



4-H Family Newsletter

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4-H Enrollment for 2025 is now OPEN

The 4-H Online system for the new 4-H year is now OPEN! Now is the perfect time to join a club, too, as club meetings are just getting started for the new year. See a list of clubs in Madison County at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/madison/2022%204-H%20Leaders.pdf>

- **To Enroll**, login at v2.4honline.com

Returning families: do not create a new profile. Use your email and password from previous years to sign in.

New families: create a new profile and write down your password.

We do not have access to passwords.

- **Step-by-step instructions** can be viewed at <https://4h.unl.edu/enroll>

Enrollment Dues- Madison County remains at \$5.00/member for enrollment dues for the year. Enrollment will be accepted once payment is received. Online payment via credit card is an option. You must either pay the Extension Office with cash or check OR pay online with credit card for your enrollment to be accepted.

Reminder: Club dues are separate from the county dues.

Contact Sarah, Jayd or Betty for help enrolling! Call the office at 402-370-4040 to set up an appointment for assistance with enrollment.



Updates -

Project selection is now optional. By successfully completing enrollment, youth will be eligible to participate in 4-H. While optional, it is encouraged for youth to select projects they are interested in exploring. Yet it will not determine participation of projects, contest, fairs, etc. This will make the enrollment process easier, and it won't limit what the members can be involved in throughout the

4-H year. (Exceptions: horse and shooting sports project members are **required** to select the projects due to parental consent required to participate in these projects)

Congratulations

Sarah

Sarah was awarded the Meritorious Service Award in Atlanta, GA. This award is given to 4-H Professionals with over 15 years of service who demonstrated innovative programming and leadership.



**Save the DATE: Sunday,
December 7th - 6 p.m.**

Madison County 4-H and Ag. Society will have a float in the Madison Christmas Parade. If you or youth would like to walk in the parade, please contact us for some additional details!



**Calling ALL Madison County
4-H Clubs!**

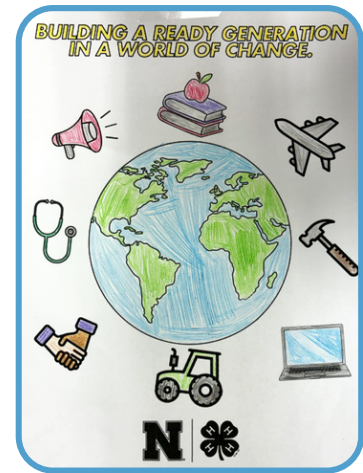
Round Bale Decorating Contest coming to the 2026 Madison County Fair! Clubs may come up with their own theme and decorate accordingly. More details to come in the spring. There will be a CASH prize to the winning club's hay bale.



Parker K.



Piper A.



Hadley K.



All participants may come pick up their coloring page and prize at the Extension office!

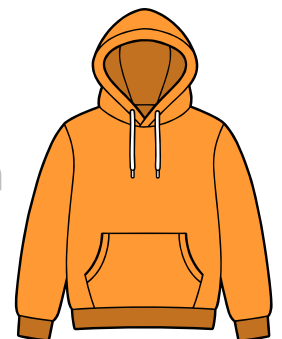


This online training serves as an introduction to the 4-H Youth Development program in Nebraska and covers a few essential topics for volunteers. While the orientation is required for new volunteers/leaders and those going through the re-screening process, any interested individuals, including current and prospective volunteers, are welcome to complete the course. Learn more at 4h.unl.edu/volunteer-orientation.

4-H Sweatshirt Sewing Workshop

~Sewing experience required.~

Join us to sew your very own sweatshirt this month! We will be hosting a sweatshirt sewing workshop at the Nebraska Extension office in the month of December! Our first workshop date is Monday, December 22 and Tuesday, December 23 (times TBD). Please bring a sack lunch!



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



BECOME A MEMBER OF THE MADISON COUNTY 4-H ARCHERY CLUB!

