

# 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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## 2024 Nebraska State Fair

August 23<sup>rd</sup> – September 2<sup>nd</sup>

Fonner Park, Grand Island

-Congratulations to Nemaha County 4-H'ers for entering 82 static & horticulture exhibits & 6 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](http://nebraska4hresults.com)



-Static Exhibits can be picked up from the Extension office starting Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 2<sup>nd</sup>: Office Closed
  - o All day, Labor Day
- September 4<sup>th</sup>: State Static Exhibit Pick-up
  - o 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Office
- September 23<sup>rd</sup>: Council Meeting
  - o 6:30 p.m., Courthouse
- September 25<sup>th</sup>: Achievement Apps due
  - o By 5:00 p.m., Office
- October 7<sup>th</sup>: Awards Committee Meeting
  - o 6:00 p.m., Courthouse
- October 14<sup>th</sup>: 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 2024 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).



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



# Shooting Sports



## Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop Offered in Ashland

A Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop is scheduled for mid-October in Ashland. It will be held October 12-13 in Ashland. The early bird deadline to register for the workshop is October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Volunteers will have the opportunity to become certified as an adult (21 years and older) or apprentice (14-20 years old) leader. Archery & Shotgun disciplines will be offered.

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 \$90 per person for initial certification or those individuals adding an additional discipline except for Apprentice Instructors. The registration fee for Apprentice Instructors (14 to 20 years of age) is \$80 for this workshop. The late registration fee is \$160 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 "Falls City 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 one-time (per person) registration fee. The entire series of modules will take approximately 3-4 hours, so please plan some time accordingly.

For more workshop information and registration link, go to the [4-H Shooting Sports web page](#).

Registration Link - [Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop - Ashland \(google.com\)](#)

## Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Update Session Offered in Ashland – October 12<sup>th</sup>

A Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Update Session is scheduled for mid-October in Ashland on August 12<sup>th</sup>, 9am to noon. The early bird deadline to register for the Update training is October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The time has come to provide an update for all Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Instructors who received their training in 2018 or before. Over the years there have been numerous curriculum changes, updates, and additions, with some major curriculum adjustments in the last few years. **Individuals who were certified in 2018 or prior must attend to keep their discipline certification.**

This Update Session is for adult or apprentice 4-H volunteer instructors who have previously attended a 4-H instructor training workshop in 2018 or prior years. This is a required update for existing instructors, NOT a training for new instructors. You **MUST** be a currently enrolled Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports volunteer leader in your county to attend.

**Archery & Shotgun disciplines will be offered for the morning session.** Registration is at 8:30am and the program starts at 9am. Lunch is provided at noon. There is a minimum number of participants needed to offer each discipline session.

Registration fee must be paid by October 7<sup>th</sup>. Early bird registration by October 2<sup>nd</sup> is **\$35** for the session. Late registration fee, after October 2<sup>nd</sup>, is **\$60**. Fee includes program materials and lunch for the Update session. It does not include lodging.

For more workshop information and registration link, go to the [4-H Shooting Sports web page](#).

Registration Link - [Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Update - Ashland \(google.com\)](#)

# 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.

There are applications 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, etc. 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 5<sup>th</sup>. Please submit forms to [sdavidson11@unl.edu](mailto:sdavidson11@unl.edu), [bbeasterfield2@unl.edu](mailto:bbeasterfield2@unl.edu) or [nemaha-county@unl.edu](mailto: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.**

***If you need some help, please reach out to Sheena. We'd like for all youth to complete this and want to offer extra help for you to be successful.***

## **DIAMOND CLOVER PROGRAM**

Diamond Clover awards are also given out during achievement night. The program consists of six levels that require 4-Hers to report on a broad range of age-appropriate accomplishments. Here is the link to the site which provides a list of accomplishments from which 4-Hers can choose their goals: <https://4h.unl.edu/diamond-clover> These awards are given out at Achievement Celebration. This is an easy way to get an award. Each level has a different number of accomplishments to report on. The reporting is not lengthy either, but easy for all age levels. This application also needs turned in by September 25<sup>th</sup>. You will also need a club leader signature on this application so plan accordingly.

# Miscellaneous

## Achievement Celebration & Leader Recognition November 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 5:30 PM

### 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 for these special donations below in the office you can use or you can use your own cards.

