



4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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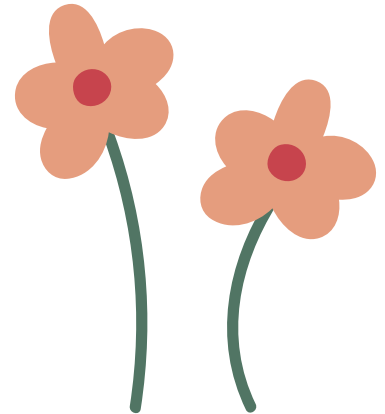
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95 Days until Fair

100% of the Vendor Fees will be contributed to the Madison County 4-H Council! Join us and support our area entrepreneurs! More details on next page.



We appreciate our 4-H volunteers!

Thank you to all of our 4-H volunteers for supporting and helping our 4-H youth in Madison County!

Be sure to reach out and

Thank your 4-H leaders and volunteers during
National Volunteer Week, April 16-22!





MADISON COUNTY

4-H COUNCIL



SPRING FLING; VENDOR AND CRAFT FAIR

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023

This event will be held in the 4-H and commercial building on the Madison Co. fairgrounds. Join us for a day of shopping vendors, crafts, boutiques, & more! There will be a food stand available during shopping hours. You can also stop by the Madison Co. Extension booth to learn more about joining 4-H!



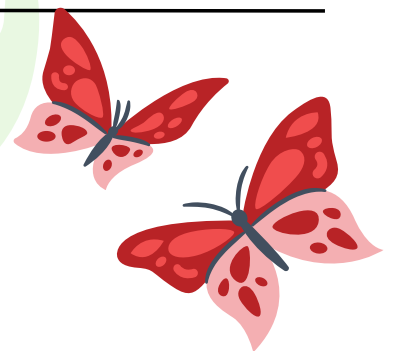
TIN CAN COFFEE FROM HUMPHREY COMING IN THE MORNING FROM 8:30AM-10:30AM

Vendors

- JLS Gems
- Norwex
- Anita's Crafts
- Tastefully Simple
- Mary & Martha
- Krickett & Lime
- Dot Dot Smile
- Lazy L Tack & Supply
- Pampered Chef
- Scentsy
- Color Street
- MaryKay
- Circle S Creations
- Jessica's Kreative Designs
- Yappy Hour Treats
- Devour
- Tupperware
- Fashion 360
- Cozy Cove Mercantile
- Ruby Ribbon
- Horstman Homegrown
- Route 35 Boutique
- Heart D Boutique
- Rada Cutlery
- Crafts by Sue
- Watkins
- Madison Co. 4-H Extension
- Thirty-One Gifts
- Triple J's Seasoning
- Little Bluestem Photography LLC
- Handcrafted Memories by Cindy
- Knotty Grandma's
- Tis' the Season Crafts
- Julz Creations
- AND MORE!!

TIME: 9am - 2pm

LOCATION: Madison County Fairgrounds,
Madison Nebraska



2023 4-H & Open Class Fair Book



The newly updated fair books are ready to view on the website! Check them out on the Extension Office's website, or use the QR Code to get to the 4-H Book!

See the march newsletter for a quick guide of class changes.



Fair Pre-entry Forms

When pre-entry forms are ready to pick up, you will receive an email. This should be around May 1. To enter 4-H Exhibits in the 2023 Madison County Fair, you must turn in this pre-entry form by June 1 to the Extension Office. Contact Sarah or Jayd with questions!

4-H Speech, PSA, and Presentation Contest Deadline

Submit your PSA and sign up for the speech contest by Friday, April 14!

Call in to our office or REGISTER HERE:



See age divisions and details in the March newsletter. Open to all 4-H members ages 5+ The contest will take place Monday, April 25 at 5:30 p.m. at the Extension Office.

4-H Camper Spots at the Fair

Reserve your camper spot for the 2023 Madison County Fair and Rodeo. Open to 4-H families on Monday, April 10, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Call the Madison County Fairgrounds at 402-454-2144. (Opening up to the public May 1)

Price per spot is \$125 plus credit card transaction fee.



4-H Summer Fun Sneak Peak

May

26: 10-3:30 Babysitting Clinic

30: 9-noon Beginner Cake Decorating

30: 1-4 Advanced Cake Decorating

June

6,7,8: Aerospace - Rockets

13: Sew your own Patchwork Pillow - beginner sewing

15/29: 9- noon Leaf Collection

22: 9-4 Insect Collection

24: Roping Event (flyer below)

27: Color Science Creations

Watch for registration details toward the end of next week!





