

4-H Achievement Ceremony



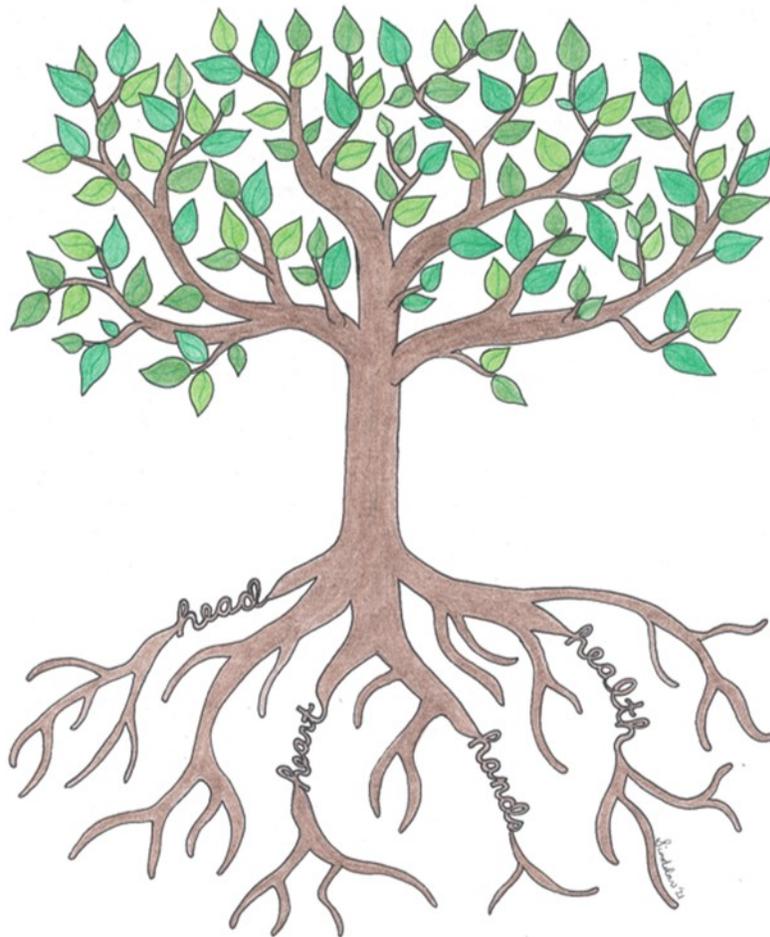
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Rooted in 4-H



Madison County



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Thank you Stephanie Bates, Sydney Geier, and the Norfolk Daily News Staff for making the 4-H Special Edition possible!

Annual Achievement Application

The Annual Achievement Application allows youth to focus on his or her most important achievements in 4-H experiences, leadership, and community service. This application will be used to select winners for 4-H Congress, Conference, scholarships, and other leadership opportunities. Once a county award is earned, 4-Hers age 15 years or older by January 1 can make changes and apply for the State level review in mid January.

Aria Hoehne
Franklin Polacek



Charter Clubs

To receive designation as a Nebraska 4-H Club of Excellence, clubs must meet certain criteria, such as recite the 4-H Pledge at meetings, complete a club project, and do community service projects.

Nex Generation 4-H Club
The Four Corners 4-H Club
Young Achievers 4-H Club

Livestock Achievement Program

The Livestock Achievement Program promotes all educational aspects of 4-H livestock projects. Members of Excellence successfully plan and complete a set of goals within their livestock areas.

Poultry Members of Excellence

Franklin Polacek
Marcus Schultz



4-Her who Entered the Most Static Exhibits at the 2022 Madison County Fair & Rodeo

Junior (8, 9, & 10 year olds)

Andrew Schutt (35)

Intermediate (11, 12, & 13 year olds)

Ashley Schutt (41)

Senior (14 years and older)

Serenity Strong (30)

Pork Producers Award

The Nebraska Pork Producers donated awards for the youths who advocated for the pork industry during the county fair presentation contest.

