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Seward County 4-H

September 2023 Newsletter

Focus on Fun!

Another successful fair has come and gone. Thank you to everyone who shared their time and talents at the fair this year! From the 4-H'ers who worked hard to get their exhibits ready for the fair, to the family members who supported them, to the many volunteers who gave countless hours of their time - we are very grateful. We look forward to planning for 2024!



Enrolling for 4-H in 2023-24

4-H Enrollment for 2024 will re-open toward the end of October.

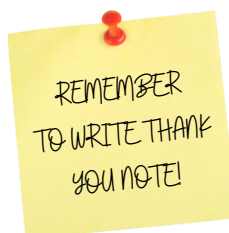
Watch for more information in the October newsletter.



Congratulations to all Seward County 4-H'ers who participated in or had exhibits selected for the 2023 Nebraska State Fair!

Champion/Reserve Champion Award Pick-Up

Please keep your eye on our Facebook page to know when awards come in and premium checks are ready. Thank you!



REMEMBER TO WRITE THANK YOU NOTE!

If you won a trophy, medal or award at the 2023 Seward County Fair, it is not too late to write your thank you note to your award sponsor. While the task may seem small, your note makes a difference. The county fair would not be possible without the support from all of our sponsors. Be sure to include a little about you, your project, your award and what you learned.

Premium Pick-Up

Did you know that you earn premiums for the projects exhibited at the county fair? Thank you to Seward County Agricultural Society for providing these premiums. Watch for an email from us, letting you know when you can pick up your premium checks from the Extension Office. Grand and Reserve Grand Award premiums will be mailed out.

Building Better Babysitters

November 11th & 12th
9:00 am - 3:30 pm

YOU'LL LOVE IT

- ✓ Increase confidence in caring for children
- ✓ Learn basic care for infants and children
- ✓ Discover safe and age-appropriate activities
- ✓ Emergency preparedness
- ✓ Craft healthy snacks for children



SIGN UP AND REGISTER NOW!

DETAILS

Ages: 12-18 yr. olds

Fee: \$30.00 made payable to UNL

Mail Check to:

Seward County Extension Office
322 S. 14th St.

Seward, NE 68434

Who: Any youth in Seward County!

Register: Use QR code to register

Location: UNL Extension Office-Seward

Questions: Contact Emily Manning
402-643-2981

or emily.manning@unl.edu



2023 Record Keeping & Awards

Applications due October 10

- **Annual Achievement Application** - this is your record book for the year. Turning in your Achievement Application marks the completion of your 4-H year and makes you eligible to receive year pins, scholarships and other awards.
- **Clover Kid Record Books** - Clover Kids turn in this form instead of the Achievement Application. This is their record for the year.

County and Special Awards

4-H'ers are encouraged to apply for awards. Submit the following applications to earn recognition for what you have learned and done in your years of 4-H.

- **County Awards Application** - awards based on growth in projects, learning experiences, leadership, and service. Earn project pins.
- **Chris Clover Application** - points award based on overall involvement in 4-H.
- **Tim Sheehan Memorial Award** - points award based on involvement in livestock projects and 4-H.
- **Bev Waegli Outstanding FCS 4-H'er** - points award based on involvement in FCS projects and 4-H.

All applications will be accepted through October 10.

More information and forms are available at:

go.unl.edu/sewardawards

Diamond Clover Award



If you submitted a Diamond Clover goal form earlier in the year, turn in your report by October 10 to earn a pin for your level and a special prize. Write at least one paragraph for each goal you report. How did you accomplish your goal and what did you learn?

Adult Nominations Open Through October 10

Do you know an adult who has gone above and beyond volunteering their time toward Seward 4-H this year or for the past several years? Please take a minute to think of someone who has helped Seward County 4-H.

- **Volunteer of the Year** - volunteer serving less than 10 years.
- **Lifetime Volunteer** - volunteer serving 10 years or more.
- **Friend of 4-H** - individuals who have served 4-H in an extra special way during the past year. Recipient may receive only once.
- **Meritorious Service** - An individual, group or business who has given outstanding service over the years to 4-H in Seward County. Recipient may only receive once.

*Have Your 4-H Club
Apply to Be the*

**OUTSTANDING
4-H CLUB OF
THE YEAR**

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4-H'er Opportunities

Consider Running for 4-H Council

You can get involved in setting the direction for the local 4-H program by serving on the Seward County 4-H Council. Both youth and adults are asked to consider being on the ballot this fall. Council members plan the yearly programs, promote 4-H, help set local 4-H policy, and secure funds for programming.

