



## Cass County 4-H Newsletter

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# What's Next in Cass County 4-H?

We're glad you asked ... Preparations for the awards program!  
Point Sheets, Diamond Clover reports, nominating volunteers for special awards and electing new members to the Cass County 4-H Council!

[Individual Member Point sheets](#) and [Club Point Sheets](#) are included in this newsletter and are due **October 2nd**. One section 4-Hers overlook are the award opportunities listed on the back of the individual's point sheet. Apply for them! They're not hard to do ... Write a short story answering the questions, make a poster, prepare a picture story, or you may choose to report via a video, etc! The options are fun and help you develop into a fine 4-Her!

- Leadership Award (what office did you hold or leadership activities did you do)
- Citizenship Award (what service projects did you do, where did you volunteer, etc.)
- Volunteer Award (tell about your volunteer activities in 4-H throughout the year)
- Memorable 4-H Experience (what's something you'll never forget!)
- Hardship Award (what was a 4-H handicap for you this year and why? What did you learn?)
- Workshop/Event Voucher (tell why you would like to attend a Cass County 4-H Workshops or event)
- Outstanding Senior 4-Her (story about your involvement, activities and leadership experiences)
- Outstanding Intermediate 4-Her ( story about your involvement, activities & leadership experiences)
- Outstanding Junior 4-H Member (Tell in a story about your 4-H experiences)

Diamond Clover records are due **October 2, 2017** ... Check on page 6 of this newsletter for more information regarding the awards!

Nominations for leader/volunteer awards are included on pages 9-11. They are due **September 18th** at 4:30 pm.

[Olga J Livers Volunteer Nomination Form](#)

[Volunteer Recognition Nomination Form](#)

Information for new 4-H Council members will be coming out in the 4-H Friday News Blasts! Watch for it!



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## Thank You!!! Cass County Fair 2017

**We know that many 4-Hers have already written thank you notes. That's great! There are other groups of people that deserve our thanks, and we don't always think of them because they are either behind the scenes, or have done some very special volunteer work. This would be the perfect opportunity to thank these special people:**

**Cass County Ag Society**, 8420 144th Street, Weeping Water, NE 68463

\*\* The Ag Society puts in countless hours to prepare the fairgrounds for us, makes sure the fair runs smoothly and is organized, clean and beautiful. They help us get supplies on the 4-H side of things, and move fences, bleachers, and benches around. They watch out for our safety and coordinate special events that make the fair very fun. The Cass County Agricultural Society Officers: Alan Horn, Gary Sickmann, Mark Rathe, Kevin Albert, Sherry Kuntz and Steve Wehrbein. Directors: Steve Hauschild, Dale Nickels, Blair Altman, Carol Bley, Duane Uhe, Susan Platt, Scott Platt, Matt Miller and Blaire Altman.

**Cass County 4-H Council**, 8400 144th Street, Suite 100, Weeping Water, NE 68463

\*\*The 4-H Council assists the extension staff, 4-H'ers and families in numerous ways, provide monies for trophies and awards, runs the cake auction, and helps with promotion and marketing. 2017 Council members: Adults: Kim Griffin, Teresa Hawks, Dennis Heim, Brandi Lambert, Diane Mills, Cindy Penke, Jenny Schroll, Reneé Thakur, Doug Wehrbein. Youth: Harlee Brauckmuller, Austin Hawks, Lily Korytowski, Madison Mills, Morgan Mills, Erin Muntz, Lexi Penke, Shay Uhe, and Kate Zakaras.

**2017 Fair Superintendents:** (on address put: Attn: (name), PO Box 134, Weeping Water, NE 68463)

\*\*Hours of work, attention to detail, and a vision to make the best better, we thank our superintendents:

Joan Brown—Fashion Show; David Wehrbein—Tractor Driving; Joe Bockman, Dennis Heim & Lynn Roeber—Beef; Arland Schroder & Judy Wehrbein—Sheep; Don Mills, Russell Roeber, & Doug Wehrbein—Swine; Dan Staben & Gary Sickmann—Dairy; Gary Stander & Geoffrey Edwards—Dairy Goats & Meat Goats; Derek & Donna McMains, Chris & Julie Kopf—Horses; Jean Thomassen, Kim Scholting, Harold Thomassen, & Carol Thomassen—Poultry & Miscellaneous Small Animals; Chris Abott & Carol Thomassen—Rabbits, Heather Larson—Dog, Dennis Heim—Livestock Auction, Brandi Lambert—Miscellaneous Static; Heather Ackman and Tammy Cavanaugh—Photography; Diane Bolin—Clothing; Krystl Knabe & Leisha Ahrens—Home Environment; Teresa Hawks—General Areas Engineering; Annette Dougherty & Dana Dougherty—Plant Science; Ruth Ann Hlavac & Chris Jenson—Foods; Peter Brown—Clover Kids; Reneé Thakur & Joan Brown—Community Service.

