



January, 2019

Cuming Happenings in 4-H

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4-H Calendar

January

- 10 4-H Council Meeting, Courthouse Meeting Room, 7:00 p.m.
- 15 District/State Record Book Applications due

February

- 1 Special Garden Project Orders Due
- 13 Leader Training, 6:00 p.m. in Courthouse Meeting Room
- 15 UNL Red Letter Day, City Campus
- 16-24 Cattleman's Classic in Kearney
- 18 UNL Red Letter Day, City Campus
- 25 UNL Pre-Health Red Letter Day, City Campus

March

- 1 4-H Horse Stampede Entries Due to Extension Office
- 1 4-H Companion Animal Challenge Entries Due to Extension Office
- 1 UNL Red Letter Day, City Campus
- 4 Home Economics Committee Meeting Room, Location **TBA**
- 7 4-H Council Meeting, Courthouse Meeting Room, 7:00 p.m.
- 9 Market Beef ID Day, Knobbe Feed Yard, 9:00-11:00 a.m.
- 15 UNL Red Letter Day, City Campus
- 30 4-H Horse Stampede Contest, UNL East Campus
- 30 4-H Companion Animal Challenge, UNL East Campus

April

- 19 UNL Red Letter Day, City Campus
- 26 UNL Red Letter Day, City Campus

Wishing you a Happy New Year!

Nebraska Extension in Cuming County staff would like to wish all our 4-H families and volunteers a Happy New Year! A New Year's resolution that we can all make together is to make 2019 the best 4-H year for all 4-H members, leaders and parents!



4-H Online Enrollment

4-H Online Enrollment is now open for 2019! With a new year comes the need for members & leaders to re-enroll. If you need help enrolling, check out this helpful guide: [Re-Enrolling For Returning Members](#)

If you already have a profile in the system, **DO NOT** create a new one. If you have forgotten your password or need assistance, please contact the Extension Office.

The direct link to 2019 4-H Enrollment is ne.4honline.com. Members & leaders (volunteers), please complete your enrollment by **March 15**.

NEW: This year, all previous project enrollment has been cleared from the online system so when you are re-enrolling, please select all the interested projects again.

Cuming County Weekly News Update

If you'd like to receive the weekly "Cuming County News Update" via e-mail, please contact Melissa at mnordboe2@unl.edu to be added.

Each news update includes:

- Upcoming Dates/Deadlines
- Monthly Newsletter Link
- Important Information pertinent to 4-H members/parents
- 4-H Enrollment reminders/projects
- Opportunities available to 4-H youth
- Scholarship Information
- Livestock Information
- & so much more!



4-H is for YOU!
4-H is for FUN!

YOUR ... 4-H Council

During the 2018 4-H Achievement Day, new members were welcomed to the Cuming County 4-H Council. You have some wonderful representatives who are there to be your voice should you have any suggestions or concerns.

Your 2019 4-H Council are: Dave Karnopp, Amber Buhrman, Sherry Roeber, Andrea Stewart, Laura Ritter, Alicia Rehak, Todd Schroeder, Kara Sweeney, Karina Hasenkamp, and Chris Schiller. The 4-H Council youth members include Levi Schiller, Brandon Sindelar and Reece Snodgrass.

These members:

- ◆ Determine and make decisions on county 4-H policy
- ◆ Assist Extension staff on program planning
- ◆ Are your link between 4-H members, leaders, the County Extension Board and the public

These members are here to serve you! They meet every other month and the meetings are open to the public. Please feel free to call the Extension Office or email us your concerns. Our goal is to “*Make the Best Better*” and we can’t do that without you.

Youth Philanthropy Contest

The Youth Philanthropy Contest is an exciting opportunity for youth to use their creativity, compassion and love of their community to make a difference. The Philanthropy Council is looking for youth from kindergarten through age 25 to ask themselves this question: *How can I make a difference in my community?* Applicants will submit their best ideas to change the world, right here in their own backyards. Contest winners will receive up to \$1,000 to implement their projects!

Applicants are encouraged to submit a pre-application by **mid-January**. They are looking for projects/proposals that have a positive impact on the community, can be completed within nine months of receiving the money and are charitable in nature (focus on serving the public interest or common good). You do have to complete your project alone and competition is in five categories. More details including application coming soon!

Academic / Scholarship Information

UNL Campus Visits

Now is the time for current juniors and seniors to schedule your University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus visit. Larry, Hannah & Melissa can assist you in setting up a visit specifically designed to meet your interests. Campus visits can be set up to visit multiple departments or focus on just one department. This is a chance to

become familiar with campus and the faculty that you will be interacting with during your post-secondary education at UNL.



