



MERRICK 4-H TIMES

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SEPTEMBER—NOVEMBER 2022 IMPORTANT DATES

- Oct. 3— **DUE** Record Books Extension Office
- Oct. 3— **DUE** County & Diamond Clover Awards Extension Office
- Oct. 3— **DUE** Merrick Co. 4-H Ambassador Apps Extension Office
- Oct. 2-8 National 4-H Week!
- Oct. 10— Office Closed, Columbus Day
- Oct. 30— **ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS & CELEBRATION**, 4-H Building
- Nov. 11— Office Closed, Veterans Day
- Nov. 24-25 Office Closed, Thanksgiving
- Dec. 1 — **DUE** Hoodie Designs for 2023 Champion Hoodies, Ext. Office
- Dec. 1 — **DUE** 4-H & FFA T-Shirt Designs for 2023-2025 Fairs, Ext. Office
- Dec. 26 Office Closed, Christmas

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DUE: Record Book, Monday, October 3rd—Extension Office!

- ◆ **ACCEPTABLE RECORD BOOK FORMAT: Achievement Application, DUE OCT. 3, hard copy, google form or emailed to merrick@unl.edu**
- ◆ **Fairboard WILL ONLY PAY PREMIUM MONEY to those youth who have turned in an Achievement App. by the above DUE DATE.**
- ◆ Look online for the Achievement Application: <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/merrick/achievement-application-awards-scholarship-information/>
- ◆ For questions or assistance with your record book please contact the Extension Office 308-946-3843 or merrick@unl.edu

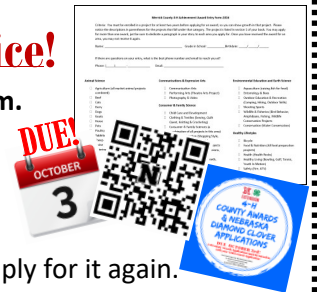


DUE 4-H County Award Entry Forms!

Monday, October 3rd—Extension Office!

*Drop-off, email to merrick@unl.edu or use google form.
Award Criteria:

- ⇒ Be enrolled in the project for 2+ years.
- ⇒ Have personal growth in the project you apply for.
- ⇒ Once an award has been received, you may not apply for it again.
- ⇒ **Achievement Application** must be completed to apply for a county award.



DUE Nebraska 4-H Diamond Clover!

Friday, October 1st—Extension Office!

*Drop-off at Extension Office or email to merrick@unl.edu

What is it?

- ◆ Noncompetitive program recognizing 4-Her's accomplishments.
- ◆ Consists of six (6) levels.
- ◆ Allows every 4-Her an opportunity to be recognized, regardless of how they are involved in 4-H.
- ◆ Designed to begin at Level 1 and progress through Level 6, one level per year, achieving each level only once.



NEBRASKA 4-H DIAMOND CLOVER PROGRAM LEVELS

Level	Corresponding Gemstone Identifier	Anticipated for	Complete at least
Level 1	Amethyst	ages 8-9	3 accomplishments
Level 2	Aquamarine	ages 10-11	4 accomplishments
Level 3	Ruby	ages 12-13	5 accomplishments
Level 4	Sapphire	ages 14-15	6 accomplishments
Level 5	Emerald	ages 15-17	7 accomplishments
Level 6	Diamond	ages 18 & up	8 accomplishments and a service-learning project

- ◆ Older youth beginning the program can contact the Ext. Office to see how to begin at level (2-4).
- ◆ A simple Plan & Report Form is used to document accomplishments.
- ◆ Forms can be picked-up at the Extension Office or online at <https://4h.unl.edu/diamond-clover>



**ANOTHER SPOOKTACULAR
ACHIEVEMENT PARTY**
Sunday, October 30th
1-3PM, 4-H Building
ICE CREAM & COSTUME CONTEST!
 MORE DETAILS COMING IN YOUR 4-H FAMILY INVITATION!

Achievement Celebration!



