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**Calendar of Events**

**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.
- 12 Horse Stampede/Companion Animal Challenge, UNL East Campus.
- 15 NACEB Scholarship Application Due.
- 15 4-H Camp Counselor Application Due.
- 19 4-H Sewing Pillow Workshop, 10-2.
- 19 4-H Spring Quilting Class, 1-4 pm.
- 20 Rose Mary Deprez's Open House Retirement Party, 2-4 pm
- 22 4-H Council Meeting, 7 pm.
- 28 4-H Pollinator Workshop, 10-3.

**April**

- 1 Early Bird Registration due for Big Red Summer Camp.
- 1 Lottery Pig and Goat applications due.
- 5 County Speech & PSA registrations due.
- 12 County 4-H Speech & PSA Contest.
- 15 Regional Speech & PSA 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 Contests, North Platte.

**May**

- 01 Big Red Summer Academic Camp Registration Due.
- 02 **4-H ENROLLMENT DEADLINE** (\$10 late fee plus \$10 enrollment fee after May 2).
- 13 District/State Horse Show Entries Due.
- 16 4-H Performing Arts Contest, 7 pm, UNK.
- 24 4-H Council Meeting, 7 pm.
- 30 Extension Office Closed/Memorial Day

Rose Mary Deprez's Retirement Party is Sunday, March 20, from 2-4 p.m. at the Buffalo County Extension Building.

We are asking people to write down memories or well wishes for a scrapbook. You can submit them ahead of time by emailing [amber.gapp@unl.edu](mailto:amber.gapp@unl.edu) or at the party.

Cards can be sent to the Buffalo County Extension, 1400 E. 34<sup>th</sup> St, Kearney, NE 68847.

## Enroll Today

### Enrollment Deadline: May 2, 2016

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, 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. You can pay the fee 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](http://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."

## Congratulations

Congrats to Allison Bauer and Callie Collins! They earned the President's Volunteer Service Award granted by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program on behalf of President Barack Obama.

## Scholarships

### 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](http://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. Each Buffalo County 4-H'er that attends a Nebraska 4-H Camp will receive \$100 scholarship from the Buffalo County 4-H Council.

### 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 for 2016. 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 three Nebraska State 4-H Camps at Halsey:

- Discovery – River Adventures
- Discovery – Outback Halsey – Survivor
- Discovery – Sandhillz 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 4th:

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:

Valerie Erickson, Buffalo County Extension  
1400 E. 34<sup>th</sup> St. Kearney, NE 68847  
308-236-1235, [verickson2@unl.edu](mailto:verickson2@unl.edu)

Esther Wingert passed away last year and her children remember going to 4-H camps in Halsey. It was something Esther felt was important and wanted her children to attend. The family wanted to make 4-H camp possible for a 4-H'er who wanted to go to camp but were financially unable to attend.

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

The Extension Office would love to see someone receive this camper scholarship this year. Please consider applying or forwarding this information on to someone who is thinking of going to camp in 2016.

**Big Red Summer Academic Camps**  
**University of Nebraska-Lincoln**  
**June 5-10, 2016**

The 2016 Big Red Summer Academic Camp is open to 10-12 grades who are interested in these topics that are offered: Computers, Weather & Climate, Veterinary Science, Filmmaking, Engineering, Culinary Arts & Food Science, Outdoor Nebraska, and the Unicameral. Early Bird Tuition rates are available before April 15. To register go to [bigredcamps.unl.edu](http://bigredcamps.unl.edu).

**Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute 2016**

NAYI is July 11-15 for high school juniors and seniors to learn about career opportunities within agriculture. There will be engaging speakers, workshops and panels, leadership experience, networking with peers and industry leaders, fun and new friends. Apply online at [www.nda.nebraska.gov/nayi](http://www.nda.nebraska.gov/nayi). Deadline is April 15, 2016.

**Speech and PSA Contest**

**Buffalo County Speech and PSA Contest**  
**Tuesday, April 12, at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Buffalo County Extension Office**  
**Registrations and All PSA's Due April 5**

Youth may participate in both the Speech and PSA categories. **4-H members must be present at the county contest if submitting a PSA in order to receive premium and outstanding award credit.**

Regional Contest eligible Speech and PSA age groups as of January 1, 2016, and length of speeches are:

**Junior Division** (Age 8-10) 1 to 3 minutes

**Intermediate Division** (Age 11-13) 3 to 5 minutes

**Senior Division** (Age 14-18) 5 to 8 minutes

County Only:

**Novice Division**

This division is open to those 4-H members who have never given a speech or PSA at the county contest and who are age 8, 9 or 10 as of January 1, 2016. Novice participants have the option to read a poem, use a book or read from a script. Regardless of what the speaker chooses, an introduction or some connection to 4-H is strongly encouraged.

