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## October 2023 4-H News

### Important Dates:

Oct 30	4-H Council Meeting, Center
Nov 10	Office Closed – Veteran’s Day
Nov 23-24	Office Closed – Thanksgiving
Dec 1	Award Applications Due

CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who exhibited at the 2023 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 to make this fair another successful one!*

**RESPONSIBILITY**

- ★ Do What You Are Supposed To Do
- ★ Always Do Your Best
- ★ Think Before You Act

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<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/knox/>

and visit our Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/KnoxCountyNebraskaExtension>



## Be Sure to Thank the Ag Society

County Fair 4-H premium checks were mailed out. 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 68718

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## County Fair Summary

Below is a summary of the County Fair Exhibits:

389 4-H Members  
321 Fair Exhibitors

Total of 2154 exhibits or ribbon placings:

Purple	997
Blue	599
Red	138
White	25
Participation	9
Clover Kids	376
Placing	10

Total Premiums: \$8,445.50



## 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.

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## 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 – Creighton
- Farm Credit Services of America
- Mark Miller LLC, Bloomfield

## 4-H Council Met on August 30, 2023

The 4-H Council met on Wednesday, August 30 following the Livestock Fair Superintendent Meeting.

- Approved Agenda
- Approved Minutes from the April 24, 2023 Meeting
- Approved Treasurer's Report
- Approved payment of all fair-related bills
- Update on Showmanship Awards (Sweatshirts & T-shirts)
- Fair-related suggestions were tabled to next meeting.
- Discussed the quality, quantity, and cost of the bedding for the 2023 fair.
- Next meeting scheduled for October 30, 2023.

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## Clubs of Excellence

As clubs reorganize for the upcoming 4-H year. Please consider applying for the Clubs of Excellence Award.

The program is designed to recognize and celebrate 4-H Clubs for successfully encouraging and empowering members.

To receive the designation as a Nebraska 4-H Club of Excellence, clubs must meet the following:

- Have at least five members from at least three different families.
- Recite the 4-H Pledge at meetings.
- Meet at least six times per year.
- Choose/elect youth officers.
- Have youth serve in leadership roles.
- Have one club project, related to curriculum, which they do together.
- Have an adult role model involvement.
- Be facilitated by organizational and project leaders who have successfully completed the volunteer screening.
- Have members who perform a presentation or public speaking at the club level or above.
- Complete one community service project.
- Have members who participate in county, district or state events.
- Celebrate member and club achievements.

Visit <https://4h.unl.edu/clubs-excellence> for more information.

## Showmanship Champion & Reserve Awards

The Champion Showman of the novice, junior and senior divisions of all species exhibited at the county fair were honored with a hooded, black sweatshirt screen-printed on the front and back. The sweatshirts were sponsored by Brunswick State Bank-Winnetoon Branch.



The Reserve Champion Showman of the novice, junior and senior divisions of all species exhibited at the county fair were honored with a black t-shirt screen-printed on the front and back. The t-shirts were sponsored by Midwest Bank, Creighton.



The sweatshirts and t-shirts are available now at the Extension Office.

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## Annual Round Robin Contest Held



The Round Robin Contest was held during the Knox County Fair on Sunday, August 13, 2023! This Showmanship Contest provides an opportunity for the Champion and Reserve Champion Showman in the Senior and Junior 4-H Divisions to compete for best all-around honors at the fair.

The champion and reserve champion showman from both divisions in sheep, meat goat, swine, large beef, feeder calf and horse are eligible to participate. Participants this year in the Senior Division were Chole Hanzlik of Niobrara, Kaitlyn

Byerly of Bloomfield, Ellie Foxhoven of Crofton, Jase Johnson of Bloomfield, Mac Carlson of Wausa, Peyton Eisenhauer of Wausa, and Kayton Anderson of Wausa. The participants in the Junior Division were Dylon Nilson of Creighton, Haley Eisenhauer of Wausa, Maci Foxhoven of Crofton, Wade Zimmerer of Creighton, Madysen Mlady of Bloomfield, and Lilly Rader of Royal.

The Champion in the 2023 Round Robin Senior Division was Chloe Hanzlik. The Reserve Champion in the Senior Division was Ellie Foxhoven. The Champion of the 2023 Round Robin in the Junior Division was Dylon Nilson. The Reserve Champion in the Junior Division was Madysen Mlady.

Congratulations to all our showmen. The Belt Buckles given to Champion and Reserve Champion in both Junior and Senior Divisions were sponsored by Rader Feed and Supply of Creighton, Nebraska. Champion Senior and Junior winners will also have their names put on the traveling trophies sponsored by Roger and Jeanine Lange of Crofton, Nebraska.

