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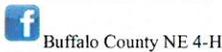
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Calendar of Events

April

01 Early Bird Registration Due for Big Red Summer Academic Camp
24 Extension Office Closed/Arbor Day
28 4-H Council Meeting, 7 p.m. **via ZOOM**
TBD Intermediate Sewing Workshop, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
TBD Beginning Sewing Workshop, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
TBD Strength of You Workshop 1 p.m. – 4 p.m., Kearney Library
TBD Young Leaders Meeting
TBD County 4-H Speech & PSA Contest, 7 p.m.
TBD BRAG Tours
TBD Unicorn Spit Registration Deadline
TBD Unicorn Spit Workshop, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
TBD Robotics Organizational Meeting, 9 a.m.
TBD Club Leader Training
TBD Shotgun/Trap Organizational Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
TBD STEAM Workshop, Gibbon,

May

01 **4-H ENROLLMENT DEADLINE (\$10 late fee plus \$10 enrollment fee after May 1)**
01 Big Red Summer Academic Camp Registration Due
01 Lottery Pig Applications due
01 Lottery Goat Applications Due
04 Registration deadline for 4-H Performing Arts Contest
12 New 4-H Family Orientation
18 4-H Performing Arts Contest, 7 p.m., UNK
25 Extension Office Closed/Memorial Day
26 Presentation Contest registration deadline
26 4-H Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
28 Beginning Photography Workshop
28 Advanced Photography Workshop
28 West Central Animal Science Youth Science Field Day, Curtis
29 Senior Tempt, Taste, and Try (ages 13-18) Extension Bldg.
TBD Tempt, Taste, and Try Senior Version Registration Deadline
TBD Lottery Goat Meeting, Goat Pickup
TBD Clover Kid Adventure Day Registration Deadline
TBD Lottery Pig Meeting, Pig Pickup

-Event details listed in newsletter-

Buffalo County Events - Postponed

Nebraska 4-H along with Nebraska Extension will be following the University of Nebraska's response to the COVID-19 situation. Therefore, Nebraska 4-H will not be having **any** in-person events from March 16th-May 9th. This includes all workshops, club meetings, competitive events and all similar activities. We are asking for your patience as these are uncharted waters for all of us. We will do everything we can to offer as many of the postponed events at a later time as possible. At this point, plan for summer events as you normally would. We will keep you updated as information changes. All currently postponed events are listed below:

March 16th - BRAG meeting – Postponed
March 16th - 4-H Shooting Sports Banquet – Postponed
March 18 - UNL Chick Days – Postponed
March 19th - STEAM Workshop, Ravenna – Postponed
March 27th - 4-H Movie Night – Postponed
March 28th - Horse Stampede/Companion Animal Challenge – Postponed
April 1st - Lottery Pig Applications extended until May 1st
April 4th - Beginner & Intermediate Sewing Workshop – Postponed
April 4th - The Strengths of YOU Workshop - Postponed
April 5th - Young Leaders Meeting – Postponed
April 7th - Buffalo County 4-H Speech & PSA Contest – Postponed
April 13-14th - BRAG Tour – Postponed
April 15th - Lottery Goat Applications extended until May 1st
April 18th - Unicorn Spit – Postponed
April 18th - Robotics Organizational Meeting - Postponed
April 20th - Lottery Pig Meeting – Postponed
April 21st - Shotgun/Trap Organizational Meeting – Postponed
April 24th - STEAM Workshop, Gibbon – Postponed
April 28th - 4-H Council Meeting – **Via Zoom**

Try Something New

This is a time of extremely uncertain times. While many of you have asked questions regarding fair and whether or not we will be having one; our best suggestion to you is to remember 4-H is about learning and not about fair projects. Fair projects are how we showcase what we have learned. If having or doing 4-H projects is a normal activity for your family, please continue with those projects and provide your child with as much normalcy as possible. Youth still need to have the experiences of taking care of an animal and learning the responsibilities that go along with a livestock project. The same thing is true for all other projects, recycling furniture into something new for your room is a great way to utilize some extra creative time. We challenge you to all try a new static (non-living) project this year. Make sure to take as many pictures as you can. We are going to be as creative as possible when we work with non-traditional fair projects, for example we may have a virtual speech and PSA contest. If you have any questions about 4-H projects, please contact the Extension Office or check out the fair book online at

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/fair-premium-book/>.