Positions up for election/re-election for the 2023-2024 year include:

- District 4 Adult (Milford/Pleasant Dale area) (current Council member is eligible for re-election for one more term)
- District 3 Adult (Utica, Beaver Crossing, Goehner, Cordova)
- District 3 Youth (Utica, Beaver Crossing, Goehner, Cordova)
- District 2 Youth (City of Seward and just beyond)
- Adult At Large (anywhere in Seward County)
- Youth At Large (anywhere in Seward County)

Council members:

- Attend Council meetings and participate in the activities.
- Become acquainted with the 4-H youth programs and plan methods in which 4-H can best serve youth.
- Look for communities/groups of individuals not being served, and help establish 4-H with those groups.
- Inform businesses, organizations and individuals on the benefits of the 4-H Youth Development program.
- Attend a minimum of 4 various 4-H and youth functions to evaluate the benefits and results. This will not include 4-H club meetings.
- Serve on program committees, such as trophy and awards and food stand, as well as serving on work groups or task forces as needed.

All the district representatives serve a two-year term. Members are limited to two consecutive two-year terms.

At-large members serve a one-year term and can be re-elected for up to three years in a row.

If interested in being on the ballot or to find out more information

go.unl.edu/councilballot

or contact Ann Dobesh ann.dobesh@unl.edu.

Elections will be held at the Achievement Party on Sunday, Nov. 5.



SEWARD COUNTY 4-H

JR. LEADERS



The Seward County 4-H Jr. Leader club is for youth 13-18 years old who are interested in serving their community and developing their leadership skills.



Jr. Leaders have a monthly meeting usually on a Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Past events have included making a meal for the Ronald McDonald House, arranging food & clothing drives, leading a Day Camp, and fun field trips.



Interested? Email Brittney at bemerson4@unl.edu or join us at our next meeting on:

When: Sunday, September 17 at 4:00 p.m.
Where: 4-H Cottage
Join us for food and fun!

4-H & FFA Tribute Exhibit

A group of Seward County 4-H alums are proposing an exhibit honoring Seward County 4-H and FFA members. The exhibit will be at the entrance to the Seward County Fairgrounds and will feature near life-size figures of a 4-H'er, FFA member and livestock animals. 4-H and FFA emblems will also be prominent. The statues will be made of fiberglass and painted natural colors and bronze.

Ken Schmieding spoke about this project at the awards presentation at the county fair. Ken has deep roots in Seward County 4-H. If you would like to learn more about the project or donate, contact information for committee members is listed below.

Donations to the project are tax deductible and can be made to the Seward County Agricultural Society. If you, your club, your chapter, family or business would like to contribute please contact one of the following:

- Ken Schmieding, (402) 643-4357
- Clark Kolterman, (402) 641-8522
- Doug Brand, (402) 641-6404
- John & Bonne Kruse, (402) 641-0336
- Allyson Krohe, (402) 641-9333.

While this project is a separate endeavor of alumni, on behalf of Seward County 4-H we would like to thank committee members for their work to develop a project that pays tribute to both 4-H and FFA and honors the tradition Seward County has with the livestock program.



Lose a nice pair of boots at the fair? We have them at the Extension Office.

SEWARD COUNTY 4-H AWARDS APPLICATION

Name:	Birthdate: (month, day, year)
Years in 4-H:	Phone: ()
Email:	

To have your application reviewed for a county award, please select up to two of the following areas.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Animal Science</i> Beef, Companion Animal, Goat, Horse, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, Swine, Vet Science
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Consumer & Family Science</i> Clothing/Textiles, Consumer Management, Heritage, Home Environment, Human Development, Fashion Show, Quilt Quest
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Leadership & Citizenship</i> Citizenship, Entrepreneurship, Leadership
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Environmental Education & Earth Science</i> Conservation, Entomology, Forestry, Range, Shooting Sports, Wildlife
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Communication & Expressive Arts</i> Communications, Photography, Theater Arts, Public Speaking
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Healthy Lifestyles Education</i> Food & Nutrition, Health, Safety
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Plant Science</i> Crop Production, Horticulture/Floriculture, Range, Weeds
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Science & Technology</i> Aerospace, Computers, Electricity, Robotics, Small Engines, Welding, Wood Science

PLEASE NOTE:

- 1) Submit this form along with your Achievement Application by October 10, 2023 to be considered for a county award.
- 2) Award applications are evaluated based on:
 - a. **4-H Experiences** – level of involvement in 4-H projects and experiences, growth in skills and scope, and what 4-H’ers have learned over time.
 - b. **Leadership** – evidence of several leadership roles and/or expanding leadership roles in time in 4-H.
 - c. **Community Involvement/Service Learning** – regular or significant involvement in service to the community in 4-H and other programs.
 - d. **Career Spark** – connecting how 4-H experience has sparked an interest or created curiosity about a future career.
- 3) A project pin can only be awarded one time per project area. 4-H’ers will be recognized for continued excellence in project growth through certificates.

