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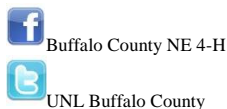
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Happy New Year!



Calendar of Events

January

- 02 Buffalo County Extension Office Closed, New Year's Holiday
- 03 Citizen Washington Focus Meeting
- 07 Beginners' Quilting Class
- 13-15 National Western Stock Show, Denver, Colo.
- 16 Buffalo County Extension Office Closed, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 21-22 Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop
- 24 4-H Council Meeting
- 28 Market Beef Weigh-In and Tagging, Kearney
- 30 4-H Special Garden Project Order Deadline

February "Nebraska 4-H Month"

- 11 Beginners' Quilting Class
- 19-26 Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic, Kearney
- 20 Buffalo County Extension Office Closed, Presidents' Day
- 21 Omaha Fashion Week Student Night, 4-H Collection
- 24 4-H Hockey Night at Tri-City Storm Game
- 27-28 Winter Shooting Sports' Fair Shoot
- 28 4-H Council Meeting

March

- 04 Shooting Sports Pancake Feed
- 11 Beginners' Quilting Class
- 13 Shooting Sports Potluck Awards Banquet
- 15 Innovative Youth Corn Challenge Entry Deadline
- 25 Beginners' Quilting Class
- 28 4-H Council Meeting

-Event details listed in newsletter-

Enclosed: 2017 Buffalo County 4-H Calendar

**Dates are subject to change, and the most updated copy can be found online: buffalo.unl.edu*

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4-H Enrollment

Youth and volunteers wanting to be involved in 4-H, need to enroll in 4-H by going online to ne.4honline.com. For step-by-step instructions on how to enroll online, go to buffalo.unl.edu/4h.

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.

Market Beef Weigh-In/Tagging

Market Beef Weigh-In and Tagging

Market Beef weigh-in and tagging is scheduled for the following days and times:

Saturday, December 31, 2016
9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
M & M Feeders
6485 85 Road
Elm Creek, NE 68836

Saturday, January 28, 2017
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Kearney Livestock Market
2020 Avenue F
Kearney, NE 68845

At tagging and weighing, please remember to complete a market beef ownership affidavit. On the affidavit, you must completely write in your animals complete EID tag number, and identify the animal. Please checkmark if and which animals will go to the 2017 Nebraska State Fair or Aksarben. State Fair or Aksarben animals must submit DNA and BVD samples to compete. DNA envelopes and BVD vials will be available at tagging.

All market beef animals will be tagged with an 840 EID Tags. There will be no separate county fair-only tags. The following will be costs at tagging and weighing. Please make sure to bring along cash or check to make these payments.

- Tags: \$2.00 each
- Extra Cydectin: \$2.50 each
(first 2 complimentary per each 4-H member)
- DNA: \$6.00 each
- BVD: \$3.50 each

Special thanks to Travis Pieper of Bayer Animal Health and Tri-Valley Veterinary Clinic for providing the Cydectin, and M & M Feeders and Kearney Livestock Market for use of their facilities!

2017 District Horse Shows

2017 Nebraska 4-H District Horse Shows are scheduled for the following dates and locations:

Date	Location
Monday, June 12 th	Lexington
Tuesday, June 13 th	Taylor
Wednesday, June 14 th	Wayne
Monday, June 19 th	Hemingford
Tuesday, June 20 th	Lincoln

4-H members may compete at any District Horse Show location of their choosing. All level testing required for participating must be completed by Friday, May 12th. All district and State Fair horse entries will be due to County Extension office by May 12th. More information to come.

Upcoming Shows & Clinics

- **Lancaster County Spring Rabbit Show**
Saturday, March 25th
Lancaster Event Center – Exhibit Hall, Lincoln

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

CWF Fundraiser Thank You

Thank you to the 4-H members and their families who made the 2016 CWF Fundraiser a success! Buffalo County 4-H met and exceeded their sales goal by 33 percent! Fundraiser participants will be receiving a letter in the mail that states their fundraiser profit. The letters will be mailed soon, so please be expecting a letter from Buffalo County Extension.