The main goal of the 4-H Archery program is to support the development of youth aged 8-18, helping them grow into responsible and productive citizens. Explore the sport of Archery today!

- Enrollment is now open at v2.4honline.com.
- Practice sessions are held twice a month in Norfolk.
- Meet new friends, develop new skills, and dive into the world of archery.

For more information on the 4-H archery schedule or other 4-H opportunities, visit madison.unl.edu or reach out to Nebraska Extension in Madison County.



Madison County 4-H Archery Club 2025-2026 Practice Schedule



Date	Location	All Juniors and Seniors will practice together
August 19	Outdoor Range	All Current Members 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM- MANDATORY CLUB MEETING – MEMBERS AND A PARENT/GUARDIAN ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND.
September 2	Outdoor Range	All Current Members 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
September 16	Outdoor Range	All Current Members 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
September 20-21	State 4-H Archery Shoot – Grand Island	
September 30	Outdoor Range	All Current Members 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
October 14	Indoor Range	<i>New and Current Members are welcome!</i> 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
October 28	Indoor Range	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
November 11	Indoor Range	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
November 25	Indoor Range	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
December 9	Indoor Range	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
December 23	NO PRACTICE	NO PRACTICE
January 6	Indoor Range	6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
January TBA	State Indoor Archery Shoot	
January 20	Indoor Range	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
February 3	Indoor Range	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
February 17	Indoor Range	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
March 3	Indoor Range	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
March 17	Indoor Range	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
March 31	Indoor Range	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
April 14	Outdoor Range	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
April 28	Outdoor Range	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
May 12	Outdoor Range	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
May 26	Outdoor Range	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
June 6	Outdoor Range	Madison County 4-H Fair Shoot

- Practice will be canceled if school is canceled due to the weather.
- Practice at the outdoor range will be indoors if it is raining or too cold to shoot outside.
- Please follow the Madison County 4-H Archery Facebook Page for updates concerning weather cancellations or location of practice.
- Sign in when you arrive at the range.
- Parents will need to sign in also.
- Notify 4-H Club Leader, Mercedes Barg if you can't make it.

Indoor Range Location: Basement of Midtown Health Center, south side of the building at 3rd and Phillip in Norfolk.

Outdoor Range Location: South of Norfolk on US Hwy 81. Turn west at North Airport Road (Coca-Cola building), go 1/4 mile then turn south at the Norfolk Archery Club sign (west side of the National Guard Armory) and follow the trail. The range is on the NW corner of the Norfolk Airport.



Please come and collect your livestock booster checks and champion sweatshirts if you have received a notification about items waiting for you. Thank you!

Want to see what it's like to be a Husker in the College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources?

Join us for **Zoom In To CASNR**—a virtual hangout where you'll meet faculty, students, and staff. It's your chance to ask questions, get the inside scoop, and discover all the opportunities waiting for you at UNL.

Join us this school year at **7:00pm CST** on:



- September 29
- October 28
- November 24
- January 26
- February 23
- March 30
- April 27

Scan the code to sign up!

We can't wait to Zoom In with you!

2025 Madison County Fairboard Annual Meeting and Election of members

The Annual meeting of the Madison County Fairboard including election of members will be held on Monday, November 17 at 7pm at the Madison County Fairgrounds. Those whose terms expire and could be on the ballot include the following: Katie Ferguson, Tim Koenig, Judy Yoch, Sherri Fish, and Cheryl White.



4-H Livestock News

4-H Livestock Committee Meeting



All livestock, horse, and small animal families, superintendents, volunteers, and leaders are welcome to bring suggestions to improve the livestock and small animal programs! This is your opportunity to develop a stronger 4-H and animal program in Madison County!

**Thursday, December 11 at
6:00 p.m. at the
Extension Office in
Norfolk**

N | 2025 VOLUNTEER Road Show!

Join one of the unique volunteer training events to discover new opportunities for your members, network with others volunteers, and build your skills working with youth.

