

# STAYING IN THE LOOP

February 2023



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**Winter Hours: Monday - Thursday ~ 7 am - 5 pm**

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## 2023 4-H Calendar



### FEBRUARY

6 - 4-H Council Meeting

11 - Saturday Sewers

### MARCH

18 - Saturday Sewers

30 - 4-H Council Senior Scholarship Applications Due

### APRIL

15 - Enrollment Due

22 - Saturday Sewers

### MAY

13 - Sunday Sewers

## JUNE

- 1 - YQCA Deadline
- 1 - Animal ID Sheets Due
- 1 - T-shirt Orders Due

## JULY

- 1 - Horse level 1 Test Deadline
- 10 - Pre-Entries Due
- 10 - Fashion Show Narratives Due
- 21 - Entry Tags Ready
- 26 - Pre-Fair Judging
- 26 - Companion Animal & Cat Show
- 28 - Dog Show

## August

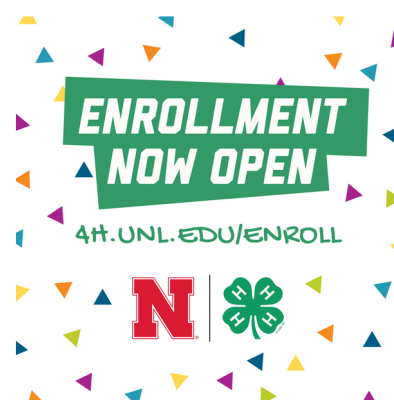
- 2-6 - Stanton County Fair

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# 4-H Enrollment is Open!

[4-H Online](#) is open for enrollment for the new 4-H year.

- Use your email and password from last year to log-in to 4-H Online.
- [New Families](#) will need to create an account.
- All members and leaders must enroll for 2023.
- Enrollment and project information is available on our website.
- Include all projects you are planning on participating in and/or entering at the fair.
- You will be able to make changes and add projects until June 15.



**ENROLLMENT IS NOT COMPLETE UNTIL DUES ARE PAID.**

**Dues are \$10 per family.**

**Families with only cloverbuds or volunteers (leaders) do not pay dues.**

**FYI: There is a banner ad for Auction Frogs that will appear at the bottom of the Member List in the Family Profile when you log into 4-H Online. Just click on the 'X' button on the ad. It should not show up again in the browser.**

Most of the information you will need for 4-H and Fair Events can be found on our website: <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/stanton/> - 4-H Enrollment, 4-H Newsletters, 4-H Resources, Awards & Applications, Camps & Workshops, Fair Resources and Livestock Resources. In the Red Bar towards the top of the page, hover over Stanton County 4-H and a drop menu will appear.

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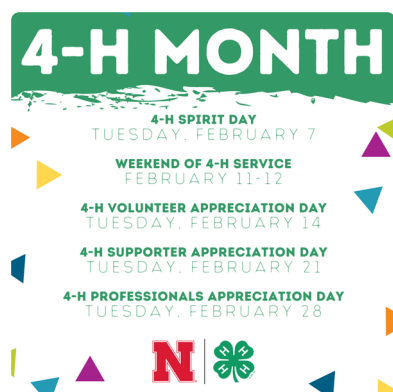
## Stanton County 4-H Council Senior Scholarships

4-H Council will award a \$250 scholarship to Stanton County 4-H Seniors who are currently graduating and who plan continue with post high school education. All 4-H families with seniors should have received an email with the scholarship application earlier in January. Contact the office if you need another application.

**Applications due March 30, 2023.**

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## 4-H Month



**Stanton County 4-H invites youth to month long celebration.**

Every Year Nebraska 4-H Month brings thousands of young people, parents, volunteers, and alumni together to celebrate all the ways in which 4-H helps youth find a place where they belong. Across the state, Nebraska 4-H invites community members to celebrate:

- 4-H Spirit Day on Tuesday, February 7
- Weekend of 4-H Service on Saturday, February 11 and Sunday, February 12
- 4-H Volunteer Appreciation Day on Tuesday, February 14
- 4-H Supporter Appreciation Day on Tuesday, February 21
- 4-H Professional Appreciation Day on Tuesday, February 28

In addition to celebrating, youth are invited to join 4-H and complete the annual enrollment process during February. By becoming enrolled members, youth have the opportunity to join a club, exhibit projects at the county and State Fair, participate in contests, and apply for special awards and recognition.

