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4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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16 Days until Fair

2024 Madison County Fair and Rodeo

July 9-14, 2024



Fair Newsletter
2024
Lots of information
for you!

Fair Clean Up - JUNE 27, 2024

Families and clubs: come to the 4-H Building at the Madison County Fairgrounds Thursday, June 27 from 6 to 8 p.m. Don't miss out on your treat provided by 4-H Council before you go!

Generally, we dust the display racks, set up tables for judging, decorate the fashion show stage, etc. in the 4-H Building and Commercial Building. The more helpers, the faster it goes!

4-H Judging Days

Static Exhibits: Saturday, June
29th 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
4-H Ages 5-18

Food & Gardening Exhibits:
Tuesday, July 9
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
4-H Ages 5-18

What if you cannot attend judging day?

1. Notify Sarah, Jayd, or Kelcie at 402-370-4040 or khall32@unl.edu if you will not be interviewing judging.
2. Additional questions are required to be submitted with each project. Questions are included at the end of this newsletter.
3. A club member or family member must bring your projects to judging day.



Soar to New Heights

date change



Join us for the public fashion show on
Sunday, July 14 at 3pm
in the commercial building at the fairgrounds.

4-H JUDGING DAYS:

SATURDAY, JUNE 29 & TUESDAY, JULY 9

Prior to judging day...

- Pick up entry tags at the Extension Office. **THEY ARE READY!**
(Tags for horticulture will not be printed until later.)
- Tags will also be available on judging day.
- Attach entry tags to the front of your exhibits so your name is visible.
- Double-check the guidelines for your projects in the 2024 4-H Fair Book. Most projects require descriptions or plans attached; missing information results in docking one ribbon placing. (Only purple ribbon exhibits are eligible for the Nebraska State Fair.)

When you arrive at the fairgrounds on judging day...

- Check-in at the registration table in the 4-H Building.
- Judges are grouped by project division. Some divisions, such as Design Decisions, have multiple judges because of large entries. Find the judge that corresponds with your class number on the entry tag. Signs will be posted at the judges' tables.
- Be prepared to interview with the judge. Sample questions might include:
 - Why did you make/do this project?
 - What steps did you take to complete the project?
 - What was the hardest or easiest part? What is your favorite aspect?
 - What would you do differently next time? What did you learn?
- **Volunteer!** Judges need help to attach ribbons and display items. Sign up for an hour time slot online or come to the Extension Office! Sign up online here at:
<https://forms.gle/P4hsZhuJx4LuQ82o7> Or call the office to sign up today!

At the end of fair...

Project Pick Up: 4-H Building on Sunday, July 14 between 4:00 and 5:30 p.m.

- Because no vehicles are allowed onto the fairgrounds on Sunday evening, large items can be left in the building until Monday. The 4-H Building will be open **Monday, July 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Premium Payouts: 4-H Office between 4:00 and 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 14

- If you can't make it during the last day of the fair, premiums will be available at the Extension Office in Norfolk Tuesday, July 16.
- Premiums not picked up by October 1 are forfeited.

Supporting Information: Use the documents attached on this email to more easily complete the supporting information required with many 4-H projects! Double check the fairbook for the requirements!

Exhibitors with Large Projects

Please notify the Extension Office if you will be bringing large items, such as a bench or side table, so that space can be reserved for your exhibit while setting up the 4-H Building. Include dimensions.

Contact Kelcie at 402-370-4040 or khall32@unl.edu



Fashion Show Narrators Needed

Narrators and emcees are needed to read during the 4-H fashion show on Sunday, July 15 at 3:00 p.m. in the commercial building. Readers do not need to participate in the actual fashion show. Contact Kelcie at 402-370-4046 or khall32@unl.edu by July 1.

Judges Helpers - Volunteers Needed!