**Kan-Equip**, Attn: Mark Rathe. 11716 Hwy 1, Weeping Water, NE 68463

\*\*Kan-Equip sponsored a 4-H BBQ on Wednesday night of the Fair. This was a great event for all the 4-H Families who attended. We appreciate their generosity and the wonderful food!

**Midwest Farmer's Coop**, Dale Piper, 304 3rd Street, Elmwood, NE 68349

\*\*\*Sponsor of the 50 years of County Dreams and Blue Jeans t-shirts gifted to those in leadership at the 2017 County Fair.

**Cake Auction:** Dave Crandall  
1907 144th St  
Weeping Water, NE 68463

**Cake Auction Master of Ceremonies:** Hunter Arterburn  
Program Director/Morning Show Host - B103  
911 Central Ave, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Nebraska City, NE 68410

**Summer 4-H Intern:** Taylor Heim  
6508 Ranch Road  
Plattsmouth, NE 68048



Thank You!



**2017 Livestock Auction Supporters**

Ahrens Grain	HyVee
4 <sup>th</sup> Street Market	Glen & Shari Schmidt
Copple Chevrolet	Denise Eaton-Heim, CPA
Corn Growers State Bank	Lubben Veterinary
Greenthumb	Services
Hauschild Feed and	Rob Hartman
Construction	Animal Hospital
Knabe Farms	Agri Builders
Mick's Diesel Repair	Ryan Downs
Pankonin Inc.	4-H Family & Friends
Plattsmouth State Bank	Buyer Group
Roeber Show Cattle	Nebraska Digging Services
Vogt Cattle Company	Nehawka Bar & Grill
Dan and Myrna Borne-	Miner Transport
meier	Andrea Cupp
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Meyer-Earp Auto Center	Syracuse Veterinary
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Dennis Heim	Giter' Done Cookin
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Ram	
Jeff Henry Chevrolet	
Bruns Construction	
Lynn Justesen	
Roger Wehrbein	
Andy & Heidi Korytowski	
Pinnacle Bank	
Lazy 7 Livestock	
Brett Steinbrecher	
Walter Oehlerking Jr	

**2017 Silent Bid  
Quilt Auction Supporters**

Roseann Dobesh DeGraff  
Tiffani Keckler  
Robert Kiser  
Kirk Kubik  
Ed Olson

**2017 Cake Auction Supporters**

Pinnacle Bank	Mary Cieslik
Lubben Vet Service	Pet-A-Care Grooming
Heim Farms	Meyer Farms
Phil Lepert	Jan & Don Ahrens
William & Brandi	Jeff Henry Chevrolet
Ahrens	DP Storage Inc.
Freel Family	Schweitzer Construc-
John & Maxine Knabe	tion
Doug & Linda Allen	Hoss Lawn Care
Charlston Homes	
JSM Concrete	
Kenny & Peg Ahrens	
Seth Ahrens	
Green Thumb	
Corngrowers State	
Bank	
Krystal Knabe & Co-	
dy Knapp	
Drake Farm	
Linda Erickson	
Lou Salzman	
Caring Companions	
Trey & Leisha Ahrens	
Brooke Butler	
Neumeister Show Cat-	
tle	

Addresses for the Livestock Auction buyers will be included with the livestock auction checks, mailed to each 4-H'er before the end of the month.

Addresses for the Cake Auction buyers were included with the cake auction checks, mailed to each 4-H'er. Please write your thank you notes as soon as possible.

# Thank you everyone....

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A sincere thank you to all our trophy, cash award, and 4-H Friends sponsors! Your assistance is **amazing** and we can do well what we do because of the tremendous support and cooperation from individuals and companies that care about our 4-Hers and the Cass County 4-H program. *"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much"~Helen Keller.* Thank you, everyone!

