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Buffalo County NE 4-H



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Calendar of Events

April

- 1 Early Bird Registration due for Big Red Summer Camp.
- 5 County Speech & PSA registrations due.
- 9 Pillow Workshop, 10-2
- 12 County 4-H Speech & PSA Contest.
- 15 Lottery Pig and Goat applications due.
- 15 Regional Speech & PSA Contests Deadline.
- 15 NE Ag Youth Institute applications due.
- 15 Early Bird Registration due for 4-H Summer Camps.
- 16 Quilting Class, 1-4 pm.
- 26 Lottery Pig Meeting
- 26 4-H Council Meeting, 7 pm.
- 29 Extension Office Closed/Arbor Day.
- 30 West Central Regional Speech/PSA Contests, North Platte.

May

- 01 Big Red Summer Academic Camp Registration Due.
- 02 **4-H ENROLLMENT DEADLINE** (\$10 late fee plus \$10 enrollment fee after May 2).
- 13 District/State Horse Show Entries Due.
- 16 4-H Performing Arts Contest, 7 pm, UNK.
- 24 Quilting Class, 1-4 pm.
- 24 4-H Council Meeting, 7 pm.
- 26 Sheep/Goat Tagging, Fairgrounds
- 26 Lottery Goat Meeting
- 26 Regional Interview Contest, Norfolk
- 30 Extension Office Closed/Memorial Day

June

- 01 All Livestock and Horse IDs Due (except Market Beef)
- 01 4-H Enrollment Deadline if planning to exhibit at the 2016 Buffalo County Fair (\$10 late fee plus \$10 enrollment fee)
- 02 Clover Kid Adventure Day (ages 5-7)
- 11 NE Livestock Judging Classic
- 13 4-H District Horse Show, Kearney
- 14 Tempt, Taste, and Try Day (ages 8-18)
- 16 4-H Presentation Contest
- 19-21 PASE/Life Challenge Contests
- 25 Buffalo County 4-H Invitational Horse Show
- 28 4-H Council Meeting
- 28 Food Fare Contest
- 29 Let's Preserve: Jellies and Fruits, 9 am to noon

Card Shower for Rose Mary

The Extension Office has learned that Rose Mary has terminal cancer. It has been decided to give Rose Mary a card shower to let her know just how much she has meant to our Extension community. She would appreciate your support during this time. Cards may be sent to Rose Mary Deprez, 3904 Indian Rd, Kearney, NE 68847.

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Award Winner

Congratulations to Marissa Kegley for being a 2016 Record Book Winner in Animal Science. She will have an opportunity to represent the state of Nebraska at National 4-H Congress in November in Atlanta, Georgia.

Enroll Today

Have you Enrolled Online and Paid Your Fee?

In order for your enrollment to be complete, please enroll online at <https://ne.4honline.com>. Your online enrollment **will not** be confirmed/completed until the Extension Office has received your payment (\$5 for Clover Kids, \$10 for traditional youth and a \$30 maximum per family). Payment will be accepted by cash, check or pay online at <https://squareup.com/market/buffalo-county-4-h-council>. Step-by-step instructions for enrolling can be found on our website.

Reminder: Please make sure your enrollment online AND your fee has been received by the Extension Office. This all needs to be done by May 2.

Changes to your projects can still be made until May 2. Please make sure you are signing up for **ALL** projects that you are wanting to exhibit at the fair.

Volunteers need to enroll online as well. Please go to <https://ne.4honline.com>.

2016 Premium Book

Last year's premium book is on our website, buffalo.unl.edu/4h. This information is still being updated and is subject to change. This is a great resource when you are making decisions about your summer fair projects.

The Kearney Hub will print a paper copy the first week of June. If you do not receive the Hub, you can pick up a paper copy at the Kearney Hub or at the Extension Office.

Pre-Fair Contests

Buffalo County Speech and PSA Contest

Tuesday, April 12, at 7:00 p.m.

Buffalo County Extension Office

Registrations and All PSA's Due April 5

Youth may participate in both the Speech and PSA categories. **4-H members must be present at the county contest if submitting a PSA in order to receive premium and outstanding award credit.**

Buffalo County Speech and PSA Contest registrations are due **April 5**. All radio PSA's must be submitted on CD along with PSA text and registration form by **April 5**. If you have questions, please call the Extension Office. For more information and for a registration form, go to our website at <http://buffalo.unl.edu>.

Performing Arts Contest

Monday, May 16, 2016

UNK Fine Arts Building Recital Hall, 7 p.m.

