

BUFFALO COUNTY 4-H



September 2023

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CALENDAR

September

- 4 Extension office closed – Labor Day
- 12 FCS PAT meeting 5:30 p.m.
- 12 Horse PAT meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 12 Shooting Sports/Livestock PAT meeting 7 p.m.
- 26 4-H Council meeting

October

- 1-7 National 4-H Week
- 24 4-H Council meeting

November

- 1 4-H Achievement applications due
- 10 Extension office closed – Veteran’s Day observed
- 19 Year-End Celebration
- 24-25 Extension office closed – Thanksgiving
- 28 4-H Council meeting

December

- 10 - Christmas Baking Workshop
- 25 – Extension office closed – Christmas
- 26 – 4-H Council meeting

*Congratulations to all
State Fair Exhibitors!*



Thank you to all county fair volunteers and sponsors

The success of the Buffalo County Fair would not be possible without the contributions of our volunteers, sponsors and 4-Hers - everyone plays a meaningful role. It was your involvement as members, parents and leaders that generated the fair's successful outcome.

Special thanks to all of the superintendents and assistant superintendents for all your extra help in making everything run smoothly.

We hope everyone had a positive experience at the Buffalo County Fair!

Write a note of 'Thanks'

Please remember to let our 2023 Buffalo County Fair sponsors and livestock auction buyers know how much we appreciate their contributions to our 4-H program! Thank you cards were given with each award, please send them to your award sponsor. Also, please thank the Buffalo County Farm Bureau for donating our 4-H T-shirts. Their constant support is greatly appreciated by everyone!



Ideas on how to say 'Thank You'

The purpose of writing a 'Thank You' is to show that you appreciate what someone has done for you. You can make the note personal by telling them what you are thankful for and what you like about 4-H. Here are some examples:



VOLUNTEER

Have great ideas for 4-H or county fair?

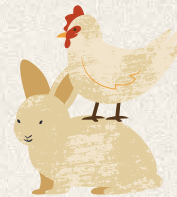
Join a Project Action Team in your interest area

Project action teams serve as a standing committee of the Buffalo County 4-H Council. The purpose of the teams is to develop leader and member training, propose fair book changes and to work with the council for the betterment of project areas for all 4-H members and their families.

Duties of P.A.T.s

- Act as liaison between 4-H Council, youth members, parents and volunteers
- Elect chairperson at February meeting, keep written records of 3 required meetings and share details with council
- Recommend project revisions, deletions, additions and serve as advisory board to Extension staff
- Provide 1 or more workshops/trainings for 4-H members/leaders in project areas
- Review special awards listed in fair book, solicit donors (after council approval) for additional awards
- Develop proposals for council to present to the Buffalo County Fairboard, such as reporting needs, plans, cost estimates

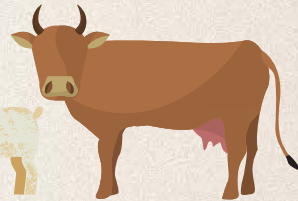
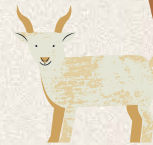
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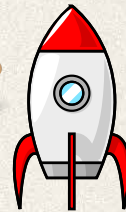
Small Animals/ Rabbits & Poultry



Livestock: Beef, Sheep, Goat, Swine, Dairy



FCS/Science Engineering & Technology/Horticulture



Shooting Sports



P.A.T.s to meet for post-fair discussion

The **FCS Project Action Team** will be meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 12 for a post-fair discussion in the Buffalo County Extension Building.

The **Horse Project Action Team** will have a meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 12 to discuss the recent county fair at the Buffalo County Extension Building.

The **Shooting Sports, Livestock, Horse and Small Animal Project Action Teams** will each have a meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 12 to discuss the recent county fair at the Buffalo County Extension Building.

Sincerely, Kerry Elsen - Extension Educator & Jordan Wilbur - 4-H Assistant

Consider a role on the 4-H Council

Vote for your new council members at Year-End Celebration

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:

Vice President/President Elect:

Duties include presiding at council meetings in the absence of the President and serving as Chair of the Nominating Committee. The Vice-Pres./Pres.-Elect shall be elected each year.

Treasurer:

Manage financial duties of council.

Activities:

Coordinate the annual 4-H Recognition Banquet and assist with recruitment and retention activities sponsored by 4-H Council.

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. At least eight nominees will be submitted by the previous year's youth representatives. 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.

**Volunteers
needed**

**Interested? Know
someone who would fit
one of these roles? Call
Extension at 308-236-1235.**

Buffalo County 4-H Council Members

President: Pat Hellriegel

Vice President/President Elect: Sarah Rolfsmeyer

Secretary: Heidi Darby

Treasurer: Kris Shoemaker

FCS/STEM: Becky Forbes

Agriculture: Josh Meier

Shooting Sports: Karmynn Andrews

Activities: Christie Jones

Key Recruiter: Kaci Wozniak

Youth Members: Sage Brabec, Skyler Summers,
Callee Carman, Bella Rolfsmeyer



Clubs can apply for 'Club of Excellence'

Due to Buffalo County Extension Oct. 2

4-H clubs that wish to increase their success and measure their impact, are being asked to apply for an elite status as a "Nebraska 4-H Club of Excellence". Each club that submits their form will be recognized for this at the Year-End Celebration. To receive this recognition, clubs must meet certain criteria and document how this criterion was met. Clubs must apply annually to receive this recognition. The application form will be mailed out to the club leaders around the middle of September along with the 4-H Group Activity summary form. Nebraska 4-H Club of Excellence applications are due to the Extension office by Monday, October 2. Clubs that meet the criteria will be recognized at the Year-End Celebration. The Buffalo County 4-H Council will be rewarding \$75 to any Buffalo County 4-H Club that meets all the criteria and completes all the requirements to receive the designation of Nebraska 4-H Club of Excellence. The certificates and checks will be presented at a later time.

Group Activity Summary Due

The club activity summary is very important so clubs can be recognized for their community service, which is announced at the Year-End Celebration and also provides feedback to the Extension office on what went well during the year and what recommendations, if any, there may be to make 4-H programs more successful. Please help us serve you, your 4-H club and the 4-H community by completing this form and returning it by Monday, October 2.

Raise funds for Citizen Washington Focus trip

All Buffalo County 4-H members will again have the opportunity to fundraise this fall by selling fruit, meat, cheese and nuts. The focus of the fundraiser is to raise money for the bi-annual Citizenship Washington Focus trip. The fundraiser will start in mid-October and run until mid-November, with a delivery date of early December. The exact dates are to be determined.

Any 4-H member interested in fundraising should contact Jenny by Monday, Oct. 2, at the Buffalo County Extension Office, by calling 308-236-1235 or emailing jenny.kreikemeier@unl.edu.



Too young for CWF trip?

Any 4-H member is eligible to fundraise, even if they are too young to go on the CWF trip. Fundraising for multiple years is a great way to pay for this trip. Funds raised will be set aside in a Buffalo County 4-H Council account, specifically for that member.



4-H members would be responsible for:

- **Selling the food items**
- **Collecting the money**
- **Picking up the items sold**
- **Delivering items to customers**