4-H Family Newsletter

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2020 Nebraska State Fair

Links to photos and videos are on the back page of this newsletter. See more State Fair 4-H information at https://4h.unl.edu/state-fair

CONGRATULATIONS

to our Madison County 4-H participants!

Special Recognition
Leah Podliska—Home Environment
Serenity Strong—Human Development
Mercedes Barg—Quilt Quest

Photography Selected for Display at UNL
Leah Rast

Livestock Results
Myranda Hansen—Purple, Market Heifer
Becca Arkfeld
Blue, Sheep Showmanship
Red, Crossbred Market Lamb
Blue, Swine Showmanship
Blue, Market Barrow

Fashion Show Results
Serenity Strong—Purple

4-H Achievement Ceremony

Sunday, September 20, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. at the Extension Office in Norfolk at 1305 S. 13th St.

Award recipients will receive a postcard in the mail. Guests are welcome to attend!

Must RSVP by Friday, September 18 at 4 p.m. Email kgrant3@unl.edu

Livestock Booster Bonus Premium checks will be available that day!

Madison Star Mail published ALL Madison County Fair ribbon results and many photos in and has graciously donated a stack for you! Copies of the newspaper can be picked up at the Extension Office. Get your copy of the photos and results!

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2020 State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest IN-PERSON at the UNL Animal Science Complex Arena Sunday, September 20

Registration/Check-in will begin at 7:00 a.m. that morning with the contest kicking off at 8:00 a.m. As of now, the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest is still moving forward as planned so this contest is vital for us to qualify a team for the national level.

Please see changes below:

- This will be a **Senior Division Only** contest. Each team will be limited to **five contestants** and only **one coach and one other chaperone,** if needed.
- Everyone attending the contest **will wear a mask.** Hand sanitizer stations will be present throughout the facility.
- Livestock classes will be arranged in a more **spread-out fashion** and we may implement a **two-round system** for the placings portion of the contest.
- Youth will **maintain at least 10-foot distancing** for reasons.
- We **will not** arrange a live awards ceremony on site. Awards will be mailed as well.
- Each team shall bring their own materials. We will only handout placing cards and contestant numbers in the team packets.

We **will not** be providing lunch this year; the contest should be finished by 1 or 2 p.m.

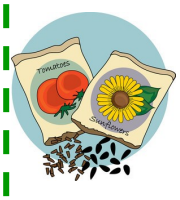
Registration will close at NOON on Wednesday, September 16. Contact the Extension Office at 402-370-4040.

4-H Organizational Leaders Packets

End of the year leader information were sent! Please watch for your packet and read thoroughly. Contact Sarah with questions!

Extra Garden Produce? Donate It!

Is your garden overly abundant? Bring your extra produce to the Extension Office and we will donate it with our produce from the Community Garden! Produce is donated Monday, Wednesday, and Friday alternately to the Rescue Mission and the Norfolk Food Pantry.

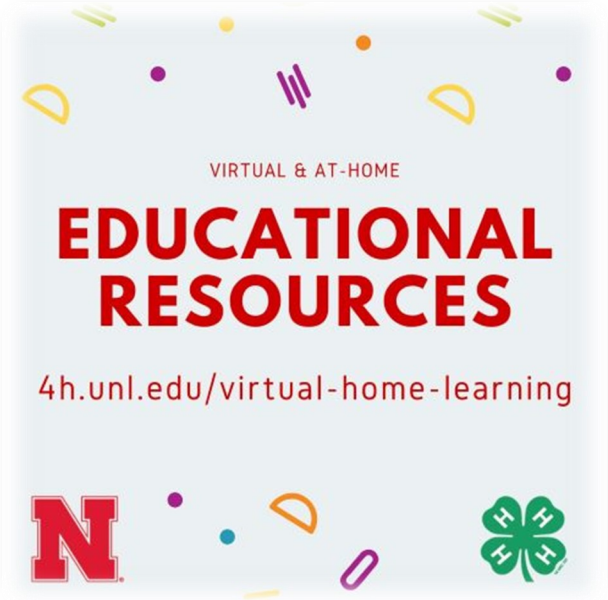


Flower and vegetable garden seeds are still available! Come to the Extension Office Monday through Friday between 8 and 5 to get yours for next year's planting season!

Virtual Learning with 4-H

Visit new places through virtual field trips, beat the summer blues with Boredom Busters, and reconnect with the Family Fun Night activities at https://4h.unl.edu/virtual-home-learning

More lessons and activities will continually be added, so keep checking it out!



Fifth Annual National 4-H Week Coloring Contest!

As you "envision a 20/20 future with 4-H", we encourage you to think about your future career!

Coloring pages for the contest can be found at madison.unl.edu

Guidelines for the Contest

- The contest is open to Madison County youth ages 5 to 11 as of January 1, 2020.
- One (1) entry per person per contest.
- To enter, print the coloring page or come to the Extension Office for a copy.
- Return your entry to the Extension Office by Friday, October 9.
- Five prizes will be awarded. Get creative!

How to Submit Entries

- Drop off your colored picture at the Extension Office
- Scan image and e-mail to kgrant3@unl.edu
- Mail your entry to:
  Nebraska Extension Madison County
  1305 South 13th Street
  Norfolk, NE 68701

2020 Nebraska State Fair Links

4-H County Booths - https://go.unl.edu/2020nsf_countybooths

4-H County Static Exhibits - https://go.unl.edu/2020nsf_countystatic

Virtual 4-H Project Showcase - https://go.unl.edu/2020nsf_projectshowcase

Fashion Show Livestream - https://go.unl.edu/2020nsf_fashionshow

Attention High School Seniors!

