

**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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## ACHIEVEMENT APPLICATIONS & DIAMOND CLOVER APPLICATIONS DUE SEPTEMBER 15

(paper copy to the office by 5:00 pm or email electronic copy by 11:59 pm)

Forms can be picked up at the Extension Office or are available online at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/nemaha/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 online as well. Remember that all of these awards are given to 4-Hers at the Achievement Celebration & Leaders' Recognition. Discussion about Achievement Celebration is underway. We in the office are thinking about ideas on how to handle this best to keep our 4-H families safe.



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 2020 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 will be 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 33 exhibits at the 2020 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](http://nebraska4hresults.com)

**Static State Fair exhibits** will be available for pick-up from the Extension Office beginning **September 10<sup>th</sup>**.

The Fairboard is missing 20 purple and 2 blue FFA ribbons. There is a possibility they got mixed in with the 4-H ribbons that were being handed out. Please check your ribbons. If you have FFA ribbons, bring them into the office to be exchanged.

### Awards Committee Meetings:

Members of the Awards Committee will meet Monday, September 28 at the Courthouse Meeting Room, 5:30 p.m. to review the award application process and distribute the applications.

The second committee meeting will be Wednesday, October 7 at 4:30 p.m. to determine county project area awards.

Those currently on the Awards Committee are: Christy Hodges, Donna Monnette, Denise Bohling and Shelly Nichols.

The Awards Committee members serve a three-year term and determine the county award winners. 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](mailto:ethiltges2@unl.edu).

### September 28<sup>th</sup> 4-H Council Meeting

September 4-H Council Meeting, Monday September 28 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 BU Stockraisers 4-H Club for purchasing food for the Food Booth during the fair. Thank you to Raynell Able for coordinating all aspects of the Food Booth.

## Special Awards for Static Exhibits

Top 4-H Horticulture Exhibit sponsored by Auburn Garden Club  
**Caleb Hodges** was awarded \$25.

Top 4-H Herb Exhibit Award sponsored by Paul and Kay Fish  
**Natalie Clark** was awarded \$25.

Top Awards given in Memory of Gary McDermitt

**Alex Krause** received a \$25 cash prize for his Top 4-H Floriculture Exhibit

**Jayden Adams** received a \$25 cash prize for his Top 4-H Houseplant Exhibit

**Elizabeth Hodges** 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

**Kinsley 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



## SHOOTING SPORTS CONTEST



Trap, Five Stand, and Skeet Contests will be held Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm at 4 Star Shooting Range. Practices will be held Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> (this one will be at 4 Star Shooting Range) and September 20<sup>th</sup> (held at Blinde's). Practices will be 2:00-5:00pm.

Smallbore Contests - There will be NO Smallbore contests this year as well as NO sporting clays.

**Practice Information . . .** If you are signed up for a shooting sports project and need information regarding practices, please make sure Al Witte has your contact information. He can be reached at 402-297-9527 or [alwitte@windstream.net](mailto:alwitte@windstream.net).

## 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 generously donated money and buyers took the time to register and review the catalog for 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!

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 in 2020:

Donations 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)

**AKRS Implement**  
73136 Hwy 75  
Auburn NE 68305

**Nemaha County Hospital**  
2022 13<sup>th</sup> Street  
Auburn NE 68305

**First National Bank of Johnson**  
125 Main Street  
Johnson NE 69378

**Nemaha County Farm Bureau**  
c/o Kellie Kennedy  
64650 721 Rd  
Nemaha NE 68414

**Gary & Mary Schlange**  
64086 727<sup>th</sup> Rd  
Auburn NE 68305

Donations 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 727<sup>th</sup> Rd  
Auburn NE 68305

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

**Auburn State Bank**  
1212 J St  
Auburn NE 68305

**Hemmingsen Funeral Home**  
801 S Street  
Auburn, NE 68305

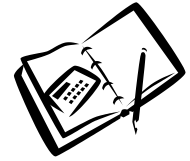


### 4-H Landscaping at the Fair Grounds

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.



