

4-H PLEDGE

I pledge my Head to clearer thinking,
My Heart to greater loyalty
My Hands to larger service,
My Health to better living,
For my club, my community, my
country and my world.

FOUR CLOVER NEWS

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AWARD APPLICATIONS/CAREER PORTFOLIOS & DIAMOND CLOVER APPLICATIONS DUE SEPTEMBER 17 BY 5:00 P.M.

The Award Entry Sheet and Award Guidelines for the Career Portfolio (Record Books) along with the CHARACTER COUNTS! Form can be picked up at the Extension Office or are available on line at <http://nemaha.unl.edu/entryforms>.

If your club's Organizational Leader does not have enough Diamond Clover Application forms, you can pick up more of these forms at the Extension Office or find them on line as well. Remember that all of these awards will be given to 4-Hers at the Achievement Celebration & Leaders' Recognition on Sunday, November 4 @ 5:30 p.m. at the 4-H Building.



A huge thank you goes out to Ag Society members, superintendents, assistant superintendents, clerks, committee members, volunteers, 4-Hers, 4-H Clubs, and parents that made the 2018 Nemaha County Fair a fun and successful event! It takes the entire community working as a team to get the many pieces to come together for a "first-place" county fair. Nemaha County has many supporters of the 4-H Youth Program that continue to make the fair a great experience for 4-H members! THANK YOU!!!

Nebraska 4-H Charter Club of Excellence & Year-End Activity Report Due September 30

Nebraska 4-H Charter Club of Excellence applications will be due to the Nemaha County Extension Office on September 30. The forms were sent out to each Organizational Leader. The Extension Office has a statistical report due to the State Office. We need your reports to help us compile our report. The 4-H year runs from October 1 through September 30. If your club is a Club of Excellence then you will receive a gold seal at the Achievement Celebration.

Congratulations to Nemaha County 4-Hers for entering 54 exhibits at the 2018 NE State Fair. This was an impressive number of well-prepared exhibits demonstrating personal growth and learning in the 4-H Program. To view results please go to: nebraska4hresults.com

Static State Fair exhibits will be available for pick-up from the Extension Office beginning **September 5th**.

THANKS AGAIN! We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to Woodmen Life Chapter 29 and Nemaha County Farm Bureau for providing lunch meals to our 4-H Families on Friday & Saturday during the Fair.



Awards Committee Meetings:

Members of the Awards Committee will meet Monday, September 24 at the Courthouse Meeting Room, 5:30 p.m. to review the award application process and distribute the applications and career portfolios.

The second committee meeting will be Wednesday, October 10 at 4:30 p.m. to determine county project area awards and those that will go to the district level.

Those currently on the Awards Committee are: Beth Kernes-Krause, Donna Monnette, and Shelly Nichols. One additional person is needed to fill the position completed by Katie DeBuhr in 2017. The work done by Katie is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

The Awards Committee members serve a three-year term and determine the county award winners as well as those who will advance to district competition. 4-H parents, leaders, alumni and friends of 4-H are invited to become involved! Please call the Extension Office at 402-274-4755 or email ethiltges2@unl.edu.

September 24th 4-H Council Meeting

September 4-H Council Meeting, Monday September 24 at 6:30 p.m. Please be prepared to nominate individuals for the following awards:

- 4-H Alumni Award
- 4-H Leader 5 years and over
- 4-H Leader under 5 years
- Friend of 4-H

If you are unable to attend, please send a representative from your club in order to share the topics that were discussed with your club. A quorum is required.

THANK YOU . . .

to leaders, parents and members of the Johnsonites and BU Stockraisers 4-H Clubs for running the 4-H Food Booth during the fair and your service to the community to Nancy Baltensperger and Raynell Able for coordinating all aspects of the 4-H Food Booth. The combination of welcoming smiles, great food and thirst-quenching beverages was exactly what fair-goers needed. Heartfelt thanks to everyone involved!!

Special Awards for Static Exhibits

Wilton Award for Best Decorated Cake

Christina Lillenas won the Top Decorated Cake award.

Elizabeth Hodges won the Top Decorated Cupcake award.

Top 4-H Horticulture Exhibit sponsored by Auburn Garden Club

Christina Lillenas was awarded \$25.

Top 4-H Herb Exhibit Award sponsored by Paul and Kay Fish

Elizabeth Hodges was awarded \$25.00.

