



**November/December 2023**

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Daylight Saving Time Ends

**November 5**



### **CALENDAR**

**\*\*Haskell Ag Lab = Haskell or HAL\*\***

Nov. 4.....4-H at the Movies, 1:00 PM, Majestic, Wayne  
Nov. 5.....Daylight Saving Time Ends – Fall Back  
Nov. 14.....Haskell Coffee & Conversation, 9:00 AM  
Nov. 17.....Deadline for Achievement Applications and  
Diamond Clover Forms  
Nov. 20.....4-H Advisory Meeting, 7:00 PM at HAL (No 4-H Council)  
Nov. 23.....Thanksgiving Day (Haskell Closed)  
Nov. 24.....Haskell Closed  
Dec. 2.....Haskell Winter Fest – 9:00 AM to Noon  
Dec. 4.....Extension Board Meeting, 7:00 PM at HAL  
Dec. 12.....Haskell Coffee & Conversation, 9:00 AM  
Dec. 22-Jan. 1.....Christmas Day & Holiday Break (Haskell Closed)  
Jan. 2, 2024.....Office hours resume at Haskell

## **Dixon County 4-H**

*Find your club  
Find your passion*

**Dixon County 4-H Enrollment**

**Opens October 17, 2023**

**For the 2024 4-H Year**

<https://v2.4honline.com>



*Honoring all who served*

# **VETERANS DAY**

**11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**



**Angela Abts – Extension Educator**  
(4-H and Youth Development)

**Mitiku Mamo – Extension Educator**  
(Water and Cropping Systems)

**Sarah Paulos – Extension Educator**  
(Early Childhood)

**Monica Ebmeier – Office Staff**  
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**Haskell Office Hours:**

Monday-Friday 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

### **Enrollment Update:**

Starting for the 2024 program year, project selection is now optional. By successfully completing enrollment, youth will be eligible to participate in 4-H. While optional, it is encouraged for youth to select projects they are interested in exploring. Yet it will not determine participation of projects, contest, fairs, etc. This will make the enrollment process easier, and it won't limit what the members can be involved in throughout the 4-H year. (Exceptions: horse and shooting sports project members are **required** to select the projects due to parental consent required to participate in these projects).

**2024 Dixon County Fair**

**July 6-10**

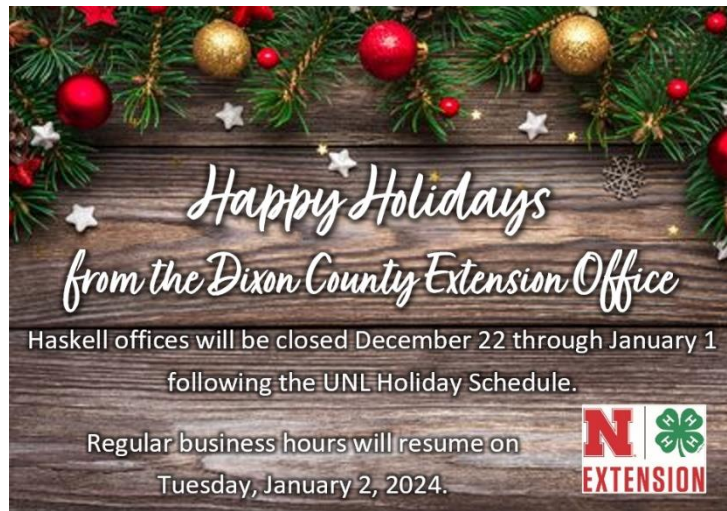
**(Static Check in & Judging – July 5)**

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November 17, 2023

**DEADLINE**

FOR

\*ACHIEVEMENT APPLICATIONS\*

\*DIAMOND CLOVER AWARDS\*



Don't forget to include the **County Award Sheet** with your Achievement Applications!

All Dixon County 4-H members are encouraged to apply for these awards! Completing these applications can open doors to more opportunities! Mailers were sent to all of our families, but can access them here:

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

Deadline to submit is Friday, November 17, 2023, 4:30 PM.

#### Clover Kid Record Book

There is a separate form for Clover Kid members. Clover Kids are not eligible for County Awards, however, there are special Clover Kid awards for those members' ages 5-7 years who complete the Clover Kid form. If a Clover Kid form was not enclosed in your mailing, please let the Extension Office know.