## **Grand Champion Donors:**

Keith Weston Memorial Fund

## **Reserve Champion Donors:**

Oxbow Animal Health

## **Gold Medal Donors:**

Farm Bureau Insurance Company

## **Silver Medal Donors:**

Lubben Veterinary Services, LLC

Charleston Homes

Wilder Quarter Horses

Dave & Jeanette Freel

John & Maxine Knabe

## **Bronze Medal Donors:**

Rollin & Karyl Terryberry

Roger & Carla Lambert

Cindy Penke & Family

Rick & Teresa Hawks

Spohr's Landscaping

Five W Farms - Martin Wetenkamp

The Gary Stander Family

Plattsmouth State Bank

Midwest Farmers Coop

Stock Seed Farms

Randy & Thea Bornemeier & Family

Cass-Otoe Cattlemen

## **Purple Ribbon Donors:**

American Exchange Bank

Stove Creek Farms

Weeping Water Whiz Kidz 4-H Club

Jamie & Dana March

3B Homestead—Mark & U Sondra Buell

Cass County Creative Cats 4-H Club

Bromm, Lindahl, Freeman-Caddy &

Lausterer

State Farm Insurance

Plantman Nursery

Arland Schroder

Hamma Lamma Slammers

4-H Western Feeders

Albert Salers

Dr. Charles Stoehr Family

Fred Ulrich Farm

Kalby & Abigail Wehrbein

Lynn Roeber

The Dennis Heim Family

Annette's Catering

## **Purple Ribbon Donors continued:**

JTMH Inc.—Dean & Deb Hlavac

The Lambert Family

W. J. Cattle Company

## **Blue Ribbon Donors:**

4th Street Market

Dr. Charles Stoehr Family

Bridle & Saddle 4-H Club (In memory of

John "Sparky" Ostrander)

Susan Knabe

Clayton Miller

Coleman Lenz Family

Elmwood Meat Plant

Gary & Cindy Hall

Gene & Judy Wehrbein

The Hahn Family

Kim Ceballos Family

Krystl Knabe & Cody Knopp

The Les Hlavac Family

Pankonin's Inc.

Schafer Angus Farm

Vicki Sohl

Weeping Water Dental

Dan & Maline Staben

The Nehawka Bank

Turnip Seed Farm

Dylan Sohl

Helen Lepert Flower Foundation

The Downs Family

Cass County Lamb Kids 4-H Club

Conestoga Clovers 4-H Club

Farmers & Merchants Bank

Fusselman-Allen-Harvey Funeral Home

Hammons Funeral Services

The Korytowski Family

Kick N Spurs 4-H Club

Knabe Farms

Log Barn Stables—Donna & Derek McMains

Maxine Knabe

Meeske Ace Hardware

Nehawka Swine 4-H Club

The Dennis Heim Family

Tomorrow's Producers

Wehrbein Show Cattle

Wendt Appraisal Services

Triple B 4-H Club

Nebraska Sprinkler Company

Leonard & Judy Hild

Lester & Karen Roeber

## Fair Results

Results of the 2017 Cass County Fair can be found on our website on the 4-H page at <http://bit.ly/2wlaMsb>

## Cake Auction Checks

Checks for the 2017 Cake Auction were mailed last week. Please cash these checks promptly and use the thank you note (enclosed with the check) to thank your sponsor.



## The 2017 National 4-H Week October 1-7, 2017

For those of us who know how great 4-H is for the development of youth, it is our job to tell others about it! National 4-H Week offers the platform for us to do just that. Watch the 4-H Friday News Blast for upcoming, fun, and easy-to-do activities to tell the story of 4-H and spotlight your club!

## 4-H National Youth Science Day

Do you love science and enjoy science activities? 4-H National Youth Science Day (NYSD) is the world's largest youth-led science experiment. On **October 4, 2017**, millions of young people will take part in this year's NYSD experiment, *Drone Discovery*, to learn about physics, speed and safety! Visit the website: <http://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-science-day/>



## Congratulations!

There's no place like the Nebraska State Fair and we are proud of our 4-H'ers who got to showcase their best exhibits! Thank you for representing Cass County with pride! Exhibit Results for the State Fair can be found on the State Fair results link. [Click here.](#)



## 4-H Council

### 4-H Council

The 4-H Council is a group of 9 adults and 9 youth (14 years 4-H age and older) which provide support to the Extension staff, assist in determining the direction of the 4-H program, provide support and assistance to 4-H volunteers, and support 4-H members in the program.

Strong councils provides local input to the 4-H program. 4-H councils help provide additional funds to support 4-H programs through scholarships to 4-Hers for events and college, for leader forums, and for awards offered at county events. Additionally, 4-H councils help fund buildings on fairgrounds, staff hires, and other expenditures. Providing direction to 4-H programs strengthens the entire state 4-H system. Having a strong relationship is critical to a strong 4-H Youth Development Program.

It's an honor to serve on the 4-H Council. **If you are interested in running, simply contact the Extension Office. Several positions are open for 2017:**

- ⇒ Three adult positions are available
- ⇒ Nine youth positions are available.
- ⇒ Adults serve three year terms; youth (14 and older) serve one year.

Contact the Extension office if you are interested. Voting will take place on-line before the Achievement Party. Watch in the 4-H Friday News Blast about how/when to vote.



