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4-H Youth Development

# Bow Knot

4-H Newsletter

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September 2017



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

- 4 Office closed for holiday
- 10 2018 CWF Curriculum Meeting, 4-H Building, 2:00 p.m.
- 15 2018 CWF Payment Due
- 15 Record books and award applications due to organizational Leaders
- 18 4-H Council Meeting, 4-H Building, 8:00 p.m.
- 23-34 Aksarben 4-H Horse Show, State Fairgrounds, Grand Island
- 25 Entries due for 4-H Window Display Contest
- 28-Oct. 1 Aksarben 4-H Stock Show, State Fairgrounds, Grand Island
- 29 4-H Window Display Contest Judging Day
- 30 2017 Nebraska Youth Smallbore Silhouette Invitational, Pressey Wildlife Management Area, Oconto

### OCTOBER

- 1-7 National 4-H Week
- 2 Record books, award applications, secretary books and leader year-end reports due in the Extension Office
- 9 Office closed for holiday
- 14-15 Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification, Imperial

### NOVEMBER

- 10 Office closed for holiday
- 12 2018 CWF Curriculum Meeting, 4-H Building, 2:00 p.m.
- 15 2018 CWF Payment Due
- 17 Jessye's Retirement Party...Extension Office 3:00-5:00 p.m. and at 4-H Recognition Night 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- 17 4-H Recognition Night, City Auditorium, BBQ 5:30-7:00 p.m. Awards Program and 4-H Council Elections 7:00 p.m.

## Thank You

TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED  
MAKE THE  
2017 CUSTER COUNTY FAIR  
A BIG SUCCESS!

FROM  
"THE EXTENSION STAFF"

*Troy, Jessye, Colleen,  
Angie, and Michelle*

### STATE FAIR ENTRIES

Congratulations to all 4-H'ers who had their exhibits selected to go to State Fair. Exhibits will be ready to be picked up at the Extension Office on Wednesday, September 6.



**GOOD LUCK at State Fair!!**

### 4-H Council Meeting Scheduled

The next 4-H Council meeting will be held on Monday, September 18, 8:00 p.m. at the 4-H Building. The agenda will be posted at the Custer County Courthouse and the Nebraska State Bank in Broken Bow after September 11.



### Please remember to send your thank you notes to:

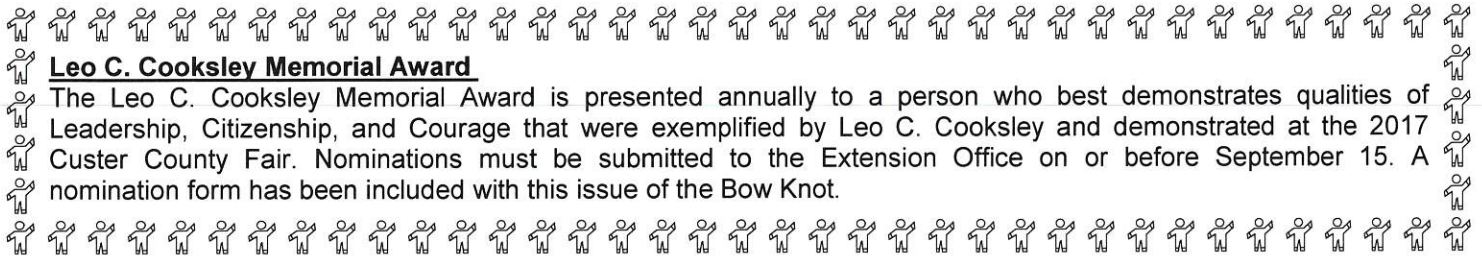
- the sponsor of the trophy, prize, or award you received at a pre-fair contest, county fair, or state fair
- your club leaders for all the help and support they've given during the year
- 4-H Superintendents and Volunteers
- the Custer County Ag Society for supporting the 4-H program, having the fairgrounds in such nice condition, and for managing the 4-H Livestock Auction
- Wayne Slingsby, Jim Eberle, Cory Palmer, and Paul Schipporeit for being the auctioneers at the 4-H Livestock Auction
- the business or person who purchased your livestock at the 4-H Livestock Auction
- the Custer County Ag Society, Norm McCaslin, Michelle Nelson, and crew for providing the accounting for the 4-H Livestock Auction

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**Leo C. Cooksley Memorial Award**

The Leo C. Cooksley Memorial Award is presented annually to a person who best demonstrates qualities of Leadership, Citizenship, and Courage that were exemplified by Leo C. Cooksley and demonstrated at the 2017 Custer County Fair. Nominations must be submitted to the Extension Office on or before September 15. A nomination form has been included with this issue of the Bow Knot.