- ◇ Vote for NEW 4-H Council Members
- ◇ Record Books & Premium Checks returned
- ◇ 2022 Merrick County Ambassadors announced

**NOMINATIONS DUE to Extension Office
Monday, Oct. 3 for following AWARDS:**

For nominations or descriptions of these awards, please contact the Extension Office: 308-946-3843 or merrick@unl.edu

- ⇒ Ak-Sar-Ben Outstanding Jr. Leader
- ⇒ Prairie Schooner Outstanding Jr. Leader
- ⇒ Liberty Belles Outstanding Jr. 4-H Member
- ⇒ Inspirational Award
- ⇒ Emerging Adult Volunteer
- ⇒ Outstanding Adult Volunteer
- ⇒ Pat on the Back Award
- ⇒ Meritorious Service Award
- ⇒ Friend of 4-H Award



**Accepting NOMINATIONS
for OPEN 4-H COUNCIL positions:
DUE to Extension Office Monday, Oct. 3**

For nominations or descriptions of duties, please contact the Extension Office: 308-946-3843 or merrick@unl.edu

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| • Vice President | • Jr. Leader East |
| • Secretary | • Jr. Leader West |
| • Treasurer | • Jr. Leader Central |
| • East | • Jr. Leader At Large |
| • West | |



- ⇒ Merrick County 4-H Council has Jr. Leader 4-Hers age (13-18), adult 4-H volunteers and 4-H parents who have positive visions for the future of the Merrick County 4-H Program.
- ⇒ 4-H Council members work collaboratively to help plan 4-H events, contests and help instill a positive change for future growth within the Merrick County 4-H Program.
- ⇒ 4-H Council provides funding for 4-H based events and activities throughout the year.



The Merrick County 4-H Program is fortunate to have **AMAZING sponsors and donors!** Many awards and buyers from the livestock sale are sponsored by businesses and individuals. Please remember to send them a **THANK YOU!**

*If you need to know who or where to send a thank you to, contact the Ext. Office, 308-946-3843 or merrick@unl.edu



2022 Merrick County 4-H Ambassadors!

The purpose of the Merrick County 4-H Ambassador Program is to recognize and award outstanding youth in Merrick County who exemplify the qualities of true leaders while creating awareness for the 4-H Program.

ELIGIBILITY: Open to all youth 4-H age 15-18, currently enrolled in Merrick County 4-H and have been a 4-H member in good standing.

AWARDS: Each ambassador will receive:

- ◆ \$500 Scholarship
- ◆ Merrick County Ambassador Jacket
- ◆ Merrick County Ambassador Polo Shirts
- ◆ Merrick County Ambassador Name Tag
- ◆ Photo portrait for publicity purposes



- AMBASSADORS**
- 2021-2022 Fallon Wells
 - 2021-2022 Hannah Siwinski
 - 2021-2022 Raegan Ferraro
 - 2022-2023 Cole Brandes



APPLICATION PROCESS:

- 1) Submit official entry application to Extension Office by **Monday, October 3rd** hardcopy or email to [Kara kwells5@unl.edu](mailto:Kara.kwells5@unl.edu)
- 2) Short bio which includes: "What 4-H means to me?" and "How can I advocate for 4-H?"
- 3) Applicants will be contacted for an interview.

*For more information contact the Ext. Office 946-3843.

Jr. Leaders Journal

For all 4-H members ages 13-18 years!



Jr. Leaders ALL Merrick County 4-H Teens *(ages 13-18)* 2022 Tentative Plan

- ◆ Oct. –Review Clover Kid Record Books, 4-H Building
- ◆ Nov. –Hamilton/Merrick Christmas Party, Hamilton Co.
- ◆ Dec. –Merrick/Hamilton Lock-In, Merrick Co. 4-H Building

Jr. Leader led County Fair Activities

Judging Clover Kid Exhibits



County Kids' Pet Show



Sunday, October 30th, 1-3PM

Achievement Celebration!

Watch email for more details!

⇒ Jr. Leaders, get ready for Achievement Celebration, more details to come!

Leader Ledger

For all 4-H Leaders Past, Present, & Future!



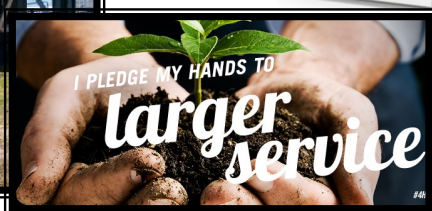
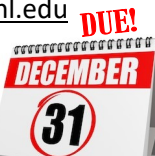
⇒ Club Leader Resources



- Club Activities & Projects
- Curriculum, Activities & Lesson Plans
- <https://4h.unl.edu/resources/club-leaders>

⇒ Would you like help getting your club back in order for the 2023 4-H year? Call or email the Extension Office, we're here to help, 308-946-3843 or merrick@unl.edu

⇒ End of Year Club Treasurer's Report **DUE Dec. 31** hardcopy to Extension Office or emailed to kwells5@unl.edu



Clover Kids Corner

For all 4-H members ages 5-7 years!

⇒ **Clover Kid Record Books are DUE Monday, October 3rd** to Extension Office hardcopy or emailed to merrick@unl.edu

DUE!



