



4-H Family Newsletter
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September
 2024



Reminders:

- September 4th - Pick up State Fair Projects
- September 6th - Aksarben entries due
- September 7- 8th - Norfolk Beef Expo
- September 23rd - Award Applications are due to Extension Office
- September 23rd - 4-H Council Meeting (8 P.M.)
- September 26th - 29th - Aksarben Stock Show
- October 7th-12th - National 4-H Week
- October 11th - Norfolk Beef Expo Scholarship Due
- October 14th - Columbus Day Extension Office Closed
- October 20th - 4-H Achievement Program



4-H Achievement Program

This year 4-H Achievement Day will be held on October 20th at 1:30 p.m. at Hadar. We will share more information about Achievement Day later on.

Thank You



To everyone who made suggestions concerning the 4-H Year or the Pierce County Fair. The suggestions will be discussed with the 4-H Council.



2024 State Fair

Congratulations to the following Pierce County 4-Hers who showed or entered projects at the Nebraska State Fair. **You can pick up your State Fair Exhibits and premium checks at the Extension Office.** Check out the 2024 4-H ribbon results: <https://www.nebraska4hresults.com/>



 = Special Recognition Ribbon  = Reserve Champion

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| Matthew Alderson  | Elliott Doerr | Brecken Krueger  | Dylan Schutt |
| Abbigail Backer | Gunnar Doty | Brynlee Krueger | Corbyn Siebrandt  |
| Emillee Backer | Emily Endorf | Amberlin Marks | Hailey Smith |
| Eleanor Bauermeister | Joseph Gubbels | Beckett Marks | Hallie Spreeman  |
| Luke Bauermeister | Riley Gubbels | Henley Marks | Hazel Spreeman |
| Lenox Beacom | Hannah Hickman | Elleigh Meyer | Weston Stemick  |
| Logan Beacom | Zachary Hickman | Emilee Olson | Wyatt Stemick |
| Brenna Benes | Cayden Holan | Gabriel Olson | Brandon Thomsen  |
| Casen Bennett | Keegan Holan | Nox Paulsen | Sara Thomsen |
| Kinley Bennett | Quintin Holan | Addison Pollreisz | Aubree Uribe |
| Paityn Christiansen | Alexandria Huwaldt | Rhyker Pufahl | Elizabeth Venteicher |
| Hadleigh Collison | Aubrey Jensen | Sydney Robinson | Sawyer Weinrich |
| Mckenna Deiterman | Sierra Koehler | Chase Schnelle | Cameron Wessendorf |
| Kody Dockhorn | Sawyer Konert | Emilee Schroth | Collin Wessendorf |
| | | Alaina Schulz | Avery Wragge |

2024 Piece County Premium Checks

2024 Piece County Premium Checks have been mailed out in August.

Please get your check cashed right away before November 17th, 2024 or the will be voided.

49th Annual 4-H Special Edition

A big thank you to all 4-H members who wrote articles for the 2024 4-H Special Edition insert in the Norfolk Daily News! Keep an eye out during National 4-H Week for the published masterpiece!

Haskell Ag Lab Fall Fest

Come join the fun at the free event happening at the Haskell Ag Lab in Concord on September 28th from 9 A.M. - Noon, rain or shine. There will be several activities and exhibits including food preservation, raised garden beds, rocketry, seed balls, educational kids' activities, and more! Everyone is welcome to pick fruit in our orchard as well. This event is for all ages and open to the public. To find more information and other Haskell Ag Lab events go to <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/hal/>

The 20th Annual Nebraska Youth Beef Leadership Symposium (NYBLS)

The annual Nebraska Youth Beef Leadership Symposium will be held at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Animal Science Complex on November 8-10, 2024. The symposium is designed to introduce youth to careers opportunities and current issues in the beef industry, as well as offer education and practice in the use of leadership skills. Open to youth in 10th - 12th grade. For more information about Nebraska Youth Beef Leadership Symposium and the application link can be found by going to <https://go.unl.edu/nybls>. Please note the application deadline is **September 15th**. If you're selected to participate, a \$75 registration fee will be needed. This covers the cost of hotel, meals, and materials.

Norfolk Beef Expo Scholarship

This scholarship is for high school junior and senior students that exhibit at the 2024 Norfolk Beef Expo. Application are **DUE October 11th**. For application link go to <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/pierce/Scholarship-Application-2024.pdf>

Reminder for County Award Information

All of the Pierce County Achievement Applications are **DUE to the Extension Office on or before 4 P.M., September 23rd**. Age Divisions for the awards are Junior Division: 4-H Age 8-14 as of December 31, 2023. Senior Division: 4-H Age 15-18 as of December 31, 2023. Award application information & the Achievement application are available at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/pierce/4-h-award-information/> and the Pierce County Extension Office. The 4-H Achievement Program is scheduled for October 20th.