**Community Festivals**

Many of the communities in the county have festivals during the summer months. We are interested in knowing about 4-H club entries in the various parades. Let Colleen know if you had an entry that promoted your 4-H club in one of these parades by September 15.



**Friend of 4-H**

“Friend of 4-H” nominations are due in the Extension Office on or before September 15. You may submit your written nomination for an individual, family, or business that you feel greatly contributed to 4-H in Custer County. Be sure to include a paragraph about how your nominee has contributed to the 4-H program.

**4-H Hardluck Award**

Do you have a 4-H'er in your club that has experienced “hardluck” during the year? The Harry Ray Boyles family of Mason City sponsors a “4-H Hardluck Award.” A \$25.00 cash award will be presented to the winner. A 4-H leader must recommend and submit an application to the Extension Office on or before October 2. Applications have been included in each organizational leader’s Bow Knot.

**4-H Beef Hardluck Award**

Do you have a 4-H'er in your club that has experienced “hardluck” with their 4-H beef project during the year? The Albert Sherbeck family sponsors a “4-H Beef Hardluck Award,” in memory of Albert Sherbeck. A cash award will be presented to the winner. Members may apply for this award by completing the simple application enclosed with this issue of the Bow Knot newsletter. Applications are due at the Extension Office on or before October 2.

**4-H Award Application Handbook is Available**

Add a special touch to your 4-H record books and apply for a 4-H award. There are awards available on a county, state, and national level. The goal for a 4-H member who is applying for 4-H awards would be to win a trip to National 4-H Congress! To make an application, you will need:



1. Cover (4-H Covers are available for sale at the Extension Office.)
2. 4-H Award Entry Sheet for 2017 (available at the Extension Office.)
3. 4-H Career Portfolio
4. Story
5. Photographs
6. Supporting Materials
7. Project record books or record sheets
8. Special materials, if requested

Anyone interested in applying for an award should contact Colleen for more information. Applications are due to the club leaders September 15. The revised Award Application Handbook is now available at the Extension Office. ***Please discard any 4-H Award Application Handbooks from previous years.*** A good 4-H record will help you recall your many experiences in 4-H in later years and will be an asset when applying for scholarships.

**School Projects vs. 4-H Projects**

4-H members, while you think about or begin to work on 4-H projects for the upcoming year, please keep in mind that articles entered at the county fair as a 4-H project must have been completed as a 4-H project and not used as a project for any other organization or school. Violation of rules renders the exhibitor subject to loss of premium monies, ribbons, other awards, and/or elimination from the show.



## 4-H Career Portfolio



**What is the 4-H Career Portfolio?** The 4-H Career Portfolio is a record of a 4-H member's 4-H career. It includes a listing of a 4-H member's personal growth and leadership experiences related to the knowledge learned, skills gained, and community service/volunteer activities experienced through 4-H.

**Why should a 4-H member complete the 4-H Career Portfolio?** The 4-H Career Portfolio is an excellent resource for a 4-H member to use in:

- developing award applications
- documenting 4-H experiences
- recording development of life skills
- applying for National 4-H Youth Congress
- applying for National 4-H Conference
- completing scholarship applications
- applying for college entrance
- building resumes
- applying for jobs

**Who should complete a 4-H Career Portfolio? Everyone!** Everyone is expected to complete the 4-H Career Portfolio. This is an accumulative record of your 4-H history and is an **invaluable** resource when applying for college scholarships and compiling a resume!

You may obtain a paper copy of the 4-H Career Portfolio at the Extension Office. The 4-H Career Portfolio may also be computerized. It is designed for Word and Open Office Software. You may download the 4-H Career Portfolio at <http://4h.unl.edu/careerportfolio>. You may also bring a flash drive to the Extension Office to have the 4-H Career Portfolio copied.