The fair is done and now it's time to be recognized and take credit for all you have accomplished and learned during the year. Recording your work and experiences on the year-end reports is a great life-time skill to acquire and practice.

Click on these links to acquire the forms:

- [Individual Member Point Sheets](#)
- [Clubs of Excellence Point Sheets](#)
- [4-H Diamond Clover Report Sheets](#)
- [CAREER PORTFOLIOS](#)

There is also a webinar that helps you understand the ins and outs/ hows and whys of the Career Portfolio. [Click here](#) to view that webinar. There are some great pointers and suggestions so make sure to take some time and look it up!

Point Sheets are due into the Extension Office on **October 2nd, 2017**. If you are turning in Record Books, they are also due October 2nd, 2017. Awards will be presented at the Achievement Party on Sunday **November 5th, 2017**.

## Nebraska Equine Webinar Series

Nebraska 4-H will be offering on-line webinars for 4-H Horse Project leaders, parents, and senior aged youth to gain knowledge in many different areas. The first webinar will be on September 11th at 6:00 pm and will cover equine nutrition, geared toward information needed for Advancement Level 3. Webinars will be held the 2nd Monday of every month. In addition, there will be time set aside for question and answers.

To access the webinar on your computer follow the instructions below:

Register in advance for this meeting:  
<https://nebraskaextension.zoom.us/meeting/register/ed40d0bfc29bc113dc2040ba88984b7b>



## Rabbit Clinic

Saturday, October 21, 2017

9:00 am to 12:00 noon

Lancaster Extension Education Center

More information, [Click Here](#)

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## Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Shotgun Leader Certification Workshop

December 9-10, 2017

Sponsored by Ashland Gun Club

Ashland, NE

More information, [Click Here](#)

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## On-Line 4-H Cat Club

Meetings are hosted via ZOOM at 6pm (a video and web conferencing service) so you watch from your home!

September 14, 2017

October 12, 2017

November 9, 2017

December 14, 2017

January 11, 2018

February 8, 2018

March 8, 2018

April 12, 2018

May 10, 2018

Information about the on-line cat club can be found at: <http://4h.unl.edu/companion-animal/cat-club>



Besides the awards and recognitions for 4-H youth, we are honored to recognize the valuable 4-H leaders and volunteers we have right here in Cass County! Where would we be without them, right?! **Nominate someone!** We have a great number of people who would qualify! Adult volunteers may be nominated by other adults or youth, and may nominate themselves.

The county level award winners will be selected by our local 4-H Council from the pool of nominations forms we receive. **Nomination deadline: September 18th!** That date will be here before you know it. The nomination forms are at the end of this newsletter. Complete the form(s) and either bring them in to the office, mail or email to the Cass County Extension Office: [sondra.buell@unl.edu](mailto:sondra.buell@unl.edu), / 8400 144th Street, Suite 100, Weeping Water, NE 68463

Here is a list of the awards: (See next page for list of previous winners)

## [Meritorious Service Award](#)

This award will be given to a 4-H volunteer, staff member, business, or group who has made a special contribution to or impact on the 4-H program for 10 or more years. This award is given in recognition of a wide range of services and contributions to the 4-H program at the club, county, district, state or national level. The nominees for this award will have influenced the lives of 4-H members in Nebraska in a positive way and/or influenced the overall 4-H program. Recipients may be nominated more than once but may receive this award only once.

## [Tribute to Leader Excellence Award](#)

This award is for current club leaders (co-leaders, assistant leaders, project leaders) who have served the 4-H program a minimum of 5 years and who have made a special contribution to or impact on youth, the 4-H program, their club and community. The leader must have positively affected the lives of youth and created a standard of excellence that helps motivate and encourage others. Recipients may receive this award once every five years.

## [Heart of 4-H Award](#)

This award will recognize volunteers, 4-H supporters and/or companies or organizations who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and/or volunteer service to 4-H, have made a special contribution to the 4-H program, or provided a significant number of service hours to 4-H. Volunteers may receive this award once every 5 years. The Nebraska 4-H Foundation will provide one plaque to each county each year.

## [Outstanding 4-H Alumni Award](#)

This award will recognize 4-H alumni who have given service or support to the 4-H program and/or have promoted 4-H positively in the community. Alumni from any county or state are eligible to receive this award. Recipients may receive this award once every 5 years. The Nebraska 4-H Foundation will provide one plaque to each county each year.

## [Olga J Livers Outstanding 4-H Leader Award](#)

Olga Livers served as a secretary in the Cass County Extension Office for 25 years. During that time, she served with loyalty and dedication to 4-H Clubs of Cass County. In 1989, the Cass County 4-H Council established an award honoring Olga. This award is presented each year to an outstanding 4-H leader at the annual 4-H Achievement Party.

