



August 2023

4-H Newsletter



AUGUST CALENDAR:

- 10 All 4-H livestock, dog, and contest entries submitted by 8:00 p.m. CT
- 17 4-H Council, 7 PM
- 22 State Fair Static Exhibits DUE in Extension Office by noon
- 25-31 Nebraska State Fair
- 27 4-H Day at the Nebraska State Fair
- 30 Norfolk Beef Expo Entries due to Extension Office

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR:

- 1-4 Nebraska State Fair
- 4 Labor Day Observed, Extension Office closed
- 9-10 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
- 21 4-H Council, 7 PM

OCTOBER CALENDAR:

- 1 Nebraska Youth Beef Leadership Symposium application deadline
- 1-7 National 4-H Week
- 9 Columbus Day Observed, Extension Office closed
- 1-13 4-H Online website shut down (Tentative)
- 13 Norfolk Beef Expo Scholarship DUE
- 19 4-H Council, 7 PM



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 1,204 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. Each year we learn things after the events that were not shared; please share so we can look into them. 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 soon. 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.

4-H DAY AT THE NEBRASKA STATE FAIR - 4-H Day will be **Sunday, August 27th**. To celebrate our 4-H members statewide we are offering a discounted admission that day that is only for bonafide 4-H members.

- This is only intended for 4-H members, family members including parents will need to purchase regular admission tickets. **This is not just for exhibitors, but for any 4-H member.**
- Visit: <https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/7980811/4h-day-atnebraska-state-fair-good-on-aug-27-only-lincoln-nebraska-statefairlivestock>.

2023 State Fair

Bring static exhibits in by noon on **August 22nd** 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 opening weekend of State Fair, **August 25th and 26th**, we will begin celebrating all 4-H contests and livestock shows. We are also excited to display the static items that qualified for State Fair at the county fair.



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

STATE FAIR APP - The 2023 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. 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. We have heard some thank you notes came off banners, if you need one, you can contact the office. 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 judge's fees, ribbons, rosettes, premiums you receive, upkeep of the facility, and offered the use of the air-conditioned Expo Building. 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. It helps with the general expenses that our 4-H program has for such events as the Achievement Program. They also provide event scholarships and senior scholarships.

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 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



THE 19TH ANNUAL NEBRASKA YOUTH BEEF LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM (NYBLS) - at the Animal Science Complex, **November 17-19, 2023**. More details about the symposium and the application link can be found at go.unl.edu/nybls. Please note the **application deadline of October 1st**. If an individual is selected to participate, a \$75 registration fee will be collected at that time.

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; 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 1-7.**

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



SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS – Norfolk Beef Expo Scholarship – for high school junior and senior students that exhibit at the 2023 Norfolk Beef Expo. **Application due October 13**. Check wayne.unl.edu/senior-scholarships for more information.

**THANK
YOU!**

GUIDELINES FOR AWARDS

Age Divisions

Junior Division: Age 14 and under as of December 31, 2022

Senior Division: Age 15 and over as of December 31, 2022

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.

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, 2023.

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!

