



4-H Family Newsletter
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February 2025



4-H Project Day:
March 1, 2025
Madison County
Fairgrounds
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Return the included form to the Extension Office or register at
<https://go.unl.edu/oc2p>



Registration due Friday, February 21 by 5pm.
Bring a friend! Open to 4-H'ers and non 4-H members!



4-H Month February 2025

4-H Spirit Day
THURSDAY, February 6

4-H Volunteer Appreciation Day
THURSDAY, February 13

4-H Supporter Appreciation Day
THURSDAY, February 20

Give Back Day
THURSDAY, February 27

"Pop" Into 4-H-Get Enrolled in 4-H Today!
FRIDAY, February 28

DRAWINGS FOR SHARED PHOTOS AND EVENTS!

WATCH FOR OUR FACEBOOK POST AND SHARE YOUR PHOTOS AND ACTIVITIES!

MORE READY

MORE COMMUNITY

MORE YOUTH

Nebraska Extension

#4HBeyondReady

We will draw live on our Facebook page on
April 2nd!

4-H JUDGING DAYS ANNOUNCEMENT

MONDAY 7TH

8:00AM - 12:00PM

**JUDGING FOR ALL STATIC EXHIBITS
(EXCEPT FOODS AND GARDENING)**

TUESDAY 8TH

8:00AM - 12:00PM

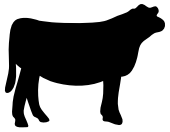
JUDGING FOR ALL FOOD AND GARDENING EXHIBITS



**Keep an eye on upcoming newsletters
for further information.**

Madison County 4-H Livestock Judging Team

Interested in Livestock Judging?
Madison County 4-H is eager to form one or two teams that will delve into the world of livestock, learn how to evaluate animals, and compete in the Premier Animal Science Event at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln on June 17-18, 2025. If you're interested, please reach out to Sarah at 402-370-4040 or via email at spolacek2@unl.edu.



Nebraska 4-H Month Fun!

Placed throughout this newsletter are 4-H clovers! Can you find them all? The first 3 families to email spolacek2@unl.edu will receive a prize! Please include each individual youth's name and guesses.



Cake Decorating Theme for 2025: Sunflower Sunbeam!

Dept. E, Div. 910, Class *912

♦ Decorate three sugar cookies or three cupcakes with only edible decorations and frosting. Must use different techniques on each cookie or cupcake.

♦ Can use purchased cookies to decorate.

♦ No glue gun use allowed.

♦ Display on a small white paper plate.



4-H SPRING VENDOR FAIR

The 4-H Council is excited to announce their Vendor Fair, taking place at the Madison County Fairgrounds on April 4th and 5th.

Needing some volunteer hours or service hours, please contact us as we need help setting up tables for the booths on the evening of Thursday, April 3rd.



Enroll in 4-H

Visit: v2.4honline.com



Keep up the enrollment for the 2025 year! Encouraged to enroll EARLY to have all the information needed for the summer 4-H events and the Madison County Fair!

Questions—please contact Sarah or Jayd at 402-370-4040.



SOMETHING BIG IS COMING

SAVE THE DATE

2025 NEBRASKA WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 20-21, 2025

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS



APRIL 26

SAVE
THE
DATE

APRIL 8

Large Animal Workshop

Madison County
Fairgrounds - Madison

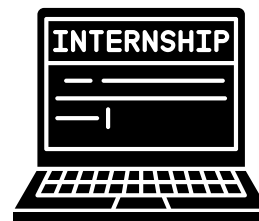
YQCA certification included!
Learn the basics of showing
large breed livestock
animals, handling/care, fair
expectations etc.

Speech, PSA, & Presentation Contest

Madison County
Extension Office
6:00 p.m.

Nebraska Extension in Madison County is looking for a summer intern to engage in 4-H Youth Development and Early Childhood programming. Responsibilities include:

- Assisting with summer programming and partnering with local libraries for 4-H reading programs.
- Participating in the Madison County Fair, including setting up exhibits and helping with animal shows, computer management, and customer service.
- Managing the summer learning kit program for childcare providers, leading activities, and developing new kits and curriculum.
- Coordinating schedules, inventory, payments, tracking finances, and creating an impact report.
- Additional tasks involve assisting with the Growing Together Nebraska donation garden project and other duties as needed.



Interested candidates should submit a resume and cover letter to Wayne Ohnesorg at wohnesorg2@unl.edu by noon on March 3, 2025, with the internship expected to run from May to early August.



4-H AT HOME IN MADISON COUNTY

The featured project for February....

Snow Tie Dye Fabric

\$6



TAKE HOME KITS!

DEVELOP A NEW
SKILL!

HANDS ON
LEARNING

ONCE A MONTH!

LIMITED # OF KITS
WILL BE AVAILABLE!

PICK UP THE WEEK OF
FEBRUARY 10

Add some extra colors to fabric with the help of the winter snow! Create a custom yard of fabric snow tie dye!

Open to all ages!

Register here or at the QR code below!

<https://go.unl.edu/byzn>

4-H Project Area: Beyond the Needle, class 4 - original designed fabric yardage

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To learn more, visit us
madison.unl.edu





4-H Livestock News

Livestock Achievement Program



As a 4-H Member, I have (check all that apply):

☐ participated in a community service activity
☐ participated in a workshop about my animal
☐ helped another 4-H'er with their animal project

☐ participated in at least 1 state or regional event show with my animal

WOW you've earned 80 points already for your Livestock Achievement Program! With a few more points you could earn cash and an award and be recognized at the Nebraska State Fair!

