

Butler County 4-H News

September 2023

Dates to Remember

Sept. 5 - Labor Day - Office Closed

Sept. 7 - State Fair Exhibits available for pick up at the Extension Office

Sept. 25 - Achievement Applications and Award Nominations Due

Oct. 1-7 - National 4-H Week

Oct. 6 - Diamond Clover Program Deadline & Wear a 4-H Shirt to School Day

Oct. 9 - Columbus Day - Office Closed

Nov. 1 - 4-H Council Meeting

Nov. 8 - Butler County 4-H Awards Celebration Night

If having too many ribbons is wrong, I don't want to be right.



Whatever your flavor

Congratulations to all the Butler County 4-H exhibitors at the 2023 Nebraska State Fair! Whether you competed in the showing, during a contest or had a static exhibit selected - we hope you had a memorable experience. View results at [Nebraska State Fair 4-H](#). Search 'Butler' under the county and see how the 4-H'ers did!

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Butler County 4-H Awards Celebration

November 8, 2023 | 6:30 pm

Butler County Event Center

Pot Luck Meal

Summer Recap Video Presentation

RSVP by November 1 - to have a number for table set-up!

Awards to be Presented:

- 2023 Butler County Chris Clover Award
- 4-H Workshop/Camp/Conference Scholarship
- 2023 County Awards
- Outstanding 4-H Girl and Outstanding 4-H Boy
- 2023 Individual Appreciation Honoree
- 2023 Business Appreciation Honoree
- 2023 4-H Alumni Honoree
- 4-H Year Pins
- 4-H Leader Pins
- County Fair Buckle Ceremony
- And More!



2023 year Pin Recipients

First year Members

Claire Bergman
Ryder Bohac
Caden Daehling
Maddox Daehling
Hadley Davis
EmRyn DeWispelare
Arjay Johnson
Myles Kobza
Tenley Kocian
Rylie Kreikemeier
Kara Kresha
Calvin Lavicky
Delano Lavicky
David Osborne
Garret Ostrander
Beau Parsons
Tyke Parsons
Taeja Reeves
Ella Ross
Bolton Ruth
Charlie Ruth
Drake Ruth
Gemma Ruth

Maria Irene de Mont Serrat de Sou
Guilherme Mont Serrat
Davi Neves de Mont Serrat

First year Members

Nash Schmit
Emmitt Schultz
Addilyn Sorensen
Cameron Soulliere
Amya Stephens
Gabriel Svoboda
Lucas Vandenberg
Emma Weston
Ian Weston
Henry Weverka
Conner Witmer

Third year Members

Daniel Coufal
Adam Fozzard
Zane Meysenburg
Izabela Polivka
Brooke Sabata
Spencer Vandenberg
Vincent Vandenberg
Emma Zimmerman

Sixth year Members

Leah Adair
Zoey Allen
Emma Bouc
Haven Cada
Chase Carter
Aubrie DeWispelare
Camden DeWispelare
Kadience Helgoth
Emily Hinze
John Hinze
Kimberly Kriz
Emily Lyons
Elizabeth Moravec
Callie Muntz
Klayton Perry
Bianca Romshek
Danica Romshek
Garrett Ruth
Emma Scheele
Isabella Wagner
Grace Zook

Ninth year Members

Rebecca Andel
Isaiah Coufal
Cole Miller
Braxton Siffring
Wyatt Steager
Finley Zook

Eleventh year Members

Reese Kozisek
Autumn Lindsley
Quintessa Moravec
Kaitlyn Palik
Becca Podolak

Leader Recognition | years of Service

Carrie Carter	2 years
Clint Ostermeier	2 years
Isabel Coufal	2 years
Corry Bouc	20 years

Congratulations!!



Husker Harvest Days

The world's largest totally irrigated working farm show in Grand Island, September 12-14.

All Agriculture, All Outdoors - ALL LIVE!

For over 40 years, Husker Harvest Days has provided world-class space where farmers and ranchers gain priceless insights for their operations while make connections that last for years. Known as the world's largest totally irrigated working farm show, Husker Harvest Days gives the unique agricultural experience that you'll never forget.

Check their website out at **Husker Harvest Days** for schedule, location, buy tickets, maps, demonstrations, events and so much more!

NE Youth Beef Leadership Symposium

It's that time of year again and we'll be hosting the 19th annual Nebraska Youth Beef Leadership Symposium (NYBLS) at the Animal Science Complex on November 17 – 19, 2023. More details about the symposium, the 2022 recap video and the application link can be found at

go.unl.edu/nybbs. **Please note the application deadline of October 1st.** If an individual is selected to participate, a \$75 registration fee will be collected at that time. See the included flyer for more information!