#### SPECIAL DONATIONS in 2024:

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 13<sup>th</sup> Street  
Auburn NE 68305

#### Gary & Mary Schlange

64086 727<sup>th</sup> Rd  
Auburn NE 68305

#### Nemaha County Farm Bureau

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

#### Nemaha County Hospital Employees

2022 13<sup>th</sup> Street  
Auburn NE 68305

Donations to be divided among all Premium Sale participants.

#### Clarke Oak Acres, LLC

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

#### Gary & Mary Schlange

64086 727<sup>th</sup> Rd  
Auburn NE 68305



### September 23<sup>rd</sup> 4-H Council Meeting

September 4-H Council Meeting, Monday September 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>**

Nebraska 4-H Charter Club of Excellence applications are due to the Extension Office by October 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 --Peru Bobcats



Thank You to the Jr. Riders and Timbercreek Clubs for providing food for our 2024 Premium Buyers Meal! We appreciate it!

### **Special Awards:**

*Top 4-H Horticulture Exhibit* sponsored by Auburn Garden Club

- Oliver Davidson was awarded \$25 for his Zinnias

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

- Lucy Avery was awarded \$25 for her French Lavender

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

- TOP 4-H Floriculture Exhibit – Oliver Davidson for his Zinnias
- TOP 4-H Houseplant Exhibit – Caleb Hodges for his Ice Plant
- TOP 4-H Vegetable – Willa Fritz for his Rattlesnake Beans
- TOP 4-H Photography Exhibit – Marleigh Behrends for her Chicago’s Bean Photograph
- TOP 4-H Clothing Exhibit – Aubrey Taylor for her Dress
- TOP 4-H Home Environment Exhibit - Kinsley Oestmann for her Original Acrylic Painting, “Girl with Flowers.”

Top Nemaha County Farmer’s Market Exhibits

- TOP 4-H Cookie Exhibit – Michael Woerlen for his Chocolate Cookies
- TOP 4-H Quick Bread Exhibit – Rachel Sutton for her Banana Bread
- TOP 4-H Yeast Dough Exhibit – Kendall Bohling for her Focaccia Bread

### **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 – Aca Andrew and Reserve Champion Breeding Heifer – Avery Boellstorff – Sponsored by Linn & Bev DeBuhr and Wes & Katie DeBuhr
- Overall Rate-of-Gain – Marleigh Behrends – Sponsored by Behrends Farms, Will & Gary Behrends
- Champion Showman – Mia Gerdes - Senior, Logan DeBuhr – Intermediate, Brixtyr Andrew – Junior sponsored by Southeast Nebraska Cattleman’s Association
- Champion Eggs – Noah Metschke sponsored by the Nemaha County Farmer’s Market



## **2024 Awards Committee:**

The awards committee will be meeting on Thursday, October 7 at 6:00 p.m. to determine county project area awards.

The Awards Committee: Stacey Cook, Amber Ryan, Becky Taylor & Heidi Jenek



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](mailto:sdavidson11@unl.edu) if you'd like to help.

# Senior Spotlight

**We want to highlight all our graduates that have finished their 4-H career. Please reach out if you want to be included.**

Thomas Gerdes graduated from Johnson Brock High School and will be attending Southeast Community College in Milford for JD Technician training. He was a part of the Nemaha County 4-H Shooting Sports Club for 9 years. His favorite 4-H memory is just getting to know all the different other kids in the club and getting to shoot with them. Thomas learned the proper way to shoot a compound bow with proper shooting etiquette and how to compete with dignity win or lose. His advice to others is to put 100% effort in and get as much out of 4-H as you can because it is a great and beneficial program that can teach you many things and has all sorts of programs for kids with different interests.



Zoe Baltensperger graduated from Auburn High School and is attending Southeast Community College in Beatrice majoring in Agribusiness with a certification in Agronomy & Precision Ag. She was a part of the Jr. Riders 4-H club for 13 years. Her favorite 4-H memory was when some of us kids and adults would race down the big slide at the carnival. Zoe learned through 4-H different skills that she will continue to use forever such as leadership, being respectful, having responsibilities, and character. Her advice to others in 4-H is to get involved with multiple 4-H events and projects so you can learn different skills and meet new people within those groups and most importantly make sure you work hard and have fun because that's what it's all about.



