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Happy New Year!



Calendar of Events

January 2019

- 01 Buffalo County Extension Office Closed, New Year's Day
- 02 Deadline for Shooting Sports Instructor Registration
- 03 Ag Innovators Application Deadline
- 07 Registration Deadline for Young Leaders mtg.
- 08 4-H Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 10-12 National Western Stock Show, Denver, Colo.
- 12-13 Shooting Sports Instructor Training, Lincoln, 8:00 a.m.
- 13 Young Leaders Meeting
- 16 4-H Club Year-End Treasurer's Report Due
- 19 Quilting Class @ 1p.m.
- 21 Buffalo County Extension Office Closed, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 31 Special Garden Project Sign-Up Due

February 2019 "Nebraska 4-H Month"

- 02 Beef Weigh in 9 a.m. -12 p.m. @ Huss Livestock Market
- 09 Quilting Class @ 1 p.m.
- 18 Buffalo County Extension Office Closed, Presidents' Day
- 23 Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic Livestock Judging Contest
- 26 4-H Council Meeting
- 28 Family and Consumer Science Project Action Team Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- 28 Project Action Team Meetings, 7 p.m.

March 2019

- 01 State and Local Scholarship Applications Due
- 01 NIFA Grant Application Due
- 01 Horse Stampede Entries Due
- 02 Shooting Sports Pancake Feed, 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- 03 Indoor Archery Fair Shoot
- 04 BB Gun Fair Shoot
- 05 Air Rifle & Air Pistol Fair Shoot
- 07 BB Gun Fair Shoot
- 11 Shooting Sports Potluck Awards Banquet
- 15 NACEB Scholarship Application Due
- 15 Innovative Youth Corn Challenge Entry Deadline
- 16 Quilting Class @ 1p.m.
- 26 4-H Council Meeting
- 26 Registrations due for County Speech and PSA's
- 29-31 State BB Gun Shoot
- 30 Horse Stampede/Companion Animal Challenge UNL East Campus

-Event details listed in newsletter-

Enclosed: 2019 Buffalo County 4-H Calendar

**Dates are subject to change, and the most updated copy can be found online: buffalo.unl.edu*

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Buffalo County NE 4-H



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4-H Enrollment

The 2018-2019 4-H year has begun, youth and volunteers can start enrolling 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, 2019. 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, 2019. 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.

Make sure to select all project areas you want to work on during the 4-H year. In years past the projects from the previous year have rolled over, that is not the case this year. Each members account has been cleared, so you will need to make sure to select ALL project areas when enrolling.

Attention Volunteers

In 2019, **all** Buffalo County Volunteers must complete the online volunteer screening.

You will receive an email from DHHS after enrolling in 4-H online with steps on completing your volunteer screening. You will have 30 days to complete the volunteer screening starting the day you receive the email from DHHS.

Market Beef Weigh-In/Tagging

Market Beef Weigh-In and Tagging

Market Beef weigh-in and tagging is scheduled for the following days and times:

Saturday, February 2, 2019
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Huss Livestock Market
1202 W 19th Street
Kearney, NE 68845

At tagging and weighing, please remember to complete a market beef ownership affidavit. On the affidavit, you must completely write in your animals complete EID tag number, and identify the animal. State Fair animals must submit

DNA and BVD samples to compete. DNA envelopes and BVD vials will be available at tagging.

All market beef animals will be tagged with an 840 EID Tags. There will be no separate county fair-only tags. The following will be costs at tagging and weighing. Please make sure to bring along cash or check to make these payments.

- Tags: \$3.00 each
- BVD: \$3.50 each

Special M & M Feeders and Huss Livestock Market for use of their facilities!

2019 County/State Fair

For the 2019 Buffalo County Fair, Nebraska State Fair, all 4-H Market Beef and 4-H Market Hogs will require an 840 EID tag. 4-H Market Sheep and 4-H Market Goats will be using the scrapie tag for identification in 2019.

In addition to the EID tag, hair samples for DNA will again be required for market beef, market swine, market lambs and meat goats to be exhibited at State Fair in 2019.

For the 2019 Buffalo County Fair **ALL** Market Hogs will be tagged, with EID tags, **PRIOR** to county fair.