DID YOU KNOW?

There are over 150 majors in 10 different colleges at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Check out more details at <https://go.unl.edu/unlmajors>

RED Letter Days

An all-day open house experience for high school seniors! RED Letter Days features:

- Academic Sessions presented by college representatives
- Student Life Sessions focusing on student opportunities & campus life
- The chance to tour campus & visit academic facilities
- Information on admissions, scholarships, & financial aid

View a sample schedule and register at

<https://admissions.unl.edu/events/on-campus/red-letter-days/>

RED Letter Days are scheduled for:

Feb 15 – All Majors	Mar 15 – All Majors
Feb 18 – All Majors	Apr 19 – All Majors
Feb 25 – Pre-Health	Apr 26 – All Majors
Mar 1 – All Majors	

2018 Seniors

You can collect your scholarship money at any time, deadline for collection of your scholarship is **June 1, 2019**. Please bring in the following documentation to claim your scholarship:

- Proof of completion of your first semester/term of college classes (copy of your grades or documentation of completion of Basic Training)
- Thank You note to the 4-H Council
- The completed 4-H questionnaire you previously received (another copy is available at the Extension Office)

NACEB Scholarship

The Nebraska Association of County Extension Boards (NACEB) Scholarship Program for the current academic year deadline is **March 16**.

Scholarship Includes:

- One \$1,000 scholarship for a current student (sophomore or higher) enrolled in CASNR or

CEHS

- One \$1,000 scholarship at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR) or in the College of Education and Human Sciences (CEHS) for an incoming student (freshmen or transfer student).

Local Cuming County Youth Scholarships

The Cuming County Feeders Association and the Cuming County Pork Producers both award scholarships to youth from Cuming County. The scholarships are awarded to students who will be pursuing a two or for year degree with an agricultural major. Application deadline is **March 15**. Complete details are available at High School Guidance Counselor offices.

Scholarship Opportunity

Monsanto recently announced the launch of America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders, a \$1,500 college scholarship for students pursuing degrees in agriculture-related fields.

The application period runs until February 6. The application is administered through the National FFA Scholarship program but students do not need to be a FFA member to apply. The application can be found on the [National FFA website](http://www.nationalffa.org). If you have questions about the application process email scholarships@ffa.org.

Applicants will need to obtain the endorsement of three farmers. **The endorsement period runs through February 6.** Farmers can endorse applications at: [FFA Scholarship Endorsement](http://www.ffa.org) or by calling 1-877-267-3332 by **February 13th**.

For more information on America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders, including a complete list of terms and conditions visit: <http://www.americasfarmers.com>. For the latest updates, follow America's Farmers Grow AG Leaders on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.



Leaders Corner

Online 4-H Leader Enrollment

In 2019, 4-H leaders and volunteers will also enroll through the online enrollment process that was used last year by 4-H members. Current leaders and volunteers were enrolled through the online process. However, the whole process is still evolving to make it as easy as possible for everyone. Instructions for enrolling and re-enrolling are available on our website:

www.cuming.unl.edu. Cuming County 4-H enrollment deadline is **March 15, 2019** with \$5.00 online payment.

4-H Leader Training Scheduled

Cuming County's Annual Leader Training will be **Wednesday, February 13** at Cuming County Courthouse in West Point. Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. with the training beginning at 6:30 p.m. Cuming County 4-H Council will pay for your meal as a thank you for all of your efforts as a leader. Please **RSVP by February 6**. Each club is **required** to have at least one leader attend the training.

What's Your Status?

Help Needed Placing New Members

As new members start contacting the Extension Office we need to know which clubs will be open to new memberships, who to contact and what your focus project areas are. We will be collecting this information at Leader Training but if you are unable to attend please contact us.

Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop

A Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification workshop is scheduled for Lincoln in January. It will be held **January 12-13** at the Nebraska Game & Parks Outdoor Education Center in Lincoln. The deadline to register is **January 2**.

The registration fee is \$110 per person for initial certification and those individuals adding an additional discipline. This fee includes meals, supplies and program materials. Participants must make their own lodging arrangements. Registration on Saturday runs from 8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

For more workshop information and the access to the registration link, go to the [4-H Shooting Sports](http://www.4-h.org) web page or contact Steve Pritchard at (402) 395-2158.

Communication & Expressive Arts

2018 Cuming Co Photography Theme
"PATRIOTIC"

Family & Consumer Science

4-H Quilts of Valor

Community service is a big part of 4-H. 4-Hers and adult volunteers do a tremendous amount of service projects in their community and beyond. We would like to encourage 4-Hers to continue to "make a difference"

by making Quilts of Valor that can be entered in the county and Nebraska State Fair.