Learn more at: <https://4h.unl.edu/livestock-achievement>

Junior, Intermediate, and Senior options! Must apply by June 15th! Contact Sarah or Jayd to get started.



NDA Poster Contest

Get out your art supplies!
Entries for the Nebraska Department of Agriculture's annual poster contest are due March 1.

The 2025 theme is
"Agriculture is Amazing!"

Contest rules and entry form can be found at <https://nda.nebraska.gov/kids/contest.html>



Livestock Quality Assurance 2025



All 4-H and FFA livestock exhibitors must complete this certification before being able to show at the county and / or state fair. **Cloverbuds are not required to complete this training.

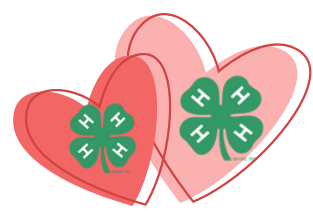
Quality Assurance will be offered through the program YQCA, Youth for the Quality Care of Animals again this year - Deadline to complete is June 1, 2025.

Registering for QA will be online at <https://yqca.learnrow.io> using the Family 4-H Online login information for active youth. If you are in both 4-H and FFA, please register through the 4-H login. Be sure you select the 2025 training dates. Face-to-face sessions (1 hour) cost \$3 and online sessions cost \$12. Whether you are completing online or face-to-face certification all registrations and payments must be completed online prior to completion. Refunds can not be given if you cannot make the face-to-face session.

**There is a PRE and POST 'test' in YQCA to complete PRIOR to the office marking.youth COMPLETE!



****Upcoming face-to-face certification: February 24th | 4pm |
Nebraska Extension Office Madison County - Norfolk**



2025 CALENDAR



Subject to change.

More activities and workshops will be added in the future!

January

- 15- Office Closed - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 17- End of the year Treasurer's Report Deadline
- 27- 4-H Council Meeting, Extension Office, 7pm
- 25- State 4-H Indoor Archery Shoot- Grand Island

February - Nebraska 4-H Month

- 3- Special Garden Seed Order Deadline
- 24- 4-H Council Meeting, Extension Office, 7pm
- 26- Special Agronomy Seed Order Deadline

March

- 1- Project Day, Madison County Fairgrounds, 9am-2pm
- 23- 4-H Horse Stampede

April

- 4-5 - 4-H Council Vendor Fair, Madison County Fairgrounds
- 8 - Speech, PSA, & Presentation Contest, Extension Office, 6pm
- 26 - Large Animal Workshop - Fairgrounds
- 28- 4-H Council Meeting, Extension Office, 7pm

May

- 26- Office Closed - Memorial Day

June

- 15- County Fair Deadline Day!
- 15- Fashion Show Entry Deadline
- 26- 4-H Council Meeting 5:30 pm
 - Fair Clean Up Madison County Fairgrounds, 6-8pm
- 19-20 - State Premier Communication Event - Lincoln
- 30- Bucket Calf Record Books Deadline

July

- 4- Office Closed- Independence Day
- 7-13 Madison County Fair!
- 7- Judging Day (Static Exhibits) 8-noon
- 8- Judging Day (Foods/Horticulture), Madison County Fairgrounds, 8am-noon
- 12-16- State Horse Show, Fonner Park, Grand Island

August

- 11-19- State Fair Drop Off, Extension Office
- 18 - Extension Office open until 6:30pm for State Fair Exhibits
- 19 - 'Til NOON - State Fair Food and Horticulture Exhibit Deadline
- 22- State Fair Begins, Grand Island
- TBA- 4-H Council Meeting, Extension Office, 7pm
- TBA- 4-H Achievement Ceremony Nomination and Application Deadline

September

- 1- State Fair Ends
- 4- State Fair Projects Ready for families to pick up from Extension Office
- 22 - 4-H Council Meeting, Extension Office, 7pm

October-National 4-H Month

- 27- 4-H Council Meeting, Extension Office, 7pm

November

- 27-28 - Office Closed - Thanksgiving

December

- 25-Jan. 2 - Closed - Holiday Shutdown
- **will return to office on Monday, Jan. 5

Sarah Polacek
4-H Educator



Jayd Krueger
4-H Assistant



Leo Gonzalez
4-H Educator



4-H Project Day

Saturday, March 1st, 2025

9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Madison County

Fairgrounds

<https://go.unl.edu/oc2p>



Projects are limited so register early!

<u>Project</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Candy dispenser	\$8	<input type="text"/>
PVC pipe portable flagpole	\$18	<input type="text"/>
Canvas button art	\$4	<input type="text"/>
Canvas yarn art	\$4	<input type="text"/>
Paper quilt	\$5	<input type="text"/>
Dream Tree	\$6	<input type="text"/>
Trees are for everyone	\$6	<input type="text"/>
Give cardinals a hand	\$6	<input type="text"/>
DIY Fishing Pole	\$8	<input type="text"/>
Panel art	\$5	<input type="text"/>

Total Cost : _____

Participant Name _____ 4-H Age (as of Jan. 1) _____
Daytime Phone Number _____ E-mail _____
Parent/Guardian _____

To attend 4-H Project Day, all youth (ages 5-12) must be accompanied by someone 16 or older who will help youth with each project. Three (3) youth may share one (1) adult. Teens may complete projects without adult supervision. Bring a sack lunch if you are staying all day.

Registration is not complete until payment is made. No registrations accepted at the door.

~ Make checks payable to: University of Nebraska-Lincoln ~

Registrations are accepted until Monday, February 17 by 5pm.