2022-2023 4-H Record Keeping & Awards

New Due Date: September 25

- **Annual Achievement Application** - \$10 incentive from Butler County 4-H Council for every member turning in the application.
- **Chris Clover Application** - special award for first and second year members.
- **County Awards Application** - award pins and county recognition.
- **Clover Kid Record Books** - \$5 incentive for every Clover Kid turning in the Clover Kid Record Book courtesy of Butler County 4-H Council.
- **Diamond Clover Award** - plan your goals and report your progress!
- **All Special Award Nominations** - due September 25!

The **4-H Annual Achievement Application** is a requirement for applying for the following Butler County 4-H Program Awards:

- 4-H County Awards
- Chris Clover Awards
- 4-H Workshop and 4-H Camp Scholarships
- 4-H Council Senior Scholarship (Due April 1)

APPLICATIONS CAN BE FOUND ONLINE BY VISITING THE FOLLOWING LINKS:

- County Award Achievement Application (youth ages 8-18 as of January 1) - [NE4H-Jr-Achievement-Application fillable.pdf](#)
- State Award/Delegate Achievement Application (youth ages 15-18 as of January 1) - [NE4H-Sr-Achievement-Application fillable.pdf](#)
- Chris Clover Award Application - [Chris Clover Award Application fillable.pdf](#)
- 4-H Workshop and 4-H Camp Scholarship Application - [Scholarship Application fillable.pdf](#)



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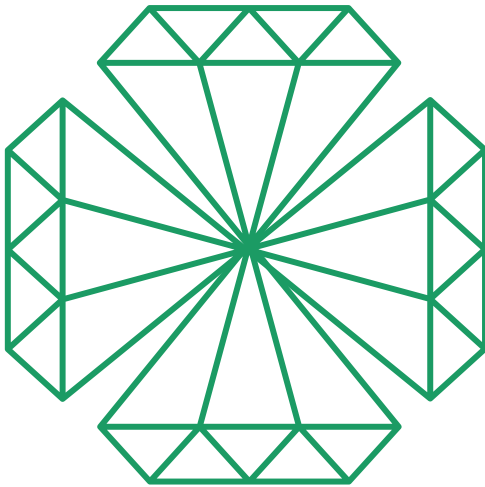
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NOMINATIONS WANTED

We are currently seeking nominations for our 2023 Butler County 4-H Honorees. Nomination forms can be found at: [4-H Awards & Record Keeping | Nebraska Extension](#).

- **Outstanding 4-H Girl and Outstanding 4-H Boy:** 4-H'ers who are high school juniors or seniors may be nominated for this award. This will be awarded to youth who have demonstrated personal integrity, well-rounded lives and a willingness to assume responsibility.
- **Individual Appreciation Honoree:** This individual has served 4-H in an extra special way.
- **Business Appreciation Honoree:** This business has supported 4-H through funding, in-kind donations and/or other types of support.
- **4-H Alumni Honoree:** This former 4-H'er has demonstrated a successful life in terms of citizenship, career, family, etc. influenced by their involvement in 4-H.



DIAMOND CLOVER AWARD INFORMATION

The Diamond Clover Award Program encourages 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 consists of six levels that require a young person to plan and report a broad range of age-appropriate accomplishments. More information can be found at: [Diamond Clover | Nebraska 4-H](#). The goals sheet must be submitted to the Butler County Extension Office on **May 5** and the final reports to be submitted on **October 3**. For more information, contact [Aliesha Meusch](#)!

CLOVER KID 4-H RECORD BOOK

The Clover Kid Record Book is designed as a beginning record keeping tool for 4-H members 5-7 years of age. Every Clover Kid completing a record book and turning it in by **September 25** to the Extension Office will receive a **\$5 incentive** provided by the Butler County 4-H Council. The Clover Kid Record Book can be found here: [2023 Clover Kid Record](#).





Nebraska 4-H Annual Achievement Application for Awards and Recognition

The Nebraska 4-H Achievement Application is a standard application form used for the selection of county and state award winners, including Nebraska delegates to National 4-H Congress and National 4-H Conference, as well as Nebraska 4-H Foundation scholarship award recipients. *To serve as a delegate for National 4-H Congress or Conference, youth must turn ages 15-19 during the calendar year in which the trip occurs. If you are interested in being considered as a delegate for these national experiences, you will make the designation on your application.*

APPLICANTS

- All youth, aged 8-18, are encouraged to complete this application for acknowledgement of your annual achievements in 4-H and to be eligible for county and state level awards.

COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

- The application is designed to be completed electronically. Limit responses in the "My Experiences" section to a maximum of three pages, single-spaced, 12 point font. *A fourth page is allowed for those applying for the National trips.*
- In the selection process, significant accomplishments in your 4-H experience, leadership, community involvement and career spark (potential career choice) are given more consideration than number of projects completed.
- Please do not send a list of your awards. You may include selected awards as part of the "My Experiences" section of the application.
- Creativity is encouraged; use bullet lists, photos, infographics, etc. to help tell your 4-H story.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

- Submit the following elements via email (butler-county@unl.edu) to Butler County Extension by **September 25**. Applications can also be submitted via mail or drop-off.
- The completed application will include:
 - An "About Me" page
 - The "My Experience" answers (3 page maximum)
 - Additional responses required for *national experience applicants only* (1 page maximum)
- You can access the applications by visiting the following links:
 - Junior Achievement Application for ages 8-14 (county-only): [NE4H-Jr-Achievement-Application fillable.pdf](#)
 - Senior Achievement Application for ages 15-18 (state-eligible): [NE4H-Sr-Achievement-Application fillable.pdf](#)

Questions about the application and application process? Contact the Butler County Extension Office at 402-367-7410. For more information about the Nebraska Achievement Application, visit [Achievement Application | Nebraska 4-H](#).

NATIONAL EXPERIENCE APPLICANTS

- **National 4-H Conference** is held in March in Chevy Chase, Maryland. This is the premier national civic engagement opportunity for 4-H members across the country. Delegates not only learn while at the conference but also have the opportunity to practice and apply in a real-world setting their newly developed and refined skills. For more information, visit **National 4-H Conference | Nebraska 4-H**.
- **National 4-H Congress** is held in late November in Atlanta, Georgia. This program is an educational experience designed to make an impact. Youth will expand their skills, engage with other 4-H members and be inspired to make an impact in their club, community, country and world. For more information, visit **National 4-H Congress | Nebraska 4-H**.

TO BE A DELEGATE

- Applicants must:
 - Turn age 15-19 during the calendar year in which the trip occurs to be considered.
 - Not have been a delegate to the program in which they are applying.
 - Be able to miss one full week of school and/or work to attend the program.
 - Be a participant in the Nebraska 4-H Program in any delivery mode.
 - Be dependable and punctual.
- If selected, delegates will:
 - Participate in an orientation and complete pre-program assignments.
 - Check and respond to email and other online information regularly in preparation for the leadership experience.
 - Participate fully in the program.
 - Carry out follow-up responsibilities designated by the 4-H program.
 - Make public appearances for 4-H.
 - **Expenses:** The Nebraska 4-H Foundation provides partial scholarships. Delegates will be responsible for travel to and from the airport from home, meals to and from the leadership experience location, optional tours and souvenirs they wish to purchase.

COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION

- One additional page is allowed for delegate applicants.
- As you complete your application, remember that while participation in 4-H programs, leadership and community are important, the information you share when you return from the leadership experience is equally important.
- You are encouraged to submit the application electronically. A selection team will screen applications. Applicants may be contacted for additional information.
- Chosen delegates may be required to travel to an airport that is not the closest to them due to chaperone location and cost restrictions.
- Following the county review, make revisions if needed and submit the applications for state review by January 15.
 - If you did not previously submit an application to Butler County, you are still eligible to submit by January 15 for all considerations of the state level award and scholarships.
 - **All applications for state awards and delegate selection should be submitted via email to: 4HAchieves@unl.edu.** Files should be labeled with the applicants last name, first name and county. For example, *MeuschAlieshaButler*.



Who: 10th, 11th, & 12th grade students interested in the beef industry

When: November 17 - 19, 2023

Where: University of Nebraska - Lincoln

Applications available at go.unl.edu/nybbs on August 1st

Out of state students are eligible to apply

Application deadline: October 1, 2023

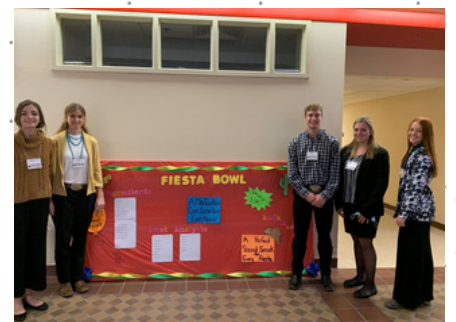
Contact Alli Raymond at araymond2@unl.edu with questions

Participate in workshops and discussion with beef industry professionals

Network with producers, industry professionals, and UNL faculty

Meet students with similar interests

Demonstrate knowledge of the beef industry by creating and marketing a retail beef product



Several scholarships from the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources will be awarded



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