Open House for Sandy Preston

Please join us for a retirement celebration honoring Nebraska Extension Educator Sandy Preston on Friday, May 29th from 1:30 to 3:30 pm at the Haskell Ag Lab 1 mile east of Concord, NE. Sandy has dedicated 15 years of service to the people of Dixon county with 40 years of total service to the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. Sandy requests that any monetary gifts be made to the Dixon County 4-H Council. Any cards, letters or mail expressions can be sent to the Haskell Ag Lab, 57905 866 Road, Concord, NE 68728, ATTN: Keith Jarvi

Mid-Year Enrollment Deadline

Dixon County 4-H’ers have been sent copies of their enrollment. Contact your club leaders with changes. It is your responsibility to contact your organization leader. You can also go online and update your projects. The June 1 deadline applies to Dixon County Clubs and independent members. To exhibit the project at the fair it needs to be on your enrollment sheet by June 1.

Dixon County Showmanship Clinic

The Dixon County 4-H Council will be sponsoring a showmanship clinic on May 30th at the Dixon County fair grounds. The clinic will run from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Age divisions will be 8-18 (4-H age). There is no cost to the clinic. Pre-registration is highly recommended.

The possible schedule is as followed:
  9:00-10:00 AM  Rabbit
  10:00- 11:00 AM  Poultry
  11:00- 12:00 Noon  Beg Horse
  12:00 – 12:30  Lunch Break
  12:00 – 1:00 PM  Adv Horse
  12:30 – 1:30 PM  Swine
  1:30 – 2:30 PM  Sheep & Goats
  2:30 – 4:00 PM  Beef

For the horse showmanship Dr. Brad Johnson will be leading the sessions with the following sessions.

1st Session: Beginning showmanship: bring your horse and show halter.

2nd session: Advanced showmanship and intro to horsemanship: bring your horse, saddle and bridle.

Don’t forget your smile, we want to have fun!

Pre-register with the Extension Office by May 23. Dixon County Teen Leaders will have the lunch stand open for the clinic. A flyer is included in this newsletter. Call the Extension office if you have questions.

Ponca Day Camp

Attention 4-H members (and friends) 8 – 11! Reserve June 23 on your calendars and plan to attend Ponca Day Camp. Camp will begin with registration at 8:45 and adjourn at 5:00 pm.

Camp activities include 3-2-1 Lift Off; Archery; Game & Parks; Get Up & Go; Lunch & Snacks; and Swimming.

Registrations are due June 12 to the UNL Extension Office in Dixon County. Counselor training will be June 22. Registration forms for Ponca Camp and Counselor are in this newsletter and you can find it on the http://dixon.unl.edu website.

4-H T-Shirts for Sale

At the last 4-H Council they decide to have a light grey t-shirt with the 4-H clover on the front and this logo on the back. It reads “4-H Takes You Places”. Call the Extension office to order a t-shirt. Cost will be $9.00, xx-large-$ 9.50 and xxx-large- $10.00. Order by June 15th.
4-H Project Day – June 18

All youth 8 to 18 are invited to learn more about Muffins and making a Dresser Topper at the Dixon County 4-H Project Day, on June 18 at the Haskell Ag Lab. Mark June 18 on your calendar.

Pre-registration is needed by June 11. Flyer is included in this newsletter.

Critters Come To Camp – June 30

Clover Kid Camp will be held Thursday, June 30th, 9:30 – 12:00 noon at the Haskell Ag Lab, Concord. The cost is $5.00 with pre-registration by June 22. You will be making a creative wall hanging, create your own critter, and make puppy chow and moo juice. Flyer is included in this newsletter.

Quality Assurance

All youth enrolled in beef, sheep, swine, dairy goat, meat goats, dairy cattle, rabbit, or poultry projects are required to complete Quality Assurance. If you did not attend the on hands QA training in March you will need to take the online course.

The State 4-H Office has updated the Quality Assurance Website a link is on the Dixon.unl.edu site. If you have questions or need to use a computer to take the test please call the Extension Office. QA needs to be completed by June 15th.

2015 Horse Information

- Horse levels must be passed by May 15, 2015.
- Members 11 years of age on or before Dec. 31 must pass Horse Level 1 to exhibit at the Dixon County Fair.
- To be eligible for the District Horse Show, members must pass Horse Levels 1 & 2.
- Some classes at the Fonner Park State Show require passing Levels 3 & 4, although no level testing is required to exhibit in showmanship and halter.
- 2015 District Horse Show dates and locations:
  - June 10 Bridgeport
  - June 11 Valentine
  - June 15 McCook
  - June 16 Ord
  - June 17 Wayne
  - June 18 Seward

State Horse Show July 13-16, 2015

All entries for District and State Horse Shows, ID sheets, and Level testing for these shows need to be in the Extension office by the end of the work day on May 15, 2015.

Please contact the Extension office if you need to take the level testing this year and what level for which you intend to test. These tests can also be taken at club meetings with the horse leader giving them. Skill test need to be given by certified testers. Please contact the office for a list of skill testers.

Tractor Safety Classes

Tractor Safety classes will be held at the Wayne County Fairgrounds on June 15-16, 2015. The class is planned for June 15, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm and June 16, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm or until testing is completed. Will need at least 8 registrations to have this workshop.

Any youth 14 or 15 years of age who works on a farm or ranch other than his parents’ is required to be certified through a tractor safety course. Extension Educators and field specialists will teach the class.

Cost for the course is $60, which includes all materials, testing, and lunches and breaks both days. If you are interested in the class call the Dixon County Extension office (402-584-2234) to sign up for the classes by June 1. Registration forms will be sent out to those who pre-register.

4-H Club of the Month

The Nebraska 4-H Foundation and Nebraska 4-H Ambassadors have joined together to start a program which recognizes 4-H clubs throughout the state of Nebraska. Any 4-H club may nominate themselves to be the Club of the Month. Nominations are due the second Friday of the month before the club can be chosen Club of the Month. The club who is chosen to be Club of the Month will receive a $50 cash card from the Nebraska 4-H Foundation and their story will be showcased on the Nebraska 4-H Foundation’s Facebook, Twitter, and website along with the State 4-H website and Facebook and in their local newspaper. Please email nomination forms to ne4hclubofthemonth@gmail.com

Is There Any Interest in a Lego Group?

Is there anyone in Dixon County 4-H who would be interested in starting a Lego group? Yvonne Hansen and Leslie Johnson are considering starting a group and would like to know if anyone is interested in joining. Call the Extension Office at 402-584-2234 if you would like to join the group.
Camping At Fair

Camping at the Dixon County Fair will be by reservation and pre-pay in 2015. Registration will open on April 1st 2015 and run until the campgrounds are full, or July 31st, whichever comes first. After July 31st camping will be first come first serve for sites not yet reserved. Reservations can be made by contacting Mark Muller @ 402-369-9000 or 402-287-2010. Cost per night is $15. Payments can be made to the Dixon County Ag Society and mailed to Mark Muller 58477 865th RD Allen, NE 68710. Reservations will not be taken by mail, you must first call to verify availability before sending payment.

Notice From the Fair Board

The Dixon County Fair Board is looking to hire someone to maintain and clean the restrooms at the 2015 Dixon County Fair. If interested contact either Allan Bauman (355-2686) or Sandy Newton (287-2755).

Trophy Sponsors needed for 2015 Fair

Champion Advance Home Environment
Champion Junior Swine Showman
Champion Senior Swine Showman
Champion Decorate Your Duds
Belt Buckle sponsor for Champion Sr Horse Showman

If you know of someone who will sponsor these trophies please call the Extension Office.

Superintendents For Fair

The office is looking for someone to help out with the fair as superintendents for the following shows: Rabbits; Decorate Your Duds; Fashion Revue.

Judging Day

Judging day is on Saturday, July 25, 2015 at the Haskell Ag Lab, Concord. This includes fashion revue, clothing judging, photography, favorite foods, New Food Event, and music contest. Please keep checking the newsletter for more information.

Photography Themes for 2015

Unit II: Nebraska Photography Career Exhibit Print: Explore a career as an editorial photographer. Editorial photographers take pictures that highlight the topics being written about in books, magazines, and newspapers. Editorial photos should be creative, powerful images that tell an intriguing story. Let’s tell a story about why we love our Nebraska communities. Capture editorial photos that tell a story about your Nebraska Community.

Unit III: Nebraska Photography Career Exhibit Print: Explore a career as a commercial photographer. Commercial photographers take pictures that are used for promotional purposes. Commercial photographs are often used in print and online communication materials (advertisements, brochures, flyers, web sites, social media banners, direct email messages, etc.). Capture commercial photos that tell the story of 4-H in your Nebraska community; photos should show the Nebraska 4-H Program in action. Photos may be used to promote the UNL Extension 4-H Youth Development Program. Remember you can only be in one photography project.

State Fair 4-H Foods Event

The purpose of the Foods Event is for youth to demonstrate healthy decision making through nutrition, menu planning, food preparation, and food safety. Similar to Favorite Foods or Table Toppers contests already happening in counties, the contest requires teams of two youth to choose a theme, create a menu, prepare one food item (and bring it to the contest), and present their table to a judge.

Here’s are the twists:

- Youth must incorporate a CHALLENGE ingredient into their menu. This can be in the food they prepare and bring, or in another menu item. The 2015 Challenge Ingredient is APPLE.
- Technology MUST be incorporated into their presentation. Some possibilities include: use of an iPad or laptop with PowerPoint, picture story, video of food prep, or digital menu card. Youth are encouraged to be creative!

