



# 4-H Achievement Ceremony

Sunday, August 18, 2024

4:00 p.m.

Nebraska Extension in Madison County



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**2024**



## 2024 4-H Special Edition

### Ad Sales:

Caden Buss  
Serenity Strong  
Franklin Polacek  
Lillian Polacek  
Aria Hoehne



Thank you Tim Pearson, Yesenia Portillo, Kelly Gregory and the *Norfolk Daily News* Staff for making the 4-H Special Edition possible!

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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  
Lillian Polacek



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### 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.*

Newman Huskers 4-H Club  
Lucky Clovers 4H Club  
Young Achievers 4-H Club

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### 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  
Lillian Polacek



## 4-Her who Entered the Most Static Exhibits at the 2024 Madison County Fair & Rodeo

*Junior (8, 9, & 10 year olds)*

Lillian Polacek (31)

*Intermediate (11, 12, & 13 year olds)*

Aria Hoehne (42)

*Senior (14 years and older)*

Ashley Schutt (34)

# Congrats

### Diamond Clover Awards

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

*Level 1—Amethyst*

Lillian Polacek

*Level 3—Ruby*

Aria Hoehne  
Franklin Polacek



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### Orville Carlisle Rocketry Award

*Recognizing 4-Her's outstanding rocket projects.*

Finn Kaufman



# YEAR AWARDS

## 13 YEAR 4-H MEMBERS:

Dakota Hoffmann

## 12 YEAR 4-H MEMBERS:

Alexis Hoffmann  
Cejay Dahlberg  
Serenity Strong

Jarett Werner  
Logan Jackson  
Nicholas Miller  
Owen Kaufman

## 10 YEAR 4-H MEMBERS:

Brylee Patzel  
Carter Brabec  
Carter Howard  
Elliott Hansen  
Nickolas Kreikmeier  
Oliver Kaufman  
Skyler Tegeler  
Turner Tegeler

Haylee Carlisle  
Jarrett Carlisle  
Myranda  
Hansen

## 8 YEAR 4-H MEMBERS:

Ashley Schutt  
Austin Fuelberth  
Brooklynn  
Anderson  
Caden Buss  
Carson Anderson  
Makenzy Neemeyer  
Olivia Werner  
Rylee Fuelberth  
Trevor Koenig  
Tyler Yagow  
Franklin Polacek  
Kaitlyn Koenig  
Katy Nathan  
Keaton Werner  
Lucy Kaufman

## 5 YEAR 4-H MEMBERS:

Addyson Carstens  
Austyn Carstens  
Ayla Wieneke  
Barrett Sovereign  
Dracén Dieter  
Grant Howard  
Michael Miller  
River Zegar  
Ryder Kahny  
Shylo Butler  
Tara Sueper  
Thomas Fink  
Victor Clausen  
Harlee Brandl  
Isabella Seevers  
Joey Reichmuth  
Joseph Hoffmann  
Josie Stenger  
Kaylee Blair  
Khloe Zoucha  
Landon Foltz  
Marcus Schultz

