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## Calendar of Events

### July

04 Extension Office Closed, Independence Day  
07 Pre-fair entries final deadline (\$10 late fee)  
09 Lottery goat meeting at 4:00pm at Stafford Arena  
10 State Fair online Livestock registration opens  
10 State Fair online In-Person contests and events registration opens  
10-14 Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute (NAYI), Lincoln  
11 Fashion Show, Judging 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Public Show at 7 p.m. at UNK  
11-12 Woolly Lamb 'N Wild Goat Camp  
13 County Fair Work Day, Livestock  
14 Quality Assurance Certification Deadline  
16-20 State Horse Show – Fonner Park (Entries due May 12)  
18 Fair Set up 4:00-5:30pm, Static  
22 Rabbit/Poultry workday at 8:00pm  
23 Buffalo County Fair Horse Outdoor Arena Setup and Open Horse Riding  
25-8/1 Buffalo County Fair, please see the schedule of events

### August

01 Buffalo County Fair 4-H Livestock Auction at 8:30am  
01 Free 4-H BBQ at the Extension bldg., 11:30 a.m.  
09 Agronomy Youth Field Day 9:00am-12:00pm and/or 1:00-3:00pm at NCTA  
10 Aksarben Entry Forms due online  
10 State Fair online registration closes for livestock, 5 pm  
10 State Fair online registration closes for In-Person Events and Contests, 5 p.m.  
21 State Fair Static exhibits Due at the Extension Office. 7am to 6pm  
22 4-H Council Meeting, 7 p.m.  
23 State Fair Food and Horticulture Exhibits Due, 7-8 a.m. (No entries accepted after 8 a.m.)  
25-9/4 Nebraska State Fair, Grand Island

### September

04 Extension Office Closed, Labor Day  
12-14 Husker Harvest Days (Tue. 8am-5pm; Wed. 8am-5pm; Thur. 8am-4pm)  
23-34 AKSARBEN Horse Show at Grand Island at Thompson Arena/ NE State Fair Grounds  
28-10/1 AKSARBEN stock show in Grand Island at Fonner Park/ NE State Fair Grounds

*-Event details listed in newsletter-*

## Buffalo County Fair

### 4-H Schedule and Fair Premium Book

The 2017 Buffalo County Fair is Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, through Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. The 4-H Schedule and 4-H Premium Booklet is available on our website:

[extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/fair-premium-book/](http://extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/fair-premium-book/)

The Premium Book is a great resource when making decisions about summer fair projects. The Kearney Hub prints a paper copy, available first part of June. If you do not receive the Hub, you can pick up a paper copy at the Kearney Hub or at the Buffalo County Extension Office.

### Static Interview Judging Sign-Up

#### Starting June 30<sup>th</sup>

Starting June 30<sup>th</sup>, sign-up for interview judging times for static exhibits through the Buffalo County Extension Office, as was done last year. Exhibitors may call the office at 308-236-1235 on or after Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, to schedule their times. Each 4-H'er may sign up for a maximum of three time slots. Note: You may sign up for horticulture interview times on entry day, as has been done in the past. Horticulture interview times are in addition to the three static interview times.

### 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, June 30<sup>th</sup>. These forms are for 4-H members' to designate which animals will be brought and exhibited at the 2017 Buffalo County Fair. Pre-fair entry forms will still be accepted at the Buffalo County Extension Office until 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup>. 4-H Members will not be able to exhibit projects at the 2017 Buffalo County Fair if these forms are not returned on time.

When completing pre-fair entry forms, please refer to the 2017 Buffalo County Fair Premium Book for class codes and descriptions. Extra copies of pre-fair entry forms are available at the Extension Office or can be retrieved from our website: [buffalo.unl.edu](http://buffalo.unl.edu).

### County Fair Volunteer Opportunities

4-H Static Exhibit judging would not be possible without the help of numerous dedicated volunteers. Helping with static exhibit entry and judging 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.

Contact the Buffalo County Extension Office at 308-236-1235 or Amber Gapp at [amber.gapp@unl.edu](mailto:amber.gapp@unl.edu).

- **Fair Set-Up**

- Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 4 – 5:30 P.M. (supper provided)
- 10 to 20 adults and youth (ages 12 and older, this could be sponsored by a club)
- Duties include carrying over display pieces and, clean and set displays up

- **Static Exhibit Entry**

- Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 3-8 P.M.
- 20 to 25 adults and youth (ages 12 and older)

- Duties include checking-in and organizing 4-H static exhibits

- **Static Exhibit Entry and Judging**

- Food Entry** Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 7 A.M. – 8 P.M.
- 40 to 50 adults and youth (ages 12 and older) at different times throughout the day
- Duties include checking-in and organize static exhibits, preparing judge score sheets and display exhibits

- **Release Exhibits and Clean-up**

- Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, 5:30 – 7 P.M.
- 10 to 15 adults and youth (ages 12 and older)
- Duties include grouping exhibits by name and tearing down display pieces

### 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.

### 4-H Information Booth

Sign-up to work the 4-H Information Booth at the 2017 Buffalo County Fair. This opportunity is used to supervise the static exhibit displays in the Buffalo County Extension Building and 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 your exhibits and promote 4-H. Call the Extension Office to claim your slot.

### 4-H Food Stand and 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 Food Stand in the Ag Pavilion during the Buffalo County Fair, July 25<sup>th</sup> through July 31<sup>st</sup>. Three adults and three youth are needed for most shifts. Extra help is especially needed on Friday, Saturday and Sunday when the lunch line is served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sign-up for shifts individually or as a whole club by calling the Buffalo County Extension Office at 308-236-1235.

### Lunch Line Dessert Bars

Homemade dessert bars will be served as a part of the lunch lines on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. We ask that each club provide **6 dozen** dessert bars from the following list: brownies, cereal bars (i.e. Rice Krispies bar, Special K bar, Lucky Charms bar), Scotch-a-roos, or cookie bars. All items need to be pre-wrapped and should be approximately three inches by three inches in size. Please bring dessert bars to the Food Stand in the Ag Pavilion on or **before Thursday by 10:00 a.m.** This is one day before they are needed.

### 4-H Food Stand Sign Up

We are still looking for clubs to sign up for the food stand. The slots that are still available are:

#### Wednesday, July 26:

7:00-11:00, Horse Show East Arena  
11:00am – 2:00pm, East Arena  
5:00pm- 8:00 pm, Snack Shack, Ag Pavilion

#### Thursday, July 27:

5:00pm- 8:00pm, Snack Shack, Ag Pavilion

#### Friday, July 28:

2:00pm-5:00pm, Snack Shack, Ag Pavilion  
5:00pm- 8:00pm, Snack Shack, Ag Pavilion

#### Saturday, July 29:

2:00pm-5:00pm, Snack Shack, Ag Pavilion  
5:00pm- 8:00pm, Snack Shack, Ag Pavilion

#### Sunday, July 30:

11:00am – 2:00pm, East Arena  
2:00pm-5:00pm, Snack Shack, Ag Pavilion  
5:00pm- 8:00pm, Snack Shack, Ag Pavilion  
11:00am- 1:00pm, Meal Line, Ag Pavilion

#### Monday, July 31:

11:00am – 2:00pm, East Arena  
2:00pm-5:00pm, Snack Shack, Ag Pavilion  
5:00pm- 8:00pm, Snack Shack, Ag Pavilion  
11:00am- 1:00pm, Meal Line, Ag Pavilion

If any of these slots work for your club/family please call the Extension Office. 308.236.1235

### Annual Pie and Decorated Cake Auction

Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup>

5:30 P.M.

#### Buffalo County Fairgrounds Exhibit Building

The Buffalo County FCS Project Action Team will once again sponsor a Pie and Decorated Cake Auction at the 2017 Buffalo County Fair. The top two junior and senior decorated cakes and pie entries in the “Discovering Pies” and “Foodworks” project areas will be eligible for auction to the highest bidder.

To be eligible, youth must be an enrolled 2017 Buffalo County Member, 4-H age of 8-18, enrolled in the “Discovering Pies”, “Foodworks” or “Decorated Cake” project areas, and have met all project entry criteria and deadlines. In addition, the pie or cake must be sold by the 4-H owner who entered it. If the 4-H member is not present for the auction, they are not eligible to participate. Only one item per 4-H member is eligible for auction.

One-half of the money raised per pie will go to the pie-owner and the other half will go to the Buffalo County 4-H Council scholarship fund and the FCS Project Action Team in order to fund local FCS programs. To ensure success in selling your pie, talk to businesses, family members or other interested people. Extend a personal invitation to the auction and explain its importance.

## 2017 Nebraska State Fair

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Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup> - Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>

Fonner Park, Grand Island, Nebraska

Helpful links listed below:

State Fair Website: [statefair.org](http://statefair.org)

2017 State Fair Premium Book: [4h.unl.edu/fairbook](http://4h.unl.edu/fairbook)

2017 State Fair Schedules: [4h.unl.edu/nebraskastatefairschedule](http://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-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](http://statefair.org/p/getinvolved/4h-ffa) starting July 10<sup>th</sup>.

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.

-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)*

## 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.

## AKSARBEN

The 2017 Aksarben Horse Show is Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday September 24<sup>th</sup>, at Thompson Arena / NE State Fair Grounds in Grand Island, Neb. The Aksarben Stock Show is Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, at Fonner Park / NE State Fair Grounds in Grand Island, Neb.

