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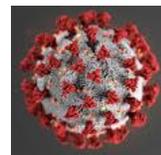
May 2020

CALENDAR 2020

- May 21..... Tentative Deadline Teen Tractor Safety Registration for the Wayne site
- May 25..... Office Closed – Memorial Day
- May 28-29..... Tentative Teen Tractor Safety Training, Wayne County Fairgrounds
- May 29..... Ponca Day Camp Registrations Due
*If canceled, an email will be sent
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- June 1..... Deadline for Drop/Add 4-H Projects**
- June 1..... Deadline Emailed Virtual Speaking, Music, Presentations Contest Registration and Submissions
- June 5..... Results of Virtual Contest Posted
- June 6..... Chick Days reschedule date
- June 9..... Ponca Day Camp, Ponca State Park
*If canceled, an email will be sent
- June 12..... Office Mailing Fair Entry Forms Out
- June 15-19..... District Horse Shows CANCELED
- June 15..... 4-H Council, 7:00 PM
(via Zoom if necessary)
- June 15..... Deadline for Livestock IDs and DNA online**
- June 15..... Deadline State 4-H Show Entries and Advancement Level Testing**
- June 22-23..... (PASE), Lincoln – **POSTPONED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 21 & 22**
- June 24..... State Public Speaking/PSA Contest
This will be held **VIRTUALLY**.
Details to come.
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- July 1..... Deadline for ordering Fair T-Shirts
- July 8..... Fair Entry Deadline to Haskell, 4:30 PM
Bucket Calf Books Due
- July 12..... 4-H Horse Stampede, Grand Island
- July 12-16..... State 4-H Horse Expo, Grand Island
- July 25..... Pre-Fair Judging Day at Haskell**

2020 Dixon County Fair Dates
Entry Day: July 29, 2020
Fair: July 30- August 2, 2020

Due to COVID-19 concerns, the staff for Nebraska Extension Dixon County at the Haskell Ag Lab, Concord, is **WORKING REMOTELY**.



We are still available to help, answer questions, and serve Dixon County.

- We will be stopping periodically to check the **MAIL BOX** (Haskell's east back door).
- You can **CALL** the office number (402-584-2234) as we will check for messages regularly.
- We are **ALWAYS** available through **EMAIL**: Monica mebmeier2@unl.edu (**best option**).

If you need to make an appointment to see us, please contact us.

COVID 19 CHANGES FOR DIXON COUNTY 4-H CLUBS

As a sponsored group of Nebraska Extension, it is required that 4-H clubs follow the guidance of the University to move to "Remote" modes. This includes **NO** face-to-face meetings or lessons. You still have the option for video or teleconferencing for these events. We hope that you continue to strive to provide a positive experience in 4-H!

If you're interested in having a club meeting as a Zoom, please contact us! We're happy to help!

Angela Abts - Extension Educator
(4-H & Youth Development)

Mitiku Mamo – Extension Educator
(Crops & Water)

Sarah Roberts - Extension Educator
(Learning Child)

Monica Ebmeier - Office Staff
(mebmeier2@unl.edu 402-584-2234)
Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

COVID 19 NEBRASKA EXTENSION RESPONSE

Nebraska 4-H takes the health and safety of our community very seriously and we are carefully monitoring the rapidly evolving COVID-19 situation.

As United States and global health officials continue to address the spread of the novel coronavirus and COVID-19 infection, health and emergency preparedness officials at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln are monitoring the situation in collaboration with our university and governmental partners. In doing our part to be responsible about convening large groups of people, we are carefully reviewing calendars and determining how we proceed with each scheduled event. This will be a fluid process as we continue to monitor all available information in the days and weeks ahead.

The decision to cancel all events scheduled for March 16-29. While this was an extremely difficult decision, we are putting the health and well-being of our staff/families/youth at the forefront. From March 30 - May 9, Nebraska 4-H programming will resume in a virtual format. This includes all scheduled educational programs, competitive events, and 4-H club and council meetings hosted by Nebraska 4-H. Additionally, there will be no tagging or weigh-in; families will be responsible for their own tagging and DNA collection.

We are continuing to plan for summer events and will make determinations one month in advance of the event and then continue to monitor the situation up to the event.

EVERYTHING DIGITAL OR REMOTE

COVID-19 Resources <https://covid19.unl.edu/>

Dixon County 4-H Website:

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/dixon/educational-programs/dixon-county-4-h/>

Check out the website's new layout.

If you see links that are inaccurate, please let the office know.

2020 Dixon County Fair T-Shirt Design Contest

The Dixon County 4-H Council is looking a new T-shirt design for this year's fair. All artwork must be original.

Design Submission Deadline

May 1, 2020,

to the
extension office.



Secure your T-shirts with the order form in this newsletter. Orders will not be accepted without payment. Extra shirts will not be ordered.

T-shirt Order Deadline is July 1, 2020, with availability beginning Saturday, July 25.

Virtual & At-Home Learning –

<https://4h.unl.edu/virtual-home-learning>

Looking for learning opportunities you can do from home? We've got you covered! Nebraska 4-H is now offering a variety of virtual learning experiences, such as Living Room Learning and

Boredom Buster Challenges. We've also collected some of our favorite activity guides that are perfect for hands-on learning at home.

There is something for youth of all ages!

Check out the website for more options! Dig deeper and you'll find the Registration Links, and view recordings of sessions.

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Dixon County 4-H

Public Speaking Contest & Music Contest

COVID-19 Changes

- No Face-to-Face Contest
- No Duet or Group Entries per Social Distancing recommendations, unless members of the same immediate family.

Forms available on our website:
<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/dixon/dixon-county-fair-4-h-information/>

Pre-Recorded Entries are to be EMAILED to mebmeier2@unl.edu by June 1, 2020, by 5:00 PM



PRESENTATION CONTEST

- Recorded, Digital Entry

PUBLIC SPEAKING & PSA CONTEST

- Recorded, Digital Entry

MUSIC CONTEST

- Recorded, Digital Entry

FAVORITE FOODS CONTEST

- To be held at Pre-Fair Judging Day, July 25

Results Posted June 5, 2020, by 5:00 PM
Email, Press Release, and
Facebook "UNL Extension – Dixon County"

Recording does NOT have to be in front of a 4-H Council member or Extension Staff

Awards will be distributed at the County Fair

Participants will have the opportunity to showcase one performance during the Public Fashion Show

Registration Due June 1
By Mail, Email or Phone Message
57905 866 Rd, Concord, NE 68728
mebmeier2@unl.edu
(402) 584-2234

How will this work?

The 4-H Office will provide the digital files for the judge to review, who will fill out scoresheets, and send the finalized results back to the office. These will be emailed to the participants prior to the results being posted.

Mid-Year Enrollments

(Drop/Add Projects Deadline)

Mid-year enrollments are due by **June**

1. This is the last chance that 4-H'ers have to sign up for projects they intend to exhibit at the fair. Each family will receive a copy of their enrollment in May. It is your responsibility to make the changes calling or emailing the office with your changes by **June 1.**

Fair Trophy/Awards Input Please

An email was sent out March 23, asking for input from our 4-H youth, on the awards for the upcoming county fair.

We have heard from some adults, but we want input from the youth as well.

Level 1 are the trophies. What styles do you like? If you have specific questions about them, just ask.

Level 2 would be the banners from last year or the buckles in previous years.

There was discussion about the buckles not being of good quality, but some liked them. Thoughts?

If you want to revisit the belt buckles, check these out <https://shop4-h.org/collections/belt-buckles>

Contact the office if you need the email resent. We value your thoughts!

4-H CAT CLUB GONE VIRTUAL

Do you like cats? What about learning how to care for or show them? Maybe you have heard about the 4-H Cat Club in the past and wanted to join, but couldn't make the monthly meetings. Cat Club is a self-paced learning opportunity offering information about caring for and showing cats. Cat Club is open to all youth, as well as adults and volunteers looking to learn more about cats and the 4-H Cat project. New lessons are added each month and cover various topics. The monthly lessons will be made accessible online on the 5th of each month starting in September and continuing through May.

To register, check out <http://4h.unl.edu/companion-animal/cat-club> which also gives instructions for logging in and provides downloadable handout materials.

COMPANION RABBIT SCIENCE

AN ONLINE COURSE OFFERING INFORMATION ABOUT CARING FOR AND SHOWING RABBITS

FOUR UNITS COVER TOPICS SUCH AS SELECTION, ANATOMY, DISEASES, AND NUTRITION. TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE WITH ONLINE ACTIVITIES JOIN COMPANION RABBIT SCIENCE AT: GO.UNL.EDU/RABBITSOURCE OPEN TO YOUTH OF ALL AGES (MATERIAL IS TARGETED TO YOUTH IN 6-8TH GRADE)

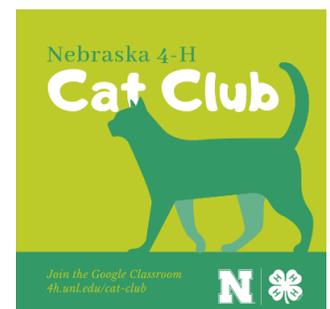
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A new Companion Rabbit Science Online Course is now available for 4-H youth. The target age is middle school, but could be done by other ages as well. The course covers anatomy, physiology, health, and nutrition as care of companion rabbits.

Here is a link to the webpage for the class:

<https://4h.unl.edu/companion-rabbit-science>





YQCA Age Groups

- 8-11 Junior
- 12-14 Intermediate
- 15-18 Senior
- (19-21 Adult FFA)

QUALITY ASSURANCE (YQCA)

All 4-H members enrolled in livestock projects are required to complete annual quality assurance training and certification through the **Youth for Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)** program. This includes youth enrolled in beef, dairy cattle, goat, sheep, swine, poultry, or rabbit projects. Youth may complete online training courses at <https://4h.unl.edu/yqca> Instructions found at <https://4h.unl.edu/yqca-instructions>

Currently web-based training is the only option.

Instructor-led trainings are halted.

We encourage you to do your trainings ONLINE.

Deadline is June 15, 2020.

Copies of certificates need to be provided to the extension office.

DOG 4-H PROGRAM

We are excited to introduce a new resource for the Dog 4-H program – a Dog Showmanship Video series that covers the basics of Dog 4-H showmanship including video examples and descriptions of the patterns. This video series can be found on the 4-H Companion Animal Program web page under the Program Resources section <https://4h.unl.edu/companion-animal> or on our Companion Animal YouTube page <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL579hRei5D7xwKTqpe8kJw0GnfKK4x8l4>.



4-H State Dog Show

Saturday, October 3, 2020 - UNL Animal Science Complex

Entry due date: August 10, 2020

For more information: <https://4h.unl.edu/dog-show>



4-H HORSE PROGRAM UPDATES

- District Horse Shows are canceled for 2020.
- All youth can enter Fonner Park State 4-H Expo without qualifying.
- All State 4-H Expo entries and Horse ID's are now due to the county office by June 15th.
- Advancement Levels completed for State entries are due June 15.
- Stampede was moved to July 12 at Fonner Park in the Bosselman Conference Center. Entries due June 15.
- Skills and demonstration testing are on hold because of social distancing requirements.
- Please do what you can with online testing.
- Look for an email from our office to detail some of this information, if you are signed up for horses.

Our office will keep you updated as things change.

Questions? Please contact us at

402-584-2334 or dixon-county@unl.edu



2020 FONNER PARK STATE 4-H SHOW **JULY 12-16**

<https://4h.unl.edu/horse/state-expo/horse-show>

HORSE ADVANCEMENT LEVEL PROGRAM

- **Written exams** are available upon request from the county extension office. Youth must pass with an 80%. If they do not pass, they will need to request a different exam. Due June 15.
- **Skills test** – currently on hold
- **Demonstration** – currently on hold
- **Written Reports, Feed Charts, and Health Care Papers** – email to the county office at the time of completion.

EXHIBITORS MUST OBTAIN A PREMISE ID

All animals must have I.D.s in order to be shown. For the Extension Educator to sign, you have to have your YQCA (Quality Assurance training) completed.

4-Hers planning on going to State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben will need to do the Stock Show Online Nomination Process. We have the instructions in the office and they will be mailed out to the families we have register in livestock that are 10 years old or older.

