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4-H ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN!

Each year, you (members and leaders) must re-enroll in the 4-H program. Access the enrollment form at <https://v2.4honline.com>. If you are a returning member, enter your email address and password. If you have forgotten your password, click "Reset Password" to receive an email with a link to set a new password. Do not create a new profile if you have registered before!

For NEW members! We can't wait for you to join us! Please visit <https://v2.4honline.com>. If you have never enrolled in 4-H using 4-H Online, select "Don't have an account?" Select your state, "Nebraska 4-H Youth Development", and your county. Each household will have a profile, and individual members will be added under one profile. Choose a club or clubs. If taking a shooting sports project, be sure to select the 4-H Shooting Sports Club as one of your clubs, and then select your project areas.

NEW FOR 2023-24: The list of projects has been condensed into project areas. For example, if someone wants to take Breeding Beef and Market Beef, they will simply choose "Beef". Or if you are taking Photography, you will not have the option of choosing different levels. Clover Kids will only choose Clover Kids. Some of the department names have been changed, so if you need help, please call the Extension Office.

Projects should be selected if families would like to receive additional information regarding project-specific reminders, such as upcoming deadlines. If you forget to choose a project, no worries, you can still take exhibits from any project area to the fair.

If enrolling in Horse and Shooting Sports, those areas have not changed. You are required to select these projects due to the consent forms that are required. The goal is to enroll in 4-H now. Then when you turn in your fair entries in June, you can add all the exhibits you want.

If your 4-Her plans to attend 4-H camp or participate in any state or national events, you must complete the health section. All other 4-Hers may skip over the health information. Then complete the consent section.

Additional instructions for enrollment can be found at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/boone-nance/4-h-enrollment-information/>. Feel free to come to the office if you need assistance! If you need help enrolling, please contact the office and we can help you.

CLOVER KIDS PROGRAM

The Clover Kids program can be a rewarding and fulfilling experience for parents, leaders, and club members. The joy of being a part of a 4-H program is helping young people grow and develop physically, emotionally, socially and intellectually as they "learn by doing". As a partner in the Nebraska Clover Kids program you are helping in the positive development of youth so they become competent, caring and contributing citizens, intent on "Making the Best Better."

There are also resources for Clover Kids, ages 5-7 (as of January 1) at <https://4h.unl.edu/clover-kids>. The program offers a variety of educational and recreational experiences in non-competitive environments. These opportunities are ideal for developing confidence, creativity, and competence during this stage of youth development. Clover Kids can join a 4-H Club, join an after school program, exhibit at the county fair, and attend workshops. Projects range from cooking, crafts, gardening, pocket pets, and bucket calves for example.

For details about specific projects by curriculum areas, including Clover Kids, go to <https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main/index>



Extension is a Division of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln cooperating with the Counties and the United States Department of Agriculture.

The 4-H Youth Development Program abides with the nondiscrimination policies of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the United States Department of Agriculture.

4-H AMBASSADORS

4-H AMBASSADOR APPLICATIONS

Applications are being accepted through December 1, 2023, for Boone County 4-H Ambassadors. Ambassadors represent the community, Boone County 4-H, and the Nebraska 4-H Program, and are role models to all 4-H youth. This is a time commitment and leadership role.

Objective:

The 4-H Council may select up to three individuals who best represent the Boone County 4-H Program. The ambassadors should be well spoken and carry themselves with poise, a sense of self-worth, and respect. They should be a leader who shows initiative and a sense of pride and commitment to promote and represent the Boone County 4-H Program.

To Apply:

1. Must be age 14 - 18 (4-H age) and have completed a minimum of two years in 4-H, (not including current year), and currently enrolled.
2. Must complete application and turn into the Extension 4-H Office by December 1, 2023.
3. Applicants will be interviewed on their 4-H experience by a panel of judges after applications have been reviewed. Applicants should be available for an interview at this time.
4. Applicants must supply two references with contact information (non-family member).