**Olga Livers Leadership  
Award Winners**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Yer</u>
Margaret Terryberry	1989
Lynn and Carleen Dowding	1990
Maxine Knabe	1991
Bev and Charles Stoehr	1992
Lynn Roeber	1993
Judy and Gene Wehrbein	1994
Gary Stander	1995
Lori Pankonin and Diane Mayfield	1996
Sue Patterson	1997
Joy Henderson	1998
Rick and Lori Koutecky	1999
Joyce Vogt	2000
Dave Knabe	2001
Jean Thomassen	2002
Karen Roeber	2003
John Knabe	2004
Susan Platt	2005
Debbie Hennessy	2006
Linda Allen	2007
Dennis Heim	2008
Annette Dougherty	2009
Diane Bolin	2010
Kim Griffin	2011
Bob Vance	2012
Karen Bogatz	2013
Joan Brown	2014
Denise Horn	2015
Reneé Thakur	2016

**Heart of 4-H Award Winner**

Joe Burgert 2016  
Keith Weston 2016

**Meritorious Service Award Winner**

Lynn and Carleen Dowding 2016

**Outstanding 4-H Alumni  
Award Winner**

Danny Roeber 2016

**Turn in your nomination(s) right away ... don't miss the September 18th deadline. The 4-H Council will be voting on the nominees at the Council meeting that night, September 18th.**





**Deadline: September 18 at 4:30 pm**

## Nebraska 4-H Volunteer Recognition Nomination Form

Please check the appropriate award category for the person you nominate. Use a different form for each nomination/award. Volunteers may be nominated for both a county and state award the same year as long as requirements are met for both awards. A volunteer may nominate him/herself for the award(s).

### County Awards

Return nomination form, available at <http://4h.unl.edu/>, to your local Extension Office.

- Meritorious Service                       Heart of 4-H  
 Tribute to Leader Excellence                       Outstanding 4-H Alumni

### State Awards

Return nomination form and three letters of recommendations to the Nebraska 4-H Foundation (<http://www.ne4hfoundation.org>).

- Salute to Excellence Lifetime Volunteer of the Year (10 years or more)  
 Salute to Excellence Volunteer of the Year (under 10 years)

Nominee Contact Information:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name                                      First Name                                      Middle Initial                                      # of years as 4-H volunteer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address                                      City                                      State                                      Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone                                      Work or Cell Phone Number                                      Email

Nominator contact Information (if different from above)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name                                      First Name                                      Middle Initial

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address                                      City                                      State                                      Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone                                      Work or Cell Phone Number                                      Email

# Nebraska 4-H Volunteer Recognition Nomination Form

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- 1 Has nominee received the award before?  
 Yes (year received \_\_\_\_\_)  
 No  
 Not sure
- 2 Is Nominee currently involved with the Nebraska 4-H program?  Yes  No  
If yes, indicate type of involvement (club leader, fair superintendent, supporter)

3 Tell us why this person is deserving of this award: (examples might include: positive impact the nominee has had on 4-H and on 4-H youth, mentoring skills, leadership skills, service to community, innovative approaches to engaging youth, character, support and recruitment for 4-H, personal growth). If needed, attach sheets – limit of two pages.

Please return to the Cass County Extension Office.  
8400 144<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 100, Weeping Water, NE 68463  
Or email:  
[sondra.buell@unl.edu](mailto:sondra.buell@unl.edu)



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Please complete this form for the person you are nominating for the *Olga J. Livers Outstanding 4-H Leader award*.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last)

**Home Address:** (Street) \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of years as a 4-H Leader:** \_\_\_\_\_

**What are the current roles of the nominee as a 4-H Leader (check all that apply)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Organized club leader
- \_\_\_\_\_ Project group leader
- \_\_\_\_\_ Special interest leader
- \_\_\_\_\_ Community/area leader
- \_\_\_\_\_ Resource leader
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate the number of 4-H members with whom the leaders had 4-H contact:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Describe briefly the most important effect your nominee has had on 4-H. (Also include the involvement in the 4-H program and highlight 4-H leadership roles, responsibilities and achievements of your nominee. Use the back of the paper if more space is needed.)**



### **2018 Medicare Part D**

The Nebraska Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) will be presenting Plan Comparison/ Enrollment Events in southeast Nebraska. These SHIPP events will be hosted by SHIPP Counselor, Mary Ann Holland, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension Educator Emeritus and trained SHIPP Professional. If you are on Medicare and would like assistance in selecting the best drug plan for your needs, call the Extension Office at 402-267-2205.

