



4-H Family Newsletter
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4-H Special Edition Articles

Each year, the *Norfolk Daily News* has printed a 4-H Special Edition to feature 4-H youth from area counties. The 2023 theme is History in the Making, 4-H Thrives. This will be published in October during National 4-H Week.

Many of you received an invitation to write an article. If you have a story and did not receive an invitation, please share! The article should be short, no longer than one page double-spaced. The purpose of your article is to encourage others to join 4-H and to tell them about your special project! .

Deadline is Wednesday, August 16

Email your story to: Tim Pearson

tpearson@norfolkdailynews.com with the

subject line stating: 4-H Special Edition 2023

Please submit at least one photo to accompany your story; action photos are preferred (a head-and-shoulders school photos will work if you do not have an action photo of you and your project). We are looking forward to reading all about your 4-H stories!

*Photos must be sharp. Email photo in jpeg format.



**Madison County 4-Hers
 are amazing!
 Thank you to all our
 volunteers who stepped
 up before, during and
 after the 2023 Madison
 County Fair!**

Sarah, Jayd, and Kelcie

Congratulations to the 2023-2024
 4-H Council Members!

Adult Members

Jami Brandl

Jami Koenig

Jamie Thomas

Justin Amen

Jason Hansen

Mark McKibbon

Lori Schultz

Evan Unkel

Jamie Unkel-Wolff

Youth Members

Lily SeEVERS

Knox Wolff

Tessa Ferguson

Aria Hoehne

Marcus Schultz



2023 Nebraska State Fair Information



Livestock and Contest Entries

DEADLINE APPROACHING! All youth participating in a 4-H contest or exhibiting 4-H livestock or dogs must complete the entry process by Thursday, August 10, at 8:00 p.m. CST. Get started at: statefair.org/ag-competitions/4-h-ffa-exhibitors/.

DEADLINE

AUGUST 10 AT 8PM CT

Static State Fair Projects

Static Exhibits: Bring non-perishable exhibits to the Extension Office between August 14-21. The Extension Office will be open on MONDAY, AUGUST 21 until 6:30 p.m. for your convenience.

Food and Horticulture Exhibits: Must be to the Extension Office by NOON on TUESDAY, AUGUST 22. No exhibits will be accepted after 12:00 p.m.

Transportation of large exhibits will be provided by Farmers Pride. Large exhibits must be in the Office by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, August 21 to allow time to pack the truck.

Post-fair Project Pick Up: Wednesday, September 6.

Exhibitors: Refer to the purple sheet you received with information about preparing and packaging your projects. Changes suggested by the judge can be made prior to the State Fair. Contact Sarah, Jayd or Kelcie with questions at 402-370-4040.

State Fair Ticket Information



Exhibitor Discount Tickets

Our 4-H **static exhibitor families** will be able to order discount passes directly from the Nebraska State Fair!

Please remember the opportunity to order these discounted tickets is for static exhibitors and their families only. The misuse of this resource may eliminate this opportunity in the future, so please encourage your families not to share this link. Note – We can track who ordered tickets and match it with their 4-H participation. There is a limit of 10 tickets per exhibitor. Discount tickets will not be available through the county offices.

Static Exhibitor Discount Ticket Link: https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/4501380/4h-exhibitor-admission-lincoln-nebraska-statefairlivestock?partner_id=1905

Note – These tickets will need to be accessible on your phone or printed prior to coming to the Nebraska State Fair. There is no ticket pickup window.

Note – All **livestock exhibitors** and **in-person event exhibitors** (chicken BBQ, fashion show, ID contests, and robotics showcase) will still be able to order discounted tickets when they enter in ShoWorks for State Fair. This process has not changed for those exhibitors coming to the fair.

Note – The Nebraska State Fair also has ticket options available to the **general public**: <https://www.statefair.org/buy-tickets> for additional details.

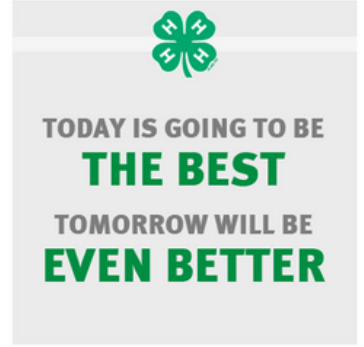
All advance ticket options are available now until 11:59PM on August 24th CT.

4-H Day at the Nebraska State Fair Tickets

• The Nebraska State Fair is thrilled to host the 1st annual 4-H Day at the Nebraska State Fair. 4-H Day will be Sunday, August 27th. To celebrate our 4-H members statewide we are offering a discounted admission that day that is only for bonafide 4-H members.

• This is only intended for 4-H members, family members including parents will need to purchase regular admission tickets. This is not just for exhibitors, but for any 4-H member.

• The link is <https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/7980811/4h-day-atnebraska-state-fair-good-on-aug-27-only-lincoln-nebraska-statefairlivestock>.



Type Price Details Discount Price
Adult \$12.00 13-59 \$5.00
Kids \$5.00 6-12 \$3.00
Child Free 5 & Under



Looking for 4-H Leader: Last Call!