**Speech Guidelines:**

- All speeches must be original and include 4-H as the major component of the speech.
- Many speakers in the Public Speaking Contest have given speeches in other contests. This is fine; however previous speeches may not be used verbatim for the 4-H contest. It is okay to use the same ideas from a speech previously delivered in competition, but it must be 4-H related. Enough changes should be made to make that speech new to the speaker and the audience. 4-H public speakers may not use an old speech written by a sibling, other 4-H member, or anyone else.
- Acknowledge the source of information used in the speech. For example, an article from a magazine may

be used for reference but should not be quoted directly unless you tell the audience your source.

- The use of visual aids and props are not allowed. Dress appropriately.
- No team speeches are allowed.
- Youth selected to advance to regional competition in the speech category may participate in one Regional 4-H Public Speaking Contests of their choice. Regional contests are held in North Platte, Norfolk, Lincoln and the Panhandle via distance education.
- A Clover Kid division is being offered again to let young 4-H'ers begin their public speaking careers. They will follow the same rules as the novice division and will receive a ribbon for their participation. Clover Kids is a non-competitive program for 4-H'ers age 5, 6, and 7 as of January 1, 2016, so there will be no judging that takes place.

**District and State Eligible PSA Guidelines:**

- 60 seconds in length.
- Use the theme: **4-H Grows Confidence.**
- Promote 4-H and be general enough to be used anywhere in Nebraska at any time of year.
- 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.
- Sound effects and public domain music may be used. Copyrighted material may not be used.
- Must be the original work of the presenter. PSA's written and provided by the state and national staff may not be used.
- No team PSA's allowed.
- Radio PSA's will be submitted on CD along with the PSA text and registration form one week prior to the county contest.
- Please use .wav or mp3 audio formats when recording your PSA.

**County Only PSA Guidelines:**

- 60 seconds in length.
- County only PSA's use the theme: **"Summer Nights and Carnival Lights".**
- Promote 4-H related to the county fair. For example, write a PSA about the Dog Show, Static Exhibits, Horse Show, Cake Walk, Decorated Cake and Pie Auction or any other 4-H event happening during the county fair.
- Include the following tag line within the last ten seconds of the PSA: **"Come and check out the 4-H exhibits and shows at the 2016 Buffalo County Fair, July 26 – August 2, at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds in Kearney".** The tag line is included in the 60 second time limit.

- Youth may only use the Buffalo County music bed available at the Extension Office for all sound effects and background music.
- All PSA's must be the original work of the presenter. Contestants may not use PSA's written and provided by the state and national staff.
- No team PSA's are allowed.
- Radio PSA's will be submitted on CD along with the PSA text and registration form one week prior to the county contest.
- Please use .wav or mp3 audio formats when recording your PSA.

Buffalo County Speech and PSA Contest registrations are due **April 5**. All radio PSA's must be submitted on CD along with PSA text and registration form by **April 5**. If you have questions, please call the Extension Office.

For more information on the Regional Speech contests, please go to <http://4h.unl.edu/publicspeakingcontest>.

## 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.

### Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Program Offers Leader Certification Workshop

**April 16 & 17, 2016 at the Washington County Fairgrounds - Arlington, NE**

Participants will share and learn techniques and knowledge which will develop your ability to effectively lead a local shooting sports program; learn to use shooting sports to develop youth of strong character who possess effective skills for living; gain certification in one of the following disciplines: Shotgun, Hunting Skills, Rifle, or Archery; and learn under expert instruction and learn to develop your skills as an instructor.

Registration deadline is APRIL 5 and must be done online by going to: <https://goo.gl/qWPfSJ>. Registration fees are \$100 for first-time certification and \$90 to add a discipline for previously certified instructors. A paid registration guarantees participant a spot. Fee includes program materials and three meals; lunch on Saturday and Sunday, and dinner on Saturday. Participants must make their own lodging arrangements.

For more workshop information and registration link, go to the Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Calendar at <http://4h.unl.edu/nebraskashootingsportsinstructorcalendar>, contact the Nebraska Extension in Washington County Office

at 402-426-9455, or contact Extension Educator, Steve Pritchard at 402-395-2158 or 308-536-2691.

The Buffalo County 4-H Council will provide funding for individuals who want to be trained in a particular Shooting Sports discipline. To qualify for the funds an individual must first acquire and complete the on-line 4-H Volunteer Leader form and complete a 4-H Council Leadership Funding Application (contact the Buffalo County Extension Office for info. on both forms) for funding consideration from the 4-H Council.

## Innovative Youth Corn Challenge

### 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://cropwatch.unl.edu/youth/activities). For more information, contact Brandy VanDeWalle at [brandy.vandewalle@unl.edu](mailto:brandy.vandewalle@unl.edu), Aaron Nygren at [anygren2@unl.edu](mailto:anygren2@unl.edu) or Amy Timmerman at [atimmerman2@unl.edu](mailto:atimmerman2@unl.edu).

## Animals

### 4-on-the-Floor Dog Club Meeting

The Buffalo County 4-on-the-Floor Dog Club has started meeting to work on dog obedience classes once again this spring. Please know that if you are interested in showing a dog for fair this year and want work with our club on dog obedience, showmanship, and agility that you are welcomed to do so. Please visit our website, [buffalo.unl.edu/4h](http://buffalo.unl.edu/4h) for our schedule for this spring along with the guidelines to participate. Contact Valerie at the Extension Office if you have additional questions.