Nickolas Kreikemeier



Diamond Clover Awards

The Diamond Clover Program is designed to recognize accomplishments of 4-H members in a noncompetitive way.

Level 1—Amethyst

Aria Hoehne

Level 2—Aquamarine

Franklin Polacek



Orville Carlisle Rocketry Award

The Madison County 4-Her with the highest scoring rocket at the Nebraska State Fair receive an award.

Ashley Schutt

State Fair Fashion Show

The 4-Hers selected to represent Madison county at the State Fair Fashion Show receive a pin.

Constructed Outfit

Alexis Hoffmann
Skyler Tegeler

Shopping in Style

Ashley Schutt
Serenity Strong



YEAR AWARDS

13 YEAR 4-H MEMBERS:

Emily Miller

Shayla Raeside

Tyson Warrick

12 YEAR 4-H MEMBERS:

Tessa Ferguson
Kolton Lingenfelter

David Miller
Lucas Ransen

BriAnna Zohner
Mya Zohner

10 YEAR 4-H MEMBERS:

Cejay Dahlberg
Tucker Gubbels
Alexis Hoffmann
Dakota Hoffmann
Logan Jackson

Owen Kaufman
Maryn Mead
Nicholas Miller
Kelly Pfeifer
Dylan Russman

Devyn Warrick
Carter Werner
Jarett Werner

8 YEAR 4-H MEMBERS:

Dawson Amick
Kadence Blum
Makyla Books
Gracie Bowers
Carter Brabec
Dylan Brabec
Haylee Carlisle
Jarrett Carlisle

Nathan Filipi
Elliott Hansen
Myranda Hansen
Carter Howard
Oliver Kaufman
Nickolas Kreikemeier
Emily Neemeyer
Halie Nelson

Brylee Patzel
Journey Reeson
Kamden Showalter
Skyler Tegeler
Turner Tegeler
Ethan Wieseler

5 YEAR 4-H MEMBERS:

Conner Anderson
Braxton Baldwin
Daisy Begeman
Hermoine Bessard
Zofeyah Bessard
Sadie Brabec
Spencer Brachle
Bennett Brandl
Stephen Copeland
Billy Dittberner

Emily Dittberner
Payton Fehringer
Pierce Fehringer
Jace Forre
Michael Gilsdorf
Tyler Luetkenhaus
Summer McKinzie
Everett Nelson
Griffin Nelson
Garrett Ohnesorg

Jett Reichmuth
Andrew Schutt
Lillian SeEVERS
Jacob Sholes
Delanie Showalter
Ashlyn Tegeler
Madilynn Tillotson
Brenna Wieseler

HONORED LEADERS:

8 Year Leader:

Donna Miller

10 Year Leader:

Sally Dahlberg

20 Year Leader:

Cathy Podliska

Presentation of Special Awards



Oswald Family “Spirit of 4-H” Award: Jonathan and Sarah Anderson Family

The Jonathan and Sarah Anderson family displayed the true meaning of a 4-H family. Jonathan, Sarah, and their two children Eli and Isabelle all worked together with their animal projects. You would see the kids cleaning and caring for their animals in the stalls as mom and dad supervised. You could tell the parents enjoyed watching their kids participate in 4-H. Eli and Isabelle both showed bucket calves and loved every part of learning about their calves and taking care of them. This was their first year participating in the bucket calf program. Mom and dad were right there beside them, learning with them and teaching in the true “spirit of 4-H” style. The kids learned, listened, and grew in their 4-H knowledge. They did this project as a family and learned together as a family.

Patty Nelson “Making the Best Better” Memorial Award: Kiara Brachle

With a smile and a caring heart, Kiara Brachle steps up to help others learn how to show animals and with other activities. This year, Kiara was the emcee for the 4-H fashion show. Even though she has a fear of reading in front of people and sometimes struggles, Kiara took on the challenge and did a great job. With grace and spirit she showed what it meant to be a true 4-Her. She set a good example for other 4-Hers. By overcoming challenges and trying something new, Kiara is “making the best better.”