The Needles and Knives 4-H Club in Madison County is searching for leadership in Norfolk! If we don't find a leader by December 1, 2023, the club will be dissolved.

As a leader, you will be part of helping 4-H members grow and reach their fullest potential by supporting them through meaningful, educational experiences.

You will also inform and encourage members, parents, and other volunteers to actively participate in appropriate 4-H opportunities that lead youth to become successful. Co-leadership is an option and the Extension Office is here to help!

Six club meetings per year are required.

Location opportunities to host meetings are available.

If you are interested in serving as a 4-H leader or co-leader for a Norfolk-based club, please let Sarah know at 402-370-4040 or spolacek2@unl.edu



2023 Madison County 4-H Survey Open

Do you have thoughts and ideas from our 2023 Madison County Fair or workshop ideas you would like to see offered throughout this next 4-H year! Please complete the post-fair survey, follow the link below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfgIeh8zmmSmYFu8Fub5LfPZkZAu32YwZBa_FiqEzhspRfIlg/viewform?usp=pp_url

Thank you to everyone for the helpful feedback so far!





4-H Livestock News

Herdsmanship Results

Clubs Over 10 Animals:

~Purple

1st place - The Wranglers
2nd place – High Caliber 4-H
3rd place – Pioneers 4-H

~Blue

Norfolk FFA
Deer Creek 4-H Club
Elkhorn Valley 4-H Club
Young Achievers 4-H Club
Newman Huskers 4-H Club

~Red

Lucky Clovers 4-H Club
Needles & Knives 4-H Club

Clubs Under 9 Animals

Purple

The Mane Event
4-Corners

Thank you to all clubs and independent members who took pride in their animal areas during the fair! Premium money is available for pick up at the Extension Office.

4-H Livestock Boosters

Each exhibitor who participated in a showmanship class will receive a Livestock Booster premium. This includes large and small animals and horses. Premiums will be awarded later this fall; please watch your email for more information. To receive your premium, you must complete a thank you and submit it to the Extension Office by August 31. (See page five of this newsletter for a list of Livestock Booster sponsors.)

THIS
WEEKEND



CLINIC

Saturday, August 12

1-3 p.m.

Madison County fairgrounds
indoor arena



FREE
to
Attend!

REGISTER: [HTTPS://GO.UNL.EDU/KSWE](https://go.unl.edu/kswe)
OPEN TO ALL 4-H EXHIBITORS IN THE AREA
WHO ARE INTERESTED IN SHOWING DOGS (SO PLEASE
BRING YOUR DOG FOR PRACTICE)

Thank you to our Madison County Fair Sponsors and Donors!

We encourage you to share your gratitude with the following businesses for their generosity!

Trophies, Ribbons, Premiums, and Much More!

Madison County Ag Society
401 W. 6th St.
Madison, NE 68748

Exhibitor T-shirt Sponsors

AKRS John Deere
3303 W. Norfolk Ave.
Norfolk, NE 68701

Farmer Credit Services
207 N 34th St
Norfolk, NE 68701

MADISON COUNTY Livestock Boosters



RING OF CHAMPION — \$1000+ —

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FARMERS CO-OP ASSOCIATION-
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REIGLE CATTLE COMPANY
SANDRAMERE SEED
GRAHAM TIRE
HELENA
PLATTE VALLEY EQUIPMENT

PURPLE RIBBON — \$500+ —

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CITIZENS STATE BANK
BIG IRON REALTY
COLUMBUS SALES PAVILION
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CLS VETERINARY
COE CATTLE COMPANY
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BANK OF LINDSAY
PETERSBURG AERIAL SPRAYERS
MCMILL CPA PC
NCN - FLOOD COMMUNICATIONS

RED RIBBON — \$100+ —

BATTLE CREEK STATE BANK
BD AG
BENSON AG
BRYANT HOME COMFORT
JB ELECTRIC
JRK ELECTRIC
KEN'S TRAILER
MADISON COUNTY BANK
MEAD LUMBER COMPANY
MIDWEST BANK
NMC/EDDIE BOMAR
DAVE AND LAURA STOLTZ
BEAVER CREEK VETERINARY
SERVICES, P.C.
ELKHORN FEED CENTER
SHELL CREEK MARKET
SUMMIT AG
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GROWING SOLUTIONS -
RYAN CHILSON
MADISON COUNTY FARM BUREAU

Thank You To Our Generous Sponsors

Madison County Fair

150 YEARS

2023



History in the Making!



T-Shirts -- Akers Equipment and Farm Credit Services

Cloverbud Blankets -- Amen Dairy LLC

Stall Cards -- Farm Credit Services

Bucket Calf Show Brushes -- Wolken Seed Company

Overall Market Swine and Overall Market Beef -- Farmers Pride

Thursday Morning Donuts -- Elkhorn Feed Center

Ribbons and Awards -- Farm Bureau

2023 4-H Achievement Ceremony

When: September 17, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

Where: Nebraska Extension in Madison County

Award Deadline: August 31

See the attached document for the application form or to nominate someone for being an outstanding 4-H member or volunteer! Anyone can nominate!



