



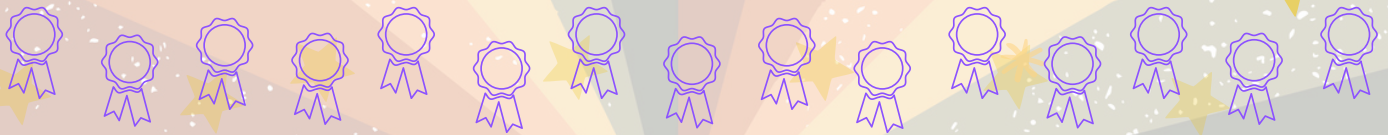
4-H Family Newsletter

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Congratulations to our Nebraska State Fair Exhibitors



State Fair Static Exhibits Pickup

Check out the 2025 4-H ribbon results:

<https://www.nebraska4hresults.com/>

Projects are available at the
Extension office for pick up!



We appreciate prompt pick up of
exhibits so we can use our
classroom. Thank you!

You're Invited

Join us in honoring our 4-H members who have dedicated 5, 8, 10, 12, and 13 years to the program, as well as our honored leaders, achievement applicants, and recipients of the Diamond Clover Awards, among many others! Let's also extend our congratulations to those nominated for special awards.

Sunday, September 14, 2025

5.00 p.m.

Extension Office

1305 S. 13th St. Norfolk, NE

Madison County 4-H



A meal will be provided, so please RSVP if you intend to join us:

RSVP Here

<https://forms.gle/YsxanhGrA7JgCXJf9>

Please consider bringing a non-perishable food item for the Little Food Pantry in Battle Creek.

National 4-H Week Coloring Contest!

Coloring Contest: Ages 5-12

Contest is open to Madison County youth ages 5 to 12 as of January 1, 2025.

One (1) entry per person per contest.

To enter, get a copy from the Extension Office OR print the coloring page from below.

Return your entry to the Extension Office by Friday, September 26. They will be displayed in our office all of October! **Five prizes** will be awarded. Get creative!

Fair Book Cover Contest

Contest is open to Madison County youth ages 8-18 as of January 1, 2025.

Design can be any theme using any media, including hand-drawn and computer-generated.

Submit your entry to the Extension Office by Friday, October 10.

How to Submit Entries

- Drop off at the Extension Office
- Scan image and e-mail to:
spolacek2@unl.edu
- Mail your entry to:
Nebraska Extension Madison County
1305 South 13th Street
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Get Ready for the Challenge

National 4-H Week October 5-11: Beyond Ready

Building a ready generation in a world of change.

