



MERRICK 4-H TIMES

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SEPTEMBER—NOVEMBER 2023 IMPORTANT DATES

- Oct. 2- **DUE** Record Books Extension Office
- Oct. 2- **DUE** County & Diamond Clover Awards Extension Office
- Oct. 2- **DUE** Merrick Co. 4-H Ambassador Apps Extension Office
- Oct. 1-7 National 4-H Week!
- Oct. 9- **Office Closed**, Columbus Day
- Nov. 5- **ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS & CELEBRATION**, 4-H Building
- Nov. 10- **Office Closed**, Veterans Day
- Nov. 23-24 **Office Closed**, Thanksgiving
- Dec. 1 - **DUE** Hoodie Designs for 2024 Champion Hoodies, Ext. Office
- Dec. 25 **Office Closed**, Christmas

DUE: Record Book, Monday, October 2nd—Extension Office!

- ◆ **ACCEPTABLE RECORD BOOK FORMAT: Achievement Application, DUE OCT. 2**, 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



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DUE 4-H County Award Entry Forms!

Monday, October 2nd—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!

Monday, October 2nd—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

	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>





Achievement Celebration!



- ◇ Vote for NEW 4-H Council Members
- ◇ Record Books & Premium Checks returned
- ◇ 2024-2025 Merrick County Ambassadors announced

NOMINATIONS DUE to Extension Office Monday, Oct. 2 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. 2

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 |
| • Central | • Jr. Leader At Large |
| • At Large | |



- ⇒ 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



2024-2025 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



APPLICATION PROCESS:

- 1) Submit official entry application to Extension Office by **Monday, October 2nd** 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.

AMBASSADORS

2022-2023 Cole Brandes

2023-2024 Keir Albert

2023-2024 Shelby Hostler



Jr. Leaders Journal

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



Jr. Leaders ALL Merrick County 4-H Teens (ages 13-18) 2023 Tentative Plan

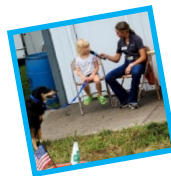
- ◆ Oct. 15, 5:30 p.m. –Review Clover Kid Record Books, 4-H Building
- ◆ Nov. 12, 5:30 p.m. –Merrick/Hamilton Friendsgiving Party, Hamilton Co. 4-H Building
- ◆ Dec. 27-28 –Merrick/Hamilton Lock-In, Merrick Co. 4-H Building

Jr. Leader led County Fair Activities

Prepping for Judging Clover Kid Exhibits



& County Kids' Pet Show



Sunday, November 5th, 2-3:30PM

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!



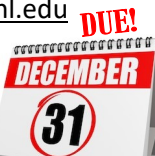
⇒ Club Leader Resources



- 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 2024 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 kwell5@unl.edu



Clover Kids Corner

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

⇒ **Clover Kid Record Books** are **DUE Monday, October 2nd** to Extension Office hardcopy or emailed to merrick@unl.edu



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



Due by October 2 to the Extension Office by email: 4-H Club Leader, Extension Office, email: 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>



⇒ **UNL Companion Animal Program**—For more info:
<https://4h.unl.edu/companion-animal>

- ⇒ Companion Cat Science
- ⇒ Companion Rabbit Science
- ⇒ Dog Achievement Program



⇒ **UNL Livestock Program**—For more info:
<https://4h.unl.edu/livestock>

- ⇒ Farrowed & Owned
- ⇒ Fed Steer Challenge
- ⇒ Livestock Achievement Program



⇒ **UNL Horse Program**—For more info:
<https://4h.unl.edu/horse>



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



SENIORS!

\$500 Martha & Don Romeo Scholarship

DUE Wednesday, November 30, 2023 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

- ◆ 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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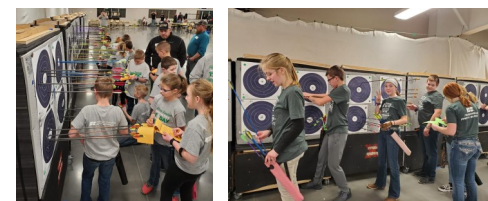
Indoor Archery:

Practices

- ⇒ Every Tuesday beginning Nov. 14th thru Feb. 6th
- ⇒ 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.