AKSARBEN UPDATE

Effective immediately, Aksarben will be offering a youth show for ages 21 and under. You do not have to be an active 4-H member to participate. Due to this change, we (Buffalo County Extension) are no longer included in outgoing information, so the Extension Office will not be publicizing dates, deadlines, or any other information in regards to Aksarben.

For any questions you may have, please contact the Aksarben office at 308.385.3968.

Production Market Beef Project

Exhibitors who want to have market beef animals eligible for the Production Beef class **MUST** have a tissue sample taken during Market Beef weigh-ins. Samples will be used to illustrate parentage between the calf and the dam. A tissue sample must also be taken from the dam and submitted to the Extension Office to by June 1st. The cost of DNA tissue samples for up to 2 head will be reduced to half, leaving the exhibitor with a \$25/head fee. Exhibitors can have tissue samples taken on as many head as they would like, above two head will be a \$50/head fee. The per head fee also covers the cost for the associated dam tissue sample.

You can find more information about the class and a full list of the guidelines at

extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/new-commercial-production-beef-and-heifer-classes/. If you have any questions please contact Kerry Elsen at kerry.elsen@unl.edu.

2019 District Horse Shows

2019 Nebraska 4-H District Horse Shows are scheduled for the following dates and locations:

Date	Location
Monday, June 10 th	Bloomfield
Tuesday, June 11 th	Elkhorn
Wednesday, June 12 th	Ord
Thursday, June 13 th	Ogallala
Friday, June 14 th	McCook

4-H members may compete at any District Horse Show location of their choosing. All level testing required for participating must be completed by Friday, May 10th. All district and State Fair horse entries will be due to County Extension office by May 10th.

CWF Fundraiser Thank You

Thank you to the 4-H members and their families who made the 2018 CWF Fundraiser a success! Fundraiser participants have been mailed a letter that states their fundraiser profit.

Club Leaders

Attention Club Leaders, your 2018 treasurer's report is due to the office by January 16th. Please contact Elizabeth at elizabeth.cast@unl.edu if you need a copy of the form.

Quilting Classes

Do you have a 4-Her that is interested in quilting? Are they new to the project, or do they have advanced skills? If so consider coming to quilting classes. The classes will be held in the small meeting room at the Extension Building on Saturday, January 19, February 9, March 16, April 13, April 20, and May 4. It will be from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

If you are interested in attending one or all classes please contact Julie Hofer at juliehofer@charter.net or 308-233-7292.

Special Garden Project

4-H Special Garden Project Signup

Notify the Extension Office by Thursday, January 31st

This year the Special Garden Project is focused on the unique Carmine Splendor Okra. Carmine Splendor Okra is as unique as it is tasty. This plant is high yielding and produces uniform, red pods. The stout 5-pointed pods are deep red when small and at the best eating quality. The tropical-looking, pinkish flowers are also edible and have a sweet, mild flavor. The mature seed pods also give a fun twist for winter interest in a container.

4-H members who participate in the special garden project receive a 'packet' of Carmine Splendor Okra (one

packet per youth) in March/April; a newsletter on planting and growing Carmine Splendor Okra, Carmine Splendor Okra problems and insects, harvesting and using Carmine Splendor Okra, and Carmine Splendor Okra exhibiting. Youth will have the opportunity to enter this unique flower at the County and State Fair. This Carmine Splendor Okra is eligible to be exhibited in the fresh cut flowers class or harvested vegetables and project participants can also exhibit an educational poster or report. The estimated cost to participate is \$0.50 per packet.

To participate, youth need to be enrolled in 4-H and in the special garden project area. Please notify the Extension Office by Monday, January 28, 2019, if you want to participate, so the Extension Office can order you seeds.

Shooting Sports

There's Still Time to Join Winter Shooting Sports

The winter shooting sports program has started but it is not too late to join if you are interested! Indoor Archery will practice on Sunday afternoons from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.; B.B. gun will practice on Monday and Thursday evenings starting at 6:30 p.m.; Air Rifle, and Air Pistol will practice Tuesday evenings, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Safety is stressed as the main objective of the shooting sports program taught by University of Nebraska certified instructors, but sportsmanship, marksmanship and fun is also included. Targets, firearms, equipment, pellets, BBs and facilities are provided. Participants must provide their own eye protection. State guidelines state that there must be a parent in attendance with each youth shooter.