WEEK OF THE
VOLUNTEER

LUNCH & LEARN

APRIL 17-20 @ NOON CT

4h.unl.edu/volunteer-lunch-learn

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR WEEK OF THE VOLUNTEER LUNCH & LEARN SESSIONS, WHERE WE'LL HELP YOU EXCEL IN YOUR ROLE AND MAXIMIZE YOUR IMPACT! JOIN US FOR 4-H CLUB 101 ON MONDAY, APRIL 17, CREATING A VIBRANT 4-H CLUB EXPERIENCE ON TUESDAY, APRIL 18, YOU HELP YOUTH THRIVE ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, AND SHARED LEADERSHIP & SUCCESSION PLANNING FOR 4-H CLUBS ON THURSDAY, APRIL 20.

Service Floral Project - Madison County Fair Celebration

Complete a special project while sprucing up the Madison County Fairgrounds for 150th anniversary of the fair! These floral buckets will be spread around the fairgrounds for some fun decoration and color!

We have 5 gallon buckets donated to us from TSC, Bomgaars, and Highland Roberts so come grab yours today! Youth will be responsible for bucket decorations, soil, and plants to go the bucket.

****OPEN TO ALL AGES! EVERYONE IS WELCOME** to create their own floral bucket and watch it grow until fair! There will be a special floriculture class added to this year's fair book specific for these decorated buckets for enrolled 4-H members.

Bring them to the Madison County Fairgrounds on Tuesday, July 11 from 9am-12pm.



**BIG RED
CAMPS**

JUNE 11-16, 2023

[4H.UNL.EDU/BIG-RED-CAMPS](https://4h.unl.edu/big-red-camps)

Through Big Red Camps, students have the opportunity to develop new skills, prepare for college, stand out in college applications, explore potential careers, and meet like-minded peers in a safe and structured environment.

Registration is now open! Learn more at:

<https://4h.unl.edu/big-red-camps>





4-H AT HOME IN MADISON COUNTY

The featured project for April is...

3D POM-POM LETTER



Create your own pom-pom letter for your favorite space!

Open for ages 5 and up. *Limited slots available.*

(you will need your own glue - hot glue would be best for the quickest dry time)

4-H Project Area: Home Environment| Div. 257
class 13 - 3D accessory
<https://go.unl.edu/hzs3>

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TAKE HOME KITS!

DEVELOP A NEW
SKILL!

HANDS ON
LEARNING

ONCE A MONTH!

LIMITED # OF KITS
WILL BE
AVAILABLE!

PICK UP THE WEEK OF
APRIL 24





4-H Livestock News



The new website is LIVE!

Visit yqcaprogram.org to register!

All 4-H and FFA livestock exhibitors must complete certification before being able to show at the county and / or state fair.

*Cloverbuds are not required to complete training.

YQCA deadline is June 1, 2023.

A HELP DOCUMENT on how to register is located at <https://www.dropbox.com/s/rowg7hm5py87bwh/>

[YQCA HelpDoc SubmittingCurrentYQCACertification.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/rowg7hm5py87bwh/YQCA_HelpDoc_SubmittingCurrentYQCACertification.pdf?dl=0)

If you have already attended a face-to-face meeting, you still have to register and pay for the instructor-led training. This must be completed by deadline.

Upcoming face-to-face certification:
April 10 from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Extension Office in Norfolk.

Livestock Affidavits/ID Sheet

- required for all livestock and small animals for county fair
- print copies on madison.unl.edu or pick up at Extension Office

Bucket Calf Record Books-FREE

- due June 26 - pick up at Extension Office

DNA Samples

- pick up envelopes and return to Extension Office by June 7
- \$7 each to be paid online when you nominate your animal on Show Stock Manager (will inform when available!)

Livestock ID Information

Available at Extension Office:

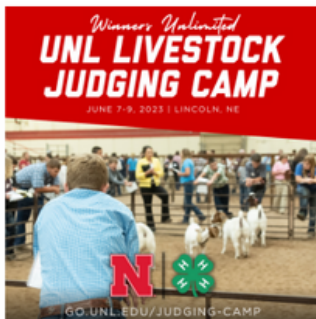
- Ear tags required for county-only market beef, sheep, goats, swine, bucket calves
- EID Tags will be required for market, feeders, and swine attending the State Fair.
- NEW!** DNA - breeding livestock and feeder calves will now be required to submit DNA sample/envelopes for state fair
- Tattoos required for registered breeding beef attending the State Fair or EID Tags for commercial breeding beef attending state fair. Breeding beef only attending the county fair can either have a county ear tag and / or tattoo.
- Registered breeding heifers need their registration papers for check-in at the County and State fair.
- Rabbits are required to be tattooed.
- County-only tags: \$1.00
- EID tags (State Fair): \$2.00
- All sheep and goats require scrapie tags for County and State Fair.



