

UPCOMING EVENTS AND DEADLINES

Feb. 1 — 4-H Enrollment Deadline

Feb. 4 — Extension Board, 7:30 PM

Feb. 9 — Beef Weigh-In

10:00 AM to Noon, Haskell Ag Farm

Feb. 17— Jr. Leaders Soup Dinner &

Raffle, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM,

Dixon Community Hall

Feb. 18 — 4-H Council & Superintendent

meeting on awards, 7:00 PM

Feb. 23 — 4-H Makerspace,

9:00 AM to Noon (Deadline Feb. 11)

March 1— 4-H Ambassador Deadline

March 16 — 4-H Makerspace, 9:00 AM

to Noon, Dakota County Ext. Office

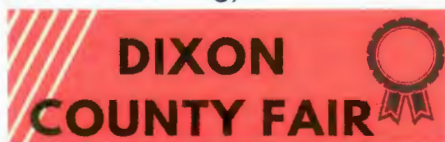
(Deadline March 11)

March 18 — 4-H Council, 7:00 PM

March 30 — 4-H Makerspace, 9:00 AM

to Noon, (Deadline March 25)

** Unless stated otherwise, events are held at the Haskell Ag Lab (downstairs of the office building)



July 31- August 4, 2019

Sarah Roberts - Extension Educator
(Learning Child)

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

Monica Ebmeier - Office Staff
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Office Hours

Monday-Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

4-H ENROLLMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

4HOnline (<https://ne.4honline.com>) is open and you can enroll at any time. Enrollments are **DUE by Feb. 1, 2019**. If you have forgotten your password, use the "I forgot my password" option or contact the Extension Office. DO NOT set up a new profile.

Note: *Clubs and projects will need to be added back into profiles as they were cleared at the state level. *A Horse Project Release has been added in the Additional Information section.

Attention: when re-enrolling, please review the **Volunteer and 4-H Youth/Parent/Guardian Codes of Conduct. Nebraska 4-H** follows this model as well. Please try to get registered by **Feb. 1, 2019**.

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Nebraska Extension asks ALL volunteers to be screened through the Department of Health and Human Services for child abuse and neglect. The database is updated every four years on a district rotation. Our district was updated in 2016, so only new volunteers or those who didn't complete the process in 2017-2018 need to be updated this year.

4-H MEMBER AND LEADER INSURANCE

The insurance forms will be emailed out to all club leaders and independent members once we see who has signed up online for 4-H. **For 2019, the 4-H Council is covering the costs of insurance premiums for ALL Dixon County 4-Hers.**



FEBRUARY IS NEBRASKA 4-H MONTH

and Nebraska 4-H wants to hear your 4-H story! Maybe it's showing a rabbit. Interview judging. Or zooming down the zip line. Share a short video or photo that shows your 4-H experience. Videos or photos may be shared through social media using the #NE4H and #TrueLeaders hashtags. Or, if your story involves a community service project, submit your project on the 4-H Community Service Project Map at <https://4h.unl.edu/community-service-map> and the project will be shared through the Nebraska 4-H social

BEEF WEIGH IN

For weigh in we will be having it on **Saturday, February 9** at 10:00 AM to 12 Noon at the Haskell Ag Lab farm. Remember that if the 4-Hers or parents cannot attend they will need to come into the office and sign all the forms. If you have any questions please call the Extension Office.



MARKET BEEF

All 4-H Market Beef must be weighed and tagged to be eligible for the County Fair Rate-of-Gain Contest. See above on the weigh in date.

DNA samples must be collected on animals exhibited at Ak-Sar-Ben and State Fair. **In addition, beef must be tagged with an EID tag. Tags will be available at weigh in with a cost of \$2 each.**

As in previous years, the State Fair is requiring a negative BVD test be stated on the certificate of Inspection.

All animals weighed and tagged are eligible for the Norfolk Beef Expo Show and Sale.

