

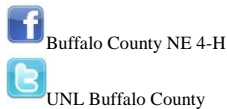


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Calendar of Events

April

- 01 4-H Horse Stampede, Lincoln
- 01 4-H Companion Animal Challenge, Lincoln
- 01 Nebraska Youth Pork Conference Applications Due
- 03 Lottery Pig and Goat Applications Due
- 11 Registrations Due for County Speech and PSA Contest
- 11 8th Grade Next Chapter at Nebraska
- 15 Nebraska Agriculture Youth Institute Applications Due
- 15 Early Bird Registration Due For 4-H Summer Camps
- 15 Early Bird Registration Due For Big Red Summer Academic Camp
- 18 County Speech and PSA Contest
- 22 4-H Pizza Crust Workshop
- 22 Beginners Quilting Class
- 25 4-H Council Meeting
- 28 Buffalo County Extension Office Closed, Arbor Day
- 29 West Central Regional Speech and PSA Contests, North Platte

May

- 01 **4-H Enrollment Deadline**
- 08 Registration deadline for 4-H Performing Arts Contest
- 12 District/State Horse Show Entries Due
- 15 4-H Performing Arts Contest
- 18 Lottery Goat Meeting, 6 pm
- 18 Lamb and Goat Tagging
- 23 4-H Council Meeting
- 25 Interview Contest, Norfolk
- 25 West Central Animal Science Youth Science Field Day, Curtis
- 29 Extension Office Closed/Memorial Day
- 30-31 Tractor Safety Training

June

- 01 **All Livestock and Horse ID's due (except Market Beef)**
- 01 4-H Enrollment Deadline if planning to exhibit at the 2017 Buffalo County Fair
- 06 Clover Kid Adventure Day (ages 5-7)
- 09 NE Livestock Judging Classic
- 09 Buffalo County Livestock Judging Contest
- 12 2017 4-H District Horse Show, Lexington
- 12 Food Fare Contest
- 13 2017 4-H District Horse Show, Taylor
- 13 Regional ID Contests, GI (Weed Grass/Insect/Horticulture)
- 14 2017 4-H District Horse Show, Wayne
- 15 Presentation Contest Registration Deadline
- 16 Tempt, Taste and Try Day (ages 8-18)
- 19 2017 4-H District Horse Show, Hemingford
- 20 2017 4-H District Horse Show, Lincoln
- 22 Presentation Contest
- 24 District Dairy Show, Kearney
- 26-27 PASE/Life Challenge Contests, Lincoln
- 27 4-H Council Meeting
- 30 Fashion Show Entries Due
- 30 **Pre-Fair Entries Due**

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4-H Enrollment

Enrollment Deadline: May 1

To enroll in 4-H, youth and volunteers need to go online to ne.4honline.com. For step-by-step instructions on how to do the online enrollment process, go to buffalo.unl.edu. Please try to stay away from using Internet Explorer when enrolling online.

Enrollment is a two-step process for the youth. In order for 4-H enrollment to be processed, enrollment needs to be completed online **and** the enrollment fee needs to be paid.

The annual enrollment fee for Clover Kids is \$5. Clover Kids are youth ages five to seven, as of January 1, 2017. The annual enrollment fee for traditional 4-H members is \$10. Traditional 4-H members are youth ages eight to eighteen, as of January 1, 2017. There is a family enrollment fee maximum of \$30. Payments in the form of cash or check can be dropped off or mailed to the Extension Office. Payments made online are done through this website: squareup.com/market/buffalo-county-4-h-council.

Volunteers need to enroll every year as well.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Allison Bauer for being selected as a winner in the Leadership & Citizenship area for the Career Portfolios. Allison will get to participate at the National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia in November.

Thank you to everyone who submitted a t-shirt design to the 4-H Council, we had some great designs. Congratulations to Jaiden and Jaxon Graham who designed this year's t-shirt!

Fair Premium Book

Last year's premium book is online, <http://extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/fair-premium-book/>. This information is still being updated for 2017. The premium book is a great resource for making decisions about your fair projects. The Kearney Hub will print a paper copy the first week of June.

Static Exhibits

All non-animal exhibits are called static exhibits. To exhibit in the 4-H project areas, members **MUST** be enrolled in the respective project.

CHANGES for this year: Static exhibits will **NOT** be pre-registered, but must be physically checked in during Static Exhibit Check-In.