## 4-H ACHIEVEMENT APPLICATION



**Question:** How may a 4-H'er receive awards at Achievement Night?

**Answer:** Complete an Achievement Application.

It's that time of year again when 4-H'ers are encouraged to record achievements and learning experiences from the past 4-H year so their achievements can be recognized. Reminder, previously this was known as Record Books or Career Portfolios. Going forward the process will be known as **4-H Achievement Applications**.

At the State Level the 4-H Achievement Application is a standard application form used by senior 4-H'ers, age 15-18, for the selection of state award winners, including Nebraska delegates to National 4-H Congress and National 4-H Conference, as well as Nebraska 4-H Foundation scholarship award recipients.

At the County Level these applications are available for all ages, Junior, Intermediate and Senior, and will be used to award project medallions & pins along with top achievement trophies for each age division. Seniors will be eligible for the Fred Lockwood Outstanding Jr Leader Award. These awards are handed out at the Nemaha County 4-H Achievement Night.

Completion of the 4-H Achievement Application is also an opportunity to earn Bonus Bucks. The Awards Committee will award Bonus Bucks and Camp Scholarships (maximum \$150) based on the Achievement Application. Don't miss this opportunity. Bonus Bucks can be used to purchase 4-H t-shirts, chevrons, and armbands and pay for workshop fees, camps, and CWF. Submit your Achievement Application to the Extension Office by SEPTEMBER 15 (paper copy to the office by 5:00 pm or email electronic copy by 11:59 pm)

There will be 3 age divisions. PDF or Word formats are available.

You can access the Nebraska 4-H Achievement Application at: <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/nemaha/4-h-achievement-application-new-replaces-career-portfolios/> To be considered for Achievement Night Awards submit electronically by email to [ethiltges2@unl.edu](mailto:ethiltges2@unl.edu) OR [bbeasterfield2@unl.edu](mailto:bbeasterfield2@unl.edu) OR [nemaha-county@unl.edu](mailto:nemaha-county@unl.edu) by 11:59 pm on September 15. Let us know if you have questions.

### **ADDITIONAL AWARD OPPORTUNITIES**

Forms are available at the Extension Office or online.


**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 (15 & above)** –The Leadership Experiences part of the application will be used to determine the recipient of this award. (This award can only be won once.)



# September 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 ←	2 Nebraska	3 State	4 Fair	5
6 4-H Shooting Sports Club Mtg. 6:00pm 4-H Building	7 Labor Day (Courthouse Closed) →	8	9	10 Pick-up State Fair Exhibits (at Extension Office)	11	12
13	14 Jr. Riders Mtg. 5:30pm 4-H Bldg.	15 Achievement Applications Due	16	17	18	19
20	21 BU Stockraisers Mtg. 7:00pm 4-H Bldg.	22	23	24 ←	25 AKSARBEN	26
27 AKSARBEN →	28 Awards Committee Meeting 5:30pm Courthouse 4-H Council Mtg. 6:30pm Courthouse	29	30 Year End Club Reports Due	 Timbercreek 4-H Club is responsible for the 4-H Landscaping on the Fairgrounds during the month of September.		



# October 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Jr. Riders 4-H Club is responsible for the 4-H Landscaping on the Fairgrounds from October 1-15. Johnsonites 4-H Club is responsible from October 16-31.				1	2	3
4 ← 4-H Shooting Sports Club Mtg. 6:00pm	5	6 National	7 4-H	8 Week	9	10 →
11	12 Columbus Day (Courthouse Closed) Jr. Riders Mtg. 5:30pm 4-H Bldg.	13	14	15	16 4-H Online Open for Reenrollment	17
18	19 BU Stockraisers Mtg. 7:00pm 4-H Bldg.	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween

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A 4-H family has rabbit cages and hutches they want to sell. They are also looking for someone to animal sit for them. Please call the office if you are interested in either of these.

There was a brown leather halter with a chain left on a panel after the beef show. We have it here at the office.