Registration Due by Monday, May 6

Share your talents of singing, playing an instrument, dancing or other special performing skills at the 4-H Performing Arts Contest. Groups are also encouraged to enter this contest. There will be three age divisions including Clover Kids. It will be held at the UNK Fine Arts Building Recital Hall. Registration form is included and available online at buffalo.unl.edu. It is due by Monday, May 6.

Camps



2016 4-H Summer Camps

Camps are open to anyone ages 5-18 years old. The 2016 Summer Camp schedules and registration can be found on the website at <http://4h.unl.edu/4hsummercamp>. Camps are open to anyone ages 5-18 years old. Register before April 15 and you will receive a 10% Early Bird Discount. Each Buffalo County 4-H'er that attends a Nebraska 4-H Camp will receive \$100 scholarship from the Buffalo County 4-H Council.

Buffalo County 4-H Camp Scholarship Available

Buffalo County 4-H'ers are eligible to apply for the Esther Wingert 4-H Camp Memorial Scholarship for 2016. This is a \$200 4-H camp scholarship that is offered to **one** Buffalo County 4-H'er each year and who is in need of funds to go to one of the following three Nebraska State 4-H Camps at Halsey:

- Discovery – River Adventures
- Discovery – Outback Halsey – Survivor
- Discovery – Sandhillz Sampler

The application process for this camp scholarship is simple. Submit your request to the Buffalo County Extension Office via email or by mail with the following information by the deadline date of April 4th:

1. A request for camp support. Please be sure to include the age and gender for the camper and which specific camp session that the camper would like to attend (Specifically which camp listed from above).
2. A brief statement from the parent of the camper expressing why they would like to have their child attend this camp this summer.

Send requests to:

Valerie Erickson, Buffalo County Extension
1400 E. 34th St. Kearney, NE 68847
308-236-1235, verickson2@unl.edu

Esther Wingert passed away last year and her children remember going to 4-H camps in Halsey. It was something Esther felt was important and wanted her children to attend. The family wanted to make 4-H camp possible for a 4-H'er who wanted to go to camp but were financially unable to attend.

The Buffalo County 4-H Council provides a \$100 camp scholarship to each Buffalo County 4-H'er that attends 4-H camps each year. You are still eligible for this scholarship in addition to the Wingert scholarship.

The Extension Office would love to see someone receive this camper scholarship this year. Please consider applying or forwarding this information on to someone who is thinking of going to camp in 2016.

Big Red Summer Academic Camps University of Nebraska-Lincoln June 5-10, 2016

The 2016 Big Red Summer Academic Camp is open to 10-12 grades who are interested in these topics that are offered: Computers, Weather & Climate, Veterinary Science, Filmmaking, Engineering, Culinary Arts & Food Science, Outdoor Nebraska, and the Unicameral. Early Bird Tuition rates are available before April 15. To register go to bigredcamps.unl.edu.

Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute 2016

NAYI is July 11-15 for high school juniors and seniors to learn about career opportunities within agriculture. There will be engaging speakers, workshops and panels, leadership experience, networking with peers and industry leaders, fun and new friends. Apply online at www.nda.nebraska.gov/nayi. Deadline is April 15, 2016.

Youth Range Camp June 6-10 at Halsey

The 53rd Nebraska Youth Range Camp will be held June 6 – 10, 2016 at the Nebraska State 4-H Camp in Halsey. Eligible students need to be between the ages of 14 – 18. There is an online application available this year and they will accept applications by mail or email. You can find the forms at: <http://www.nesrm.org/YouthRangeCamp.html>. You will also be able to find an informational brochure on that same website.

We will be teaching the new Range Judging rules that will be used this fall; come and learn it first!! The Nebraska Youth Range Camp consists of a four-and-a-half day dynamic curriculum that appeals to students with a wide array of interests including, but not limited to, rangeland management, conservation, ecology, animal science, and wildlife. With nearly 50 years to perfect and evolve this curriculum, every student, no matter what prior experience they have, will learn substantial information that will help

them become more aware of Nebraska's most prevalent landuse; rangelands.

The students that attend this camp will be actively involved with field activities, lectures, hand-on experience, and recreational leadership and team-building activities that are all led by up to 20 of Nebraska's most respected and dedicated leaders, teachers, and professionals from various agencies, colleges, and universities. Each student will be sent home with a binder that is filled with educational materials.

Financial sponsorship is available! The cost of Range Camp is \$325 however, every student that attended last year received a substantial level of sponsorship from local Natural Resource Districts or the Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition and nobody paid more than \$100 to attend and some students attended for free!

