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Important Dates

- May 9** - 22 Pistol/Rifle County Shoot
- May 10** - Outdoor Skills Contest
- May 21** - Sheep and Goat Weigh-In
- May 22** - Outdoor Adventures Workshop
- May 25** - Memorial Day - Office Closed
- May 28** - Jr. Leaders Hamburger Feed
- May 30** - 3-D Archery Contest
- June 15** - All YQCA and State Fair Nominations Due

2026

HAMILTON COUNTY
SUMMER WORKSHOPS
**Preparing Youth to be
"Beyond Ready"**

For more information please visit
<https://go.unl.edu/hcworkshops>
or scan the QR code.



Registration will open on Friday, May 1, 2026.
Spots will fill up fast!



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| Bryson D | Hawke B |
| Garrett F | Emerson M |
| Zaiah A | Avery S |
| Nathaniel K | Avery R |
| Memphis O | Kinley M |
| Mercy P | Blayke M |
| Bailey G | Tate V |
| Josie T | Asher R |
| Trinity M | Walter L |
| Livie S | |

2026

LIVESTOCK WEIGH-IN DATES

BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR THE 2026
HAMILTON COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK WEIGH-IN DATES!

WILL ALSO INCLUDE
DNA TESTING FOR
STATE FAIR!

SHEEP/GOAT WEIGH-IN
THURSDAY, MAY 21 ST, 2026
5:30PM - 7:00PM
HAMILTON CO. FAIRGROUNDS
(310 A St, Aurora, NE 68818)

*NEW IN 2026 - NE STATE FAIR AND AKSARBEN DNA TESTING ARE SEPERATE PROCESSES



QUESTIONS? CALL OUR OFFICE AT 402-694-6174

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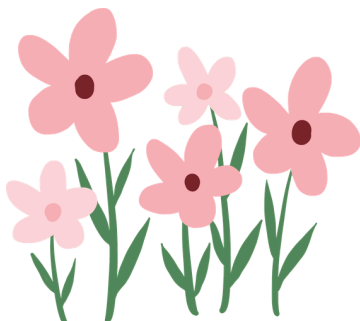
In August of 2025, the Hamilton County Commissioners approved a new Extension Office to be built on the Hamilton County Fairgrounds. We are excited to show you the progress and have you follow along. This new building will allow us so many more opportunities to continue growing our incredible 4-H program!

Update: The building is now fully enclosed and the signage is up!



Livestock Achievement Program

The Nebraska 4-H Livestock Achievement Program is designed to promote all educational aspects of 4-H livestock projects, including selection, production, leadership, and exhibition by recognizing youth striving to improve their livestock project knowledge and leadership. For more information, visit <https://4h.unl.edu/statewide-events>



4-H Club Updates

Hamilton County 4-H Shooting Sports -

Our 2025-26 shooting sports season will conclude on May 9th with the .22 Rifle and Pistol contest and May 10th with the Outdoor Skills contest.

We'd like to thank everyone for their involvement this year - we have enjoyed teaching the youth the proper and safe firearm handling as well as watching them all improve their skills, while having fun!

We'd like to say a special "Thank You" to Dana Glass who is stepping down this year as a pistol and air rifle instructor. We have greatly appreciated his time and creative thinking to make these disciplines fun for our youth!

We will be reviewing the future of disciplines offered this summer. If you are interested in becoming a certified instructor, please let myself or Emily (4-H Educator) know. Classes are held at rotating locations throughout the year.

Christi Aycock - Club Leader

Jr. Leaders Pinnacle Bank Hamburger Feed

**Thursday May 28, 2026
11A.M.-1P.M.**

Come out and grab a great lunch while supporting the Hamilton County Jr. Leaders! The Jr. Leader's will be serving up lunch at the main branch of Pinnacle Bank

Thank You

 **Pinnacle Bank**



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REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

To register for a workshop, you must log into your 4-H Online (<https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>) profile and head to the events tab. *(This can be found on the left hand side of your screen.)*



From there, you will find the workshop you are wanting to sign up for and click on it to complete the registration steps. Once your registration has been completed, you will receive an email for that workshop.