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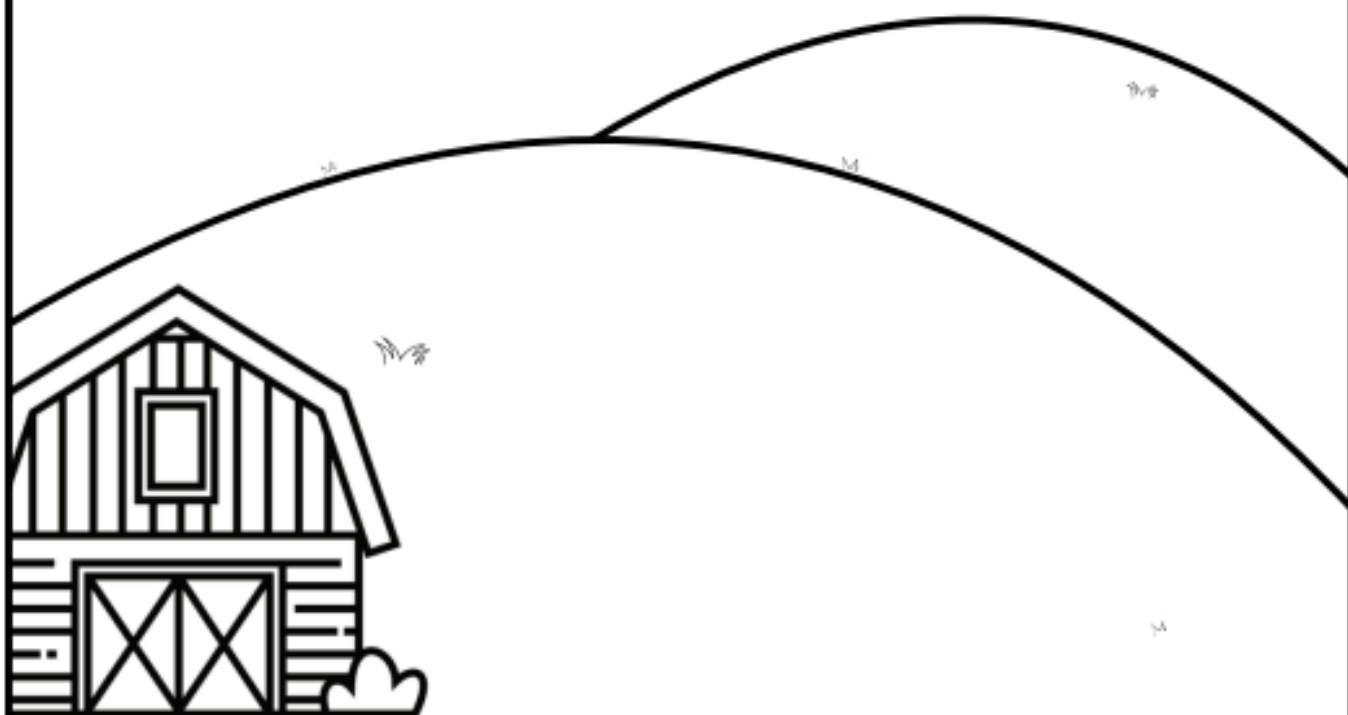


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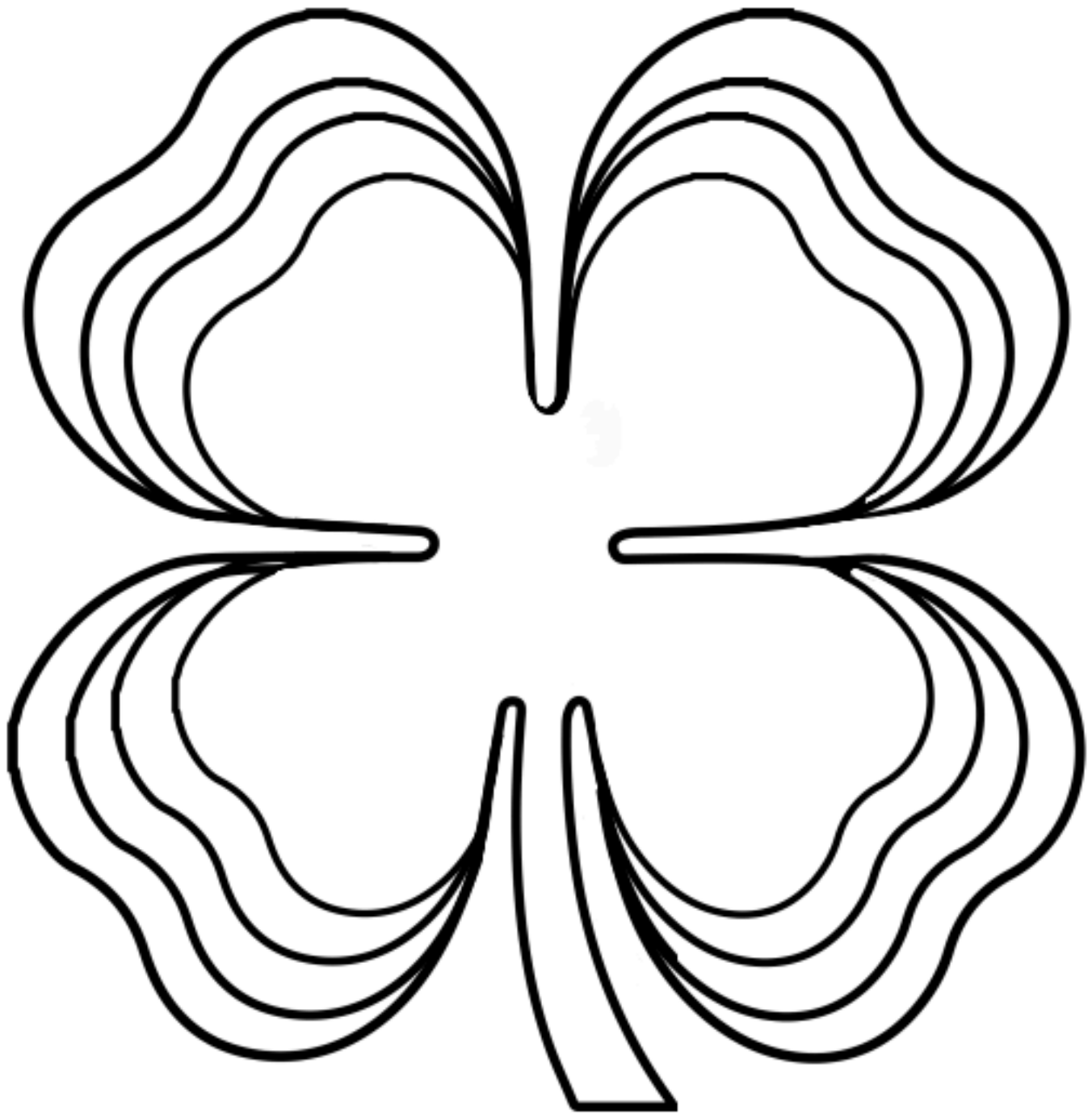


