



# 4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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7 Days until Fair

## 2024 Madison County Fair and Rodeo

### July 9-14, 2024



**Fair Newsletter  
2024- PART 2  
Lots of information  
for you!**

### Thank You & Congratulations!

A huge thank you goes out to all our 4-H families who helped set up during our recent clean-up night. Madison County is truly privileged to be supported by such exceptional families. Furthermore, a huge congratulations is in order for all the exhibitors whose work was judged over the weekend. The remarkable talent displayed by our members is truly amazing.

### 4-H Judging Days

Food & Gardening Exhibits:

Tuesday, July 9

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

4-H Ages 5-18

All food exhibits, all horticulture, cake decorating and favorite foods contest will be judged! Cloverbud judges will also be available for our cloverbud member's projects.

### 4-H Office Hours at the Fairgrounds during the fair

- Tuesday 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday through Saturday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Sunday 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The Extension Office in Norfolk will remain it's normal hours.



# MEET OUR AMAZING AND TALENTED INTERNS

## Britney Kreikemeier

Hey everyone! My name is Britney Kreikemeier and I am one of the two interns at the Madison County Extension office this summer. I am finishing up my bachelors degree at Wayne State College in Family and Consumer Sciences Occupational Education with endorsements in Coaching and Work-Based Learning. I started out my postsecondary education at Northeast Community College where I was involved on the NECC Livestock Judging team. I am very excited to be working at the extension office for the second summer in a row! I was involved in 4-H for 10 years; I showed beef and hogs, and completed multiple 4-H projects throughout my years. My favorite part of 4-H was learning new skills that I could use for future careers or homeliving. I can't wait to see you all at the fair this year!



## Carleigh Tietz

Hello everyone! My name is Carleigh Tietz and I am one of the two Madison County Extension Interns this summer. I am from Norfolk, NE and graduated from Lutheran High Northeast High School in 2023. I am currently attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln majoring in Agribusiness with a minor in Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communication. I was in 4-H for ten years and grew up in the Wayne County 4-H program. While in 4-H, I showed horses and dogs, as well as doing a handful of projects over the years. One of my favorite things from my years in 4-H was the anticipation of finding out my ribbon placings and being able to see all my hard work pay off through my animals and my projects. I am thankful to be able to see the 4-H Extension program in a new light and learn new things along the way!



# Check out these fair time opportunities!

## Fair Food Coupons

4-H members who exhibit projects or livestock at the Madison County Fair receive food coupons, redeemable at the food stand vendors during the week of fair.

Thank the Madison County Fair Board and the 4-H Council for generously donating these coupons for our youth!

## Vote for 4-H Council

All current 4-H members and alumni can vote! During the fair, find ballot boxes at the 4-H Building and the 4-H Office at the fairgrounds to vote for the 2024 4-H Council! Election closes Sunday afternoon. Want to get involved in 4-H Council? Contact Sarah or Jayd!

## Watch for Award-worthy 4-Hers!

Be on the lookout for 4-H youth and adults who go above and beyond at fair! Tell us about them so that they can be recognized during the 2024 4-H Achievement Ceremony to be held in August 18. A nomination link will be emailed out or find forms in the 4-H Office at the fairgrounds.

## 4-H Building Monitors - Still in Need!

Families and clubs are needed to watch the 4-H Building during the fair from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. most days. This is to prevent projects from being taken and to answer questions. Some clubs choose to promote 4-H with quick activities for the youth who visit. Sign up for a timeslot here at: <https://forms.gle/ncXFF27LMzAMEyJeA>, call the office or email Kelcie at [khall32@unl.edu](mailto:khall32@unl.edu)

## Attention 4-H Cloverbud Exhibitors

Amen Dairy has sponsored a 4-H Cloverbud token for our cloverbud exhibitors. Please visit the 4-H office on the fairgrounds to pick up your gift! Thank you Amen Dairy for providing this gift for our cloverbuds.

## 4-H Recognition Night: Wednesday of the Fair



All Madison County 4-H members are invited to be recognized prior to the rodeo on Wednesday, July 10, 2024

Meet outside the 4-H Office at 7:00 p.m. Wear your 4-H t-shirt or show off your 4-H green!

4-Hers will enter the arena at 7:20 p.m.