Member List

Profile

Events

PAYMENT TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE PRIOR TO THE WORKSHOP SECURES YOUR SPOT IN THE CLASS!

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Payment is required prior to the workshop.

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Exact cash or checks made out to the Hamilton County 4-H Council will be accepted.

MAY WORKSHOPS

22nd

Outdoor Adventures (9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.)



Come and join Nebraska Extension for a day learning more about the great outdoors! Activities will include fishing, Dutch oven cooking, geocaching, canoeing/kayaking, and much more!

Ages: 8+ **Cost:** \$10 enrolled in Hamilton 4-H/\$30 not enrolled in Hamilton 4-H

Location: Timberlake Ranch Camp

Spots available: 15 **Bring a hammer and a 4-H appropriate bathing suit & towel!*

26th

Bucket of Blooms/Air Plants (1:00pm-2:30pm)



In this hands-on workshop, youth will plant a flower pot and create an air plant environment while learning basic plant care. Participants will explore how different plants grow and what they need to thrive, while expressing creativity through their designs.

Ages: 8+ **Cost:** \$10 enrolled in Hamilton 4-H/\$35 not enrolled in Hamilton 4-H

Location: Fairgrounds

Spots available: 10

28th

Building Better Babysitter (9:30am-3:00pm)



How do you know someone is ready to babysit? How about after they complete a class that teaches them about: the business of babysitting, child development, basic first aid & safety, food and nutrition, entertainment, and much, much, more! Youth will need to bring their own sack lunch. .

Ages: 10+ **Cost:** \$10 enrolled in Hamilton 4-H/\$35 not enrolled in Hamilton 4-H

Location: Merrick Fairgrounds

Spots available: 10

28th

Basic Welding (6:00pm-8:00pm)



In this workshop you will be learning how to safely handle welding equipment, understand different types of metals, prepare surfaces, and create simple joints. Emphasis is placed on proper safety measures, including the use of protective gear like helmets, gloves, and aprons. *Please wear long shirt and long pants and closed toe shoes. Please bring a water bottle. If you have a welding helmet please bring it but not required. Parent are encouraged to stay*

Ages: 10+ **Cost:** \$10 enrolled in Hamilton 4-H/\$20 not enrolled in Hamilton 4-H

Location: Farrallbuilt (44 Hatfield ST, Giltner, NE 68841)

Spots available: 10

JUNE WORKSHOPS

2nd&4th

Blast off...the Science/Construction of a Rockets(4:00pm-6:00pm each day)

Join us for this fun two-day Rocket workshop! Youth will build their own rockets and learn about the components of how they work together. They will then finish with launching the rockets. **Adults are encouraged to stay.**

Ages: 10+ Cost: \$10 enrolled in Hamilton 4-H/\$35 not enrolled in Hamilton 4-H

Location: Hamilton County Fairgrounds-Ag Building

Spots available: 10



3rd & 4th

Crocheting 101 (9:00am-11:30pm)

This beginner 2 day crochet workshop teaches youth the basics of crocheting while creating a simple dishcloth. Participants will learn foundational stitches, how to handle yarn and a hook, and follow a pattern. The workshop builds creativity, patience, and confidence while introducing a useful lifelong skill.

Ages: 8+ Cost: \$10 enrolled in Hamilton 4-H/\$20 not enrolled in Hamilton 4-H

Location: Hamilton County Fairgrounds-Ag Building

Spots available: 10



9th

Clover Kid Day #1 (9:00am-11:30am)

Come join us for a day of creating. We will be making No bake cookies, Wind socks, key chains, and a DIY bird feeder.

Ages: 5-7 Cost: \$10 enrolled in Hamilton 4-H/\$15 not enrolled in Hamilton 4-H

Location: Hamilton County Fairgrounds - AG building

Spots available: 15



10th

Patchwork Pillow (9:00am-11:30am)

A fun, hands-on 4-H workshop where youth learn beginner sewing skills by creating their own simple patchwork pillow. Participants will practice measuring, cutting, and stitching fabric pieces together while exploring basic design and color choices. By the end of the workshop, each participant will take home a unique, handmade pillow and gain confidence in sewing. **Youth will need to bring 2 coordinating fabrics: 1 ¼ yd of one and ½ yard of the other.**

Ages: 8+ Cost: \$10 enrolled in Hamilton 4-H/\$20 not enrolled in Hamilton 4-H

Location: Fairgrounds in the Ag building

Spots available: 10



JUNE WORKSHOPS

10th



Learning the Art of Quilting (1:00pm-4:30pm)

A beginner-friendly 4-H quilting workshop where youth learn the basics of quilt-making while creating a simple table runner. Participants will practice essential skills such as fabric selection, cutting, piecing, and basic stitching techniques. Each participant will leave with a finished table runner they can proudly use.

