



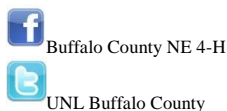
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Calendar of Events

July

- 01 Pre-fair entries due
- 01 Fashion Show entries due
- 01 Fashion Show practice
- 01 Buffalo County Fair Static Interview Judging Signup Opens
- 01 State Fair online exhibit registration opens (livestock and in-person contests and events)
- 04 Buffalo County Extension Office closed, Independence Day
- 06 Breakfast Fun Workshop
- 07 Pre-fair entries final deadline (\$10 late fee)
- 07 Last Quality Assurance Training
- 08 Babysitter Workshop
- 09 Entomology Workshop
- 09 District Dairy Show
- 10 Lottery Goat Meeting, 4 P.M. Stafford Arena, Kearney
- 10-14 State Horse Show, Fonner Park, Grand Island
- 15 Quality Assurance Certification Deadline
- 12 Fashion Show, University of Nebraska at Kearney, Fine Arts Building
- 12-13 Lamb and Goat Camp
- 14 Buffalo County Fair Livestock Workday, Buffalo County Fairgrounds
- 15 Buffalo County Fair Static Interview Judging Signup Closes
- 23 Buffalo County Fair Rabbit and Poultry Workday, Buffalo County Fairgrounds
- 24 Buffalo County Fair Horse Outdoor Arena Setup and Open Horse Riding
- 26-8/2 Buffalo County Fair
- 28 Kristin Pill's Farewell, following Pie and Cake Auction

August

- 7/26-8/2 Buffalo County Fair
- 01-04 Biz Kidz Camp
- 02 Buffalo County Fair 4-H Livestock Auction
- 02 4-H Appreciation BBQ, Buffalo County Extension Building, 11:30 a.m.
- 8 Aksarben Entry Forms due to extension office
- 10 State Fair online registration closes for livestock, 5 p.m.
- 10 State Fair online registration closes for In-Person Events and Contests, 5 p.m.
- 22 State Fair Static exhibits delivered to Buffalo County Extension Office
- 23 4-H Council Meeting
- 24 State Fair Food, Horticulture, Floriculture, Crops Cultivar exhibits delivered to Extension Office
- 26-9/5 Nebraska State Fair, Grand Island

September

- 05 Buffalo County Extension Office closed, Labor Day
- 07 State Fair Exhibit pick-up at extension office
- 09 Nebraska Pork Youth Conference applications due
- 13-15 Husker Harvest Days
- 17-18 Aksarben Horse Show
- 22-25 Aksarben Stock Show
- 27 4-H Council Meeting

Nebraska State Fair, Grand Island – August 26 through September 5, 2016
Aksarben Horse Show, Chance Ridge, Elkhorn – September 17-18, 2016
Aksarben Stock Show, CenturyLink Center, Omaha – September 22-25, 2016

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Buffalo County Fair

4-H Schedule and Fair Premium Book

The 2016 Buffalo County Fair is Tuesday, July 26th, through Tuesday, August 2nd. The 4-H Schedule and 4-H Premium Booklet is available on our website:

extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/premium-book/

The Kearney Hub printed a paper copy of the premium book, that was available starting June 7th. If you do not have a copy, paper copies can be picked up at the Kearney Hub or at the Buffalo County Extension Office.

Pre-Fair Entry Forms

At the beginning of June, information letters and pre-fair entry forms were mailed to 4-H Members. Pre-fair entry forms were due on Friday, July 1st. These forms are for 4-H Members' to designate which projects and animals will be brought and exhibited at the 2016 Buffalo County Fair. Pre-fair entry forms will still be accepted at the Buffalo County Extension Office until 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 7th with a \$10 late fee, this fee is in addition to any fair exhibiting fees.

Absolutely no pre-fair entry forms will be accepted after 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 7th. 4-H Members will not be able to exhibit projects at the 2016 Buffalo County Fair if these forms are not returned on time.

When completing pre-fair entry forms, please refer to the 2016 Buffalo County Fair Premium Book for class codes and descriptions, or if applicable, the county fair information sheets handed out at various workshops. Extra copies of pre-fair entry forms are available at the extension office or can be retrieved from our website: buffalo.unl.edu.

Static Interview Judging Signup July 1st – 15th (BEFORE FAIR)

Static Interview Judging Sign-up is open from Friday, July 1st to Friday, July 15th (or until all slots are full). When slots become full, there is a waitlist available for each judge. Those on waitlists will be granted an interview in the event of a cancellation and/or no-show on entry or interview days. Please note that static interview judging sign-up needs to take place before fair and exhibitors will not be able to sign-up for interviews on entry day. **Note that exhibitors may only sign-up for a maximum of three interview slots.** The following is an exception: horticulture interview judging sign-up will take place on entry day, and horticulture interview judging is in addition to the three allotted slots for Static Interview Judging.

Exhibitors should go online to: extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/fair-sign-ups to sign-up for their respective interview slots. When online, please carefully select the correct signup/judge, as some judges will be judging multiple project areas but only have one signup. Please also include your cell phone number when signing up, in case we need to reach you on judging day. Leaving a cell phone number is especially important for those on waitlists. If unable to utilize the online signup, please call the extension office at 308-236-1235, email raina.pederson@unl.edu, or stop into the extension office to complete Static Interview Judging Signup.

