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4-H Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER	
6	Office closed for holiday
15	2023 CWF Payment Due
15	Record books and award applications due to organizational Leaders
20	4-H Council Meeting, 4-H Building, 7:30 p.m.
24-26	Aksarben 4-H Stock Show, State Fairgrounds, Grand Island
25	2021 Nebraska Youth Smallbore Silhouette Invitational, Pressey Wildlife Management Area, Oconto
27	Entries due for 4-H Window Display Contest
OCTOBER	
1	Record books, award applications, secretary books and leader year-end reports due in the Extension Office.
1	4-H Window Display Contest judging day
3-9	National 4-H Week
11	Office closed for Columbus Day
NOVEMBER	
11	Office closed for Veteran's Day
14	2023 CWF Curriculum Meeting, 4-H Building, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
15	2023 CWF Payment Due
15	4-H Council Meeting, 4-H Building, 7:30 p.m.
19	4-H Recognition Night, City Auditorium, BBQ 5:30-7:00 p.m. Awards Program and 4-H Council Elections 7:00 p.m.
25-26	Office closed for Thanksgiving
DECEMBER	
24	Office closed for holiday
31	Office closed for holiday

Thank You
TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED
MAKE THE
2021 CUSTER COUNTY FAIR
A BIG SUCCESS!
FROM
"THE EXTENSION STAFF"
*Troy, Colleen, Shawn,
Angie, and Denise*

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 8.



GOOD LUCK at State Fair!!

4-H COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED

The next 4-H Council meeting will be held on Monday, September 20, 7:30 p.m. The agenda will be posted at the Custer County Courthouse in Broken Bow after September 13.



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, and Cory Palmer 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, Michelle Nelson, and crew for providing the accounting for the 4-H Livestock Auction

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Friend of 4-H



"Friend of 4-H" nominations are due in the Extension Office on or before September 17. 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 1. Applications can be printed at [4-H Hardluck Award](#).

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 which can be found at [4-H Beef Hardluck Award](#). Applications are due at the Extension Office on or before October 1.

NEW 4-H Achievement Application Handbook is Available

4-H members are encouraged to apply for 4-H awards. The award applications are now referred to as **4-H Achievement Applications**. 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. [2021 Custer County 4-H Achievement Application Directions](#)
2. Cover (4-H Covers are available for sale at the Extension Office.)
3. [2021 Custer County 4-H Award Entry Sheet](#)
4. [Custer County 4-H Achievement Application Activities Form](#)
5. "My Experiences" Portion of the Application
(Instructions available at [2021 Custer County 4-H Achievement Application Directions](#).)

The 4-H Career Portfolio **is not** a part of the application, as of 2019. The current year's project record books **will not** be a part of the new application format. However, project record books must still be completed and turned in, in order to complete your projects.

Anyone interested in applying for an award should contact Colleen for more information. Applications are due to the club leaders September 15. The revised Achievement Application Handbook is now available at the Extension Office. Samples have been included in the handbook and also online at:

- [Sample My Experiences Ages 8 to 14 by Jan. 1](#)
- [Sample 1 My Experiences Ages 15 to 18 by Jan. 1](#)
- [Sample 2 My Experiences Ages 15 to 18 by Jan. 1](#)

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 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
- √ 4-H Achievement Applications (also known as 4-H Awards Applications)
- √ Diamond Clover Award Forms (Please hand these in separately. **Do Not include these forms with your record books.**)
- √ **4-H CAREER PORTFOLIOS ARE NOT NEEDED THIS YEAR!** The 4-H Achievement Application process no longer uses the 4-H Career Portfolios. However, it is a great resource when completing college scholarship applications, resumes, and job applications. Please feel free to continue to complete the 4-H Career Portfolio for a personal record of your 4-H accomplishments.

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 books can be found online at: <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/custer/custer-county-4-h-club-resources/>. Please do not just do a "Google search" for a record book. An email was sent to all 4-H families regarding record books on August 13.