Life Challenge

Nebraska Extension 4-H Youth Development hosts PASE/Life Challenge Sunday, June 19 through Tuesday June 21, 2016, on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's East Campus. This event is open to 4-H youth ages 10 through 18 and a registration fee will be required. Foods & nutrition, child development and design challenges are available to youth interested in Family and Consumer Sciences. In addition to contests, youth will have the opportunity to stay in campus dorms, participate in various campus tours, and attend social events that involve a dance and bowling. The Governors Ag Excellence Awards Picnic will also be taking place on Monday evening. For additional information contact Kristin Prill, 236-1235.

Regional Interview Contest

Regional Interview Contest May 26

Entries Due May 12 in Norfolk

The Regional Interview Contest at the Norfolk Life Long Learning Center will be May 26. More information can be found on our website: buffalo.unl.edu/4h under Upcoming Events. This is a great chance to work on job application-interview skills.

Workshops



4-H Beginner Sewing Pillow Workshop

Saturday, April 9, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Extension Building – Kearney

Registration required – \$5 fee

Want to improve your basic sewing skills? This workshop is for you! Use engineering, art and math skills while learning basic sewing skills to construct a pillow that can be exhibited at the fair. Bring an adult to help you sew. Adults do not need to know how to sew. Also bring your sewing machine and sewing kit and a sack lunch. Extension sewing machines are available upon request. All fabric, thread and stuffing supplies will be provided. Your finished pillow can be entered into the fair in Steam 1, Design My Place or in the Citizenship area as a donated service item. For ages 8 and older, boys and girls. Register online at <http://buffalo.unl.edu> or in person at the Extension Office. Contact Kristin Prill at 236-1235 or kristin.prill@unl.edu with questions.

4-H Spring Quilting Classes Continue!

Saturday, April 16, 1-4 p.m.

Tuesday, May 24, 1-4 p.m.

Extension Building - Kearney

Beginner and experienced sewers are invited to attend whether you are in the middle of a quilt project or just starting one. We can help you through the next steps toward completing your quilt for the fair.

4-H'ers are to bring an adult experienced sewer to help guide them as well as a sewing machine and sewing tools/supply kit. Extension sewing machines are available for use upon request. There is no charge for these classes. Contact Kristin Prill at 236-1235 or kristin.prill@unl.edu to reserve your spot and to pick up an informational packet prior to class.

Raising Nebraska

Hosts Animal Science Program

Raising Nebraska invites homeschool youth grades 3rd – 5th to participate in a one day Animals Inside & Out program on Friday, April 15th. Join in on the fun through an interactive, hands-on animal science program. Discover how body systems function and work together, careers in animal science, and the many ways animal agriculture is a part of our every day. Be ready to be amazed! Student check-in is from 8:45 am to 9:00 am., sessions begin at 9:00 am, with the day concluding by 2:30 pm. Pre-registration is required by Friday, April 8th. This event kicks off the 2016 Nebraska Science Festival at Raising Nebraska. For more information or to reserve the student's seat, contact Beth Janning at 308.385.3967 or elizabeth.janning@unl.edu. Raising Nebraska is an agriculture education facility located in the Nebraska Building at the Nebraska State Fairgrounds in Grand Island, Nebraska.

Tractor Safety Training

Tractor Safety Training in Kearney

May 23 and 24

Mark your calendar for the Nebraska Tractor Safety Training to be held for teens wanting to attend classes to learn

to drive farm equipment. Federal law prohibits youth under 16 years of age from working on a farm for anyone other than their parents or guardian. Certification through the course grants an exemption to the law allowing 14 and 15 year olds to drive a tractor and to do field work. Class dates for Kearney are May 23 and 24. The cost is \$60. Call the Extension office to pre-register or find the flyer on our website, <https://buffalo.unl.edu>.

2016 Photography Theme

4-H Grows Here Photography Exhibit

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/krptc9q2f2yxkxpcyc6q6flx6ni6z7mo>.

4-H Shooting Sports

2016 Buffalo County 4-H Shooting Sports Archery, Shotgun and Rim fire Rifle

You must be a registered 4-H member to participate in the Shooting Sports Programs. It is highly recommended all participants wear comfortable natural fiber clothes, (blue jeans and a long sleeve shirt) closed toe shoes and a hat or scarf to keep your hair out of your eyes if that is an issue.

Archery will meet at the Fort Kearny Shooting Association (FKSA) Ranges from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Sundays starting April 3rd through June 12th. Bows, arrows and targets are supplied. You may use your own bow but it must be inspected for safety and approved for use by the instructors. They will not meet on KCHS Graduation, Mother's Day, KPS Graduation, Memorial Day, and Father's Day. Contact Bryan Royle (308-240-1404) with questions.