4-H is Nebraska's largest youth development organization – empowering nearly 140,000 across the state with the skills to lead for a lifetime. With the support of 12,000 volunteers, Nebraska 4-H helps youth develop and practice life skills through clubs, camps, school enrichment, afterschool, and special interest programs.

To learn more about how to get involved, visit [www.stanton.unl.edu](http://www.stanton.unl.edu).

**About 4-H**

4-H, the nation's largest youth development and empowerment organization, cultivates confident young people who tackle issues that matter most in their communities right now. In the United States, 4-H programs empower six million young people through the 110 land-grant universities and Cooperative Extension in more than 3,000 local offices serving every county and parish in the country. Outside the United States, independent, country-led 4-H organizations empower one million young people in more than 50 countries. In Nebraska, 4-H is present in all 93 counties through clubs, camps, school enrichment, afterschool programs, and special interest programs. Learn more about 4-H at [4h.unl.edu](http://4h.unl.edu), find us on Facebook at [facebook.com/nebraska4h](https://facebook.com/nebraska4h), on Twitter at [twitter.com/nebraska4h](https://twitter.com/nebraska4h), and on Instagram at [instagram.com/nebraska4h](https://instagram.com/nebraska4h).

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## 2023 Whiskey Barrel Challenge

### Incredible, Edible Barrels

- Plant your barrel this year with anything edible.
  - Think outside the box - some flowers are edible, herbs are edible.
  - Anything goes as long as it is edible.
  - Include club name on the barrel.
  - Write-up describing the plants used, what part of them can be eaten and how they are used.
  - **Deadline for plantings and write-up turned into the office - May 31.**
  - Remember to keep in mind the growing conditions of your barrel when you are planning. Many of the barrels are shaded much of the time.
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## Saturday Sewers



- Saturday, February 11
- Saturday, March 18
- Saturday, April 22
- Saturday, May 13

Saturday Sewers meet at the Community Building at the Stanton Fairgrounds from 9 am - 3 pm. Anyone interested in learning to sew or willing to help complete donated quilts is welcome to attend. Come and sew if you have an unfinished project, stop by to get ideas for a new project, or come work on donated, unfinished projects. Everyone is welcome. A limited supply of sewing machines and supplies are available for all to use. They are planning to include a short teaching lesson each month. Let them know if you have ideas or suggestions.

For more information or questions, contact DaNita Schellpeper at 402-439-5089 or Kim Spence at 402-851-1394.

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# 2023 Fair Dates

Pre-Fair - July 26      Dog Show - July 28

Stanton County Fair - August 3 - 6

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## New Grow Lab - Looking for ideas

The Extension Office has a small new Grow Lab. We welcome any ideas for ways use it or projects you might like to see. Please let us know your ideas.



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2023 Fairbooks will be ready mid to late March.

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## State Fair Age Change to 9

The age of eligibility in 2023 for State Fair in-person events (livestock, contests, fashion shows) has been changed to 9 years of age before January 1 (of the current year). This decision was made after garnering user input, researching data from other events/shows/states, and looking at overall impact on youth development.

## DNA for All Nominations

- 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.
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All youth enrolled in Beef, Goat, Dairy Cattle, Poultry, Rabbit, Swine and/or Sheep are required to complete LQCA. Deadline is June 1. 4-H'er will not be able to exhibit animals at the fair if they have not completed the course. Please print completion certificate and turn in to the office.

Information and website can be found here: <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/stanton/livestock-resources/>

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## No District Horse Show

There will no longer be District Horse Shows. These will be replaced by clinics led by Carla Wennberg, Western Collegiate Equestrian Team Coach from St. Andrews University. The nearest clinic will be June 4 in Albion at the Boone County Fairgrounds.



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Nebraska Extension is a Division of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln cooperating with the Counties and the United States Department of Agriculture. The 4-H Youth Development program abides with the nondiscrimination policies of the University of Nebraska–Lincoln and the United States Department of Agriculture.

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**Diane Kander**

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