- Static Exhibit Check-In
 - Tuesday, July 25 from 3-8 pm (**Everything**)
 - **ONLY** Foods and Horticulture will be accepted on Wednesday, July 26
 - **Foods** from 7 to 8 am
 - **Horticulture** from 7 to 9:30 am

Challenge to ALL 4-H'ers

As many of you may be aware, southern Kansas has been devastated by wide spread wildfires. More than 626,000 acres of grassland and hay resources have burned. The total number of livestock lost has not been disclosed. The devastation to families in the affected area has been tremendous. Livestock which were not lost are struggling through many health problems. The 4-H Council is challenging every Buffalo County 4-H family to donate money to help provide necessary medication and veterinary care for those animals. The 4-H Council will match donations from 4-H families, up to \$1,000. Make checks payable to the Nebraska 4-H Foundation. Donations should be dropped off at the Extension Office by May 1st.

Shooting Sports

Buffalo County 4-H Shooting Sports Archery and Shotgun

Archery will meet at the Fort Kearny Shooting Association (FKSA) Ranges on Sunday afternoons starting April 2nd and will continue for a couple of months. Bows, arrows and targets are supplied. Youth may use your own bow but it must be inspected for safety and approved for use by the instructors. Contact Bryan Royle (308-240-1404) with questions.

Shotgun will meet Tuesday or Thursday evenings starting in April and will continue for a couple of months at the FKSA trap range. Also available will be shooting at the Minden Gun Club on Saturday mornings during the same time frame. 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 at FKSSA and \$.10 at Minden. Over 8 weeks, 2 rounds a night, this comes to about \$60.00 and \$40.00 respectively. Contact Kevin Taylor (308-627-7686) or Tom Rayburn (308-440-7189) with questions.

Pre-Fair Contests

Buffalo County Speech and PSA Contest

Tuesday, April 18th, 7:00 p.m.

Buffalo County Extension Office

Register by Tuesday, April 11th

Through the 4-H Public Speaking Contest, youth have an opportunity to write a speech or a public service announcement (PSA) that incorporates the topic of 4-H and deliver it to an audience. The 4-H Public Speaking Contest helps youth develop skills for communicating about current issues to real audiences, learn how to organize and prepare a speech, develop speech delivery skills, learn how to present themselves to others, and develop self-confidence. Registration forms can be picked up at the Extension Office or found online: buffalo.unl.edu. 4-H members must be present at the county contest if submitting a PSA in order to receive premium and outstanding award credit.

Performing Arts Contest
Monday, May 15, 7 p.m.
UNK Fine Arts Building Recital Hall
Register by Monday, May 8

Share your talents of singing, playing an instrument, dancing or other special performance skills at the 4-H Performing Arts Contest. Groups are encouraged to enter this contest. Registration forms can be picked up at the Extension Office or found online at buffalo.unl.edu.

4-H Workshop

4-H Fun Ways with Pizza Crust Workshop
Saturday, April 22, 9 am to 1:30 pm
Cost: \$15

4-H youth ages 10-18 have the opportunity to learn how to use pizza crust in a variety of ways. The registration deadline is Tuesday, April 18 with a limited class size so register early. The registration form be found at buffalo.unl.edu.

8th Grade Next Chapter

8th Grade Next Chapter at Nebraska
Tuesday, April 11 from 7-8 p.m.
Buffalo County Extension Office

The Next Chapter club gets a jump start on preparing 8th graders for college. Next Chapter scholars will engage in events, activities and curriculum where they will participate in career exploration, develop research skills, and experience a variety of learning methods that will help them transition to and succeed in college. The 8th Grade Next Chapter will meet on Tuesday, April 11 from 7-8 p.m. at the Extension Office. If you have any questions, please contact Brian Bosshamer, brian.bosshamer@unl.edu or 308-236-1235.

NAYI

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Applications due April 15

Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute (NAYI) is a five-day conference for high school juniors and seniors to learn about career opportunities within agriculture. This includes engaging speakers, workshops, professional development, and leadership experience. NAYI is held in Lincoln from July 10-14. The application must be postmarked by April 15, 2017. Applications are available online at <http://www.nda.nebraska.gov/nayi/nayi.html>.

Paper Clover Promotion

Spring 2017 Paper Clover Fundraiser
April 26 - May 7, 2017

Two times a year, National 4-H Council partners with the nation's leading rural lifestyle retailer, Tractor Supply Company (TSC), to host a national Paper Clover Promotion!

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. The Spring Paper Clover Promotion will be held from **Wednesday, April 26, through Sunday, May 7, 2017**.

This spring, 90% of the funds raised in our state will be given back to the Nebraska 4-H Foundation. The funds given to the Nebraska 4-H Foundation will be used for scholarships to support 4-H youth from all areas of the state who will be attending camp or other leadership activities.

