



4-H Family Newsletter
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4-H Special Edition Articles

Each year, the *Norfolk Daily News* prints a 4-H Special Edition to feature 4-H youth from area counties. The 2024 theme is “Soar to New Heights with 4-H”. 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 14

Email your story to: Kelly Gregory at kgregory@norfolkdailynews.com with the subject line stating: 4-H Special Edition 2024

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 2024 Madison County Fair!

Sarah, Jayd, and Kelcie

Congratulations to the 2024-2025 4-H Council Members!

Adult Members

Youth Members

Jami Brandl

Alexis Hoffmann

Jami Koenig

Knox Wolff

Lori Schultz

Hayden Ferguson

Evan Unkel

Chloe Ebeling

Jamie Unkel-Wolff

Kaitlyn Koenig

Christy Owen

Katie Ferguson

Megan Coover

Donna Miller



2024 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 12-19. The Extension Office will be open on MONDAY, AUGUST 19 until 6:30 p.m. for your convenience.

Food and Horticulture Exhibits: Must be to the Extension Office by NOON on TUESDAY, AUGUST 20. 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 19 to allow time to pack the truck.

Post-fair Project Pick Up: Wednesday, September 4.

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 or Jayd 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/86531670/4h-static-5-exhibitor-lincoln-nebraska-state-fairlivestock> Password: 20244H

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** (fashion show, 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 22nd CT.

2nd Annual 4-H Day at the Nebraska State Fair Tickets

• The Nebraska State Fair is thrilled to host the 2nd annual 4-H Day at the Nebraska State Fair. 4-H Day will be Sunday, August 25th 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>.



TODAY IS GOING TO BE
THE BEST
TOMORROW WILL BE
EVEN BETTER

Type Price Details Discount Price
Adult \$12.00 13-59 \$5.75
Kids \$5.00 6-12 \$3.75
Child Free 5 & Under



Looking for 4-H Leaders!

Madison County is looking for club leaders! We have a need in the Norfolk area for adult volunteers to lead a club. There are many interested families, but few clubs in the Norfolk area. Please reach out if you are interested! We will help you get started!

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 please let Sarah or Jayd know at 402-370-4040



2024 Madison County 4-H Survey Open

Do you have thoughts and ideas from our 2024 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/1FAIpQ_LSfgIeh8zmmSmYFu8Fub5LFPZkZAu32YwZBa_FiqEzhspRfIlg/viewform?usp=pp_url

Thank you to everyone for the helpful feedback so far!



2024 4-H Achievement Ceremony

When: August 18, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

Where: Nebraska Extension in Madison County

Award Deadline: August 5, 2024

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 have been extended until Monday, August 5, 2024.

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:

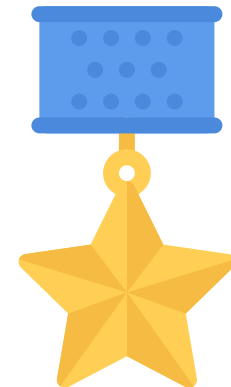
- Outstanding 4-H Member 4-H Rookie Award
- Outstanding 4-H Alumni “Above and Beyond” Award
- Outstanding 4-H Leader “I Believe in You” Award
- Heart of 4-H Award *NEW!* Legacy Award—recognize a grandparent or special person who has
- Oswald Family “Spirit of 4-H” Award continued their involvement in 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:

- State Fashion Show Pin
- Leaders Award (10+ years)
- 4-H Years of Membership Pins (5, 8, 10, 12, 13)



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



4-H Livestock News

Herdsmanship Results

Clubs:

1st place - Deer Creek
2nd place – The Wranglers
3rd place – High Caliber

~Purple

Pioneers
Mane Event
Young Achievers
Elkhorn Valley
Needles & Knives

~Blue

Newman Huskers
Lucky Clovers



SAVE THE DATE

**Madison County Fair
July 8 - 13, 2025**



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. Bonus premiums will be awarded; 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 16. (See next page of this newsletter for a list of Livestock Booster sponsors.)



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 Vet Clinic
802 W 8th St.
Madison, NE 68748

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 CHAMPIONS \$1,000+

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MADISON COUNTY BANK
MEAD LUMBER COMPANY
MIDWEST BANK
BEAVER CREEK VETERINARY
SERVICE PC
ELKHORN FEED CENTER
DALE'S FLYING SERVICE
WIESELER AG TECHNOLOGIES
PIG EXPRESS
INSURANCE 365
SM PERFORMANCE HORSES
NK SEEDS-TOM GOOD
ZOUCHAY HAY GRINDING
NMC
LIVESTOCK DIGITAL
-JASON AND STACEY HANSEN
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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 -- Madison County Veterinarian Clinic



Calendar

August

- 5 --Nominations and Award Applications Due
- 12-19— Drop Off State Fair Exhibits at Extension Office
- 14—4-H Special Edition Deadline
- 18—4-H Achievement Ceremony at the Extension Office in Norfolk
- 19 --Extension Office Open until 6:30 p.m. for State Fair Items
- 20—State Fair Food Exhibits Due to Extension Office by NOON
- 26—4-H Council Meeting, Extension Office, 7:00 p.m.
- August 23-September 2—Nebraska State Fair at Grand Island

September

- 2 Extension Office Closed in Observance of Labor Day
- 4— State Fair Items Ready for Pick Up at Extension Office
- 17— 4-H Achievement Ceremony, Extension Office, 4 p.m.
- 24-29— Aksarben Stock Show, Fonner Park
- 23— 4-H Council Meeting, Extension Office, 7:00 p.m.

October

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



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