## HONORED LEADERS:

### 35 Year Leader:

Marti Carter



# **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*

*“I Believe in you Award”*

*Outstanding 4-H Alumni*

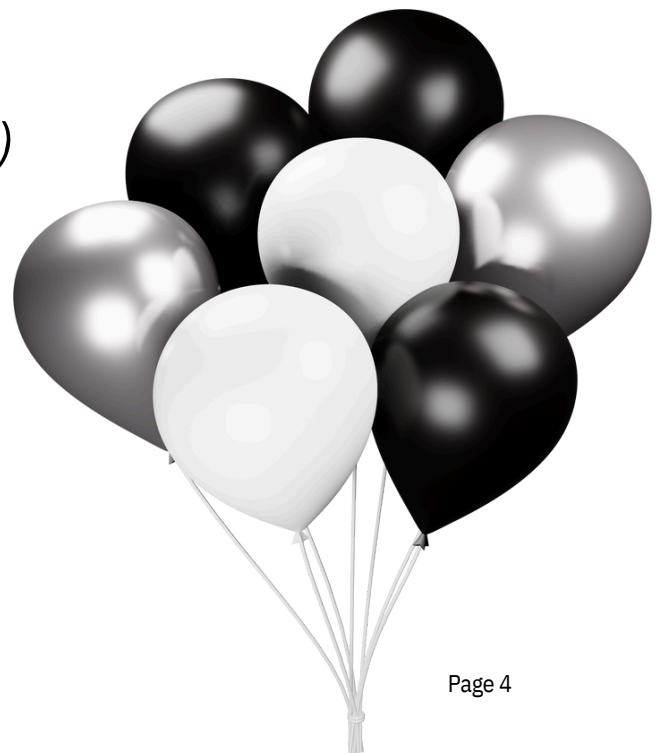
*Outstanding 4-H Leader*

*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 Soar to New Heights!

## County Fair Superintendents

Terry Boecker  
Decorated Cakes  
Kristen Sindelar  
Co-Home Environment  
Jami Brandl  
Dairy  
Marti Carter  
Horse  
Cindy Bohl  
Horticulture  
Katie Ferguson  
Co-Cat  
Jamie Frisch  
Heritage  
Karen Grant  
Clothing

Jason Hansen  
Beef  
Deb Jacobson  
Co-Food  
Emily Jacobson  
Co-Food  
Jerry & Crystal Ketelsen  
Rabbit & Poultry  
Doug McKibbon  
SET & Ag  
Mark McKibbon  
Co-Swine  
Kathy Neidig  
Photography

Shane Nelson  
Sheep & Goats  
Christy Owen  
Co-Home Environment  
Marcia Schnoor  
Co-Cat / Pocket Pets  
Evan Unkel  
Co-Swine  
Jamie Unkel-Wolff  
Dog  
Lynn Walmsley  
Bucket Calf



### Madison County 4-H Council

Tessa Ferguson  
Aria Hoehne  
Marcus Schultz  
Knox Wolff  
Lily Seevers  
  
Jami Brandl  
Jami Koenig  
Jason Hansen  
Mark McKibbon  
Lori Schultz  
Jamie Thomas  
Evan Unkel  
Jamie Unkel-Wolff  
Christy Owen

### Madison County Extension Board

Amanda Hafer  
Kevin Kowalski  
Esmerelda Martinez  
Lori Pfeifer  
Lynn Walmsley  
Donna Miler  
Rob Thomas

### Madison County Fair Board

Dave Amick  
Luke Beiermann  
Russell Dusel  
Jeanie Emry  
Sherri Fish  
Katie O'Brien  
Scott Owen  
Brady Wegener  
Sheryl White  
Tim Koenig  
Judy Yoch  
Randy Ritterbush  
Tom Borchers  
Deb May  
Linda Haack



# Thank you to our Madison County Fair Sponsors and Donors!

We encourage you to share your gratitude with the following businesses for their generosity!



## Banner Awards

Madison County Vet Clinic  
802 W. 8th St.  
Madison, NE 68748

## Trophies, Ribbons, Premiums, and Much More!

Madison County Ag Society  
401 W. 6th St.  
Madison, NE 68748

## Exhibitor T-shirt Sponsors

AKRS John Deere  
3303 W. Norfolk Ave.  
Norfolk, NE 68701

Farmer Credit Services  
207 N 34th St  
Norfolk, NE 68701



## Thank you to the following:

- Cloverbud Gifts-- Amen Dairy LLC
- Stall Cards -- Farm Credit Services
- Bucket Calf Show Brushes -- Wolken Seed Company
- Overall Market Swine and Overall Market Beef -- Farmers Pride
- Wednesday morning donuts - Zach Miller, Farm Bureau
- Thursday Morning Donuts -- Elkhorn Feed Center
- Thursday Rootbeer Floats - Farm Credit Services
- Friday Root beer floats - Wolken Seed Company
- and so many more that help make the fair a success.