Awards Information

• Diamond Clover Award Program

- The Nebraska 4-H Diamond Clover Program is designed to encourage 4-H Youth to engage in a variety of projects and activities that will enable members to acquire the life skills necessary to lead successful lives as competent, caring and contributing citizens. The program's overall goal is to provide 4-H members a rich and diverse learning experience. The program consists of six levels that require a 4-H member to plan and report a broad range of age-appropriate accomplishments. The program is designed to enable every 4-H member willing to exert the effort an opportunity to be recognized, regardless of how they are involved in 4-H. Applications are due to Organizational Leaders on the date set by them. Club leaders will evaluate the applications and submit them to the Extension Office on or before 4 P.M., September 23rd. Application can be found by going to <https://4h.unl.edu/diamond-clover>.

• Nominate an Outstanding 4-Her

- Do you know a 4-H member who has gone above and beyond? Nominate an Outstanding 4-Her (must be 16 years of age or older). Fill out the form telling us why you think either he/she deserves to be the Pierce County Outstanding 4-H Member and turn it into the office by September 23rd. The Outstanding 4-Her will be announced at Achievement Day. Contact the office for a form or find it on <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/pierce/4-h-award-information/>. Eligible 4-Her's are listed at the above link.

• Achievement Application

- The Achievement Application provides an excellent opportunity for 4-Hers to keep track of what they have participated in, given leadership to, and learned through 4-H. Completing the application and submitting it to your Organizational 4-H Club Leader and the Extension Office allows 4-Hers to receive awards. Youth will be recognized at the Achievement Program. The application may be submitted in an official 4-H Notebook cover, 3 ring binder, or electronically and is due by 4 p.m., September 23rd to the Pierce County Extension Office. Youth 4-H age 15 years and older can compete at the state level for an opportunity to represent Nebraska at National 4-H Congress or National 4-H Conference. These leadership opportunities are held a year in Atlanta and Washington DC. You must identify a program area (Agriculture, STEAM, Leadership and Entrepreneurship, Healthy Living, or College and Career Preparation for my future) to apply. Note; Do not include ID sheets, ribbons, newspaper clippings, record book comment sheets, entry tags, programs, score sheets, etc. To apply for the Achievement Application go to <https://4h.unl.edu/achievement-application>.

University of Nebraska–Lincoln Admission Information:

- High school seniors, if you are inserted in applying at University of Nebraska-Lincoln now is the time! You can apply for Free until November 1st using the code HUSKER. To apply go to <https://gounl.edu/apply>.
- Explore the “Power of Red” at the 4-H campus visit day! Join us on Saturday, November 9th, for a half-day college visit experience at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Drive into academic interests, enjoy a campus tour, and get all your questions answered about admissions, financial aid, and more. Complimentary lunch included. Register now at <https://go.unl.edu/casnrvisitday24>.
- Discover Nebraska during Red Letter Days! High school juniors and seniors, join us for a full-day campus visit experience at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Explore academic opportunities, engage in student and parent sessions, and enjoy a campus tour. Available on select Mondays and Fridays. Register now at <https://go.unl.edu/visit>. Upcoming dates: September 13th, October 11th, October 18th, November 1st, and November 15th.

Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture Discovery Day:

- Discovery Days at NCTA is open house for prospective students. This day allows students to meet with faculty, tour campus and meet with students clubs and organizations. Upcoming dates: October 1st, November 4th, March 4, and April 7th. For more information go to <https://ncta.unl.edu/discovery-days>.

Attention 4-H Families

We still have some County Fair exhibits here in the office. Please pick up your exhibits as soon as possible we would appreciate it.



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September Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Nebraska State Fair	2 Nebraska State Fair Labor Day Office Closed	3 Norfolk Beef Expo Entries DUE	4 Pick up State Fair Items from Office	5 Pick up State Fair Items from Office	6 Pick up State Fair Items from Office Aksarben entries due	7 Norfolk Beef Expo
8 Norfolk Beef Expo	9	10	11	12	13 Red Letter Day at the University of Nebraska- Lincoln	14 Nebraska State 4-H Shotgun Championships
15 NE Youth Beef Leadership Symposium application DUE Nebraska State 4-H Shotgun Championships	16	17	18	19	20	21 Nebraska State 4-H Outdoor Archery Championships
22 Nebraska State 4-H Outdoor Archery Championships	23 4-H Council Meeting 8 P.M. Awards Applications are DUE at Extension Office	24	25	26 Aksarben Stock Show	27 Aksarben Stock Show	28 Aksarben Stock Show
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October:

- 1st - 13th: 4-H Online Website Shutdown (tentative)
- 5th: State 4-H Air Pistol Championship
- 7th-12th: National 4-H Week
- 11th: Norfolk Beef Expo Scholarship Due
- 11th: Red Letter Day at University of Nebraska - Lincoln
- 14th: Columbus Day Extension Office Closed
- 18th: Red Letter Day at University of Nebraska - Lincoln
- 20th: 4-H Achievement Program



November:

- 1st: Red Letter Day at University of Nebraska - Lincoln
- 9th: 4-H Campus Visit Day at University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- 11th: Veterans Day Observed-Extension Office Closed
- 15th: Red Letter Day at University of Nebraska - Lincoln
- 28th - 29th: Thanksgiving Holiday - Extension Office Closed