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/dixon/2023DixonCounty4-HCloverKidOnlyApplication.pdf> Deadline is November 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### Diamond Clover

The focus is on planning age-appropriate goals for the year through your club, county and/or individual activities. There are six levels of the Diamond Clover Program. Applications were mailed, but you can get them at the Extension Office, or go to the link: <http://4h.unl.edu/diamondclover> and find more information on this program. Deadline is November 17<sup>th</sup>.



January 22  
March 18  
May 20  
June 17  
September 16

### Dixon County 4-H Council    2024 Meeting Schedule

Meetings are at 7:00 PM, at the Haskell Ag Lab. Zoom will be scheduled as needed. Each club, including Teen Leaders, are asked to have at least one representative at each meeting. Any 4-H member, including Independent members, and parents are welcome to any meeting.

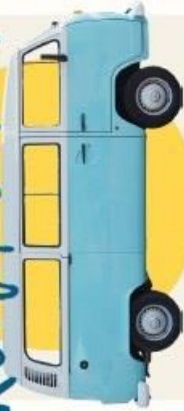


Nebraska 4-H has launched a new volunteer orientation. This online training serves as an introduction to the 4-H Youth Development program in Nebraska and covers a few essential topics for volunteers. While the orientation is required for new volunteers and those going through the re-screening process, any interested individuals, including current and prospective volunteers, are welcome to complete the course. Learn more at <https://4h.unl.edu/volunteer-orientation>.





## VOLUNTEER Road Show!



Join one of the unique volunteer training events to discover new opportunities for your members, network with others volunteers, and build your skills working with youth.

A \$15 registration fee covers a meal and all supplies.

Learn more and register at  
[GO.UNL.EDU/4HVR5](http://GO.UNL.EDU/4HVR5)



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### VIRTUAL – NOV 5

4:00 – 6:00 p.m. CT

### NORTH PLATTE – NOV 6

6:00 – 8:30 p.m. CST

### YORK – NOV 7

6:00 – 8:30 p.m. CST

### OMAHA – NOV 9

6:00 – 8:30 p.m. CST

### KEARNEY – NOV 13

6:00 – 8:30 p.m. CST

## SESSION TOPICS

**The Magic of 4-H** – Learn why youth thrive in 4-H and how this impacts their future development

**4-H Rabbit Project 101** – Learn how to get started in the rabbit project, including basic care, feeding, and show preparation featuring live animals and project experts

**Color Theory** – Experience a basic color theory activity that youth can use in home environment, arts, consumer management, and Clover Kid projects

**4-H Poultry Project 101** – Learn how to get started in the poultry project, including basic care, feeding, and show preparation featuring live animals and project experts

**Environmental Education** – Experience an activity you can share with youth interested in environmental education

**Parliamentary Procedure** – Experience an activity you can use to teach club members about parliamentary procedure



# 4-H at the Movies



**SATURDAY** Register by October 27th

November 4, 2023  
1:00 to 3:30 p.m.  
Wayne Majestic  
Theatre

310 Main Street; Wayne, NE

Join us at the movies with 4-H Families and prospective 4-Hers! There will be a FREE movie for families to enjoy, so get ready to be entertained with Super Mario Bros.



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## FED STEER CHALLENGE

**Nebraska Fed Steer Challenge applications now open!**

**Applications are open and due December 1, 2023**

for the 2024 program year. For more information regarding the Fed Steer Challenge, or to apply to participate in 2024, visit <https://4h.unl.edu/fed-steer-challenge>

There will be a virtual learning session about the Nebraska 4-H Fed Steer Challenge Wednesday, November 8th at 8:00 PM CT (7:00 PM MT)

Via Zoom: <https://unl.zoom.us/j/94751323224>

\*This meeting will be recorded and posted the above website.