# MADISON COUNTY

## Livestock Boosters



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*Thank You To Our Generous Sponsors*

# Congratulations

Thank you for attending the 2024  
4-H Achievement Ceremony!





# Presentation of Special Awards



## **Oswald Family “Spirit of 4-H” Award: Hoehne Family**

This year, we take great pride in honoring The Vince and Cara Hoehne family as our recipients. Their unwavering support for the Madison County 4-H program sets them apart. Whether it's assisting with archery events, advocating for 4-H, or recruiting members, they embody the “Spirit of 4-H.” Their commitment shines through their active participation teaching cake decorating workshops, fair preparations, judging, prioritizing 4-H in their children's lives, and selflessly contributing their time and talents. Their deep-rooted passion for the 4-H program is truly commendable. We appreciate their dedication to 4-H and congratulate them for having the Spirit of 4-H.

## **Patty Nelson “Making the Best Better” Memorial Award: Ashley Schutt**

Ashley Schutt is a worthy recipient of the Patty Nelson "Making the Best Better" award. She not only serves as an excellent role model for other 4-H members but also for her younger siblings. Ashley is always ready to lend a hand when needed and ensures that her brothers and sister stay focused on their responsibilities. She sets a positive example for all members to admire. Her dedication to the 4-H program is unwavering and she is always looking for ways to truly “Make the Best Better.” Congratulations Ashley.

## **4-H Rookie Award: Hadley Kauth**

Hadley has fully embraced 4-H with enthusiasm. In every meeting, she actively engages and works to create a welcoming atmosphere for others. Through this commitment, she has not only gained new friends but also acquired a variety of skills through her participation in 4-H meetings and workshops she attends. Hadley's first year was a success. She is our deserving recipient of the 2024 4-H Rookie Award. Congratulations!

## **“Above and Beyond” Award: Kailey Patzel & Kiara Brachle**

Standing out in this year, Kiara Brachle has truly gone above and beyond her expectations. She consistently lends a hand before, during and after the swine show at the fair, she dedicates her time to mentoring younger 4-H members during the cat show, teaching them essential skills and how to present their cats to the judge and she serves as a role model and the elected president of the Lucky Clovers 4-H club as well. Kiara deserves recognition for her continuous commitment to the 4-H program in Madison County and for going above and beyond. Thank you Kiara.

Kailey Patzel sets a great example for all youth and 4-H members. Throughout the year, she diligently cares for her hogs and sheep while managing school and sports commitments. Kailey even wakes up early to fit in her sports workouts. She readily assists others when needed. Despite not always feeling her best this year during the fair, Kailey always wore a smile, persevered through challenges, and excelled in showcasing her animals. She is consistently dedicated to the program from year to year and it's rewarding to witness her growth and confidence in taking charge. Kailey, you are a dedicated and kind-hearted member. Thank you for going above and beyond.

## **Outstanding 4-H Alumni: Mark McKibbon**

Our Outstanding 4-H Alumni this year is Mark McKibbon. As a young 4-H member he always had a passion for livestock. Getting involved with the 4-H program and the Pioneers 4-H Club was a perfect fit for him. He showed swine starting as a junior and worked his way through each year achieving many accomplishments. During this time you could always find him in the swine area during the fair keeping an eye on everything. He would take time to water everyone's hogs on those hot days and was always willing to offer a helping hand to younger members showing them how to work with their animals. Today, you can still find Mark hanging out in the swine area but now as a co-superintendent. With the help of Evan Unkel, they have made many changes and improvements to help the swine show run so smoothly. One of these is having a holding area for the next class of hogs that are to be shown. They also moved the holding pens to the north side of the arena giving the audience the best view of the exhibitors showcasing their animals. In addition to this role, Mark has also served on the 4-H Council for the past 6 years helping make the best decisions for youth involved in the 4-H program. Thank you Mark for making a difference, you very deserving of the Outstanding 4-H Alumni Award.