Premier 4-H Science Award

The Premier Science Award recognizes outstanding 4-H static exhibits incorporating or demonstrating concepts from the areas of 4-H Science (science, technology, engineering, and applied math). Two eligible exhibits will be nominated by a judge at the Buffalo County Fair. When nominated, 4-H Members will receive the proper State Fair application form. All Premier 4-H Science exhibits entered at State Fair will be recognized with a certificate attached to their exhibit at State Fair. Top Premier 4-H Science exhibits will be chosen from all project areas at State Fair and will receive a \$100 cash award. If 4-H Members' static exhibits are in the 4-H Science areas, and they would like to be considered for this award, they should include a narrative explaining the scientific methods of their exhibit. **More info:** 4h.unl.edu/fairbook/science-engineering-tech/premier-science

Livestock Breed Registration

All livestock that have breed registration papers should have a copy on file at the Buffalo County Extension Office. This includes market and breeding beef, sheep, lambs, and goats. The original breed registration paper is required at check-in at county fair, state fair, and Aksarben.

County Fair Poultry

The Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) will again be conducting surveillance for Notifiable Avian Influenza (NAI) at county fairs this year. The birds will not be tested for NAI, but will be observed to make sure they are apparently healthy. Pullorum-Typhoid testing will be conducted at some of the county fairs. We thank you for your cooperation, as the testing of poultry exhibited at county fairs is vital to the National Poultry Improvement Plan program in Nebraska, and greatly appreciated by the NAI surveillance program.

Buffalo County Fair Livestock Workday Thursday, July 14th | 4:30 p.m.

Buffalo County Fairgrounds, Kearney

Much help is needed to prepare the fairgrounds for county fair. If you are showing livestock at county fair this year, please come with your family to help on workday. The Buffalo County Fair Board will provide supper. The more help this night, the faster the work will be done. An advanced thank you to those who are willing to come help!

Buffalo County Fair Rabbit and Poultry Workday Saturday, July 23rd | 7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Noon

Buffalo County Fairgrounds, Kearney

Rabbit and Poultry Exhibitors and families, your help is needed to prepare barns for county fair! All available help will be appreciated. Please bring brooms, hammers, hoses, spray-nozzles, and small brushes to clean wire cages. Plan to wear gloves and old clothes. Donuts and juice will be provided.

Buffalo County Fair Horse Preparation

Preparations for county fair horse competitions will be as follows: outdoor arena set-up will be on Sunday, July 24th at 4:30 p.m. There will be no indoor arena setup. Open riding will be Sunday, July 24th, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Ag Appreciation Morning Break
(To Promote the Buffalo County Fair 4-H Livestock Auction)
Thursday, July 21st | 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Kearney Chamber of Commerce

Everyone is invited to come help promote the Buffalo County 4-H Livestock Auction at the Ag Appreciation Morning Break, taking place at the Kearney Chamber of Commerce, on Thursday, July 21st, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Anyone and everyone should attend and wear their official Buffalo County 4-H t-shirts. Light refreshments will be served, and 4-H families have the opportunity to mingle with local businesspersons while promoting the auction. To find out additional ways to promote the auction, see the livestock auction section below.

Annual Pie and Decorated Cake Auction
Thursday, July 28th | 5:30 p.m.

Exhibit Building, Buffalo County Fairgrounds

The Buffalo County FCS Project Action Team will sponsor a Pie and Decorated Cake Auction at the 2016 Buffalo County Fair. Each of the top two decorated cakes and pie entries in the “Discovering Pies” and “Foodworks” project areas will be eligible for auction. Pies and cakes must only be sold by the 4-H exhibitor. If the 4-H member is not present for the auction, the pie or cake cannot be auctioned. Only one item per 4-H member is eligible for auction.

Money raised will be split between the exhibitor, and the Buffalo County 4-H Council scholarship fund and the FCS Project Action Team. To ensure success in selling your pie or cake, talk to businesses, family members or other interested people. Extend a personal invitation to the auction and explain its importance.

Well Wishes for Kristin!

Please join us for fellowship and ice cream, following the Pie and Cake Auction to wish Kristin well!

Kristin Prill has accepted an Extension Assistant position in Lancaster County, beginning August 1st.

Be A Difference Maker!

Participate in Special Fair Activities to Benefit S.A.F.E. Center

Justine Bauer, a long time Buffalo County 4-H'er is capping off her rich 4-H career this summer by launching her community service campaign entitled, “Be a Difference Maker”. Through this program, she will shine a light of awareness on Kearney’s S.A.F.E. Center which provides free crisis intervention services and shelter for victims of domestic violence in the six-county area of southcentral Nebraska. Domestic violence is the third leading cause of homelessness in America.

Through this project, Justine’s goal is to educate youth about the importance of volunteering in their community and the impact they can have on others in need, especially those at the S.A.F.E. Center.

How can you get involved and “Be A Difference Maker”? Participate in the following Buffalo County Fair activities to benefit the S.A.F.E. Center:

- Donate needed hygiene and care items at drop-off points on the fairgrounds
- Participate in County Fair Ag-ility Race (see next paragraph).

Ag-ility Race
Saturday, July 30th

2: 00 p.m. (please arrive 30 min. prior for instructions)
S.A.F.E Center Booth, East of the Exhibit Building, Buffalo County Fairgrounds, Kearney
Registration Due Thursday, July 28th

Join us for the first annual Buffalo County Fair Ag-ility Race! This race will consist of teams of four to six people, who will participate in six timed ag-related events. Try your hands at wheelbarrowing hay bales, tossing a farm fresh egg, see how quickly you can shuck corn, or milk a cow!

