



## 4-H Family Newsletter

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### 4-H Enrollment Now Open!



The 4-H Online system is now open! Go to [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com) to enroll today!

Returning families: do not create a new profile. Use your email and password from previous years to sign in. Step-by-step instructions will be emailed.

Again this year, online payment via credit card will be an option. You must either pay the Extension Office with cash or check or pay online with credit card. Enrollment will be accepted once payment is received.

Contact Sarah Jayd, or Betty for help enrolling! Call 402-370-4040 to make an appointment or stop by the office.

### Madison Downtown Christmas Sunday, December 7th, 6 p.m.

Madison County 4-H and Fairboard will participate in the Madison Christmas Parade with a float. If you or any young individuals would like to join us in walking during the parade, please reach out for more details!

**Holiday Shutdown:** The Nebraska Extension office in Madison County will be closed Wednesday, December 24 through Friday, January 2. We will reopen Monday, January 5 at 8am.

*Wishing you each health  
and happiness  
in the year ahead!*

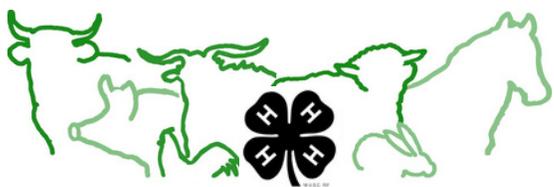


### 4-H Leader Packets

Letters to organizational leaders will arrive this week! Please review this important information and return the required paper work back to Sarah or Jayd by the specific deadlines. This includes the mandatory treasurer report which is due back to our office by January 16. Questions, please reach out to Sarah at [spolacek2@unl.edu](mailto:spolacek2@unl.edu).

### Save the Date: 2026

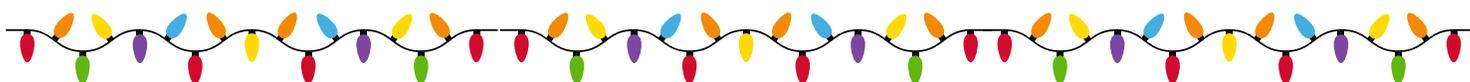
- **4-H Project Day: February 28, 2026**
- **4-H Council Vendor and Craft Fair: March 27-28**
- **Cat and Dog Workshop: April 11th**
- **Barn Quilt Workshop @ Fairgrounds: June 20**
- **Madison County Fair and Rodeo: July 6-12**



# 4-H Livestock News

## Livestock Committee and Horse Meeting Thursday, December 11

Meet Thursday, December 11 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Extension Office in Norfolk to share ideas for the 2026 year. All livestock and small animals families, superintendents, volunteers, and leaders are welcome to bring suggestions! This is your opportunity to develop a stronger 4-H and animal program in Madison County!



### Livestock Achievement Program

Through the Nebraska 4-H Livestock Achievement Program, youth can receive recognition as Members of Excellence for engaging in various project-related activities. Members as young as eight will be able to participate. Applications are due June 15, but why wait! Apply today at: <https://4h.unl.edu/statewide-events-opportunities/livestock-program/livestock-achievement-program/> to get started!



# Senior Scholarships Available for 4-H members

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## 4-H Council Scholarship

If you are a graduating high school senior in 2026, you have received the Madison County 4-H Council Scholarship application in the mail. Contact Sarah or Jayd at 402-370-4040 if you did not receive the mailing.

Applications will be due **January 16, 2026** to the Extension Office.

## Nebraska 4-H Foundation Scholarships

**Due January 15, 2026**

Multiple scholarships for graduating seniors are available! To apply for scholarships, 4-H'ers must submit the Nebraska 4-H Achievement Application for state-level review by January 5, 2026. If applying for multiple scholarships, only one Achievement Application should be submitted. For more information visit: <https://www.ne4hfoundation.org/scholarships/>

**To access the Achievement Application** visit:

<https://4h.unl.edu/statewide-events-opportunities/awards-recognition/achievement-application/>



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Prior sewing experience is required. This project fits into the  
STEAM Clothing 2 project area.



For additional details or to sign up,  
check out visit the link or check out the QR  
code: <https://forms.gle/MoPmJEmr3dAy8rGfA>

**Registration Deadline is  
December 17 at 5pm**

**\*Sewing Experience Required!\***

**December 22 and 23, 2025**

**10a - 3p**

**Please bring a sack lunch each day.**

**Nebraska Extension in Madison County**

**1305 S. 13<sup>th</sup> St., Norfolk**

**Must provide own fabric. Registration cost is \$10.**



# happy holidays

*from Nebraska Extension*

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*Erin Kampbell, Betty Books & Wayne Ohnesorg*

