

BUFFALO COUNTY 4-H



September 2024

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CALENDAR

September

- 2 Extension office closed – Labor Day
- 10 FCS/SET PAT meeting 5:30 p.m.
- 10 Horse PAT meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 10 Livestock, Small Animal, Shooting Sports PAT 7 p.m.
- 12 Deadline to sign up for Fish of Nebraska workshop
- 17 Fish of Nebraska Workshop
- 24 4-H Council meeting

October

- 1-6 National 4-H Week
- 1 Club of Excellence Applications due to Extension
- 14 Extension office closed – Columbus Day
- 16 4-H Enrollment opens for new program year
- 22 4-H Council meeting

November

- 1 4-H Achievement applications due
- 11 Extension office closed – Veteran's Day observed
- TBD Year-End Celebration
- 26 4-H Council meeting
- 28-29 Extension office closed – Thanksgiving

December

- 25 – Extension office closed – Christmas



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!

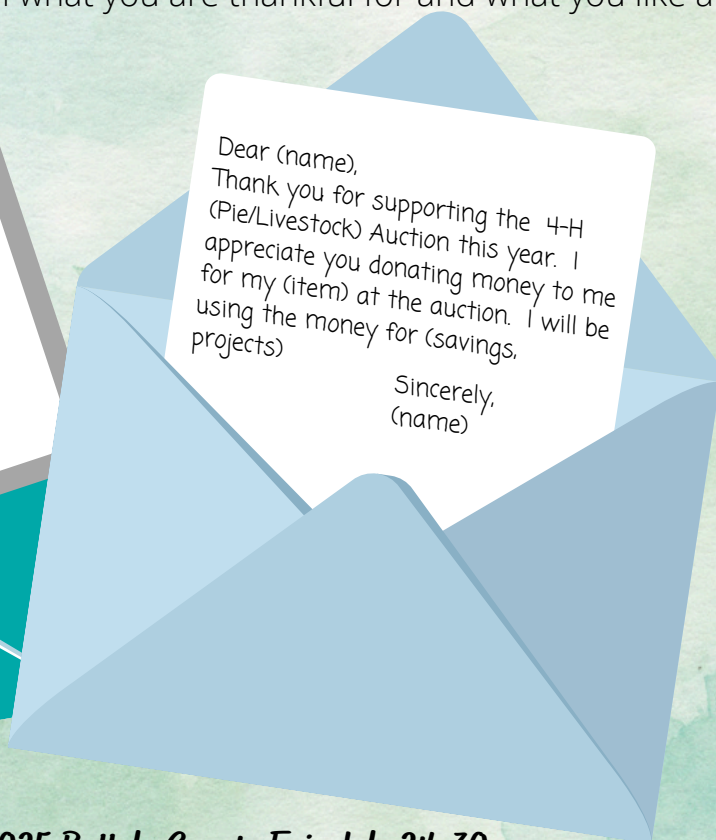


Write a note of 'Thanks'

Please remember to let our 2024 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:



2025 Buffalo County Fair July 24-30

Want to make a difference in the 4-H program?

Joining a PAT - Project Action Team - is one place to start

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



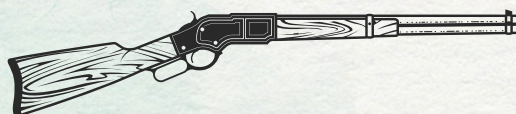
Choose what interests you:

HORSE



**SMALL ANIMALS/
RABBITS &
POULTRY**

SHOOTING SPORTS



**LIVESTOCK: BEEF,
SHEEP, GOAT,
SWINE, DAIRY**

**FCS/SCIENCE
ENGINEERING &
TECHNOLOGY/
HORTICULTURE**



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

Time to talk out what went right and what could be improved!

The **FCS Project Action Team** will be meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10 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 10 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 10 to discuss the recent county fair at the Buffalo County Extension Building.

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

4-H Council is looking for new members

Adult and youth members are needed

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.

Any adults and youth who are interested in making 4-H a growing and thriving program may consider joining the council for a two-year term. Please contact the Buffalo County Extension office to express your interest in membership.

Volunteers have a heart of
GOLD

EMPOWER ALL YOUNG PEOPLE TO FIND THEIR SPARK



4-H's free online learning platform that helps youth ages 5-18 become more confident, resilient and independent



If you haven't picked up your 4-H T-shirts, stop by the Extension! (all Clover Kids included)



Get started at 4-H.org/CLOVER

or download the CLOVER mobile app



Clubs can apply for 'Club of Excellence'

Due to Buffalo County Extension Oct. 1

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 Tuesday, October 1. 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.

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 Tuesday, October 1.

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 Tuesday, Oct. 1, 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**

COMMON Creations

What: Intro To Floral Design

When: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., September 14

Where: Buffalo County Extension

Who: Youth ages 10-18

Register: <https://go.unl.edu/flowers1012024>

Cost: \$15



Explore
creativity &
appreciation of
floriculture

Learn the
basics of
floral
design

Create an
arrangement
to take home!

Fish of Nebraska Workshop

**Learn to identify common fish of Nebraska
and how they differ due to their habitats**

Where: Buffalo County Extension

When: 9:30–11:30 a.m. September 17

Who: Youth ages 5–16

Register: Sign up by September 12 at

<https://go.unl.edu/fishworkshop2024>

Cost: \$10



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**Practice the Art of Gyotaku Fish
Printing on a tote bag to take home!**

Attention 10th, 11th and 12th grade students: Discover careers in the beef industry

If you're selected to participate, a \$75 registration fee will be needed to cover the cost of a hotel, meals and materials.

The theme of the symposium is 'Showcasing Beef: A Culinary Challenge'.

Eight participants will be awarded CASNR Scholarships!



More details and application available online at go.unl.edu/nybls



Questions - contact Alli Raymond at araymond2@unl.edu

NYBLS
NEBRASKA YOUTH BEEF LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM

Apply Today!



Application deadline: September 15, 2024

Who: 10th, 11th, & 12th graders interested in the beef industry

When: November 8 - 10, 2024

Where: University of Nebraska-Lincoln Animal Science Complex

4-H Shooting Sports New Leader Certification Planned at Ashland

A Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop for Shotgun and Archery is October 12-13 at the Ashland Gun Club. Registration to become certified as an adult (21 years and older) is \$90 while the fee for Apprentice Instructors (14 to 20 years of age) is \$80. The fee includes meals, supplies and program materials. All participants must complete four online modules with a fee of \$20 per person prior to the training to be eligible for certification. The modules will take 3-4 hours to complete. More details on the program can be found at <https://4h.unl.edu/shooting-sports>.

4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Update Planned at Ashland

A Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Update Workshop for Shotgun & Archery is 9 a.m. to noon, October 12 at the Ashland Gun Club. This update is for existing instructors or apprentice instructors who have had a 4-H training in 2018 or prior years. Please pay your registration fee by October 7. The early bird fee is \$35 by October 2nd. Late registration is \$60 after October 2. More information can be found at <https://go.unl.edu/Oico>

Lost and Found

We have some unclaimed property that was found during the fair - please pick up lost items at the Buffalo County Extension by October 1st.