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### **“I’ve Inherited a farm, Now What?” and “Traditional Land Management Education”**

Mark your calendar for December 4, 2017.

In the morning, Allan Vyhanlek will present an agricultural workshop called, “I’ve Inherited a farm, now what?” He will guide you through questions of:

- Should we keep or sell the property and the options and consequences for either decision
- Legal considerations
- Management considerations

In the afternoon of December 4th he’ll present a workshop on “Traditional Land Management Education” Call the Extension Office at 402-267-2205 to sign-up for either workshop.

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### **Radon Kits, Water Testing Kits, Soil Sample Kits**

Do you need one of these kits? They are available at the Cass County Extension Office—come on in and pick up what you need.

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### **Cover Crop and Soil Health Field Day & Tour**

Nebraska Extension, North Central SARE, NRCS, and the Nebraska Grazing Land Coalition are sponsoring a Cover Crop/Soil Health Field Day/Tour scheduled for Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. Here a link to a web page about the field day: <http://extension.unl.edu/statewide/nemaha/cover-crop-field-daytour-in-southeast-nebraska-september-19/>

For questions or to preregister, please call Gary Lesoing in Nemaha County at 402-274-4755.



#### **Cass County DinoCapture Pro Digital Microscope**

Did you know? ... In the Cass County Extension Office we have a digital microscope camera. If you have leaf damage, weeds, bugs, etc., bring a specimen to the office. We will take a photo with our microscope camera, send it to the university for diagnostics, and will report back to you what it is, suggestions as to what to do, etc. Questions, call the office 402-267-2205.



Have questions about gardening? Here’s the link to an excellent, easy, informative way to get answers.

Type in a question and receive a expert answers and help from Extension/University staff and volunteers from across the United States.

<https://ask.extension.org/ask>

# SEPTEMBER 2017



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>Note: Nebraska Extension Cass County office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. We are open over the lunch hour. If you miss the office hours and need to drop off some paperwork at the office, there is a drop box by the front door. Thanks!</p>					<p>Nebraska State Fair</p>	
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<p>Nebraska State Fair</p>		<p>Office Closed For Labor Day</p>	<p> Pick up <b>your</b> State Fair Exhibits at the Cass Co. Extension Office </p>			
3	4		5	6	7	8
				<p>On-Line Cat Club 6:00 pm</p>		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<p>Outstanding Leader Award Nominations Due to the Cass Co Ext Office Sept 18 due at 4:30</p>	<p>4-H Council Meeting at 6:45 p.m. at the Extension Office</p>	19	20	21	22	<p>AkSarBen Horse Show</p>
17	18					23
<p>AkSarBen Horse Show</p>				<p>AkSarBen Stock Show—Omaha, NE Sept 28-Oct 1</p>		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

## POINT SHEET FOR 4-H ACTIVITIES FROM AUGUST 15, 2016 TO AUGUST 15, 2017

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H age (age as of 12/31/16): \_\_\_\_\_ Club Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Use this point sheet to list individual participation in 4-H activities (one sheet per 4-H member). Included are 2017 County Fair and 2016 State Fair activities. Don't put more points in the blank than are listed. Add up your points and turn this sheet in by *October 2, 2017*.

Attended 2016 Achievement Party 20 \_\_\_\_\_

Showmanship at:  
 State Fair - 2016 10 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ak-Sar-Ben - 2016 10 \_\_\_\_\_

2017 Helped with:  
 Club Float 20 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club Banner 20 \_\_\_\_\_

Club Meeting Attendance  
 August 15, 2016 to August 15, 2017  
 (2 pts per meeting) 2 pt. x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Shooting Sports at:  
 County - 2017 10 \_\_\_\_\_  
 State - 2017 10 \_\_\_\_\_

Diamond Clover awards (achieved or working on this year)  
 Levels 1-4 10 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Level 5 20 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Level 6 30 \_\_\_\_\_

Judging contest at County Level - 2017  
 Life Skills 10 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Livestock 10 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Horse 10 \_\_\_\_\_

Speech Contest at:  
 County - 2017 10 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Regional - 2017 10 \_\_\_\_\_  
 State - 2017 10 \_\_\_\_\_

Community Service Project from August 15, 2016 to August 15, 2017: Club project you helped with that benefitted someone outside of 4-H. 10 points for each project...maximum of 40 points.  
 10, 20, 30 or 40 points \_\_\_\_\_

Judging contest at State Level - 2017  
 Dog Judging 10 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Horticulture 10 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Horse 10 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Horse Bowl 10 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Life Challenge 10 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Livestock 10 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Livestock Quiz Bowl 10 \_\_\_\_\_