Contests

- ⇒ Tuesday, Feb. 13th—Juniors
- ⇒ Tuesday, Feb. 20th—Int. & Srs.
- ⇒ 4-H Building



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 2023-Winter 2024.

*4-H Council offers a scholarship for registration fee.



Thank You



Extension Office Staff would like to **THANK EVERYONE** for their hard work and dedication to the 4-H program during the 2023 Merrick County Fair!
See you back in 2024! We know it will be GREAT!

WEARABLE DESIGN CONTEST

2024 4-H Champions Club Hoodie

Turn designs into the Ext. Office or email to **DUE Fri. Dec. 1!**

merrick@unl.edu

*Champions design winner will receive a **FREE HOODIE** designed by them!



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



- October:** Abigail Friedrichsen, Boaz McDonald, Kane Kucera, Zia Perea, Stetson Stuhmer, Hayzlee Herrick, Hayes Mottl, Huck Wegner, Oakley Whalen, Adilyn Deibert, Timothy Friedrichsen, Connor Wegner, Hensley Wissing, Chloe Jefferson, Easton Medinger, Moxon Wurtz, Lincoln Reeves, Brynlea Friedrichsen, Maliyah Johnson, Shyann Zmek, Shaun Goyette, Kynlee Nelson, Lukas Musil
- November:** Bekah Rankin, Khloe McNeff, Ella Mottl, Monroe Groetzinger, Dawson Purvis, Sam Johnson, Nevaeh Earnest, Jax Fisher, Nathaniel Heins, Macie Dexter, Josie Beck, Elijah Parde, Joelah Perea, Evan McCall, Hadley Samway, Haven Friedrichsen, Remi Wells, Kalen Weller, Henry Morrison, Dana Jurgens
- December:** Marlie Mundt, Elijah Glause, Caleb Whalen, Peyton Earl, Landen Purvis, Ella Birnie, Bailey Greving, Traegen Forbis, Alexis Ericksen, Connor Bearnes, Zane Koziol, Regan Burkhardt, Alaric Frey, Kylie Talbott, Olivia Walling, Savannah Glause, William Peters, Leo Brandes, Keiton Van Winkle, Anna Schmierer, Callie Wright, Lilly Lautenschlager, Elise Bearnes, Adelyn Blasé, Kate Zanger





September 10, 2023 — December 2, 2023

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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>10 September</u>	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 <i>6th Annual 6th Grade Ag Showcase, Fairgrounds</i>	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<u>1 October</u>	2 <i>DUE Ext. Office</i> • <i>Achievement Apps.</i> • <i>Awards Apps.</i> • <i>Ambassador Apps.</i> <i>7pm 4-H Council</i>	3	4	5	6	7
<i>National 4-H Week!</i>						
8	9 <i>Columbus Day Office Closed</i>	10	11	12	13	14
15 <i>5:30pm, Jr. Leaders, 4-H Building</i>	16 <i>OPEN RE-Enroll in 4-H 2023-2024 @ v2.4honline.com</i>	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 <i>Connecting the Dots, Merrick County 9th Grade, CC HS</i>	26	27	28
29	30	31	<u>1 November</u>	2 <i>Inventure Day, Merrick County 7th Grade, CC MS</i>	3	4
5 <i>4-H Achievement Party, 4-H Building 2-3:30PM</i>	6 <i>7pm 4-H Council Meeting, 4-H Building</i>	7	8	9	10 <i>Veterans Day Office Closed</i>	11 <i>Veterans Day</i>
12 <i>5:30pm, Jr. Leaders, Friendsgiving, Hamilton Co.</i>	13 <i>6:30pm Intro to Ar- chery Practice, 4-H</i>	14 <i>6:30pm Archery 8-11yrs 7:45pm Archery, 12- 18yrs, 4-H Building</i>	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 <i>6:30pm Archery 8-11yrs 7:45pm Archery, 12- 18yrs, 4-H Building</i>	22 <i>Thanks for Giving 4-H Baking Workshop, 4-H Building, Grades 5th and above</i>	23 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	24 <i>Office Closed</i>	25
26	27	28 <i>6:30pm Archery 8-11yrs 7:45pm Archery, 12- 18yrs, 4-H Building</i>	29 <i>DUE Ext. Office Martha & Don Romeo Scholarship</i>	30	<u>1 December</u> <i>DUE Hoodie & T-Shirt Designs</i>	2