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September 2019 4-H News

Important Dates:

Oct 1-15	4HOnline website shut down
Oct 6-12	National 4-H Week
Oct 14	Office Closed – Columbus Day
Oct 16	4HOnline website open for 2020 enrollment
Nov 4	4-H Council Meeting, Center
Nov 11	Office Closed – Veteran’s Day
Nov 28-29	Office Closed – Thanksgiving
Dec 1	Achievement Applications DUE to Extension Office
Dec 1	Fair Managers Scholarship Application DUE to Extension Office
Dec 24-25	Office Closed – Christmas

2020 Knox County Fair Dates

Mark August 13-16 on your calendars for the 2020 Knox County Fair.

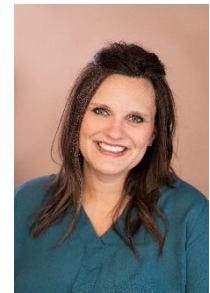


CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who exhibited at the 2019 Knox County Fair and the State Fair. Thanks to all the youth and adults who volunteered their time at the fair. A BIG Thanks goes to the Ag Society for all the work they do to support the Knox County 4-H Program. We appreciate the efforts of everyone who helped make this fair another successful one!

Welcome Megan Hanefeldt

Megan Hanefeldt will be joining Nebraska Extension as the 4-H Youth Development Educator for Knox and Cedar Counties!

Megan recently served as Knox County’s Economic Development Director for the past four years. Prior to that role Megan was the 4-H Assistant for Holt and Boyd Counties. Megan graduated from college with a bachelor’s degree in agribusiness and a master’s degree in Horticulture. Megan and her husband, Taylor live on a farm south of Center with their three children: Tucker, Jocelyn and Tate.



She is excited to work with youth again and continue building on the successful 4-H programs in both Knox and Cedar Counties. Megan started with Nebraska Extension on September 1st.

Knox County 4-H information is available on our website at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/knox/>

Be Sure to Thank the Ag Society

County Fair 4-H premium checks were mailed out September 11. Please take time to send a thank you to the Knox County Ag Society for their support of the 4-H Program. All county fair premium money, in addition to judge's fees and ribbons, are provided by the Ag Society.

Thank you notes can be sent to:

Knox County Ag Society
Jerry Nipp, Fair Secretary
PO Box 14
Bloomfield NE 68728

County Fair Summary

Below is a summary of the County Fair Exhibits:

357 4-H Members
304 Fair Exhibitors

Total of 2,290 exhibits or ribbon placings:

Purple	1085
Blue	655
Red	124
White	16
Participation	6
Clover Kids	394
Placing	10

Total Premiums: \$6,046.10



Thank You Notes for Trophies or Awards

Many generous donors help make giving awards at the Knox County Fair possible. If you received a trophy or any other award at the fair, PLEASE

send a thank you. Let the donors know that you appreciate their support of the Knox County 4-H program. If you need an address of a donor, contact the office.

A BIG THANKS for the Donations

We would like to thank the following for their donations to the 4-H Council to provide programming for the Knox County 4-H Program. Our sincere apologies if we have omitted someone.

- Brunswick State Bank-Winnetoon Branch
- Midwest Bank – sponsoring showmanship awards
- Farm Credit Services of America
- Garry Nielsen Hay, Niobrara
- Northwest Feeders 4-H Club-club challenge
- Knox County Knockouts 4-H Club-club challenge
- SE Wranglers 4-H Club-club challenge

4-H Council Met on August 27, 2019

The 4-H Council met on Tuesday, August 27 following the Livestock Fair Superintendent Meeting.

