

BUFFALO COUNTY 4-H



November 2023

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**Happy
Thanksgiving!**
from all of us at the
**Buffalo County
Extension -
Kerry, Jordan,
Brent, Jada, Heidi,
Kathy and Jenny**



CALENDAR

November

- 1 4-H Achievement applications due
- 6 Food Science Workshop - Pleasanton
- 10 Extension office closed - Veteran's Day observed
- 19 Year-End Celebration
- 24-25 Extension office closed - Thanksgiving
- 28 4-H Council meeting
- 30 Martha & Don Romeo Scholarship due

December

- 5 Deadline to sign up for Christmas Baking Workshop
- 10 Christmas Baking Workshop
- 25 - Extension office closed - Christmas
- 26 - 4-H Council meeting



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. 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/>.



When you enroll in 4-H, please use an email that you check regularly as this will be how you will stay informed of what's happening in our program.

Buffalo County screening all volunteers

This year Buffalo County will undergo a re-screening of all volunteers. When enrolling, volunteers must select **Program Volunteer - Selected for Required Screening** as their role. If this role is not selected, your enrollment will be sent back to you. By selecting this role, you will be directed to a screening link for DHHS. Please complete all the required forms.

ENROLLMENT FEES

Clover Kids: \$5

Clover kids are youth ages 5 to 7, as of January 1, 2024.

Traditional 4-H members: \$10

Traditional 4-H members are youth ages 8 to 18, as of January 1, 2024.

- Families have a maximum fee of \$30

WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED TO 4-H

Visit our website to see what's happening in 4-H:

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/>



Buffalo County NE 4-H



Buffalo County 4-H

You Belong



Help a 4-Her earn funds for CWF trip

The Fall Fundraiser has begun, and you can help support a Buffalo County 4-Her by purchasing fruit, meat, cheese and nuts. Items sold will be available for pick up late November to early December. Exact date of arrival is yet to be determined.

Youth are also selling Eileen's Cookies

Cookie Dough to help them fund their Citizen Washington Trip. You can purchase a 3-pound tub of frozen dough for \$20 which makes 33 3-inch cookies! You can choose from chocolate chip, monster oatmeal, snickerdoodle, M&M, oatmeal raisin, peanut butter and sugar. If you would like to place an order, stop by the Extension office. Sale ends November 9.



NUTS

MEATS

COOKIES

CHEESE

FRUIT

**SALES END THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9,
SO PLACE YOUR ORDERS SOON!**

If you are interested in supporting a 4-Her in their efforts to raise money for their trip you can purchase items by:

- Contacting a participating 4-Her (you may contact Extension office to find out who is selling)
- Placing your order at the Extension - please have payment at time of purchase - make checks payable to Buffalo County 4-H
- Going online to our general account (proceeds will be evenly divided amongst the participants) and enter your order at:

<https://myfruitsale.com/pages/support-your-organization>

Enter Code: **JYKT-4303**

Apply for Martha and Don Romeo Scholarship

Applications are due November 30



The Nebraska Association of Fair Managers will award a \$500 scholarship to one qualifying 4-H male and to one qualifying 4-H female who are graduating seniors in the State of Nebraska and who plan to continue with post high school education. The scholarship will be awarded at the annual NAFM convention in January. To view the committee's selection criteria and apply, visit <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/whats-happening-in-4-h/>.

Applications must be submitted to the Buffalo County Extension office by 5 p.m. on November 30 in order to be considered for the scholarship.

Would you like to help 4-H grow in your community?

Consider a vital position on the 4-H Council

The Buffalo County 4-H Council is an essential group of adults and youth volunteers who meet, on the fourth Tuesday of most months in the evening, to evaluate and plan 4-H programs, events and fundraisers, set policies, and decide upon other 4-H management issues.

Individuals who are interested in making 4-H a growing and thriving program may consider the following two-year positions:

Secretary:

Keep the minutes of all regular and special council meetings and managing correspondences.

Shooting Sports Representative:

Duties shall include directing committees involving youth programs in the field of shooting sports and serving on the P.A.T. during their term in office.

Agriculture Representative:

Duties shall include directing committees involving youth programs in the field of agriculture and serving on at least one livestock P.A.T. during their term in office.

Family & Consumer Sciences Representative:

Duties shall include directing committees involving youth programs in the field of Family & Consumer Sciences and Science, Engineering and Technology. This person shall serve a two-year term on the FCS/SET P.A.T. during their time in office.

Youth Representatives:

Duties shall include representing youth interests on the 4-H Council. Youth representatives must be at least 12 years old, as of January 1st of the current year, to be considered. There shall be four (4) youth representatives, selected each year for a one-year term. They will be elected by ballot using the same rules as for the adult 4-H Council members. The four youth receiving the most votes will be the youth representatives.

**If interested, please call the
Extension office at 308-236-1235
and let us know so we can get
your name on the ballot!
Voting for new council members
occurs at Year-End Celebration.**



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

VOLUNTEER Road Show!



