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Buffalo County NE 4-H



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Calendar of Events

February

Nebraska 4-H Month

- 2 4-H Council Meeting, 7 pm.
- 9 All Project Action Teams Meeting, 7 pm.
- 15 Extension Office Closed/President's Day.
- 20 Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic Livestock Judging Contest.
- 23 4-H Council Meeting, 7 pm.
- 26 4-H Hockey Night at the Tri-City Storm Game
- 28 4-H Horse Open Ride

March

- 1 State and Local Scholarship Applications Due.
- 1 NIFA Grant Applications Due.
- 5 4-H Shooting Sports Pancake Feed, 7 am to 1 pm.
- 7 4-H Shooting Sports potluck & awards.
- 9 First Chapter 8th Grade Event
- 12 Horse Stampede/Companion Animal Challenge, UNL East Campus.
- 15 NACEB Scholarship Application Due.
- 15 4-H Camp Counselor Application Due.
- 22 4-H Council Meeting, 7 pm.

April

- 1 Early Bird Registration due for Big Red Summer Camp.
- 1 County Speech & PSA registrations due.
- 12 County 4-H Speech & PSA Contest.
- 15 Regional Speech & PSA and Interview Contests Deadline.
- 15 NE Ag Youth Institute applications due.
- 15 Early Bird Registration due for 4-H Summer Camps.
- 26 4-H Council Meeting, 7 pm.
- 29 Extension Office Closed/Arbor Day.
- 30 West Central Regional Speech/PSA and Interview Contests, North Platte.

RoseMary has decided to retire after working at the Buffalo County Extension Office for 32 years. Her retirement is effective March 9. We are planning a retirement party for her with more information coming soon.



Enroll Today

Youth can enroll 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/4h. 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."

Nebraska 4-H Month

4-H Hockey Night with the Tri-City Storm Friday, February 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Wear your 4-H t-shirt and join Buffalo, Phelps and Gosper County 4-H families for the 2nd annual Storm Hockey Night at the Viaero Events Center in Kearney on Friday, February 26 at 7:30 p.m. Adult tickets are \$10 for 4-H families and friends and come with a Free popcorn and Coke voucher. It's also Free Kids Night so ages 12 and under get in free with each Paid ticket.

Tickets can be purchased by phone at 308-338-8011 or in person at the Viaero Events Center box office by noon on the day of the game, Friday, February 26th. Give the code word, "4-H", to get the special price and ask for Section "T". This will be the block of seats designated for Nebraska 4-H. Tickets ordered by phone can be picked up at the "Will Call" booth inside the main entrance. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Since it is also Military night, each is asked to bring a canned food item to be donated to a local military organization. These items will be collected at the 4-H table inside the front entrance prior to the start of the game.

Take pics with 'Lil Green and enjoy free pop and popcorn while you watch the game. This is a fun way to celebrate Nebraska 4-H month, honor the Military as well as hanging out with your 4-H friends. You won't want to miss this exciting night. 4-H members, their families and friends from other Nebraska counties are also invited to attend.

Scholarships

Congratulations to Marissa Kegley for winning the Martha & Don Romeo Scholarship for 2016.

2016 4-H College Scholarship Application Due March 1

These Buffalo County Scholarship applications can be found on our website, or pick one up at the Extension Office.

These scholarships include:

- ❖ Andy & Nevabelle Howe Scholarship (\$150).
- ❖ Bankers Association Scholarship (\$500 for one male and one female).
- ❖ Buffalo Belles Horseman Scholarship (\$200).
- ❖ Buffalo County 4-H Scholarship (\$500).
- ❖ Karen Stafford-Swartz Scholarship (\$200).
- ❖ Ron & Jacquelyn Kegley 4-H Scholarship (\$500).

Additional Scholarship – Separate Application

The Charles and Jeanette Mumma Scholarship is due **March 1** and the application can be found on our website, buffalo.unl.edu/buffalocounty4h or stop by the Extension Office. There will be two \$1500 and two \$750 scholarships awarded to the top male and female applicants. The application is quite detailed and will include a resume and an interview. It also states that you must have participated in 4-H for a minimum of five years and are currently enrolled.