Registration is \$60 cash OR one each of the service items listed on the flyer. Service items may be dropped off prior to the race at the [Buffalo County Fair Office](#) or at Just For Ladies Fitness. The service items may also be brought the day of the race to the registration table. Teams will not be able to complete in the race without first paying the registration fee or donating all the service items. Flyer and registration form enclosed. Extra copies available at the extension office and online: extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/buffalo-county-fair

Buffalo County Fair 4-H Livestock Auction
Tuesday, August 2nd | 8:30 a.m.

Ag Pavilion, Buffalo County Fairgrounds, Kearney

4-H livestock parents and youth members, this is a crucial reminder that you have a vested responsibility to assist in the solicitation of livestock buyers for the 4-H livestock auction coming up on Tuesday, August 2nd, starting at 8:30 a.m. in the Ag Pavilion on the Buffalo County Fairgrounds. Please visit with the businesses that you patronize and ask them for their support on bidding or purchasing 4-H animals at the auction.

Remember to thank the business or individuals who purchased your animals in previous sales and let them know how their investment has benefitted you. Remembering these simple actions ahead of this year’s sale will help ensure the success of the 4-H auction and our reputation as 4-H Exhibitors.

The Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce has created flyers that can be printed and shared with potential buyers. The flyers contain information on supporting the auction, even if a buyer cannot attend. Included on the flyers is a form to designate for the sales committee to bid on your behalf or to donate to the Buffalo County 4-H Livestock Auction Booster Club, who will pool donations to purchase animals at the auction. Extra copies of flyers available at the extension office.
Online Flyers: kearneycoc.org/EventsNews/4-HAuction.aspx

Buffalo County 4-H T-Shirts

Buffalo County Farm Bureau once again has sponsored a free official Buffalo County 4-H t-shirt to our 4-H Members (excluding Clover Kids). Extra t-shirts are available for purchase for \$7. 4-H members exhibiting livestock, dogs, and small animals at the county fair will be expected to comply with the required t-shirt dress code. The t-shirts may be picked up at the extension office during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.). Please personally thank Farm Bureau for their support of Buffalo County 4-H!

County Fair Volunteer Opportunities

All fair-related signups are listed on the Buffalo 4-H website:
extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/fair-sign-ups

If you are unable to use any of the online signups, listed below, please call the extension office at 308-236-1235, email raina.pederson@unl.edu, or stop into the office to complete sign-up.

4-H Food Stand / Snack Shack / Lunch Line

4-H families, independent members, and clubs are asked to do their part to support our 4-H program by working one or more shifts at the 4-H Snack Shack, Food Stand, or Lunch Line during the Buffalo County Fair, occurring July 26th through August 2nd. Three adults and three youth are needed for most shifts. Shifts vary from three to four hours. Extra help is especially needed on the days the lunch line is served, which is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the fair in the Ag Pavilion. Shift sign-up can be done individually or as an entire club. To sign-up please go online to: signupgenius.com/go/4090c4daaad2ba2fb6-4hfood and follow the instructions provided. Please also see dessert bar information below.

Snack Shack Dessert Bars

Thank you to all the clubs who have already signed up to work shifts at the food stand, snack shack, and/or lunch line! There are many shifts still available. Independent 4-H members should also sign up. During lunch time, homemade dessert bars will be available for purchase, we ask that each club provide 8 dozen (for a total of 96 pieces) dessert bars from the following list: brownies, cereal bars (i.e. Rice Krispies bar, Special K bar, Lucky Charms bar), Scotcheroos, or cookie bars. Dessert bars need to be brought to the Snack Shack by 10:00 a.m. on the day your club is scheduled to work. All items need to be pre-wrapped and should be approximately three inches by three inches in size.

4-H Information / Static Booth

Sign-up to work the 4-H Information Booth at the 2016 Buffalo County Fair! This opportunity is used to supervise the static exhibit displays in the exhibit hall of the Buffalo County Extension Building, and to provide information about 4-H to the public, who visit the building. It is also fun to have time to see all of the exhibits and get ideas for next year! Two people are needed for each two-hour shift. Please try to fit this into your fair schedule to help protect 4-H Exhibits and promote 4-H! Those interested can sign-up through SignUpGenius: SignUpGenius.com/go/4090C4DAAAD2BA2FB6-4hstaticinformat

Static Exhibit Volunteering

4-H static exhibit judging would not be possible without the help of numerous dedicated volunteers. Helping with static exhibits during fair is a great way to learn about the judges' expectations and discover project ideas for next year. Various shifts are available and are described below. Please note that static volunteer needs have changed significantly from what was written in the June Newsletter, the changes are reflected here.