Presentation Contest at:  
 County - 2017 10 \_\_\_\_\_  
 State - 2016 10 \_\_\_\_\_

Please list your Community Service projects:  
 1. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Judging contest at National Level - 2016 10 \_\_\_\_\_

Attended 2017 Camp:  
 Gretna 4-H Camp 20 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other 4-H Camp 20 \_\_\_\_\_  
 As Camp Counselor 20 \_\_\_\_\_

Two points for each completed 4-H project in year 2017:  
 2 pt. x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibited at:  
 2017 County Fair 30 \_\_\_\_\_  
 2016 State Fair 30 \_\_\_\_\_  
 2016 Ak-Sar-Ben 30 \_\_\_\_\_  
 2016 State Horse Show 30 \_\_\_\_\_  
 2017 Dist. Dairy Show 10 \_\_\_\_\_  
 2017 Dist. Horse Show 10 \_\_\_\_\_  
 16/17 Progress Shows 10 \_\_\_\_\_

Helped at 2017 County Fair:  
 Cleanup Day before Fair 20 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cleanup Day after Fair 20 \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL POINTS** \_\_\_\_\_

Participated in:  
 2017 Cake Auction 10 \_\_\_\_\_

Attended State Level 2017 events:  
 Any "UNL Big Red" camp 30 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Leadership Conference 30 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Any other State 4-H events 30 \_\_\_\_\_  
 list event(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECK ONE CATEGORY:**  
 General 4-H       General 4-H  
 Or Animal 4-H       With Animals

Participated in 2017 events:  
 Table Setting Contest 10 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Interview Clothing judging 10 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Interview Photography judging 10 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Interview Food judging 10 \_\_\_\_\_

Jr. Leader helped during 2017 at:  
 County Fair 10 \_\_\_\_\_  
 State Fair 10 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Workshops 10 pt. x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

*Age: 8 - 11*  
 P - 135 and over 145 and over  
 B - 90 - 134 90 - 144  
 R - 35 - 89 45 - 89  
 W - 34 and under 44 and under

4-H workshops you attended in 2017:  
 10 pt. x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Cass County 4-H Council member:  
 for 2016-2017 15 \_\_\_\_\_

*Age: 12 - 14*  
 P - 160 and over 175 and over  
 B - 105 - 159 120 - 174  
 R - 55 - 104 75 - 119  
 W - 54 and under 74 and under

2017 County Fair Showmanship:  
 (5 pt. for each showmanship event)  
 5 pt. x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Performing Arts/Music Contest:  
 County Fair - 2017 15 \_\_\_\_\_

*Age: 15 - 18*  
 P - 215 and over 235 and over  
 B - 160 - 214 180 - 234  
 R - 95 - 159 115 - 179  
 W - 94 and under 114 and under

2017 County Fair Parade:  
 representing 4-H 20 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_ 10 \_\_\_\_\_

## Beyond the Traditional - County Only Awards Application

*Clover Kids are not eligible*

Check award(s) applying for

✓	AWARD	REQUIREMENTS TO QUALIFY FOR AWARD
<b>The following awards can only be won once:</b>		
	Outstanding Senior 4-H Member	15 years or older (4-H member for a minimum of 5 years - including Clover Kid years). Story about involvement in 4-H program, activities and leadership experiences.
	Outstanding Intermediate 4-H Member	12 to 14 years old (4-H member for a minimum of 4 years - including Clover Kid years). Story about involvement in 4-H program, activities and leadership experiences.
	Outstanding Junior 4-H Member	8 to 11 years old (4-H member for a minimum of 3 years - including Clover Kid years). Storytelling 4-H experiences.
<b>The following awards can be won more than once:</b>		
	Outstanding Leadership Award	Tell about offices held and leadership activities in the 4-H program.
	Outstanding Citizenship Award	Tell about service projects done, number of hours volunteered, and any other information making you a good citizen.
	Outstanding 4-Her Volunteer Award	Tell about your volunteer activities in 4-H throughout the year.
	4-H Flop Award	Tell what project flopped and why. What did you learn?
	Memorable 4-H Experience Award	Choose any area of 4-H and tell why your experience was one you'll never forget.
	Hardship Award	What was a 4-H handicap for you this year and why? What did you learn?
	Workshop/Event Voucher for one 2017 Cass County 4-H workshop or event (your choice – amount not to exceed \$20)	Tell why you would like to attend a Cass County 4-H workshop or event.
Camp awards, previously part of this application, will be due in Spring 2018. See the application in the upcoming February newsletter.		

Space for application story (if more space is needed, attach 1 page only). Or use method of your choice to give information -- examples include poster, picture story, video, etc.