4-H Enrollment

ENROLL NOW!

Youth and volunteers can enroll in 4-H by going online to <https://ne.4honline.com>. To enroll, sign in with the email address that was used last year to login to your family profile and enroll. If you forgot your password, select the "I forgot my password" button. If new to 4-H, create a family profile, that lists all the members of your family involved in 4-H, by selecting the "I need to setup a profile" button. These instructions are on the website listed above, and the Buffalo County 4-H website: buffalo.unl.edu.

The annual enrollment fee for Clover Kids is \$5. Clover Kids are youth ages five to seven, as of January 1, 2020. The annual enrollment fee for traditional 4-H members is \$10. Traditional 4-H members are youth ages eight to eighteen, as of January 1, 2020. There is a family enrollment fee maximum of \$30. Payments in the form of cash or check can be dropped off or mailed to the Extension Office. Payments made online are done through this website: squareup.com/market/buffalo-county-4-h-council.

Volunteers Enroll

ALL club leaders need to enroll online every year. Please go to <https://ne.4honline.com> to enroll. The 4-H enrollment and a volunteer background check needs to be **COMPLETED** before you start volunteering. The Volunteer Background check only needs to be done every 4 years. An email from Amber Gapp will instruct you on how to fill out the background check.

New Family Orientation

Join us! If you have been a Buffalo County 4-H Family for 5 years or less or are seeking to know more about the nuts and bolts of 4-H please join us on Tuesday, May 12th at 7 pm. We will walk you through the basics of 4-H. What do all the acronyms mean, how do know what exhibits go with each project, where do I find the deadline and who do I call when I have questions. These are just a few topics that will help you feel more comfortable with 4-H.

Animal Identification Forms

All county fair animal identification sheets can be found online at extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/livestock-resources/, or can be picked up at the Extension Office.

State Fair Nominations



Again, this year, exhibitors interested in showing at state fair will need to do online nominations.

All market animals (beef, swine, sheep, and goats) have until **June 15th at 5 p.m.** to turn in their DNA envelopes to the extension office and nominate their animals online at <https://showstockmgr.com>. Payment must be submitted to be eligible to show at state fair.

Anyone interested in showing breeding animals (beef, sheep, goats) will need to turn in breeding nomination cards as well as nominate their animals online at showstockmgr.com by **June 15th at 5 p.m.** Payment must be submitted to be eligible to show at state fair.

If you have any questions please contact the extension office at 308-236-1235.

Hog Exhibitors



As many of you may have heard, the auction committee currently does not have a buyer for pigs coming to the fair. All major hog processors are no longer taking any show animals. Every effort is being made to locate a buyer for pigs. We will keep you all updated as we have new information.

Horse Updates

Horse Advancement Level Update - March, 2020

Due to the COVID-19 situation and social distancing, there will be changes in 4-H horse Advancement Level Testing. In order to abide by social distancing recommendations, skills and demonstration testing are on hold.

We are encouraging youth to complete the written test, which will be offered online, and the reports/feed chart/healthcare charts as these pieces can be completed by youth at home. The goal is to offer the skills test and demonstration after May 9, 2020.

For 2020, we are also **cancelling** the District Horse Shows. All youth will be allowed to enter the Fonner Park State 4-H Expo without qualifying. Entries to the State 4-H Expo are due June 12 and the deadline for passing the advancement levels will be extended to June 12.

Dates to Note:

Written Advancement Tests Available On-Line: March 25, 2020

Skills and Demonstration Testing Available (depending upon social distancing recommendations): May 9

Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Show Entry Date - June 12, 2020 to the county office

Advancement Levels Completed Due Date for State Entries: June 12, 2020

Stampede Entries Due: June 12, 2020

ADVANCEMENT LEVEL TESTING PROCEDURES LEVEL 1-3 REQUIREMENTS

- **Written exam:** the youth can take the written exams online. Extension staff can email you a link. Please take the exam without using any resources.
- **Skills test:** currently on hold. The hope is to make these tests available after May 9th. We will continue to monitor social distancing practices.
- **Demonstration: Skills test:** currently on hold. The hope is to make these tests available after May 9th. We will continue to monitor social distancing practices.

