

4-H Newsletter

Merrick County

Calendar of Events

October 2009

October	3-9	National 4-H Week
	29	4-H Achievement/Leader Recognition Night, 7:30 p.m., 4-H Building

4-H Achievement/Leader's Recognition Night is Thursday, October 29 at 7:30 p.m. at the 4-H Building. County Fair premium money, leader pins and awards will be distributed following the program. Herdsmanship, county and fair awards will be presented. Please check the year pins listing to make sure it is correct. Everyone is invited to attend. The 4-H Council is asking families whose last names begin with A-J to bring a dozen cookies and K-Z to bring a dozen sandwiches.

4-H Council Elections - 4-H Council is responsible for setting policy, promoting participation in 4-H, providing opportunities for youth and leader development and maintaining funds for a quality program. Representatives are to serve a two year term. Officers elected will serve a one year term. Council election will take place October 29. To vote, you must be either an organizational or project leader. Nominations are needed for vice president, secretary, treasurer and women representatives. Contact the Extension Office with your nomination or your willingness to serve.

Congratulations to Phillip Johnson, Amanda Senkbile and Brandon Burruss for exhibiting at Ak-Sar-Ben.

The 54th Annual Veteran's Day Parade will be Wednesday, November 11, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. Call the Chamber at 946-3897 if you are interested in

entering a float promoting 4-H.

Have you turned in your record book yet? It's not too late! Remember, no premiums will be paid if record books are not turned in. Drop your book off at the office before 4-H Achievement Night. The 4-H Career Portfolio is online at <http://4h.unl.edu/programs/careerportfolio/careerindex.htm> (It's listed as 4-H Career Portfolio Material and Instructions). The office also has copies. If you are old enough to be in 4-H, you are old enough to write your own story.

Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet - We commend the many volunteers who devote time and energy into the 4-H Youth Program. Please take a moment to fill out the Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet enclosed in this newsletter and return it to the Extension Office or bring it with you to 4-H Achievement Night.

Nebraska Farm Bureau's Salute to Excellence Award - Nominations are needed for outstanding 4-H volunteer leaders in the selection of "Nebraska 4-H Volunteers of the Year." Applications are due November 3. Guidelines are available at <http://www.ne4hfoundation.org/> Nominate your 4-H leaders or volunteers today!

Prudential Spirit of Community Awards applications are available online at <http://spirit.prudential.com/view/page> and are due

November 2. The awards are for 4-H'ers who are making a positive difference in their towns and neighborhoods, and to inspire others to think about how they might contribute to their communities. Call or stop by the office if you have any questions.

Northeast Community College Livestock Classic Steer and Heifer Show will be held Friday and Saturday, November 27 and 28, 2009 at the Agriculture Complex, about one mile east of the campus in Norfolk. The show is open to all 4-H and FFA exhibitors. Pre-registration entry fee is \$20/head, and entries received after November 21 are \$30/head.

National 4-H Clay Target Championship - Nebraska will be hosting the National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational next June 24-28, 2009 at the Heartland Public Shooting Park near Grand Island. This event will involve 4-H youth from across the nation competing in nine disciplines. Members must be 14 years old by Jan. 1st, 2009. More information can be found under General Rules of the National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational web site at <http://shootingsports.unl.edu/index.html>.

Canine Companions for Life Nebraska 4-H Dog Expo will be held for the first time in by University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension 4-H Youth Development at the Adams County Fairgrounds in Hastings, Ne. The Expo will be held on October 24-25 and will give youth opportunities to learn more about their dogs and also an opportunity to work with their dogs. For more information or to register go to www.companionanimal.unl.edu or stop by the extension office.

Nebraska Youth Beef Leadership Symposium will be held November 21-23, 2009. This is for Sophmores, Juniors, and Seniors possibly looking for a career in the beef industry. Late registration is due October 19th. Stop by the Extension Office for a brochure and registration form. Check out the website at <http://nybls.unl.edu>.

DESIGN DECISIONS!

Would you like a project that is NEW, DIFFERENT, EXCITING, CHALLENGING, FUN, GREEN? Then Design Decisions is just for you!!

Check out this home environment project for all youth ages 12-18!

Want to take on a challenge?

DESIGN DECISIONS CHALLENGE is a new activity for parents and youth to do as part of this project. Pick a challenge, plan your solution, use technology to record your accomplishments!

COME FIND OUT MORE:

When: November 17, 7:00 p.m.