Static Exhibit Volunteer Sign-up will be done online through SignUpGenius, please go to this link to sign up:
signupgenius.com/go/4090C4DAAAD2BA2FB6-static

Static Volunteer Shifts

- **Static Exhibit Set-Up**
 - Tuesday, July 19th, 4 - 6 p.m. (supper provided)
 - 12 adults and/or youth (age 12 and older, this could be sponsored by a club)
 - Duties include moving display pieces, cleaning and setting displays up (some heavy lifting needed)
- **"Teens In Action" Exhibit Entry**
 - Tuesday, July 26th, 10 a.m.
 - 2 adults
 - Duties include checking in "Teens In Action" exhibits
- **Static Exhibit Entry**
 - Tuesday, July 26th, 4 - 7 p.m.
 - 6 adults and 6 youth (age 12 and older)
 - Duties include checking in and organizing static exhibits
- **Static Exhibit Entry and Judging**
 - Wednesday, July 27th, 7 a.m. - 12 pm (lunch provided)
 - 10 adults
 - Duties include checking-in and organize static exhibits, tagging exhibits, and assisting judges
- **Static Exhibit Tagging and Judging**
 - Wednesday, July 27th, 12 - 5 p.m.
 - 10 adults
 - Duties include tagging static exhibits and assisting judges
- **Static Exhibit Reset**
 - Wednesday, July 27th, 5 - 6:30 p.m.
 - 5 adults and/or youth (age 12 and older)
 - Duties include helping reset static exhibit hall after judging
- **Pie and Cake Auction Setup**
 - Thursday, July 28th, 4 - 4:30 p.m.
 - 4 adults or youth (age 12 and older)
 - Duties include setting up tables and chairs for auction in Fairgrounds Exhibit Building
- **Pie and Cake Auction Lineup**
 - Thursday, July 28th, 5:15 - 7:30 p.m.
 - 2 adults
 - Duties include lining up 4-H members and keep going through action
- **Pie and Cake Auction Disassembly**
 - Thursday, July 28th, 7 - 7:45 p.m.
 - 2 adults or youth (age 12 and older)
 - Duties include taking down tables and chairs
- **Release Exhibits and Clean-up**
 - Monday, August 1st, 5:30 - 7 p.m.
 - 10 adults and/or youth (age 12 and older)
 - Duties include disassembling static exhibit hall, consolidation exhibits into family piles, moving tables and display pieces (some heavy lifting required)

Aksarben

The 2016 Aksarben Horse Show is Saturday, September 17th and Sunday, September 18th, at Chance Ridge in Elkhorn, Neb. The Aksarben Stock Show is Thursday, September 22nd through Sunday, September 25th, at CenturyLink Center in Omaha, Neb.

Entry forms for both these events are due to the Buffalo County Extension Office by Monday, August 8th. Entry forms are available at the extension office. Entry forms and additional information can also be found online: aksarbenstockshow.com

2016 Nebraska State Fair

**2016 Nebraska State Fair
Friday, August 26th - Monday, September 5th
Fonner Park, Grand Island, Nebraska**

Helpful links listed below:

State Fair Website: statefair.org

2016 State Fair Premium Book: 4h.unl.edu/fairbook

2016 State Fair Schedules: 4h.unl.edu/nebraskastatefairschedule
(link contains the complete 4-H, livestock, and fair schedules)

State Fair Exhibit Registration

4-H members who plan to exhibit livestock and complete in-in-person events and contest at State Fair must use an online entry system. Instructions and online registration available at: statefair.org/p/getinvolved/4h-ffa.

Registration for the following exhibits must be done online:

- Livestock
- In-Person Events and Contests (e.g. presentations, fashion show)

Registration is open Friday, July 1st and closes on Wednesday, August 10th at 5 p.m. Exhibitors and their families are responsible for registering all exhibits online and paying the required registration fees with a credit or debit card, this also includes necessary exhibitor passes, parking passes, and chute passes. Please note the state fair exhibitor registration exception below.

STATE FAIR EXHIBIT ENTRY EXCEPTION:

-All STATE FAIR STATIC EXHIBITS will be entered online by Buffalo County Extension Office staff-

(This includes food, horticulture, floriculture, crops cultivar, and all other static exhibits)

State Fair Companion Animal Show

The Companion Animal Show was on probation in 2015 and due to lack of numbers will not be offered for the 2016 Nebraska State Fair.

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. Rules and regulation regarding this can be found in the 2016 State Fair General Livestock Information, Rules and Regulations packet, available online here: statefair.org/p/getinvolved/270

State Fair Volunteer Opportunities

The Nebraska 4-H program is seeking volunteers to help with exhibit entry day, judging, and serving as exhibit building hosts and greeters, during the Nebraska State Fair. Volunteers are also needed for educational activities in the 4-H building, and serving as the Lil' Green Mascot. State Fair volunteers will receive a free state fair pass for the day(s) they volunteer. Questions should be directed to Extension Educator, Cathy Johnston, at 402-472-1762 or cjohnston1@unl.edu. A complete list of volunteer opportunities and volunteer interest forms can be found online: 4h.unl.edu/state-fair/volunteer

State 4-H Horse Show / Volunteer Opportunities

The State Horse Show will be at Fonner Park in Grand Island, July 10th through July 14th, 2016.

The State 4-H Horse Show is looking for volunteers for the following areas/tasks listed below. Those interested in volunteering should contact Rebecca Gunderson, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Horse Intern, at 402-472-0545 or horseintern@unl.edu.

Volunteer Areas/Tasks: show announcers, area gate workers (for entire show), ribbon clerks (distribute ribbons and trophies), ring stewards (assist arena judge; records exhibitor placings), time operators (for roping, speed events, etc.), runners (evening of Monday, July 11th only, transfer score sheets between trail judges).

