraska State 4-H Shooting Sports Training Team.

The registration fee is \$85.00 per person for initial certification and those individuals adding an additional discipline except for Apprentice Instructors. The registration fee for Apprentice Instructors (14 to 20 years of age) is \$75 for this workshop. This fee includes meals, supplies and program materials. Participants must make their own lodging arrangements. Registration on Saturday runs from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

While participants might need to bring limited, if any, equipment to the in-person discipline training site, there are a series of four National 4-H Shooting Sports online modules which individuals **MUST** complete prior to the training to become eligible for certification. Information on the modules and how to enroll, 4-H Shooting Sports Online User Guide, can be accessed by using the link found on the Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports website under Calendar of 4-H Shooting Sports Events at

<https://4h.unl.edu/shooting-sports>, under the Nebraska City Workshop - this provides step-by-step instructions on how to sign up for and complete the entire series of modules before the workshop. As individuals follow each of the instructions in the Online User Guide, they will be asked to choose a payment method. Participants are responsible for the \$20 (per person) registration fee. The entire series of modules will take approximately 3-4 hours, so please plan some time accordingly.

For more workshop information and registration link, go to the 4-H Shooting Sports web page. Or contact your local Nebraska Extension Office or Steve Pritchard at (402)395-2158 or (308)536-2691.

REGISTER HERE: <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSeg6H8JOnSv4K.../viewform>

## Quilts of Valor Organizational Meeting October 4

Doesn't the cooler weather just put you in the mood to SEW?? To date, we have covered 98 area Veterans with Quilts of Valor and we are excited to see how many we can make for 2023! Quilts of Valor is open to anyone in the community, not just 4-H. If you are interested in being involved in any way, please plan to attend our annual Organizational Meeting at 7:00 pm CT at the Valentine Methodist Church on October 4. This is a great time to pick out your pattern and see what material is available in our stash for use. As always, sewing helpers and fabric donations are welcome!



## Robotics Season 2022-2023 is gearing up!

Want to be a part of our growing, state-qualifying program?? We plan to start in Valentine on September 19 at the Extension Office with two times to choose from - 3:45-5:00 pm OR 6:30-7:45 pm. This year, fall robotics will be open to youth in grades 5-8 in Valentine. Robotics for grades K-4 will start this winter.



**NEW for Cody/Kilgore - we are piloting the robotics program during the school day! Please watch the school announcements for details.**

We could use more volunteers!!! If you are interested in joining our team, visit with Michelle or coaches Andrew Utecht and James Ward ASAP.

## **Niobrara Nature Club Fall 2022**

Each fall, Niobrara Council and the Niobrara Valley Outdoor Education Partnership (including Cherry Co. 4-H), hosts Niobrara Nature Club as a FREE afterschool program once a week for 5 weeks. **Registration is DUE September 8** to the Niobrara Council Office at 365 N Main St.



### **Session 1 K-2nd Graders**

Sept. 13 - Oct. 11

3:30-5:00 pm Tuesdays

### **Session 2 3rd-4th Graders**

Oct. 18 - Nov 15

3:30-5:00 pm Tuesdays

These sessions will be held at Zion Lutheran School Outdoor Classroom, 224 N Government Street, Valentine.

Middle School - will be incorporated with new After School program through the public schools.

Contact: Wendy Murphy at [murphy@niobraracouncil.org](mailto:murphy@niobraracouncil.org)

## **Make it With Wool Contest**

Enter the Make It With Wool Contest! The object of the contest is to promote the beauty and versatility of wool fabrics and yarns; to encourage personal creations in sewing, knitting, crocheting, spinning, and weaving of wool fabrics and yarns; and to recognize creative skills.

The 2022 State Make It With Wool Contest will be November 19 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lexington, NE beginning at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to the public Fashion Show at 1:00 p.m.