- Approved Agenda
- Approved Minutes from the July 22, 2019 Meeting
- Approved Treasurers Report
- Approved payment of all fair-related bills
- Update on Showmanship Awards (Hoodies)
- Introduction of Megan Hanefeldt, new 4-H Youth Development Educator
- Discussed potential livestock judges for 2020. 1st choice-Hunter Schroeder, West Point; 2nd choice-Miles Stagemeyer, Page.
- Discussed fair related suggestions. The waterfowl issue will be presented to the Ag Society. Revamping Round Robin Contest tabled to next meeting. Discussed the livestock judging contest and adding or removing classes. The consensus was to leave alone and add goats. The superintendents of the livestock judging contest will be contacted for input.
- Discussed the quality, quantity and cost of the bedding for the 2019 fair.
- Discussed and approved compensation to Dean Wilken for his time and work in the Harm & Tulley building.
- Thanks you from the Verdigre FFA Chapter was read.
- Next meeting scheduled for Monday, November 4, 2019



Just a friendly reminder to pick up State Fair exhibits at the Extension Office in Center.

The Showmanship Champions Are Wearing Green!



The Champion Showman of the novice, junior and senior divisions of all species exhibited at the county fair were honored with a hooded, green sweatshirt screen-printed on the front and back. The Hoodies were sponsored by Midwest Bank. This year's winners were:



Large Beef Showmanship

Senior Champion – Morgan Hrbek

Junior Champion – Logan Doerr

Novice Champion – Peyton Eisenhauer

Feeder Calf Showmanship

Senior Champion – Morgan Hrbek

Junior Champion – Callie Olson

Novice Champion – Peyton Eisenhauer

Bucket Calf Show Score

Advanced – Layci Condon

Beginning – Levi Suhr

Sheep Showmanship

Senior Champion – Brittani Pospisil

Junior Champion – Chloe Hanzlik

Novice Champion – Dylon Nilson

Meat Goat Showmanship

Senior Champion – Evan Ruzicka

Junior Champion – Mia French

Novice Champion – Olivia Doerr

Swine Showmanship

Senior Champion – Brittani Pospisil

Junior Champion – Mason Mackeprang

Novice Champion – Madyson Mlady

Dairy Showmanship

Senior Champion – Anna Rudloff

Dairy Goat Showmanship

Junior Champion – Leah Fritz

Novice Champion – Wyatt Fuchtman

Poultry Showmanship

Senior Champion – Evan Ruzicka

Junior Champion – Elizabeth Wortmann

Novice Champion – Sophia Wortmann

Rabbit Showmanship

Senior Champion – Taylor Arens

Junior Champion – Ava McFarland

Novice Champion – Morgan Stevens

Cat Showmanship

Junior Champion – Olivia Lauck

Novice Champion – Hallie Kumm

Dog Showmanship

Senior Champion – Mariah Dather

Junior Champion – Tenly Gilsdorf

Novice Champion – Hadlee Nipp

Horse Showmanship

Senior Champion – Jessica Lange

Junior Champion – Jenna McDonald

Novice Champion – Rachel Harder

Ninth Annual Round Robin Contest Held

The 9th Annual 4-H Round Robin Showmanship Contest was held at the Knox County Fair. The contest provided an opportunity for the top two senior and junior showman from the 4-H division of the large animal species to compete for the best all-around showman honors at the fair. In this contest, each 4-H'er rotated from specie to specie, while being judged by former 4-H members, who

excelled in showing their particular specie.

The showman began with the specie that they qualified with during the 4-H show before rotating to the other four species. During all five rotations, contestants were asked 2 questions and awarded points on how they handled and presented each respective species.

Senior participants were: Hudson Drobny, Jessica Lange, Brittani Pospisil, Evan Ruzicka and RJ Wilmes. Junior participants were: Kaitlyn Byerly, Logan Doerr, Chloe Hanzlik, Taylor Nilson, Callie Olson, and Madie Ziegler.

The Champion Senior winner was Brittani Pospisil who received the traveling trophy and the Reserve Champion was Hudson Drobny. Both received engraved Montana Silver Belt Buckles.

The Champion Junior winner was Madie Ziegler who received the traveling trophy and the Reserve Champion was Callie Olson. Both received engraved Montana Silver Belt Buckles.

The traveling trophies are sponsored by Roger & Jeannine Lange of Crofton and the belt buckles are sponsored by Rader Feed & Supply, Creighton.

Congratulations to all who participated.