Discounted State Fair Tickets

Discounted State Fair gate passes will be offered through the Buffalo County Extension Office. They will be available starting mid-August for purchase at the cost of \$5 each. Regular admission at the gate will cost \$12 for adults, \$3 for children (age 6-12), and free for children age five and under. State Fair parking is free. Other discounted tickets are available at the admission gate on the following days:

- Opening Day: free admission until 12 p.m. noon
- Five Dollar Days: \$5 admission on Aug. 29th and 31st
- Two Dollar Tuesdays: \$2 admission on Aug. 30th
- Three Dollar Thursdays: \$3 admission on Sep. 1st
- Military Appreciation: free admission for current service personnel and veterans with appropriate identification on Sep. 5th

2016 Photography Theme

4-H Grows Here Photography Exhibit

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 is accessible online: unl.app.box.com/s/krptc9q2f2yxkxpcyc6q6flx6ni6z7mo

**ESI State Fair Showcase
(ESI Camp / Biz Kidz Camp Opportunity at State Fair)
Saturday, August 27th**

Setup 1:00 p.m. | Showcase 2:00 – 5:30 p.m.

4-H Building, Nebraska State Fairgrounds, Grand Island

Free to Participate, Sign-up by Friday, August 19th

4-H members, age 10-14, are invited to sell their products at the ESI State Fair Showcase/sale. The showcase will take place as described above. For 4-H'ers who are attending the Biz Kidz Camp this summer, this is another great opportunity to sell the products from the business created at camp. ESI Showcase participants will receive one state fair entry pass for themselves and one for an adult. An unloading and reloading pass may also be received. For more information about Biz Kidz Camp, see the camps sections of this newsletter. Parents of 4-H'ers interested in the ESI State Fair Showcase should contact the Nebraska Extension Special Projects Coordinator, Nancy Eberle, at 402-736-4691 or neberle@mainstaycomm.net.

**Recycled Garden Display Contest
(State Fair Opportunity for 4-H'ers and Parents)
During The 2016 Nebraska State Fair
Registration Due Sunday, August 21st**

Do you have old toolboxes, kitchen equipment, tires, or even an old pair of cowboy boots? Turn them into a planter! Use your imagination to recondition a used container into a beautiful potted garden! Previous entries included a BBQ grill, wagon, and tool boxes. The sky is the limit, so find something that is mobile and that will hold dirt. Then, let your green thumb show! Planters can be made using recycled objects – piece a planter together using various material or use a found object (examples listed above). All planters will be displayed at the Nebraska State Fair! Be sure to incorporate the 2016 Theme, Grand Champions, in your display. The event is open to all (adults, 4-H and non-4-H members)! Photos of all Recycled Garden entries will be posted on the state fair website and social media pages. Contest participants are eligible to win free state fair admission based on votes via the State Fair Facebook page. Don't forget to come see these wonderful displays at the state fair! Please direct questions to Heidi at 308-383-8775 or heidiasassociatedstaffing@gmail.com.

More Recycled Garden Information and Contest Flyer:
statefair.org/events/2016/recycled-garden-contest-display

Citizenship Washington Focus

It is time to officially sign-up for the 2017 Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) trip! CWF is a week-long citizenship program for 4-H youth, ages 14-19, that takes place at the National 4-H Conference Center, near our nation's capital.

Every summer, thousands of youth participate in the CWF program, which provides opportunities for them to:

- Strengthen their communication, leadership, and citizenship skills on a national level
- Understand the importance of civic and social responsibilities as they relate to the development of better citizens and leaders

- Exchange ideas, practice respect, and form friendships with other youth with diverse backgrounds from across the country
- Experience hands-on learning using the historical backdrop of Washington, D.C.

CWF Participants Enjoy:

- A behind-the-scenes look at our nation's capital and the chance to meet members of congress
- Motivational speakers, educational workshops, and assemblies that increase individual commitment to citizen involvement and build skills for lifetime success
- Activities that encourage new and lasting friendships

Buffalo County 4-H, along with four to five surrounding counties, attend CWF together as a delegation.

Eligibility: 4-H members, who have completed at least their freshman year in high school during the 2016-2017 school year and will be between the ages of 14 and 18 years old (4-H age in 2017).

Dates: There are multiple weeks of CWF. Buffalo County, in conjunction with partnering counties, will determine the week to attend CWF, based on availability of participants. Typically, the delegation, that Buffalo County 4-H is part of, attends CWF in early June, with travel dates to leave late May/early June 2017. One week of time will be spent at CWF. The other time will be spent enroute to and from Washington, D.C., seeing historical and cultural sites along the way in preparation for 4-H'ers time at CWF. Possible stops may include Chicago, Philadelphia, Gettysburg and New York City! Note that this is a conference and trip that Buffalo County 4-H only partakes on every other year.

Cost: The estimated cost of the trip is around \$2,900. The Buffalo County 4-H Council will assist each attendee with conference costs in the amount of \$100. Buffalo County 4-H also does a fruit fundraiser each fall to help with raising funds for this trip. Some 4-H members have been able to fund their entire trip through this fruit sales fundraiser! 4-H members may fundraise multiple years, and may even start fundraising before eligible to attend CFW. Money that each 4-H'er raises, is saved by the 4-H Council especially for their use on this trip.

Sign-up: A completed contract (Memorandum of Understanding) must be returned to the Buffalo County Extension Office by Friday, July 15, 2016, with a deposit of \$400, for 4-H members who are interested in attending in CWF 2017. This deposit is refundable up until September 15, 2016. Checks are made payable to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Extra copies of the contract are available at the extension office and were also mailed to CWF-eligible 4-H members.