2016 Club Treasurer Reports

4-H Club Treasurers: If you have not already turned in your club's 2016 Treasurer's Report, please remember to do so as soon as possible. Clubs with no bank account or a \$0 balance, are still required to turn in a treasurer's report. Treasure's report templates were mailed out fall 2016, and replacement copies are available upon request.



Innovative Youth Corn Challenge

2017 Innovative Youth Corn Challenge Entry Must Be Postmarked by March 15th

Nebraska Extension and the Nebraska Corn Board are offering the 6th Annual Innovative Youth Corn Challenge. This contest guides participants through all aspects of corn production in a high yielding, efficient production challenge, as well as familiarizes youth with agricultural careers related to corn production.

As a team (two or more participants), youth will be challenged to implement a corn production practice different than normal to determine if they increased their yield. Economics and sustainability of the practice will also be considered. Yields, cropping history, and production information will also be collected.

Cash prizes and plaques will be given to the first, second, and third place teams. First place will receive \$1,000, second place will receive \$500, and third place will receive \$250. Sustainability, crop scouting and "extra mile" awards will be given, each is worth \$150.

This contest is open to 4-H and FFA members. 4-H members must be 10 years or older, as of January 1, 2017, to participate. Teams need a minimum of two, one-acre plots, to be harvested for the challenge. Additional project requirements can be found on the entry form.

To participate, youth must complete and return an entry form to the Fillmore County Extension Office in Geneva. If entries are mailed, they must be postmarked by March 15th. Entry forms, project requirements and resources can be found at: cropwatch.unl.edu/youth/activities.

Special Garden Project

4-H Special Garden Project Signup

Notify the Extension Office by Monday, January 30th

The 2017 4-H Special Garden Project will be Sunburst Summer Squash. This squash is a tasty, yellow, scalloped-shaped fruit with bright green blossom ends. This squash is an All-American Selection winner for its early fruit production and high number of fruits produced by each plant in a season. On average it takes 52 days for this vegetable to go from seedling to harvest-ready.

4-H members who participate in the special garden project receive Sunburst Summer Squash seeds (approximately 15); a newsletter and evaluation on planting and growing squash, squash problems and insects, harvesting and using squash, and squash exhibiting; and the opportunity to enter this unique vegetable at the County and State Fair. This squash is eligible to be exhibited in the yellow summer squash class and project participants can also exhibit an educational poster or report. The estimated cost to participate is \$0.50 per 4-H member.

To participate, youth need to be enrolled in 4-H and in the special garden project area. Please also notify the Extension Office by Monday, January 30th, if you want to be part of the Special Garden Project, so that we can order seed for you.

Shooting Sports

Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop Saturday – Sunday, January 21st-22nd Nebraska Game and Parks Outdoor Education Center, Lincoln

Register Online by Wednesday, January 11th

4-H Volunteers have the opportunity to become certified as an adult (age 21 and above) or apprentice (age 14-20) leader in shooting sport disciplines. Four project areas will be offered at the Lincoln Workshop; they include rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery. Workshop participants will learn under expert instruction from members of the Nebraska State 4-H Shooting Sports Training Team.

The registration fee is \$110 per person for initial certification, and \$100 per person that are currently a certified instructor and are adding an additional discipline. This fee includes meals, supplies and program materials. This fee will be reimbursed by the Buffalo County 4-H Council. Participants must make their own lodging arrangements. Lodging expenses will not be reimbursed by the Council.

More Information: tinyurl.com/NEShootingSports

Registration: tinyurl.com/SSCLincoln

Questions? Steve Pritchard: 402-395-2158 or 308-536-2691.

If unable to attend this workshop, but would like to become certified, the next shooting sports certification workshop will be April 1st-2nd at the Boone County Fairgrounds in Albion, Neb. More information to come.