### National Western 4-H Catch-A-Calf

This program is designed so that successful participants catch a calf, feed it, and return with the animal one year later as a market-ready steer at the National Western Stock Show. Steers are judged on production and carcass quality, while the participants are judged on showmanship, record books, and a personal interview. For the online application and more information go to: <https://nationalwestern.com/livestock-shows/catch-a-calf-program/>

### **NEBRASKA STATE FAIR MINIMUM SHOW AGE CHANGING TO 8 FOR 2024**

*Nebraska 4-H lowered the age limit for participation in the Nebraska State Fair for all in-person events to nine years of age. That change increased our participation and provided more youth the opportunity to have an engaging learning experience. We had many positive comments from legacy families as well as new.*

*This fall, we have had follow-up conversations with many of you as well as the show superintendents and various teams that run these events during State Fair and throughout the year. Based on that feedback and our goal of increasing access, the decision has been made to change the age of eligibility in 2024 to be 8 years of age before January 1 (of the current year) for all in-person State Fair events (livestock, contests, fashion shows, contests) and other state competitions (Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Expo, PASE, communications contest). Note: there will be some events that will maintain their ages due to specific program rules (shooting sports, FIRST LEGO League Challenge robotics). Please check information on each specific event as it becomes available.*

### **Don and Martha Romeo Scholarship**

On behalf of the Nebraska Association of Fair Managers, we would like to present the Don and Martha Romeo Scholarship to one qualifying 4-H Male and one qualifying 4-H Female who are graduating seniors in the State of Nebraska and who plan to continue with post-high school education for the amount of \$500/each. Scholarship awarded at the annual NAFM convention in January. The application is due to the Extension office on November 30. Application can be found at: <https://go.unl.edu/d3bf>



### **High School Seniors**

Be watching for special emails, Facebook posts, and the Dixon County Extension website for updated scholarship links.

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

\*\*In January, Dixon County 4-H Council scholarship applications will be mailed directly to this year's enrolled high school Seniors.





# WINTER FEST

Winter Fun Workshop for Adults and Youth!

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND**  
**9 AM TO NOON**

**HASKELL AG LAB**

**57905 866 Road, Concord NE**  
**GO.UNL.EDU/WINTERFEST23**

Check here for any weather related announcements

## Highlights:

- Holiday Traditions
- Winter Tree Care
- Animals in Winter
- Wreath Workshop
- Santa
- Youth Activities
- Snacks for all

**\$25**  
Per Wreath  
All other  
activities  
are free.

Pre-register for  
wreath workshop by  
November 21st by  
calling 402-584-2261

We will be collecting winter  
gloves, mittens, hats, scarves to donate to  
a coat closet for those in need. All  
donations appreciated.

All children  
must have an  
adult on site.



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Haskell Agricultural Laboratory

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# Home Canning Workshop

**Featuring Steam Canner &  
Electric Pressure Canner**



**When: November 4th, 2023**

- 10:00-11:30 a.m. Session A - Steam Canner - Grape Jelly
- 1:00-3:30 p.m. Session B - Electric Pressure Canner - Carrots

**Where: Haskell Agriculture Laboratory**

57905 866 Road, Concord NE 68728

**Cost: \$5.00 per session, \$10 for full day (registration  
deadline Oct. 31)**

Call HAL at 402-584-2261 To register

Questions: Julie Boyle - [julie.boyle@unl.edu](mailto:julie.boyle@unl.edu)

Dakota County Extension Office: 402-987-2140

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 4-H at the Movies 1:00 PM Majestic Wayne Haskell Canning Workshop (2 sessions)
5 Daylight Saving Time Ends – Fall Back Virtual Volunteer Road Show 4-6 PM	6 Volunteer Road Show North Platte 6-8:30 PM	7 Volunteer Road Show York 6-8:30 PM	8	9 Volunteer Road Show Omaha 6-8:30 PM	10 	11
12	13 Volunteer Road Show Kearney 6-8:30 PM	14 	15	16	17 Deadline for Achievement Applications, Diamond Clover Awards, and Clover Kids, 4:30 PM	18
19	20 4-H Advisory Comm. 7:00 PM at the Haskell Ag Lab (no 4-H Council)	21	22	23  Haskell Closed November 23-24	24	25
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					1	2 Haskell Winter Fest 9:00 AM-Noon Haskell Ag Lab, Concord
3	4 7:00 PM Extension Board	5	6 	7	8	9
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17	18	19	20	21 	22 Office Closed	23
24	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30
Haskell Ag Lab and Dixon County Extension Office Closed for Christmas Day and Holiday Break – December 22 through January 1						
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