How to obtain a Family Premise ID through the Nebraska Department of Agriculture:

https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/wayne/Livestock_Premises_ID.pdf

DNA SAMPLES DEADLINE – June 15

DNA samples must be collected on animals exhibited at Ak-Sar-Ben and State Fair. The charge for each DNA sample is \$7.00 and is paid online, at the State 4-H website. This website will be shared once it is active.

LIVESTOCK ID DATES

Livestock Identifications for county and state fair, and any other 4-H show, deadlines to the Extension office:

Horses – June 15

All other species - June 15, for Rabbits, Bucket Calf, Breeding Beef, Cow Calf, Feeder Calf, Dairy, Goat, Swine, Sheep

Market Sheep and Market Goats will be identified by their Scrapie Tags and if going to State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben the animals will need to be DNA'd before June 15.

Each Breeding Animal will need to be tattoo and animal information. Registered animals also need a copy of the registration paper.

SPECIE AFFIDAVITS DEADLINE JUNE 15

The extension office will need affidavits for every animal requiring ID. If they're to be shown at the County Fair, we will need the affidavits.

 **4-H GROWS HERE**

All information for the 4-H horse program can be found at <http://4h.unl.edu/horse>



The Nebraska 4-H Equine Webinar Series is a great way for 4-H leaders, parents, and senior aged youth to gain knowledge in various equine-related topic areas. Each month, a new topic will be covered with various experts joining to share their experience and expertise.

The webinars are hosted online using Zoom, a video conferencing service. To join an upcoming Webinar, please register in advance at <https://nebraskaextension.zoom.us/meeting/register/ed40d0bfc29bc113dc2040ba88984b7b%20%20>. After registering, you will receive links and details for joining the live webinar.

Not able to make it to the live webinar? All of the Equine Webinars are recorded and made available below for on-demand viewing. Additional materials that are shared or discussed during webinars are also available.

Participants are also encouraged to complete the survey to help in planning and improving future Webinars. Additional Public Info:

<https://4h.unl.edu/horse/webinar-series>
Webinars are at 6:00 PM (CST)
on the second Monday of the month.



DID YOU KNOW?

CHECK OUT THE LISTING OF 150+ MAJORS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN.

GO TO [HTTPS://GO.UNL.EDU/NEBRASKAMAJORS](https://go.unl.edu/nebraskamajors)

4-H HORSE STAMPEDE

This event has been rescheduled!

The 2020 4-H Horse Stampede will be held during the first day of the State 4-H Horse Expo in Grand Island. Contests will take place on July 12th at Fonner Park in the Bosselman Conference Center. Any youth who previously entered for the event originally scheduled for March will need to re-enter. Entries will be due on June 15, 2020.

This event offers a variety of 4-H horse contests that don't require live horses, including public speaking, demonstration, quiz bowl, art, and photography contests. Youth have the opportunity to display their equine knowledge through these contests both as an individual and as part of a team.

There is a \$10 entry fee per contestant. All contest entry forms, brown bag lunch form, and T-shirt form must be submitted along with entry fees to county Extension offices by June 15. They will soon be available at <https://4h.unl.edu/horse/stampede>.

If you would like to have lunch or a t-shirt at the contest please make sure to fill out a lunch or t-shirt order form when registering for contests.

Entries and fees are due to me by June 15, 2020.

For more information and to access the registration forms: <https://4h.unl.edu/horse/stampede>

Questions on the Horse Stampede or Companion Animal Challenge? Contact Dr. Lisa Karr (lisa.karr@unl.edu) or Grace Kim (grace.kim@unl.edu)

4-H EXHIBITOR ARM BANDS



AN ORDER WILL BE PLACED JUNE 1ST, FOR ANYONE NEEDING ONE.
 \$2.50 each

NEBRASKA 4-H SELF-PACED LEARNING on YouTube

COOKING BASICS, RECIPE FILE

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NNJg8xtAyZ0&list=PL8PMz6vOY3UGFuLRilgw-hSz76xXW0yL &index=3&t=0s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NNJg8xtAyZ0&list=PL8PMz6vOY3UGFuLRilgw-hSz76xXW0yL&index=3&t=0s)



Bread in a Bag

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QPw9HDPrQGU&list=PL8PMz6vOY3UGFuLRilgw-hSz76xXW0yL &index=2&t=0s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QPw9HDPrQGU&list=PL8PMz6vOY3UGFuLRilgw-hSz76xXW0yL&index=2&t=0s)



DIXON COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

The 4-H Council meeting is on June 15, July 20, September 20, and tentatively November 16. All Council meetings begin at 7:00 PM.