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Scholarship Opportunity for High School Seniors through the 4-H Council.

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 December 19 to the Extension Office.



50th Annual 4-H Special Edition



A big thank you to all 4-H members who contributed by selling ads and writing articles for the 2025 4-H Special Edition insert in the Norfolk Daily News! Keep an eye out during National 4-H week for the published masterpiece!

Make It With Wool Contest

Want a sewing challenge? Try the Make It With Wool Contest! Open to youth and adults. Find Nebraska MIWW information (entry form and brochure) here:

<https://nebraskasheepandgoat.org/nebraska-make-it-with-wool/>

- All entries are due October 15, 2025, because of the national wool testing requirements.
- Age is determined by January 1, 2025 (national rule).
- All contestants must be a resident of Nebraska.
- Mail entry form, fabric samples, and check to: Andrea Nisley, 74662 Rd 431, Elwood, NE 68937 (check made out to: Nebraska Make It With Wool)



See past winners and find more information at the National MIWW website:

www.makeitwithwool.com



Apply today: Nebraska Youth Beef Leadership Symposium

Interested in learning about the beef industry? Participate in workshops, network with producers and industry leaders, and meet students with similar interests at the Nebraska Youth Beef Leadership Symposium!

Open to youth in 10th, 11th, and 12th grades.

The event will be held November 21-23, 2025, at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Application deadline is September 30, 2025.

Apply

at <https://animalscience.unl.edu/extension-outreach/youth-programs/nebraska-youth-beef-leadership-symposium/>



4-H Livestock News

Norfolk Beef Expo Congratulations!



The 75th Annual Norfolk Beef Expo was held on September 7, 2025. Congratulations to all Madison County exhibitors!

FUN FACT

Jessie Field Shambaugh developed the clover pin with an H on each leaf in 1910, and by 1912 they were called 4-H clubs



Calendar

September

State Fair Items Ready for Pick Up at Extension Office
14 - Achievement Ceremony - 5 p.m., Extension Office
22- 4-H Council Meeting, Extension Office, 7 p.m.
25-28— Aksarben Stock Show, Fonner Park

October

5-11—National 4-H Week
27- 4-H Council Meeting, Extension Office, 7 p.m.

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4-H Extension Educator

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