Applications and Nominations are due Friday, August 31.

Either pick up an award form at the Extension Office, print off the attached document, or fill out the form online at <https://forms.gle/VMAX3wBJTpKvBH4j6>

Awards Applications and Nominations

The following awards require nominations from 4-H members, leaders, or volunteers:

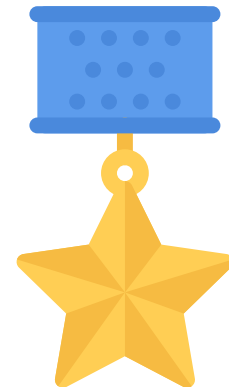
- Outstanding 4-H Member 4-H Rookie Award
- Outstanding 4-H Alumni “Above and Beyond” Award
- Outstanding 4-H Leader “I Believe in You” Award
- Heart of 4-H Award *NEW!* Legacy Award—recognize a grandparent or special person who has
- Oswald Family “Spirit of 4-H” Award continued their involvement in the 4-H program by helping out.
- Patty Nelson “Making the Best Better” Memorial Award

Youth or clubs applying for the following awards must complete an application process:

- Annual Achievement Application <https://4h.unl.edu/achievement-application>
- Diamond Clover <https://4h.unl.edu/diamond-clover>
- 4-H Clubs of Excellence <https://4h.unl.edu/clubs-excellence>
- Youth in Action Pillar Award Areas <https://4-h.org/parents/4-h-youth-in-action-awards/#!application>

The following awards are earned through projects, years of service, and achievements:

- 4-H Shooting Sports Pin
- State Fashion Show Pin
- Leaders Legacy Award (20+ years)
- 4-H Years of Membership Pins (5, 8, 10, 12)



Need Help with filling out your Annual Achievement Applications, nominations or other award areas, please contact Sarah or Jayd. We are happy to help!



Madison County 4-H Archery Club 2023-2024 Practice Schedule

Date	Location	All Juniors and Seniors will practice together
August 29, 2023	Indoor Range	All Current Members 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM- MANDATORY CLUB MEETING – MEMBERS AND A PARENT/GUARDIAN ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND.
Sept. 12, 2023	Outdoor Range	All Current Members 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
Sept. 26, 2023	Outdoor Range	All Current Members 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
Sept. 16 and 17, 2023	State 4-H Archery Shoot – Grand Island	
October 10, 2023	Indoor Range	<i>New and Current Members are welcome!</i> 6:00 PM -7:30 PM
October 24, 2023	Indoor Range	6:00 PM -7:30 PM
November 7, 2023	Indoor Range	6:00 PM -7:30 PM
November 21, 2023	Indoor Range	6:00 PM -7:30 PM
December 5, 2023	Indoor Range	6:00 PM -7:30 PM
December 19, 2023	Indoor Range	6:00 PM -7:30 PM
January 2, 2024	NO PRACTICE	NO PRACTICE
January 16, 2024	Indoor Range	6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
January TBA	State Indoor Archery Shoot- Columbus	
January 30, 2024	Indoor Range	6:00 PM -7:30 PM
February 13, 2024	Indoor Range	6:00 PM -7:30 PM
February 27, 2024	Indoor Range	6:00 PM -7:30 PM
March 12, 2024	Indoor Range	6:00 PM -7:30 PM
March 26, 2024	Indoor Range	6:00 PM -7:30 PM
April 9, 2024	Outdoor Range	6:00 PM -7:30 PM
April 23, 2024	Outdoor Range	6:00 PM -7:30 PM
May 7, 2024	Outdoor Range	6:00 PM -7:30 PM
May 21, 2024	Outdoor Range	6:00 PM -7:30 PM
June 1, 2024	Indoor Range	Madison County 4-H Fair Shoot

- Practice will be canceled if school is canceled due to 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.



Interested in joining the Madison County 4-H Archery Club? See above schedule and feel free to contact the office for leader information.

~ New members begin October 10th. ~





Calendar

Calendar

August

12—Dog Show Clinic: 1-3pm at Madison County Fairgrounds in the indoor arena

14-18—Drop Off State Fair Exhibits at Extension Office

16—4-H Special Edition Deadline

21—Extension Office Open until 6:30 p.m. for State Fair Items

22—State Fair Food Exhibits Due to Extension Office by NOON

28—4-H Council Meeting, Extension Office, 7:00 p.m.

August 25-September 4 —Nebraska State Fair at Grand Island

August 31—4-H Achievement Ceremony Nominations and Award Applications Due

September

4— Extension Office Closed in Observance of Labor Day

6— State Fair Items Ready for Pick Up at Extension Office

17— 22- 4-H Achievement Ceremony, Extension Office, 4 p.m.

25— 25 Aksarben Stock Show, Fonner Park

— 4-H Council Meeting, Extension Office, 7:00 p.m.



October

24—4-H Council Meeting, Extension Office, 7 p.m.



Sarah Polacek

4-H Extension Educator

Jayd Roberts

4-H Extension Assistant

Leonardo Gonzalez

4-H Extension Educator