Where: Merrick County 4-H Building

Who: Parents & Youth ages 12 - 18

Register by: November 13 (no charge)

2nd Annual Bader Park's Halloween Haunted

Forest will be held Saturday, October 24. For more information call the park office at 308-986-2522 or 308-940-2665 or email baderpark73@yahoo.com.

National 4-H Week /4-H Month— There are two times during the year we encourage our 4-H families to really celebrate 4-H! National 4-H Week is October 3-9, 2009 and Nebraska 4-H Month is the entire month of February. The 2009 National 4-H Week's theme is "Meet the Future: Celebrate 4-H." How can you and other 4-H members in your county help spread the 4-H word using this theme? We encourage you to be creative and see what you can come up with to recruit others to join our awesome organization! If you have an idea of an event or activities to do in February, please share it with the extension office, we'd love to hear from you!

Sincerely,

Darrel D. Siekman
Extension Educator

Jeanette Friesen
Extension Educator

Sonya L. Glup

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Extension Assistant



Member and Leader Year Pins will be given out at Achievement Night on Thursday, October 29, 2009. If changes need to be made, please call the Extension Office at 946-3843.

2 Years

Isabella Budzinski
Blaine Buller
Leah Buller
Desiree Collins
Clair Dush
Vivian Erickson
Alexis Ferris
Alexis Gulbrandson
Chase Gulbrandson
Craig Hebda
Grant Hebda
Lana Hebda
Abbie Hillmer
Seth Hower
Kaiti King
Anslei Krance
Joel Lemburg
Morgan Miller
Carl Mundt
Anna Reeves
Ryah Richardson
Amanda Schneider
Conner Schneider
Sydney Simmons
Wyatt Siwinski
Christina Starkey
Katlynn Stelk
Bailey Urkoski
Samantha Wall
Max Wattier
Destiny Williams
Taylor Williams

5 Years

Allison Dush
Amber Erickson
Elizabeth Geren
Hannah Geren
Josiah Geren
Rachel Geren
Whitney Heuermann
Tyler Hillmer
Nicholas McNeff
Hannah Myers
Matthew Myers
Vincent Ohlman
Andrew Schuller
Beau Wattier

10 Years

Courtney Brown
Anna Garrett
Curtis Heuermann
Isaac Jefferson
Kaylee Klute
Desiree Paup
Jonathan Royle
Trevor Schuller
Joanna Stuhmer
Preston Tibbetts
Joshua Tvrdy

Leader Year Pins:

10 Years

Brian Jefferson
Susan Royle
Tim Williams

Juniors and Seniors - if you have an ACT score of 26 or better, inform the Extension Office for a possible \$1,000 scholarship to CASNR.

Remember 4-H Achievement Night - Thursday, October 29, 2009 7:30 p.m., 4-H Building

The following 4-H'ers will be recognized at Achievement Night:

Regan Bader	Elizabeth Geren	Matthew Myers
Paige Benner	Rachel Geren	Steph Nelson
Trystan Bennett	Whitney Heuermann	Vincent Ohlman
Amanda Burruss	Jake Hillmer	Emily Roberts
Brandon Burruss	Kaylee Hostler	Jonathan Royle
Kim Deichmann	Alexis Hower	Chad Samuelson
Courtney Dittmer	Seth Hower	Andrew Schuller
Allison Dush	Katie Husman	Joanna Stuhmer
Clair Dush	Lacey Jarecke	Maddi Tibbetts
Kelsey Ferris	Brittney Jefferson	Tanner Tibbetts
Amber Frauen	Isaac Jefferson	Tyler Van Winkle
Caleb Frenzen	Phillip Johnson	Jack Wardyn
Jacob Frenzen	Kersten Kucera	Gabrielle Wichmann
Kyle Frenzen	Emily Maresh	
Anna Garrett	Travis Maresh	

Retiring 4-H Council

Lana Bushhousen	Dana Samuelson	Ginger Husman	Mickey Burruss
Becky Deichmann	Patty Kramer	Phillip Johnson	Kelsey Ferris
Paige Benner			

Retiring Extension Board

Russ Charron	Wes Beck Jr.	Lisa Maresh	Lana Bushhousen
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"Pat on the Back" Awards

Agricultural Services, Inc	Gordon Deichmann	Dairy Queen
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Meritorious Service Awards

Ken Killion- Standard Feed	Preferred Popcorn	Palser Service
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Friend of 4-H Awards

Rathmann-Manning	Archer Supply	Joe and Cyndi Clarke
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Sale Clerk: Pinnacle Bank, Palmer

Awards Committee - Kendra Jefferson Ann Greving-Brown Becky Deichmann

4-H Achievement Night Committee - USA Aggies 4-H Club