**Treats and Refreshments provided by some amazing supporters of our 4-H program. All booths will be located in the indoor arena.**

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### Wednesday, July 10 - 8:30-10:30

Farm Bureau with Zach Miller will provide donuts during our morning check-in and weigh-in for livestock and animals. Enjoy a treat and be sure to thank him for the sponsorship of the sign that is hanging in our barn.

### Thursday, July 11 - early morning

Elkhorn Feed Center will help start the day off right. Enjoy a donut prior to the 4-H animal shows. Located in the indoor arena.

### Thursday, July 11 towards the end of the swine show.

Join us on Thursday, July 11 towards the end of the 4-H swine show for a refreshing treat provided by Farm Credit Services of America! While you are enjoying your treat be sure to thank them for their sponsorship of our 4-H Exhibitor T-shirts!

### Friday, July 12 - prior to bucket calf show

Wolken Seed, LLC brings us a cool treat to enjoy right before the bucket calf show. While enjoying the treat be sure to thank them for their sponsorship of our bucket calf exhibitors gift and all of their support of the Madison County 4-H Program.





# Livestock and Small Animals When you Arrive...

Animals may be brought to the fairgrounds on Tuesday, July 9 from 2 to 9 p.m. All assigned stalls and pens will be posted and available for livestock and small animals (except dogs, cats, companion animals) All livestock and horses must be in place by 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

- **Stall Assignments**

- **Check the area bulletin boards for stall assignments, which are assigned by club. If you are an independent member, you will also have a designated area for your livestock.**
- **Tie-out areas to the east of the barn must be identified with a stall card and must be cleaned. First come, first serve. This area will be judged and counted toward herdsmanship points daily.**
- Bedding is provided by the Madison County Ag Society. Horses, sheep, goats, and hogs must use only shavings. **NO shavings are allowed in the Beef/Dairy area.** Additional woodchips are available by request at the 4-H office on the fairgrounds.
- Come to the 4-H Office to get:
  - Stall cards to be placed above your animal (Exhibitor, Animal, and Club names)
  - Back tag number to identify you in the show ring
  - Entry / Livestock cards to be filled out for use when weighing in and then be brought to the show (includes exhibitor name, division number, class, weight)
  - Pick up show t-shirts
  - Pick-up exhibitor food coupons provided generously from the Madison County Fair Board and the Madison County 4-H Council.
- **Back Tags**
  - Each exhibitor is assigned a number for showing livestock, dogs, and horses. Get these tags at the 4-H Office before show day.
  - Substitute showmen must wear the owner's back tag number. This helps identify the animal's owner and ensure the premium is awarded to the proper 4-H member. Come to the 4-H Office for additional back tag numbers.
  - Small Animal exhibitors (poultry, rabbit, cat) will wear name tags, which are given the day of the show. Your superintendent will have the name tags at the show location.

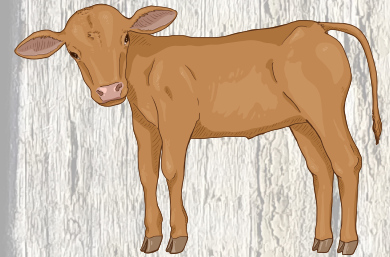
**Tuesday Night Meal:** The Madison County Livestock Boosters and Madison County Farm Bureau are providing a meal Tuesday, July 9 from 5-7pm for 4-H families during check-in at the fairgrounds. Come to the concession stands by the indoor arena!





# Updates for 4-H Horse Show and Bucket Calf Show

The Thursday and Friday Horse Show will be combined into a one day show. Show Order is below.



The Bucket Calf Interviews are as followed:

**Wednesday, July 10th.**

- Cloverbuds: 2:00 p.m.
- Junior (ages 8 & 9): 2:30 p.m.
- Intermediate: (ages: 10 & 11): 3:00 p.m.
- Senior: 12, 13 & 14 year olds: 3:30 p.m.