Expectations of Ambassadors:

1. Must be willing to represent 4-H throughout the year including participation in local community events and 4-H county activities (some activities outside your comfort zone).
2. Follow the 4-H Code of Conduct at all times (available at the Extension Office).
3. Follow the dress code:
 - Ambassador Polo with jeans or slacks (leggings prohibited). Two shirts will be provided.
 - Shorts/Skirts: Shorts/Skirts should be no less than two inches above the knee. No underwear should show below or above the garment, even when bending over.
 - Tightness: No garment should be so tight as to reveal the outline of under garments or body parts.
 - Shoes: Wear appropriate shoes for the occasion.Applicant must get dress information for the event they are attending.
4. Ambassadors will be expected to carry out their duties as per contract with the 4-H Council.

4-H Ambassadors will promote 4-H to potential members and volunteers, demonstrate the impact 4-H has on the lives of young people and the community, and promote 4-H to potential donors and give them opportunities to support the program. Ambassadors will be a resource to county and state 4-H staff.

The rewards are:

- \$500 Scholarship to college of choice
- Recognition at County Fair Livestock Premium Sale and Achievement Night
- Two 4-H polo shirts to wear at events
- Resume/Scholarship building experiences

If you are planning on going to college in the future, will you be available to fulfill your responsibilities, as listed here to represent and promote 4-H in Boone County? This will include attendance and participation in agreed upon activities. If, for some reason you are unable to fulfill an obligation, you should contact the ambassador coordinator. Application can be found at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/boone-nance/4-h-clubs-materials/>, or stop in at the Extension Office and pick one up!

ACHIEVEMENT

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Boone County 4-H families enjoyed an ice cream social, compliments of Farm Credit Services of America and the Boone County 4-H Council at the Annual 4-H Achievement Party held on Sunday, October 29th at the Boone County Fairgrounds in Albion.

Awards presented included: Beef Herdsmanship – Benes Family, Kurtis Rasmussen Family; Sheep Herdsmanship – Smith Family; Swine Herdsmanship – Eickhoff Family, Weeder Family; Goat Herdsmanship – Cody Rasmussen Family; Horse Herdsmanship – Rose Family, Schlecht Family; Poultry Herdsmanship – Fiebelkorn/Olnes Family; Rabbit Herdsmanship – Rose Family.

Special Recognition for State Fair Contests were: 4-H Horse Bowl Senior Team: Aidan Choat (Captain), Abby Addison, Brooke Brengelman, and Hunter Olnes; 4-H Horse Bowl Intermediate Team 1: Kate Maricle (Captain), Maddie Kuta, and Josie Rother; 4-H Horse Bowl Intermediate Team 2: Kailyn Choat (Captain), Tinsley Neidhardt, and Dorothy Smith.

PASE contest: Livestock Quiz Bowl Senior Team: Cassidy Maricle (Captain), Aidan Choat, Ryan Cumming, and Nicholas Groeteke; Livestock Quiz Bowl Intermediate Team: Kate Maricle (Captain), Kailyn Choat, Kahnen Pelster, and Dorothy Smith; Livestock Skillathon Senior Team: Maddie Kuta, John Laska, Tinsley Neidhardt, and Hunter Olnes; Meats Judging Team 1: Aidan Choat, Ryan Cumming, Nicholas Groeteke, and Cassidy Maricle; Meats Judging Team 2: Kailyn Choat, Kate Maricle, and Kahnen Pelster; Meats Judging Individuals: Maddie Kuta, John Laska, Tinsley Neidhardt, Hunter Olnes, and Dorothy Smith; Livestock Judging Senior Team: Aidan Choat, Ryan Cumming, Cassidy Maricle, and Hunter Olnes; Livestock Judging Intermediate Team: Kailyn Choat, Maddie Kuta, Kate Maricle, Tinsley Neidhardt, Kahnen Pelster, and Dorothy Smith.

State 4-H Horticulture Identification contest Senior Team A: Jayden Benson, Noah Ketelsen; Senior Team B: Aidan Choat, Jean Cumming, Lydia Ketelsen; Intermediate Team: Mallorie Fler, Isaiah Ketelsen, Lucas Moeller, Ali Werts.

State 4-H Weed & Grass Identification contest: Aidan Choat.

State 4-H Insect Identification Contest: Aidan Choat.

State 4-H Dog Skillathon: Aidan Choat, Jazmine Walz, Zoey Walz.

State Fair Fashion Show: Kate Maricle.