2023 Seward County Chris Clover Award

(Due October 10, 2023 to the Extension Office)

Only 2022-2023 (4-H year) 4-H activities that occurred in cooperation with Seward County 4-H will qualify for points. No Open Class, Progress Shows, World Expos, etc.

Name _____ Age _____

Club(s) _____ Years in 4-H _____

Division (circle one): **Junior** (8-11 yrs old) **Intermediate** (12-15 yrs old) **Senior** (16-18 yrs old)

POINTS SCORE

Number of years in 4-H _____
 (1 point for each year)
 Number of 4-H meetings attended _____
 (Where minutes/roll was taken)

Participation in County Activities

Gave speech/demo at club meeting 5 _____
 Speech Contest 10 _____
 Presentations Contest 10 _____
 Performing Arts Contest 10 _____
 Culinary Challenge 10 _____
 Fashion Show 10 _____
 Interview Judging 10 _____
 Clover College _____ x 5 _____
 (5 pts. per class, includes helper/teacher)
 List colleges/classes on back side

Participation in District Activities

Speech 10 _____
 Horse 10 _____
 Life Challenge 10 _____

Participation in State Activities

PASE 10 _____
 Horse Judging Contest 10 _____
 Horticulture Judging Contest 10 _____
 Life Challenge Contest 10 _____
 Speech Contest 15 _____
 Presentations Contest 15 _____
 Fashion Show 15 _____
 Tractor Operators 10 _____
 Shooting Sports Competition 10 _____
 Exhibit(s) at State Fair 15 _____
 Other 10 _____
 List: _____

Projects Exhibited at County Fair

List each project title that you were enrolled and exhibited in (not each item entered). For instance: Design Decisions, World of Flowers, Swine, Cooking 201, etc.

Project: _____ 5 Points _____

 Check if more listed on back _____

Participation in 4-H Leadership Activities

Helped at County Fair
 Jr. Superintendent 10 _____
 Food Stand Worker 10 _____
 Clean up/Set Up night 10 _____
 Took part in a 4-H promotion
 During National 4-H Week 10 _____
 Nebraska 4-H Week 10 _____
 Other 10 _____
 List: _____

Member of Jr. Leader Club 10 _____
 State 4-H Camp Counselor 10 _____
 4-H Council Member 10 _____
 Day Camp Counselor 10 _____
 4-H Afterschool Club Helper 10 _____

Participation in Community Pride Projects

Something your club or you participated in for the benefit of someone other than 4-H'ers or the 4-H program.
 1st project 15 _____
 2nd project 20 _____
 3rd project 25 _____
 List projects:

Participation in other 4-H activities

4-H Camp Participant 10 _____
 Day Camp 10 _____
 Club Contest @ County Fair 10 _____
 4-H Afterschool Club 10 _____
 National 4-H Event 25 _____
 List: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

Judge's Initials: _____
Total Points: _____

2023 Score Sheet
Bev Waegli Memorial Award – Outstanding Family & Consumer Science Exhibitor
Due October 10, 2023

Name _____ Age _____

Club _____ Years in 4-H _____

**Maximum points per line are listed, Judges will decide if 'other' are applicable to FCS*

**4-H'ers may only receive this award one time.*

Have been a 4-H member at least 3 years

- 3 years = 5 points _____
- 4 years = 6 points _____
- 5 years = 7 points _____
- 6 years = 8 points _____
- 7 years = 9 points _____
- 8 years & over = 10 points _____

Projects Exhibited at 2023 County Fair

(you must have exhibited in one of these areas to be eligible for this award)

- Child Development 10 _____
- Clothing 10 _____
- Foods 10 _____
- Consumer Management 10 _____
- Home Environment 10 _____
- Fashion Show 10 _____
- All other areas 10 _____

List: _____

Projects Exhibited in 2023 State Fair

- Child Development 5 _____
- Clothing 5 _____
- Foods 5 _____
- Consumer Management 5 _____
- Home Environment 5 _____
- All other areas 5 _____

List: _____

Participation in 2023 State Contests

- Fashion Show 5 _____
- Presentations 5 _____
- Culinary Challenge 5 _____

Participation in 2023 County Activities

- Performing Arts Contest 5 _____
- Public Speaking Contest 5 _____
- Clover College 5 _____
- Presentations Contest 5 _____
- Culinary Challenge 5 _____
- Other 5 _____

List: _____

Participation in speeches or presentations in the following ways

- Speech at club meeting 10 _____
- Presentation at club meeting 10 _____
- Presentation to other 4-H club 10 _____
- Clover College Teacher/Helper 10 _____

List: _____

Participation in Community Pride Projects

Something your club or you participated in for the benefit of someone other than 4-H'ers or the 4-H program.

