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- **Agriculture** ............ Nathan Mueller
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- **4-H** ........................ TBA

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- **4-H** ........................ Amber Maassen

**Office Manager** ........... Mary Spath

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**Newsletter is going Electronic**

As of May 1, 2016 families will no longer receive a hard copy of the 4-H newsletter. Families will receive the link to the newsletter in the weekly 4-H Blast. The newsletter will be posted on the Nebraska Extension in Dodge County webpage for your easy 24/7 access. If you would like to continue to receive a hard copy of the newsletter please call the office and ask Amber to put you on the “hard copy” list. Families have also received a post card that can be sent in or you may also send in the bottom of the newsletter with your decision. Please inform us of your decision by May 1. Thank you for your assistance during this change!

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**2016 Dodge County 4-H Update Meeting Volunteer Training**

**WHO:** ALL Dodge County 4-H leaders, volunteers & parents

**WHAT:** Catered Meal sponsored by the Dodge County 4-H Council

**WHEN:** Thursday, March 31 @ 6:30-8 pm

**WHERE:** Extension Office - Dodge County 1206 W 23rd St, Fremont, NE 68025

RSVP by Monday, MARCH 28 at 402-727-2775

Or amaassen2@unl.edu

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**Fremont 4-H Fair**
**July 6 - 9, 2016**

**Nebraska State 4-H Horse Show**
**July 10 - 14, 2016**

**Dodge County Fair**
**August 3 - August 7, 2016**

**Nebraska State Fair**
**August 26 - September 5, 2016**

**AK-Sar-Ben Stock Show**
**September 22 - 25, 2016**

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**4-H ONLINE ENROLLMENT**

Online 4-H Member Enrollment is here! Information is available online at [http://dodge.unl.edu/enrollingin4h](http://dodge.unl.edu/enrollingin4h)

And includes links to:
- Member Online Enrollment Directions
- Member Online Enrollment
- Dodge Co. Project Resource Central (formerly Pick-A-Project)
- Volunteer Online Enrollment Directions
- Volunteer Screening form

**To enroll a member:**

1. Pull up the 4-H online website at [https://ne.4honline.com](https://ne.4honline.com).
2. Using directions available online ([http://dodge.unl.edu/enrollingin4h](http://dodge.unl.edu/enrollingin4h)) through your leader or with this newsletter, enroll member online.
3. For payment...
   - **By credit card,** choose credit card and enter your information.
   - **By personal check or cash,** choose “check” and then mail or bring to Nebraska Extension—Dodge County office.
4. Submit completed enrollment.
5. Responses may include:
   - **Pending or Incomplete** — We may request additional information and/or be awaiting check/cash in office.
   - **Approved** — Enrollment is complete; payment is received.

**Staff is happy to assist by phone, email or in person at the office.**

Once an enrollment has been submitted, it is electronically forwarded to Amber’s (Dodge County 4-H Assistant) email. Amber will then “approve” (confirm) the enrollment to make it official. Payment ($10) fee must be received BEFORE enrollment is approved.

Step-by-step instructions are available online, in leader packets and with this newsletter.
FREQUENTLY ASKED ENROLLMENT ?s

We enrolled in 4-H last year. Do we have an existing account? Yes, but each year active members must re-enroll in 4-H to participate by logging in and enrolling for the current year.

Can staff enroll for me? No, but staff is happy to help.

What if I want to enroll my child but do NOT have access to a computer? You are welcome to use a Nebraska Extension computer and/or staff support within our office.

What is the Member Enrollment web address? ne.4honline.com

Where can I find step-by-step enrollment directions? http://dodge.unl.edu/enrollingin4h

What if I live in one county but want to enroll my child/ren in a different county? On the first screen, “County” means the county where you will be doing 4-H—NOT the county in which you live. [For example, if I live in Washington County but want to enroll in a Dodge county club, I would enter “Dodge” as my 4-H county.]

What if I want to enroll my child/ren in two counties? Regardless of your family’s address, choose one county to be your primary county. Enter that as your 4-H county on the first screen. Deeper into the record you will have the opportunity to enter a secondary county. Finally, you will enter the club in your primary county as your primary club and in the secondary county as your secondary club. [For example, if I want to enter my child to primarily ride horses with Ridge Riders in Saunders County but to also do some home design projects in a Dodge County club, I would enter Saunders as my primary county and Dodge as my secondary.]

What if I want to enroll my child/ren but do NOT have an email address? An email address will be used as each family’s user/access code. If you do not have or choose not to share your email address, enter your last name and then “@noemail.com”. [For example, Joe Smith would enter “smith@noemail.com”.] Your child/ren will then be entered into the 4-H membership database. But all additional office contacts will be by phone or mail.

Is Clover Kids a club or a project? In 4-H, Clover Kids are youth ages 5-7 on January 1, 2016. In Dodge County, we also have a club in the North Bend area called “Clover Kids”. Enroll in your primary club and then— for youth age 5-7 on January 1, 2016— enroll in ONE project: Clover Kids project.

With no Dodge County Shooting Club, how do I enroll my child/ren in Shooting Sports project? Enroll in your primary club. Add shooting sports as a project with that club. Then contact Leo Blaha (402.693.2417) to learn about shooting sports project opportunities.

