



August 13, 2021

AUGUST CALENDAR:

- 1-31 Online Aksarben Entries, Entries close at 12:00 PM CT (Noon) on August 31
- 24 State Fair Static Exhibits DUE in Extension Office by noon
- 27-31 Nebraska State Fair

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR:

- 1-6 Nebraska State Fair
- 2 Norfolk Beef Expo Entries DUE
- 6 Labor Day Observed, Extension Office closed
- 11-12 Norfolk Beef Expo
- 15 County Award Applications DUE to the Extension Office
4-H Club of Excellence Summary Form DUE to the Extension Office
National 4-H Week PSA sign-up
- 17 4-H State Horse Rodeo Entry Forms, Fees and Horse ID Forms DUE
- 17 Horse Level Testing Complete for 4-H State Horse Rodeo
- 20 4-H Council
- 24-26 Aksarben Stock Show, Nebraska State Fairgrounds

OCTOBER CALENDAR:

- 1-15 4-H Online website shut down (Tentative)
- 3-9 National 4-H Week
- 9 4-H State Horse Rodeo
- 10 Open Youth Rodeo
- 11 Columbus Day Observed, Extension Office closed
- 16 4-H Online website open for 2022 Enrollment (Tentative)
- 24 4-H Achievement Program
- 30 Teen Supreme and Clover Kid Meetings

CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU to all 4-Hers for their outstanding efforts in preparing for and exhibiting at the 4-H/FFA event. The efforts you put forward are remarkable. We had 1,476 placed entries this year. I am proud of each of you for what you have accomplished!

Thank you also to all 4-H parents, leaders, assistants, superintendents, fair board and all volunteers who helped in any way. Thank you for all your efforts in promoting positive youth development.

COUNTY FAIR/4-H YEAR SUGGESTIONS WANTED - If you have any suggestions or comments about the fair or 4-H year, please contact the office or return the comment sheet included with this newsletter. The 4-H Council will discuss all comments relating to the 4-H Program. We hope to hear from you SOON!

BONUS AUCTION/POOL MONEY - Checks will be mailed to exhibitors in September. Be sure to watch for yours and get it cashed. **It will be voided on December 31 and not be reissued.** Be sure to thank your sponsors.

2021 STATE FAIR

We will be celebrating 4-H and all contests and livestock shows the opening weekend, beginning August 27th. We are also incredibly excited to display the amazing showcase of the static items that qualified for State Fair at the county fair. Bring static exhibits in by noon on August 24th and we will take them to Grand Island, if it is a large item, we have already contacted you. A purple sheet of information and state fair sticker would have been attached to your exhibit. If you have questions please call the extension office.

The 4-H schedule for the Nebraska State Fair can be found at <https://4h.unl.edu/state-fair-schedule>.

STATE FAIR APP - The 2021 Nebraska Extension 4-H at the state fair app is available for download! Check out the "Nebraska State Fair 4-H App" section at <http://4h.unl.edu/state-fair> for direct links to the iPad/iPhone and Android apps. The app contains many helpful features for 4-H families, staff, and the general fair-goer. Contest and show programs will be made available through the app during the Nebraska State Fair.

THANK YOUR SPONSORS - Many types of recognition in 4-H are made possible by sponsors, individuals and groups from the community, who donate funds to be used for purchasing awards. Banners had a thank you attached to them addressed to the sponsor and are also labeled with the sponsor's name and address on the back of the Banner. THANK YOU to the 4-H Council for donating all the thank you notes. Sponsors are more likely to continue sponsoring 4-H awards if they receive a note of appreciation directly from the 4-Her who won their award. I have heard comments in the last year of sponsors/donors not being contacted. Please take the time to send a thank you note this year. We are fortunate to have wonderful support in Wayne County.



The Wayne County Ag Society spends many hours preparing for the fair every year and they also pay all judges fees, ribbons, rosettes, and premiums you receive. They also provide bedding and upkeep of the facility. They are outstanding supporters. Their address is: Wayne County Ag Society, PO Box 133, Wayne, NE 68787

Thank you cards are available for download at wayne.unl.edu. Click *Wayne County 4-H* in the red menu bar, and then scroll to the *Thank You Card* link under the *County and State Fair Information* heading.

FOOD STAND THANKS! - Thank you to those who took your turn to work in the 4-H Food Stand and donated cash or supplies. It is an expectation that each club leader, 4-Her and a parent work a shift at the 4-H Food Stand. This fund-raising effort provides senior scholarships and educational 4-H event scholarships. It also helps with the general expenses that our 4-H program has for such events as the Achievement Program.

Special thanks to the Food Stand Manager Anna Osten, who was assisted by Emilie Osten. Also, thanks to the 4-H Council, and to all clubs who helped with clean-up before and after the fair.



COUNTY AWARD INFORMATION is enclosed with this newsletter and at <http://wayne.unl.edu/awardinformation>. The Achievement Application will be used in place of the Career Portfolio and is available at the same site **or** the Extension Office. Applications can be completed in PDF, Word, or Google Doc. Please contact the Extension Office if you have questions or would like assistance.