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 project record book. Example: If you are enrolled in STEAM Clothing 1 and STEAM Beyond The Needle, you will need 2 separate record books (1 for each project). Include the fashion show information for STEAM Clothing 1 in that particular project record. Include the fashion show information for STEAM Beyond The Needle in that particular project record.
- **Special Home Environment Pinterest Exhibit**...This class is only for 4-H members enrolled in Quilt Quest, Design My Place, Heirloom Treasures, Design Decisions, Sketchbook Crossroads, and/or Portfolio Pathways. Please include your Special Home Environment Pinterest exhibit information and learning experiences in one of those project record books
- **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/Pull Apart Cupcake Cake**...Decorate Your Cupcake/Pull Apart Cupcake Cake 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 book.

Please do not put record sheets in plastic protector pages!!

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. A 4-H'er should receive premium money as long as they completed and turned in their record book(s) to their leader(s) for their project(s) in each club.

Due from 4-H Organizational Leaders on or before Friday, October 1..

The following is a checklist of what is due in the Extension Office from organizational leaders on or before Friday, October 1.

- √ **4-H Club Project Completion Report...** listing 4-H members with projects completed. **Please CROSS OUT PROJECT(S) NOT COMPLETED IN YOUR CLUB.** Project completion means the 4-H member participated in a project, learned the life skills involved, and completed and submitted the project record. The club project completion report will be mailed to organizational leaders on Monday, August 30. ***It is important for organizational leaders to complete this form and return to the Extension Office. This is what is used to make the 4-H members' project completion certificates.***
- √ **Record Books**
- √ **4-H Achievement Applications...(Also known as 4-H Award Applications)** The directions and forms for completing a 4-H Achievement Application can be found online at: [4-H Achievement Application Directions](#) Please have the 4-H Achievement Applications separated from the record books when you turn them into the Extension Office.
- √ [Outstanding 4-H Member Nominations](#)
- √ [Hardluck Award Applications](#)
- √ [4-H Beef Hardluck Award Applications](#)
- √ **4-H Club Secretary Book**
- √ **Top 4-H .22 Shooter Applications**
- √ **Top 4-H Shooter Applications**
- √ **Most Improved 4-H Shooter Applications**
- √ [Nebraska 4-H Club of Excellence Summary Form](#)
- √ **Diamond Clover Award Forms...Please do not put these with the individual 4-H'ers record books. Please hand these in separately from the record books. Link to Diamond Clover forms -**
<https://4h.unl.edu/diamond-clover>
- √ [Joyce Clarke Memorial Community Service Award Applications](#)

Organizational Leaders...When you bring your record books and award applications in to the Extension Office, please have the 4-H Achievement Applications (4-H Award Applications, usually in a green 4-H folder) separated from the rest of the club's record books. If they are mingled in with the rest of the club's record books, they may be missed for awards judging. If you have any questions regarding what is due by October 1, contact Colleen at the Extension Office.

4-H CAREER PORTFOLIOS ARE NOT NEEDED THIS YEAR! The 4-H Awards Application process no longer uses the 4-H Career Portfolios. However, it is a great resource when completing college scholarship applications, resumes, and job applications. Please feel free to continue to have 4-H members complete the 4-H Career Portfolio for a personal record of their 4-H accomplishments, however, it is optional. The Extension Office does not keep a record of each member's activities throughout their 4-H career, so this might be a valuable resource for them. Career Portfolios do not need to be turned in to the Extension Office.



4-H Shooting Sports News

2021 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 25, 2021, 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 on the day of the match. All first time shooters at the event will receive one free box of .22 ammo!

The range will open for practice at 8:00 a.m., with registration continuing until 9:30 a.m. Matches will begin at 10:30 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 will consist of 4 shooters from the same school or 4-H club. Teams may also enter in the "open" category if they do not fit the requirement for school or 4-H 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.

ONLINE REGISTRATION INFORMATION: Pre-registration will be online this year. The deadline for pre-registering online is noon on Thursday, September 24. Registrations can also be made the day of the event. Pre-registration by noon on Thursday, September 23 is **strongly encouraged!** The registration links for individuals and teams are below.