How do I pay for 4-H membership? 4-H memberships can be paid for by credit card, check or cash. To pay by credit card, choose the credit card option and follow the online directions. To pay by personal check or cash, choose the check option and submit payment to our office directly by mail or in person.

I submitted my child/ren’s enrollment— how will I know if I am done? Once the completed enrollment AND payment are received in our office, you will receive a confirmation email.

I submitted my child/ren’s enrollment and received the message “Enrollment looks good. Once we receive payment, your child will be officially enrolled.” Now what? If you selected “check” as your payment method, enrollment is NOT complete until the check or cash is received in our office. Once payment is received, you will receive a confirmation email.

I submitted my child/ren’s enrollment and received a message requesting additional information. Now what? Provide the additional information. Once the enrollment is completed with the additional information, you will receive a confirmation email.

Once I have successfully enrolled my child/ren, can I make changes to their record? Projects can be added or dropped until June, 15, 2016. Contact information can be changed throughout the year.

Do adult volunteers enroll online? Yes, this is new this year. If you were a volunteer last year the office set up an account for you or added you to your families account if you had child/ren enrolled last year. Find steps at http://dodge.unl.edu/enrollingin4h
THE 4-H EMBLEM
The official 4-H Emblem is a clover with four leaves and an “H” on each leaf. The clover’s stem must point to the right as you look at the image. The 4-H Emblem is not a plain four-leaf clover. If you are a 4-H member or volunteer, you are permitted to use the 4-H Name & Emblem once your program is chartered with the official 4-H charter from National 4-H Headquarters at the Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension service (CSREES) within the United States Department of Ag (USDA). If you need more information or clarification contact the Nebraska Extension Office in Dodge County.

4-H CLUB OF THE MONTH
Due 2nd Friday of each 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. Nominations are due the second Friday of the month before the club will be the 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 both the Nebraska 4-H Foundation’s and the Nebraska State 4-H’s Facebook and website as well as the Foundation’s Twitter and the club’s local newspaper.

Forms are available at: http://ne4hfoundation.org/recognition/
Please email nomination forms to: ne4hclubofthemoth@gmail.com
or send to: University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Nebraska 4-H Foundation
PO Box 830719
Lincoln NE 68583-0719
Phone: (402) 472-1178

4-H VOLUNTEER LEADER TEAM
The size and number of members in a 4-H volunteer leader team will vary from club to club, depending on the size and structure of the club. Each club will identify its individual needs and decide on the leader team that will work best.

Some volunteer 4-H Leader Options:

ORGANIZATIONAL LEADER
(The main contact between the club and the Nebraska Extension office)
Manages and organizes the club

PROJECT LEADERS (there may be several)
Select and work on project activities

ACTIVITY LEADER
Organizes club activities not limited to:
• Community service
• Fundraising
• Trips and tours
• Promotional activities

CAREER PORTFOLIO LEADER
• Reviews Career Portfolios with members, helping them with record-keeping and completion.
• Shares up-to-date knowledge about possible awards and available scholarships

ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERS
The 2016 club organizational packets are available and ready for you to pick up. All 2016 enrollment information is included in the packets. It is the responsibility of the organizational leader to arrange for member and volunteer online enrollment.

***Due June 15, 2016***
If your club would like to learn more about certain curriculum areas, parliamentary procedure, career portfolios or any other topic of your choice, contact the Nebraska Extension Office in Fremont and we can set up a date to come to your next club meeting.

4-H Enrollment directions are available at:
http://extension.unl.edu/statewide/dodge/enrollingin4h/

2016 Dodge County 4-H Ambassadors
Emily Franzluebbers
Taylor Harms
Shae Moeller
Jamie Poppe
4-H PROJECT SELECTION
Selecting the right 4-H projects can be challenging. Careful planning and decision-making up front will increase member satisfaction, improve completion and reduce frustrations. A resource to help you make a decision is the Project Resource Central available on the web at: http://4h.unl.edu/4hcurriculum/projectresources
The Pick-A-Project guide lists all Nebraska 4-H projects and resources with a brief description, including recommended levels.

Tips for Parents & Club Leaders:
1. Encourage members to pick just a few projects. It is better to complete one project than to give up on many. Accepting responsibility is an important 4-H life skill. Completing a project is a good way for a 4-H’er to demonstrate responsibility.
2. Encourage members to work on projects in related areas. For example, members might enroll in foods AND horticulture — or home environment AND woodworking — or horse AND veterinary science.
3. Encourage members to work at one level per project: beginning, intermediate OR advanced. For example, avoid being in Woodworking I and Woodworking III the same year.
4. Encourage members to select a project level based on the Pick-A-Project recommendations AND their individual abilities. For example, older members may start at a higher level IF the beginning projects are too basic for them.
5. Encourage members to progress to the next project level once the current level challenges have been either accomplished or repeated for several years.

The Nebraska Extension Office - Dodge County staff is happy to help with project selection as needed.

Tips for Members:
When selecting a project, ask yourself:
- What do I like to do for fun?
- What do I want to learn?
- What do I already know about my interest area/s?
- How many years have I done this project or project level?
- What do I need to complete my projects: space, equipment, supplies, financial resources?
- How much time do I have to commit to the project?
- Who can help me with the project?

4-H TEACHES
Through the more than 150 4-H projects available, 4-H members learn practical skills such as fitness, meal preparation, clothing care, animal and human nutrition, first aid, woodworking, gardening, and more. Life skills are a part of every 4-H project. These daily skills include:
- solving problems
- communicating
- preparing for a career
- serving others
- choosing healthy lifestyles
- managing change and challenges

4-H wants our members to receive more from their projects than ribbons, trophies, trips and monetary gains. 4-H wants our members to acquire project knowledge and life skills. 4-H youth development professionals have evidence that 4-H programs benefit participants by helping them develop valuable life skills that will enable them to become better citizens.

Research shows that 4-H members use the responsibility skills they developed from 4-H projects to complete homework assignments, be on time at work, and care for younger siblings. These skills are benefitting youth in school, at home, and on the job to be more dependable, confident and qualified individuals. In particular, knowledge gained from raising 4-H animal projects assisted students in their understanding of biology, physiology, and genetics.

THE PURPOSE OF THE DODGE COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL
According to the Dodge County 4-H Council Constitution, Article II:

The purpose of the Dodge County 4-H Council is to assist the Dodge County Extension Staff in the promotion of 4-H and to help plan and carry out the various activities pertinent to the Dodge County 4-H Program.

Therefore, persons elected to the 4-H Council are empowered to make decisions regarding the Dodge County 4-H Program. Dodge County 4-H members, leaders, parents, and volunteers are encouraged to share their suggestions, concerns, and ideas with the 2016 4-H Council members in order to... Make the best better!

2016 DODGE COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

Kris Dvorak
Aaron Hemme
Maria Kriete
Liesa Miller
Kyrsten Mottl
Lindsay Peters
Rachel Purcell
Jay Schroeder
Robyn Harms
Faith Hemme
Michele Larsen
Shae Moeller
Kaylee Ness
Hunter Purecell
Anna Ready
Kelly Witte
**Northeast Interview Contest**

New for 2016 there will not be a State Interview Contest. However, there will be a Northeast Regional Interview Contest held at the Lifelong Learning Center in Norfolk on May 26th. The same rules will apply. Interview Contest Resumes and cover letters will be due: May 12th to Mary Jarvi at the Norfolk District Office. Ribbons and Trophies will be awarded. Intermediate and Sr. Divisions are eligible. Stop in and pick up your entry form from the office or it can be found online at our website under 4-H Contests. Please contract the Office for more information or with questions.

**2016 DODGE COUNTY 4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING & PRESENTATIONS CONTEST**

*Deadline: Monday, April 25, 2016*

*Event: Thursday, April 28, 2016*

*At the Masonic Home for Children, Fremont*

For entry form guidelines, please go to:

[http://dodge.unl.edu/contests](http://dodge.unl.edu/contests)

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**2016 Nebraska Theme Exhibit Print**

The 2016 State Fair 4-H Photography Nebraska Exhibit Print class is described below. Both Unit II and Unit III will include this class.

Nebraska Exhibit Print: Help us celebrate the national “4-H Grows Here” campaign. Capture photos of people and places that illustrate 4-H growing and thriving in Nebraska! Your photos should tell a story about how “4-H Grows Here” in your local community. Please print and include the 4-H Grows Here! logo in your photos. The logo can be accessed at: [https://unl.box.com/s/krptc9q2fytxpcyc6q6flx6ni6z7mo](https://unl.box.com/s/krptc9q2fytxpcyc6q6flx6ni6z7mo).

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**Science Saturday’s at Raising Nebraska, Grand Island**

Celebrate the International Year of the Pulse through Science Saturdays, a free and open to the public event, at Raising Nebraska located on the State Fairgrounds in Grand Island, NE. Science Saturday occurs the second Saturday of every month with the facility open from 10:00 to noon. The highlighted program consists of an educational, interactive and fun 25 minute session. Upcoming programs include:

- March 12th – Pulse on the Plate by Cami Wells
- April 9th – Classify your Pulse by Jim Schild
- May 14th – Pollinator Power by Doug Golick

For more details about the Science Saturday program, visit [www.raisingnebraska.net](http://www.raisingnebraska.net) or contact Beth Janning at 308.385.3967 orejanning2@unl.edu

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**DIAMOND CLOVER**

*Deadline: November 1, 2016 by 4:30 pm*

*Nebraska Extension Office - Dodge County*

4-H members of all ages are encouraged to get involved in the optional statewide form of recognition entitled “The Diamond Clover Program”. Member’s participation will enhance their efforts with their Career Portfolio. 4-H members will gain self-esteem from successfully completing the requirements of each of the levels. Other opportunities the program offers includes: satisfaction gained through progress made towards self set goals, provide opportunity for developing youth and adult partnerships and projects completed will be valuable additions to resumes. If you did not participate in this program last year, now is the time to choose what level you want to start with. If you did participate last year then you need to move up to the next level and set your goals for this year. After filling out the front side of the form, give it to your leader for safe keeping throughout the year. In October, your leader will return the form and you can fill out the back page with your accomplishments.

