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# Seward County 4-H

November 2024 Newsletter

## Please stop in and Pick up County Fair Awards/ Premium Checks

We still have County Fair Awards! Please stop by the Extension Office to pick up your awards and premium checks from county fair. If you earned a Champion, Reserve Champion, Outstanding, Grand/Reserve Grand or Supreme/Reserve Supreme honor, we have your awards waiting. County Fair Premium Checks must be picked up by Dec. 31 or will be forfeited.

### IMPORTANT DATES

- Nov. 1- 2024-2025 4-H Enrollment Begins
- Nov. 3 - Achievement Party
- Nov. 11 - Office Closed in observance of Veteran's Day
- Nov. 28-29 - Office Closed in observance of Thanksgiving
- Dec. 7 - Holiday Maker Day 9am-12pm
- Dec. 25 - Office Closed in observance of Christmas
- Dec. 31 - End of Year Treasurer Reports due
- Dec. 31 - Leader Changes & Club Meeting Minutes due
- Jan 1 - Office Closed in observance of New Years



**We are so excited to celebrate all of your accomplishments!**

### Achievement Party Details

All Seward County families are invited to attend the 2024 Achievement Party on Sunday, November 3, 2024 at 2pm. We will celebrate your year in 4-H with an ice cream sundae bar provided by the 4-H Council. Please call the Extension Office to RSVP for an afternoon of fun and celebration!

4-H Family Handbooks are available at the Extension Office. Please make sure you have one for your family. Information on deadlines and procedures are included!

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## Holiday Maker Day!

When: Saturday, December 7

Time: 9am-12pm

Where: 4-H Center, Seward County  
Fairgrounds

Registration required.

### Maker Day Volunteers Needed

We welcome teens and adults:

1. Lead a station – we already have plans made, but we need volunteers to lead each of the day's activities.
2. Station Helpers – assist the main maker station leader
3. Serve Hot Cocoa
4. Host the waffle iron cinnamon roll station
5. Registration Table

Please contact the Extension Office if you are interested in helping out!



## Scholarship Information Coming in November

Seward County 4-H will award scholarships to deserving 4-H'ers in the 2025 graduating class. To be eligible for these scholarships, 4-H'ers must have submitted their Achievement Application (due Oct. 5). Letters for the 4-H scholarships will be mailed out in November to eligible seniors.



Celebrate National Pizza Month with 4-H's favorite pizza from Casey's! When you purchase any large pizza from Oct. 2 through Nov. 5, Casey's will donate \$1 (up to \$100,000) to 4-H programs in Casey's Communities. Casey's customers can also add a donation to their online order to support 4-H.

## Enroll NOW for the 2024-25 4-H year!

It is time to re-enroll in 4-H for 2025. All 4-H'ers and volunteers need to re-enroll each year. The fee will be \$5.00 for each 4-H member and can be paid when you enroll online. If you have difficulties with this fee (either paying online or affordability), please visit with Extension staff.

Early enrollment date – April 1 – We strongly encourage all 4-H families to enroll as soon as possible. Re-enrolling helps ensure that you are on our mailing list (both email and mailbox). New enrollments and changes to projects will be accepted up to June 15 for fair participation.

Following are a few reminders:

- Project selection is now optional. By successfully completing the 4-H member enrollment by the June 15th deadline, youth will be eligible to participate and exhibit in any project area, contest, county, and state fairs. While project selection is optional, it is encouraged for youth to select projects they are interested in exploring.
  - Please note:
    - Youth are only eligible to exhibit in a project area or contest in a single county.
    - **Horse and shooting sports** projects will continue to require project enrollment due to the parental consent required to participate in these projects.

Please let us know if you have any questions or need help. You are welcome to set up a time to come to the office to enroll. We are here to help! Thank you!

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## Reminder: Club information due

### Year End Treasurer's Report Due December 31

As we reach the end of the 2024 4-H year, 4-H clubs will need to prepare a Year Ending 4-H Club Treasurer's report. Even if your club does not have a treasury and does not have an EIN number, please complete the Year Ending 4-H Club Treasurer's Report and submit it to the Extension Office. Extension staff will then forward the information to the IRS for the Form 990 or Form 990 EZ. This is important so that Seward County 4-H and the Nebraska 4-H Foundation can maintain their tax exempt status.

## Leadership Changes?

Let us know as soon as possible if your club will be changing organizational leaders 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.

## Meeting Minutes

4-H Club meeting minutes are needed for each organized meeting your 4-H club holds. Thank you to those clubs who have been turning them in after each meeting. If your club has not turned them in yet, please do so before the end of the year.





Join one of the unique volunteer training events to discover new opportunities for your members, network with other volunteers, and build your skills working with youth.

A \$15 registration fee covers a meal and all supplies.

Learn more and register at  
[GO.UNL.EDU/4HVRS](https://go.unl.edu/4HVRS)



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- **HASTINGS - NOV. 12**  
5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- **SCOTTSBLUFF - NOV. 14**  
5:30 - 8:00 p.m. MDT
- **VIRTUAL - NOV. 17**  
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- **LINCOLN - NOV. 18**  
5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- **NORFOLK - NOV. 19**  
5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

### SESSION TOPICS

The **North Central Region 4-H Volunteer Impact Study 2.0**, a 12-state study of 4-H volunteers, was conducted in January 2024. Discover the impacts of volunteering for 4-H youth development and how you have made a difference by sharing your sparks.

**County Fair Superintendent Training** - County fair superintendents have a very important role in the 4-H experience for youth and families. Learn how to excel in this role and ensure a great experience for all!

Take your **club service activities** to the next level by creating a county fair exhibit out of the experience.

Calling **animal and livestock** volunteer euthenists! Take a deeper look into opportunities for youth who have found their spark through animal and livestock projects!

Discover how volunteers can ensure youth are **beyond ready** for their future!



## Vote for your Council Representatives



4-H Council will be electing new representatives for the next 4-H Council terms. The role of 4-H Council is important for raising funds for Seward County 4-H, interpreting and setting local policy, and providing direction to the 4-H program. All 4-H families are invited to vote at the 4-H Achievement Party on November 3, 2024. We are still looking for adult candidates. If you are interested in adding your name, please contact [ann.dobesh@unl.edu](mailto:ann.dobesh@unl.edu) or we will have open floor nominations on Sunday, November 3rd, at our Achievement Party.

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### 4-H Shooting Sports: How to Get Involved

10x 4-H Club is the Seward County shooting sports club lead by Jeff Krivohlavek. Jeff and other volunteers work with each club member to ensure they understand proper technique and gun safety.

Aside from gun safety, 4-H Shooting Sports is a great opportunity to learn patience, discipline, and balance. If you are interested in getting involved, 10x is looking for new members and adult volunteers! Practice will start for the 2024-2025 year on November 19th at 6:30 p.m. at the Reunion Center on the southwest side of the Seward County Fairgrounds. To learn more about how to compete at the Seward County Fair, check out the 2024 Fairbook in Department Z.

<https://go.unl.edu/24fairbook>

Club dues: \$10

With any questions, you can reach Jeff at [104hclub@gmail.com](mailto:104hclub@gmail.com)

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### Attention County Fair Participants!

The Seward County Ag Society has announced that the 2025 Seward County Fair will be held from July 24-27th. Please note this change as you prepare for the upcoming 4-H year, especially those interested in showing livestock. More information to come on deadline changes to reflect the earlier fair dates.



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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>