

BUFFALO COUNTY 4-H



December 2023

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*Happy Holidays from all of us
at Buffalo County Extension!*

CALENDAR

December

- 5 Deadline to sign up for Christmas Baking Workshop
- 10 Christmas Baking Workshop
- 14 Deadline to sign up for Tracks & Scat for homeschooled youth
- 19 Tracks & Scat for homeschooled youth
- 25 Extension office closed – Christmas

January

- 1 Extension office closed - New Year's Day
- 15 Deadline to sign up for Tracks & Scat Workshop
- 20 Tracks & Scat Workshop
- 23 4-H Council meeting
- 31 Deadline for Club Treasurer Reports

*May your season be
merry & bright!*

CHRISTMAS BAKING WORKSHOP

Join us December 10 from 2-5 p.m. at the Buffalo County Extension to learn baking techniques and put together a Christmas goodie plate for friends and family. Spread some Christmas cheer by wearing your favorite holiday shirt! Cost is \$10. Sign up by December 5 by using the QR code. Not school sponsored.

CLOVER KIDS
Youth ages 5-7

Thumbprint Cookies



COOKING 101
Beginner bakers age 8+

Snowflake Sugar Cookies



COOKING 201

Best fit for youth baking
3 to 4 years

Air Fryer Apple Fritter



COOKING 301/401

Experienced bakers

Cherry Hand Pies



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EMPOWER YOUTH

*You can help Buffalo County 4-H youth have
greater access to educational opportunities.*

GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7



Scan the QR code to participate in the Give Where You Live campaign to support local nonprofits like Buffalo County 4-H!



Check out our 4-H display at Yanney

The City of Kearney Park and Recreation is hosting the 6th Annual Holiday Light Festival at Yanney Heritage Park from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 6 through Saturday, December 16. There will be 41 local organizations represented at the festival. We are located by the Labyrinth. We have made additions from last year's display so don't miss it! Make 4-H part of your holiday memories by taking pictures of your kiddos 'in' our 'You Belong' truck!



Add beauty to your garden and your plate 2024 Special Garden Project is Princess of India Nasturtium



The Special Garden Project is a way to offer Nebraska youth the chance to grow unusual and fun projects in their gardens. The 2024 Special Garden Project will focus on Princess of India Nasturtium. This Victorian-era heirloom flower can be grown in a variety of ways including in containers. It provides a splash of color from its scarlet flowers and much of the plant can be eaten.

When enrolling youth in 4-H, please select Horticulture/Plant Science as the project area for the Special Garden Project. Please call 308-236-1235 to sign up and to get your seeds ordered. Seeds will be around 50 cents per packet. Educational materials and a growing newsletter will be given to all participants when seeds are picked up.

Nebraska 4-H Foundation offers variety of scholarships

The Nebraska 4-H Foundation awards up to \$22,000 worth of scholarships each year to 4-H'ers from across the state. To apply for scholarships, 4-H'ers must submit the Nebraska 4-H Achievement Application for state-level review by **January 5th**. Youth must follow the application instructions available at <https://4h.unl.edu/achievement-application>. If applying for multiple scholarships, only one Achievement Application should be submitted. If ONLY applying for the Joe Citta, Jr. Scholarship for Outdoor Stewardship, please utilize the scholarship application link provided on the Foundation site.



Time to enroll in 2023-24 4-H year

All youth and volunteers need to register

The 4-H enrollment site is now open for returning 4-H members, volunteers and to newcomers who have not yet joined. Shooting sports members must be enrolled in 4-H to practice and participate. Volunteers must select Program Volunteer and then select Required for Screening as Buffalo County is rescreening all volunteers for this new enrollment year. Please visit <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in> to enroll. **To complete the enrollment process, you must select the 'pay by check' option regardless of your chosen payment method and you must select 'submit' at the end of the process.** If you choose to pay by cash or check, just drop your payment off at the Extension office or mail to 1400 E. 34th St. Kearney, NE 68847. If you wish to pay online by debit/credit card, you can visit the Buffalo County payment site at <https://buffalo-county-4-h-council.square.site/>.



Club Treasurer Reports due Jan 31

New form includes inventory list

All club leaders will be mailed a copy of the 2023 Treasurer Report in December. Please note that this form has been updated since the last time you submitted your report. This report will be used to file an e-postcard with the IRS on your club's behalf. If you do not have funds in the name of 4-H, please note that on the form and turn into the office. You can find the form on our site at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/leader-resources/>. Please mail to 1400 E 34th St. Kearney, NE 68847 or submit via email by **January 31** to jenny.kreikemeier@unl.edu.

Fun opportunity for all creative 4-Hers of all kinds

Calling all artists, creators and performers! Submit your work for a chance to be featured at upcoming National 4-H events. We're looking for singers, dancers, instrumentalists as well as visual artists and creators of all kinds. Enter today to showcase your unique talent on this national stage! Applications from students ages 14-19 will be accepted through January 1st. Apply at <https://4-h.org/story-submission/>. Questions? Contact Mary Clayton Murphy at mmurphy@fourhcouncil.edu.



Applications sought for Nebraska Young Artist Awards

The Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts seeks applicants for the Nebraska Young Artist Awards. The awards recognize 11th-grade students from Nebraska who are talented in visual art, dance, music, theater, and film and emerging media arts (which includes film, 3D models, interactive art, sound design and video games). For the areas of music, dance, theater, and film and emerging media arts, students must submit an online application, which includes uploading a sample of their work and a letter of recommendation from a teacher. Full instructions are available at <https://go.unl.edu/nyaa>. Visual art students must submit an online application and include a photo of their work for judging. The winning students will have their work displayed in person in the School of Art, Art History & Design's MEDICI Gallery, and they will be invited to the Nebraska Young Artist Awards day in April. The deadline for applications in all categories is Dec. 15.

More details at: <https://arts.unl.edu/hlfpa/nebraska-young-artist-awards>



Sincerely Kerry Elsen - 4-H Extension Educator, Jordan Wilbur & Heidi Darby - 4-H Assistants

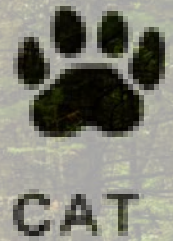
JOIN US TO LEARN FUN OUTDOOR SKILLS

TRACKS

&

SCAT

WORKSHOP



**MAKE AN ANIMAL
TRACK WITH
PLASTER**

**IDENTIFY
NEBRASKA
MAMMALS**

WHEN: 9:30-11:30 A.M. SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

WHERE: BUFFALO COUNTY EXTENSION

WHO: YOUTH AGES 5-18

COST: \$5 DUE UPON REGISTRATION

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP: MONDAY, JANUARY 15TH AT

[HTTPS://SSP.QUALTRICS.COM/JFE/FORM/SV_6YIKX260BTFMCJS](https://ssp.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/sv_6yikx260btfmcjs)



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