



August 19, 2020

AUGUST CALENDAR

- 1-31 Online Aksarben Entries, Entries close at 12:00 PM CT (Noon) on August 31
- 21 State Fair Static Exhibits DUE in Extension Office by noon
- 28-31 Nebraska State Fair

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR:

- 1-7 Nebraska State Fair
- 3 Norfolk Beef Expo Entries DUE
- 7 Labor Day Observed, Extension Office closed
- 13 Norfolk Beef Expo
- 16 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
- 21 4-H Council
- 24-27 Aksarben Stock Show, Nebraska State Fairgrounds

OCTOBER CALENDAR:

- 1-15 4-H Online website shut down
- 4-10 National 4-H Week
- 12 Columbus Day Observed, Extension Office closed
- 16 4-H Online website open for 2021 Enrollment
- 25 4-H Achievement Program

CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU to all 4-Hers for their outstanding efforts in preparing for and exhibiting at the 4-H/FFA event. Even though this year's competitions looked a bit different than in the past, I hope youth had a good experience. The efforts you put forward are remarkable. We had 958 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, and all volunteers who helped out in any way. Thank you for all your efforts in promoting positive youth development.

COUNTY FAIR/4-H YEAR SUGGESTIONS WANTED - Thank you for your cooperation this year. 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 donations will be accepted until August 24. 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. In addition to the existing livestock and horse pools, four pools were added including market beef, market goat, market sheep, and market swine.

2020 STATE FAIR

All 4-H exhibits, contests, and livestock shows will be hosted at the 2020 Nebraska State Fair. We will be celebrating 4-H on NEW days this year as all contests and livestock shows will be held opening weekend, August 29th and 30th. We are also incredibly excited to display the amazing showcase of the static items that qualified for State Fair at the county fair. Annually, we display over 7,500 items from youth statewide and this year our showcase will be held in the Pinnacle Bank Expo Building. Our static exhibits will be on display the entire duration of the fair, building opening and closing times are not yet confirmed.

It takes many staff and volunteers to judge and display the static exhibits, so with regard to complying with current recommendations for social distancing, traditional judging and displaying will not take place in 2020. This means that each individual exhibit will not be evaluated with a scoresheet and awarded a placing ribbon and premium. The 2020 plan will include a County Booth Showcase celebrating the best of the best from each county! Each exhibitor will receive a ribbon recognizing their accomplishment of qualifying for the Nebraska State Fair Showcase. We will also have a team of judges who view each exhibit entered in a division and identify a Champion and Reserve Champion Best of Show for each project area division.

We recognize this is a significant change for 2020, but we are so excited to continue to be a part of the Nebraska State Fair and have an opportunity showcase the talents of our 4-H exhibitors! The 4-H schedule for the Nebraska State Fair can be found at <https://4h.unl.edu/state-fair-schedule>.

STATE FAIR APP - The 2020 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. Trophies had a thank you attached to them addressed to the sponsor and are also labeled with the sponsor's name and address on the bottom of the trophy. 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 and sponsor all the ribbons, rosettes, and premiums you receive. They were again outstanding supporters this year. 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.



COUNTY AWARD INFORMATION is enclosed with this newsletter and at <http://wayne.unl.edu/awardinformation>. Please note that we have made changes to awards this year to simplify what has been done in the past. 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 your club leader or 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 16 is the deadline for:

4-H Club of Excellence Summary
ALL County Achievement Applications

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 4-10.**

We will arrange to do some radio spots on KTCH again this year. Contact the Extension Office by **September 16** 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 25, 5:00 PM at the Wayne City Auditorium.** The program will begin at 5:00 and the meal will follow. 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.



TEEN SUPREMES

The first Teen Supremes meeting is November 7, 2020, 10:15 – 11:00 a.m. at the Wayne County Courthouse. More information will be shared closer to the date.

CLOVER KIDS

The next Clover Kids meeting is November 7, 2020, 9:00 – 10:15 a.m. at the Wayne County Courthouse. More information will be shared closer to the date.

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS

4S Goat Expo Scholarship – for high school seniors active in the goat industry and in 4-H or FFA. Application due September 10.

Norfolk Beef Expo Scholarship – for high school junior and senior students that exhibit at the 2020 Norfolk Beef Expo.

Application due October 19.

Check wayne.unl.edu/senior-scholarships for more information.



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or search for the *Nebraska Extension in Wayne County* page

Make sure to click “like” so our posts will show on your Facebook page.



Sincerely,

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Amy Topp, Extension Educator



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. 16, 2020 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, 2019

Senior Division: Age 15 and over as of December 31, 2019

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 16.

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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 16, 2020.

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 16. 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!