### **4-H MEMBERS...Due to Club Leaders by September 15**

4-H members. . . . the following is a checklist of what is due to club leaders by September 15:

- ✓ Record Books and 4-H Career Portfolio
- ✓ 4-H Award Applications
- ✓ 4-H Secretary book from club secretaries
- ✓ Diamond Clover Award Forms (Please hand these in separately. **Do Not include these forms with your record books.**)

Keep in mind that to complete your project(s), you must finish your project record book(s). A 4-H member does not have to exhibit at the county fair to complete a project. County fair is an optional activity that 4-H'ers can participate in. For example, your garden may have been eaten up by the grasshoppers or your horse was sick the day before fair. You have still put a lot of work into your project and by completing your record book, you will still get credit for that project.

**Record book(s) are only required for the 4-H project(s) which youth enroll in by April 1....one record book per project, not one record book per fair exhibit! Include all fair exhibits for a project into one record book.**

### **Record book(s) are NOT NEEDED for:**

- **June Jamboree county fair exhibits**....any youth may participate in June Jamboree exhibits. June Jamboree is not just for 4-H members.
- **Fashion Show**...Fashion Show is an activity which a 4-H member takes part in at the county fair to show their clothing exhibit...like showmanship is for an animal project. Please include your Fashion Show information and experiences in your 4-H clothing record book.
- **Tablesettings**...Tablesettings is a county fair exhibit only...not a 4-H project which youth enroll in by April 1. Information regarding your Tablesetting fair exhibit may be included in your foods, clothing, or home environment project record book(s).
- **Decorate Your Cupcake/Cakelet**...Decorate Your Cupcake/Cakelet is only a county fair activity available to any 4-H member enrolled in a foods project or a creative foods artistry project...not a 4-H project which youth enroll in by April 1.
- **Showmanship**...is a county fair class. Showmanship information should be included with the species record

### Premium Money

The Custer County Ag Society awards premium money for exhibits entered at the county fair. In order to receive premium money, 4-H'ers **MUST** complete their record book(s) for their 4-H project(s) in which the exhibit(s) was entered. The following is printed in the Custer County Fair Premium Book:

*"Premium checks will be given to the organizational leader for his/her club members and should be held until the final reports of the club members are completed and turned in on or before October 1. If given to club members before reports are turned in, leaders will assume the responsibility for the members to complete and submit reports before October 1."*

Premium checks will be issued by the Ag Society, one check for each club. We will contact organizational leaders when the checks arrive (probably early October). Premium money will be paid to 4-H members for the projects they exhibited in each club. So, if a 4-H'er is in two clubs, they should receive premium money in their primary club, as long as they completed and turned in their record book(s) to their leader(s) for their project(s) in each club.

### Herdsmanship Results

The following are the winners in the herdsmanship contest. Club names will be engraved on their respective traveling plaques which are displayed at the 4-H Building.



**Beef** - Ansley Jr. Livestock 4-H Club

**Sheep** - Sandhill Critters 4-H Club

**Dairy** - Kountry Kids 4-H Club

**Goats** - Tail Twisters 4-H Club

**Swine** - Western Riders 4-H Club

**Horse** - Four Corners 4-H Club

**Rabbits** - Thumbs Up 4-H Club

**Poultry** - Thumbs Up 4-H Club



# 2017 National 4-H Week



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

National 4-H Week will be celebrated October 1-7. This year's theme for National 4-H Week will be **"Grow True Leaders."** Nebraska 4-H prepares youth to make informed decisions about their college and career path. Young people develop skills through their 4-H projects that will lead to greater persistence in college and employability. Many times a youth engages in a career or business which was related to one or more of their 4-H projects. In Custer County, there are currently 486 youth and 114 volunteers involved in 4-H. 4-H is a community of more than 6.5 million young people nationwide learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills.