Knox County Fair Gain Contest Results

Exhibited in the Gain Contests at the fair were: 8 4-H large beef and 49 swine (25 4-H/24 FFA). Exhibitors are paid for 2 places in each contest and the Gain Contest premium checks were mailed out on September 11. The Gain Contest trophies and premiums are sponsored by Farm Credit Services of America.

Large Beef Gain							
		Tag #		Beg Wt.	End Wt.	ADG (lbs)	Rank
Mackenzie Vanness	4-H	311	S	845	1345	3.62	1
Cade Rader	4-H	328	S	810	1290	3.48	2
RJ Wilmes	4-H	9832	S	795	1265	3.41	3
Kelly Vanness	4-H	1744	H	730	1190	3.33	4
Vincent Vanness	4-H	1741	H	790	1185	2.86	5
Brittani Pospisil	4-H	9830	H	750	1140	2.83	6
Jarrett Sauser	4-H	265	H	525	860	2.43	7
Haley Eisenhauer	4-H	327	H	1040	1260	1.59	8
Swine Gain							
		Tag #		Beg Wt.	End Wt.	ADG (lbs)	Rank
McGwire Mackeprang	FFA	206	B	130	333	1.97	1
Mitchell Mackeprang	4-H	88	B	131	333	1.96	2
Mariah Dather	FFA	240	B	76	276	1.94	3
Calvin Dather	FFA	235	B	74	270	1.90	4
Calvin Dather	4-H	24	B	49	243	1.88	5
Mariah Dather	4-H	31	B	74	264	1.84	6
Mitchell Mackeprang	4-H	87	B	109	295	1.80	7
Evan Haverkamp	4-H	66	B	80	260	1.74	8
Wiley Ziegler	4-H	112	B	103	280	1.71	9
Mason Mackeprang	4-H	85	B	100	276	1.70	10



4-H Camp Benefit Trail Ride October 5-6

The National Forest at Halsey will be the site of the 21st Annual 4-H Benefit Trail Ride on October 5-6. Guided trail rides through the trees and across the Sandhill pastures, along with a steak supper, cowboy breakfast, silent auction and entertainment are all on the agenda. Proceeds go to the 4-H camping program. Registration is only \$50 for adults and \$25 for youth until the 1st deadline of September 28. More information and a registration form is available at <http://ne4hfoundation.org/2019/08/2019-trail-ride/> Call or email Bruce Treffer (308 324-5501 / btreffer1@unl.edu) for ride details.



Equine Webinar Series Next Webinar October 14, 6-8 pm

The Nebraska 4-H Equine Webinar Series is a great way for 4-H leaders, parents, and senior aged youth to gain knowledge in various equine-related topic areas. Each month, a new topic will be covered with various experts joining to share their experience and expertise. The webinars are hosted online using Zoom, a video conferencing service. To join an upcoming Webinar, please register in advance. After registering, you will receive links and details for joining the live webinar. Not able to make it to the live webinar? All of the Equine Webinars are recorded and made available below for on-demand viewing. Additional materials that are shared or discussed during webinars are also available. Participants are also encouraged to complete the survey to help in planning and improving future Webinars. Additional Public Info: <https://4h.unl.edu/horse/webinar-series>



4-Hers Do Well at State Fair

Knox County 4-H members exhibited a total of 90 static exhibits at the 2019 State Fair. 4-H members received 36 purples, 28 blues, 21 reds, and 5 whites.

Peyton Bratetic, Conner Rohrer and Carter Steffen received Rainbow Recognition for their exhibits.

Zachary Arens had his Photography exhibit selected to be displayed in the Animal Science.

Mariah Dather modeled her STEAM Level 3 Formal in the Fashion Show and received a blue ribbon.

Melanie Vanness modeled her purchased outfit in the Shopping in Style Fashion Show and received a purple ribbon.

Elizabeth Wortmann participated in the 4-H Premier Presentation Contest and received a purple ribbon.

Sophia Wortmann participated in the 4-H Illustrated Presentation Contest and received a purple ribbon and Outstanding Illustrated Presentation.