Ages: 10+ **Cost:** \$10 enrolled in Hamilton 4-H/\$30 not enrolled in Hamilton 4-H

Location: Hamilton County Fairgrounds - AG building

Spots available: 8

11th



Woolly Creations: Needle Felting (1:00pm-4:00pm)

In this creative 4-H workshop, youth will learn the basics of needle felting while designing a 2D picture wall hanging. Participants will use colorful wool fibers to “paint” a scene or design onto a felt backing, learning techniques such as layering, blending, and adding detail with felting needles.

Ages: 10+ **Cost:** \$10 enrolled in Hamilton 4-H/\$20 not enrolled in Hamilton 4-H

Location: Hamilton County Fairgrounds - AG building

Spots available: 12

16th



Garden to Jar: Salsa & Herb Adventures (9:00am-11:30am)

A fun, hands-on 4-H workshop where youth use the Hot Water method of canning to produce salsa. Participants learn basic food preparations skills, kitchen/ canning safety, and nutrition while working to create a healthy homemade snack.

Ages: 8+ **Cost:** \$15 enrolled in Hamilton 4-H/\$20 not enrolled in Hamilton 4-H

Location: Saint Mary's Catholic Church (Kitchen)

Spots available: 12

16th



Knead to Know: Bread Baking & Kitchen Science (1:00 - 3:30)

Learn how yeast and temperature work together to make bread rise. Participants will bake loaves of bread while exploring the science behind the process. A loaf of bread will be frozen and can be thawed to bring to fair.

Ages: 10+ **Cost:** \$10 enrolled in Hamilton 4-H/\$20 not enrolled in Hamilton 4-H

Location: Saint Mary's Catholic Church (Kitchen)

Spots available: 12

JUNE WORKSHOPS

18th



Livestock Systems (9:00am-11:30am)

Join an engaging veterinary science workshop where 4-H youth explore the major body systems of a ruminant animal. Participants will learn how systems work together to keep livestock healthy. Youth will create a visual depiction of each system.

Ages: 8+ **Cost:** \$10 enrolled in Hamilton 4-H/\$20 not enrolled in Hamilton 4-H
Location: Hamilton County Fairgrounds - Ag Building
Spots available: 12

29th



Beef Showmanship/ Fitting Clinic (5:00pm-8:00pm)

Youth will learn how to clip and blow and go to fit for county fair. You will learn the basic nutrition to get Beef show ready. As well as some tips on how to do showmanship. *this is will be offered for beef only in 2026! Youth are en to bring their trained beef animal. Parents are encouraged to stay and learn along side their children.

Ages: 8+ **Cost:** \$10 enrolled in Hamilton 4-H/\$20 not enrolled in Hamilton 4-H
Location: Hamilton County Fairgrounds - Beef Barn
Spots available: 30

Clover Kid day #2 (9:00am-11:30am)



Youth ages 5-7 will explore three fun art projects: drip-painted flower pots, seashell canvas designs, and tissue paper stained glass art. Participants will experiment with color, texture, and design while creating unique pieces to take home.

Ages: 5-7 **Cost:** \$10 enrolled in Hamilton 4-H/\$15 not enrolled in Hamilton 4-H
Location: Hamilton County Fairgrounds - Ag Building
Spots available: 15

PROJECT DAY A

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24TH - 9:00 A.M - 3:30 P.M.

RECEIVE A \$5
DISCOUNT
WHEN YOU
REGISTER
FOR BOTH
DAYS!

\$35.00 for youth not enrolled in Hamilton County 4-H, \$15.00 for youth enrolled in Hamilton County 4-H.