- 1st project 25 _____
- 2nd project 10 _____
- 3rd project 5 _____

List: _____

Participation at County Fair Activities

- 4-H Food Stand 10 _____
- Fair Set-up/Clean-up 10 _____
- Junior Superintendent 10 _____

List Area: _____

Camps / Counselor

- A State 4-H Camp 10 _____
- Day Camp 10 _____
- Other special 4-H camp 10 _____

List camp: _____

Participation in 4-H Leadership Activities

- Seward Co. Jr. Leaders 10 _____
- Enrolled in a leadership project 10 _____
- Took part in a 4-H promotion:
 - National 4-H Week 10 _____
 - Nebraska 4-H Month 10 _____

List: _____

Signature: _____

Judge's Initials: _____
Total Points: _____

2023 Score Sheet
Tim Sheehan Memorial Award – Outstanding Livestock Exhibitor
Due October 10, 2023

**Give yourself points for Seward County or State Fair activities only. Open Class, Progress Shows, Denver Stock Show, American Royal, etc. will not count.*

**4-H'ers may only receive this award one time.*

Name _____ 4-H Age _____

Club(s) _____ Years in 4-H _____

Has been a 4-H member at least 3 years

3 years = 5 points
4 years = 6 points
5 years = 7 points
6 years = 8 points
7 years = 9 points
8 years & over = 10 points
TOTAL POINTS _____

2023 State 4-H Activities

Presentations Contest 5 _____
Public Speaking Contest 5 _____
PASE 25 _____
Showmanship 15 _____
Ak-Sar-Ben 5 _____
State Fair 5 _____

Types of 4-H Livestock Shown in 2023

(You must have shown one of these to be eligible for this award)

Dairy 15 _____
Beef 15 _____
Sheep 15 _____
Swine 15 _____
Market Goats 15 _____
Dairy Goats 15 _____

2023 Leadership

County-wide Jr. Leader Club 5 _____
Held office in a 4-H club 5 _____
List what office held:

Professional Organizations associated with Livestock you belong to:

_____ 5 _____
_____ 5 _____
_____ 5 _____

Types of Other Animals Shown in 2023

Poultry 5 _____
Rabbits 5 _____
Horse 5 _____
Small Animals 5 _____

Signature _____

2023 County 4-H Activities

Presentations Contest 5 _____
Public Speaking Contest 5 _____
Showmanship 15 _____
Showmanship Clinics 10 _____

List: _____

How has being a 4-H livestock exhibitor developed your character and/or integrity? (Worth 10 pts.)

2023 Special Adult 4-H Award Nomination Form

Nominations & Letters of Recommendation are due by October 10, 2023

(Check One - One form per nomination)

- Friend of 4-H** - This is awarded to individuals who have served 4-H in an extra special way during the past year. Winner may receive only one year.
- Meritorious Service** - An individual, group or business who has given outstanding service over the years to 4-H in Seward County. Winners may only receive one year.

Nominee Contact Information

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
Home Phone	Work Phone	Email	

Nominator Contact Information (if different from above)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
Home Phone	Work Phone	Email	

EXPLANATION OF WHY NOMINEE SHOULD RECEIVE THIS AWARD (use additional pages as needed):



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2023 Salute to Excellence Nomination Form

Nominations & Letters of Recommendation are due by October 10, 2023

Nominee Contact Information

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
Home Phone	Work Phone	Email	

This person has served as a 4-H volunteer _____ years, and is being nominated for the

- Volunteer of the Year (Less than 10 years)
- Lifetime Volunteer of the Year (Over 10 years)

Nominator Contact Information (if different from above)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
Home Phone	Work Phone	Email	

Letters of Recommendation Guidelines

Please submit 1-3 letters of recommendation for the nominee. The letters of recommendation should be written by a 4-H staff member, 4-H youth participant, another volunteer, or a parent/guardian, and address the following items:

- Work ethic and dedication to 4-H
- Demonstrated ability to work with young people
- Recruitment of additional 4-H volunteers
- Advocacy of the 4-H youth development movement
- Dedication to youth empowerment or youth/adult partnerships
- Professional attitude, character, and morals



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Important 4-H Club Information

Volunteer Enrollment: All 4-H volunteers need to re-enroll in 4honline every year. Please make sure that your club organizational leaders, as well as anyone who helps in any way with your club, is enrolled. Go to <https://ne.4honline.com/>

Leadership Changes? Let us know if your club will be changing organizational leaders as soon as possible, so we can update our address lists. Thank you to all of the 4-H club leaders who do the important work of positive youth development.

Resources for Club Leaders: Looking for ideas? Check out Nebraska 4-H's Resources for Club Leaders for leader, officer, meeting, and teaching resources. <https://4h.unl.edu/resources/club-leaders>