

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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Achievement Night –

About 134 people gathered on November 5th to celebrate the 4-H volunteer leaders and the 4-H youth in Nemaha County. This is the 63rd year Mike Casey – First National Bank of Johnson has sponsored the food for our celebration. Thank you First National Bank/Mike Casey! Sunday evening, Nemaha County's outstanding volunteers were recognized for years of service, some special leaders received awards, and 4-H'ers were awarded their medals, pins, and trophies for completing their projects with their Achievement Applications.

The following leaders were voted on by the 4-H Council and awarded the following awards:

4-H Alumni Award – April Joy

4-H Leader with Extended Service of Over 5 Years – Jody Able

4-H Leader 5 years and Under – Kristin Woerlen

Friend of 4-H – Ruth Ann Schultz

Congratulations to each of you and thank you for your service!!

During the Achievement Night special recognition was given for outstanding achievement in each age division: Chase Miller - Junior, Caleb Hodges – Intermediate, & Jayden Adams – Senior. Charlotte Metschke received the Outstanding Jr. Leader – Fred Lockwood Award. Andrew Hodges received the Character Counts Award.

Congratulations to all 4-Hers as you represent the Nemaha County 4-H program so well! Continue to set goals and write them down and strive to do your best!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 20th: 4-H Council Meeting
 - o 6:30 PM, Courthouse
- November 23rd & 24th: Office Closed
 - o All day, Thanksgiving
- December 9th: Project Workshops
 - o Morning, 4-H Building
- December 25th – January 1st: Office Closed
 - o All day, Christmas & New Years

Thank You!!!!

A sincere THANK YOU to the Awards Committee: Trisha Adams, Stacey Cook, Jen DeBuhr, Amber Ryan for reviewing the achievement applications and Melody Teten & Fran Eltiste for reviewing Diamond Clover award forms, Ritika, for being the official photographer, Bev Beasterfield, the Shooting Sports & Timbercreek Club and everyone that helped make this year's 4-H Achievement Night a success!



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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.

A New 4-H Year



4-H Enrollment

It's time to enroll or reenroll in 4-H. Please enroll through 4HOnline at <https://v2.4honline.com>.

A new 4-H year

A new 4-H year began on October 1! It is time to reorganize your club and invite new members to join. At your first meeting elect new officers, select a club project, and plan for the year by scheduling meeting dates, project talks, activities, demonstrations, etc.

Organizational Leaders can stop by the Extension Office to get officers' books. Please send or email a list of officers to the Extension Office.

As the new 4-H year begins and you look for ideas for your club members, here is a website with resources just for you, <https://4h.unl.edu/resources/club-leaders>.

Organizational Leader Notes:

- Let the office know who your new club officers are.
- Pair up new members/families with a mentor member/family to assist new members/families.

Adult Volunteers

Would you be willing to be a 4-H volunteer? In Nebraska 4-H, there are two types of volunteers, direct and indirect.

Direct Volunteers are adults & teens acting as direct supervisors or mentors to youth. This includes Organizational Leaders, Clover Kid Day Camp Volunteers, Shooting Sports Certified Leaders, and 4-H Council Members. Direct volunteers must sign-up on v2.4honline.com.

Indirect Volunteers and/or Activity Support Staff are people who provide support for youth activities providing indirect service. This includes superintendents, judges, clean up volunteers, food booth volunteers, club volunteers, etc.

4-H is a family affair and parents are encouraged to attend club meetings and activities with their children. Volunteer resources can be found at 4h.unl.edu/volunteer

Shooting Sports

2024 Air Pistol & Air Rifle Schedule

Practices:

- Sunday, January 7th 3:00-6:00 PM (If needed we will add a 3rd flight from 1:30-3:00 PM)
- Sunday, January 14th 3:00-6:00 PM (If needed we will add a 3rd flight from 1:30-3:00 PM)
- Sunday, January 21st - 3:00-6:00 PM (If needed we will add a 3rd flight from 1:30-3:00 PM)
- Sunday, January 28th - 3:00-6:00 PM (If needed we will add a 3rd flight from 1:30-3:00 PM)
- Sunday, February 4th - 3:00-6:00 PM (If needed we will add a 3rd flight from 1:30-3:00 PM)
- Sunday, February 11th - 3:00-6:00 PM (If needed we will add a 3rd flight from 1:30-3:00 PM)

Competition:

- Sunday, March 28th – Starting at 2:00 PM

Sign-up for a flight for practices at the following address:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BAEA92AA2FBC07-46120735-airpistolair>



Participation in 3 practices is required to be able to compete in the competition. These practices will also transfer if you want to compete in the .22 and BB Gun competitions later in the year.