State Public Speaking Contest: Mackenzie Fler, Mallorie Fler, Kate Maricle.

First Lego League State Championship Tournament: Lucas Moeller, Jacob Smith, and Luke Smith.

Serving as Boone County 4-H Ambassadors during 2023 were Brooke Brengelman, Addy Donelson, and Cassidy Maricle.

Clover Kids receiving 1st year pins were: Henry Brengelman, George Frey, Remi Hamling, and Keegan Knott.

Receiving 1st year pins (youth member) were: Sebastian Fiebelkorn, Drew Frey, Jase Frey, Lucas Frey, Maddie Kuta, Kathryn North, Hunter Olnes, and Hadley Schriver.

3rd year pins awarded (youth members): Ross Beckwith, Grant Bittner, Morgan Cumming, Kendall Fler, Ella Fogleman, Isabella Moeller, Lucas Moeller, and Pearl Smith.

6th year pins awarded: Mackenzie Fler, Mallorie Fler, and Kade Knott.

9th year pin awarded: Virgil Brengelman, Kate Maricle, Ashlynn Naber, and Natalie Schrad

10th year pin awarded: Aidan Choat

11th year pin awarded: Brooke Brengelman

12th year pin awarded: Cassidy Maricle

Leaders recognized were: 1st year – Kally King and Sarah Moeller. 5th year – Stephanie Beckwith, Fina Choat, and Mark Hooker. 10th year – Joe Diessner and Melissa Neidhardt. 20th Year – Teri Choat and Jean Meyers. 30th Year – Carol Kusek.

Kyle Mock received the Friend of 4-H Award.

Jessica Kurpgeweit, Cornhusker Public Power District, presented photographs to 4-H members who received a purple ribbon during the county fair.

AKRS Equipment Solutions donated an award to each 4-H member.

4-H VOLUNTEERS

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A 4-H VOLUNTEER?

Volunteers are the heart of 4-H. Whether you choose to start your own club or be a project leader on a special project, or serve as an activity worker at the county fair or other 4-H activities, your time and effort are valued as necessary assets to the program.

4-H Clubs that may need volunteers are marked with an asterisk (*):

*Boone County 4-H Shooting Sports

Boone County 4-H Robotics

*Boone County Junior Leaders

Canine Cadets

Clever Clovers

Cloverleaf

*Country Kids

*Dream Team

Jr Pirates 4-H Club

Levi's 4-H Club

*Rolling Hills

- Club organizational leaders and project leaders will enroll as an active volunteer in 4-H online.
- All volunteers must sign the Activity Worker Guidelines and Volunteer Code of Conduct every year, as a part of the enrollment process.
- ALL NEW club volunteers must be screened prior to service, and complete a screening as a direct volunteer every 5 years.
- Club volunteers should complete at least two hours of training annually (see next article).

Volunteers not enrolling in 4-H online will need to complete the volunteer screening for indirect volunteers every year. This can be done by completing the Activity Application for the Indirect Volunteer at https://ssp.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3KOb7BzT4uwj3cW

If you are considering starting a new 4-H Club, the best place to start is the Extension Office in your county. The office staff will give you materials and information you need to organize a 4-H club.

Contact the Extension Office if you are interested in becoming a 4-H volunteer.

VOLUNTEER ROAD SHOW

Last chance to attend the Volunteer Road Show! This is an opportunity for volunteer professional development. Join one of the unique volunteer training events to discover new opportunities for you members, network with other volunteers, and build your skills in working with youth.

A \$15 registration fee covers a meal and all supplies. (Payment will be accepted during online registration only.)

Locations:

North Platte - November 6

West Central Research Extension Education Center

402 W State Farm Rd, North Platte

Time: 6:00 - 8:30 pm CST

Register by November 3

York - November 7

4-H Building, York Co Fairgrounds

N Nebraska Ave, York

Time: 6:00 - 8:30 pm CST

Register by November 3

Omaha - November 9

Nebraska Extension - Douglas - Sarpy Counties

8015 West Center Rd, Omaha

Time: 6:00 - 8:30 pm CST

Register by November 3

Kearney - November 13

Nebraska Extension - Buffalo County

1400 E 34th St, Kearney

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 pm CST

Register by November 10

Session Topics:

The Magic of 4-H

4-H Rabbit Project 101

Color Theory

4-H Poultry Project 101

Environmental Education

Parliamentary Procedure

For more information and to register, go to <https://4h.unl.edu/volunteer-road-show>

EVENTS & MEETINGS

BOONE COUNTY JR LEADERS

The Boone County 4-H Jr. Leaders Club is requesting 4-Her feedback for what they would like the Jr. Leaders Club to look like moving into the future. The Boone County Jr. Leaders Club would first like to thank Kevin and Lisa Wagner for their many years of service as club leaders.