Due Date: October 2, 2017

## CLUBS OF EXCELLENCE POINT SHEET 2016 State Fair through 2017 Cass County Fair

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

“√” score area if one or more club members participated in the activity during the current year

(see back for explanation)

	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>Score</u>
<b>HEAD - Thinking critically; Solving problems</b>		
Judging Contests	20	_____
Presentation Contest	20	_____
Speech Contest	20	_____
Performing Arts Contest	20	_____
Workshop or Camp	20	_____
STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Curriculum	20	_____
Club Demonstrations	20	_____
Careers Curriculum	20	_____
<b>HANDS - Preparing for a career; Serving others</b>		
Community Service	20	_____
Care and Share fair entries (check one only)		
1 of 15 categories	10	_____ (minimum)
2 of 15 categories	20	_____
3 of 15 categories	30	_____
4 of 15 categories	40	_____ (maximum)
Cake Auction	20	_____
Fair Cleanup	20	_____
<b>HEART - Respecting self, others, and the environment; Communicating</b>		
4-H Leader/Volunteer Training (Jan)20		_____
Promotes Nebraska 4-H Month (Feb)20		_____
Promotes National 4-H Week (Oct) 20		_____
Club uses CC! Curriculum	20	_____
Club uses Leadership curriculum (includes use of Jr. Leaders)	20	_____
Club float	20	_____
Club Denim banner	20	_____
Club Flower Liners	20	_____
Club Barn Quilt	20	_____
Ag Literacy Curriculum	20	_____
<b>HEALTH - Choosing healthy lifestyles; Managing changes and challenges</b>		
Attends Achievement Party	20	_____
Healthy Lifestyles Curriculum	20	_____
Club Social Activity (run a 5K, Plan & take a fun trip, do a Team building day)	20	_____
<b>Other</b> _____	20	_____
	<b>TOTAL</b>	_____

<u>KEY</u>	
Gold:	300-450
Silver:	220-299
Bronze:	150-219
Honorable Mention:	Below 149

4-H Club Recognition:

Clubs are recognized each year at the Achievement Party. Each club will receive an award sheet for activities completed every year. Activities are based on the life skills clover. Every club leader needs to fill out this "Clubs of Excellence Point Sheet" and turn in to the Extension office by October 2, 2017 or before.

Point Sheet explanations:

- ☛ *Judging Contests* include Life Challenge, Livestock, Small Animal, Horse or Tractor Driving.
- ☛ *Character Counts (CC!), Health and Leadership project curriculums* may be taught at club meetings or a 4-Her can individually present it to the club (speech, presentation, hands on activity, etc) or club members can participate in related Family Fun Night activity.
- ☛ *Care and Share 13 categories* are listed below.
- ☛ *Promote National 4-H Week or Nebraska 4-H Month* with a window display, radio spot, newspaper article, etc.

Please complete the following questions about your club's Community Service:

\_\_\_\_\_ Approximate # of Hours of Community Service by Youth and Adults in 2016-2017  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Approximate Dollar amount contributed to Community Service in 2016-2017

Please check (✓) all Community Service projects your club participated in this past year:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Road Cleanup
- \_\_\_\_\_ Community Cleanup
- \_\_\_\_\_ Food Pantry, Shelter, Family, etc. Donations. Approximate amount \_\_\_\_\_ of cans, lbs. etc.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Care Center Volunteering
- \_\_\_\_\_ Senior Center Volunteering
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bake and Take
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fair Cleanup
- \_\_\_\_\_ Monetary Donations. Amount donated \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Petting Zoo
- \_\_\_\_\_ Soup and Food Label Collection for Schools and/or Organizations
- \_\_\_\_\_ Care & Share Kwilt Tops
- \_\_\_\_\_ Care & Share Quilts of Valor
- \_\_\_\_\_ Care & Share Sewing for Babies receiving blankets
- \_\_\_\_\_ Care & Share Dressed Bears
- \_\_\_\_\_ Care & Share Baskets and/or Filled School Bags
- \_\_\_\_\_ Care & Share Tote Bags
- \_\_\_\_\_ Care & Share Soup Jars
- \_\_\_\_\_ Care & Share Pillowcases
- \_\_\_\_\_ Care & Share Fleece Hats, Mittens, Scarves, Hoodie Scarves
- \_\_\_\_\_ Care & Share Kennel Mats
- \_\_\_\_\_ Care & Share Military Kids Hero Packs
- \_\_\_\_\_ Care & Share Pop Tab collection
- \_\_\_\_\_ Care & Share "Sock it to me" club challenge
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other (briefly describe)