The divisions determined by age as of January 1, 2022 (national rule), are as follows: Preteen – age 12 and under, Junior – age 13 to 16, Senior – age 17 to 24, Adult – age 25 and over, and Made For Others. For more information, contact the Nebraska State Director: Andrea Nisley, P.O. Box 757, Lexington NE 68850 (phone 308-324-5501) [anisley1@unl.edu](mailto:anisley1@unl.edu) or the District Directors. District Directors include, District I – Doris Rush of Scottsbluff, 308-635-0156 and Rosalene Tollman of Marsland, 308-665-2415; District II – Crystal Fangmeier of Hebron, 402-768-4183; and District III – Beth Andrews of Hampton, 402-725-3302.

The entry form, state brochure and national wool contest guidelines are posted on Dawson County Extension's website: <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/dawson/>. **Entry forms, fees, wool samples and wool testing fees are due October 15, 2022 to Andrea Nisley.** The fabrics/yarns used for the wool contest must be 100% wool or wool blend (minimum 60% wool or specialty wool fiber) for each

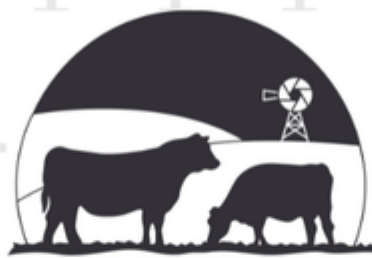
fashion fabric or yarn used. Specialty wool fibers include alpaca, angora, camel, cashmere, llama, mohair, and vicuna.

More information is available on the National Make It With Wool website: [www.makeitwithwool.com](http://www.makeitwithwool.com).

Earlier this year, the 2021 state contest winners Karla Herrarte of Lexington and Aretta Brennemann of Curtis competed at the 2022 National Contest in San Diego, California.

The National Make It With Wool Contest also has a Fashion/Apparel Design Competition for college students who are currently enrolled in a college-level fashion or apparel design program. Entry deadline is November 1st for the Fashion/Apparel Design Competition. Information, criteria, how to enter and deadline information is given on the National Make It With Wool website.

More details and  
application available  
online at  
[go.unl.edu/nybls](http://go.unl.edu/nybls)



**NYBLS**  
NEBRASKA YOUTH BEEF  
LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM

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**Apply Today!**



**Application deadline: October 1, 2022**

**Who: 10th, 11th, & 12th graders interested in the beef industry**

**When: December 2 - 4, 2022**

**Where: University of Nebraska-Lincoln Animal Science Complex**





The Nebraska 4-H Foundation Presents

the **CHARITY SHOOT**

**SAVE THE DATE**

SEPTEMBER 29, 2022

at Oak Creek Shooting Club

Brainard, Nebraska

Additional information at:

[ne4hfoundation.org/charity-shoot](https://ne4hfoundation.org/charity-shoot)



Halsey Pines RETREAT  
& Nebraska 4-H Camp



# 2022 TRAIL RIDE

OCTOBER 14-16, 2022  
NEBRASKA NATIONAL FOREST  
HALSEY, NE

\$60 - Adult  
\$30 - Youth  
EARLY BIRD DEADLINE:  
OCTOBER 1, 2022

INCLUDES A 2-DAY TRAIL RIDE,  
STEAK DINNER, CAMP ACTIVITIES,  
CAMPFIRE, FRIENDS & FUN!

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT THE  
4-H CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

REGISTER ONLINE AT:  
[NE4HFOUNDATION.ORG/TRAILRIDE](https://NE4HFOUNDATION.ORG/TRAILRIDE)





## **4-H STATE RODEO**

Saturday, October 8, 2022

Lincoln, NE - Lancaster Event Center - Pavilion 3

### Classes Offered:

**Level II:**

Goat Tying  
Barrel Racing  
Pole Bending

**Level III:**

Tie Down Roping (Calf Roping)  
Break-A-Way Roping  
Dally Team Roping

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### For More Information

#### Contact

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Contest rules and entry forms are available at  
[4h.unl.edu/horse-rodeo](http://4h.unl.edu/horse-rodeo)