



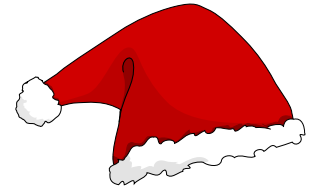
## 4-H Family Newsletter

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### 4-H Enrollment Now Open!



The 4-H Online system is now open! Go to [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com) to enroll today!

Returning families: do not create a new profile. Use your email and password from previous years to sign in. Step-by-step instructions will be emailed.

Again this year, online payment via credit card will be an option. You must either pay the Extension Office with cash or check or pay online with credit card. Enrollment will be accepted once payment is received.

Contact Sarah, Jayd or Kelcie for help enrolling! Call 402-370-4040 to make an appointment or stop by the office. Please see next page for additional updates.

Holiday Shutdown: The Extension office will be closed Friday, December 22 and will reopen Tuesday, January 2 at 8am.

*Wishing you each health  
and happiness  
in the year ahead!*



*Happy  
Holidays*

**Save the Date: 2023**

4-H Project Day: March 16, 2024

4-H Council Vendor and Craft Fai: April 20

Static Exhibit Judging Day: June 29

Food and Horticulture Judging Day: July 9

Madison County Fair and Rodeo: July 9-14

### 4-H Leader Packets

Letters to organizational leaders have been sent! Please review this important information and return the required paper work back to Sarah by the specific deadlines. This includes the leader permissions form and treasurer report. Updated treasurers form will be sent to all leaders this week. Questions, please reach out to Sarah at [spolacek2@unl.edu](mailto:spolacek2@unl.edu).

# Enrollment Updates:

4-H enrollment for 2024 is now open! Please note, there have been a few changes to make the process easier and faster.

These changes include:

1. Project Selection on 4-H Online is optional. You will only need to select the projects you are interested in exploring. This will not determine your county/state fair participation. Also note that the project titles that you will see on the project list are the overarching name of the projects that are available within that area. See picture below for examples)

a. EXCEPTION: If you are participating in any 4-H shooting sports discipline or the 4-H horse project, you must select those projects when you enroll.

2. When choosing your school's name, if your child attends a private school, you will have to go under Madison County Private Schools, and then select your school (See picture below).

Let us know if you have any questions!

**2024 Madison County Challenge - First 100 to enroll and pay the annual enrollment dues will receive a Madison County 4-H cup sponsored by the Madison County 4-H Council! (available for pick up in December)**

**4-H Enrollment for 2024 is now OPEN**

The 4-H Online system for the new 4-H year is now OPEN! Now is the perfect time to join a club, too, as club meetings are just getting started for the new year. See a list of clubs in Madison County at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/madison/2022%204-H%20Leaders.pdf>

- **To Enroll**, login at [v2.4honline.com](https://v2.4honline.com)

**Returning families:** do not create a new profile. Use your email and password from previous years to sign in.

**New families:** create a new profile and write down your password. We do not have access to passwords.

- **Step-by-step instructions** can be viewed at <https://4h.unl.edu/enroll>

• **Examples:**

- Bucket Calf, Feeder Calf, Breeding Beef, Market Beef = Beef
- Portfolio Pathways, Sketchbook Pathways = Visual Arts

Shooting Sports: 22 Rifle

Shooting Sports: Air Pistol

Shooting Sports: Archery

Shooting Sports: Hunting Skills

Shooting Sports: Shotgun

Shooting Sports: Western Heritage

School County: Madison

School District: MADISON COUNTY PRIVATE SCHOOLS

School Name: CHRIST LUTHERAN SCHOOL, Humphrey Elementary, Humphrey High School, Humphrey St. Francis, KEYSTONE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY, LUTHERAN HIGH NORTH EAST, NORFOLK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, PARK AVENUE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL, SACRED HEART ELEMENTARY, ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL, ST LEONARD SCHOOL



# 4-H Livestock News

## Livestock Boosters: Checks Ready!

Checks are ready for pick up at the Nebraska Extension Office in Madison County! Each exhibitor who participated in a an animal project/showmanship class will receive a Livestock Booster premium. This includes large and small animals and horses.

To receive your premium, you must complete a thank you note to a supporting the donors and sponsors of the Livestock Boosters and submit it to the Extension Office.

**Please pick up your checks and deposit/cash them by January 1st. This helps assure exhibitors are getting their premiums and that checks are appreciated. Unsure if you are receiving a check, please call the office to double check! Thank you!**

Questions? Contact Troy Patzel at 402-447-6120 or Sarah Polacek at 402-370-4040.



## Livestock Committee and Horse Meeting Tuesday, December 5

Meet Tuesday, December 5 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Extension Office in Norfolk to share ideas for the 2024 year. All livestock and small animals families, superintendents, volunteers, and leaders are welcome to bring suggestions! This is your opportunity to develop a stronger 4-H and animal program in Madison County!

## 2024 State Fair Update

The decision has been made to change the age of eligibility in 2024 for all in-person State Fair events (livestock, contest, fashion shows, contests) and other sate competitions (Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Show, PASE, communications contest) to be 8 years of age before January 1 (of the current year). Note: there will be some events that will maintain their ages due to specific program rules (shooting sports, FIRST LEGO league Challenge Robotics). Please check information on each specific event as it becomes available.

## Livestock Achievement Program

Through the Nebraska 4-H Livestock Achievement Program, youth can receive recognition as Members of Excellence for engaging in various project-related activities. NEW in 2024: Members as young as eight will be able to participate. Applications are due June 15, but why wait! Apply today at: <https://4h.unl.edu/livestock-achievement> to get started!



# Norfolk Morning Kiwanis generously donates to Madison County 4-H Club.



*Pictured above are members of the Madison County 4-H Archery Club, Norfolk Archery Club and Norfolk Morning Kiwanis representative, Vince Hoehne.*

**The Norfolk Morning Kiwanis, a community organization of volunteers who is dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time, has made a monetary contribution to the Madison County 4-H Archery Club. This support will help the Madison County 4-H Archery Club and the Norfolk Archery Club continue to teach marksmanship, safety and responsibility, the principles of archery and much more. 4-H Shooting Sports activities are utilized as a vehicle for human growth and development. It uses the skills and disciplines within the program to assist youth and their leaders in the development of life skills, positive youth-adult interaction, and leadership. Funds will be used to provide educational tools to continue this focus. Thank you for your support and for your commitment to the Madison County 4-H Program and the Norfolk Archery Club.**



# 4-H AT HOME IN MADISON COUNTY

The featured project for December...

**SNOW GLOBE / MINI BOOT & MITTEN GARLAND**

TAKE HOME KITS!

DEVELOP A NEW  
SKILL!

HANDS ON  
LEARNING

ONCE A MONTH!

LIMITED # OF KITS  
WILL BE AVAILABLE!

PICK UP THE WEEK OF  
DECEMBER 11



Create your custom snow globe or garland for your holiday decor! Youth will create a snow globe with assorted winter accessories, and a jar will be provided for you. The garland can be made from yarn, stinger, or other material, with mittens and boots provided. Open for ages 5 and up. *Limited slots available.*

**Register here!**

<https://go.unl.edu/xbms>

4-H Project Area: JAR: Design Decisions Div. 257 Class 19 -  
Recycle Accessory (Home Env.)

GARLAND: \_\_\_\_\_

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**COST:  
\$7/KIT**

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GARLAND  
PIECES ARE  
FREE**



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*Happy  
Holidays*

*from Nebraska Extension*

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