Youth will participate in ALL 3 sessions throughout the day and will be able to take home the items they create to enter as fair exhibits.

***Youth will need to bring their own sack lunch + water bottle.**

TIE DYE IN A JAR

Join us for a fun, hands-on workshop where you'll create your own tie-dye masterpiece using a jar! In this project, you'll twist and fold fabric, then submerge it in colorful dye to create unique patterns. It's an easy and creative activity for all skill levels, and you'll leave with a one-of-a-kind design. Come get messy, experiment with color, and enjoy the art of tie-dye!



SMALL BARN QUILT

Come enjoy a hands-on workshop where you'll create your very own small barn quilt! In this project, you'll explore classic quilt-inspired patterns and use paint to bring your design to life on a wooden board. With step-by-step guidance, you'll tape, paint, and personalize your piece using bold colors and clean lines. No experience needed—just bring your creativity and leave with a charming decoration you'll be proud to display!



CRATE SEATS

Join us for a fun, hands-on workshop where you'll build your own crate seat! In this project, you'll transform a simple plastic crate into a functional and stylish seat with built-in storage. You'll assemble, customize, and add a cushioned top to make it both comfortable and practical. It's a beginner-friendly activity, and you'll leave with a useful piece you can enjoy at home!



We are seeking parents who would be willing to stay for the day to help - please indicate that when signing your child up.



PROJECT DAY B

THURSDAY, JUNE 25TH - 9:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

RECEIVE A \$5
DISCOUNT
WHEN YOU
REGISTER FOR
BOTH DAYS!

\$35.00 for youth not enrolled in Hamilton County 4-H, \$15.00 for youth enrolled in Hamilton County 4-H.

Youth will participate in **ALL** 3 sessions throughout the day and will be able to take home the items they create to enter as fair exhibits.

***Youth will need to bring their own sack lunch + water bottle.**

WOODCRAFT FAMILY

Youth will create a wooden replica of their family using small pieces of wood. Participants will design, sand, paint, and decorate their project to represent each family member. The activity builds basic woodworking skills, creativity, and provides a meaningful keepsake that reflects their unique family.



WOODEN RIBBON RACK

Create a rustic ribbon display to showcase your achievements in style! In this project, you'll assemble and finish a wooden frame designed to neatly hold and display your award ribbons. It's a simple, hands-on build that combines function and charm. **Make sure to wear clothes to stain**



RECYCLED WAX CANDLE

Turning everyday recyclable materials into something useful is always fun! Youth will be guided through the candle-making process, including placing a wick, melting soy wax, and safely pouring it into their cans. Participants can also choose to add color or fragrance to make their candle unique. **Youth will need to bring a empty, clean, aluminum beverage can from home.**



We are seeking parents who would be willing to stay for the day to help - please indicate that when signing your child up.

Dawson County Livestock Judging Contest

May 23, 2026



Registration: 8:30 a.m.

Judging: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Registration before May 11: \$20, lunch included for youth

Registration after May 11: \$25, lunch included for youth

Location: Dawson County Fairgrounds, 1002 Plum Creek Parkway
Lexington, NE 68850

Youth are welcome to attend in the following divisions:

Juniors - 8 to 10

Intermediates - 11 to 13

Seniors - 14 to 18

Contest will include the evaluation of four classes of beef, two classes of sheep, two classes of goats, and two classes of swine.

Register at: <https://forms.gle/pPnmwtQ9b4iewaDL9>

Payment (**cash or check only**) can be sent to PO Box 757
Lexington, NE 68850 or paid day of contest. Make checks
payable to Dawson County 4-H Foundation.

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BLUE RIBBON 4H

PROGRESS SHOW



**BREAKFAST
& LUNCH
ON SITE**

SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH
ARLINGTON, NE
WASHINGTON CO. FAIRGROUNDS

**BLOW
&
SHOW**

**SCAN THE
QR CODE
TO REGISTER**

CLASSES INCLUDE:
BREEDING HEIFERS, MARKET HEIFERS,
MARKET STEERS, FEEDER CALVES,
SHOWMANSHIP & CLOVER KIDS

**CASH
PRIZES**

OR VISIT/DOWNLOAD
SHOWMAN APP



FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT
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