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**QUILTS OF VALOR**

Last year Iowa Public Television Came to York, Nebraska, and Nebraska State Fair to videotape Nebraska 4-Hers who were working with Quilts of Valor. Several of our 4-H’ers, leaders, and Extension Staff were interviewed and showcased. The 100+ minute documentary was shown in Iowa the first part of December. The Quilts of Valor II Documentary will be broadcasted on NET on Sunday, March 6 at 12:30pm CT. It is also scheduled on NET Create on March 7 at 11:00 am CT and March 12 at 2pm CT.
**4-H/Activity Internship Opportunity Summer 2016**

Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children

The 4-H/Activity Intern will be responsible for supervising the young persons at the Home during the summer months with direct supervision of the Director of Child Care Services.

You will work with and around children, consistent with the mission, goals and philosophy of the Home and you must possess a current Nebraska driver’s license, at least 21 years of age and a high school graduate. A background in 4-H, agriculture, industrial technology, psychology, sociology, human services, criminal justice and/or teaching would be helpful but not required.

Number of Openings: 4

Wage: $10/Hour

Hours: 8am to 4pm M-F with minimal weekend hours

Contact Information

Todd Thomason

Director of Child Care Services

Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children

402.721.1185

ttthomason@meshc.org

More Info at: dodge.unl.edu

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**BIG RED SUMMER ACADEMIC CAMPS**

**Sunday-Friday, June 5-10, 2016 At UNL, Lincoln**

The 2016 Big Red Summer Academic Camps will be held in early June. These career exploration camps are a chance for you to explore the UNL campus, meet people from across the state, spend time investigating an interest or potential career and have lots of fun. The 2016 camps will be hosted by Nebraska 4-H and UNL faculty members in various academic areas across campus. Learn more about the camp offerings available during 2016 at:

![NEBRASKA 4H CAMPS](image)

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**2016 4-H SUMMER CAMP BROCHURES**

The 4-H Summer Camp Brochures is here stop by the Nebraska Extension Office - Dodge County today to pick yours up! The brochures are packed with exciting camp opportunities at three unique locations. Learn more at: 

[http://dodge.unl.edu/4hsummercamp](http://dodge.unl.edu/4hsummercamp)

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**National 4-H Conference**

Nebraska 4-H youth who are interested in this trip opportunity are selected through an application and interview process.

A 4-H member may only attend the event once. 4-H members who win but decline an award to attend the event are eligible to compete for the same incentive again. There is no guarantee they will be selected again.

**National 4-H Conference**

April 9-14, 2016 in Chevy Chase, Maryland

[http://www.4-h.org/4-h-conference/](http://www.4-h.org/4-h-conference/)

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**4-H COUNCIL CAMP/WORKSHOP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

**March 11, 2016 by 4:30 pm**

At the Nebraska Extension Office

**Dodge County**

Dodge County 4-H Members between age 5 - 18 years may apply for camp/ workshop scholarships for the 2016 4-H year. Print the form found online (below). Send completed form to the Nebraska Extension - Dodge County.

Forms available at: [http://dodge.unl.edu/scholarships](http://dodge.unl.edu/scholarships)
CAREER DEVELOPMENT & SCHOLARSHIPS

NEBRASKA 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS
Deadline: March 4, 2016 via email to: lori.oberembt@unl.edu or mailed to: Nebraska 4-H Foundation, PO Box 830719 Lincoln, NE 68583-0719. E-mailed applications are preferred but mailed applications will be accepted.

Scholarship applications will be accepted until the deadline. General eligibility for applicants includes:
1. Must be a current high school senior, graduating spring of the current year, and attending college in the fall of the current year (unless specified by individual scholarship guidelines.)
2. Must have completed one (1) year of 4-H, and be a current 4-H member unless otherwise stated.
3. Must be in good scholastic standing (minimum of “C” average).

Scholarships will be awarded after the successful completion of the first college semester. Recipient must provide a copy of first semester grades (with at least a “C” average) to the Nebraska 4-H Foundation before scholarship is issued. Other eligibility requirements vary by scholarship. To view information and requirements and to download applications, please go to the following link at: http://ne4hfoundation.org/recognition/ or at: http://dodge.unl.edu/scholarships

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY
Deadline Friday, April 1, 2016
Notification after May 1, 2016

Dodge County 4-H Council is offering TWO $500 college scholarships this spring. The details are listed below.

Applicant Criteria:
- Applicant must be a current High School Senior or College Freshman.
- Applicant must currently be an enrolled member of the Dodge County 4-H Program. Therefore, the applicant may not be older than 18 years of age on January 1 of the current calendar year.
- Application must be completed and returned with proper signatures to the Nebraska Extension in Dodge County Office by April 1 of the current calendar year. After submission, applications will not be returned.
- Notification of selection committee results will be made after May 1 of the current calendar year.

Judging Criteria:
Dodge County 4-H Council members will appoint a selection committee.
1. 60% based upon the applicant’s 4-H projects and activities
2. 25% based upon the applicant’s non-4-H activities and involvement.
3. 15% based upon the applicant’s past contributions and future involvement in 4-H and their communities.

Scholarship Information:
- TWO $500 college scholarships in the name of Dodge County 4-H Council will be offered.
- Scholarship recipients will be required to send a photo upon request.
- Scholarship will be awarded after receiving written notification of scholarship recipient’s second semester enrollment. Included in this notification will be:
  a. letter requesting scholarship
  b. copy of class schedule for second semester classes

Scholarship monies will be sent directly to the scholarship winner.

Dear High School Senior,
The Nebraska Extension Office - Dodge County staff has enjoyed working with you during your 4-H career. Even after high school, if there is any way we can help you; don’t hesitate to call our office. Did you know that the Nebraska Extension Office is a part of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln system? So in a sense, you have already taken a “class” from UNL by participating in 4-H! Whether or not you have made your college decision, we are reminding you that there are many tremendous opportunities at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. For Important College Application Reminders for UNL, go to: http://admissions.unl.edu/
Sincerely,
Dodge County Extension Staff

NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY EXTENSION BOARDS SCHOLARSHIP
Deadline: Friday, March 15, 2016 by 4:30 pm at the Nebraska Extension Office - Dodge County
The Nebraska Association of County Extension Boards (NACEB) Scholarship Program for the 2016/17 academic year includes the following:
- One $1000 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).
- One $500 scholarship for a current student (sophomore or higher) enrolled in CASNR or CEHS. Applications are available at: http://dodge.unl.edu/scholarships
CONSIDER NEBRASKA!

ACADEMICS & SUPPORT
The University of Nebraska-Lincoln is a leader in academic excellence, offering world-class opportunities to extend your interests with 150 majors and 285 programs of study. Learn more at: http://admissions.unl.edu/discover/academics.aspx

CAMPUS LIFE
You’d be hard-pressed to find a major university with a stronger sense of community, a more feverish school spirit, or deeper commitment to involvement than Nebraska, where you can choose from 400 student organizations. Learn more at: http://admissions.unl.edu/why-unl.aspx#weird

COST & AID
Consumers Digest and Kiplinger.com rated NEBRASKA as a "Best Value in Public Colleges" for our academic excellence and residential experience at a low cost. Learn more at: http://admissions.unl.edu/cost.aspx

DIVERSITY
Nebraska is committed to recruiting and retaining a diverse student body. Learn more at: http://admissions.unl.edu/student-life/diversity-community.aspx

LINCOLN LIFE
With 250,000 people, Lincoln has the same movies, stores, shows, restaurants, and coffee shops that you’d find in other major cities. Learn more at: http://admissions.unl.edu/why-unl.aspx#instagrid

UNL AS A CHOICE FOR COLLEGE
If you or someone you know have plans to continue your formal education at a college or university, then put the University of Nebraska-Lincoln at the top of the list. Just go to the website http://admissions.unl.edu/
Explore options that meet your demands and get to know costs, scholarships, careers and student life on both East and City Campus. Remember that 4-H is your first class at the University of Nebraska. Really, 4-H, Extension and UNL all fit together. For more information, call toll-free 800-742-8800 and ask for “admissions”. Get an appointment to tour the campus of your choice. That’s the best way to know UNL.

Learn more here!
UNL.edu
EXTENSION.unl.edu

UNL: ON-CAMPUS VISITS
Visiting campus is the best way to experience Nebraska. When you see it firsthand you begin to understand the rich tradition and contagious school spirit on campus. Each event offers the opportunity to learn about academics, scholarships and financial aid, living and dining options, how to get involved, Greek Life and career connections for your future. You will also have the chance to visit with current students and have your questions answered. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln offers a variety of unique campus visit options all year.

CALENDAR
Husker Weekdays - By appointment
http://admissions.unl.edu/visit-ne/huskerweekdays.aspx
College Access Days - March 8, 2016 9:30 A.M.
http://admissions.unl.edu/visit-ne/campus-visits/college-access-days.aspx
Big Red Roadshow - http://admissions.unl.edu/visit/off-campus/big-red-roadshow.aspx
Big Red Stars—April 28, 2016 9:00 A.M.
http://admissions.unl.edu/visit-ne/campus-visits/big-red-stars.aspx
Greek Preview - March 6, 2016
http://www.unl.edu/greek/preview.shtml

The Nebraska Extension Office - Dodge County staff would love to help set-up a visit and/or accompany students and their parents to visit UNL. For more information about the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR), contact our office at 402-727-2775 or go to:
http://casnr.unl.edu/home.
For a partial listing of career or recent graduated academic majors, go to:
http://casnr.unl.edu/academic-programs