4-H LEADERS - THANK YOU for all your hard work and patience throughout this past 4-H year!
Your efforts are appreciated!
Remember September 15 is the deadline for:
4-H Club of Excellence Summary
ALL County Achievement Applications

2021 4-H STATE RODEO - The first annual 4-H State Horse Rodeo will be held on Saturday, October 9th at the Lancaster Event Center in Lincoln, NE. This event will be hosted in conjunction of the UNL Rodeo team. All entry forms, fees and Horse ID forms will need to be submitted to the Extension Office by September 17th. The UNL Rodeo Team will also be hosting an open youth rodeo on Sunday, October 10th. More information and entry forms are available at <https://4h.unl.edu/state-rodeo> and the Extension Office.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK provides a great opportunity to put 4-H in the spotlight! Clubs or individuals may wish to organize a 4-H promotional campaign. Some ideas include: a library or store window display about 4-H; a 4-H poster contest; a radio interview; school programs to tell your classmates about 4-H and how students can join; articles for the newspaper; ask a friend to a 4-H meeting or event...or anything else that positively promotes 4-H! Keep in mind club meeting guidelines as well. **National 4-H Week is October 3-9.**

We will arrange to do some radio spots on KTCH again this year. Contact the Extension Office by **September 15** if you are interested. This is our time to shine, please help promote 4-H!

4-H ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM - Bring family and friends to the annual 4-H Achievement Program on **Sunday, October 24, at the Wayne City Auditorium.** New 4-H Council Representatives will be elected by those in attendance. If you are interested in having your name on the ballot, please contact Amy. 4-H members, clubs and volunteers will be recognized for their accomplishments and contributions in 4-H this year.



Kylee Plager started as the new 4-H Extension Assistant in Wayne County on July 12, 2021. Kylee graduated from the University of Nebraska – Lincoln in 2019 with her bachelor’s degree in Animal Science. She was born and grew up in Lincoln, Nebraska where she was very active in 4-H in Lancaster County. Some projects that she participated in were sewing, woodworking, photography, and showing goats, sheep and swine. For the previous six years, Kylee has served as the Goat Superintendent for the Lancaster County Fair. She is excited to see what kinds of things she can learn and explore in Wayne County.



SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS – Norfolk Beef Expo Scholarship – for high school junior and senior students that exhibit at the 2021 Norfolk Beef Expo. Application due October 15. Check wayne.unl.edu/senior-scholarships for more information.

CLOVER KIDS – The next Clover Kids meeting is October 30, 2021, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. at the Wayne County Courthouse. More information will be shared closer to the date.

TEEN SUPREMES – The next Teen Supremes meeting is October 30, 2021, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. at the Wayne County Courthouse. More information will be shared closer to the date.



Wayne County Fair/4-H Year Comment Sheet

Please write any comments or suggestions you may have about the Fair or the 4-H Year & return by Sept. 15, 2021 to: Nebraska Extension - Wayne County, 510 N Pearl St Ste C, Wayne, NE 68787-1939

GUIDELINES FOR AWARDS

Age Divisions

Junior Division: Age 14 and under as of December 31, 2020

Senior Division: Age 15 and over as of December 31, 2020

Award Application Information & the Achievement Application

are available at <http://wayne.unl.edu/awardinformation> and the Extension Office. Applications are due to the Extension Office on or before 5:00 p.m., September 15.

Note that we have made changes to awards this year to simplify what has been done in the past. The 4-H Achievement Program is scheduled for Sunday, October 24, 2021, 5:00 p.m., Wayne City Auditorium.

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 5:00 p.m., September 15, 2021.

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 a premium. 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 5 p.m., September 15. Premiums will be included in the Fair Premium checks.

Youth 15 years of age 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 once a year in Atlanta and Washington DC. You must identify a program area (Agriculture, STEM, 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.

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HIGH POINT BEEF AWARDS:

Harold Wittler Memorial Junior Division Beef Award – Established in 2017 by Harold’s Family in honor of his interest in young 4-Hers and the beef project.

The \$50 cash award is based on an accumulative point system of showmanship, market, breeding, cow/calf, and record keeping participation (Achievement Application) for the junior division (4-H ages 8, 9, & 10) beef exhibitors.

Teresa Statler Memorial Intermediate Division Beef Award – Established in 2018 – The award is based on an accumulative point system of showmanship, market, breeding, cow/calf, and record keeping participation (Achievement Application) for the intermediate division (4-H ages 11,12, & 13) beef exhibitors.

Darwin Statler Memorial Senior Division Beef Award – Established in 2018 – The award is based on an accumulative point system of showmanship, market, breeding, cow/calf, and record keeping participation (Achievement Application) for the senior division (4-H ages 14 and older) beef exhibitors.

CONTACT THE EXTENSION OFFICE IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS!