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Buffalo County NE 4-H



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Calendar of Events

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.
- 4 Club Year-End Treasurer's Report due to Extension Office.
- 5 District Record Books Due
- 18 Extension Office Closed/Martin Luther King Day.
- 26 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30 pm.
- 30 Beef Weigh-in at Kearney Livestock Market, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.

February

Nebraska 4-H Month

- 9 Project Action Team 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

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.



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4-H Club's Year-End Treasurer's Report

4-H Clubs need to file a year-end Treasurer's Report with the Extension Office at the end of year 2015. This reflects the club finances which the Extension Office files with the IRS for the clubs. If your club does not have a bank account, let our office know. The Treasurer's Report form was sent out last September to the club leader. If you need another form, we can send it to you, or you can find it on our Buffalo County 4-H website. We need this soon after January 1. Thank you to the clubs that have submitted their report.

Buffalo County 4-H Calendar

Enclosed is the 4-H Calendar for 2016. Please mark your calendars with the important deadlines and events. There will be updates as we have them. Updated calendars can be found on our website, buffalo.unl.edu/buffalocounty4h.

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/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."

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

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. Applications must be received by **March 15, 2016**.

4-H Shooting Sports

Buffalo County Shooting Sports 4-H Club

The Buffalo County Shooting Sports Club began their shooting schedule in late October for the winter program. On Mondays the BB gun and air rifle practice at 6:30 p.m. and air pistol at 8:00 p.m. Tuesdays are just BB gun at 6:30 p.m. This schedule will continue weekly through mid-March.

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.

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

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.

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

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.**

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

Buffalo County Market Beef Weigh-in & Tagging Day

Market Beef weigh-in and tagging 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.

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/buffalocounty4h for more information.

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 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>

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.

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/krptc9q2f2yxkxcpvc6q6flx6ni6z7mo>.

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,

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