⇒ **CLOVER KID RECORD BOOKS** are available online by using the QR code or contact the Extension Office



Due by October 3 to the Extension Office by email: 4-H Club Leader, Extension Office, Merrick County, merrick@unl.edu



⇒ Fairboard will only pay premium money to those youth who have turned in a record book by the above deadline



NEBRASKA



⇒ **Statewide Events & Opportunities**—
For more info: <https://4h.unl.edu/>



⇒ **Virtual Field Trips**—For more info:
<https://4h.unl.edu/virtual-field-trips>



⇒ **Rabbit Science**—For more info and to join
online: <https://4h.unl.edu/companion-rabbit-science>



⇒ **Cat Club**—For more info or to register online:
<http://4h.unl.edu/companion-animal/cat-club>



⇒ **Equine Webinar Series**—For more
info and to register online:
<https://4h.unl.edu/horse/webinar-series>



⇒ **2022 4-H Foundation Trail Ride**—
Halsey, NE Oct. 2-4. For more info: <https://www.ne4hfoundation.org/trailride/>



⇒ **Nebraska State Fair Results**—For more
info: <http://nebraska4hresults.com/>



SENIORS!

\$500 Martha & Don Romeo Scholarship

DUE Wednesday, November 30, 2022 to Extension Office

◆ Pick-up application at Extension Office, call 308-946-3843 or email merrick@unl.edu for more information.



Nebraska 4-H Foundation Scholarships:

◆ For a list of scholarships and how to apply: <https://www.ne4hfoundation.org/scholarships/>

◆ A completed **Achievement Application** is required.

◆ Applications **DUE JAN. 15!** emailed to 4HAchieves@unl.edu



Merrick County 4-H
Council

**NEW
DUE
DATE!**

◆ Applications **DUE JAN. 15!** Extension Office!

◆ Merrick County 4-H offers **TWO (2) scholarship** opportunities for graduating Merrick County 4-H **SENIORS!**

◆ 4-H Council
Scholarship



◆ Dan & Susan Monaghan
Scholarship

◆ **Interested in applying?**

Contact the Extension Office for full details or check out the link below or use the QR codes provided.

◆ <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/merrick/achievement-application-awards-scholarship-information/>

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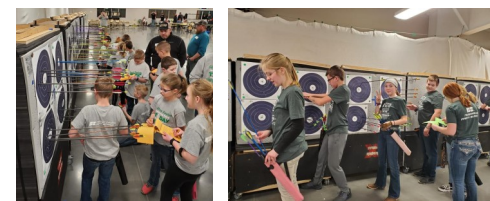
Indoor Archery:

Intro to Archery

- ⇒ Thursday, Oct. 27th
- ⇒ 6:30 p.m.
- ⇒ 4-H Building

Regular Practices

- ⇒ Every Thursday beginning Nov. 3rd
- ⇒ 4-H Building
- ⇒ 6:30-7:45 p.m., 4-H age 8-11 yrs.
- ⇒ 7:45-9:00 p.m., 4-H age 12-18 yrs.



SHOOTING SPORTS



Four practices with a Certified Shooting Sports Instructor are required to compete in Merrick County shooting sports contests.

Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshops

- ◆ For more information go to:
- ◆ <http://4h.unl.edu/shooting-sports/>

HELP WANTED

4-H Shooting Sports Coaches

are needed for young people who would like to shoot bb gun, air rifle & pistol, .22 rifle & pistol for Fall 2022-Winter 2023.



◆ 4-H Council offers registration fee scholarships.

◆ Oct. 22-23:
Nebraska City, NE
OR

◆ December 3-4:
Benkelman, NE



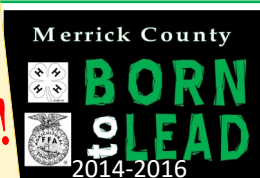
Thank You



Extension Office Staff would like to **THANK EVERYONE** for their hard work and dedication to the 4-H program during the 2022 Merrick County Fair!
See you back in 2023! We know it will be GREAT!

Turn designs into the Ext. Office or email to merrick@unl.edu
DUE Thurs. Dec. 1!

*Champions design winner will receive a **FREE HOODIE** designed by them!
 *T-Shirt design winner will receive a different prize!



STEP 1: Choose 1 or 2 graphic colors

STEP 2: Choose T-SHIRT color

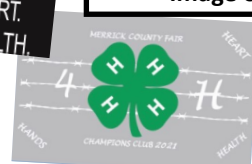
STEP 3: MUST INCLUDE: 'Merrick County'

2023-2025



WEARABLE DESIGN CONTESTS

2023-2025 Fair T-Shirt & 2023 4-H Champions Club Hoodie



STEP 1. Choose a HOODIE color!

