



4-H Family Newsletter  
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## Reminders:

January 15th closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February 10th Beef Weigh-In at 10 A.M.

February 19th closed for Presidents' Day

## 4-H Online

Start the new year by enrolling for 4-H!  
To enroll go to <https://v2.4honline.com>

*Please do not create a new profile if you have previously enrolled in 4-H, even a different county or state.*

ALL Youth and Volunteers/Club leaders must be enrolled by **June 15th 2024**.

**Please make sure to include youth T-shirts size in case we have T-shirt donated.**

**This year there are changes to the project selection when enrolling. The project selection is now optional with the EXCEPTION of HORSE and SHOOTING SPORTS PROJECTS due to the parental consent required for participation.**

Find instructions for returning families can be found at <https://4h.unl.edu/enroll/returning-member>

For new families, find instructions here: <https://4h.unl.edu/enroll/new-member>

Before your enrollment can be accepted, dues must be paid. You can either pay the Extension Office with cash or check or pay online with credit card.

\*Enrollment Fees: 4-Hers and Clover Kids will continue to pay an fee of \$5.00 per 4-Her and Clover kid.

Contact Brittany for help enrolling by calling 402-329-4821



## Volunteer Orientation

Nebraska 4-H is implementing a new 4-H Volunteer Orientation, which is part of the volunteer screening process. Direct volunteers are required to complete the 4-H Volunteer Orientation during enrollment as a new volunteer and/or during the re-screening process every five years. The volunteer orientation link is located in the direct volunteer screening information in 4-HOnline or at <https://4h.unl.edu/volunteer-orientation>. Upon completion, the volunteer will receive a confirmation email along with the county office the volunteer selected during the orientation. The online orientation will take approximately 45 minutes to complete and does not have to be completed in one session.



# 4-H Livestock News

## 2024 Beef Weigh-In



We are hosting the Pierce County Beef Weigh-In on **Saturday February 10, 2024 at 10am** at Don and Audra Huwaldt's farm located one and one-half miles east of Osmond on Highway 20. All 4-H members who plan to exhibit market beef (steer or heifer) must bring their animal to Weigh Day.

4-Hers who all plan to exhibit at the 2024 Nebraska State Fair and Aksarben Stock Show will be required to submit a DNA nomination. **All 4-H/FFA BREEDING livestock, MARKET livestock and FEEDER CALVES will now be required to submit a DNA sample/envelope to be eligible to exhibit at the Nebraska State Fair.**

EID tags are \$3.00 a tag and County ONLY animal ear tags are \$1.00 each. DNA samples fees are paid online when inputting information into Show Stock Manager. Market beef not weighed at this time are ineligible for County Rate-of-Gain Contest, but may be tagged and DNA pulled at home. Ear tags and DNA envelopes may be picked up at the Pierce County Extension Office.

## Farrowed and Owned Swine Cohort

The Nebraska 4-H Farrowed and Owned Swine Cohort is an opportunity for 4-H members interested in learning more about the swine industry. Participants engage in learning opportunities throughout the year, gain knowledge related to their 4-H swine project, practice good record-keeping related to swine management and basic care, and exhibit their farrowed and owned swine project animal at the Nebraska State Fair.



Applications for the 2024 Cohort are now open through February 1st. Learn more at:

<https://4h.unl.edu/farrowed-owned>



## 4-H 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? Visit [4h.unl.edu/livestock-achievement](https://4h.unl.edu/livestock-achievement) to get started.

## 4-H State Dog Show

The 2024 Nebraska State Fair 4-H Dog Show will be held on Saturday, August 24, 2024. The location will continue to be at the Heartland Event Center (Rally, Showmanship, Obedience, Skillathon) and outside the Big Red Barn (Agility).



## 2024 Special Garden Project

Sign up for the Special Garden Project by February 15th. The 2024 Special Garden Project is focused on the Princess India Nasturtium. Visit:

<https://4h.unl.edu/special-gardening-project> for more information and to order

please call the Extension Office or email Brittany at [bkolterman2@unl.edu](mailto:bkolterman2@unl.edu).



## Donate 4-H Club T-Shirts

Pierce County 4-H Council would like if one 4-H T-shirt from each Club would be donated.



T-Shirts will be used in a 4-H Quilt for auction at the Pierce County Fair. It can be drop off at the Extension Office.

## Scholarships

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/pierce/senior-scholarships/>

### Nebraska 4-H Foundation Scholarship

**Due January 5, 2024-** Multiple scholarships for graduating seniors available to you: Murdoch's Ranch & Home Supply Scholarship. The 4-H Legacy Scholarship Rose and Guy Richard McDonald Scholarship Horse Scholarship - Grand Island Saddle Club R. B. Warren 4-H Horse Educational Scholarship Women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)



## State Achievement Application

State achievement applications are due Friday, Jan. 5! These applications are used to select National 4-H Congress delegates, National 4-H Conference delegates, and Nebraska 4-H Foundation scholarship recipients. Learn more at

[4h.unl.edu/achievement-application](http://4h.unl.edu/achievement-application).

## Attention 4-H Families

We still have some State & County Fair exhibits here in the office. Please pick up your exhibits as soon as possible we would appreciate it.



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# January Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Closed for New Years Day				Nebraska 4-H Foundation Scholarship DUE  State Achievement Application DUE	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr Day					
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	January Take home Project Registration DUE					
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
				Farrowed and Owned Swine Cohort Applications DUE		





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# Wood Pallet Garden Flag

## *January Take Home Project*



### ***Includes:***

- *three pallet boards*
- *two small pallet boards*
- *two screw eyes*
- *six 3/4" screws*
- *black Paint*
- *paint brush*
- *stencils*

**\$20**

**Call the Extension Office by January 22nd to sign up!**  
**Let us know what initial you would like.**  
**(402-329-4821)**

Pick up projects 2/5/2024 - 2/9/2024 at the Extension Office

**Fair Entry: Design Decisions: C257025 - Accessory – Outdoor Living**

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