Shotgun 101 will meet from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays starting April 3rd through June 12th at the FKSA trap range. Participants will supply their shotgun, shells, eye and hearing protection, and a shell bag or vest. We have some shotguns for youth to use but it is limited. There is a charge of 15 cents a rock. Over 8 weeks, 2 rounds a night, this comes to about \$60.00 +. They will not meet on KCHS Graduation, Mother's Day, KPS Graduation, Memorial Day, and Father's Day. Contact Kevin Taylor (308-627-7686) with questions.

Rim Fire Rifle is NRA 4 positions at 50 feet. We supply all the firearms, ammo and targets. Shooters must supply eye protection and hearing protection. Shooters may use their own single shot 22 rifle but it must be safety inspected *and approved for use by the instructors*. We are discussing a 22 rim fire pistol group depending on interest. Contact Kevin Taylor (308-627-7686) with questions.

Animals

Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Program Offers Leader Certification Workshop

April 16 & 17, 2016 at the Washington County Fairgrounds - Arlington, NE

Registration deadline is APRIL 5 and must be done online by going to: <https://goo.gl/qWPfSJ>. Registration fees are \$100 for first-time certification and \$90 to add a discipline for previously certified instructors. A paid registration guarantees participant a spot. Fee includes program materials and three meals; lunch on Saturday and Sunday, and dinner on Saturday. Participants must make their own lodging arrangements.

For more workshop information and registration link, go to the Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Calendar at <http://4h.unl.edu/nebraskashootingsportsinstructorcalendar>, contact the Nebraska Extension in Washington County Office at 402-426-9455, or contact Extension Educator, Steve Pritchard at 402-395-2158 or 308-536-2691.

The Buffalo County 4-H Council will provide funding for individuals who want to be trained in a particular Shooting Sports discipline. To qualify for the funds an individual must first acquire and complete the on-line 4-H Volunteer Leader form and complete a 4-H Council Leadership Funding Application (contact the Buffalo County Extension Office for info. on both forms) for funding consideration from the 4-H Council.

Tractor Supply Clover Promotion



Spring Paper Clover Promotion April 13-24

Two times a year, National 4-H Council will be partnering with the nation's leading rural lifestyle retailer, Tractor Supply Company (TSC), to host a national Paper Clover Promotion! The Spring Paper Clover Promotion will be held from **Wednesday, April 13 – Sunday, April 24, 2016**.

The Paper Clover Promotion is a consumer-driven fundraising promotion where customers at your local Tractor Supply can support 4-H by purchasing a paper clover for \$1 at the checkout. Sixty-five percent of each paper clover sold/customer donation will go directly to the county 4-H program in which it was raised; five percent will go to the Nebraska 4-H Foundation. The remaining thirty percent will go to National 4-H Council to underwrite the cost of the program. In our state, Nebraska will be forwarding on the sixty-five percent of each paper clover sold/customer donation directly to the county 4-H program in which the TSC store is located. Nebraska TSC stores are located in Beatrice, Columbus, Fremont, Grand Island, Hastings, Omaha, Kearney, Lincoln, Norfolk, and North Platte.

Lottery Goat Project

Deadline EXTENDED to April 15

This is an opportunity for youth who have an interest in a Market Goat Project. Participants will participate in three educational seminars to further their knowledge about their project. Topics will include: selection traits, nutrition and proper handling as well as showmanship skills. This project is intended to help exhibitors find quality goats for fair at a reasonable price. A goat will cost a total of \$100, \$50 due with the application (due by April 15) and the remaining \$50 when they pick up their goat. A minimum of 10 4-H'ers will need to participate. Goats will be picked up during tagging day in May.

Lottery Pig Project

Deadline EXTENDED to April 15

The Lottery Pig project is an educational and competitive program. This project will help exhibitors find a quality pig at a reasonable price. Youth who participate will learn production traits, feeding and nutrition information, showmanship techniques, the swine industry in Nebraska and potential careers.

There will be 30 pigs available this year to purchase. To participate, the Lottery Pig Agreement and the \$50 down payment towards the purchase price must be completed before April 15, or as soon as possible.

The remaining price of \$50 will be due at the first meeting on Tuesday, April 26, at 6:00 p.m. at the Extension Bldg. There will be three informational meetings held which will be worth ten points each meeting towards your total points at the end of the project. Participants will receive more information on specific topics and meeting dates after the deposit has been made.