Boone County 4-H will be hosting a Jr. Leaders 2024 Kick-Off Pizza Party. We are inviting 4-Hers that are in High School and their parents to join us for an evening of fun, pizza, and idea generation. Bring your ideas for developing our Jr. Leader program for the next year!

This Kick-Off Party is open to all High School 4-Hers from static exhibitors, shooting sports, livestock exhibitors, and all others as well as from every Boone County Community!

Boone County Jr. Leaders Kick-Off Pizza Party

Who: High School 4-Hers and Parents

When: Sunday, December 17th at 6:00 PM

Where: Boone County Extension Office, Albion, NE

Please RSVP by Friday, December 15 at 4:30 pm by calling 402-395-2158. Thank you!

Hope to see you there!



FED STEER CHALLENGE

Applications for the Nebraska Fed Steer Challenge are open and due December 1, 2023 for the 2024 program year. For more information regarding the Fed Steer Challenge, or to apply to participate in 2024, visit <https://4h.unl.edu/fed-steer-challenge>.

For a virtual learning session join via Zoom on Wednesday, November 8th at 8:00 pm at <https://unl.zoom.us/j/94751323224>

This session will be posted on the website later.

LIVESTOCK CLASSIC STEER & HEIFER SHOW

Northeast Community College Livestock Judging team will sponsor the 38th Annual Livestock Classic Steer and Heifer Show Friday and Saturday, November 24 and 25, 2023. The show will be held at the Chuck Pohlman Agriculture Complex at NECC in Norfolk.

Pre-registration deadline is November 17, 2023. For more information and an entry form, go to https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/boone-nance/image_gallery/LivestockClassicSteer%26HeiferShowNov24-25.pdf

CARDINAL CLASSIC CATTLE SHOW

The Cardinal Classic Cattle Show will be held December 8-10 at the Niewohner Arena at the Boone County Fairgrounds. Find them on Facebook for more information.

DATES TO REMEMBER

October

16 4-H Online Enrollment Open

November

10 Veterans Day - Office Closed

23 Thanksgiving Holiday - Office Closed

24 Thanksgiving Holiday - Office Closed

December

1 4-H Ambassador Applications due

25 to January 1 Holiday Break - Office Closed
(Re-opening on January 2)

BOONE COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

The following adults were elected to the Boone County 4-H Council:

Dave Hilmer

Kally King

Chris Nelson

Brenda Pelster

Youth Members

Kate Maricle

Melany Preister

THIS & THAT

ENGLER SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is available due to the generosity of The Paul and Virginia Engler Foundation. Paul is a native Nebraskan who through vision, hard work, sweat equity and tenacity built an exceptional career as an entrepreneur, industry leader, and dedicated advocate for building bridges for the next generation to cross.

The Engler program began in 2010 with \$20 million gift over 10 years from the Paul F. and Virginia J. Engler Foundation. The Engler program awards approximately 80 scholarships annually. Over \$2,000,000 has been invested in students over the lifetime of the program. Students also can reapply each year during their undergrad time at UNL.

For academic year 2024-2025, the application will open on 10/1/23 and close on 1/15/24 at midnight. The only requirements to apply for an Engler scholarship – declare a CASNR major and have participated in 4-H or FFA. Awards range from \$1000 to \$4000 per school year.

The scholarship is only a small component of the value available to you through engagement in the Engler Agribusiness Entrepreneurship Program. Find the application and information about available courses and camps at <https://englerjourney.com>.

AWARDS

Just a reminder to pick up your County Fair Premiums, Trophy Plates, State Fair Premiums, and everything else that is yours, by November 17. After that date, the premiums will revert to the Fair Board and 4-H Council.