Twelve 4-H members (Taylor Arens, Mariah Dather, Piper Dather, Peyton Eisenhauer, Cody Harvey, Jacob Harvey, Chloe Hanzlik, Kim Hines, Taylor Nilson, Evan Ruzicka, Elizabeth Wortmann and Sophia Wortmann) exhibited animals at the State Fair and received 28 purples, 30 blues, and 6 reds.

Chloe, Evan, Taylor, Jacob, Kim, Elizabeth and Sophia participated in showmanship receiving 8 purples, 1 blue and 3 reds.

Mariah & Piper Dather did very well in the Rabbit Show. Mariah received Best of Show Rabbit and Champion Commercial Division with her Californian; Reserve Best of Show and Champion Fancy Division with her Havana; and a total of 4 Best of Breeds. Piper received one Best of Breed and one Best Opposite of Breed.

Congratulations to all who participated in the State Fair for a job well done!

Nebraska 4-H Camp Update

Source: Sean Gundersen, Director of Camps

NEW this year – School Year Camps! There will be several programs throughout the school year based out of the Eastern Nebraska 4-H Camp in Gretna. The full schedule and program descriptions can be found online at <https://4h.unl.edu/camps-centers/school-year-camps>. The Winter Resident Camp will be held February 15-16, 2020 and Spring Break Day Camp will be held April 6-10, 2020.

Summer 2020 registration opened on September 1, 2019. We have a great line-up of programs that will include residential and day camp experiences at both the Eastern Nebraska 4-H Camp in Gretna and at the Nebraska State 4-H Camp in Halsey. Register before December 31, 2019 and receive a LIMITED EDITION Camp Sweatshirt at check-in. More discounts and offers available at <https://4h.unl.edu/camps-centers/summer-camp/register>.

Nebraska 4-H Fed Steer Challenge Application Due October 1



The goal of the Fed Steer Challenge is to enhance the educational value of the traditional 4-H beef projects by providing an affordable option that rewards production merit and carcass value of the market animal, along with accurate and complete record-keeping, industry knowledge, and producer engagement of the 4-H member.

More information available at <https://4h.unl.edu/fed-steer-challenge>

A Message for Youth Interested in Cats

Source: Dr. Lisa Karr, UNL
Companion Animal Specialist



Do you like cats? What about learning how to care for or show them? Maybe you have heard about the 4-H Cat Club in the past and wanted to join, but couldn't make the monthly meetings.

Do we have good news for you, or what? We are pleased to introduce this year's self-paced Cat Club! No more being bummed that you missed the hour long meeting every second Thursday. You now have access to lessons and activities that you can complete on your own time. **Check out September's lesson about cat history and breeds here:** <http://4h.unl.edu/companion-animal/cat-club>. The monthly lessons will be made accessible online on the 5th of each month starting in September and continuing through May of the following year.

If you have any problems logging in, please let us know!

4-H Shooting Sports Program

The Shooting Sports projects and programs offer opportunities for youth to learn safe gun handling skills and sound fundamentals of shooting under the guidance of caring and knowledgeable adult volunteers. Youth may explore subject areas, such as:

- Archery
- Air Rifle, Air Pistol, and BB Gun
- Smallbore Rifle and Pistol (.22 caliber)
- Shotgun (9 years old, 4-H age)



2019 Archery Update

Submitted by Becky Millikan

Well, another Knox County Fair has come and gone. We hope all the time and effort put into your projects ended with successful results. The projects we saw were awesome!!

Anyone that knows me, knows that I'm a bit of a "numbers" geek. I like statistics, so I thought it might be fun to share some of our numbers with you. These are archery numbers **only**:

- We held 11 practices
- We had 196 attendances throughout the summer
- We had 2 kids attend 9 of the 11 practices
- There were 57 kids that participated in the official contest
 - Twenty-nine cubs/novice shot in 4 different classes
 - Seventeen juniors shot in 3 different classes
 - Eleven seniors shot in 3 different classes
- Four kids shot in more than one class in the official contest
- The top 4 shooters in one class point differential was 7

There were 31 purples, 22 blue, and 8 red ribbons awarded. We don't want to make this about the ribbon count, because we are proud of any ribbon awarded. But these numbers show us the initiative of the kids to maybe try something new, step out of their comfort zone, and maybe find a passion that they didn't even know they had.