The charge for each DNA sample is \$7.00;

Ear tags are \$2.00 each; and all must be paid at weigh-in. Accepting cash or check. Limited cash on hand.

Please be prepared to complete all paperwork.

2019 NEBR DISTRICT 4-H HORSE SHOWS

All Entries due to the Extension Office by May 10.

2019 DISTRICT HORSE SHOW DATES

June 10 — Bloomfield

June 13 — Ogallala

June 11 — Elkhorn

June 14 — McCook

June 12 — Ord



2019 Fonner Park State 4-H Show July 14-18.

HIPPOLOGY ACADEMY

Announcing **Hippology Academy**. All NEW online courses for youth and adults. Practice tests, slides, digital stations, and twice weekly lectures in 6 content areas. Participants can interact with Equine Professors from Universities across the United States. February 11—March 24, starting at \$50 for all 6 weeks. For details, visit <https://www.extensionhorses.org/>

TROPHY SPONSORS NEEDED FOR 2019

If anyone is interested in sponsoring an award, please contact the extension office.

4 Trophies at \$15.00 each

Champion Beginning Barrel Race; Champion Beginning Trail Ride; Reserve Champion Market Swine; Champion Meat Class Rabbit

Advance Clothing Construction Champion

1 Buckle at \$30.00

Champion Intermediate Rabbit Showman

2019 NATIONAL YOUTH SUMMIT ON PHOTOGRAPHY SKILLS & CAREERS

National 4-H Conference Center is pleased to announce the arrival of the 4-H Photography Skills & Careers Summit to the National 4-H Conference Center. This totally new program is ramping up to be the one national 4-H event you won't want to miss! Sample mini-tracks to include sports photography, forensic science, photographic arts, nature photography, photo-technology, medical photography, photo-editing, photojournalism, space and military photography and show-animal photography. The National Youth Summit on Photography Skills & Careers will be held February 28 through March 3, 2019. It is a national conference for high school students, grades 9 through 12. It's designed for both the casual and experienced photographer. **Registration is open!** Register and find out more information at

www.NationalYouthSummits.org.

Registration closes on February 8, 2019.

Special Garden Project for 2019

The Special Garden Project is a way to offer 4-H members the chance to grow unusual and fun projects in their gardens. This year the Special Garden Project is focused on the unique Carmine Splendor Okra, which is as unique as it is tasty. This plant is



high yielding and produces uniform, red pods. The stout 5-pointed pods are deep red when small and at the best eating quality. The tropical-looking, pinkish flowers are also edible and have a sweet, mild flavor. The mature seed pods also give a fun twist

for winter interest in a container. Youth should enroll for the special Garden Project through 4-H Online. Once enrolled online, youth are to let their extension offices know they are enrolled in the project. Also, by enrolling online, they will have access to the box folder with the educational materials including the growing newsletter and evaluation.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

*The Monsanto Company offers **America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders**, a \$1500 college scholarship for students pursuing degrees in agriculture-related fields. You do not have to be a FFA member to apply. Applications are due by **February 6**.

You can check out available scholarships at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/dixon/4h/>

COMPANION ANIMAL & WILDLIFE CAREER DAY

High School age students are encouraged to attend a Companion Animal & Wildlife Career Day at the Animal Science Complex of the UNL East Campus, on March 6, 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM. This event is FREE and limited to the 50 participants. Register at <https://bit.ly/2wOL8eX>. Contact Aly Raymond at araymond2@unl.edu for more information.



4-H MAKERSPACE 2019

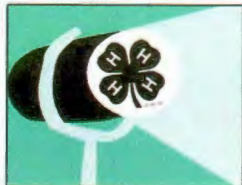
Are you looking to gain new skills this year? Then consider joining the fun on "4-H Makerspace" this year (formerly 4-H Saturdays). There will be several hands-on projects for youth to complete and learn new skills. Open for youth ages 8-18 years old. There needs to be a minimum of 5 individuals for each workshop. There is a flyer in this newsletter with the projects and due dates to register. For more information contact the extension office.