UNL CASNR Scholarship
If you are a high school student that will be attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources and have scored a 26 or higher on the ACT, you automatically qualify for a $1,000 UNL CASNR Scholarship. As a student, you will need to be enrolled in CASNR to receive the scholarship. To view programs available, visit
http://casnr.unl.edu/paying-college
2016 4-H ONLINE ENROLLMENT
Its that time of year again to start enrolling for the 2016 4-H year. The process is going to be the same as last year and you can find a step by step guide at http://extension.unl.edu/statewide/dodge/enrollingin4h/
NEW in 2016: 4-H leader enrollment will be completed using the online system and the deadline is JUNE 15. Dodge County 4-H online enrollment must be completed (includes $10 online payment) by ENROLLMENT DEADLINE, June 15, 2016
4-H members enrolling AFTER the stated deadline will be INELIGIBLE to exhibit in the 2016 fairs/shows.
- 4-H Horse Project Member (entering state and/or district 4-H horse shows) enrollments and fees are required by the MAY 13 DEADLINE.
- 4-H Horse Project Member (NOT entering state and/or district 4-H horse shows) enrollments and fees are required by the JUNE 1 DEADLINE.
- 4-H livestock member enrollments and fees are required the JUNE 15 DEADLINE.
- 4-H livestock and other project member enrollments and fees are required by the JUNE 15 DEADLINE.

4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK IDENTIFICATION
CHANGE in 2016: There will be NO online system used to identify 4-H/FFA livestock.
4-H Horse Identification (Hard Copy) Sheets FOR 4-H Horse Project Members entering state & district horse shows - MAY 13 DEADLINE to the Nebraska Extension Office in Dodge County, Fremont.
4-H Horse Identification (Hard Copy) Sheets FOR 4-H Horse Project Members NOT entering state & district horse shows – JUNE 1 DEADLINE to the Nebraska Extension Office in Dodge County, Fremont.
All other 4-H/FFA livestock (except market beef-APRIL 15 DEADLINE) paperwork (DNA envelopes, Breeding Nomination Forms, county identification forms, and copies of registration sheets) - JUNE 15 DEADLINE to the Nebraska Extension Office in Dodge County, Fremont.

LIVESTOCK QUALITYASSURANCE (QA) CERTIFICATION
The Nebraska 4-H Program is REQUIRING 4-H and FFA members (8-18 years old) exhibiting beef, sheep, swine, dairy cattle, bucket calves, goats, poultry and rabbits to be certified in Quality Assurance. This program is mandated by the Nebraska 4-H program and will be implemented into the Dodge County 4-H Program. Therefore, youth exhibiting BEEF, SHEEP, SWINE, DAIRY CATTLE, BUCKET CALVES, GOATS, POULTRY and/or RABBITS at the Dodge County Fair, Fremont 4-H Fair, Nebraska State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Stock Show are required to be QA certified by JUNE 15 OF THE CURRENT YEAR to be eligible to exhibit.
A $5 per member/student fee will be charged prior to taking the online certification. Fees will help cover cost of the QA online management. (The VIDEO - http://goo.gl/l3p0lu - gives a step-by-step instruction on how to make payment and get into the system.)
The requirements for certification may be completed by an annual web-based learning as well as continued training and test taking. More details and information will be sent later in the spring. Information from 2015 is located at: http://goo.gl/SeprpK & http://goo.gl/GUlMhA

2016 DISTRICT & STATE HORSE SHOW DATES
District Horse Show Level Testing Deadline: Friday, May 6
State Horse Show Entry Deadline: Friday, May 13
Districts—Dodge County Assignment: Thursday, June 16
State Show: Monday-Thursday, July 10-14, 2016
Dates and locations for the 2016 District and State Horse Shows include:
- June 13 - Kearney
- June 14 - Chadron
- June 15 - McCook
- June 16 - Leigh**
- June 17 - Bloomfields
- June 21 - Lincoln
- July 10 - 14; State 4-H Horse Show, Fonner Park, Grand Island, NE
** This is Dodge County’s assignment.
Learn more at: http://animalscience.unl.edu/horse-4-h-and-youth#tab5

Poultry Ban Officially Lifted
As of Jan. 1, 2016 the Nebraska Department of Ag has officially lifted the ban on poultry shows, fairs and exhibitions that was put in place to prevent the spread of highly pathogenic H5N2 avian influenza (HP AL) last year. This is very exciting news and we are excited to see poultry back in the barns at fair this year! 2015 was also a very good educational tool on learning more about biosecurity measures with poultry and livestock.
There are many changes that have been made on a state level and as a result are reflective of the changes to the 2016 Dodge County 4-H/FFA Livestock Identification Rules and Regulations. Therefore, please closely review the changes and updates.

MARKET BEEF IDENTIFICATION – DEADLINE APRIL 15

DEADLINE:
DNA envelopes and the Nebraska 4-H and FFA Market Beef Ownership Affidavits are due by APRIL 15 AT 4:30 p.m. to the Nebraska Extension Office in Dodge County, Fremont.

Any 4-H livestock identified AFTER the APRIL 15 DEADLINE DATE will be INELIGIBLE to exhibit in the 2016 livestock shows (Fremont 4-H Fair, Dodge County Fair, Nebraska State Fair, and AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show). NO EXCEPTIONS!

GENERAL INFORMATION:
ALL 4-H/FFA market beef are required to be identified with a 4-H/FFA EID tag. Market beef are to use existing USDA official EID tags if already identified/tagged with USDA official EID tags. DO NOT REMOVE. IT IS UNLAWFUL TO REMOVE EXSISTING EID TAGS! Market animals will use the existing EID tag for that portion of the identification. However, market animals will be required to be tagged/identified with an official 4-H/FFA tag for the animal identification portion. All tags are to be obtained from the Nebraska Extension in Dodge County Office.