# Presentation of Special Awards



## **“I Believe in You” Award: Payton Fehringer**

This year's recipient is Payton Fehringer. Payton and her horse Apache continue to learn about each other from year to year and yet occasionally, her horse acts independently which sometimes causes challenges. Yet, despite those challenges, she continues to persevere and achieved goals. This year Payton worked hard and received multiple ribbons and awards this year through the horse project. Payton continues to work diligently because "I Believe in You". Congratulations Payton! Keep up the good work!

## **Outstanding 4-H Member: Dylan Luetkenhaus**

An outstanding 4-H member is not only a person who has shown great accomplishments but is also willing to help out in whatever needs to be done. This year our Outstanding 4-H Member award recipient is Dylan Luetkenhaus. Dylan is a member of the Newman Huskers 4-H Club and the Madison County 4-H Archery Club. This year, Dylan won the 2023 Triple Crown for his age division in Youth Bowhunter Freestyle Archery by placing first in all three state wide 4-H archery competitions (Indoor 300 with a 278 and 12 X's, Outdoor 600 with a 582 score and 20X's and the Outdoor 3D with a 270 score). Many hours of practice went in to accomplish this goal as this is not an easy feat and Dylan worked very hard to achieve this goal. Dylan also has several projects he enters in the county fair as well. He has shown bucket calves, swine, chickens and rabbits to name a few animals over the years as well as several successful static exhibits. Dylan is always helping and always asking what he can help with! Dylan you are deserving of this award and you are appreciated. Congratulations.

## **Heart of 4-H Award: Aria Hoehne**

This year's recipient is Aria Hohne, who wholeheartedly promotes 4-H through teaching, active participation, and sharing her talents and enthusiasm with others. Here are some highlights of Aria's contributions to 4-H:

Aria loves teaching Others About 4-H:

- Aria assisted at the 4-H archery booth during last summer's fair, educating visitors on 4-H archery, safety measures, and bow shooting.
- She also mentored her sister, Ella, guiding her through projects and encouraging her in her first year as a clover bud.

Aria actively participates in 4-H:

- Aria was elected to the 4-H council where she actively participating in meetings, sharing opinions, making motions, and assisting in event setup and teardown of events including our vendor event and the fair.
- She took part in various activities, including project days, cake decorating workshops, speech contests, and fashion shows, displaying her versatility and dedication to 4-H.
- Aria's commitment extended to selling 4-H ads for a special edition, receiving praise for her storytelling and sales skills.

Aria is always sharing 4-H talents and enthusiasm with others, while being a great friend and sportsman with a great attitude. Aria's unwavering dedication and enthusiasm for 4-H makes her a deserving recipient of the Heart of 4-H. Congratulations!

### **Advocate of the Year: Madison County Vet Clinic**

An advocate is someone who champions the interests of a cause or group. This year, we are delighted to acknowledge the Madison County Vet Clinic, Jeff, and Kathy. Jeff and Kathy went above and beyond in supporting the 4-H program in Madison County. They assisted in various tasks, organized a successful Cat Workshop at the clinic, and sponsored banner awards for the Madison County Fair. As a family, they contributed their time, ideas, and hands-on support to the program. We appreciate the dedication and backing you have provided to the Madison County 4-H Program. Having advocates like you is invaluable to any organization, and for that, we are truly thankful! Thank you and Congratulations!

### **Legacy Award: 'Grandma' Jane**

A legacy represents the enduring impact of specific events or actions that occurred in the past or throughout a person's life. This year, Jane Tegeler, also known as Grandma Jane, is our recipient of the 4-H Legacy Award. Jane serves as an exceptional role model for her grandchildren - Skyler, Ashlyn, Turner, and Tritt. She has overseen numerous remarkable sewing projects and imparts her outstanding knowledge and guidance to her grandchildren. We appreciate the dedication and time you invest in your grandchildren, Grandma Jane. Your influence is truly a legacy. The cherished memories you create with your grandchildren are invaluable. Congratulations!