### Enter the 4-H Window Display Contest

The contest will be held during National 4-H Week, October 1-7, and is being sponsored by the 4-H Council to promote the 4-H program in Custer County. Cash prizes will be awarded as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$25; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$20; and 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$15. 4-H clubs may decorate a store window in their own community. Please make sure you get permission from the store owner before making your plans. Windows must be decorated using the theme, **"Grow True Leaders."** To learn more about the theme, you can view a 60-second PSA at: <http://4-h.org/get-involved/grow-true-leaders-campaign-media-resource-center/>. Windows will be judged between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 29. Displays must not be removed until October 8. Entry deadline is 5:00 p.m. on September 25. Enter online at: <https://goo.gl/forms/ANeFcxIUrYIM5CyP2>.



**2017 Nebraska Youth Smallbore Silhouette Invitational!**...This year's annual Nebraska Youth Smallbore Silhouette Invitational (previously known as the Nebraska High School Smallbore Silhouette Championships or the Pressey Shoot) will be held on Saturday, September 30, 2017, at the Pressey Wildlife Management Area. This is a "free" competition, open to all youth age 11 years old or older who have successfully completed Hunter Education and who have not yet graduated from high school. Proof of Hunter Education certification is required prior to being allowed to compete. Shooters should bring either their Hunter Education card or certificate to show at registration. All first time shooters at the event will receive one free box of .22 ammo!

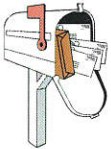
The range will open for practice at 7:30 a.m., with registration continuing until 9:30 a.m. Matches will begin at 10:00 a.m. and conclude mid-afternoon. Competitors will be grouped in various classes according to age, rifle weight, sight type, and experience level, competing against others in their own class. Individuals and teams are encouraged to enter. Teams should consist of 4 shooters from the same school, 4-H program unit, or scout troop. Teams may also enter in the "open" category if they do not fit the requirement for school, 4-H, or scout teams, however, open teams will not qualify to win the Overall Team Award. Trophies or medals will be awarded to the winners of each class.

Only equipment authorized by NRA Smallbore Rifle Silhouette Rules will be permitted. Shooters should bring their own rifle and ammunition (Standard or High Velocity .22 short, long, or long rifle.) No Stingers or other Ultra High Velocity ammo allowed. Targets are NRA ½ scale. Course of fire will be 40 rounds fired in two, 5-round stages at 40, 60, 77 and 100 meters.

Pressey WMA is located approximately 17 miles south of Broken Bow, NE and 30 miles north of Lexington, NE. Camping is available at the WMA. Pre-registration for the event is encouraged, however, you can register at the event. For more event details, or to register, contact Matthew Haumont at (308) 872-2348 or nebraskasilhouette@gmail.com. This invitational is

**Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop Offered October 14-15 in Imperial!**

Register **NOW** for the 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop which will be held October 14-15 in **Imperial**. The training is designed for adults 21 years of age and older (adult leader) and individuals, ages 14 to 20 (apprentice leader), that lead or would like to lead training in 4-H shooting sports projects. Registration deadline must be completed online by October 4. Adult volunteers and junior leaders can choose **ONE** of the following disciplines to become certified. Shotgun, Rifle (.22, BB Gun, Air Rifle), Pistol, Hunting Skills, Muzzleloading, and Archery will be offered. The registration fee is \$110 per person. The fee includes program materials and three meals...lunch on Saturday and Sunday, and dinner on Saturday. It does not include lodging. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday and departure will be approximately 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. Partial scholarships are available from the Custer County 4-H Council. Contact Colleen at the Extension Office for scholarship information **at least 2 weeks prior to the registration deadline**. Online registration information can be found at:

	<b><u>Enclosures</u></b>
	<b><u>To Organizational Leaders-</u></b> Leader's Link 4-H Project Completion Computer Printout 4-H Hardluck Award Application Outstanding 4-H Boy/Girl Nomination Form 2016-2017 4-H Community Service Report Form 2017-2018 4-H Community Service Report Form March 2017 4-H Council Minutes
	<b><u>To Shooting Sports Leaders-</u></b> Most Improved 4-H Shooter Nomination Form Top 4-H Shooter Nomination Form Top 4-H .22 Shooter Nomination Form
	<b><u>To Everyone</u></b> Leo C. Cooksley Memorial Nomination Form

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