**The Bucket Calf show order:**

**Friday, July 12th starting at 3 p.m.**

- Senior: 12, 13 & 14 year olds
- Intermediate: ages: 10 & 11
- Junior ages 8 & 9
- Cloverbuds
- Return Bucket Calf

## Madison County Fair Horse Show Order 2024 Thursday, July 11 - starting at 9am

- English Pleasure
- English Equitation
- Halter (4 & older mares)
- Halter (4 & older geldings)
- Senior Showmanship
- Intermediate Showmanship
- Junior Showmanship
- Walk-Trot Pleasure
- Senior Pleasure
- Intermediate Pleasure
- Junior Pleasure
- Ranch Pleasure
- Walk-Trot Horsemanship
- Senior Horsemanship
- Intermediate Horsemanship
- Junior Horsemanship
- Senior Trail
- Intermediate Trail
- Junior Trail
- Intermediate Reining
- Junior Reining
- Intermediate Western Riding
- Junior Western Riding
- Senior Pole Bending
- Intermediate Pole Bending
- Junior Pole Bending
- Senior Barrel Racing
- Intermediate Barrel Racing
- Junior Barrel Racing





# What is Herdsmanship?

**Leaders and Parents:** Teach and share this with all of your animal exhibitors and families! Let's show how proud we are of our exhibits in all areas at the fair and always!

**Purpose:** The purpose is to encourage cooperation, fellowship, and teamwork among exhibitors in developing and maintaining a display of livestock and stalling areas. Herdsmanship also promotes pride and enthusiasm for the industry and rewards those exhibitors who achieve this purpose. Herdsmanship duties are the primary responsibility of the livestock exhibitor.

**Procedures:** Clubs and independent members will receive points for herdsmanship. Judging will take place two times throughout each day. Total of all points during the week will determine awards. Points awarded each day will be posted in the livestock barn by the end of the day.

**Awards:** Herdsmanship will be divided into three categories for judging: independent members, clubs with nine or less small and / or large animals, and clubs with ten or more small and / or large animals.

Placings and premiums will be awarded. Failure to participate will result in withheld premium.

## Basis of Rating Herdsmanship:

**Animals: (4 points)** Clean at all times with proper grooming, bedding, feeding and care apparent; properly penned and secured.

**Stalls: (4 points)** Clean and neat stalls, clean bedding, full water bucket, feed and feed pans and buckets clean and in place, no manure in stall area, and exhibitor signs clearly in place. Ribbon stickers placed on sign detailing how the animals / exhibitor did.

**Tack / Feed Area: (4 points)** Area kept clean and neatly arranged; grooming and tie-out areas clean with personal items out of sight or neatly stored. Supplies and materials are stored away safely where animals, visitors, and other exhibitors are free from harm.

**Alleyways: (4 points)** Exhibitors' designated alleys and commons areas kept clean, free of equipment, loose dirt and dust kept under control with proper sweeping and / or sprinkling, and no manure in piles.

**Exhibitors: (4 points)** Proper courtesy and conduct shown by exhibitors at all times and in all places, including with the public and other exhibitors. The educational exhibit is visible and beneficial. All exhibitors are expected to participate in Herdsmanship.

## Awards:

A ribbon sticker will designate the club's placing for the day. Premiums will only be given for the total score at the end of the week.

### **Total Points:**

20 Points / Judging  
40 Points / Day  
200 Points / Week

### **Point System Per Judging Time:**

Purple: 31-40  
Blue: 21-30  
Red: 11-20  
White: 0-10

See details about Herdsmanship on pages 97 of the 2024 4-H Fair Book!



## 4-H Educational Opportunities during the Fair:

- Attend a session with Tessa on Thursday, July 11, from 5 pm to 6 pm near the train building to learn more about the world of rabbits!
- Come and join Franklin & Lilly from 4-5 pm on Wednesday to learn about chickens near the train barn.

\*\*We are still looking for a sheep, beef, swine and horse presenter to give 30 min. to an hour to share their knowledge of their animals and share with the public how we care for our them.

## 4-H Sunday - Fun Day Hands-On Activities

1:30pm - 3:00 pm  
in the Commercial Building

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Join our 4-H Council as they host fun booths including Bubbles, Feel it Boxes, Bracelets, Cookie Decorating, Ring Toss, Prizes, fun and more!







**NEW DATE THIS YEAR!**

**JOIN US FOR THE 2024**

**4-H ACHIEVEMENT CEREMONY**

**AUGUST 18, 2024 AT THE**

**NEBRASKA EXTENSION IN MADISON COUNTY**

**AT 4:00 P.M.**

**~TOGETHER LETS WRAP UP THE SUMMER AND CELEBRATE  
OUR 4-HERS, VOLUNTEERS AND OUR FAMILIES~**

**Applications and Nominations are due Wednesday, July 31.**

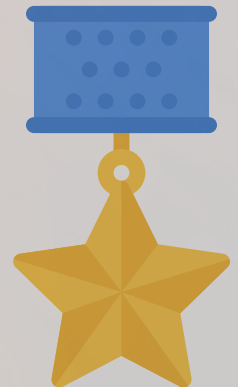
The following awards require nominations from 4-H members, leaders, or volunteers:

- 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

Application and Nomination Forms will be available during the fair or visit: <https://go.unl.edu/7a24>

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](https://4-h.org/parents/4-h-youth-in-action-awards/#!application)



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

# 2024 Fair Schedule

\*Events subject to change without notice.