Hopefully by that time, we can resume normal meeting activities by meeting in person.

Each club is to have at least one representative at these meetings. Teen Leaders are to attend these meeting also. Club leaders and youth, Independent members, and parents are welcome.

CLUB OF THE MONTH

Each month a 4-H club is chosen as the Nebraska 4-H Club of the Month by the Nebraska 4-H Foundation. In order to be chosen, 4-H clubs must nominate themselves by filling out the applications found at <http://ne4hfoundation.org/recognition/>. The club that is chosen as Club of the Month will be acknowledged for their achievements, service projects, and awards! Winners will receive a \$50 check from the Nebraska 4-H Foundation and will be recognized statewide! Good luck!



Scholarship Opportunity for Agriculture Majors

The Independent Professional Seed Association (IPSA) is pleased to announce the opening of the scholarship period for the 2020/2021 school year. The IPSA scholarship program was created by the Myron "Ted" Asplin Family to benefit the future of agriculture by supporting and encouraging the education of future ag professionals. Ten \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded to students studying in the field of agriculture. **Both high school seniors and active college students majoring in Agriculture are encouraged to apply. Applications deadline has been extended to the IPSA by APRIL 30, and award winners will be announced by June 1.**

For more detailed information go to:

<https://ipseed.org/ipsa-affairs/scholarships>

Please keep in mind, in addition to the application online, the most recent student transcripts and 2 letters of recommendation must be uploaded for each applicant. PDF is the preferred version.

2020 Online Horticulture Judging Contest

Do you know what it takes to pick the best fruit and vegetables out at the grocery store? Or do you know what judges are looking for when they judge your plants at the county fair? Have you ever wondered, what plant is that!?! We are excited to offer the opportunity to learn these and other important horticulture skills through the Online Horticulture Contest. **The contest will be available June 5-22, 2020** at: <https://go.unl.edu/hortcontest>.

Horticulture judging contest consists of three parts. The first is identification of plant material. Participants identify the plants by common name from a plant list. Specimens may be alive or preserved plant parts like stems, twigs, leaves, flowers, seeds, fruits, roots, bulbs, tubers, or plant products.

The second is a knowledge portion, usually in the form of a true/false or multiple choice quiz. Questions will test the contestant's knowledge of cultural practices for horticultural crops, plant science, pesticides, horticultural careers and other topics related to the production, processing and consumption of horticultural crops.

The last portion is judging or placings. This is where four different plants, plates of vegetables, or containers flowers are ranked from best to worst based on a set of criteria. Classes are judged on the basis of condition, quality, uniformity, true-to-type, and size.

More information about the Nebraska State contest along with a list of study materials can be found in the State Fair book <http://4h.unl.edu/fairbook/plant-science/horticulture-id>. Here you can find the written study materials for the knowledge portion, follow links to plant pictures for help with identification, and read how judging of plant material is done.

More details at: <https://4h.unl.edu/online-horticulture-judging-contest>

PREMIER ANIMAL SCIENCE EVENT (PASE)

Premier Animal Science Events (PASE) is a two-day event designed to help youth learn about issues related to the animal industry, explore career opportunities that are available, compete with other teens from across the state, and have FUN!

PASE will be held ~~June 22-23, 2020~~ **POSTPONED TO SEPTEMBER 21-22** at University of Nebraska-Lincoln East Campus. Opportunities for youth include [livestock judging](#), [meats judging](#), and [poultry judging](#), as well as [livestock skill-a-thon](#) and [livestock quiz bowl](#). Youth can participate in more than one contest or event as their schedule allows. 4-H members may also participate in the [Life Challenge](#) contests that will be taking place on campus at the same time. In addition, youth will have chances to explore East Campus, meet with faculty members and current college students, and have fun with friends! Pre-Registration is required for all participants. Pre-registration is completed by county Extension offices. For more information check out the PASE website: <http://4h.unl.edu/pase>

Identifying Volunteer Opportunities for Youth: 4-H Civic Engagement Ideas

4-H empowers young people to be true leaders. True Leaders are people who have confidence, will stick to a job until it gets done, and can endure through challenges. Communities across Nebraska need true leaders now more than ever.