Questions: Please contact Brian Bosshamer, Extension Educator
Phone: 308-236-1235, email: brian.bosshamer@unl.edu

More Info: 4hcenter.org

OUR WINNERS!

Scholarships

Congratulations to Cierra Roubicek, who was the winner of the Buffalo Belles 4-H Scholarship!

Life Challenge

Congratulations to Life Challenge winners from our county! The team of Leslie Aspen, Katelynn Jochum, Sarah Lucht placed 2nd in the Food and Nutrition Challenge. The team of Bethany Hofer, Amelia Huerta, Moriah Johnson, and Anne Oldfather was awarded Best Promotion of a Nebraska Product and Most Accurate Nutrition Information in Design.

Premier Animal Science Event

Premier Animal Science Events (PASE) is a two-day event designed to help 4-H members learn about issues related to the animal industry, explore career opportunities, compete with other teens from across the state, and have fun!

Congratulations to PACE winners! Results are as follows:

Senior Livestock Judging - Champions

Braden Hadwiger
Ralston Ripp (2nd overall high individual)
Mathias Schulte (3rd overall high individual)
Sage Williams

Senior Meats – Champions

Marissa Kegley (1st overall high individual)
Ralston Ripp (5th overall high individual)
Karlie Rumbeck,
Tennyson Williams (3rd overall high individual)

Senior Skill-a-thon – 2nd

Mikayla Catlin
Eli Ritcher
Tennyson Williams

Senior Skill-a-thon – 4th

Wyatt Hubbard
Christian Ritcher
Ralston Ripp
Karlie Rumbeck

Intermediate Skill-a-thon – 2nd

Tegan Catlin
Taylor Lewis
Austyn Rumbeck
Noah Summers
Skylar summers

PASE Contest Score Details:

4h.unl.edu/pase-life-challenge/results

Other Competitions

“Hit Us With Your Best Shot”

2017 Poultry Calendar Photo Contest

Submissions Postmark by Friday, July 15th

All current Nebraska 4-H and FFA members are invited to entry their poultry photo(s) in the 2017 “Hit Us With Your Best Shot” Poultry Calendar Photo Contest. The contest is sponsored by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Protection, Notifiable Avian Influenza.

To entry, follow all contest eligibility and entry rules, and photo guidelines. The rules are as follows: contestants must be a current Nebraska 4-H or FFA member; photo(s) must be taken by contestant; photo(s) must feature poultry; photo(s) must be in landscape orientation; photo(s) must not contain identifiable items, such as faces, addresses, and license plates, as submitted photos will be publicly displayed. Submitted photo(s) must be eight by ten inches, with no drastic manipulation of the image. Minor corrections, such as exposure, contrast, white balance, etc. are permitted. Each photo submission must be accompanied by an entry form. Contestants may submit a maximum of four photo submission. Photo entries will be judged on appeal, content, and photographic skill. The decision of the judges is final. Submitted photo prints will not be returned. All photos submitted are granted a non-exclusive right to the Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) for use in the calendar and/or other promotional material.

Entry forms may be picked up at the Buffalo County Extension Office, or accessed online, here: nda.nebraska.gov/aphp/2016-poultry-calendar-contest-flyer.pdf

Entries must be postmarked by Friday, July 15th and mailed to:
Nebraska Department of Agriculture
Animal and Plant Health Protection
P.O. Box 94787
Lincoln, NE 68509-4787

Youth Crop Scouting Competition

Tuesday, August 2nd | 8:15 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

University of Nebraska

Agricultural Research Development Center, Ithaca, Neb.

Registration Due By Monday, July 18th

The 3rd annual Youth Crop Scouting Competition will take place Tuesday, August 2nd, from 8:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the University of Nebraska’s Agricultural Research Development Center in Ithaca, Neb. The contest is open to teams of three to four youth, who must have completed 7th to 12th grade in 2016 and be a resident of Nebraska. An adult team leader must accompany the team, but does not need to be a 4-H club leader/volunteer.

This competition is an opportunity for youth to learn how to crop scout, to learn about crop growth and development, to learn about principles of integrated pest management, to obtain knowledge helpful to future careers, and to network with University of Nebraska and other agriculture professionals.

The contest will include a written test and field stations, and focus on corn and soybeans. Field stations may include: crop diseases, insects, growth stages, abiotic and biotic problems, weed identification, nutrient management, research and general scouting.

Top-scoring teams will win \$500 for first place, \$250 for second place, and \$100 for third place. The first and Second

place teams will be eligible to compete at the regional competition in Iowa on August 30th and 31st.

Team leaders who do not know a lot about crops/scouting are encouraged to ask a local agronomist to assist by providing a short lesson on crop production to teams. Many resources are also available online at:

cropwatch.unl.edu/cropscoutingcompetition

Hard copies of the crop scouting resources may also be requested through Brandy VanDeWalle. Registration is due Monday, July 18th and cost \$50 per team. The registration fee will be refunded when the team attends the competition. Teams will also be reimbursed for mileage, if funding allows. Lunch, beverages, and snacks will also be provided. Registration, additional information, and contest rules are all linked below. Copies may also be picked up at the extension office.