Top Awards given in Memory of Gary McDermitt

Kaitlynn Simon received a \$25 cash prize for her Top 4-H Floriculture Exhibit

Kinsley Oestmann received a \$25 cash prize for his Top 4-H Houseplant Exhibit

Anna Lillenas received a \$25 cash prize for her Top 4-H Vegetable Exhibit

Kinsley Oestmann received a \$25 cash prize for her Top 4-H Photography Exhibit

Emily Oestmann received a \$25 cash prize for her Top 4-H Home Environment Exhibit

Abbie Zimmerman received a \$25 cash prize for her Top 4-H Clothing Exhibit

Top 4-H Vegetable Exhibit given by Nemaha County Farmer's Market

Anna Lillenas received a \$60 cash prize for her Green Summer Squash – Top Vegetable

Christina Lillenas received a \$40 cash prize for her Green Summer Squash – Runner Up Vegetable



Show Your Appreciation

Write your Thank You notes if you have not done so! The Friends of 4-H, other donors, and Premium Sale buyers took the time to donate money or come to the Premium Sale so we need to follow-up and send a Thank You for their support. Please take a few minutes and write your thank you note(s). If you have already written your thank you(s) and sent them, THANK YOU!

Most of those exhibitors that took animals through the premium sale have brought their thank you notes in, as required for premium sale participants, and received their premium checks. (*There are still a few checks waiting to be picked up.*) Thank you 4-Hers for doing this.

If you did not get a Thank You card for an award, please stop by the Extension Office and pick one up. Thank them, tell about your project and what you learned, and send a photo (if possible) and be sure to sign your full (first & last) name. Receiving Thank You notes this year may determine if a donor wants to donate next year!

SPECIAL DONATIONS this year that need a thank you as well:

Donation to be divided among all Nemaha County 4-Hers who participated in 4-H Contests and/or the Nemaha County Fair. (included in your premium check you will receive at Achievement Night)

Stutheit Implement
73136 Hwy 75
Auburn, NE 68305

Nemaha County Hospital
2022 13th
Auburn, NE 68305

Clarke Oak Acres, LLC
c/o Ruth Ann Wakelin
1102 South Main
Brock NE 68320

Gary & Mary Schlange
64086 727th Rd
Auburn NE 68305

Donation to be divided among all Premium Sale participants. (included in your premium sale check)

Bartlett Grain
101 Elm St.
Stella, NE 68442

Gary & Mary Schlange
64086 727th Rd
Auburn NE 68305

National 4-H Week is October 7-13

Clubs are encouraged to celebrate National 4-H Week and have activities in their communities to celebrate 4-H and tell others about 4-H and the opportunities available!! If clubs have something they would like advertised on the Nemaha County 4-H website let the Extension Office know by September 25.



AWARDS APPLICATION



Question: How may a 4H'er receive awards at Achievement Night?
Answer: Complete a Career Portfolio OR NEW Achievement Application

The **Career Portfolio** includes a Junior or Senior Awards Entry Sheet (depending on 4-Hers age), the portfolio, a project story or stories, and photos. This collection of achievements, photos, and project stories becomes a wonderful book highlighting YOUR life. Collecting this information and keeping it organized is one of the skills that you learn in 4-H. You can use your book when you apply for college scholarships and/or apply for jobs. The Career Portfolio is due by 5:00 pm on Monday, September 17, 2018. You must use the green record book cover and dividers for your portfolio. Entry sheets have been updated. Juniors will use these forms to apply for County Project Awards. Seniors will use these forms to apply for Project Medals and Project Trophies as well as other scholarships and awards which are available. Please read the forms carefully and follow directions. **REMEMBER SR's:** You will need to write a separate Leadership Story for the Fred Lockwood Outstanding Jr. Leader Award.

**** OR ****

Nebraska 4-H is excited to announce the new **Achievement Application** (<https://4h.unl.edu/annual-achievement-application>) form that will be used as an alternative to the Career Portfolio and is available to youth this fall as a pilot. The Achievement Application will be used at the state level to select winners for 4-H Congress, Conference, scholarships, and other leadership opportunities that arise statewide. It will also be used for awards in the county. By having one single form that more closely resembles the kinds of questions being asked on college applications and in resumes, 4-H'ers will be better prepared to be college and job ready while keeping a record of their achievements. For the 2017-18 reporting year (due on September 17, 2018, for County Awards and January 15, 2019, for State level review), youth can opt to use either this application or the Career Portfolio. You can access the Nebraska 4-H Achievement Application at: <https://h4.unl.edu/annual-achievement-application>. To be considered for Achievement Night Awards submit electronically by email to nemaha-county@unl.edu by 5:00 pm on September 17. Let us know if you have questions.