LEVEL 2 & 3 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- **Written report and feed chart** emailed to county office at time of completion. Youth are encouraged to complete these while we are all practicing social distancing.

LEVEL 3 – ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT

- **Health care paper** emailed to county office at time of completion. Youth are encouraged to complete these while we are all practicing social distancing.

LEVEL 4 – REQUIREMENTS

Demonstration, written report, and skills test – follow same protocols as above

4-H Horse Stampede – March, 2020

The 4-H Stampede is now moved to July 12, 2020 (the Sunday prior to the start of the State Expo). The contests will be held at Fonner Park in the Bosselman Conference Center starting in the morning. We will have the updated schedule posted on the website in the coming weeks. All youth will need to re-enter if they were previously entered for the March contest. Entries will be due with the entries for State on June 12th.

Animals

Lottery Pig Project Deadline May 1



The Lottery Pig project is an educational and competitive program. This project will help exhibitors find a quality pig at a reasonable price. Youth who participate will learn production traits, feeding and nutrition information, showmanship techniques, the swine industry in Nebraska and potential careers.

To participate, the Lottery Pig Agreement and the \$62.50 down payment towards the purchase price must be completed by May 1.

The remaining price of \$62.50 will be due at the first meeting. You will need to be able to pick up your pig that night. Participants will receive more information on specific topics and meeting dates after the deposit has been made. **If you are interested, email Elizabeth at elizabeth.cast@unl.edu to get an application.**

Lottery Goat Project Deadline May 1



This is an opportunity for youth who have an interest in a Market Goat Project. Participants will participate in three educational seminars to further their knowledge about their project. Topics will

include: selection traits, nutrition and proper handling as well as showmanship skills. This project is intended to help exhibitors find quality goats for fair at a reasonable price. A goat will cost a total of \$140, \$70 due with the application (due by May 1st) and the remaining \$70 when they pick up their goat. Space is limited, to reserve your goat, deposits must be paid, however there will be a participation minimum to continue with the project. It will be first come first serve. Goats will be picked up mid-May. **If you are interested, email Elizabeth at elizabeth.cast@unl.edu to get an application.**

Upcoming Workshops

POSTPONED

Sewing Workshop \$10 per participant

Learn how to sew from a Nebraska Fashion Designer- Makenzie Lesiak. The Intermediate Sewing Workshop will be from 9am- 2pm. The Beginning Sewing Workshop (*that was previously rescheduled*) is from 1-4 p.m. Sign up for a sewing workshop at <https://form.jotform.com/71165380018148>.



POSTPONED

The Strengths of YOU! Workshop Kearney Public Library

Learn what your personal strengths can do for you and others AND walk away with a project for the fair! Located at the Kearney Public Library. Open to youth in grade 6-12.

POSTPONED

Unicorn Spit Workshop \$10 per participant

The possibilities are endless with Unicorn Spit- a paint, stain, watercolor, glaze & tinting pigment all in one! Join us for this workshop as we work to turn ordinary pieces into personalized masterpieces. Leave this workshop with a hanging wood shelf, ceramic coasters and a mason jar. \$10 per participant

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Beginning Photography May 28th from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

\$15 per participant

Participants will receive the 2019 revision of 4-H's best-selling Level 1 Photography curriculum. -We will cover Equipment, Lighting, Composition, and Skill Building. \$15 per participant. Participants must bring a camera and/or



phone with a camera.

Intermediate/Advanced Photography

May 28th from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

\$15 per participant

Participants will receive the 2019 revision of 4-H's best-selling Level 2 Photography curriculum. -We will cover the Rule of Thirds, Selecting a Lens, and Panorama. \$15 per participant. Participants must bring a camera and/or phone with a camera. A DSLR camera is recommended but not required.