Youth ages 8-18 may join the shooting sports club and be part of the program, if they are an enrolled 4-H member. Information for enrolling in 4-H is listed at the beginning of this newsletter. There is no fee to be part of shooting sports, though 4-H enrollment is \$10. Archery and BB gun is open to youth age eight and above. For Air Rifle and Air Pistol, youth must be at least twelve years old or be pre-approved by the leaders.

Any meeting cancellations due to weather or other circumstances will be provided to NTV, KGF, Hits 106 and Y102. Direct any questions to Kevin Taylor at kwytaylor@frontiernet.net.

Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports

Leader Certification Workshop

Saturday – Sunday, January 12-13, 2019

Nebraska Game and Parks

Outdoor Education Center, Lincoln

Contact the Extension Office for more information

4-H Volunteers have the opportunity to become certified as an adult (age 21 and above) or apprentice (age 14-20) leader in shooting sport disciplines. Four project areas will be offered at the Lincoln Workshop, they include rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery. Workshop participants will learn under expert instruction from members of the Nebraska State 4-H Shooting Sports Training Team.

More Information: tinyurl.com/NEShootingSports

Questions? Steve Pritchard: 402-395-2158 or 308-536-2691.

If unable to attend this workshop, but would like to become certified, the next shooting sports certification workshop will be April 6-7, 2019, in Central City, NE. For more information go to tinyurl.com/NEShootingSports.

Ag Innovators Grant

The Ag innovators topic this year will be native bees. Teams who are interested in teaching a variety of hands on activities are encouraged to apply.

Teams who are interested in serving on the State Lead Team for Ag Innovators are asked to complete the application at the following link by January 3rd, ssp.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bjG7vCfsxIwU7jf.

The selection of 3 teens to attend the national training February 8-10 in Ames, Iowa will be made by January 7th.

8th Annual Innovation Youth Corn Challenge

Do you enjoy being outside? Learning new things about crops? Considering a career involving crops, insects, diseases, soils, water or more? Do you want to help figure out how to feed our world's growing population in a sustainable way?

Nebraska Extension and the Nebraska Corn Board are offering the 8th 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 (2 or more participants), 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 are given. First place receives \$1,000, second place receives \$500, and third place receives \$250. Sustainability, crop scouting and "extra mile" awards are also given as cash awards.

To participate in 2019, youth must complete and return an entry form by March 15th to the Fillmore County Extension Office in Geneva, NE. Forms can be downloaded after January 1st at cropwatch.unl.edu/youth-activities. For more information, contact Brandy VanDeWalle at brandy.vandewalle@unl.edu.

Upcoming Shows & Clinics

- **Horner Performance Horses Winter Clinic (The Soft and Supple Pleasure Horse)**
January 19th-20th
Registration: hornerperformancehorses.com.

- **Horner Performance Horses Winter Clinic (Ground Poles and Trail)**
February 8th-9th
Registration: hornerperformancehorses.com.
- **Horner Performance Horses Winter Clinic (Tips for Success in Horsemanship)**
March 9th-10th
Registration: hornerperformancehorses.com.
- **Horner Performance Horses Winter Clinic (Reining and Ranch Riding)**
April 6th-7th
Registration: hornerperformancehorses.com.

Scholarships & Awards

2019 Nebraska 4-H Foundation Scholarship Due January 15th, 2019

The Nebraska 4-H Foundation provides 4-H members the opportunity to apply for scholarships. All scholarship applications must be submitted via the [Annual Achievement Application](#).

For guidelines and more information, please view our [Scholarship Guidelines](#) and the [Annual Achievement Application](#) portal. Completed applications must be sent to 4HAchieves@unl.edu.

Save The Date

2019 Enrollment Deadline
Wednesday, May 1, 2019

2019 Buffalo County Fair
Tuesday, July 23, 2019 - Tuesday, July 30, 2019

2019 Nebraska State Fair
Friday, August 23, 2019 – Monday, September 2, 2019

2019 PASE / Life Challenge
Monday, June 17 – Tuesday, June 18, 2019

2019 State Horse Show
Sunday, July 14 – Thursday, July 18, 2019

Sincerely,



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Carol Schwarz, Extension Educator