NEBRASKA 4-H DIAMOND CLOVER

Program is a form of recognition for all ages. Members should be setting their goals now and work toward completing them during the 4-H year. Forms are available on the Dixon County website. Click on Diamond Clover forms. Those members wanting to complete Level 6 (Diamond) must have their plan approved by March 1 through the Extension Office. More information can be found at <https://4h.unl.edu/diamond-clover>.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT!

Thank you to the members of **New Generation and Pop's Partners 4-H Clubs** for the 53,220 pop tabs collected for the Ronald McDonald House. Great community service project!! Kudos!



DIXON COUNTY 4-H JUNIOR LEADERS

The Junior Leaders will be holding their annual **SOUP DINNER AND RAFFLE**

on Sunday, February 17, 2019, at the Dixon Community Center.

The dinner will run from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm serving soups, desserts, and drinks.

Raffle held at 1:00 PM.



JOIN THE DIXON COUNTY 4-H JR. LEADERS!

Here is a great opportunity to build your leadership, citizenship, & life skills through 4-H.

Dixon County 4-H members (must be 12 years by January 1, of the current year) are invited to join.

Meetings are typically held once a month (usually on Sundays) at the Haskell Ag Lab, just east of Concord. Members usually commit to 4 years.

For more information, contact:

Deb Messerschmidt, Parent Leader at (712) 574-6924 or rrmfarm@gmail.com

Angela Abts, Extension Educator (4-H & Youth Development) (402) 987-2140 or aabts2@unl.edu



MINUTES of the November 18, 2018 meeting

The Meeting was called to order. We said the pledges. The adult leaders were introduced. We talked about the obligations of being a Jr. Leader and signed contracts. We elected officers: President-Brandon Mellick; Vice President-Katelyn Pehrson; Secretary-Keziah Connell; and Treasurer-Mitchell Fischer. We played "Have you ever...?" to get to know each other. We heard the treasurer's report. We talked about 4-H Council sign up and brief reminder about the soup supper and raffle in February. We wrote suggestions from working at the fair food stand. We voted for our guest speaker for the March meeting, to attend an overnight at the zoo or a person to teach self-defense. We voted to do Mercy Meals as our community service project in April. Brandon Mellick adjourned the meeting, Rachel Ebmeier seconded. Carried. Our next meeting will be January 20, 2019. Anyone interested in joining (age 12 and up) can contact the Extension Office for more information. Respectfully Submitted, Keziah Connell

MINUTES of the January 20, 2019 meeting

The Meeting was called to order. We said the pledges. The secretary minutes were read from the last meeting. More Jr. Leaders are needed. Dues are \$5 for the year. We handed out posters for the Soup Supper and Raffle. We signed up for making soup for the Soup Supper. The set up for the Soup supper will be February 16 at 4 p.m. Jr Leaders are to be at the Dixon Community Center by 9 a.m. On February 17. We got our raffle tickets. We are hoping to do Mercy Meals on April 6. In March, we are looking to do a self defense class. Our next meeting will be February 17 which is the Soup Supper and Raffle. Zoe made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Megan 2nd it. Respectfully Submitted, Keziah Connell

Dixon County 4-H Ambassadors

The primary goal of the Dixon County 4-H Ambassador Program is to build communication skills to be utilized in an advocacy role for Dixon County programs. Check out the flyer for more!

UNL College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR) EXPERIENCE THE POWER OF RED February 13, 2019

Join us on East Campus on February 13th from 8:30 AM to 12:00 NOON and become a part of our community for a day! You'll meet faculty, staff, and current students to learn first-hand what life at NEBRASKA is really like. Explore campus in person and get a true sense of the UNL College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR) experience.

You can do big things here. We want you to succeed and we know that this is the place where you can find the one-to-one connections to help you do that. Please RSVP by February 6, 2019 at

casnr.unl.edu/visitday

or contact Sue Ellen Pegg with questions at (402) 472-0615.