STEP 2. Choose 1, no more than 2, graphic colors!

STEP 3. MUST INCLUDE: 'Merrick County' 'Champions Club' '2023'

Image of a 4-H Clover

- August:** Tessa Buller, William Brondel, Emmitt Kremer, Kayden Tyan, Hazel Purvis, Harper Perry, Kalyn Talbott, Penny Peard, Thomas Musil, Cleland Sack, Jaycee Smith, Autumn Harlow, Kyleigh Muller, Jasmine Hansen, Maya Blauhorn, Leyton Dalland, Genevieve Ferraro, Hudson Earl, Libby Krug, Kadeya Sanborn, Otto Harrie, Kali Birnie, Easton Neville, Raegan Ferraro, Natalie Luhn, Trent Detlefsen, Mackenzie Benson, Berklie Nelson, Laura Hansen, Trace Buller
- September:** Renee Reimers, Kellen Kucera, Ava Bearnes, Rachel Hale, Kaja Brondel, Cooper Schnell, Hannah Luhn, Alanna Zmek, Addison Blauhorn, Pacer Simpson, Owen Ferris, Emily Samuelson, Megan Blomstedt, Noah Johnson, Paisley Burkhardt, Jack Krug, Joshua Green, Makenna Grigsby, Will Zanger, Hudson Perry, Hope Fuhrman, Bridger Robison, Degun Friedrichsen, Brady Myers, Naiya Sanborn, Braiden Greving, Peyton Earnest, Shayna Klute
- October:** Jack Molliconi, Boaz McDonald, Kane Kucera, Stetson Stuhmer, Morgan Ekhoft, Chantz Stuhmer, Alden Wegner, Hayes Mottl, Natalie Wegner, Huck Wegner, Oakley Whalen, Rutledge Dettman, Adilyn Deibert, Timothy Friedrichsen, Connor Wegner, Hensley Wissing, Fallon Wells, Chloe Jefferson, Easton Medinger, Lincoln Reeves, Brynlea Friedrichsen, Maliyah Johnson, Shyann Zmek, Shaun Goyette, Kynlee Nelson, Lukas Musil
- November:** Kenzie Wert, Logan Wert, Seth Wert, Ellie Graham, Ella Mottl, Thayne Kimbrough, Monroe Groetzinger, Dawson Purvis, Kathryn Lovejoy, Nevaeh Earnest, Sam Johnson, Jax Fisher, Daniella Mejia-Velasquez, Rowan Westman, Abigail Simonsen, Nathaniel Heins, Kyler Carlson, Macie Dexter, Josie Beck, Remi Wells, Garrett Schmierer, Kalen Weller, Henry Morrison, Dana Jurgens





September 11, 2022 — December 3, 2022

For more information please contact the Extension Office 308-946-3843 or email merrick@unl.edu



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
11 <u>September</u>	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 4th Annual 6th Grade Ag Showcase, Fairgrounds	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1 <u>October</u>
2	3 DUE Ext. Office • Record Books • Awards Apps. • Ambassador Apps. 7pm 4-H Council	4	5	6	7	8
<small>National 4-H Week! National 4-H Week! National 4-H Week! National 4-H Week! National 4-H Week! National 4-H Week! National 4-H Week! National 4-H Week! National 4-H Week! National 4-H Week!</small>						
9	10 Columbus Day Office Closed	11	12	13	14	15 NE State 4-H Camp Trail Ride
16 NE State 4-H Camp Trail Ride	17 OPEN RE-Enroll in 4-H 2022-2023 @ v2.4online.com	18	19	20	21	22 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification, Nebraska City, NE
23 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification, Nebraska City, NE	24	25	26	27 6:30pm Intro to Archery Practice, 4-H building	28	29
30 4-H Achievement Party, 4-H Building 1-3PM	31	1 <u>November</u>	2	3 6:30pm Archery 8-11yrs 7:45pm Archery, 12- 18yrs, 4-H Building	4	5
6	7 7pm 4-H Council Meeting, 4-H Building	8	9	10 6:30pm Archery 8-11yrs 7:45pm Archery, 12- 18yrs, 4-H Building	11 Veterans Day Office Closed	12
13	14	15	16	17 6:30pm Archery 8-11yrs 7:45pm Archery, 12- 18yrs, 4-H Building	18	19
20	21	22	23 Thanks for Giving 4-H Baking Workshop, 4-H Building, Grades 5th and above	24 Thanksgiving—Office Closed	25	26
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