Online Registration:

docs.google.com/forms/d/1OsRnzWsUIQLQ-DE80xbdXABoZNgld0FABMptflrDHAA/viewform?c=0&w=1

Contest Rules and Printable Registration Form:

cropwatch.unl.edu/cropscoutingcompetition

Mail Registration/Payment and Direct Questions to:

Brandy VanDeWalle
Nebraska Extension
1340 G Street
Geneva, NE 68361

Email: brandy.vandewalle@unl.edu

Phone: 402-759-3712

2016 Nebraska State "Make It With Wool" Competition

Saturday, Nov. 19th

Competition 9 a.m. | Public Fashion Show 1 p.m.

Dawson County Extension Office

1002 Plum Creek Parkway, Lexington

Open To All (including non-4-H and adults)

Entries and Fees Due Saturday, October 15th

Narrations Due Tuesday, November 1st

The objective of this contest is to promote the beauty and versatility of wool fabric and yarn; to encourage personal creations in sewing, knitting, crocheting, spinning and weaving of wool fabric; and to recognize creative skills. This contest is open to all, including 4-H and non-4-H members, as well as adults! Age Divisions are listed below. Junior, Senior, and Adult Division winners will be chosen for a trip to the National Finals Contest in Denver, Colorado! Entry forms, fees, wool samples and wool testing fees are due by Saturday, October 15th to the entry coordinator. All participants must pay the wool testing fee (\$7), state (\$10) and national (\$12) entry fees to be eligible. Narrations are due Tuesday, November 1st. Please see the links below for additional rules and competition details, a printable entry form, and contest contact information. Contest rules and entry forms may also be picked up at the Buffalo Country Extension Office. With questions, please contact State Director, Alice Doane at 402-786-3555; Entry Coordinator, Andrea Nisley at 308-324-5501 or anisley1@unl.edu; and District II Director, Sandi Ericson at 308-263-4721 or lagoonczechs@gmail.com.

Divisions (determined by age as of January 1, 2016):

- Preteen: age 12 and under

- Junior: age 13 - 16
- Senior: age 17 - 24
- Adult: age 25 and over
- Made For Others / Wearable Accessory

Nebraska Rules/Info:

unl.app.box.com/s/19gpkqw0h3co9b8u8y9usrjt1bn8vkvx

National Website:

nationalmakeitwithwool.com

Entry form:

nationalmakeitwithwool.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/RegularEntryBlank.pdf

Animal-Related Opportunities

Nebraska Pork Youth Conference

12 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 16th - 12 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 18th
Lincoln

Applications Due Friday, September 9th

The December 2015 piolet of the Nebraska Pork Youth Conference was overwhelming successful! Plans and information for the 2016 Nebraska Pork Youth Conference is as follows: conference scheduled for noon, Sunday, October, 16th through noon, Tuesday, October 18th in Lincoln, Neb. The conference, including all lodging, meals, and conference materials, is at no additional costs to participants. However, transportation to the conference is at participants own cost.

High-school aged youth interested in attending must submit an online application. Applications will be available online no later than Monday, August 15th. Applications are due Friday, September 9th. Due to the extensive hands-on activities that are incorporated, the conference is limited to 32 participants. Applications will be reviewed, and conference participants will be selected and notified. High-school aged youth who have an interest and are actively engaged in swine production and/or the swine industry are encouraged to apply.

At the conference, participants will evaluate market animals, grade carcasses, fabricate carcasses into wholesale and retail cuts, and exercise basic culinary methods on a variety of different pork products. Additional conference components include a hands-on genetics lab, a food safety lab, and a biosecurity and animal health activity. Related industry and consumer issues will be highlighted and discussed throughout. Participants will learn about pork as a wholesome food product and how the pork industry is using science to address many significant challenges. Various and engaging life-skills activities will be intermixed throughout the program that focus on development of communication, leadership, and networking skills.

Upon conclusion of this workshop, participants will have a thorough understanding of pork production and consumers, and will have greater confidence in their ability to effectively communicate with one another regarding the many issues and challenges facing the pork industry. This conference sponsored by the Nebraska Pork Producers' Association, Nebraska Extension, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Department of Animal Science.

District Dairy Show

4-H Central District Dairy Show Saturday, July 9th | 8:30 a.m.

Stafford Arena, Buffalo County Fairgrounds, Kearney

Pre-Entry Not Required

The 4-H District Dairy Show will take place Saturday, July 9th in the Stafford Arena on the Buffalo Country Fairgrounds in Kearney. Check-in is from 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m., with an exhibitor meeting in the show ring to follow, and class judging beginning at 10:00 a.m. Showmanship will follow judging of the classes. Exhibitors may show three animals. They must own the animals for showmanship. If exhibitor's three animals qualify as a herd, they may show in the herd class. Breeds edible for entry include Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, and Milking Shorthorn. Crossbreeds will show with the breed that best fits their physical appearance. Division ages will be announced on the day of show and will be depended on the exhibitors entered. Exhibitors will be divided into senior and junior divisions. Flyer and entry tags available online: buffalo.unl.edu. Printed copies also available in the extension office.

Shows and Clinics

For more information, please contact visit our website, buffalo.unl.edu/4h or contact the Buffalo County Extension Office.

- Platte Valley 4 Paws Open Dog Show
Saturday, July 2 (North Platte, NE)
- Fremont 4-H Invitational Dairy Show
Friday, July 8 (Fremont, NE)
- Custer County 4-H Horse Show
Saturday, July 9 (Arnold, NE)
- Central District Dairy Show
July 9 (Kearney)
- Lamb and Goat Camp
July 12-13 (Kearney)
- Custer County 4-H Horse Show
Saturday, July 16 (Callaway, NE)
- York County 4-H Open Horse Show
Sunday, July 31 (York, NE)

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/summer-camp>. Each Buffalo County 4-H'er that attends a Nebraska 4-H Camp will receive \$100 scholarship from the Buffalo County 4-H Council.