2017 Save The Dates

Premier Animal Science Event (PASE) & Life Challenge
Monday, June 26, 2017 – Tuesday, June 27, 2017

Nebraska State 4-H Horse Show, Fonner Park, Grand Island
Sunday, July 16 – Thursday, July 20, 2017

Buffalo County Fair
Tuesday, July 25, 2017 - Tuesday, August 1, 2017

Nebraska State Fair
Friday, August 25, 2017 - Monday, September 4, 2017

Aksarben Horse Show
Saturday, September 23, 2017 - Sunday, September 24, 2017

Aksarben Stock Show
Thursday, September 28, 2017 - Sunday, October 1, 2017



Essay Contests

Fontanelle Hybrids Essay Contest

Submit Online Application by Monday, January 9th

High school seniors who are active members of 4-H, FFA, or another agriculture organization can write and submit a 250-word essay for a chance to win one of fifteen \$1,000 awards. The essay needs to answer “What new technology will be the biggest benefit to production agriculture in your community?” Winners will be announced Spring 2017.

Application and official rules: fontanelle.com/EssayContest

Beekeeping Essay Contest

Mail Essays by Friday, February 24th

The Foundation of the Preservation of Honey Bees is sponsoring a 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest. 4-H members are to write an essay on the topic of how the Managed Pollinator Protection Plan (MP3) can more effectively protect honey bees from pesticide exposure.

Essays must be submitted by Friday, February 24th to Judy Wu-Smart at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Department of Entomology, P.O. Box 830816, Lincoln, NE 68583-0816.

Bees have been a topic of conversation for the past several years, and now more than ever, the general public along with beekeepers are asking “what will happen if the bees are gone?” Papers should research and help answer this question. One state winner will be selected to move on to the national contest, where first, second, and third place cash prizes will be awarded –up to \$750. The National Winner’s essay will appear in an issue of the American Beekeeping Federation’s Newsletter. State and national winners will each receive a book about honey bees, beekeeping, or honey. For a complete list of essay and entry criteria, go online to: tinyurl.com/honeybeeessay

Missing an Item from 4-H?

Throughout 2016, the Buffalo County Extension Office has collected a variety of 4-H members’ items that were not picked up. We have the following items remaining at the office:

- State Fair Projects
- Banquet pins, certificates, and awards

If you are missing your state fair project or did not pick up an award, please come by the Extension Office to pick it up. You may call ahead to verify an item of yours is here.

Nebraska 4-H Month

February is Nebraska 4-H Month

Prepare to Share Your 4-H Story in February during Nebraska 4-H Month! Nebraska 4-H is asking clubs and individual members to tell their 4-H story by sharing a short video or photo on social media with the hashtags #NE4H and #TrueLeaders. Nebraska 4-H is also encouraging members to share the messages being posted on the Nebraska 4-H [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) social media networks.

What does sharing your 4-H story look like? It’s showing and telling us what it looks like to be a Nebraska 4-H member. Maybe it’s showing a rabbit, interview judging, or zooming down the zip line at summer camp. Share a short video or photo that shows your 4-H experience. Videos shared as a [#NE4H Video View](#) may also be shared at the Nebraska State Fair and through state 4-H social media networks. Need help or ideas for creating a video? Check out this website: 4h.unl.edu/video-view

Buffalo County 4-H Hockey Game Night

Tri-City Storm vs. Sioux Falls Stampede

Friday, February, 24th, 7 p.m.

Viaero Center, Kearney

Order Discounted Tickets by 3 p.m. Day of Game

Join Buffalo County 4-H in celebrating Nebraska 4-H Month by attending the Tri-City Storm hockey game against Sioux Falls Stampede on Friday, February 24th at 7 p.m. at the Viaero Center, in Kearney. Discounted tickets are available for \$11 for adult tickets and \$5 for kids’ tickets. Each discount ticket comes with a voucher for a free cup of popcorn. To order tickets, call the Tri-City Storm Box Office at 308-338-8011, use the code word “4-H”, and ask for Section T. Buffalo County 4-H will sit as a group. Discounted tickets must be ordered by 3 p.m. on game day, Friday, February 24th. Tickets will be available at Will Call starting at 6 p.m. on game day. Please bring a canned food item to the game and drop it off at the 4-H table above Section T to benefit a local charity. **Represent 4-H proudly by wearing your 4-H t-shirt to the game!**

Sincerely,

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