All participants must be enrolled in 4-H at v2.4honline.com with the air pistol and air rifle project selected if they want to participate in both or just choose one or the other. Enrollment includes a waiver for parents to sign that must be completed before participation is allowed. This year again we will be shooting in the 4-H building. How many flights we have will depend on how many kids sign-up. We can have 10 kids on the firing line at a time, but we only have so many firearms. If you have your own air rifle or air pistol and eye protection, please bring them.

Miscellaneous

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

- The Nemaha County 4-H Council Scholarship Application is available online at: <https://go.unl.edu/5ukv> or stop by the Extension Office to pick up a copy. The Nemaha County 4-H Council will award up to two \$1000 scholarships, not exceeding \$1000 per applicant, and not to exceed the current year's budgeted amount. Increments of \$100s will be awarded as well. Winners will be selected by a scholarship committee made up of members from the 4-H Council. This application is due to the Extension Office on January 15, 2023. Youth must be enrolled in 4-H to apply.
- Nebraska Association of Fair Managers: Martha and Don Romeo Scholarship: The Nebraska Association of Fair Managers will award a \$500 scholarship to one qualifying 4-H male and a \$500 scholarship to one qualifying 4-H female who are graduating seniors in the state of Nebraska and who plan to continue with post high school education. The scholarship will be awarded at the annual NAFM convention in January. Applications can be found at <https://www.nebraskafairs.org/newsletters.php>.

-Applications should be submitted to local Extension Offices by Thursday, November 30.

Age Change for State Fair Eligibility:

A note from Kathleen Lodl, Associate Dean/4-H Program Administrator in Nebraska

As you know, in 2023, Nebraska 4-H lowered the age limit for participation in the Nebraska State Fair for all in-person events to nine years of age. That change increased our participation and provided more youth the opportunity to have an engaging learning experience. We had many positive comments from legacy families as well as new.

This fall, we have had follow-up conversations with many of you as well as the show superintendents and various teams that run these events during State Fair and throughout the year. Based on that feedback and our goal of increasing access, the decision has been made to change the age of eligibility in 2024 to be 8 years of age before January 1 (of the current year) for all in-person State Fair events (livestock, contests, fashion shows, contests) and other state competitions (Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Expo, PASE, communications contest). Note: there will be some events that will maintain their ages due to specific program rules (shooting sports, FIRST LEGO League Challenge robotics). Please check information on each specific event as it becomes available.



Please contact the Extension office if you have questions.

Beef Weigh-in

Beef weigh-in will be coming up in January. Watch for letters to be sent out in December with dates and all information needed. Please enroll and pick beef as a project so we know who to send info to.

REMINDER:

Organizational leaders were given the premium checks, finished achievement applications, certificates and mementos at Achievement Night. Please contact them to get your items! 4-Hers, please cash premium checks in a timely manner.



SAVE THE DATES

4-H Fruit Sales will be:
Tuesday, January 23 – Monday, February 12, 2024.

4-H Fruit Delivery Day will be:
Saturday, March 2, 2024.



We want to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!



Please note we will not send out a Four Clover newsletter in December.



NEMAHA COUNTY – TENTATIVE 2023 4-H CALENDAR OF EVENT

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

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
19	Johnonites Meeting, 5:00 p.m., Johnson Library
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
17	Johnonites Meeting, 5:00 p.m., Johnson Library
18	B.U. Stockraisers Mtg., 7:00 p.m., 4-H Building
25-Jan 2	Office Closed for Holiday

WINTER WORKSHOP



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH
4-H BUILDING AUBURN**

**YOUTH ARE NOT REQUIRED TO BE
ENROLLED IN 4-H TO PARTICIPATE.**

**CLOVER KIDS (AGE 5-7):
8:00 - 9:30 AM
HOMEMADE ORNAMENTS**



**4-H'ERS (AGE 8-18):
9:30 - 11:00 AM
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
PROJECT - ACTIVITY DICE**



REGISTER & PAY BY DECEMBER 1ST



**USE THE QR CODE TO REGISTER OR GO TO
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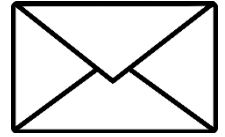
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