Help continue to make this project such a success by making your own Quilt of Valor to donate this year. If you have any questions about the project or guidelines contact the Extension Office.

2019 Culinary Challenge

This year's event will be held on **Saturday, August 31** during the second weekend of the Nebraska State Fair. It will be held in the Raising Nebraska Building. This year's challenge ingredient is **Dairy**. To be eligible to participate, 4-H youth must be between the ages of 10-18, enrolled in a Foods & Nutrition project, have a team of 2 and pay a \$5 registration fee. More information can be found at <https://food.unl.edu/food-projects>

Livestock

Cuming County 4-H Market Beef Weigh Day

Cuming County 4-H Market Beef Weigh Day will be held **March 9**, at the **Harry Knobbe Feed Yards** from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

If you plan on showing market beef for the first time or are new to the 4-H program, please contact our office so we can get the necessary information to you.

District Horse Show

Note: All level testing must be completed by **April 25** for State and District entries. ID forms and entries are due **May 10** to the Extension Office.

District Dates and Locations:

June 10 – Bloomfield	June 13 - Ogallala
June 11 - Elkhorn	June 14 - McCook
June 12 - Ord	

2019 State Horse Show

State 4-H Horse Show at Fonner Park is scheduled for **July 14-18**.

4-H Horse Stampede

The 4-H Horse Stampede has been scheduled for **Saturday, March 30**. Entries are due to the county office by **March 1st**. <http://4h.unl.edu/horse/stampede>

Companion Animal Challenge

The 4-H Companion Animal Challenge has been scheduled for **Saturday, March 30th**. Entries are due to the county office by **March 1st**.

The Companion Animal Challenge allows youth to

compete in companion animal events without their animals. The 4-H Companion Animal Challenge will include the following events: Demonstration Contest, Dog Quiz Bowl, Dog Skill-a-thon Contest, Art Contest, and Photography Contest. Rules, entry forms, and t-shirt order forms can be found online at: <http://4h.unl.edu/companion-animal/challenge>

Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic

The Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic will be held **February 16-24** in Kearney at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds. The Junior Show will be February **23-24**. Visit <http://cattlemens.org> for more information.

American Royal Livestock Show

If you are interested in this show, the complete details can be found at: americanroyal.com

Judging Opportunities

If you are interested in Horse, Livestock, Meats, Skill-a-thon, Poultry, or Dog Judging please contact the Extension Office and let us know that you are interested. We will be sending out correspondence throughout the year and don't want to miss you!

General 4-H Opportunities & News

Volunteer Screening Process

In 2018, the volunteer screening process changed to an online process in order to make it easier for receiving and reviewing information as well as make it more convenient and timelier for 4-H volunteers. This new online process also eliminated the need for the local Extension Office to view personal information in the verification.

All volunteers who work directly with youth are required to complete the Nebraska 4-H volunteer screening process. It is done in order to assure a safe, positive and nurturing environment for all youth involved with the Nebraska 4-H programs and provide protection. The volunteer screening fee is currently being covered by the State 4-H Office.

There are several steps involved when completing the Online Volunteer Screening:

1. Request an Invitation
 - Contact your local Extension Office with name and e-mail
2. Complete the Online Screening Application
 - You will receive an email from Department of Health and Human Services to the email address you provide. You must complete all sections within **30 days** of receiving the email. Must

complete in one sitting.

3. Check your E-mail for Response

- You will receive an email from DHHS Central Registry within 24 hours.

Once you have completed your volunteer screening, you are good for five years. When it is time for re-screening, volunteers will receive an invitation once again from DHHS.

Special Garden Project

The Special Garden Project is a way to offer 4-H members the chance to grow unusual and fun projects. This, the special garden project is Carmine Splendor Okra. It is as unique as it is tasty. This plant is high yielding and produce uniform, red pods. The tropical looking, pinkish flowers are also edible and have a sweet, mild flavor.



4-H members enrolled in the Special Garden Project will:

- Receive a “packet” of Carmine Splendor Okra
- Receive a newsletter about:
 - Planting/Growing okra
 - Okra problems & insects
 - Harvesting & using okra

If interested in participating, please contact Melissa at the Extension Office by **February 1**. Seed packets will be \$0.50 each.

Special Project Grants

Do you need some funding to help you start a major community service project – possible your level six Diamond Clover Project? Potential sources for funding include Cuming County 4-H Foundation Special Project Grant and KD Lee Special Project Grant. The application is simple and available from the Extension Office. **Applications are due** to the Extension Office on the 1st of January, March, May, July, September or November.