Nebraska Association of County Extension Boards Scholarship

The NACEB Scholarship Program for the 2016/17 academic year includes the following:

- One \$1000 scholarship at UNL College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources or in the College of student (freshman or transfer student).
- One \$500 scholarship for a current student (sophomore or higher) enrolled in CASNR or CEHS.

More information is available at the Extension Office or on our website. Applications must be received by **March 15, 2016**.

Husker Harvest Days Scholarship Application

The Husker Harvest Day scholarship application can be found on our website and is due **March 18, 2016**.

All scholarship applications can be found on our website: buffalo.unl.edu/4h under Upcoming Events.

Camps

2016 4-H Summer Camps

Camps are open to anyone ages 5-18 years old. The 2016 Summer Camp schedules and registration can be found on the website at <http://4h.unl.edu/4hsummercamp>. Camps are open to anyone ages 5-18 years old. Register before April 15 and you will receive a 10% Early Bird Discount.

PSA Theme

The state Public Service Announcements category has made a couple of changes. The theme is “**4-H Grows Confidence**” and must be incorporated in each PSA. All 4-H PSA’s must include the following tag line within the last ten seconds of the PSA: “**Learn more about Nebraska Extension 4-H Youth Development Program at 4h.unl.edu.**” The tag line is included in the 60 second time limit.

Radio PSA’s will only be submitted to the regional and state competitions electronically as a .wav or mp3 format. (No CDs accepted)

Regional Interview Contest

Due to the low numbers of state interview contest participation at the state fair, the career team has decided to discontinue the State Interview Contest. As an alternative, an Eastern District educator group would like to invite you to Northeast Nebraska in May for an special area Interview Contest competition. All the same rules and requirements will remain in place.

They will conduct the area Interview Contest at the Norfolk Life Long Learning Center. More information can be found on our website: buffalo.unl.edu/4h under Upcoming Events. We will be sending out more information as the event date nears but for now...

- Reserve the Date: May 26th.
- Interview Contest resumes and Cover letters will be due: April 30 to the Buffalo County Extension Office.
- Ribbons and Trophies will be awarded.
- Intermediate and Sr. Division eligible.

4-H Shooting Sports

4-H Shooting Sports Annual Pancake Feed

The 4-H Shooting Sports annual pancake feed will be held on Saturday, March 5, at the Extension Building. Come enjoy pancakes and sausage and help the Shooting Sports Club. They will serve from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

4-H Shooting Sports Awards Night

The Awards and Potluck meal will be held on Monday, March 7, at the Extension Building for those that participated in BB Gun, Air Rifle and Air Pistol.

Innovative Youth Corn Challenge

5th Annual Innovative Youth Corn Challenge Entries due March 15

Nebraska Extension and the Nebraska Corn Board are offering the fifth Innovative Youth Corn Challenge contest. This contest, open to 4-H members (age 10 & older as

of Jan. 1st) or FFA members (in-school members), guides participants through all aspects of corn production, as well as agricultural careers related to corn production.

As a team, youth will be challenged to implement a production practice different than normal to determine if they increased their yield. Economics and sustainability of the practice will also be considered. Yields, cropping history, and production information will be collected in the Corn Yield Challenge management summary.

Cash prizes and plaques will be given to the first, second, and third place teams. First place will receive \$1,000, second place will receive \$500, and third place will receive \$250. Sustainability, crop scouting and “extra mile” awards will also be given, each worth \$200.

To participate in 2016, youth must complete and return an entry form by March 15th to the Fillmore County Extension Office in Geneva, NE. Forms can be downloaded at cropwatch.unl.edu/youth/activities. For more information, contact Brandy VanDeWalle at brandy.vandewalle@unl.edu, Aaron Nygren at anygren2@unl.edu or Amy Timmerman at atimmerman2@unl.edu.

Animals

Cattlemen’s Classic Livestock Judging Contest February 20

The 2016 Nebraska Cattlemen’s Classic Livestock Judging Contest will be held on Saturday, February 20th, at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds. This is a great learning opportunity for youth as they progress through their judging careers, and an exceptional “warm-up” for State Contests to be held later this year. We would highly encourage anyone and everyone to attend.