Horse

- Level Testing April 10 at the Extension office from 1-4pm
 - please visit: <https://4h.unl.edu/horse/advancement> for guidelines, study guides, practice tests, and more.
- State Horse Show
 - July 15-19 at Fonner Park | Grand Island, NE
 - eligible for ages 10-18
 - entries due June 1
 - <https://4h.unl.edu/horse-expo-show-entry>

Additional Opportunites



UNL Livestock Judging Camp

Looking to level up your livestock evaluation and oral reason skills? Make plans to attend this year's UNL Livestock Judging Camp on June 7-9 in Lincoln. Registration is \$300 and is due by Monday, May 22. Learn more at go.unl.edu/judging-camp.



Livestock Achievement Program

The Livestock Achievement Program is an advanced opportunity for youth interested in diving deeper into and expanding upon their current livestock project and establishing themselves as leaders in their project area. The program encourages youth to engage in a variety of activities related to their project and recognizes Members of Excellence across all 4-H livestock project areas.



Tractor & Farm Safety Course

Tractor and farm equipment safety courses are now open for registration! Teens ages 14- 15 who work on farms, or others who are interested in learning about tractor and farm equipment safety practices, can register for a safety training course offered at seven locations across Nebraska from May 22 through June 8. Learn more at go.unl.edu/2023tractorsafety.

COME LEARN WITH CARLA CLINICS

JUNE 2-4TH, 2023



ABOUT CARLA

Carla has been a AQHA & NSBA judge for 36 years and NRHA judge for 28 years. She has held many great titles such as teaching and coaching at St. Andrews University in NC, coached 2 National Champion IHSA teams, and is currently a AQHA judges committee member and NSBA & IHSA board member. She is excited to come back to Nebraska and teach across our great state!

FRIDAY, JUNE 2

CENTRAL CITY, NE
MERRICK COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

LINCOLN, NE
LANCASTER EVENT
CENTER

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

ALBION, NE
BOONE COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS

**REGISTER
TODAY!**



**REGISTRATION & FEES DUE
MAY 5TH**
(Must be post-marked by May 5th)





CLOVERBUD

FREE TAKE HOME KIT

Zoo Animal Puppet

Youth will be able to create their own zoo animal hand puppet. This is a great project to keep their little hands busy hand sewing the pieces together!

**glue not included



2023 Calendar

Subject to change. More activities and workshops will be added in the future!

April

1—Register for 4-H!

1—Quilt of Valor Nomination Deadline

10—YQCA Training, Extension Office, 2 to 3 p.m.

18—Horse Testing, Extension Office, 1 to 4 p.m.

22—4-H Council vendor/Craft Fair fundraiser, Madison County Fairgrounds, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

24—4-H Speech, PSA, and Presentation Contest, Extension Office, 5:30 p.m.

25—4-H Council Meeting, Extension Office, 7 p.m.

May

3,10,17,24— Intro to Basic Horse Knowledge & Management,

6—District and State Horse Entries Due

29—Office Closed in Observance of Memorial Day

No 4-H Council Meeting

June

1—County Fair Deadline Day!

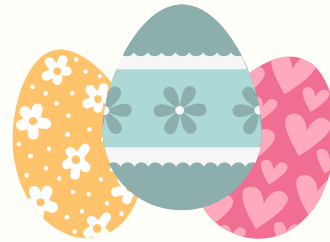
12—4-H Council Meeting, Extension Office, 7 p.m.

16—Fashion Show Entry Deadline

21-22—Premier Animal Science Event (PASE), Lincoln

23—State Premier Communication Contest

26—Bucket Calf Record Books Deadline



July

4—Office Closed in Observance of Independence Day

6— 4-H Clean-up Night, Madison Fairgrounds, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

8— ALL 4-H Static Exhibits Judging Day, Foods and Gardening, Madison County Fairgrounds, 8 a.m.—12 p.m.

11— 4-H Food & Gardening Exhibit Judging Day, Madison County Fairgrounds, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

11-16—Madison County Fair & Rodeo (The BEST Week in July!)

15-19—State 4-H Horse Show, Fonner Park in Grand Island

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