

FOUR CLOVER NEWS

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4-H Youth Development



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

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2023 Nebraska State Fair

August 25th – September 4th

Fonner Park, Grand Island

-Congratulations to Nemaha County 4-H'ers for entering 57 static & horticulture exhibits & 2 4-H'ers for showing animals at the State Fair.

This was an impressive number of youth demonstrating personal growth and learning in the 4-H Program. To view State Fair results please go to: nebraska4hresults.com



-Static Exhibits can be picked up from the Extension office starting Wednesday, September 6th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 4th: Office Closed
 - o All day, Labor Day
- September 6th: State Static Exhibit Pick-up
 - o 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Office
- September 25th: Achievement Apps due
 - o By 5:00 p.m., Office
- September 25th: Council Meeting
 - o 6:30 p.m., Courthouse
- October 5th: Awards Committee Meeting
 - o 5:00 p.m., Courthouse
- October 8th: Shooting Instructor Meeting
 - o 2:00 p.m., Courthouse
- October 9th: Office Closed
 - o All day, Columbus Day

THANK YOU!!!!

A huge thank you to Ag Society members, superintendents, assistant superintendents, clerks, committee members, volunteers, 4-H'ers, 4-H Clubs, and parents that made the 2023 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 great county fair. Nemaha County has many supporters of the 4-H Youth Development Program that continue to make the fair a great experience for 4-H members!

Thank You's to Premium Sale Buyers

All participants of the Premium Sale will need to bring their Thank You(s) written to their buyer(s), addressed and with postage on them, to the Extension Office and we will then mail them. You will receive your Premium Sale Check after the office has your Thank You(s).

Extension is a division of the Institution of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln cooperating with the Counties and the United State Department of Agriculture.

The 4-H Youth Development program abides with the nondiscrimination policies of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the United States Department of Agriculture.

Fair Miscellaneous

Special Awards:

Top 4-H Horticulture Exhibit sponsored by Auburn Garden Club

- Lexie Cook was awarded \$25 for her Beautiful Bucket

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

- Andrew Hodges was awarded \$25 his Poem about Basil

Top Awards given in Memory of Gary McDermitt (each received a \$25 cash award)

- TOP 4-H Floriculture Exhibit – Noah Metschke for Floral Arrangement
- TOP 4-H Houseplant Exhibit – Jayden Adams for his Palm Plant
- TOP 4-H Vegetable – Caleb Bohling for his Red Potatoes
- TOP 4-H Photography Exhibit - Kinsley Oestmann for her Lincoln Life Photograph
- TOP 4-H Clothing Exhibit - Abbie Zimmerman for her Summer Outfit
- TOP 4-H Home Environment Exhibit - Kinsley Oestmann for her Original Graphite Drawing, “Nebraska Life”



Thank You to the Jr. Riders and Timbercreek Clubs for providing food for our 2023 Premium Buyers Meal! We appreciate it!

Special Livestock Exhibit Awards:

- Champion Market Heifer – Macy DeBuhr - Sponsored by the Young Foundation Endowment in Memory of Ross & Maryon Adams
- Supreme Champion Breeding Heifer - Makenna Snodgrass and Reserve Champion Breeding Heifer - Brixty Andrew – Sponsored by Linn & Bev DeBuhr and Wes & Katie DeBuhr
- Overall Rate-of-Gain – Marleigh Behrends – Sponsored by Behrends Farms, Will & Gary Behrends

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 participate in 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 needed, we have sets of thank you notes in the office you can use or you can use your own cards.

SPECIAL DONATIONS in 2023:

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 Celebration)

AKRS Equipment

73136 Hwy 75
Auburn NE 68305

Nemaha County Hospital

2022 13th Street
Auburn NE 68305

Gary & Mary Schlange

64086 727th Rd
Auburn NE 68305

Clarke Oak Acres, LLC

c/o Ruth Ann Schultz
1818 P St
Auburn NE 68305

Nemaha County Farm Bureau

c/o Kellie Kennedy
64650 721st Rd
Nemaha NE 68414

Donations to be divided among all Premium Sale participants.

3-State Stockyard Inc

PO Box 57
Falls City, NE 68355

Gary & Mary Schlange

64086 727th Rd
Auburn NE 68305



Shooting Sports

SHOTGUN 2023:

Practice: - Sunday, September 3rd from 2-4 PM, Tuesday, September 5th from 6-8 PM, Sunday, September 10th from 2-4 PM & Tuesday, September 12th from 6-8 PM

*Remember participation at **3** practices is required to be eligible to participate at the Shotgun Contest.

Contest: TBD

Participants must provide their own Firearm, ammunition, eye & ear protection, hat, jeans, boots, and range bag or shooting vest. Firearms need to be transported in a case.



**All practices and the contest are held at the Otoe County Wildlife Club west of Nebraska City.*



Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop

A Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop is scheduled for late October in Kearney. It will be held October 28-29 in Kearney. The early bird deadline to register for the workshop is October 18th.