Judge helpers are needed for the fair! Use the link below to sign up for timeslots online. Or come to the Extension Office, call 402-370-4040, or email Kelcie at khall32@unl.edu

<https://forms.gle/P4hsZhuJx4LuQ82o7>



4-H Exhibitor T-shirts

If you turned in your Pre-Entry Form on time this year you will receive a 4-H t-shirt sponsored by AKRS and Farm Credit Services of America. These can be picked up on Wednesday, July 10 in the 4-H Office on the fairgrounds. These are only available to our 4-H members.

4-H Chevrons and Armbands

To show livestock and small animals, you must wear the 4-H emblem on a t-shirt, armband, or chevron. Purchase 4-H chevrons or armbands any time at the Extension Office.

4-H chevron \$2.00 4-H

Armband: \$4.00



Livestock Judging Contest

Youth and adults of all ages are welcome to participate in the Livestock Judging Contest at the Indoor Arena Wednesday, July 10 at 4:00 p.m. Youth 4-H ages 8-18 receive a ribbon and premium; all others get bragging rights!



DON'T FORGET

4-H Bucket Calf Books are due to the Extension Office on Friday, June 28 by 5pm. Anyone showing a bucket calf must complete this book. Can be picked up at the office.



2024 4-H Archery Fair Shoot Results

The Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Program instructs 4-H youth on the skills and discipline of shooting sports. Enrolled participants learn about the safe handling of archery equipment while developing self-confidence and leadership abilities. 4-H Shooting Sports promotes positive youth-adult interaction and peer leadership with certified leaders meeting with them bi-monthly to practice and learn the sport with support and partnership from the Norfolk Archery Club. The club provides the space and support for the club members to host their meetings.

The Madison County Fair shoot was held prior to the Madison County Fair at the outdoor range of the Norfolk Archery Club. It was held on Saturday, June 8. Ten youth competed. Ribbons and trophies were awarded.

Junior Division

Aria Hoehne, Battle Creek– Grand Champion
Pierce Rabon, Norfolk – Reserve Champion
Reigny Rabon, Norfolk – Purple
Charlette Korus, Norfolk– Blue

Senior Division

Ayla Wieneke, Norfolk – Grand Champion
Dylan Luetkenhaus, Newman Grove – Reserve Champion
Tyler Luetkenhaus, Newman Grove – Purple
Derek Lemming, Norfolk – Blue
Victor Clausen, Norfolk– Red
Thomas Fink, Norfolk – White



Interested in joining the Norfolk Archery club contact:

norfolkarcheryclub@norfolkarcheryclub.org. Interested in your child ages 8 and up joining the 4-H Archery Club contact madison-county@unl.edu.

4-H Council Seeking Members

Want to get more involved with 4-H? Want to influence the 4-H program in Madison County? Here is your chance: 4-H Council is seeking members for the upcoming year! Members are voted in by 4-H members, families, volunteers, and alumni. Voting will take place during the fair. Five youth positions and three adult positions are open. Youth serve for one year; adults serve a three-year term. Meetings are typically held the fourth Monday of the month with eight meetings held throughout the year. Add your name to the ballot by Friday, June 14! Simply email your name to Kelcie at khall32@unl.edu

Join
us!

Supporting Information for Exhibits -

Copies of these are available at the office, can be found online at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/madison/madison-county-4-h-fairbook/> or will be available on judging day.

Home Design & Restoration Supporting Information

Name _____ Age _____ County _____

Please answer the following questions in as much detail as possible to ensure the judge can provide the most helpful critique of your exhibit.

Identify one element or principle of design in your exhibit. How or why did you use this in the creation of your project?

Elements – Line, Form, Shape, Color, Texture, Space

Principles – Balance, Emphasis, Movement, Pattern, Proportion, Repetition, Rhythm, Unity, Variety

Describe the steps you took to create the exhibit.

Why did you choose to create this exhibit? How will it be used?