4-H Rookie Award: Hazel Weier

With no 4-H background or previous family experience, Hazel Weier was as green as they come to 4-H. Everything was new to her. Hazel was a trooper and jumped right in to learn new things. Hazel took a sewing class and decided she really liked it, which led to making an apron, bag, and complete pajama outfit. She received all purples on her projects and was Clothing Unit One Grand Champion, so she did very well her first year.

Hazel conquered her fear of modeling and walked the runway not only for the judge but also during the public fashion show. From time to time, 4-H will challenge you but also also helps you grow in many different ways. As a rookie, Hazel learned that challenges can be good and overcoming fears allows you to do things you have never done before, even when they seem terrifying.

“Above and Beyond” Award: Brooklynn Whatley

For the past two years, Brooklynn Whatley has made the 4-H Council Rummage Sale possible! She jumps to help put on price stickers, place items, set up tables, and carry customer’s purchases to their vehicles. Brooklynn has a cheerful personality and is eager to help wherever she can. Brooklynn also went above and beyond by making a beautiful flower decoration out of her Dexcom sampling monitors, turning her situation into a positive way to share with others. Her project even went to the Nebraska State Fair!

“I Believe in You” Award: Marcus Schultz

This year, Marcus signed up for three beef projects: second year bucket calf, market heifer, and bucket calf. He worked hard all year and made time for his beef projects despite being busy playing baseball. Fair was quickly approaching. His bucket calf was stubborn and would not load to go to the fair. Marcus completed his record book and completed his interview but was unable to show his calf. Even though things did not go as planned, Marcus kept pushing onward with his other projects. His 4-H leader said that Marcus always gives his best and presents himself well to be a positive example to other 4-H members. Marcus was nervous to show his heifer for the first time at fair, but when show time came he walked confidently out into the show ring. Marcus looks forward to taking market beef to fair next year and overcoming those show time jitters, and we believe in you, too, Marcus!

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Outstanding 4-H Alumni: Cody Nelson

Cody Nelson is a fine young man. His three little brothers and little sister look up to him greatly. You can see the admiration in their eyes when they see him or talk about him. Cody is their idol. When Cody was finishing college this spring, he immediately came home to take care of his siblings as his father, Scott Nelson, was in California receiving treatments for cancer. Cody jumped in wholeheartedly as the kids brought their bucket calves to the fair. They all had to balance ball game schedules and find time to take care of and work with their bucket calves. With some guidance from good friends, they completed the project. Cody brought the kids and the calves to the fair, where he jumped right in just like his dad would have. Cody helped with the set up for the entire club, as well. While he readily guided the kids, he did not do the work for them. He is teaching his younger siblings valuable life lessons. Cody is an outstanding 4-H alumni!

Outstanding 4-H Leader: Kathy Strong

Kathy Strong has such a passion for the 4-H program! As leader of the Nex Generation 4-H Club, she has shared her passion with youth and families for 22 years. Recently, Kathy recruited multiple new families who have never been involved in 4-H before. This took extra time and patience on her part to answer questions and guide the families. Kathy emphasizes community service to her club members. This year, the club worked with the Natural Resource District to plant trees. Think of the extra hours Kathy and her club put in to water trees since it has been such a dry year! Kathy also taught sewing classes at Newman Grove and used her sewing expertise with the Quilt of Valor project. She was heavily involved with the 4-H Council Rummage sales, volunteering her time and donating both years. Kathy is a reliable, caring leader, and we appreciate her support of 4-H in Madison County!