Volunteers will have the opportunity to become certified as an adult (21 years and older) or apprentice (14-20 years old) leader. Six project areas and ambassador training will be offered at the Kearney Workshop – coordinator, rifle, pistol, shotgun, hunting skills, archery, and ambassador. Ambassador training will be held in conjunction with instructor's workshop and up to eight teens will be accepted at the training session. Please help recruit qualified teen leaders, ages 14-18, who are excelling in their shooting sports projects.

There is a minimum number of participants needed to offer these disciplines at the workshop. Workshop participants will learn under expert instruction from members of the Nebraska State 4-H Shooting Sports Training Team.

The registration fee is \$85 per person for initial certification or those individuals adding an additional discipline except for Apprentice Instructors and Ambassadors. The registration fee for Apprentice Instructors (14 to 20 years of age) and Ambassadors (14-18 years of age) is \$75 for this workshop. The late registration fee is \$150 for both levels. This fee includes meals, supplies and program materials. Participants must make their own lodging arrangements. Registration on Saturday runs from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

While participants might need to bring limited, if any, equipment to the in-person discipline training site, there are a series of four National 4-H Shooting Sports online modules which individuals **MUST** complete prior to the training to become eligible for certification. Information on the modules and how to enroll, **4-H Shooting Sports Online User Guide**, can be accessed by using the link found on the Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports website under Calendar of 4-H Shooting Sports Events at <https://4h.unl.edu/shooting-sports>, under the "Kearney Workshop" - this provides step-by-step instructions on how to sign up for and complete the entire series of modules before the workshop. Individuals who have already completed the Online modules are not required to complete them again.

As individuals follow each of the instructions in the Online User Guide, they will be asked to choose a payment method. Participants are responsible for the \$20 (per person) registration fee. The entire series of modules will take approximately 3-4 hours, so please plan some time accordingly.

Achievement Night Awards

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

Answer: Complete an 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.

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

Clover Kids also have a record sheet they can complete to be eligible for an award.

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, and armbands and pay for workshop fees, camps, and CWF. Submit your Achievement Application to the Extension Office by SEPTEMBER 25 (paper copy to the office by 5:00 pm or email electronic copy by 11:59 p.m.)

ADDITIONAL AWARD OPPORTUNITIES

-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.)

-Diamond Clover Award – This program consists of six levels that require 4-Hers to plan and report a broad range of age-appropriate accomplishments. These awards are given out at the Achievement Celebration.

Forms for all awards can be found at

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/nemaha/entryforms/> All awards will be given out at Achievement Night on November 5th. Please submit forms to sdavidson11@unl.edu, bbeasterfield2@unl.edu or nemaha-county@unl.edu by 11:59 p.m. or bring them into the office by 5:00 p.m. on September 25. Let us know if you have questions.

**Achievement Celebration & Leader Recognition
November 5th @ 5:30 PM**

Miscellaneous

2023 Awards Committee:

The awards committee will be meeting on Thursday, October 5 at 5:00 p.m. to determine county project area awards.



The Awards Committee consists of: Jen DeBuhr, Trisha Adams, Stacey Cook & Amber Ryan

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 sdavidson11@unl.edu.

September 25th 4-H Council Meeting

September 4-H Council Meeting, Monday September 25th 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 to share what was discussed with your club. A quorum is required.



Nebraska 4-H Charter Club of Excellence & Year-End Activity Report Due October 2nd

Nebraska 4-H Charter Club of Excellence applications are due to the Extension Office by October 2nd. The forms were emailed to each Organizational Leader. Please let the office know if you need a paper copy. 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.

Landscaping on Fairgrounds

4-H Clubs are assigned and responsible for watering and caring for (pulling weeds, etc.) the plants and the area within the concrete border.

Club Schedule for Landscape:

- September — Timbercreek
- October — 1-15th — Jr. Riders; 16th — 31st — Johnsonites
- November — 1-15th — BU Stockraisers; 16th -30th Shooting Sports Club/Independents



Items left at the fair



A sequined brush, a show comb, and a red curry comb, and washing scrub brushes were left at the fair. I also have a small red football hoodie that has a yellow “A” sewn on the inside and a red water bottle with a black lid. If you are missing something, contact Sheena or stop by to see if we have it.

Fall Workshop

A fall workshop is planned for Saturday, October 21st from 9:00 – 11:00 AM at the 4-H Building. Cost will be \$20.00 and no refunds will be given. Payment can be made in the Extension office. Register at

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Teg1wHpOYVL8QJfka-wqKJwHC-OIRa2r84zBKuBktQ/edit>

Registration and payment due by October 13th.



Seniors Spotlight

Over the next couple issues of the Four Clover News, we will be highlighting our youth that graduated or completed their last year of 4-H. If your senior has not answered the questions or sent a picture to Sheena, please encourage them to do so before the end of September.