Speech & PSA Contest

POSTPONED

Buffalo County Speech and PSA Contest Buffalo County Extension Office

Through the 4-H Public Speaking Contest, youth have an opportunity to write a speech or a public service announcement (PSA) that incorporates the topic of 4-H and deliver it to an audience. The 4-H Public Speaking Contest helps youth develop skills for communicating about current issues to real audiences, learn how to organize and prepare a speech, develop speech delivery skills, learn how to present themselves to others, and develop self-confidence. More information and rules can be found on our website. Registration can also be done by going to extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/whats-happening-in-4-h/.

The 2020 State PSA theme is "Inspire Kids to Do."

The 2020 Buffalo County PSA Theme is:

Eat. Sleep. Fair. Repeat.

Shooting Sports

POSTPONED

Shotgun/Trap Organizational Meeting Buffalo County Extension Building

Anyone interested in Shotgun, .22 Small bore Rifle and/or /22 Pistol should attend this meeting. Youth must be enrolled in 4-H to participate in the Shoot Sports Programs. Additional information about these programs and full schedules will be supplied at the meeting. Preferred age is 12 or older, but younger members will be considered based on leader determination of physical ability to safely and properly handle the firearm and willingness to comply with safety rules. For any questions contact Kevin Taylor at 308-240-2000 or Tom Rayburn at 308-440-7189.

Robotics Club Organizational Meeting

POSTPONED

Anyone that is interested in Robotics should consider coming to the organizational meeting that will be TBD at the Mechatronics Lab it is in the northeast corner of the new CCC building. The club will be electing officers and coming up with plans for the upcoming year. For more information please contact Jared at 308-440-2059.

NAYI

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Applications due April 15

Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute (NAYI) is a five-day conference for high school juniors and seniors to learn about career opportunities within agriculture. This includes engaging speakers, workshops, professional development, and leadership experience. NAYI is held in Lincoln from July 6-10. The application must be postmarked by April 15, 2020. Applications are available online at nda.nebraska.gov/nayi/index.html.

4-H Summer Camps & Trips

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Nebraska 4-H offers a wide variety of camps across the state throughout the summer. Camps run from May 26th to August 7th, are open to anyone ages 5-18, and span a list of topics and locations. There are overnight camps and weeklong day camps. Nebraska 4-H has two camp facilities, which are Nebraska State 4-H Camp, located near Halsey, and Eastern Nebraska 4-H Center, located Gretna. Camp sessions include Leaders in Training, Splash Bash, Wild Zoo Adventures, Loop the Loup River Journey, Kool Kravings, Gettin' Messy!, Party in the U.S.A., Kravin' Waves, Shipwrecked, and many more! Each Buffalo County 4-H member that attends an overnight Nebraska 4-H Camp will receive a \$100 scholarship from the Buffalo County 4-H Council. To use the online discount code, please contact Amber Gapp at 308-236-1235 or amber.gapp@unl.edu.

Registration and descriptions of all camps available:
4h.unl.edu/camp-centers

Buffalo County 4-H Camp Scholarship Available

Buffalo County 4-H'ers are eligible to apply for the Esther Wingert 4-H Camp Memorial Scholarship. This is a \$200 4-H camp scholarship that is offered to one Buffalo County 4-H'er each year and who is in need of funds to go to one of the following Nebraska State 4-H Camps at Halsey:

- Discovery – Loop the Loup River Journey
- Discovery – Sandhill Sampler

The application process for this camp scholarship is simple. Submit your request to the Buffalo County Extension Office via email or by mail with the following information by the deadline date of **April 1st**:

1. A request for camp support. Please be sure to include the age and gender for the camper and which specific camp session that the camper would like to attend (Specifically which camp listed from above).
2. A brief statement from the parent of the camper expressing why they would like to have their child attend this camp this summer.

Send requests to:

Buffalo County Extension
1400 E. 34th St. Kearney, NE 68847

Amber.gapp@unl.edu

The Buffalo County 4-H Council provides a \$100 camp scholarship to each Buffalo County 4-H'er that attends an overnight 4-H camp each year. You are still eligible for this scholarship in addition to the Wingert scholarship.