A full description of the contest, including the Foods Event score sheet, is available in the State Fair book http://4h.unl.edu/nebraskastatefairbook.

Shooting Sports Leader Training Opportunity

Currently in Dixon County we have only one certified 4H shooting sports leader, Bill Boese. Bill is certified in archery. You cannot have a shooting sports club in the county unless you have a certified leader. Often our 4H’ers have had to go to another counties’ club to be involved in the other disciplines. Other disciplines are rifle (BB gun, air rifle and small bore), shotgun, hunting, and muzzleloading. Because of safety concerns, becoming a certified 4H Shooting Sports Leader requires a 1 ½ day training session at the initial cost of $100. Also, depending on the discipline and location, ammunition costs may be added (i.e. Ponca State Park requires that you buy steel shot from them for shotgun at a very reasonable cost). We are trying to get a training session set up at Ponca State Park if there is enough interest. To get a training session, there needs to be at least 24 paid participants. The participants can be from anywhere.
The dates that we are looking at are October 24-25 or October 31-Nov 1, 2015. If you are interested in becoming a certified shooting sports leader, please contact the Extension office as soon as possible, and if we get enough interest we will try to set up a training session.

### Big Red Camp 4-H Members

These are just a few of the options available to you at the 2015 BIG RED ACADEMIC CAMPS to be held during the week of **June 7-12, 2015**. These career exploration camps are a chance for you to explore the UNL campus, meet people from across the country, spend time investigating an interest or potential career and have lots of fun.

2015 BIG RED ACADEMIC CAMPS will be hosted by Nebraska 4-H and UNL faculty members in various academic areas across campus. After spending several fun-filled days exploring a specific topic like filmmaking or crop science, we'll invite your family to join you for a special "capstone event" where you can showcase your work.

For more information call 402-472-2805 or email pieffries1@unl.edu. Website to look at is https://4h.unl.edu/4hcamps/bigredcamps.

### Win an iPad mini™

If you are in FFA or 4-H, submit a name of a fellow member that does an outstanding job of logging projects and book keeping, so that they have a chance to win an iPad mini.

How to Enter: Submit your preferred member’s name to your leader and they will submit to Laurie Larsen at LKLARSEN_72@GPCOM.NET.

Deadline: August 31, 2015.

Winners: One iPad mini will be presented to each winner in Knox, Cedar and Dixon counties in Nebraska.

Two winners will be announced for each county. Six total winners will be selected for this youth contest. Winners must be between 14 and 18 years of age who are enrolled in 4-H or FFA in 2015 and reside Nebraska. *This is a youth contest. Other restrictions may apply. Contact the local FCS America office for a copy fcsamerica.com

### Maverick Young Entrepreneur Boot Camp

UNO’s Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship is hosting the Maverick Young Entrepreneur Boot Camp, designed for students entering 7th through 10th grade, June 8-12, 2015 at the UNO College of Business Administration. The camp will run from 8:30AM to 12:30PM Monday through Friday. Students will learn about innovation and business startups, meet local entrepreneurs, have on-site visits to local startups and lots of hands-on experiential exercises. The cost for signing up is $149.00 per participant. Significant scholarships are available for eligible students. Please note that housing is not provided. Visit http://nbdc.unomaha.edu/CBAbootcamp to learn more and www.myeb.eventbrite.com to register. If you have any questions, please contact the Director of Entrepreneurship, Dale Eesley at (402) 554-2706 or email him at deesley@unomaha.edu.

### Dixon County Fair is Scheduled for August 1-5, 2015 with Entry and Judging Day for Static Exhibits July 25, 2015.

Note: The Teen Dance at the Dixon County Fair will be on Monday, August 2, 2015. Please note this change in the fair schedule.
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- **May 1**: Last day to add projects
- **May 4**: Washington DC Trip till June 12
- **June 1**: Tractor Safety Wayne District Horse Show McCook
- **June 3**: District Horse Show Bridgeport
- **June 4**: All Livestock ID sheets due in office
- **June 7**: Big Red Camps, Lincoln
- **June 9**: Big Red Camps, Lincoln
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- **June 11**: Big Red Camps, Lincoln
- **June 12**: Big Red Camps, Lincoln
- **June 14**: Tractor Safety Wayne District Horse Show Ord
- **June 15**: District Horse Show Wayne
- **June 16**: District Horse Show Valentine
- **June 18**: Project Day HAL 9:30 pm
- **June 21**: Father Day
- **June 22**: Ponca Camp Counselor Training TBA
- **June 23**: Ponca Camp 8:45 – 5:00 pm Ponca State Park
- **June 24**: Clover Kid Camp 9:30 – 12:00 noon
- **June 25**: 4-H Council 7:30 pm
- **June 26**: Ponca Camp and Counselor reg Due