In 2016, there will be NO CHARGE for the official EID tags due to a partnership with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, the Nebraska State Fair, the Nebraska 4-H Foundation, and Nebraska FFA Foundation covering the costs.

The EID tag is considered as both 4-H and FFA. Therefore;
if the owner is a 4-H member, the animal is considered 4-H,
if the owner is a FFA student, the animal is considered FFA, and
if the owner is both a 4-H member and a FFA student, the animal is considered both 4-H and FFA.

HOWEVER, an animal may only be exhibited at ONE county fair. Once the animal exhibits at a county fair it will NOT be eligible to exhibit at another county fair. NOTE: Fremont 4-H Fair is an invitational show and is not considered a county fair.

Market Beef identification limit is 10 animals per exhibitor (regardless of 4-H or FFA). Market heifers identified as market beef by the April 15 deadline must remain as market and will NOT be eligible to change the identification as breeding heifers at a later date.

4-H/FFA families will tag, identify and/or DNA sample their own animals if they so choose. Contact the Extension Office if needing assistance.

4-H/FFA MARKET BEEF - ELIGIBLE FOR COUNTY FAIR, FREMONT 4-H FAIR, NEBRASKA STATE FAIR & AKSARBEN:
Required to be identified with an official 4-H/FFA EID tag. Required to complete and submit a DNA sample envelope ($6.00/envelope).
4-H members/FFA students will NOT be required to complete an additional county identification form. As exhibitors enter their 4-H/FFA animals for the Nebraska State Fair (online system by August 10), they will be required to designate 4-H OR FFA entry. If exhibitors enter animals as FFA, those animals will be illegible to entry/exhibit at AKSARBEN. Only 4-H designated animals may enter the AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show.

4-H/FFA MARKET BEEF - ELIGIBLE FOR FREMONT 4-H FAIR AND COUNTY FAIR ONLY
Required to be identified with an official 4-H/FFA EID tag. Required to complete and submit a county identification form (NEBRASKA 4-H and FFA MARKET BEEF OWNERSHIP AFFIDAVIT).

Nebraska State Fair 4-H and FFA Beef Shows to be NO-Fit in 2016

The State Fair 4-H and FFA beef shows will be no-fit in 2016. Both 4-H and FFA certainly respect the talent and passion many have for the fitting process, this decision was made based on feedback from staff and families as well as the success of the blow and go showmanship contest at the 2015 Nebraska State Fair. Families were largely in favor of the change, specifically, they cited: (1) A reduction in the cost of supplies and products; and (2) The need for fewer blocking chutes needed and help expedite the unloading process. This change will be included in this year’s premium list.
Contest/Progress Shows/Clinics

**PASE/LIFE CHALLENGE**

Event: Sunday–Tuesday, June 19-21
Each summer, over 500 4-H’ers convene at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln East Campus to test their skills in Animal Science and Family and Consumer Sciences during PASE (Premier Animal Science Events) and Life Challenge. Teens compete in a variety of different contests including: livestock, meats and poultry judging, livestock skill-a-thon, livestock quiz bowl, life challenges and clover challenge. While on campus, young people have the opportunity to take part in faculty-led workshops, campus tours, and special sessions by UNL recruiters.

To participate in the PASE/Life Challenge event, 4-H’ers must have pre-qualified at the county level.

If you are interested in attending the 2016 PASE/Life Challenge Event please contact the Nebraska Extension—Dodge County. Registration deadline TBA.

Learn more at: [http://4h.unl.edu/pase_life](http://4h.unl.edu/pase_life)

**NE 4-H Roping Clinic**

Register by Saturday, March 26, 2016; Event: Saturday & Sunday, April 2nd & 3rd at Lilienthal Indoor Arena, Grand Island

Saturday includes breakaway and tie down roping as well as ground work and tying calves. Sunday includes team roping and roping on the ground. Main instructors are Justin and Garrett Nokes.

Learn more from Monte, 402.444.4092 or [extension.unl.edu/statewide/dodge/progressshows/](http://extension.unl.edu/statewide/dodge/progressshows/)

**Burt County Beef Preview**

Saturday, April 2, 2016
Oakland, NE Fair Grounds

Show Information:
- All JNC Rules will be followed
- Ground will open on Friday at 2pm
- Check-in will be Friday 6-8pm and Saturday 7-9am
- Show starts Saturday April 2nd at 10:30 am

For more Information contact:
Mike Nissen 402.380.2772

**4-H SPRING RABBIT SHOW**

Event: Saturday, March 19, 2016 at 7:30 am
Lancaster Event Center Exhibit Hall, 84th & Havelock

For more information, contact Bob (402.525.8263) or Marty (402.441.7180).