We will have 8 classes of cattle and will split into two divisions. Juniors (ages 8-13) and Seniors (ages 14-19). These ages are as of January 1, 2016. Check out our website, buffalo.unl.edu/4h for more information.

4-H Horse Open Riding

On February 28 the indoor arena at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds will be open from 1-4 pm! This is an opportunity for **4-H Members Only** to ride their horses. If you think you might attend please let Kerry Elsen know.

District Horse Show Dates

The 2016 Nebraska District 4-H Horse Show dates and sites are June 13 – Kearney; June 14 – Chadron; June 15 – McCook; June 16 – Leigh; June 17 – Bloomfield; and June 21 – Lincoln. State Horse Show at Fonner Park will be July 10-14, 2016.

All level testing required for participating in the 2016 District Horse Shows must be completed by May 13, 2016, when entries are due to the Extension Office.

Companion Animal Challenge / 4-H Horse Stampede March 12, 2016 – UNL East Campus

The second 4-H Companion Animal Challenge will be held on March 12, 2016, at the Animal Science Complex on UNL’s East Campus. It provides youth a chance to participate in a variety of contests that do not require animals, but allow

2016 Photography Theme

4-H Grows Here Photography Exhibit

The 2016 State Fair 4-H Photography Nebraska Theme Exhibit Print class is described below. Both Unit II and Unit III will include this class.

Nebraska Exhibit Print: Help us celebrate the national "4-H Grows Here" campaign. Capture photos of people and places that illustrate 4-H growing and thriving in Nebraska! Your photos should tell a story about how "4-H Grows Here" in your local community. Please print and include the 4-H Grows Here! logo in your photos. The logo can be accessed at

<https://unl.box.com/s/krptc9q2f2yxkxpcyc6q6flx6ni6z7mo>.

Workshop

SAVE THE DATE

Sprint Startup Your Business

Sprint Startup Your Business in Curtis, NE at the NCTA Campus is Thursday- Saturday, May 26-28, 2016. This 48 hour workshop will help 17 and 18 year old motivated and determined students to launch a business. Learn startup skills in a hands on environment with entrepreneurs your own age. Students will learn ideation, team formation, customer discovery and how to pitch their business.

Sincerely,

Brian Bosshamer, Extension Educator
Brent Plugge, Extension Educator
Carol Schwarz, Extension Educator
Kerry Elsen, Extension Assistant
Kristin Prill, Extension Assistant

youth to learn more about their dog or other companion animals. **Entries are due Feb. 19th**. Contests include:

- Demonstrations (a presentation where youth demonstrate how to complete a task or related to the care of their companion animal)
- Photography and art contests (open to all companion animal projects)
- Dog Skill-a-thon
- Dog quiz bowl

The youth who participated in the event last year said that it was fun and they learned a lot. Youth do not need to be experts to participate in the event.

More information available at: <http://go.unl.edu/4hcac>

4-H Horse Stampede is being held the same date, March 12, 2016, at the Animal Science Complex on UNL's East Campus. Entries are due to county offices on Feb.

12th. Contests include:

- Demonstrations (individual and team)
- Public speaking
- Quiz bowl
- Photography and art contests

More information available at:

<http://animalscience.unl.edu/horse-4-h-and-youth#tab32>

Buffalo Belles Horseman Scholarship

Applicant must be currently enrolled in Buffalo County 4-H Horse Program and two years previously, write a brief essay centered on 4-H experiences and their value to the future and plan to attend a vocational, technical, or academic school. Pick up the application at the Extension Office or online at buffalo.unl.edu/4h. Application is due March 1, 2016.

SAVE THE DATE

Animal Science Youth Field Day

Animal Science Youth Field Day in Curtis, NE at the NCTA Campus is Thursday May 26, 2016. Open to all youth ages 8-18. Variety of workshops will expose youth to various animal care, production, Quality Assurance, and other livestock teaching stations.