Campership from Nebraska 4-H Foundation

We believe that every young life should be enriched by the camp experience, and we want to make camp an opportunity for all youth. With the support of the Nebraska 4-H Foundation and its donors, we are able to offer a limited number of \$100 camp scholarships to support the participation of young people at the Nebraska 4-H Summer Camps. Day camps are not eligible for camp scholarships. If you have a camper in need of financial support we welcome your request.

Camp scholarships must be awarded prior to registration. The application process for a Camp scholarship is simple. Please complete the application at 4h.unl.edu/camps-centers/summer-camp/scholarship. Please contact Amber at the extension for an online discount code. If selected as a recipient of a camp scholarship, we will contact you by email.

Quality Assurance Training

ATTENTION ALL ANIMAL EXHIBITORS!

In order for the 4-Hers to access YQCA online training their enrollment in 4-H Online must be active. You can find the online YQCA course at yqca.learngrow.io.

When the 4-Her completes the online training they will need to print off the completion certificate and bring it to the Extension Office or email the certificate to Elizabeth at elizabeth.cast@unl.edu. All certificates must be turned in by Monday, June 15th.

YQCA Flash Sale



In light of the recent COVID-19 pandemic, the YQCA Board is announcing a 25% flash sale on web based certification in April! Here is how to take advantage of this opportunity.

Only offered during the month of April (April 1 – April 30), YQCA will be offering a 25% discount on web-based trainings, making them \$9. For more information visit <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/yqca-web-based-certification-flash-sale/>

Tractor Safety Training

Tractor Safety Training June 16 - 17

Buffalo County Extension Building

Any 14- or 15-year-old children who work on a farm or ranch owned by someone other than their parents or guardians are required to have certification through a class such as this. A flyer with more information can be found at the Extension Office or on our website, buffalo.unl.edu.



Premise ID Needed

Any **new** members, or anyone that has moved, showing a Market animal will need to have a premise ID. To obtain one, please call 402-471-2351 and you will be asked the address where the livestock are being housed. Please call 308-236-1235 or email elizabeth.cast@unl.edu and give us your premise ID number.

Save The Date

2020 Enrollment Deadline

Wednesday, May 1, 2020

2020 PASE

Monday, June 22 – Tuesday, June 23, 2020

2020 Buffalo County Fair

Tuesday, July 21, 2020 - Tuesday, July 28, 2020

2020 Nebraska State Fair

Friday, August 28, 2020 – Monday, September 7, 2020

Upcoming Shows & Clinics

- **Hayes County 4-H & FFA Livestock Judging Contest**
May 12th, 4:30 p.m. Registration
Hayes County Fairgrounds, Hayes Center
- **NCTA Livestock Judging Contest/Camp**
May 27th
Curtis, NE
- **4-H Horse Judging**
May 27th 8:30 a.m. Registration
Pitzer Ranch, Ericson
- **Annual Youth Animal Science Field Day**
May 28th
Curtis, NE
- **Fit and Feed Clinic**
May 30th, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Pawnee County Fairgrounds, Pawnee City

- **Chick Days**
June 6th, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Animal Science Complex, Lincoln
- **4-H Horse Camp**
June 11-13
Fort Robinson State Park, Crawford
- **Dog Days in McCook – 4-H Dog Show**
June 20th
Red Willow County Fairgrounds, McCook
- **4-H Plant and Insect Identification Contest**
June 25th, 12:15 p.m. Welcome
Ag. Park Exhibit Hall Club Room, Fairgrounds, Columbus
- **State Horse Show**
July 12-16th
Fonner Park, Grand Island
- **Dawes County Progress Shows**
June 20th, 7 a.m. Registration
Dawes County Fairgrounds, Chadron
- **2020 State Dog Show**
October 3rd, Entries Due August 10th
UNL Animal Science Complex, Lincoln

All upcoming shows and clinic information, including registration, are listed on our website: buffalo.unl.edu. Flyers are also available in the Extension Office.

Sincerely,

Kerry Elsen, Extension Educator