# FALL Workshop

COST  
\$10.00  
NO REFUNDS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

at the 4-H Building in Auburn  
Enrollment in 4-H not required.



MOSAIC CRAFT  
AGES 8-18

9:00 - 10:30 AM



BEADED CRAFTS  
AGES 5-7

**BEADED CORN**

10:30 - 11:15 AM



Register by October 4th at this site:  
<https://go.unl.edu/fallworkshop24> or use the QR code &  
pay in the Extension Office. Make checks to the  
University of Nebraska-Lincoln

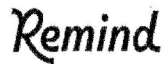


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Pick a way to receive messages for **Nemaha County 4-H**:

**A** If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

[rmd.at/4676h9b8](https://rmd.at/4676h9b8)

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.




**B** If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message @4676h9b8 to the number 81010.

If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @4676h9b8 to (510) 478-9062.

\* Standard text message rates apply.



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## NEMAHA COUNTY – TENTATIVE 2024 4-H CALENDAR OF EVENT

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

### AUGUST

- 3 ATV/Tractor Driving Contest, 9:30 a.m. Fairgrounds
- 4 BB Gun Practice, Fairgrounds, 4:00 p.m.
- 4 4-H Shooting Sports Mtg., 6:00 p.m., 4-H Building
- 7 Fairground Cleanup, 6:00 p.m.
- 9 Pre-Fair Entry & Judging, 3-7 p.m.**
- 10 Archery Contest, Fairgrounds**
- 11-14 NEMAHA COUNTY FAIR**
- 11 Livestock & Small Animal Check-In, Fair grounds, 5:00-9:00 p.m. (Horses check in after show)**
- 15 Clean-up at the Fairgrounds, 6:00 p.m.**
- 16 State Fair Entries Turn-in Deadline
- 18 Johnsonites Mtg., 5:00 p.m., Johnson Library
- 20 State Fair Food and Horticulture Entries Due by 12
- 23 – 9/2 Nebraska State Fair, Grand Island
- 25 Timbercreek Mtg., 5:00 p.m. Johnson Library
- 28 Fair Wrap-Up Mtg., Courthouse, 6:00 p.m.

### NOVEMBER

- 3 4-H Achievement Night, 5:30 p.m., 4-H Building**
- 10 Timbercreek Mtg., 5:00 p.m., Johnson Library
- 11 Office Closed for Veteran’s Day
- 11 Jr. Riders Mtg., 5:30 p.m., 4-H Building
- 17 Johnsonites Mtg., 5:00 p.m., Johnson Library
- 18 4-H Council Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Courthouse
- 18 B.U. Stockraisers Mtg., 7:00 p.m., 4-H Building
- 28-29 Office Closed for Thanksgiving

### DECEMBER

- 1 4-H Shooting Sports Mtg., 6:00 p.m., 4-H Building
- 8 Timbercreek Mtg., 5:00 p.m., Johnson Library
- 9 Jr. Riders Mtg., 5:30 p.m., 4-H Building
- 15 Johnsonites Mtg., 5:00 p.m., Johnson Library
- 16 B.U. Stockraisers Mtg., 7:00 p.m., 4-H Building
- 23-1/2 Office Closed for Holiday

### SEPTEMBER

- 2 Office Closed for Labor Day
- 4 Pick-up State Fair Exhibits at Extension Office**
- 9 Jr. Riders Mtg., 5:30 p.m., 4-H Building
- 15 Johnsonites Mtg., 5:00 p.m., Johnson Library
- 16 B.U. Stockraisers Mtg., 7:00 p.m., 4-H Building
- 22 Timbercreek Mtg., 5:00 p.m. Johnson Library
- 23 4-H Council Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Courthouse
- 25 Achievement Applications Due**
- 26-29 Aksarben – Grand Island
- 30 Year End Club Reports Due**

### OCTOBER

- 6 Shooting Sports Mtg., 6:00 p.m., 4-H Building
- 7 **Awards Committee Mtg.**, 6:00 p.m., Courthouse
- 14 Office Closed for Columbus Day
- 14 Jr. Riders Mtg., 5:30 pm., 4-H Building
- 20 Johnsonites Mtg., 5:00 p.m., Johnson Library
- 21 B.U. Stockraisers Mtg., 7:00 p.m., 4-H Building

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