Constellation

2017 Choice Gas – Constellation
April 13-27

Constellation is a proud supporter of Nebraska 4-H and gives back to our 4-H community. If you are not a Constellation customer, consider Constellation as your competitive natural gas supplier during the Choice Gas Selection Period (April 13-27, 2017). Look for the Choice Gas selection form in the mail and then call toll-free 877-274-5710. For more information, call Donna Hughes at 402-463-4981.

2017 Photography Theme

The 2017 Nebraska 4-H Photography Theme is “Reflect Your Definition of Rural Nebraska”. Capture rural living in your Nebraska County through your camera lens! Use your photo to express what rural means to you, why you value rural life, or how rural life is changing. This is your story to tell! This theme is available to both unit II and unit III photography.

4-H Summer Camps & Trips

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Nebraska 4-H offers a wide variety of camps across the state throughout the summer. Register for camp before April 15th and receive a 10% discount! Each Buffalo County 4-H member that attends an overnight Nebraska 4-H Camp will receive a \$100 scholarship and those attending a weeklong day camp will receive a \$35 scholarship from the Buffalo County 4-H Council. Call Amber for a Discount Code. Registration and descriptions of all camps available: 4h.unl.edu/camp-centers

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. 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:
Buffalo County Extension
1400 E. 34th St. Kearney, NE 68847
Amber.gapp@unl.edu

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

Campership from Nebraska 4-H Foundation

To apply for a campership, please submit the following information to Lindsay Shearer by email or mail. Allow 7-10 business days for response to campership request. Please note that single day camp sessions are not eligible for Camperships. **Campership requests must be received and approved prior to registration for a camp session.*

1. A request for campership support from the parent/guardian. Please be sure to include the name, age, and gender for each camper and the session each camper would like to attend.
2. A brief statement from the parent or from the camper expressing why they would like to attend camp this summer.

Once a request for a campership has been approved you will receive notification from Lindsay and receive an authorization code for registration that can be entered online or documented on a mail-in registration form. Following any campership support, we do ask that the camper send a thank-you note to donors sharing a highlight from their summer camp experience. Thank you notes can also be sent to Lindsay Shearer either by mail or email.

Request can be sent to:
Lindsay Shearer
State 4-H Office
114 Agricultural Hall
Lincoln, NE 68583

Or via email to:
lshearer2@unl.edu

Big Red Summer Academic Camp June 5th – 10th

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Early Bird Registration (discount): Sat., April 15th

Final Registration Deadline: Monday, May 1st

Big Red Summer Academic Camps are residential, career exploration camps held on the UNL campus, for high school youth in grades 10th – 12th, including recent graduates. Topics include computer science and engineering, weather and climate science, veterinary science, filmmaking, engineering, culinary arts and food science, outdoor Nebraska, and unicameral youth legislature. After spending several fun-filled days on campus, participants' families are invited to attend a special capstone event where youth showcase their achievements.

Go online for a complete description of specific camps offered, rates, scholarships available, and registration: 4h.unl.edu/big-red-camps.

Life Challenge

Life Challenge

June 26-27

UNL East Campus

Nebraska Extension 4-H Youth Development hosts PASE/Life Challenge, June 26-27, on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's East Campus. This event is open to 4-H youth ages 10-18. Youth interested in Family and Consumer Sciences will have the opportunity to compete in challenges and contests and stay on campus. Last year's challenges were geared toward foods and nutrition and child development. For additional information or if interested in participating in Life Challenge, please call the Extension Office, 308-236-1235.

2017 Interview Contest

The Interview Judging Contest will be held on May 25 in Norfolk. 4-H members needs to be 10 years old and older to participate. Each youth will submit 3 typewritten cover letters and 3 typewritten job resumes to the Norfolk District Office by **May 10**. Cover letters and job resumes should not exceed one page each. More information about this contest can be found at buffalo.unl.edu under Buffalo County 4-H, What's Happening.

Robotics Training

Robotics Workshop for Volunteers

Tuesday, May 2 from 9 am to 4 pm

Buffalo County Extension Building

Lunch will be provided

Are you thinking about starting a robotics club? This one-day workshop will refresh or introduce participants to building and programming with the LEGO NXT robotics kit. Learn about robotics activities from NASA and Nebraska 4-H – including some that don't need a computer or a kit.

We will provide everything you need for the workshop, but if you have a LEGO robotics kit and/or laptop

computer you will use in your program, please bring them along. For questions about computers or kits, contact Sandra Frerichs, Nebraska 4-H, at sfrerichs3@unl.edu. Register by going to: <http://beyondschoolbells.org/resources/statewide-pd.html>.