Anyway, we as leaders, also wanted to say thank you again to Northwest Feeders for having a concession stand during competition and for the donation to shooting sports. It is much appreciated. Also, thanks to Mary, Amy and their support staff for all they do in the office for us before, during, and after the fair. One more thanks to the kids and parents. Your support and feedback on what we do means the world to us!!! And we truly can't thank you enough for letting us share our love of archery with your kids!!

As Kevin always says, "May the mystical, magical flight of the arrow enrich your life as it has mine". Have a great school year and see you next summer!! Becky

Upcoming Leader Certification Dates (more information is available <https://4h.unl.edu/shooting-sports/instructor/calendar>):

- 4-H Shotgun Leader Certification Workshop – October 26-27, 2019, Ashland (register by October 16)
- 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Workshop – January 18-19, 2020, Nebraska Game & Parks Outdoor Education Center

Upcoming Shooting Sports Dates (info available at <https://4h.unl.edu/shooting-sports/calendar>)

- NE State 4-H Pistol Championship – October 19, 2019, Seward County Fairgrounds, Seward
- NE State 4-H BB Gun & Air Rifle Contest – March 28-29, 2020, Christianson Field

4-H Achievement Application

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 Foundations scholarship recipients. The Achievement Application is for all 4-H participants ages 8-18. Applications are due to the Extension Office by December 1. More information on the applications is available at <https://4h.unl.edu/annual-achievement-application>

4-H Diamond Clover Program

The 4-H Diamond Clover Program encourages 4-H youth to engage in a variety of projects and activities that will enable members to acquire the life skills necessary to lead successful lives as competent, caring, and contributing citizens. The program's overall goal is to provide 4-H members a rich and diverse learning experience. The program is designed for all ages of 4-H members. The program consists of six levels that require a 4-H member to plan and report a broad range of age-appropriate accomplishments. The program is designed to enable every 4-H member willing to exert the effort an opportunity to be recognized, regardless of how they are involved in 4-H.

4-H members may begin participation in the program at any time of the year. For more information on the 4-H Diamond Clover Program, contact the office or visit the webpage: <http://4h.unl.edu/diamondclover>.

Nebraska 4-H Club of the Month

Nominate your club for Nebraska 4-H Club of the Month! The Nebraska 4-H Foundation and Nebraska 4-H Ambassadors have joined together to start a program which recognizes 4-H clubs throughout the state of Nebraska. Any 4-H club may nominate themselves to be the Club of the Month. Nominations are due the second Friday of the month before the club will be the Club of the Month. The club who is chosen to be Club of the Month will receive a \$50 cash card from the Nebraska 4-H Foundation and their story will be showcased on the Nebraska 4-H Foundation's Facebook, Twitter, and website along with the State 4-H website and Facebook and in their local newspaper. The application form is available at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/knox/club-resources/>

National 4-H Youth in Action Awards

Every 4-H member has a story, and those stories are worth telling! Sharing your 4-H story could earn you a \$5,000 scholarship and a trip to Washington D.C. for National 4-H Council's Legacy Awards! The 4-H Youth in Action program recognizes four confident young leaders in our core pillar areas: agriculture, citizenship, healthy living, and STEM. Each Pillar Winner will experience an exciting year of telling their 4-H story and celebrating their leadership. Winners receive:

- A \$5,000 higher education scholarship
- A promotional video showcasing their 4-H impact story
- An all-expenses paid trip to Washington D.C. for National 4-H Council's Legacy Awards
- Networking opportunities with 4-H celebrities and other prominent alumni
- Recognition as the official 4-H youth spokesperson for their pillar



Applications are now open through October 21, 2019 and available at <https://4-h.org/parents/4-h-youth-in-action-awards/>



DID YOU KNOW?

Check out the Apply to Nebraska link at <https://go.unl.edu/applyunl>

You will find information about first-year college students, transfer students, Nebraska Now classes, and much more.



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Check out the Admissions video at admissions.unl.edu

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