ADDITIONAL AWARD OPPORTUNITIES

Forms are available at the Extension Office or on line.

DIAMOND CLOVER AWARDS – Six levels where youth set goals and earn award pins for reaching these goals.

CHARACTER COUNTS! AWARD – Requires a form and essay. Winner receives a small plaque and his/her name is added to a plaque that is hanging in the Extension Office. (This award can only be won once.)

FRED LOCKWOOD OUTSTANDING JR LEADER AWARD Seniors only (12 & above) – Based on Leadership Activities and Leadership Story. Requires a form and a leadership story. (This award can only be won once.)

4-Hers—Do you Want to Earn \$\$\$?

Completion of your Career Portfolio or Achievement Application is an opportunity to earn Bonus Bucks. (Bonus Bucks can be used to purchase 4-H t-shirts, chevrons, and armbands and pay for workshop fees, camps, CWF.) When you complete your awards application you also have the opportunity to earn ½ Camp Scholarships (maximum \$100). The Awards Committee will award Bonus Bucks and ½ Camp Scholarships based on your Career Portfolio or Achievement Application. Don't miss this opportunity. Submit your Career Portfolio or Achievement Application to the Extension Office by 5:00 pm SEPTEMBER 17.

September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Timbercreek 4-H Club is responsible for the 4-H Landscaping on the Fairgrounds during the month of September.						1 NE State Fair
2 NC4-HSS Mtg. 6:00pm 4-H Bldg. Nebraska	3 Labor Day (Courthouse Closed) State Fair	4	5 Pick-up State Fair Exhibits (at Extension Office)	6	7	8
9	10 Jr. Riders Mtg. 5:30pm 4-H Bldg.	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Career Portfolios/ Record Books Due Courthouse 5:00pm BU Stockraisers Mtg. 7:00pm 4-H Bldg.	18	19	20	21	22 Trap, Five-Stand, Skeet & Sporting Clays Contests 4-Star Shooting Range—8:00 am
23 Air Rifle & Air Pistol Contests 3 pm Wellness Center 30 AKSARBEN Year End Club	24 Record Books Judging Meeting 5:30pm Courthouse 4-H Council Mtg. 6:30pm Courthouse	25	26	27	28 AKSARBEN	29 .22 Smallbore Contests Russ Smith's

October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 NC4-HSS Mtg. 6:00pm 4-H Bldg.	8 Columbus Day (Courthouse Closed)	9 National	10 4-H	11 Week	12	13
14	15 BU Stockraisers Mtg. 7:00pm 4-H Bldg.	16	17 4-H Online Open for Reenrollment	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Halloween	 Jr Riders 4-H Club is responsible for the 4-H Landscaping on the Fairgrounds from October 1 -15. Johnsonsies 4-H Club is responsible from October 16-31.		



Please consider receiving the Four Clover News by email. This helps save paper, copying expense, postage, and time. Log into your 4-H Online account and be sure the Correspondence Preference is set to Email or call the office (402-274-4755) and we'll be happy to help you make the change.

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4-H Landscaping at the Fair Grounds

Don't forget 4-H Clubs have been assigned the responsibility of caring for the 4-H Landscaping on the Fair Grounds. This is the area of plants on the southwest corner of the Commercial Building by the Nemaha County 4-H Welcomes You Sign. The monthly club assignments are listed on the 4-H Calendar. Timbercreek 4-H Club is responsible during the month of September.



Thank you Dayton Kennedy of Fontanelle Seeds for donating bottles of water during Livestock check-in and at the Beef Show during the 2018 Nemaha County Fair.

Ryan Boverhuis from Pawnee County has Silver Fox and Flemish Giant rabbits he is looking to re-home. Contact him at 712-308-1438 if you're interested or have questions.

4-H COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Let's congratulate Benjamin Clark & Kaitlynn Simon! They were selected earlier this year to each receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship from the Nemaha County 4-H Council. Benjamin & Kaitlynn were selected by the 4-H Council from the applications that were submitted last January. Congratulations and best wishes as you move on to the next phase of your life!!! (2019 4-H Seniors should plan now to apply for this coming year. 2019 Scholarship forms are available on our website at: <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/nemaha/entryforms/>)

