

4-H Achievement Ceremony

Sunday, September 17, 2023

4:00 p.m.

Nebraska Extension in Madison County



History in the Making;
4-H Thrives!

Celebrating the
150th
Madison County Fair





2023 4-H Special Edition

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Annual Achievement Application

The Annual Achievement Application allows youth to focus on his or her most important achievements in 4-H experiences, leadership, and community service. This application will be used to select winners for 4-H Congress, Conference, scholarships, and other leadership opportunities. Once a county award is earned, 4-Hers age 15 years or older by January 1 can make changes and apply for the State level review in mid January.

Aria Hoehne
Franklin Polacek
Tessa Ferguson



Charter Clubs

To receive designation as a Nebraska 4-H Club of Excellence, clubs must meet certain criteria, such as recite the 4-H Pledge at meetings, complete a club project, and do community service projects.

Nex Generation 4-H Club
Young Achievers 4-H Club

Livestock Achievement Program

The Livestock Achievement Program promotes all educational aspects of 4-H livestock projects. Members of Excellence successfully plan and complete a set of goals within their livestock areas.

Members of Excellence
Franklin Polacek
Marcus Schultz



4-Her who Entered the Most Static Exhibits at the 2023 Madison County Fair & Rodeo

Junior (8, 9, & 10 year olds)

Alex Schutt (35)

Intermediate (11, 12, & 13 year olds)

Aria Hoehne (51)

Senior (14 years and older)

Serenity Strong (20) & Kiara Brachle (20)



Diamond Clover Awards

The Diamond Clover Program is designed to recognize accomplishments of 4-H members in a noncompetitive way.

Level 1—Amethyst

Ava Daniels

Level 2—Aquamarine

Aria Hoehne
Franklin Polacek
Megan Rosner
Noah Sobotka

Level 3—Ruby

Elizabeth Sobotka



Orville Carlisle Rocketry Award

The Madison County 4-Her with the highest scoring rocket at the Nebraska State Fair receive an award.

Carson Anderson

State Fair Fashion Show

The 4-Hers selected to represent Madison county at the State Fair Fashion Show receive a pin.

Constructed Outfit

Nickolas Kreikmier

Shopping in Style

Ashley Schutt



YEAR AWARDS

13 YEAR 4-H MEMBERS:

Kolton Lingenfelter

Lucas Ransen

Mya Zohner

12 YEAR 4-H MEMBERS:

Alisha Dahlberg
Alivia Gubbels

Dakota Hoffmann
Trenton Patzel

Cole Ransen
Serenity Strong

10 YEAR 4-H MEMBERS:

Breanna Borchers
Brittany Borchers
Oliver Daniel

Alexis Jackson
Dylan Luetkenhaus
Lauren Lutt
Cora Patzel

Kailey Patzel
Brock Patzel

8 YEAR 4-H MEMBERS:

Jacob Anderson
Colter Anderson
September Babel
Charles Bethards
Kiara Brachle
Leslieann Brandl
Wyatt Brandl

Hayden Ferguson
Allyx Forre
Harrison Howard
Karson Lingenfelter
Klayton Lingenfelter
Taylor Mazuch
Luke Mead
Taylor Pfeifer

Dominick Preister
Emily Presister
Isabel Preister
Thomas Seevers
Finley Smith
Baylar Taake
Isaiah West

5 YEAR 4-H MEMBERS:

Gabe Anderson
Braylyn Baldwin
Riley Buckels
Drenton Dieter
Madison Ditter
Peyton Foltz
Evelynn Forrest
Kayden Forsythe
Jaiden Freudenberg
Aria Hoehne

Brysen Jeffery
Finn Kaufmann
Colton Kurpgeweit
Blakely Olmer
Kolby Pfeifer
Benjamin Preister
Jordi Reichmuth
Alexandra Schmidt
Jaylinn Schmidt
Alex Schutt

Elizabeth Sobotka
Noah Sobotka
Joey Stoltz
Tanner Stoltz
Maddie Stueckrath
Rylan Wieseler
Knox Wolff
Hallie Young
Bryistol Zegar

HONORED LEADERS:

8 Year Leader:

Kurt Jackson
Jami Brandl

10 Year Leader:

Julie Filipi
Micheal Filipi
Amy Kreikemeier

Presentation of Special Awards - see pages 7 & 8



Oswald Family “Spirit of 4-H” Award

Patty Nelson “Making the Best Better” Memorial Award

4-H Rookie Award

“Above and Beyond” Award

Outstanding 4-H Alumni

Outstanding 4-H Leader

Outstanding 4-H Member

Heart of 4-H Award (Friends of 4-H)

Advocate of the Year

Legacy Award



THANK YOU TO OUR 4-H VOLUNTEERS! for Helping 4-H Thrive!

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Dairy
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Horticulture
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Heritage
Karen Grant
Clothing

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Beef
De Irish
Co-Horse
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Co-Food
Emily Jacobson
Co-Food
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Rabbit & Poultry
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SET & Ag
Mark McKibbon
Co-Swine
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Co-Home Environment
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Bucket Calf

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2023



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Stall Cards -- Farm Credit Services

Bucket Calf Show Brushes -- Wolken Seed Company

Overall Market Swine and Overall Market Beef -- Farmers Pride

Thursday Morning Donuts -- Elkhorn Feed Center

Ribbons and Awards -- Farm Bureau

Presentation of Special Awards



Oswald Family “Spirit of 4-H” Award: Nickolas Kreikemeier

One 4-H member showed every year with a heart and attitude of what it means to have the Spirit of 4-H. This year Nickolas’s time showing hogs was a little more challenging than others. From his excited hogs who ran around in the arena to others that just wanted to lay down. His uncooperative animals at the fair didn’t change his attitude or his spirit. He truly showed the “Spirit of 4-H” in and outside of the arena while keeping his focus on what he needed to do. Your nominator stated “I truly believe Nick deserves not only this award but to be recognized for what great leadership and character looks like.”