Thank you to all who participated and helped with the Round Robin at the Knox County Fair 2023. We have very talented showmen in Knox County.

**2024 Knox County Fair Dates – August 8-11**

## Knox County Fair Gain Contest Results

Exhibited in the 4-H/FFA Gain Contests at the fair were: 14 4-H large beef and 18 swine. Exhibitors are paid for 2 places in each contest and the Gain Contest premium checks were mailed out with 4-H premium checks. The Beef Gain Contest belt buckle was sponsored by Farmers Pride. The Swine Gain trophy and premiums were sponsored by Farm Credit Services of America.

Large Beef Gain		Tag #		Beg Wt.	End Wt.	ADG (lbs)	Rank
Lilly Rader	4-H	812	S	740	1315	3.46	1
Cade Rader	FFA	7	S	990	1525	3.22	2
Cade Rader	4-H	840	S	935	1460	3.16	3
Mackenzie Vanness	4-H	815	S	1125	1620	2.98	4
Madysn Mlady	4-H	614	S	980	1450	2.83	5
Mason Mackeprang	FFA	597	S	925	1375	2.71	6
Madysn Mlady	FFA	611	S	1050	1485	2.62	7
Kennedy Mlady	4-H	631	S	975	1390	2.50	8
Swine Gain		Tag #		Beg Wt.	End Wt.	ADG (lbs)	Rank
Wiley Ziegler	4-H	75	B	125	366	2.3398	1
Mason Mackeprang	4-H	51	B	82	318	2.2913	2
Mason Mackeprang	FFA	100	B	75	297	2.1553	3
Brena Johnson	4-H	41	B	67	277	2.0388	4
Madie Ziegler	FFA	104	G	103	310	2.0097	5
Brena Johnson	FFA	102	B	78	284	2.0000	6
Auzzy Ziegler	FFA	106	B	127	332	1.9903	7
Auzzy Ziegler	4-H	73	B	86	280	1.8835	8
Carter Kuhlman	FFA	107	B	75	268	1.8738	9
Madie Ziegler	4-H	74	G	104	288	1.7864	10



### 2023 Herdsmanship Results

	Score	Ribbon	Independent Families	Score	Ribbon
Lucky Livewires	96.56	P+	Fuchtman Family	86.75	P
Knox County Knockouts	81.56	P-	Johnson Family	82.50	P-
Alcott Lads & Lassies	80.50	P-	Snodgrass Family	81.25	P-
Running Water	80.00	P-			
Lucky Lads & Lassies	78.75	B+			
SE Wranglers	78.33	B+			
Northwest Feeders	74.38	B			
Sparta Sparklers	75.63	B+			

***Special Thank You the Knox County Ag Society for the extra \$100 premium for the top 4-H Club.***



## Congratulations to the 2023 State Communication Event Participants

The Nebraska 4-H Premier Communication Event features a variety of state-level communication contests. The one-day event is held at the [Nebraska East Union](#) in Lincoln. The event is designed to provide youth with an opportunity to: showcase their learning and skills in the area of communication; explore issues related to the communication industry; discover college and career opportunities; and meet other 4-H youth from across the state.



Youth participate in a variety of contests focused upon communication, presentation, and public speaking.

Knox County participants were:

**Marshall Bratetic**, PSA Senior Division 4<sup>th</sup> Place Medal  
**Peyton Bratetic**, PSA Intermediate Division Purple Ribbon  
**Ella Jessen**, Presentation Intermediate Division, 4<sup>th</sup> Place Medal Winner

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## 4-Hers Do Well at State Fair

Knox County 4-H members exhibited a total of 60 static exhibits at the 2023 Nebraska State Fair. 4-H members received 24 purples, 26 blues, and 9 white ribbons.

Piper Dather had her Photography exhibit selected to be displayed in the Loft Gallery at the University of Nebraska.

Tyson Jackson, Jayden Gillilan, Piper Dather, Tucker Hanefeldt, and Aaron Kronberg received Special Recognition for their exhibits.

Collyns Stout modeled her STEAM Beyond the Needle outfit in the Fashion Show and received a blue ribbon.

Hallie Kumm modeled her STEAM Clothing Level 2 outfit in the Fashion Show and received a blue ribbon.

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

Jazzmyn Wieseler modeled her purchased outfit in the Shopping in the Style Fashion Show and received a blue ribbon.

Fifteen 4-H members (Mia French, Peyton Eisenhauer, Jason Avery, Kennedy Mlady, Haley Eisenhauer, Hadleigh Doerr, Austin Avery, Madyson Mlady, Cecilia Wortmann, Meredith Wortmann, Elizabeth Wortmann, Sophia Wortmann, Ava McFarland, Dakota Vellek, and Chloe Hanzlik) exhibited animals at the Nebraska State Fair and received 12 purple and 21 blue ribbons.

