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Important Dates

- February 2 - Beef Weigh Day
- February 2, 9, 16, 23 - Air Rifle/Pistol Practice
- February 4, 11, 18 & 25 - BB Gun Shooting Sport Practice
- February 10 - 4-H Council Meeting
- February 17 - Office Closed-Presidents Day
- March 1 - 4-H Movie Day
- March 2 - County BB Gun Competition
- March 15 - State BB Gun Competition
- April 21--County Communications Contest

2025 Livestock Weigh-In Dates

Beef weigh-in will take place on February 2, 2025 from 1p.m. - 4p.m. at the Aurora Vet Clinic. Sheep/Goat weigh-in will take place on May 22, 2024 from 5:30p.m. - 7p.m. at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds. All market beef and sheep wanting to be entered into the Hamilton County Raised or Rate of Gain classes must be at their weigh days.

Both dates will also include DNA testing.

Congratulations and Thank You

We want to congratulate everyone who competed in the Hamilton County Target Archery Competition and the Nebraska 4-H Archer Competition! We also want to say a huge THANK YOU to our dedicated shooting sports instructors! Good job to all!

Notable state results included:

- Marrik Dahlin--GRAND CHAMPION-basic bow, cub division
- Deven Dose-2ND Place-freestyle limited, intermediate division
- Eric Dose-3RD Place-freestyle limited, cub division
- Gideon Ochsner-3RD Place-basic bow, young adult division

Congratulations!

2025 LIVESTOCK WEIGH-IN DATES

BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR THE 2025 HAMILTON COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK WEIGH-IN DATES!

BEEF WEIGH-IN
SUNDAY, FEB. 2ND, 2025
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Aurora Vet Clinic
(1704 Q St, Aurora, NE 68818)

SHEEP/GOAT WEIGH-IN
THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2025
5:30PM - 7:00PM
HAMILTON CO. FAIRGROUNDS
(310 A St, Aurora, NE 68818)

WILL ALSO INCLUDE DNA TESTING FOR STATE FAIR!



QUESTIONS? CALL OUR OFFICE AT 402-694-6174



HAPPY Birthday

Paul K.	Kellan D.	Tinley M.
Eastyn E.	Alex G.	Miles H.
Traelee P.	Sawyer D.	Kynzler F.
Britton S.	Ezekiel H.	Tryndal P.
Myles F.	Charley B.	Logan M.
Morgan B.	Kadee L.	Eloise J.
Xander T.	Hazel K.	Cassidy G.
Isaiah V.	Brooks S.	Penelope T.



Shooting Sports

BB Gun, Air Pistol/Rifle Practices have begun. Practices will be held on Tuesday evening at 5:30 p.m. Jan 16, 21 & 28. BB Gun practices are on Tuesday Evenings. Air Pistol and Rifle practices are on Sunday afternoons. The county BB Gun competition is on March 2nd and Air Pistol and Rifle will be held on March 15th. All practices and competitions will be held at the 4-H building on the Fair Grounds. Please contact the instructors with any questions.

BB Gun-Taylor Comer

Air Pistol/Rifle-Dana Glass

4-H Month Celebration

Join the Hamilton County 4-H Council on March 1st. at 1:15 p.m. to watch Wild Robot! Bring a friend that you think would be interested in joining or learning more about 4-H!



2025 4-H Enrollment

4-H members must re-enroll annually to maintain their membership. Returning families/members should not create a new family profile, but instead, log into their existing profile, update contact info and projects, and sign permissions.

All are encouraged to enroll in 4-H Online. Club leaders and direct volunteers are required to enroll and complete the background check in 2025.

To enroll, visit
4honline.com or scan
the QR code.



Those not re-enrolled by February 28th will no longer receive the monthly newsletter.

Service Project Opportunity

Looking for a fun activity to do as a family or club? The 4-H council has purchased a large amount of wooden clovers and are looking for members to paint them. They are hoping to be able to distribute a clover to each resident of care facilities in Hamilton County.

HAMILTON COUNTY 4-H SERVICE PROJECT

THE 4-H COUNCIL IS INVITING EVERYONE TO PARTICIPATE IN A SERVICE PROJECT. THEY ARE ASKING 4-H MEMBERS TO PAINT 4-H CLOVER DOOR HANGERS THAT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE CARE CENTERS IN AURORA. HELP US SPREAD JOY WITH SOME ELDERLY MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY.

WOODEN CLOVER AND LIMITED SUPPLIES WILL BE READY TO BE PICKED UP AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH. PLEASE RETURN THEM TO THE OFFICE BY MONDAY, MARCH 3RD. OR DROP THEM OFF AT MOVIE DAY ON MARCH 1ST.

PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE WITH ANY QUESTIONS 402-694-6174

EXTENSION [HTTPS://GO.UNL.EDU/EMF7](https://go.unl.edu/emf7)

New! Coming this Spring Gardening 101 Spin Club





HORSELESS HORSE - SPIN CLUB

HORSE QUIZ BOWL: (8-18 years) Merrick & Hamilton County Youth
HIPPOLOGY: (8-18 years) Merrick & Hamilton County Youth

Would you like to learn more about horses? This no-horse needed class will explore the horse from the outside in and everything in between.

For more information, please contact the Merrick County Extension Office, 308-946-3843 or email kwells5@unl.edu

Please register.



To learn more about the State Stampede Contest, scan the QR code.

Dates & Times:

Horse Quiz Bowl

6:00-7:00 p.m.

Hippology

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Merrick County 4-H Building
 1784 Fairgrounds Rd, Central City

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5TH

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12TH

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19TH

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26TH

STAMPEDE CONTESTS - UNL

WEEKEND OF MARCH 29-30

FEBRUARY 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5 ★	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 ★	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 ★	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 ★	27	28	1

MARCH 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
23	24	25	26	27	28	1
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9	10	11	12 ★	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 ★	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 ★	27	28	29



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