The 2017 Aksarben schedule of events for the Stock Show can be found on the Aksarben website [www.aksarbenstockshow.com/p/events/375](http://www.aksarbenstockshow.com/p/events/375).

**Entry forms for both these events are due ONLINE by Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. Entry forms and additional information can be found online:**  
[aksarbenstockshow.com](http://aksarbenstockshow.com)

## 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
- More information will be mailed out to you in the middle of June

## Fair Work Day

Please come and help prepare the fairgrounds for fair.

- Fair Work Day will be Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup>
- Static Setup is Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> from 4-5:30
- Rabbit/Poultry workday is Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> starting at 8:00am
- Horse setup is Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00pm.

## Poultry Calendar Photo Contest

The Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) is offering a poultry photo contest this year. They are seeking poultry photos from current 4-H and FFA members to be used in the 2018 poultry calendar. The entry form and contest rules can be found on the NDA's website at [www.nda.nebraska.gov](http://www.nda.nebraska.gov)

## Quality Assurance

### QUALITY ASSURANCE CERTIFICATION IS DUE FRIDAY, JULY 14<sup>TH</sup>

**Online Quality Assurance Options:** The new QA The NEW online YQCA course is at [yqca.learnrow.io](http://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](mailto: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. The price is now \$12.

**Test-outs Options:** 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](http://campus.extension.org). Youth will need to have or create an account to access the practice tests.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS!

Congratulations to those that competed in Life Challenge and Premier Animals Science Event (PASE) contests. Those that competed represented Buffalo County well.

Skillathon participants: Ralston Ripp, Karlie Rumbeck, Wyatt Hubbard, Tennyson Williams, Christian Richter, Eli Richter, Braden Hadwiger, Mathias Schulte, Noah Summers, Austyn Rumbeck, Taylor Lewis, Skyler Summers, Creyton Line, Audrey Reiter, Hannah Herrick, Callee Carman, Breanna Bosshamer, and Josse Tesmer.

Meats: Christian Richter, Eli Richter, Noah Summers, Audrey Reiter, Creyton Line, Austyn Rumbeck, Skyler Summers, and Karlie Rumbeck.

Livestock Judging: Taylor Lewis, Hannah Herrick, Creyton Line, Breanna Bosshamer, Reece Jones, Kacey Dethlefs, and Karlie Rumbeck.

Poultry Judging: Taylor Schubauer, Genevieve Smith, Christopher Mercer, and Samantha Mercer.

Coaches: Dean Battie, Kaitlin Kreutzer, Alec Ibach, Justin Taubenheim, Jill Schubauer, and Linda Miller.

Life Challenge: Amelia Huerta, Moriah Johnson, Sarah Lucht, Olivia Frederick, Leslie Aspen, Calle Carman, and Christopher Johnson. Coach: Anne Johnson

## Agronomy Youth Field Day

This free event is a great opportunity for ALL youth to learn more about the agronomy industry and can help prepare for various competitions and life skills. All youth ages 9-14 years old and adults are invited to the upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Agronomy Youth Field Day August 9, Wednesday 9:00am-3:00pm in Curtis, NE on the NCTA Campus. Participants will gain important life skills while discovering the science behind producing Nebraska crops. Hands on activities for crop growth, soil management, precision farming and center pivot irrigation technology will be taught by Brad Ramsdale-NCTA Agronomist. The Field Day will be conducted in 2 sessions. The morning will run 9:00-12:00pm and the afternoon session is 1:00-3:00pm. Participants can attend the entire day or just one of sessions, a free lunch will be provided to those attending all day. Preregistration is recommended so enough food and supplies can be available. Register by August 4 by calling the Nebraska Extension Office- Frontier County in Curtis at 308-367-4424 or emailing [kathy.burr@unl.edu](mailto:kathy.burr@unl.edu) or [psmith3@unl.edu](mailto:psmith3@unl.edu)

## Misc. Notes

### Tempt, Taste, Try Pottery Mugs

The pottery mugs 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 mug yet, please come by the extension office and pick them up when you have a chance.

### Buffalo County Fair 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 \$8. 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!

## Change in Building Use Procedure

The Extension Building now has key pads to get in the doors instead of keys. When your group has reserved the Extension Building for an activity, please call Steve at 308-224-0108 or Allie/Lynn at 308-236-1224 to get a key code. This needs to be done Monday through Friday, 8 to 5. They will not be handing out keys anymore.

## Upcoming Shows & Clinics

- **Cheyenne County Invitational 4-H Horse Show**  
July 9  
Sidney
- **Lamb and Goat Camp**  
July 11-12  
Kearney
- **Dairy Expo Show**  
July 13  
Fremont

*All upcoming shows and clinic information, including registration, are listed on our website: [buffalo.unl.edu](http://buffalo.unl.edu). Flyers are also available in the Extension Office.*

Sincerely,

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