Outstanding 4-H Member: Jenna Ruge

Starting as a cloverbud, Jenna Ruge first brought a bucket calf to fair and then started showing larger dairy cattle as a member of the Deer Creek 4-H Club. She also expanded her skills in photography, cake decorating and refinishing old furniture, not to mention a hope chest she constructed from scratch. Jenna is a skilled baker, as she frequently exhibited yeast breads or pies to the Nebraska State Fair. Jenna always helped at clean up night and set up the barn area at the fairgrounds prior to fair. Each year she matured and took on extra responsibility, holding various club offices and leading activities during club meetings. She was also a 4-H Council member one year. An advocate of 4-H, Jenna represented 4-H at Battle Creek's parade and recruited 4-H with other club members at Battle Creek grade schools. She also participated in a canned food drive organized by Deer Creek. Jenna has become a mentor to younger 4-Hers, especially her cousins who are now showing cattle. Jenna is an outstanding 4-H member.

Heart of 4-H Award (Friends of 4-H): Betz Quincy

Betz Quincy has been a strong supporter of the 4-H program and its youth for many years. Betz's girls were involved in 4-H, and now Betz continues to work with our communities and the surrounding area youth to support 4-Hers still. Even when she is busy with her business, Betz's Little Shoppe in Newman Grove, she never hesitates to stop and give advice or encouragement to anyone who comes in with a question. Betz is more than willing to sit down and show you how to sew something or explain how it should come together. She has keen insight on designs and color choices, as well as what material one should or should not use for a project. She tries to have the materials on hand 4-Hers may need at the last minute (because we all wait until the last minute when sewing!) and will go out of her way to find what is needed. Betz truly cares and is always supportive. We are blessed to have someone like Betz in our community.

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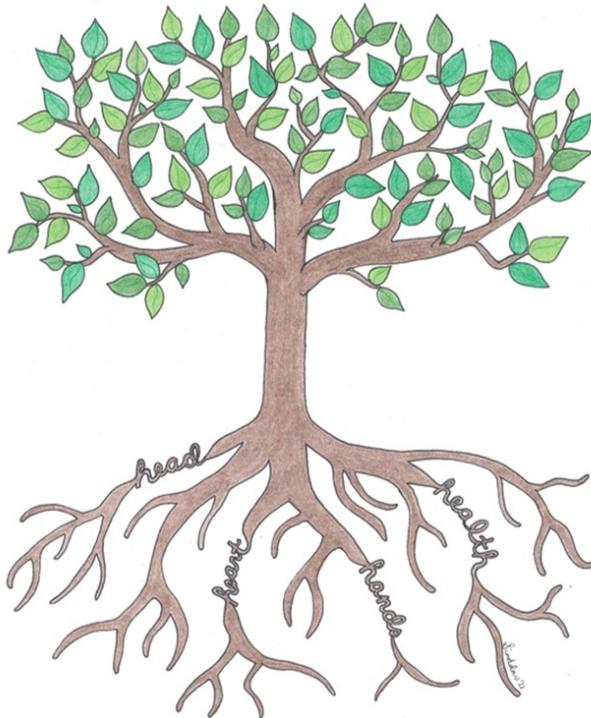
Advocate of the Year: AKRS Equipment

An advocate is someone who speaks or writes in favor of or recommends publicly. Dennis Smydra and AKRS Equipment of Norfolk has advocated for and supported the Madison County 4-H program in many ways over the years. We are grateful for their generous donations, such as the t-shirts that AKRS donated for each Madison County Fair 4-H exhibitor. This included youth who showed livestock and brought static exhibits, an estimated 500 shirts in the past two years! With partnerships such as AKRS, the 4-H program in Madison county will be able to better serve our 4-Hers and their families.

Legacy Award: Mike and Tammy Amen

The greatest legacy a grandparent can give is the gift of time to their grandchildren. The Legacy Award is a new award this year, given to honor those who have continued their involvement in 4-H by helping grandchildren or great-grandchildren with 4-H. Mike and Tammy Amen have helped not only their grandchildren but all of the cloverbuds in Madison county by donating prizes for the numerous years. Each cloverbud age 5 to 7 gets a prize, such as a water bottle, bag, or t-shirt thanks to Mike and Tammy and the Amen Dairy. Mike and Tammy's children were members of 4-H, and now their grandchildren are following in their parents' footsteps by showing dairy and other projects at the Madison County Fair. We greatly appreciate your support to all the children and grandchildren in Madison County 4-H!