## TUESDAY, JULY 9

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. 4–H Interview Judging of Foods and Gardening, 4–H Building

4-H Building will not be open due to set up of exhibits after judging.

2:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. 4–H / FFA Assigned Stalls and Pens Available for:

Horse and Livestock, except Lactating Dairy and Feeder Calves

Small Animals, except Dog, Cat, or Wild Game

All Rabbits Must Be in Place by 7:00 p.m.

8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. OPEN CLASS Exhibit check in non-perishable and perishable exhibits. Exhibits received after 11 a.m. will be displayed but not judged.

12:00 p.m. – until complete - OPEN CLASS Judging and set up

7:30 p.m. Rodeo Slack Night, Grandstand Arena

10:00 p.m. Dance, Activity Center

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 10 -- 4–H DAY AT THE FAIR

All Livestock, Horses, and Small Animals Must Be in Place by Noon (refer to General Rule #3) except lactating Dairy, Feeder Calves, Dog, Cat, and Wild Game.

4–H / FFA Weigh–in / Check–in Schedule:

7:30 a.m. Hogs

9:30 a.m. Sheep and Goats

10:00 a.m. Bucket Calf Weigh-in

10:30 a.m. Beef Cattle, Breeding Beef, and Market Beef

9:00 a.m. 4–H / FFA Dog Show & Open Class Show, Indoor Arena

9:00 a.m. 4–H / FFA Roping Event, Grandstand Arena

Breakaway Roping, Dally Steer Roping, Roping, Stationary Roping, Working Ranch, Goat Tying (Order of Events TBD)

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. 4–H Building Open upon Completion of Judging

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. Open Class Building Open upon Completion of Judging

1:00 p.m. 4–H / FFA Rabbit Show, Small Pet Building

4-H Bucket Calf Interviews, 4–H Office

2:00 p.m. Cloverbud

3:00 p.m. Beginning Bucket Calf

3:30 p.m. Advanced Bucket Calf & Second-year Bucket Calf

4:00 p.m. 4–H Livestock Judging Contest, South Side of Livestock Arena

6:00 – 11:00 p.m. Heart of America Carnival Open

7:10 p.m. 4–H Members meet by 4–H Office to walk to the Grandstand for introduction prior to the rodeo; wear your 4–H t–shirt.

7:30 p.m. MID–STATES CHAMPIONSHIP RODEO & 4–H NIGHT, Grandstand Arena

10:00 p.m. Dance, Activity Center

# 2024 Fair Schedule Cont.

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## THURSDAY, JULY 11

9:00 a.m. 4-H / FFA Hog Show, South Side of Livestock Arena  
10:00 a.m. 4-H / FFA Dairy Show, North Side of Livestock Arena  
LACTATING COWS MUST BE IN PLACE BY 9:00 A.M.  
Dairy Goat Show to follow Dairy Show  
9:00 a.m. 4-H / FFA Horse Show, Grandstand Arena  
All Classes will be held during a one day show.  
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. Open Class Building Open  
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. 4-H Building Open  
6:00 – 11:00 p.m. Heart of America Carnival Open  
7:00 p.m. – Quilt of Valor Presentation, Grandstand Arena  
7:30 p.m. MID-STATES CHAMPIONSHIP RODEO & VETERAN NIGHT, Grandstand Arena  
10:00 p.m. Dance, Activity Center