Individual Registration: <https://go.unl.edu/presseyindividual>

Team Registration: <https://go.unl.edu/presseyteam>

**There will NOT be a meal provided.
Shooters and their families will need to bring their own food.**

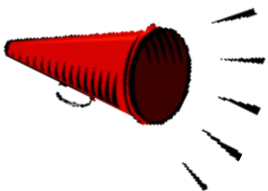
Pressey WMA is located approximately 17 miles south of Broken Bow, NE and 30 miles north of Lexington, NE. Camping is available at the WMA. For more event details, contact Matthew Haumont at (308) 872-2348 or nebraskasilhouette@gmail.com. This invitational is the longest running organized youth shooting event in Nebraska!

State 4-H Shotgun Championships - September 11-12 at Heartland Public Shooting Park near Grand Island. Registration and Information: <https://sites.google.com/view/nestateshotgun/home>. Early bird registration closes September 6. No registrations accepted after September 8.

State 4-H Outdoor Archery Championships - September 18-19 at Heartland Public Shooting Park near Grand Island. More information will be available at a later date at: <https://4h.unl.edu/shooting-sports#calendar1>.

Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Shotgun Instructor Update Session - October 15 at the Ashland Gun Club. Information and registration can be found at: <https://go.unl.edu/1021ashlandssupdate>.

Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Shotgun Instructor Workshop - October 16-17 at the Ashland Gun Club. Information and registration can be found at: <https://go.unl.edu/1021ashlandsscertainment>.



4-H ENROLLMENT FOR 2022

The 4-H Online enrollment program will be changing this fall to a new version. The system will be shut down October 1 through November 1, 2021. **PLEASE DO NOT ENROLL IN 4-H FOR 2022 UNTIL AFTER JANUARY 1, 2022.**

JOYCE CLARKE MEMORIAL COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

The Joyce Clarke Memorial Community Service Award was funded in August 2017 after the passing of long time 4-H supporter Joyce E. Clarke of Berwyn, NE. Joyce was involved heavily in 4-H for more than half a century as a leader, mother, grandmother, aunt, and friend. Even though Joyce was busy all year long with 4-H, other organizations and activities, she always found time to help others. You would see her at numerous pancake and soup supper benefits, attending hotdog and hamburger fundraisers, or if you saw her at church, in the parking lot at the grocery store, or etc. you could count on her to purchase a raffle ticket for a good cause. Whatever she was doing she would put others needs in front of her own. After attending her last Custer County Fair in 2017 she passed, and the Clarke family decided to give part of her memorial money to develop a community service award to be given annually to a Custer County 4-H club that is making a significant contribution to their community through their time, actions, talents and dedication. This club should be living the 4-H pledge by putting their "hands to larger service", for their club, their community, our country and our world. Preference will be given to the club that supports several different community service projects, and involve many of their members, leaders, and parents during a twelve month period (from August 15th to August 15th). One hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) will be awarded to a Custer County 4-H Club that completes the application, returns it to the Nebraska Extension - Custer County Office before the deadline of October 1st, and is chosen by the Clarke family as the outstanding service club. The winning club will receive this award at the 4-H Recognition Night in November. One hundred dollars (\$100) of the money can be kept by the club to do as they wish, but twenty five dollars (\$25) of the award money must be set aside as "seed money" to begin the next year's round of giving back to the community that has given so much to them. In short, these twenty-five dollars must be given to a community service project of the clubs choosing. The application form and information can be found online at:

[JOYCE CLARKE MEMORIAL COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD](#)



2021 National 4-H Week

National 4-H Week - October 3-9, 2021

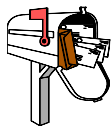
National 4-H Week will be celebrated October 3-9. Nebraska 4-H prepares youth to make informed decisions about their college and career path. Young people develop skills through their 4-H projects that will lead to greater persistence in college and employability. Many times a youth engages in a career or business which was related to one or more of their 4-H projects. In Custer County, there are currently 397 youth and 76 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 3-9, 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: 1st - \$25; 2nd - \$20; and 3rd - \$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, "I Belong."

Windows will be judged between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 1. Displays must not be removed until October 10. Entry deadline is 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 27. Enter online at: <https://goo.gl/forms/8MLyPJ9gFZTB8c511>.

Attachments



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