District Horse Show Dates

The 2016 Nebraska District 4-H Horse Show dates and sites are June 13 – Kearney; June 14 – Chadron; June 15 – McCook; June 16 – Leigh; June 17 – Bloomfield; and June 21 – Lincoln. State Horse Show at Fonner Park will be July 10-14, 2016.

All level testing required for participating in the 2016 District Horse Shows must be completed by May 13, 2016, when entries are due to the Extension Office.

State Fair Blow and Go Show Announcement

In a joint decision made by State Fair, FFA and 4-H, with regard to fitting of livestock at the fair, 2016 shows will be Blow and Go. This will affect State Fair beef exhibitors. Recommended guidelines will follow soon.

Shows and Clinics

For more information, please contact the Extension Office.

- Seward Calf Classic
Saturday, April 9 (Seward, NE)

- County Liners Open Horse Show
Sunday, May 1 (Neligh, NE)
- Spring Fling Dressage Schooling Show
Saturday, May 7 (Lincoln, NE)
- Deuel County Progress Show
for Swine, Sheep, Beef & Goats
Saturday, May 21 (Chappell, NE)
- Phelps County 4-H Small Animal Progress Show
Saturday, June 4 (Holdrege, NE)
- Phelps-Gosper Beef and Sheep 4-H Progress Show
Saturday, June 4 (Holdrege, NE)
- Fort Robinson 4-H Horse Camp
June 9-11 (Crawford, NE)
- Webster County Wranglers Horse Show
Saturday, June 11 (Bladen, NE)
- Dawes County 4-H Progress Show
Goat, Beef, & Sheep
Sunday, June 12 (Chadron, NE)
- 4-H Horse Show
Sunday, June 12 (Wahoo, NE)
- Chase County Classic 4-H Horse Show
Saturday, June 25 (Imperial, NE)

NCTA Livestock Judging Camp May 25, 2016

The NCTA Livestock Judging Camp is open to all youth ages 8-18 years old. Those participating in both days (Livestock Judging Camp and Animal Science Youth Field Day) have the option to register for an overnight stay in the resident halls on NCTA's campus. Register deadline is May 18 by 5:00 pm at <http://go.unl.edu/e9wz> or find more information at <http://ncta.unl.edu>.

Animal Science Youth Field Day

Animal Science Youth Field Day in Curtis, NE at the NCTA Campus is Thursday, May 26, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Open to all youth ages 8-18. Variety of workshops will expose youth to various animal care, production, Quality Assurance, and other livestock teaching stations. The cost is \$5 which includes lunch. Please contact the Extension Office by May 18 if you are interested in attending.

Quality Assurance

Quality Assurance On-line and Test-outs

Statewide, the majority of youth are doing their certification on-line. Three of the tests need to be passed and a copy of the certificates need to be turned in to the Extension Office.

On-line Certification: To enroll and complete the on-line course, there is a \$5/annual fee.

Log on and Take Tests: <http://campus.extension.org/>

Website: <http://4h.unl.edu/qualityassurance>

FAQ on QA and troubleshooting:

<http://4h.unl.edu/documents/466759/4439836/2015+Quality+Assurance+Information+Sheet/11282adf-7ef2-4051-8359-60d346d4dece>

Step-by-step video on how to pay for the course and get registered:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8gkYI3EOMzs&feature=youtu.be>

** Note the instructional sheet and the video are found on the website, in the last section *Manuals and Resources*

As a reminder, the online QA covers the following species only: beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, swine, rabbits, and poultry – animals that we consume or animals that produce a consumable product for us. It does NOT cover cats, dogs, horses, llamas, guinea pigs, hamsters, or other small companion type animals – in the US we generally do not consume these animals.

To test out in the Intermediate (12-14 years) or Senior level (15-18 years), youth may stop by the Extension Office to take the test. Test must be completed at the office and must pass with 70% score. To help with the test, youth may practice on-line through the Livestock Quality Assurance course at: <http://campus.extension.org>. Youth will need to have or create an account to be able to access the practice tests.

Animal Science Experience

Animal Science Experience

Monday, April 11, register by April 4

East Campus, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Space is limited for the Animal Science Experience day on Monday, April 11. This is a great opportunity for high school students to come and see what it's like to be an animal science student for a day. They will have the opportunity to sit in on a lecture, do a hands-on lab with a faculty member, eat lunch in the union and tour the facilities. Check out more information on our website, <https://buffalo.unl.edu/4h>. To register, <http://goo.gl/forms/KeVJBHjXFq>.

Sincerely,

Brian Bosshamer, Extension Educator
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Kerry Elsen, Extension Assistant
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