## FRIDAY, JULY 12

9:00 a.m. 4-H / FFA Sheep Show, South Side of Livestock Arena  
4-H / FFA Meat Goat Show to Follow Sheep Show  
9:00 a.m. 4-H / FFA Cat Show, Activity Center  
Open Class Cat Show to Follow  
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. Open Class Building Open  
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. 4-H Building Open  
2:00 p.m. 4-H / FFA Companion Animal Show, 4-H Office  
3:00 p.m. 4-H Bucket Calf Show, North Side of Livestock Arena  
Show Order: Cloverbud  
Beginning Bucket Calf  
Advanced Bucket Calf  
Second-year Bucket Calf  
6:00 – 11:00 p.m. Heart of America Carnival Open  
7:00 p.m. 4-H High Pont Horse Award Presentation, Grandstand Arena  
7:30 p.m. MID-STATES CHAMPIONSHIP RODEO, Grandstand Arena  
10:00 p.m. Dance, Activity Center

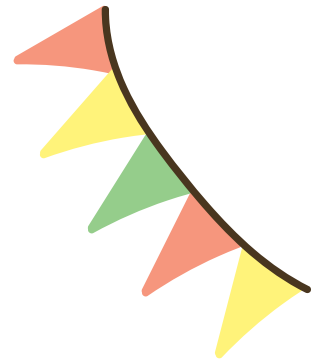
## SATURDAY, JULY 13

7:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Breakfast, Food Court  
7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Stocker Feeder Weigh-in (must in place by 8:30 a.m.)  
9:00 a.m. 4-H / FFA Beef Show, North Side of Livestock Arena  
9:30 a.m. 4-H / FFA Poultry Show, Small Pet Building  
Open Class Poultry Show to Follow  
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. Open Class Building Open  
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. 4-H Building Open  
4:00 – 11:00 p.m. Hearts of America Carnival Open  
8:30 p.m. Ludacris, Grandstand Arena  
10:00 p.m. Dance, Activity Center



# 2024 Fair Schedule Cont.

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## SUNDAY, JULY 14

8:00 a.m. Release of 4-H / FFA Animals  
9:30 a.m. Church Service, Activities Center  
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - 4-H Hands-On Activities - Commercial Building  
3:00 p.m. 4-H Public Fashion Show - Commercial Building  
10:00 am. – 4:00 p.m. Open Class Building Open  
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. 4-H Building Open  
4:00 – 10:00 p.m. Heart of America Carnival Open  
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Payment of 4-H Premiums, 4-H Office  
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Release of 4-H Exhibits, 4-H Building  
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Payment of Open Class Premiums, Open Class Building  
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Release of Open Class Exhibits, Open Class Building  
6:00 p.m. 4-H Office Closed  
8:30 p.m. Ernest, Grandstand Arena  
10:00 p.m. Dance, Activity Center

## MONDAY, JULY 15

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Pick up Large 4-H Exhibits at the Fairgrounds  
4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Pick up Large 4-H Exhibits at the Fairgrounds

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*Madison County*  
**FAIR**  
*& Rodeo*

Ludacris

ERNEST

JULY 9TH - 14TH

The poster features a light blue background with a silhouette of a cowboy on a horse in the upper right. In the center is a red cowboy hat with five red stars above it. On the left is a photo of Ludacris wearing sunglasses and a colorful patterned shirt. On the right is a photo of Ernest, a man with a beard wearing a dark jacket and a cowboy hat. The dates 'JULY 9TH - 14TH' are written in a cursive font at the bottom.

# 2024 Calendar

Subject to change.

## July

- 4- Office Closed- Independence Day
- 9-14 Madison County Fair!
- 9- Judging Day (Foods/Horticulture),
- 15- Exhibits pick up (check fair schedule for details)
- 13-17- State Horse Show, Fonner Park, Grand Island

## August

- 1 - Achievement Awards Applications/ Nominations Deadline
- 12-20- State Fair Drop Off, Extension Office
- 18- 4-H Achievement Ceremony - 4pm
- 19 - Extension Office open until 6:30pm for State Fair Exhibits
- 20 - Til NOON - State Fair Food and Horticulture Exhibit Deadline
- 23- State Fair Begins, Grand Island
- 26- 4-H Council Meeting, Extension Office, 7pm

## September

- 2- State Fair Ends
- 4- State Fair Projects Ready for families to pick up from Extension Office
- 23 - 4-H Council Meeting, Extension Office, 7pm

## October-National 4-H Month

- 28- 4-H Council Meeting, Extension Office, 7pm

## November

- 28-29 Office Closed - Thanksgiving

## December

- 23-Jan 1. - Closed - Holiday Shutdown



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4-H Educator



*Jayd Krueger*

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4-H Assistant



*Leo Gonzalez*

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4-H Educator