Biz Kidz Camp

Monday, August 1st – Thursday, August 4th

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. daily

University of Nebraska at Kearney, West Center Building

\$40 Registration Due July 18th to UNK

The University of Nebraska at Kearney, Center for Rural Research and Development is offering a special entrepreneur camp for youth ages ten through fourteen. Campers can turn their passions into a real life business this summer!

This day-camp, taking place Monday, August 1st through Thursday, August 4th from 8:30 A.M to 12:30 p.m. daily, aims to equip youth with the knowledge and skills to start their own business or improve an existing one! Utilizing UNL's 4-H EntrepreneurShip Investigation (ESI) Camp Guide, campers can capture the energy needed to create and run their own business. Campers create their business and have the opportunity to sell their products throughout the summer. Camp includes a public expo on Friday, August 5th, at Hy-Vee in Kearney, Neb., from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., where campers sell their products. Last year the average camper made over \$50 in two hours! Campers also have the opportunity to sell their products at the Nebraska State Fair, please see the state fair section of this newsletter for more information.

Registration is limited to the first 22 registrants, and includes a light mid-morning snack each day. This camp is Sponsored by the University of Nebraska at Kearney, Center for Rural Research and Development. The Center is dedicated to the needs of small businesses in rural Nebraska. Please direct registration, payment, and questions to the contact information listed below. Registration enclosed.

UNK-CRRD

Attn: Aliese H.

1917 W 24th St WSTC 125E

Kearney, NE 68849

Aliese H

emailcrrd@unk.edu

308-865-8199

Shooting Sports

The Buffalo County Shooting Sports, 22 Rifle program, will start on Sunday, June 24th, 5 p.m., at the Fort Kearny Shooting Sports Range. The rest of the shooting dates are July 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st. We will not meet on the 4th of July weekend. The Fair shoot date will be determined later. All ammo, guns and targets are supplied at no cost to the shooters. Please bring your own safety glasses and hearing protection. Further information can be found on Facebook, in the "Buffalo County Shooting Sports" group. If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Taylor at 308-627-7686 or at kwTaylor@fontinet.net.

Quality Assurance

QUALITY ASSURANCE CERTIFICATION IS DUE FRIDAY, JULY 15TH

Quality Assurance Certification has three different options for completion. They are as follows:

1. Online
2. Training session (in-person at extension office)
3. Testing-out (paper test at extension office)

LAST QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING

Thursday, July 7th | 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

-Please call the extension office if planning to attend-

Online Quality Assurance and Test-outs

Statewide, the majority of youth are doing their certification online. Three of the tests need to be passed and a copy of the certificates need to be turned in to the Buffalo County Extension Office by Friday, July 15th.

The online quality assurance is not available for rabbits and poultry. Livestock exhibitors must complete quality assurance to be able to show at county and state fair, and Aksarben. Rabbit exhibitors need to only complete quality assurance if showing at the State Fair or Aksarben. Exhibitors showing broilers and production turkeys at the county fair, state fair, and/or Aksarben need to complete quality assurance. Exhibitors showing poultry at State Fair need to complete quality assurance.

For more information: 4h.unl.edu/quality-assurance.

Online Certification: To enroll and complete the online course, visit: campus.extension.org. There is a \$5 annual fee. Once you have passed three tests online, please email the certificates to amber.gapp@unl.edu or bring them to the Buffalo County Extension Office.

Testing-out: To test-out in the intermediate (age 12-14) or senior level (age 15-18), youth may stop by the Buffalo County Extension Office to take the test. Tests must be completed at the office and must pass with 80 percent score. To help with testing, practice online through the Livestock Quality Assurance course at: campus.extension.org. Youth will need to have or create an account to access the practice tests.

Misc. Notes

Tempt, Taste, Try Ceramic Vases

The ceramic vases painted at Tempt, Taste, and Try have completed being baked in a kiln, and are now ready to be picked up. If you have not picked up your ceramic vase yet, please come by the extension office and pick them up when you have a chance.

Babysitting Workshop

Lunch will be provided at the workshop. Participants will make their own lunch as part of their babysitting training.

Changes to Extension Building Use

4-H clubs and 4-H affiliated events are welcome to use the Buffalo County Extension building for meetings, trainings, etc. free of charge. Going forward, to reserve a room, please contact the Buffalo County Facilities Director, Steve Gaasch, at the Buffalo County Court House. His preferred method of communication is email. 4-H clubs will not need to sign a rental contract.

Steve Gaasch
1512 Central Avenue
PO Box 1270
Kearney, NE 68848

Ph: (308)-224-0108
Fax: (308)-233-3649
sgaasch@buffalocounty.ne.gov

Please contact Steve Gaasch to check on availability of rooms, reserve a room, and pick up keys to the Buffalo County Extension Office. Keys can still be returned by placing them in the drop box located in the hallway just outside the main office of the Buffalo County Extension Office. The availability of Buffalo County Extension Office rooms may also be viewed online here: buffalogov.org/FACILITY-RENTAL.

Sincerely,

Brian Bosshamer

Brian Bosshamer, Extension Educator
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