Austin, Hadleigh, Haley, Kennedy, Madyson, Peyton, Cecilia, Meredith, Elizabeth, Sophia, Jason, Dakota, and Chloe participated in showmanship receiving 5 purple and 12 blue ribbons.

Ava received Best Opposite and Best of Breed Awards in the Rabbit Show.

Mia received Reserve Champion Division III Natural Color Market Lamb.



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



## 4-H Shooting Sports Program

Knox County 4-H'er took the opportunity to participate in the State Shooting Sports Competition in Grand Island on September 9-10, 2023.



**Cody Smith** of Bloomfield received 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Advanced Sporting Clays, 17<sup>th</sup> Place in Advanced Skeet, 20<sup>th</sup> Place in Advanced Trap and 13<sup>th</sup> Place in Advanced Overall.  
**Isaac Harder** of Plainview received 16<sup>th</sup> Place in Advanced Sporting Clays, 18<sup>th</sup> Place in Advanced Trap, 20<sup>th</sup> Place in Advanced Skeet and 19<sup>th</sup> Place in Advanced Overall  
**Jacob Smith** of Bloomfield received 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Advanced Trap, 9<sup>th</sup> Place in Advanced Sporting Clays, 17<sup>th</sup> Place in Advanced Skeet and 10<sup>th</sup> Place in Advanced Overall.  
**Blake Byerly** of Bloomfield received 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Advanced Sporting Clay, 12<sup>th</sup> Place in Advanced Skeet, 16<sup>th</sup> Place in Advanced Trap and 8<sup>th</sup> Place in Advanced Overall.  
**Kaitlyn Byerly** of Bloomfield received 16<sup>th</sup> Place in Advanced Trap, 23<sup>rd</sup> Place in Advanced Skeet and Sporting Clays and 23<sup>rd</sup> Place in Advanced Overall.

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

- 4-H Shotgun Instructor Update Session – October 28, 2023, Kearney
- 4-H Shotgun Instructor Workshop – October 28-29, 2023, Kearney



The 2023 Nebraska Make It With Wool contest will be held Saturday, November 18 beginning at 9 a.m. in Hastings at Adams County Extension Office, 2975 South Baltimore Avenue.

Open to youth and adults, participants model their creations in sewing, knitting, crocheting, spinning and weaving of wool fabrics and yarns. There is also a “Made for Others” category. The fabrics/yarns used for the wool contest must be 100% wool or wool blend (minimum 60% wool or specialty wool fiber). Specialty wool fibers include alpaca, angora, camel, cashmere, llama, mohair and vicuna.

Entry forms, wool samples, registration and wool testing fees are **due October 15** to Andrea Nisley, P.O. Box 757, Lexington, NE 68850.

For more information, go to <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/dawson> or call 308-324-5501. More information is also available on the National Make It With Wool website at <https://makeitwithwool.com>.



# VOLUNTEER Road Show!



Join one of the unique volunteer training events to discover new opportunities for your members, network with others volunteers, and build your skills working with youth.

A \$15 registration fee covers a meal and all supplies.

Learn more and register at  
[GO.UNL.EDU/4HVRS](http://GO.UNL.EDU/4HVRS)



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- **VIRTUAL – NOV 5**  
4:00 – 6:00 p.m. CT
- **NORTH PLATTE – NOV 6**  
6:00 – 8:30 p.m. CST
- **YORK – NOV 7**  
6:00 – 8:30 p.m. CST
- **OMAHA – NOV 9**  
6:00 – 8:30 p.m. CST
- **KEARNEY – NOV 13**  
6:00 – 8:30 p.m. CST

## SESSION TOPICS

**The Magic of 4-H** - Learn why youth thrive in 4-H and how this impacts their future development

**4-H Rabbit Project 101** - Learn how to get started in the rabbit project, including basic care, feeding, and show preparation featuring live animals and project experts