Patty Nelson “Making the Best Better” Memorial Award: Dylan Luetkenhaus

Dylan has been a great role model for the younger 4-H members in the Newman Huskers 4-H Club as well as other 4-H members countywide. He is there to lend a helping hand whenever needed, always asks if there is anything else that needs done before leaving and is dedicated to the 4-H program. From the early mornings taking care of animals to the late evenings working on woodworking projects he strives to do the best he can. Dylan is a member that you can count on to, Make the Best Better. Congratulations and Thank you.

4-H Rookie Award: Megan Rosner

Megan Rosner sprinted to her first meeting and truly jumped in with both feet this year in the Madison County 4-H program. A member of the Lucky Clovers 4-H Club, she completed county fair projects, with a couple of those advancing on to State Fair, attending meetings regularly, participating in service projects, completing the Diamond Clover, helping out at the Elkhorn Valley Museum “Homegrown” event while promoting and recruiting for the 4-H program, and so much more! Thank you for all you have given to 4-H during your first year! She might be a rookie this year but watch out in the future as she will be soaring to new heights and we can’t wait to see what she does!

“Above and Beyond” Award: Franklin Polacek

A member since before birth, just kidding, a member for the past 7 years, Franklin Polacek has gone above and beyond in the 4-H program whether it is helping post the flag at the Madison County Fair, helping the fairboard with sandbags, giving a tour of the fairgrounds to our new employees, helping out his club when needed, chalking for the Briggs and Barret Nursery of Hope Event, presenting the poultry session at the Ag Literacy Festival to 400 students and sharing his love of his poultry project to over 500 during his class talent show, Franklin has shown his love for the 4-H program by going Above and Beyond! Congratulations Franklin.

Outstanding 4-H Alumni: Anneeta Ketelson

Anneeta has continuously supported the 4-H program since she was a 4-H member. She has come back every year to help her parents in the small animal barn with both the Rabbit and Poultry Show whether that’s helping prepare the order or helping run the show. She has made gift bags for all of the cloverbud members who show either rabbits or chickens which includes a drink, a snack, an activity and even a small stuffed animal to have during the show. She is currently a Vet Tech in Western Nebraska. Serving in this roll has also given her the opportunity to judge 4-H small animal shows as well. Thank you for continuing to give back to the Madison County 4-H Program and Congratulations!

Presentation of Special Awards



Outstanding 4-H Leader: Jami Brandl

Jami Brandl has served as our High Caliber 4-H Club Leader for the past 8 years. She strives to give her members the best experience and the best opportunity to thrive in the program. She has also served as the dairy superintendent for the past 18 years. Throughout the years, she continues to serve the 4-H program the best she can! Always sharing great ideas to make improvements to the program while keeping the best interest of her 4-H members first. This year she was also elected to serve on the Madison County 4-H Council and we are excited to have her. Congratulations Jami and Thank you!

Outstanding 4-H Member: Tessa Ferguson

Starting as a cloverbud, Tessa Ferguson has been an outstanding 4-H member in many different areas of the 4-H program. From her static exhibits in clothing, scrapbooking, baking, home environment, cats and rabbits to her public speaking skills she has gained. Tessa has served as a 4-H Council youth member and has shared her thoughts and opinions to make the program even better for the youth involved. Having youth voice on the council is vital to the success of the program and Tessa is appreciated for speaking up and sharing her thoughts. Her public speaking has also guided her to her future career. Tessa is a senior this year at Norfolk Public and we are excited to see where her future takes her. Thank you for being an outstanding 4-H member. Congratulations!

Heart of 4-H Award: Kristen Grant

Kristen represents the Heart of 4-H. She has been active in 4-H ever since she could walk. From being involved with her family before she was old enough to be a member, then as a 4-H member, next as an Extension intern, then a 4-H employee and now as a superintendent and volunteer. Kristen is always there to help out, lend an ear, or do whatever needed to help Make the Best Better! She is now a great voice while sharing many stories of 4-H within her position as a reporter. Thank you Kristen for sharing your Heart with so many 4-Her and families. Congratulations!

Advocate of the Year: Farm Credit Services of America

An advocate is someone who supports or promotes the interests or a cause or group. Tyler Kurtenbach and all of the staff with the Farm Credit Services of America in Norfolk has been an advocate of the Madison County 4-H program in many ways over the last couple of years. From providing exhibitor t-shirts for the 150th Madison County Fair, to serving rootbeer floats on the warm afternoon of the fair, giving buckets to each exhibitor of the bucket calf program in 2022 and additional financial support that has helped our 4-H program grow. We are grateful for the energy and support you have given to the Madison County 4-H Program. Being an advocate is one of the best things an organization can ask for. And for that we are grateful for! Thank you and Congratulations!

Legacy Award: Ken Nelson

The greatest legacy a grandparent can give is the gift of time to their grandchildren. The Legacy Award is a newer award, given to honor those who have continued their involvement in 4-H by helping grand- children, great-grandchildren with 4-H.

Ken Nelson has done just that! He is there to guide his grand kids whether it's with calves, chickens, rabbits, or a taste tester for all those cooking projects. Especially, this year a few of the bucket calves were sick quite often and he was the first one to help his grand kids give medication and treat the animals so they would survive. In doing this, the animals were able to be shown at the county fair where Ken never missed a show and was there to cheer on all not only his grandchildren but support all 4-H members whether they receive the purple ribbon or the red ribbon. Thank you for living your legacy and congratulations!