2019 BIG RED SUMMER ACADEMIC CAMPS

All camps are June 9-14, 2019

Big Red Summer Academic Camps are residential camps; ALL housing and food will be provided for all participants throughout the duration of the camp. Space is limited and camps will fill on a first-come, first-served basis. Limited scholarships are available to attend all Big Red Summer Academic Camps, **significant scholarships** may be available for select camps. Please check bigred-camps.unl.edu for additional significant scholarship information.

New camp offered for 2019: **Discover Animation**. Also offered are the focus areas of Weather and Climate Science, Education, Engineering, Filmmaking, Outdoor Nebraska, Unicameral Youth Legislature, and Veterinary Science.

Select middle and high school teachers (agriculture, family science, computer, science), guidance counselors, and UNL Admissions Office prospects will receive the brochure via mail. More information regarding Big Red Camps is also available online at <http://bigredcamps.unl.edu>.



4-H GROWS HERE

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The University of Nebraska was chartered on February 15, 1869 and charged with its land-

grant mission of public education and service to Nebraska. In 2019, we mark a 150-year legacy of improving the quality of life for Nebraska and beyond.

Please join us in celebrating the historic past of your University and helping us chart a bold new future.

Flat Herbie is here to celebrate this milestone. Cut out Herbie and make him a part of your community by taking him on a tour of your town. Snap a picture of him at local events, favorite land-marks, or 4-H & Extension activities. Upload the pictures to your social media channels with #N150Herbie or email us at nebraska4h@unl.edu. Let the adventure begin!



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DID YOU KNOW?

Housing & Learning Communities

Most first-year students must live on campus, meaning you'll be steps away from classes and student life opportunities. See which one of our 17 residence halls fits you best.

Live, learn and connect with other students by joining a learning community. It's an easy way to make friends and take your studies to the next level.

Check out UNL housing & learning community options at:
<https://go.unl.edu/housing>

INTRODUCING—

Monica Ebmeier, of Laurel, has recently taken over the duties of Office Manager at the Extension Office. Monica and husband Mark have 3 children: Elizabeth, Daniel and Rachel, with everyone being involved with Dixon County 4-H and Jr. Leaders. The family also enjoys attending O'Comicon or any family gathering, with movie quotes thrown in for good measure. Monica also likes to garden, canning what is produced, and is active in her church and the LCC School Alumni Board. She is looking forward to working with everyone and making positive steps toward a great 4-H year.



EXTENSION

4-H Makerspace



Are you looking to gain new skills this year through 4-H Makerspace? Then consider joining the fun on “4-H Makerspace Days” this year. There will be several hands-on projects for youth to complete and learn STEM skills. Open for youth ages 8-18 years-old. There needs to be a minimum of five individuals for each workshop. For more information, please contact the extension office.

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Dakota City, NE 68731
(402) 987-2140

Nebraska Extension in Dixon County
57905 866 Road
Concord, NE 68728
(402) 584-2234

Sewing Saturday-Rag Quilting **Saturday, February 23, 2019**

9:00 to 12:00 p.m.

Dixon County Extension Office

Cost: \$15

Supplies Needed: Must bring a sewing machine. Flannel material (3 pieces) 1 ¼ yard of fabric for each piece; thread; and basic sewing supplies

Project Focused on Design Decisions or Quilt Quest

Class Description: Participants will learn how to make a rag quilt using a sewing machine.

Maximum: 20 participants **Deadline:** February 11th



Sewing Saturday-Faux Chenille Pillow

Saturday, March 16, 2019

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Dakota County Extension Office

Cost: \$15

Supplies Needed: Must bring a sewing machine. 1 ¼ yard of printed fabric for the top of the pillow; 2/3 yard for the back; thread; basic sewing supplies; and 18” pillow form.

Project Focused on Design Decisions (Textile 3D)

Class Description: Participants will learn how to make a faux chenille pillow cover using a sewing machine and chenille cutter tools.

