



December 2015

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Calendar of Events

December

- 1 Martha & Don Romeo Scholarship due to Extension Office.
- 24 Extension Office Closing at 1 pm/Christmas.
- 25 Extension Office Closed/Christmas

January

- 1 Extension Office Closed/New Year's Day.
- 2 Beef Weigh-in at M&M Feeders north of Elm Creek, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.
- 18 Extension Office Closed/Martin Luther King Day.
- 26 4-H Council Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 30 Beef Weigh-in at Kearney Livestock Market, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Enroll Today!

Youth can start enrolling in 4-H by going to <https://ne.4honline.com> and sign in by using the email address that you used to create your account last year. If you can't remember your password select the option "I forgot my password." If new to 4-H, go to <https://ne.4honline.com> and select "I need to set up a profile."

There is an enrollment fee of \$5 for Clover Kids (ages 5-7 as of January 1, 2016), \$10 for Traditional Youth (ages 8-18 as of January 1, 2016), and \$30 maximum per family. Please pay this when enrolling by cash or check to the Extension Office or online by going to <https://squareup.com/market/buffalo-county-4-h-council>. The enrollment will not be complete until the Extension Office has received the enrollment fee and the online enrollment has been submitted.

Step-by-step instructions for enrolling can be found on our website, buffalo.unl.edu/buffalocounty4h. If you have any problems or questions, please call Amber at 308.236.1235.

Volunteers need to enroll online as well. Please go to <https://ne.4honline.com>. If you have already created a family account, please use that email address when signing in. If you haven't created an account, please select "I need to set up a profile."





State Fair. More information about this project can be found on our website, buffalo.unl.edu/buffalocounty4h.

4-H Council Election Results

The Buffalo County 4-H Council is a group of adults and youth volunteers who meet monthly (on the fourth Tuesday evening) to evaluate the 4-H program, set policies, plan programs and events, plan fund-raising and decide upon other 4-H management issues.

The election results are as follows: VP/President Elect – Brian Cox; Treasurer-Elect – Cammy Korth; Key Recruiter – Jen Wolford; Youth Members – Caleb Kirchoff, Ralston Ripp, Sarah Ripp, and Hannah Williams.

The new members will begin serving on the Council at the January 26 meeting at the Extension Office.

4-H Shooting Sports

The Buffalo County Shooting Sports Club has the schedule for the winter program. They started shooting on Mondays with BB gun and air rifle at 6:30 p.m. and air pistol at 8:00 p.m. Tuesdays will be just BB gun at 6:30 p.m. but split into first year participants and second year plus participants at the Shooting Sports Building at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds. This schedule will continue weekly through mid-March. Youth ages 8-18 may join the shooting sports club and discipline will be determined by age and skill level.

Safety is stressed as the main objective of the program taught by University of Nebraska certified instructors, but sportsmanship, marksmanship and a lot of fun are also included.

Targets, firearms, equipment, pellets, BBs and facilities are provided. Members must provide their own eye protection. Although there is no charge for program participation, a \$10 4-H enrollment fee is due to the Extension Office. You must enroll online at <https://ne.4honline.com>.

Any meeting cancellations due to weather or other circumstances will be provided to NTV, KGFV, Hits 106 and Y102.

Special Garden Project

The 2016 Special Garden Project is the Jazzy Mix Zinnias. This project is open to all youth ages 8-18. It will give them the opportunity to learn about growing, harvesting, preparing and exhibiting this unique flower. 4-H members are able to enter the flower in the project class at County Fair and

The 4-H'er must enroll in Everyone a Gardener project. The cost of a packet of seeds will be approximately 50 cents. **Anyone who is interested, call the Extension Office by January 27, and we will send in your order for the seeds.**

Livestock

Buffalo County Market Beef Weigh-in & Tagging Day

Market Beef weigh-in, tagging, and nose-printing is scheduled for Saturday, January 2 at M&M Feeders, north of Elm Creek from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and on Saturday, January 30 at the Kearney Livestock Market from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

We need a few volunteers to help at both locations. If you are available, please call Kerry Elsen or Brian Bosshamer at the Extension Office.

Parents and 4-H'ers will need to provide all the necessary signatures where required on the 4-H Market Beef Ownership Affidavit. The ID sheets will be provided at weigh-in or can be picked up at the Extension Office prior to the weigh-in dates. If a parent or 4-H'er cannot be present at the weigh-in, it is recommended to please take the necessary action to stop by the Extension Office before either weigh-in date and pick up the ID sheet. We need to have paperwork signed by the 4-H'er and parent before attending a beef weigh-in. It saves our office staff time if you are responsible and complete signatures before turning paperwork in.

In addition to providing the appropriate signatures, please be prepared to identify on the Market Beef Ownership Affidavit which market beef animals are eligible for the Bred-n-Fed Division. Please understand you are only nominating the animal for the county fair Bred-n-Fed Division making the animal eligible. You don't have to make that decision until pre-fair entry or at county fair check-in.

DNA samples are required and must be on file prior to the April 1 deadline for all market beef animals being considered for Nebraska State Fair and/or Aksarben. The cost for DNA sample will be \$6 per head.

Sincerely,

Brian Bosshamer, Extension Educator
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Kerry Elsen, Extension Assistant
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