Join one of the unique volunteer training events to discover new opportunities for your members, network with others volunteers, and build your skills working with youth.

A \$15 registration fee covers a meal and all supplies.

Learn more and register at GO.UNL.EDU/4HVRS



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SESSIONS:

- **MAGIC OF 4-H**
- **4-H RABBIT PROJECT 101**
- **COLOR THEORY**
- **4-H POULTRY PROJECT 101**
- **ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION**
- **PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE**

SAVE THE DATE

● **KEARNEY – NOV 13**
6:00 – 8:30 p.m. CST

FOOD SCIENCE

4-H POP-UP WORKSHOPS FOR YOUTH AGES 8-12

JOIN IN THE FUN WITH HANDS-ON KITCHEN EXPERIMENTS!

- **LEARN HOW DIFFERENT INGREDIENTS AFFECT BAKED GOODS**
- **EXPERIMENT WITH FLOUR**
- **MAKE AND ENJOY SOFT PRETZELS**



PLEASANTON COMMUNITY CENTER
9 A.M. TO 11:45 A.M. NOVEMBER 6



THIS WORKSHOP WILL LEAVE YOUTH EXCITED TO BE IN THE KITCHEN



SIGN UP BY USING THE QR CODE OR VISIT [HTTPS://SSP.QUALTRICS.COM/JFE/FORM/SV_6SF5JFH182M2IXI](https://ssp.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/sv_6sf5jfh182m2ixi). COST IS \$7.



APPLY BY
DECEMBER 1ST

Applications open for Nebraska Fed Steer Challenge



Applications are due December 1, 2023 for the 2024 program year. For more information about the Fed Steer Challenge, or to apply to participate in 2024, visit <https://4h.unl.edu/fed-steer-challenge>

A virtual learning session will be offered to learn more about the Nebraska 4-H Fed Steer Challenge on Wednesday November 8th at 7 p.m. via Zoom at <https://unl.zoom.us/j/94751323224>. This meeting will be recorded and posted on our website.

BB Gun, Air Rifle & Air Pistol Programs to begin

Buffalo County Shooting Sports 4-H Club set for season

Shooting Sports Coaches:

Kevin Taylor, Tom Rayburn, Chris Jacobson, Billy Rayburn, Jason Oman, Shawna Alexandar, Cody Alexandar and Todd Hubbard.

Volunteers Needed:

Help is always needed and appreciated. No training is required to assist instructors.

BB Gun

Youth must be 8 to 15 years old to participate in BB Gun. Members need to complete all four positions in BB Gun to advance from Novice to Intermediate. A parent or other responsible adult must be with members at every meeting. Choose the night that works best for you to shoot BB Gun throughout the season.

Air Rifle

It is preferred that members participating in air rifle have completed at least one year of BB Gun, have shot all positions and are 12 years of age or older. Coaches may consider younger than 12 if a youth demonstrates physical capability to handle firearm properly and safely.

Air Pistol

It has yet to be determined on whether this discipline will be offered this year. Eligible youth must be at least 12 years old and can demonstrate to coaches they are physically capable of pumping and holding the pistol unsupported for 40 shots two-handed (ages 12-14) and one-handed (ages 15-18).

Other things to note about the program

- There is no cost to participants for the winter shooting sports program. The only item shooters need to supply is their own eye protection. If a member wears prescription eyeglasses, they do not need separate eye protection. For scratch-free storage, place protective glasses in a sock or cloth bag.
- Long-sleeved shirts and natural fiber pants are recommended - nylon/synthetic fabrics tend to be too slick to hold shooting positions properly. NO high-top sneakers, boots or anything that extends beyond ankle bone are allowed.
- Members must enroll in 4-H at <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>. For more details on enrollment, see page 2 of this newsletter.
- If you missed the club's organizational meeting, visit <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/whats-happening-in-4-h/> to access the handout supplied by your coaches. Also, check out other important dates for the Buffalo County 4-H Shooting Sports Club such as pancake feed fundraiser and fair shoot.

Important Program Dates

Programs commence on Monday, November 13 and Tuesday, November 14 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Buffalo County Extension Building.

Mondays: Novice BB Gun, Air Rifle & Air Pistol

Tuesdays: BB Gun - split between Novice & Intermediates

Note: Enter via the north door





YOU ARE INVITED TO THE BUFFALO COUNTY 4-H YEAR-END CELEBRATION

Come and celebrate the accomplishments of our 4-H youth and volunteers with an award ceremony and movie night for the whole family. All 4-Hers and their families are welcome to attend.



The GRINCH

When: 6 p.m. Sunday, November 19, 2023

Where: The World Theatre, Kearney

Schedule: 6 p.m. Award ceremony, with movie 'The Grinch' (2018 animated) to immediately follow

Admission: Free - enjoy free popcorn and pop



CHRISTMAS BAKING WORKSHOP

Join us December 10 from 2-5 p.m. 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 or visit https://ssp.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_a3Q7OrwpJ4ESY1o.



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