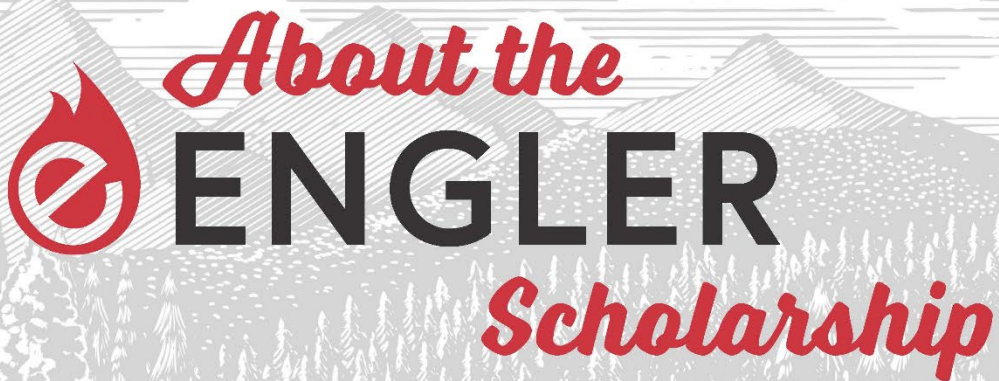
**Color Theory** - Experience a basic color theory activity that youth can use in home environment, arts, consumer management, and Clover Kid projects

**4-H Poultry Project 101** - Learn how to get started in the poultry project, including basic care, feeding, and show preparation featuring live animals and project experts

**Environmental Education** - Experience an activity you can share with youth interested in environmental education

**Parliamentary Procedure** - Experience an activity you can use to teach club members about parliamentary procedure





# About the ENGLER Scholarship

This scholarship is available due to the generosity of **The Paul and Virginia Engler Foundation**. Paul is a native Nebraskan who through vision, hard work, sweat equity and tenacity built an exceptional career as an entrepreneur, industry leader, and dedicated advocate for building bridges for the next generation to cross.

The Engler program began in 2010 with a \$20 million gift over 10 years from the Paul F. and Virginia J. Engler Foundation. It is our honor and privilege to administer the thoughtful and intentional process of selecting scholarship recipients. However, the scholarship is only a small component of the value available to you through engagement in the Engler Agribusiness Entrepreneurship Program.

**For academic year 2024-2025, the application will open on 10/1/23 and close on 1/15/24 at midnight.**

The only requirements to apply for an Engler scholarship – **declare a CASNR major and have participated in 4-H or FFA.**

Awards range from **\$1000 to \$4000 per school year**. The Engler program awards approximately 80 scholarships annually. Over \$2,000,000 has been invested in students over the lifetime of the program. Students also can reapply each year during their undergrad time at UNL.

*Students do not have to receive a scholarship to be involved in the Engler program. We are an open community whose mission is to empower our people on the courageous pursuit of their purpose through the art and practice of entrepreneurship.*



 Find the application at [englerjourney.com](https://englerjourney.com)



## 4-H Achievement Application & Nebraska 4-H Foundation Scholarships

The Nebraska 4-H Achievement Application is a standard application form used for the selection of 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>

The Nebraska 4-H Foundation offers 4-H members the opportunity to apply for scholarships. The Nebraska 4-H Foundation awards up to \$22,000 worth of scholarships each year to 4-H'ers from across the state. **To apply for scholarships, 4-H'ers must submit the [Nebraska 4-H Achievement Application](#).** Visit <https://www.ne4hfoundation.org/scholarships/> for additional information.

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## 4-H Diamond Clover Program

The Nebraska 4-H Diamond Clover program encourages 4-H youth to engage in a variety of programs, projects, and activities that will enable youth to acquire skills and abilities that will prepare them for success in the future. The program is designed to reach and recognize all youth engaged in 4-H, from club members and campers to school enrichment, afterschool, and special interest program participants.

The program consists of six levels that require a young person to plan and report a broad range of age-appropriate accomplishments. For each level, the Nebraska 4-H Diamond Clover program provides a list of accomplishments from which 4-H youth choose their goals. The accomplishments increase in quantity and difficulty for each level. At the beginning of the 4-H year, participants plan what to accomplish and at the end of the 4-H year, they report on their completed accomplishments. Successful completion of a level's Plan & Report form results in a 4-H youth earning that level of the Diamond Clover program. For more information on the 4-H Diamond Clover Program, contact the office or visit the webpage:

<http://4h.unl.edu/diamondclover>.

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**Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture Discovery Days** is NCTA's open house for prospective students. The day allows students to meet with faculty, tour campus and meet with student clubs and organizations. Upcoming dates:

- Monday, November 13, 2023
- Monday, March 4, 2024
- Tuesday, April 9, 2024



For more information: [ncta.unl.edu](http://ncta.unl.edu) | 1-800-3Curtis

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## [Dog Showmanship Video Series](#)

The Dog Showmanship Video Series includes maneuver descriptions, demonstrations, and general information for youth interested in learning more about dog showmanship. The short videos are intended to help youth while practicing with their dogs in preparation for 4-H showmanship. Visit:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?reload=9&list=PL579hRei5D7xwKTqpe8kJw0GnfKK4x8l4>

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for my club, my community,  
my country, and my world.

**4-H PLEDGE**