A \$15 registration fee covers a meal and all supplies. Virtual sessions have a registration fee of \$10.

Learn more and register at
[GO.UNL.EDU/4HVRs](https://go.unl.edu/4HVRs)



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- **VIRTUAL - NOV. 9**
4:00 - 6:00 p.m. CT
- **ARLINGTON - NOV. 11**
5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- **VIRTUAL - NOV. 13**
5:30 - 7:30 p.m. CT
- **CENTRAL CITY - NOV. 17**
5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

SESSION TOPICS

Are you looking for ways to **build a strong relationship** with you through each stage of their 4-H experience? Learn ways to intentionally build relationships with youth.

Avoid 4-H Volunteer Burnout by learning how to implement some practical steps for your own 4-H club structure.

Searching for your next club project? Experience a hands-on **Human Development** project! This includes a lesson and fair exhibit idea(s) ready to take back to the 4-H experience you lead.

Discover how volunteers can ensure youth are **Beyond Ready** for life and work by experiencing a lesson you can take back to the 4-H experience you lead! Ready to provide your 4-H members with some career exploration activities - this is perfect for you!

4-H Council will reimburse up to 25 Madison County volunteers upon registration!

Hello Madison County 4-H Volunteers!

Nebraska 4-H is excited to bring the 4-H Volunteer Road Show to volunteers statewide this November! NEW for 2025: All registered participants will go in a drawing for a Shop 4-H digital gift card! The Volunteer Road Show is a great opportunity to experience project training and new ideas to bring back to your 4-H community. All 4-H volunteers, parents/caregivers and any adult wanting to find THEIR spark while volunteering with 4-H is welcome!



2026 MADISON COUNTY FAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

~ JULY 6-12, 2026 ~

MONDAY JULY 6TH

8:00AM - 12:00PM

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

TUESDAY JULY 7TH

8:00AM - 12:00PM

JUDGING FOR ALL FOODS, GARDENING, & HORTICULTURE

FASHION SHOW

SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2026 - 3:00PM
INDOOR ARENA

Senior Scholarships Available

Scholarship Opportunity for High School Seniors through the 4-H Council.

If you are a graduating high school senior in 2026, you will be receiving the Madison County 4-H Council Scholarship application in the mail. Contact Sarah or Jayd at 402-370-4040 if you do not receive the mailing. Applications will be due **January 10** to the Extension Office.



Nebraska 4-H Foundation Scholarships

Due January 5

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/>

Don and Martha Romeo Scholarship

On behalf of the Nebraska Association of Fair managers, we would like to present the Don and Martha Romeo Scholarship to one qualifying 4-H Male and one qualifying 4-H Female who are graduating seniors in the State of Nebraska and who plan to continue with post high school education for the amount of \$500/each. Scholarship awarded at the annual NAFM convention in January. The application is due to the Extension office on **November 30**.

Application can be found at: [chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://lancaster.unl.edu/sites/unl.edu/ianr.extension/files/media/file/Martha-and-Don-Romeo-Scholarship-25.pdf](https://lancaster.unl.edu/sites/unl.edu/ianr.extension/files/media/file/Martha-and-Don-Romeo-Scholarship-25.pdf)

<https://lancaster.unl.edu/sites/unl.edu/ianr.extension/files/media/file/Martha-and-Don-Romeo-Scholarship-25.pdf>



November

26 - 4-H Fall Baking Workshop, Extension Office, 9 - noon

27-28 - Office Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving

December

7 - Madison Light Parade / 4-H and Ag. Society, Madison, 6 p.m.

11 - Livestock Committee Meeting, Extension Office, 6:00 p.m.

22-23 - Sweatshirt Sewing Workshop, Extension Office, times TBD

December 24 - January 2 - Holiday Closedown. We will reopen on January 5

Sarah Polacek
4-H Educator

Jayd Krueger
4-H Associate

Leo Gonzalez
4-H Educator