Abbie Zimmerman graduated from Auburn High School and will be attending Southeast Community College for Nursing. She was a part of the BU Stockraisers 4-H club for 13 years and the Nemaha County Shooting Sports 4-H Club for 7 years. Her favorite 4-H memories consist of being able to help the younger kids in all the activities she was involved in. Abbie learned the importance of being a leader and helping teach the younger kids how to become leaders through 4-H. Her advice to others is to try everything you can while you can.



Alex Krause graduated from Auburn High School and will be attending Peru State College studying General Studies. He was a part of the BU Stockraisers 4-H club for 13-14 years. His favorite 4-H memory was the rocket launch. Alex learned through 4-H how to work with others and how to make a poster and present. Alex's advice to others is that 4-H isn't just about agriculture, it includes everything that you can do with your hands.

Olivia Nichols graduated from Johnson Brock High School and is planning on getting her degree in pre-veterinary medicine then transferring to Kansas State University to become a veterinarian. She was a part of the BU Stockraisers 4-H club for 10 years. Her favorite 4-H memory was meeting new friends, winning showmanship in cattle and swine one year and getting to know every single one of her animals. Olivia learned through 4-H how to care for her animals properly, how to finish out her market animals, and how to get the animals' trust. Her advice to others is 4-H is a really good learning experience even if you don't have animals. You can get involved in whatever you like to do, and she will always cherish her time in 4-H.



Triston Perry graduated from Auburn High School and will be attending the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture to complete a 2-year Ranch Management degree then will go on to Lineman training for a career. He was a part of the Nemaha County Shooting Sports 4-H club for 7 years. His favorite 4-H memory was getting trampled by his horse after showing him in the show ring. Triston learned through 4-H how to be a good sport and congratulate others even when he didn't do well. His advice to others is to branch out and do something new each year, "you may surprise yourself."



NEMAHA COUNTY – TENTATIVE 2023 4-H CALENDAR OF EVENT

DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE CHECK BACK EACH MONTH FOR CHANGES

AUGUST

- 5 ATV/Tractor Driving Contest, 9:00 a.m. Fairgrounds
- 6 BB Gun Practice, 4:00 p.m., Fairgrounds
- 6 4-H Shooting Sports Mtg., 6:00 p.m., 4-H Building
- 9 Fairground Cleanup, 6:00 p.m.
- 11 **Pre-Fair Entry & Judging, 3-7 p.m.**
- 12 **BB Gun Contest, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m., Fairgrounds**
- 13-16 **NEMAHA COUNTY FAIR**
- 13 Livestock & Small Animal Check-In, Fair grounds,
5:00-9:00 p.m. (Horses check in after show)
- 17 Clean-up at the Fairgrounds, 6:00 p.m.
- 18 State Fair Entries Turn-in Deadline
- 22 State Fair Food and Horticulture Entries Due by 12
- 26 – 9/5 Nebraska State Fair, Grand Island
- 27 Timbercreek Mtg., 5:00 p.m. Johnson Library
- 30 Fair Wrap-Up Mtg., Courthouse, 6:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Office Closed for Labor Day
- 6 **Pick-up State Fair Exhibits at Extension Office**
- 11 Jr. Riders Mtg., 5:30 p.m., 4-H Building
- 18 B.U. Stockraisers Mtg., 7:00 p.m., 4-H Building
- 21-24 Aksarben – Grand Island
- 23 **Shotgun Competition (possible date)**
- 25 4-H Council Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Courthouse
- 25 **Achievement Applications Due**
- 24 Timbercreek Mtg., 5:00 p.m. Johnson Library

OCTOBER

- 2 **Year End Club Reports Due**
- 1-7 **National 4-H Week**
- 1 Shooting Sports Mtg., 6:00 p.m., 4-H Building
- 5 Awards Committee Mtg., 5:00 p.m., Courthouse
- 9 Office Closed for Columbus Day
- 9 Jr. Riders Mtg., 5:30 pm., 4-H Building
- 16 B.U. Stockraisers Mtg., 7:00 p.m., 4-H Building
- 22 Timbercreek Mtg., 5:00 p.m. Johnson Library

NOVEMBER

- 5 **4-H Achievement Night, 5:30 p.m., 4-H Building**
- 10 Office Closed for Veteran's Day
- 13 Jr. Riders Mtg., 5:30 p.m., 4-H Building
- 20 4-H Council Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Courthouse
- 20 B.U. Stockraisers Mtg., 7:00 p.m., 4-H Building
- 23-24 Office Closed for Thanksgiving
- 26 Timbercreek Mtg., 5:00 p.m. Johnson Library

DECEMBER

- 3 4-H Shooting Sports Mtg., 6:00 p.m., 4-H Building
- 11 Jr. Riders Mtg., 5:30 p.m., 4-H Building
- 18 B.U. Stockraisers Mtg., 7:00 p.m., 4-H Building
- 25-1/2 Office Closed for Holiday



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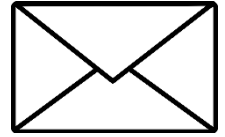
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