Ag Science Expo

Ag Science Expo Saturday, April 29 from 12:30 to 4:30 pm Raising Nebraska, Grand Island

Spend the afternoon on Saturday, April 29th from 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm engaging and interacting with science! See new technology and challenges up close while you solve problems. Sessions include:

1. 3-D Sand: Understand topography maps by playing in the sand.
2. Nutrients for Soil: Discover the nutrients that let plants grow.
3. Electric Flower: Build a circuit to make your flower glow.
4. Print your Fix: Design and print your solution to a problem.
5. Laparoscopic Surgery: Complete the challenge by designing a tool and conducting surgery.
6. Code your Name: Use binary code to make a name bracelet.

This is a great FREE family and friend affair! Register your family or your entire club at <http://go.unl.edu/agscienceexpo>. Pre-registration is preferred by Friday, April 21st, but walk-ins are welcome. Recommended age is for 8 year olds and older, but all ages are welcome!

Tractor Safety Training

Tractor Safety Training May 30-31 Buffalo County Extension Building

Any 14- or 15-year-old children who work on a farm or ranch owned by someone other than their parents or guardians are required to have certification through a class such as this. A flyer with more information can be found at the Extension Office or on our website, buffalo.unl.edu.

Animals

Lottery Goat Project Deadline April 3

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 3) 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 April 3

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 \$55 down payment towards the purchase price must be completed by April 3, or as soon as possible.

The remaining price of \$55 will be due at the first meeting. Participants will receive more information on specific topics and meeting dates after the deposit has been made.

District Horse Show Dates

The 2017 Nebraska District 4-H Horse Show dates and sites are June 12 – Lexington; June 13 – Taylor; June 14 – Wayne; June 19 – Hemingford; June 20 – Lincoln. The State Horse Show is held at Fonner Park, July 16-20, 2017.

All level testing required for participating in the 2017 District Horse Shows must be completed by May 12, when entries are due to the Extension Office.

Animal Science Youth Science Field Day Thursday, May 25 Curtis, NE

The Animal Science Youth Science Field Day is open to all youth ages 8-18. A 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. Register online at <http://go.unl.edu/wc-field-day>. Please contact the Extension Office by May 18 if you are interested in attending.

Premise ID Needed

Everyone showing a Market animal will need to have a premise ID. To obtain one, please call 402-471-2351 and you will be asked the address where the livestock are being housed. Please call 308-236-1235 or email amber.gapp@unl.edu and give us your premise ID number.

Quality Assurance Training

The new QA Curriculum called Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is now active. Anyone who has not registered for the LQA online course for 2017 should now navigate to the NEW online YQCA course at yqca.learnrow.io. You will use your FAMILY 4HOnline

login and password information to access the courses for the ACTIVE youth in your family. Only ACTIVE members will show in the drop down menu for access to the course. All registration questions with YQCA should be directed to help@yqca.org. All 4-Hers need to use the 4-H tab and not the FFA tab even if they are members of both organizations. There is a button for families that have forgotten their password. 4-Hers that have started their QA training in the LQA site will be able to complete their modules and print off their certificate of completion. Three modules still need to be completed. The price is now \$12. We will still offer a couple of in-person trainings.

Upcoming Shows & Clinics

- **Dr. Mike's Horsemanship/Hastings Youth Clinic**
Saturday – Sunday, April 8th – 9th
Hastings
- **Horse Judging School**
Saturday, April 22nd
Lincoln
- **4-H Poultry Judging Clinic**
Saturday, April 22nd
Lincoln
- **Horsemanship Clinic**
April 29-30
Columbus
- **Standard of Excellence NCTA Livestock Judging Camp**
May 24
Curtis
- **Youth Animal Science Field Day**
May 25
Curtis
- **Northeast Nebraska 4-H Horse Show**
Thursday, June 1
Homer
- **South Central Livestock Judging Clinic & Contest**
June 1
Bladen
- **South Central Livestock Progress Show**
June 3
Bladen
-
- **4-H Horse Camp**
June 8-10
Crawford

- **Sheridan Co. Goat, Beef, and Sheep 4-H Progress Show**
June 11
Gordon
- **Deuel County Hog, Lamb, Beef, & Goat Progress Show**
June 11
Chappell
- **Dawes County Goat, Beef and Sheep 4-H Progress Show**
June 17
Chadron
- **Platte County Swine Show**
June 18
Columbus
- **District Dairy Show**
June 24
Kearney
- **Papio Valley Market Broiler Show**
June 24
Springfield
- **Chase County 4-H Horse Show**
June 24
Imperial

All upcoming shows and clinic information, including registration, are listed on our website: buffalo.unl.edu. Flyers are also available in the Extension Office.

Sincerely,

Brian Bosshamer, Extension Educator
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