2023 4-H PROJECT SHOWCASE

The 4-H Project Showcase can be viewed at:



<https://4h.unl.edu/project-showcase>

Several Boone and Nance County entries are included.

OTHER EVENTS

- NOVEMBER 17-19, 2023 - Nebraska State Poultry Association is hosting the IWBA Western National Show at the Lancaster Event Center. More information to come. Find them on Facebook here:



4-H STORIES

It's never too late to submit your 4-H story. If you have missed sending in your story in past years, you can still send them in and get credit for them. This will add more completed years to your permanent record. We refer to this information when you ask for a reference for college or job applications. So it is important to complete this step.

You can also catch up on earned awards. To do this, you will need to contact the Extension Office to find out what years you are missing, and what projects you took during those years. Then just submit a short story about that 4-H year.

Until Next Month,

Steve Pritchard
Extension Educator

Sonya L. Glup
Extension Associate



BOONE COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, October 9, 2023 - 8 pm

Boone County Extension Conference Room - Albion

Call to Order – President Kurtis Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Members present included Kurtis Rasmussen, Joe Epperly, Susan Staub, Janet Groeteke, Brenda Pelster, Brian Maricle, Scott Brengelman, Mitch Koch, and Matt Schriver. Staff member present was Steve Pritchard.

Excused Absences – Sonya Glup, Wes Stokes, Jaclyn Frey, Nick Krohn, Brooke Brengelman and Emily Schlecht. Motion made by Pelster, seconded by Frey to approve excused absence. Motion carried.

Pledges – President Rasmussen led the Council with the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge.

Secretary's Report

Minutes were read and motion was made by Epperly, seconded by Susan to approve the minutes from the Council meeting held on September 20, 2023. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Pelster presented the Treasurer's Report. Noted there were 10 families who received \$10 each for Herdsmanship award at fair. Motion was made by Epperly, seconded by Koch to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

1. Finalize Council Ballot

Ballot for four adults committing to serving 3 years starting January 1, 2024, consists of Brenda Pelster, Chris Nelson, Aaron Hamling, Lori Morgan, and Dave Hilmer & Kally King. Ballot for two youth (age 14-18) serving a one-year term starting January 1, 2024, are Kate Maricle, Aidan Choat, Emily Schlecht, Melany Preister and Clarisa Grass.

2. Election Procedures

Voting will be October 23-27. Ballots in Extension Office and during the Achievement party on October 29th. Ballots will be counted at the Achievement Banquet.

3. Achievement – October 29th, 2023, at 1:30

Set up is at 12:30. Joe will be the judge for the costume contest with candy bags as prizes. Steve has the ice-cream (we need ice cream scoops) and Brenda will get bowls/spoons/toppings. Our 4-H Supporter Honoree for 2023 will be present.

4. Jr Leaders Club – Future Leadership

A meeting tentatively set for Sunday, October 22 at 8 p.m. with interested Council members to discuss the future of the club.

5. Arama Livestock Show Management

Lisa and Kevin Wagner agreed to assist.

Committee Reports

1. Awards – Stokes & Epperly reported remade plates for trophies are correct.

2. Fund Raising – Stokes, Staub and B. Brengelman will look into getting socks/shirts during February (4-H) month as a possibility.

3. Ambassador – Application deadline will be December 1, 2023. After review, candidates will be contacted to set up an interview. Our three 2024 Ambassadors will be announced at the January 2024 Council meeting.

New Business

1. Pick-up – items need to be picked up at Achievement Banquet. Deadline for pickup of items left after Achievement will be Friday, November 17, 2023.

2. Buyer Picture Distribution – 4-H youth need to deliver their picture(s) to their buyer(s) and can pick them up at Achievement Banquet to disperse. Council members will also help later if needed.

3. Audit – 2023 year-end financial records need to be reviewed. Rasmussen and Staub will review.

4. Clubs – Year-end club reports need to be turned into

5. Other Business – Robotics club is in process of changing their name. Busy Bees club dissolved.

Next 4-H Council Meeting

Monday, January 8, 2024, at 7 pm – location to be decided.

Adjournment - Epperly made the motion to adjourn and Staub seconded it. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Groeteke – Council Secretary



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