**CANINE COMpanions FOR LIFE**

**4-H DOG EXPO**

April 22-23, 2016
At the Adams County Fairgrounds, Hastings, NE

The Canine Companions for Life 4-H Dog Expo is an educational event that allows for youth to practice showing their dog and work on training techniques. Youth can enter into practice classes including showmanship, obedience, agility and rally-obedience. The judges will walk through the class with the youth so that they understand what is expected of them in each class and then youth are scored by the judge. There are also educational sessions interspersed during the day for youth to learn more about the care of their dog. For more information, visit [companionanimal.unl.edu](http://companionanimal.unl.edu)

**Paws On 4-H Dog Workshop**

April 2, 2016 @ 9am—3pm
Greater Lincoln Obedience Club of Lincoln, NE

This is a hands on workshop where youth can learn about training their dog and improve their dog knowledge. The flyer/registration form can be found here: [http://animalscience.unl.edu/canine-companions-life-4-h-expo](http://animalscience.unl.edu/canine-companions-life-4-h-expo)

**Dodge County Family Livestock Judging Contest**

June 9, 2016
Masonic Home, Fremont
March 11...............................4-H Council Camp Scholarship Deadline
March 19...............................Spring Rabbit Show, Lancaster Event Center
March 26...............................4-H Roping Clinic Deadline (April 2&3), Lilienthal Indoor Arena, Grand Island
March 31...............................4-H Update @ 6:30, Nebraska Extension Office-Dodge County
April 2016...............................Dodge County 4-H Awareness Month
April 1..................................Dodge County 4-H Council Scholarship due, Nebraska Extension office-Dodge County
April 2...............................15th Annual Burt County Beef Preview, Oakland, NE Fair Grounds
April 2...............................Paws on 4-H Doge Workshop, Greater Lincoln Obedience Club in Lincoln. Due March 19
April 9...............................Lend a Hand: Dodge County 4-H Kickoff, 10am-12:30pm, Masonic Home, Fremont
April 15.............................Market Beef Paperwork due into the Nebraska Extension office in Dodge County
April 15.............................EARLY BIRD 10% discount DEADLINE for Nebraska 4-H Summer Camps
April 22-23.............................Canine Companions for Life 4-H Dog Expo, Adams County Fairground, Hastings
April 28...............................Dodge Co 4-H Public Speaking Contest, 6 pm Masonic Home, Fremont
April 28...............................Dodge Co 4-H Presentations/Communications Contest, Masonic Home, Fremont
April 13...............................4-H Horse District/State Exhibitor Paperwork DEADLINE
May 13...............................District 4-H Enrollment DEADLINE including Livestock ID Sheets & QA, Extension Office
May 13...............................4-H Horse Non-District/State Exhibitor Paperwork DEADLINE
June 4...............................Phelps-Gosper Beef and Sheep Progress Show
June 5...............................Prepare for the Fair Workshop, QC Supply—Schuyler
June 9...............................Dodge Co 4-H Family Livestock Judging Contest Masonic Home, Fremont
June 5-10.............................Big Red Summer Academic Campus, UNL, Lincoln
June 15...............................District Horse Show, Leigh NE
June 19-21.............................P.A.S.E. Life Challenge Contest, UNL, Lincoln, NE
June 23...............................Dodge Co 4-H Clover Kids Camp - Nebraska Extension Office, Fremont
June 25...............................Chase County Silver Spurs Open Horse Show, Chase County Fair Ground, Imperial
July 4...............................District 4-H Fair, Christensen Field, Fremont
July 10 - 14.............................Nebraska State 4-H Horse Exposition, Fonner Park, Grand Island, NE
August 3 - 7...........................Dodge County Fair, Dodge County Fairgrounds, Scribner
August 26 - September 5......2016 Nebraska State Fair, Grand Island, NE
September 2...........................Deadline for 67th Annual Norfolk Beef Expo (Sunday, September 11)
September 5...........................District 4-H Fair, Christensen Field, Fremont
September 17 - 18.................2016 Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Horse Stock Show, Lancaster Event Center, Lincoln, NE
September 22 - 25.................2016 Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Livestock Show, CenturyLink Center, Omaha, NE
October 10..........................District 4-H Fair, Christensen Field, Fremont
November 1........................ Career Portfolio due into Nebraska Extension office in Dodge County by 4:30pm
November 6........................ Achievement Celebration, Masonic Home, Fremont
November 11........................District 4-H Fair, Christensen Field, Fremont
November 24-25....................District 4-H Fair, Christensen Field, Fremont
December 26........................District 4-H Fair, Christensen Field, Fremont
4-H Communication Request

*Starting in May the newsletter will no longer be mailed out.
If you would like a hard copy mailed to you please mark mail as your preferred form of communication.

Name: ____________________________

☐ Email: ____________________________

☐ Mail (Address): ____________________________

You may also email or call with your preference.
Nebraska Extension in Dodge County
Amber Maassen - 4-H assistant
Email: amaassen2@unl.edu
Phone: 402.727.2775

4-H Update Meeting

Thursday, March 31, 2016 at 6:30-8pm

At the Nebraska Extension office,
1206 W. 23rd St, Fremont, NE

For Food-planning purposes, please RSVP by 4:30 Monday, March 28th, 2016 to amaassen2@unl.edu or 402.727.2775

Name: ____________________________

Number Attending: ____________________________

You may also email or call in your RSVP.
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