4-H Council Scholarship Application is available now! If you will be graduating high school in 2021, you will be receiving a 4-H Council Scholarship letter and application in the mail.

Scholarships are due to the Extension Office by December 15.

Please contact Sarah at 402-370-4040 if you have any questions.

Access the application NOW at https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/madison/educational-programs/madison-county-4-h/

Check out the changes to the 4-H website at

https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/madison/educational-programs/madison-county-4-h/

Looking for an alternative for your robotics team?

EXTENSION

Using Lego® EV3 Robot Kits

Robotic Builds & Bytes

Register at: https://cvent.me/2PaMRq

A workshop series presented by
Nebraska Extension educators,
Dr. Deb Weitzenkamp and Mary Moser

Engineer a robot

Learn how to program a robot

Solve various challenges

Online Instruction
Tuesday afternoons
Sept. 15th through Oct. 20th
Cost per team is $50.

The University of Nebraska does not discriminate based upon any protected status. Please see go.unl.edu/nondiscrimination.

Participants in this virtual robotics class will learn robotics basics and adventure into the world of sensors with their robots. Each team will engineer a robot of their own, then learn how to program that robot to solve various challenges issued by the workshop instructors.

Members of teams should be at least eight years old and no older than 18. Each team can consist of between one and 5 members; and should register as a team. Since team members will need to be identified upon registration, please make sure you know first and last names, and contact information prior to starting your registration.

Teams may select whether they would like to participate from 4 to 5:00 p.m. CST OR from 5 to 6:00 p.m. CST (4:00 to 5:00 p.m. MT).

Sign up today. Limited Availability!

4-H Livestock News

Norfolk Beef Expo

The 71st Annual Norfolk Beef Expo will be held September 12 -13, 2020. Entries are due September 8 to the Norfolk Area Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, visit: https://norfolkareachamber.com/beef-expo/

Good luck to all Madison County exhibitors!

4-H Livestock Booster Club–Bonus Premium Information

Any exhibitor who participated in showmanship will receive a Livestock Booster Check.

Do not forget to write your thank you and return it to the Extension Office as soon as possible. You will not receive your check unless a thank you note is received. Checks will be available during the Achievement Ceremony on September 20 in Norfolk.

If you have any questions, contact Sarah at the Extension Office at 402-370-4040 or Troy Patzel at 402-741-2159.

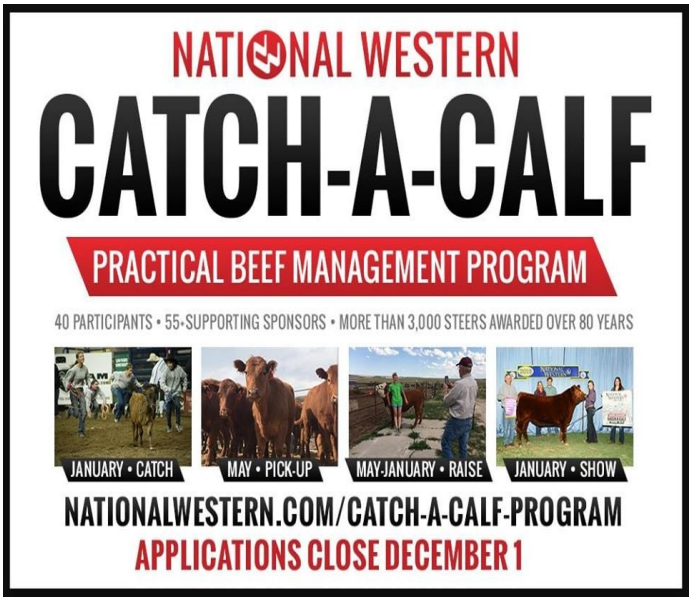
4-H State Dog Show

The 2020 4-H State Dog Show has been postponed until spring 2021. Stay tuned!

Livestock Updates

Have animal suggestions for the fair book? Simply email your suggestions to Sarah at spolacek2@unl.edu. Let us know your thoughts so they can be presented to the Livestock Committee for consideration!

Livestock Committee Meeting will be held Tuesday, December 1 at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office in Norfolk.



Madison County 4-H Seeking Club Leaders—Openings in Battle Creek and Norfolk!

With the new 4-H year approaching, we are announcing two openings for adult 4-H club leaders! If you have an interest in expanding your involvement with the 4-H program and volunteering to serve in this capacity, please let Sarah know as soon as possible by calling 402-370-4040 or emailing spolacek2@unl.edu. See more information below.

Purpose: To ensure that the 4-H club has the necessary leadership to provide positive learning experiences for youth!

Responsibilities:

- Organize the 4-H club
- Help with enrollment and re-enrollments
- Develop club goals
- Hold at least six meetings a year
- Encourage parents to become involved in the club program
- Act as the main liaison between the club and the extension office, including: complete necessary reports needed by the Extension office; attend leader training provided by Extension staff
- Delegation of activities, refreshments, and other tasks to all families in club

Qualification:

- Be committed to the successful management of the 4-H club
- Ability to communicate with youth and adults
- Desire to help youth succeed
- Complete background screening (required)

4-H Club Leader Resource Page: https://4h.unl.edu/resources/club-leaders

Save the Date

September

- 10—Pick Up State Fair Items at the Extension Office
- 12-13—Norfolk Beef Expo, NECC
- 20—4-H Achievement Ceremony, 4:00 p.m.
- 24-27—Ak-Sar-Ben, Grand Island
- 28—4-H Council Meeting, Extension Office, 7:00 p.m.

October

- 4-10—National 4-H Week
- 9—Coloring Contest Deadline
- 26—4-H Council Meeting, Extension Office, 7:00 p.m.

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