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THANK YOU TO OUR 4-H VOLUNTEERS! for Keeping Us Rooted in 4-H!

County Fair Superintendents

Terry Boecker
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Sarah Boelter
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Jami Brandl
Dairy
Marti Carter
Co-Horse
Cindy Chleborad
Horticulture
Katie Ferguson
Co-Cat
Jamie Frisch
Heritage
Karen Grant
Clothing

Jason Hansen
Beef
De Irish
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Deb Jacobson
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Co-Food
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Kathy Neidig
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Co-Home Environment
Marcia Schnoor
Co-Cat / Pocket Pets
Evan Unkel
Co-Swine
Jamie Unkel-Wolff
Dog
Lynn Walmsley
Bucket Calf

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Nickolas Kreikemeier
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Knox Wolff

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Sheryl White
Jeff Wickett
Judy Yoch





Get Ready for the Challenge: National 4-H Week October 2-8

A new challenge will be revealed each day of the week.
Here is a sneak-peak!

Monday, October 3

- Food Pantry Challenge: Start collecting canned goods!

Tuesday, October 4

- Totally New Tuesday Challenge: Think of a new project to try!

Wednesday, October 5

- Paint Your School Green Challenge: Ransack your closet for green!

Thursday, October 6

- Share 4-H Challenge: Find someone to share about 4-H! (Pick up your recruitment tools at the 4-H Achievement Ceremony.)

Friday, October 7

- Artistic Challenge: Sixth Annual National 4-H Week Contest and Fair Book Cover Design Challenge

Calendar Announcements—

- **4-H Enrollment for the 2022-2023 Year opens October 17**
- **4-H Livestock Committee Meeting—November 29**



Sixth Annual 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, 2022.
- ✍ One (1) entry per person per contest.
- ✍ To enter, get a copy from the Extension Office OR print the coloring page from <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/madison/educational-programs/madison-county-4-h/>
- ✍ Return your entry to the Extension Office by Friday, October 7.
- ✍ Five prizes will be awarded. Get creative!

Special This Year: Fair Book Cover Contest

- ✍ Contest is open to Madison County youth ages 8-18 as of January 1, 2022.
- ✍ Madison County Fair and Rodeo is celebrating its 150th year in 2023! Design a fair book cover to reflect this milestone!
- ✍ Design can be any media, including hand-drawn and computer-generated.
- ✍ Submit your entry to the Extension Office by Friday, October 7.

How to Submit Entries

- ✍ Drop off at the Extension Office
- ✍ Scan image and e-mail to kgrant3@unl.edu
- ✍ Mail your entry to:

**Nebraska Extension Madison County
1305 South 13th Street
Norfolk, NE 68701**



MADISON COUNTY

Livestock Boosters



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FARMERS CO-OP ASSOCIATION-
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FMC- DILLON BLYTH
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The main purpose of the Madison County Livestock Boosters is to encourage 4-H and FFA youth to show livestock at the Madison County Fair. Through the generous donations of local businesses, the group has been able to fundraise and provide premium money to each and every animal exhibitor since 2016. Depending on the class and placement received, each youth showing at the Madison County Fair receives some premium money back from the Madison County 4-H Livestock Boosters.

Thank you to our fair sponsors!



T-shirts - Akers Equipment

Cloverbud T-shirts- Amen Dairy, LLC

Stall Cards and Back Tags – Farm Credit Services – Tyler Kurtenbach

Bucket Calf Show – Farm Credit Services – Tyler Kurtenbach

Cloverbud Horse Race – Elkhorn Feed Center

Donuts – Elkhorn Feed Center

Overall Market Beef and Overall Breeding Heifer – Farmers Pride

Ribbons and Awards – Farm Bureau