4-H volunteers and youth across Nebraska may be looking for ideas about how they can become civically engaged, all while abiding by the guidelines shared by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

A web page with numerous ideas can be found at: <https://4h.unl.edu/4-h-civic-engagement>. Now is a great time to collectively use our heads for clearer thinking, our hearts for greater loyalty, our hands for larger service, and our health for better living.

More details at: <https://4h.unl.edu/4-h-civic-engagement>



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**SCIENCE & AG
FAMILY FIELD DAY**

**AG ECON, FOOD & NUTRITION,
LIVESTOCK, CROPS & WATER**

**SAVE THE DATE
AUGUST 5, 2020**

HASKELL AG LAB
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CONCORD, NE 68728

**BRING THE FAMILY OUT FOR A DAY AT THE HASKELL AG LAB. DISCOVER WHAT'S GOING ON
AT THE FARM THROUGH DEMONSTRATIONS, TOURS, PRESENTATIONS AND DISPLAYS.
DON'T FORGET TO STAY FOR A FREE LUNCH! ACTIVITIES WILL BE GOING ON ALL DAY.**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4-H Clover Challenge Activities on flyer for the month of May Complete a minimum of 2 points per leaf of the clover. Return to extension office for drawing.				30 11:00-11:30 AM Inspire Kids To Do – HEAD Live Zoom	1 T-Shirt Design Submission Deadline	2
3	4	5	6	7 11:00-11:30 AM Inspire Kids To Do – HEART Live Zoom	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 11:00-11:30 AM Inspire Kids To Do – HANDS Live Zoom	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 11:00-11:30 AM Inspire Kids To Do – HEALTH Live Zoom Deadline for Teen Tractor Safety Training Wayne class	22	23
24	25 Office Closed Memorial Day 	26	27	28 Teen Tractor Safety Training, Wayne Fairgrounds	29 Deadline for Ponca Day Camp Registration	30
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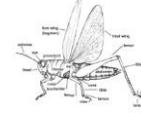


SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
	1 Deadline Drop/Add 4-H Projects Deadline VIRTUAL Speaking, Music, Presentations Contest Registration and Entries	2	3	4	5 Results of VIRTUAL Contest to be Posted	6 Rescheduled Chick Days	
7	8	9 Ponca Day Camp	10	11	12 Office mailing out Fair Entry Forms	13	
14	15 •Deadline Livestock ID's & DNA •Deadline Horse ID's & Entries •Deadline Horse Levels Testing •Deadline 4-H Horse Expo Entries 7:00 PM 4-H Council	-----DISTRICT HORSE SHOWS CANCELED-----				19	20
21	22	23 PASE Postponed to September	24 VIRTUAL State Public Speaking & PSA Contest, Lincoln	25	26	27	
28	29	30	Looking Ahead: July 1 - Deadline for Order Fair T-Shirts July 8 (by 4:30 PM) -Deadlines for Dixon County Fair Entries & Bucket Calf Books July 12 – 4-H Horse Stampede, Grand Island July 12-16 – State 4-H Horse Expo, Grand Island July 25 - Pre-Fair Judging at Haskell July 29-August 2 – Dixon County Fair				





4-H Plant and Insect Identification Contests



*If you like plants and/or insects, here's your opportunity to build skills and have fun too!
Attend to participate in one, two, three or all four contests!*

Your interest - your choice! Bring a friend too!
(4-H'ers may earn a trip to a state and/or national contest!)

Thursday, June 25, 2020

Agricultural Park Exhibit Hall Club Room, Fairgrounds - 822 15th Street, Columbus NE
(Entrance to Ag Park is at intersection of 10th Av. and 15th St.)

