



4-H Family Newsletter

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Congratulations to our Nebraska State Fair exhibitors!



Check out the 2023 4-H ribbon results:

<https://www.nebraska4hresults.com/>

State Fair Static Exhibits Pickup

Projects will be available at the Extension office for pick up on Wednesday, September 6.

We appreciate prompt pick up of exhibits so we can use our classroom. Thank you!



Join us! 4-H Achievement Ceremony

Date: Sunday, September 17
Time: 4:00 p.m.

Where: Nebraska Extension in Madison County

All are invited to celebrate the accomplishments of our youth and adult volunteers! Award recipients will receive a postcard in the mail.



Livestock Booster bonus premiums will be available at the ceremony, as well. Each exhibitor who participated in a showmanship class for large and small animals should receive a check.



Enjoy a homemade treat and support the 4-H Council!

4-H Bake Sale

Sunday, September 17

3:30 p.m. until it's gone!

At the Extension Office

Calling all bakers! All 4-H members can donate homemade or purchased baked goods. Drop off goods at the Extension Office on Friday, Sept. 15 or by 3:30 p.m. on Sunday.

National 4-H Week Coloring Contest!

Coloring Contest: Ages 5-12

Contest is open to Madison County youth ages 5 to 12 as of January 1, 2023.

One (1) entry per person per contest.

To enter, get a copy from the Extension Office OR print the coloring page from <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/madison/educational-programs/madison-county-4-h/>

Return your entry to the Extension Office by Friday, September 29.

Five prizes will be awarded. Get creative!

Fair Book Cover Contest

Contest is open to Madison County youth ages 8-18 as of January 1, 2023.

Design can be any theme using any media, including hand-drawn and computer-generated.

Submit your entry to the Extension Office by Friday, October 6.

How to Submit Entries

Drop off at the Extension Office

Scan image and e-mail to:

spolacek2@unl.edu

Mail your entry to:

Nebraska Extension Madison County

1305 South 13th Street

Norfolk, NE 68701



Get Ready for the Challenge: National 4-H Week October 1-7

A new challenge will be revealed each day of the week. Here is a sneak-peak!

Monday, October 2: Start the week off by sending a “Thank you” card to someone who has helped you with a 4-H project or anything throughout your time as a 4-H member.

Tuesday, October 3: Totally New Tuesday Challenge: Think of a new project to try!

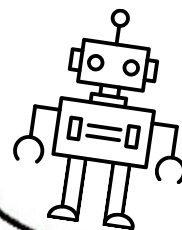
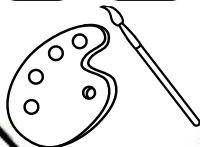
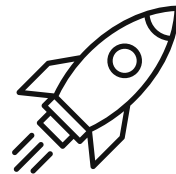
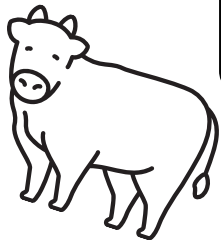
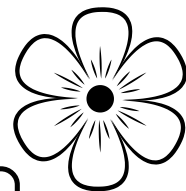
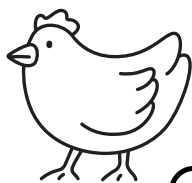
Wednesday, October 4: Wear your 4-H Shirt to School -Green Challenge

Thursday, October 5: Share 4-H Challenge: Find someone to share about 4-H! (Pick up your recruitment tools at the 4-H Achievement Ceremony.)

Friday, October 6: Artistic Challenge: See above for National 4-H Week contest details!



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Name:

Age:

Last Call for Needles & Knives 4-H Club Leader

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The Needles and Knives 4-H Club in Madison County is searching for leadership in Norfolk! If we don't find a leader by December 1, 2023, the club will be dissolved.

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 or co-leader for a Norfolk-based club, please let Sarah know at 402-370-4040 or spolacek2@unl.edu



Make It With Wool Contest

Want a sewing challenge? Try the Make It With Wool Contest! Open to youth and adults. Find Nebraska MIWW information (entry form and brochure) here: <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/dawson/nebraska-make-it-with-wool-competition/>

- ☐ All entries are due October 15, 2023, because of the national wool testing requirements.
- ☐ Age is determined by January 1, 2023 (national rule).
- ☐ All contestants must be a resident of Nebraska.
- ☐ Entries are mailed to Andrea Nisley, PO Box 757, Lexington NE 68850-0757.



See past winners and find more information at the National MIWW website: www.makeitwithwool.com

4-H Special Edition Articles

We still need 4-H Special Edition Articles!
Please share your story by SEPTEMBER 13 to tpearson@norfolkdailynews.com.

Ideas for articles might include:

State Fair projects and experiences, club involvement, how 4-H has helped you, county fair fun, etc.

The Special Edition will be printed during National 4-H Week!

Attention High School Seniors



If you are graduating high school in 2023, you will be receiving the 4-H Council Scholarship application in the mail. Contact Sarah, Jayd, or Kelcie at 402-370-4040 if you do not receive the mailing.

Applications will be due **December 22** to the Extension Office.



Apply today: Nebraska Youth Beef Leadership Symposium

Interested in learning about the beef industry? Participate in workshops, network with producers and industry leaders, and meet students with similar interests at the Nebraska Youth Beef Leadership Symposium!

Open to youth in 10th, 11th, and 12th grades.

The event will be held November 17-19, 2023, at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Application deadline is October 1, 2023. Apply at <https://animalscience.unl.edu/nebraska-youth-beef-leadership-symposium>



4-H Livestock News

4-H Livestock Booster Club Update

Checks will be available during the Achievement Ceremony September 17 in Norfolk. However, you will not receive your check unless you complete a thank you note. Drop off your thank yous at the Extension Office as soon as possible. Address them to "Livestock Booster Supporter" or "4-H Supporter." To write to a specific business, see the list of those who donated in the August newsletter.

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



Norfolk Beef Expo



The 74th Annual Norfolk Beef Expo will be held September 10, 2023.

Good luck to all Madison County exhibitors!

Calendar

September

- 4— Extension Office Closed in Observance of Labor Day
- 6— State Fair Items Ready for Pick Up at Extension Office
- 17— 4-H Achievement Ceremony, Extension Office, 4 p.m.
- 22-25— Aksarben Stock Show, Fonner Park
- 25— 4-H Council Meeting, Extension Office, 7:00 p.m.

October

- 1-7—National 4-H Week
- 23- 4-H Council Meeting, Extension Office, 7 p.m.



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