Also consider applying to the Cuming County Public Power District for their Round-Up Funds. For more information, contact the Power District at 402-372-2463.

Diamond Clover Recognition Program

This self-paced, six level program is designed to challenge members to enroll in a variety of projects and activities that will help to develop lifetime skills and self-esteem. This program is:

- Non-competitive
- Recognition for all 4-H members – those in traditional clubs as well as independent members
- Self-paced, based on member’s interest and schedule
- Incorporates community service and a learning project
- An assistant to help members broaden their knowledge and life skill base
- A benefit to youth, volunteers/adults and communities

Begin your quest to become a competent, caring and contributing citizen of your community today! Contact your club leader or the Extension Office for assistance.

Ideas for Clover Colleges

If you saw an exhibit at a fair this past summer and think that it would be a great Clover College workshop, we are open to suggestions! Please share your ideas and possible resources with us by **February 1st**!

Project Manual Price Policy

The 4-H Council has a policy that all manuals that cost **\$5.00** and over must be purchased by the 4-H family. We will no longer be able to allow families to check-out the manuals.

Looking for Unique Projects

We are looking for ideas to share with the local newspapers and radio station to help promote 4-H during Cuming County 4-H Awareness Week. If you have any suggestions, let us know by **February 1st**.

4-H Foundation Memorial

Do you have someone that you would like to remember with a memorial? Please consider the Cuming County 4-H Foundation. The Cuming County 4-H Foundation has completed all of the 501(c)3 tax requirements so that your donations will be tax exempt. Funds donated to the Cuming County 4-H Foundation help with special programs, 4-H scholarships, Club Congress expenses, camp vouchers and much more to provide quality 4-H experiences for all of our members. If you have questions about the 4-H Foundation, to make contributions or memorials, please contact the Extension Office.

Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute

The Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute will be **July 8-12** for high school juniors and seniors from all across Nebraska. This conference features speakers, workshops, agricultural education, networking with peers and

industry leaders, professional development, leadership experience, fun and new friends! All of these experiences are free of charge! The application deadline is **April 15, 2019**. Application coming soon!

Innovative Youth Corn Challenge

Do you enjoy being outside?
Learning new things about crops?
Considering a career involving crops, insects, diseases, soils, water or more? Do you want to help figure out how to feed our world's growing population in a sustainable way?



Nebraska Extension and the Nebraska Corn Board are offering the eighth Innovative Youth Corn Challenge contest. This contest, open to 4-H members (age 10 & older as of Jan. 1st) or FFA members (in-school members), guides participants through all aspects of corn production, as well as agricultural careers related to corn production.

As a team (2 or more participants), youth will be challenged to implement a production practice different than normal to determine if they increased their yield. Economics and sustainability of the practice will also be considered. Yields, cropping history, and production information will be collected in the Corn Yield Challenge management summary.

Cash prizes and plaques will be given to the first, second, and third place teams. First place will receive \$1,000, second place will receive \$500, and third place will receive \$250. Sustainability, crop scouting and “extra mile” awards will also be given cash awards. To participate in 2019, youth must complete and return an entry form to Fillmore County Extension Office in Geneva, NE by **March 15th**. Forms can be downloaded after January 1 at cropwatch.unl.edu/youth/activities.

Youth Crop Scouting Competition

Nebraska Extension will be offering the 6th annual Crop Scouting Competition for Nebraska youth in July of 2019. The event includes indoor and outdoor events. Teams of junior high and high school students (those completing 7-12th grades) are invited to participate.

Clubs or other organizations may enter a team composed of three to five participants. An adult team leader must accompany each team. Team leaders could be FFA advisors, crop consultants, extension staff, coop employees, etc.

Top-scoring teams win prizes: \$500 for first, \$250 for second, \$100 for third place. Top two teams are eligible for regional competition in August at Nebraska.

Teams are expected to know basics of scouting corn and soybean fields. This includes crop staging; looking for patterns of crop injury; disease, insect and weed seedling identification; etc. Other topics may include but are not limited to, pesticide safety, nutrient disorders, and herbicide injury.

More information about the crop scouting competition and instructions on how to register a team are available online at <https://cropwatch.unl.edu/cropwatch-youth>.

Registration will be open in March!



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Larry F. Howard".

Larry F Howard
Extension Educator

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hannah Guenther".

Hannah Guenther
Extension Educator

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melissa Nordboe".

Melissa Nordboe
Extension Assistant