12:15 – Welcome and Instructions

12:30 PM - Horticulture Judging, I.D. & Quiz

1:45 PM - Tree Identification

2:35 PM – BREAK with Refreshments

2:45 PM - Grass and Weed Identification

3:45 PM - Entomology (Insect) Identification

PLEASE BRING A CLIP BOARD TO USE DURING THE CONTEST

Identify plant/insect samples for each contest. For horticulture, there is also a quiz and 4 judging classes (vegetables, fruits, flowers, nursery stock). Study materials available at <https://4h.unl.edu/fairbook/contests>. For information, contact your local Extension office or Kelly Feehan at kfeehan2@unl.edu or 402-563-4901.

Clip & return registration by Tuesday, June 23rd to: UNL Extension, 2715 13th Street, Columbus, NE 68601
2020 Tree / Horticulture / Grass & Weed / Insect Contests Registration

Name/s: _____ 4-H Age/s: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ E-mail: _____

County: _____ Birth Date: _____

I plan to participate in: (please check one division and all contests you plan to participate in)

Division: 4-H FFA OPEN

Contest: Horticulture Tree ID Grass/Weed ID Insect ID

Age Divisions (age as of Dec. 31, 2019): Clover Kids: 5 - 7, Junior: age 8 - 9, Intermediate: age 10 - 13, Senior: age 14 - 18



DIXON COUNTY 4-H T-SHIRT ORDER FORM 2020

The design for the 2020 T-shirt will be selected at the June 15 4-H Council meeting. Shirts will be a 4-H Green (Kelly green) short sleeve. Design on back.

Youth Small	_____	x \$11 =	_____
Youth Medium	_____	x \$11 =	_____
Youth Large	_____	x \$11 =	_____
Adult Small	_____	x \$11 =	_____
Adult Medium	_____	x \$11 =	_____
Adult Large	_____	x \$11 =	_____
Adult XL	_____	x \$11 =	_____
Adult 2XL	_____	x \$14 =	_____
Adult 3XL	_____	x \$14 =	_____
Adult 4XL	_____	x \$14 =	_____
Total Amount	\$ _____		

Please make checks payable to the **Dixon County 4-H Council**. T-Shirts will be available for pick up at the Extension Office beginning Saturday, July 25, 2020.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Best Telephone #: _____

Mail forms and payment to:
Nebraska Extension at Dixon County
57905 866 Road
Concord, NE 68728



Please order your shirt(s) by **July 1, 2020**.
 Orders will not be accepted without payment.
 -Order now to secure your shirts-
 Extra shirts will not be ordered.

*For club orders, please include a list of those getting shirts with their corresponding sizes. Thanks!

2020 Teen Tractor Safety Training



All youth aged 14 and 15 who work on a farm or ranch other than their own *MUST* be certified through a Hazardous Occupations Course to obtain a Farm Husbandry Permit or “farm permit” without further testing. Successful completion of the course will allow trained youth to operate a tractor over 20 horsepower, and connect or disconnect an implement or any of its parts to or from a tractor.

For more information, contact an Extension office near you:

<u>Training Site Location</u>	<u>Extension Office #</u>	<u>Dates of Training</u>
Fairgrounds, Ord	(308)728-5071	May 26 & 27
Fairgrounds, Wayne	(402)375-3310	May 28 & 29
Plains Equipment, O’Neill	(402)336-2760	June 1 & 2
Fairgrounds, Gordon	(308)327-2312	June 3 (Day 1 online)
Evangelical Free, Ainsworth	(402)387-2213	June 4 & 5
Fairgrounds, Geneva	(402)759-3712	June 9 & 10
WCREEC, North Platte	(308)532-2683	June 11 & 12
Buffalo Co. Ext. Office, Kearney	(308)236-1235	June 16 & 17
Adams Co. Ext. Office, Hastings	(402)461-7209	June 18 & 19
Legacy Museum, Gering	(308)632-1480	June 29 & 30
Fairgrounds, Weeping Water	(402)267-2205	July 1 & 2

Please register by one week in advance, or courses may be cancelled. Minimum of 10 students required. Contact appropriate office above for instructions on registration and payment.

Cost of instruction, materials, and lunches: \$60, payable to UNL

Name: _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ Town: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

I plan to attend



Appropriate outdoor working clothes required.

All participants must have a release signed by a parent or guardian.

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