



December 24

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Important Dates

- December 2-** Home for the Holiday Kits Sign Up opens
- December 9-** 4-H Council Mtg
- December 18-19-** Home for the Holiday Kit Pick Up
- December 25 -** Office Closed - Christmas
- January 1 -** Office Closed - New Years
- January 6 -** YQCA
- January 19-** Target Archery Contest
- February 2 -** Beef Weigh Day

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.

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



Save The Date

2025 Hamilton County Fair
July 24th - 27th

2025 YQCA Certification

Mark your calendars for one of the two YQCA opportunities that will be offered in Hamilton County in 2025. The first training will be held on January 6th, 2025 from 1p.m. - 2p.m. The second training will be held on June 9th, 2025 from 6p.m. - 7p.m.

To register, scan the QR code or visit

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



Hamilton County YQCA will be due by June 15th, 2025!

2025 Special Garden Project

As you begin making plans for 2025, be sure to check out the Special Garden Project. It offers a unique introduction to plant science. Members are given seeds and guided through planting, growing, and harvesting seasons. Members can exhibit a cut flower or harvested vegetable at the fair if all goes well. Otherwise, youth can share their experience through a poster, story, or video exhibit. Next year, members will work with the GOLDIE HUSK CHERRY.

Hamilton County Extension

Office CLOSED

December 25, 2024

and

January 1, 2025



4-H Fed Steer Challenge

The Nebraska 4-H Fed Steer Challenge is an opportunity for youth interested in learning more about the cattle industry and is designed to cultivate the next generation of leaders in the Nebraska cattle industry. The goal of the Fed Steer Challenge is to enhance educational value of the traditional 4-H beef projects by providing an affordable option that rewards production merit and carcass value of the market animal, along with accurate and complete record-keeping, industry knowledge, and producer engagement by the 4-H member. Applications are due Dec. 15th.

4h.unl.edu/fed-steer-challenge

FED STEER CHALLENGE

Through the 4-H Fed Steer Challenge, youth gain real-world experience evaluating, raising, and selling a market steer. Participants learn about production merit and carcass value, management best practices, and the workings of the cattle industry directly from industry experts. Throughout the experience, youth practice life skills like record-keeping, critical thinking, and communication.

4-H members:

- Select and raise a commercial steer to a finished market weight
- Utilize commercial feedlot management and nutritional protocols
- Maintain detailed management and feeding records
- Participate in monthly educational events
- Exhibit steer in the 4-H Fed Steer Challenge class at the Nebraska State Fair
- Sell steer on a Quality and Yield Based Carcass Grid
- Engage with cattle industry representatives and Nebraska faculty

Applications are due December 1st.

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JUNIOR LEADERS

Junior Leaders is for youth enrolled in 4-H that is 4-H age 13-18. Junior Leaders allows youth to gain leadership opportunities while serving in their communities and acting as mentors and role models to other members.

JR. LEADERS LOCK-IN

Who: Junior Leaders - all teen 4-H members (ages 13-18) in Merrick & Hamilton Counties.

What: Experience great friendships, learn leadership lessons and life skills, win the CHOPPED! Challenge and have fun!

When: January 2nd and 3rd 7p.m - 7a.m.

Where: Merrick County Fairgrounds (1784 Fairgrounds Rd. Central City, NE 68826)

Register by Thursday, December 26th

Happy Birthday

Alexis E.	Tajel L.	Jillian F.
Teigin P.	Anna D.	Cason B.
Paxotn J.	Deven D.	Ruby N.
Jase B.	Jax B.	Bryn P.
Will D.	Julia K.	Paisley W.
Wade B.	Mia H.	Tiptyn E.
Scarlett A.	Oden H.	Grayson H.
Finley W.	Felix D.	Pablo C.

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

Home For The Holiday Kits

Kits are available at no charge for youth enrolled in Hamilton County 4-H for 2024-25!

Not enrolled for 2024-25? Visit 4honline.com and enroll today!

Kits are generously sponsored by the Hamilton County 4-H Council.

A limited number of kits will be available. Sign up begins December 2nd. Scan the QR code or visit <https://go.unl.edu/holidaykits>



*All supplies will be in a prepackaged kit for you to pick up from the Extension Office December 17-18.

Magnetic Door
Hanger



Gnome
Succulent Pot



Cherry
Cheesecake Bars



Giving Plates +
Cookie Mix Jars



Family Dinner:
Chicken
Tortilla Soup



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