Maximum: 15participants **Deadline:** March 11th



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Join the Dixon County 4-H Junior Leader Club!

Here is a great opportunity to build your leadership, citizenship, & life skills through 4-H. Dixon County 4-H members (must be 12 years by January 1, of the current year) are invited to join.

Why Should I Join? So Many Reasons

- Leadership Experience and Training.
- Potential to attend the Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) Experience or earn college scholarships based on years in club and points by completing community service and fund-raising.
- County and State Teen Leadership Opportunities-camp counselors, Cloverkid judges, ambassadors, committees, 4-H Council, and much more.
- Citizenship and Service Opportunities.
- Potential to attend educational tours and experiences.
- Provides a Great Addition to Resumes.
- Fund-raising opportunities-work at the Dixon County 4-H Junior Leader food stand at the fair.
- Build long-lasting friendships.
- And much more!

When are the meetings?

Meetings are typically held once a month (usually on Sundays) at the Dixon County Extension Office outside of Concord. Members usually commit for four years.

For more information:

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<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/dixon/JR.%20LEADERS%20CONSTITUTION2016%20Revised.pdf>



4-H Ambassadors



Dixon County 4-H



Job Description (2019)

The primary goal of the Dixon County 4-H Ambassador Program is building communication skills to be utilized in an advocacy role for Dixon County 4-H programs.

Applications are due to the Nebraska Extension Office in Dixon County by March 1, 2019.

Eligibility:

- Youth 14-18 years of age (age on January 1st).
- Youth will serve a two year term (can reapply for another term).
- Enrolled as a 4-H member (Dixon County).
- Must be an active member for at least two years prior to application.
- Complete this application by March 1, 2019

General Duties

- Serve as a positive role model to all youth.
- Represent 4-H to the public-develop an elevator speech about 4-H and its positive impact.
- Write an article about 4-H for the newspapers (National 4-H Week and Nebraska 4-H Month)
- Promote 4-H to potential donors and supporters of the 4-H program.
- Assist with 4-H events at the Dixon County Fair (pass out awards during shows and special events), Achievement Celebration, and other county, regional or state 4-H events as a 4-H Ambassador.
- Assist and/or teach at 4-H Workshops (summer, Markerspace Saturdays, etc.)
- Assist with new member recruitment by visiting elementary classrooms as well as other community events (Missouri River Expo, Back to School events, etc.).
- Must attend and be on time to the scheduled dates (please contact us if you have a conflict).
- Wear a 4-H Ambassador shirt and nametag (this will be provided) to events.
- Attend a 4-H Ambassador training (TBA).
- Scholarship money from the Dixon County 4-H Council may be available at the end of your term.

Questions, please contact Angela Abts (aabts2@unl.edu)



4-H Ambassadors



Dixon County 4-H



Application (2019)

Applications are due to the Nebraska Extension Office in Dixon County by March 1, 2019

Name _____ Grade _____
Age _____ 4-H County _____ School _____
Parent/Guardian Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Home Phone _____ Email _____
Youth Cell Phone _____ Parent's Email _____
Parent's Cell Phone _____ Can we send text message reminders? Yes No

T-Shirt Size: Small Medium Large X-Large XX-Large

Please answer the following questions in no more than four typed pages.

- 4-H Experiences
 - * Summarize your involvement in 4-H (local, county, state, and national levels). Do not list awards & ribbons
 - * What has been your most rewarding 4-H experience and why?
- Leadership Experiences
 - * Summarize your leadership responsibilities and/or positions (in 4-H, school, your community and other activities)
 - * What has been your most fulfilling leadership experience and why?
- Personal Statement
 - * What do you think you can contribute to the Dixon County 4-H Ambassador program?
 - * Why do you want to be a Dixon County 4-H Ambassador program?

I have prepared this application personally. To the best of my knowledge, this information is truthful and accurate.

Signature of Applicant

Date