Clothing Design Data Card

Name _____ County _____

Class Name and Number _____

This card must be included with

Beyond the Needle Classes: C221003 through C221008

STEAM 2 Upcycled Garment and Accessory Classes: C222003 and C222004

STEAM 3 Upcycled Garment and Accessory Classes: C223001 and C223002

All upcycled exhibits are required to have before and after pictures (pictures no larger than 4.25" x 5.5" each)

1. Why did you choose to create this exhibit?
2. What steps did you take as you created this exhibit?
3. What is one thing you learned from creating this exhibit?

Visual Art Supporting Information

(updated 2023)

Name _____ Age _____ County _____

Class _____ Artwork Title _____

Reflection

1. Discuss your use of the elements and principles in this piece. Which specific elements and/or principles did you focus on while planning and creating this piece? Why?
2. Where or how did you find the inspiration or references for your artwork, such as other artwork, reference photos, ideas? What did you do to make this unique and original, rather than copying other's ideas or creations?
3. Does this artwork utilize Artificial Intelligence (AI) integrated features? If so, please indicate:

Process – Outline your creative process and the steps you took to complete this piece. Include special or unique materials, tools, or techniques used.

More data tags for the following on our website:

-Fiber and Arts Knitting
-Fiber and Arts Crocheting
-Photography Data Cards

NOTE: Some exhibits will require extra information if selected as a State Fair Exhibit.

2024

MADISON COUNTY 4-H



ROPING EVENT

REGISTRATION

DUE: JULY 5TH
REGISTER ONLINE AT:
[HTTPS://GO.UNL.EDU/RKHI](https://go.unl.edu/rkhi)

OR

CALL 402-370-4040
TO SIGN UP!

AWARDS

GRAND AND RESERVE
PLACINGS IN EACH CLASS.

RIBBONS FOR ALL OTHER
PLACINGS

AWARDS SPONSORED BY:
LAZY L TACK AND SUPPLY
AND MORE!

WEDNESDAY

JULY 10
9 A.M.

MADISON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
MADISON, NE

BREAKAWAY ROPING

CLASS 4-H AGE
909. JUNIOR 13 & UNDER
910. SENIOR 14 & OLDER

DALLY STEER ROPING ALL PARTICIPANTS

912. HEADING
913. HEELING

GOAT TYING

909. JUNIOR 13 & UNDER
910. SENIOR 14 & OLDER

STATIONARY ROPING

914. STATIONARY HEAD
ON FOOT

WORKING RANCH

DEPENDING ON NUMBERS

**EVENT OPEN TO ALL
ENROLLED 4-H
MEMBERS!**

**PLACINGS WILL
INCLUDE PREMIUMS
FOR THE MADISON
COUNTY 4-H
MEMBERS ONLY.**

Questions to answer if you are unable to attend judging days.

Please attach a separate form with each exhibit with name and project description.

Name: _____ **Project:** _____

1. Why did you choose this project?

2. What was the easiest part of making this project?

3. What would you do differently if you made this project again?

4. What was the hardest part of this project?

Name: _____ **Project:** _____

1. Why did you choose this project?

2. What was the easiest part of making this project?

3. What would you do differently if you made this project again?

4. What was the hardest part of this project?

2024 Fair Schedule

*Events subject to change without notice.



THURSDAY, June 27

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Fairgrounds 4-H Clean-up

SATURDAY, June 29

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Interview judging of ALL 4-H static exhibits except Foods and Gardening, Madison County Fairgrounds

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. OPEN CLASS Exhibit Check In for non-perishable items. This will coincide with 4-H judging day of some of the static exhibits, but no judging will occur for Open Class items. *Potted plants may be dropped off as well, however, they will not be monitored or watered until the building reopens on July 9.

3:00 p.m. Public 4-H Fashion Show, Commercial Building

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 Horse Show, 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 English, Trail, Reining, Ranch Pleasure, Poles, Barrels, Cloverbud Stick Horse Ride
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 Horse Show, Grandstand Arena
Showmanship, Halter, Walk-Trot, Western Pleasure, Horsemanship, Western Riding
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
10:00 a.m. – 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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