### Lottery Goat Project

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 \$100, \$50 due with the application (due by April 1) and the remaining \$50 when they pick up their goat. A minimum of 10 4-H'ers will need to participate. Goats will be picked up during tagging day in May.

### **Lottery Pig Project**

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.

There will be 30 pigs available this year to purchase. To participate, the Lottery Pig Agreement and the \$50 down payment towards the purchase price must be completed before April 1, or as soon as possible.

The remaining price of \$50 will be due at the first meeting on Tuesday, April 26, at 6:00 p.m. at the Extension Bldg. There will be three informational meetings held which will be worth ten points each meeting towards your total points at the end of the project. Participants will receive more information on specific topics and meeting dates after the deposit has been made.

### **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.

### **State Fair Blow and Go Show Announcement**

In a joint decision made by State Fair, FFA and 4-H, with regard to fitting of livestock at the fair, 2016 shows will be Blow and Go. This will affect State Fair beef exhibitors. Recommended guidelines will follow soon.

### **Order Turkeys and Broilers**

Turkeys and broilers can be ordered for the 2016 County Fair exhibits. Turkeys will be approximately \$1.50 each with delivery about the second week of April; broilers are approximately \$1.25 each with delivery the first week of June. Order by **March 25** by contacting the Extension Office at (308)236-1235.

### **Animal Science Youth Field Day**

Animal Science Youth Field Day in Curtis, NE at the NCTA Campus is Thursday, May 26, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. 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. The cost is \$5 which includes lunch. Please contact the Extension Office by May 18 if you are interested in attending.

## **Quality Assurance**

### **Quality Assurance On-line and Test-outs**

Statewide, the majority of youth are doing their certification on-line. Three of the tests need to be passed and a copy of the certificates need to be turned in to the Extension Office.

**On-line Certification:** To enroll and complete the on-line course, there is a \$5/annual fee.

**Log on and Take Tests:** <http://campus.extension.org/>

**Website:** <http://4h.unl.edu/qualityassurance>

**FAQ on QA and troubleshooting:**

<http://4h.unl.edu/documents/466759/4439836/2015+Quality+Assurance+Information+Sheet/11282adf-7ef2-4051-8359-60d346d4dece>

**Step-by-step video** on how to pay for the course and get registered:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8gkYI3EOMzs&feature=youtu.be>

\*\* Note the instructional sheet and the video are found on the website, in the last section *Manuals and Resources*

**As a reminder, the online QA covers the following species only:** beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, swine, rabbits, and poultry – animals that we consume or animals that produce a consumable product for us. It does NOT cover cats, dogs, horses, llamas, guinea pigs, hamsters, or other small companion type animals – in the US we generally do not consume these animals.

**To test out** in the Intermediate (12-14 years) or Senior level (15-18 years), youth may stop by the Extension Office to take the test. Test must be completed at the office and must pass with 70% score. To help with the test, youth may practice on-line through the Livestock Quality Assurance course at: <http://campus.extension.org>.

## **Workshop**

### **4-H Beginner Sewing Pillow Workshop**

**Saturday, March 19, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

**Extension Building – Kearney**

**Registration required – \$5 fee**

Want to improve your basic sewing skills? This workshop is for you! Use engineering, art and math skills while learning basic sewing skills to construct a pillow that can be exhibited at the fair. Bring an adult to help you sew. Adults do not need to know how to sew. Also bring your sewing machine and sewing kit and a sack lunch. Extension sewing machines are available upon request. All fabric, thread and stuffing supplies will be provided. You may bring your own woven cotton fabric if you wish. Your finished pillow can be entered into the fair in Steam I, Design My Place or in the Citizenship area as a donated service item. For ages 8 and older, boys and girls. Register online at [buffalo.unl.edu](http://buffalo.unl.edu) or in person at the Extension Office. Contact Kristin Prill at 236-1235 or [kristin.prill@unl.edu](mailto:kristin.prill@unl.edu) with questions.

**4-H Spring Quilting Classes**  
**Saturday, March 19, 1-4 p.m.**  
**Extension Building – Kearney**  
**Registration required – No Fees**

Quilting mania continues! Beginner and experienced sewers are invited to attend whether you are in the middle of a quilt or just starting a quilting project. Mary Seely and Kristin Prill help you through the next steps toward completing your quilt for the fair. 4-H'ers are to bring an adult sewer to help guide them as well as a sewing machine and sewing tools/supply kit. Extension sewing machines are available for use upon request. There is no charge for these classes but registration is required by calling Kristin Prill at 236-1235 or [kristin.prill@unl.edu](mailto:kristin.prill@unl.edu) to reserve your spot and to pick up an informational packet prior to class.

**Entomology Pollinator Workshop**  
**Monday, March 28, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.**  
**Extension Building – Kearney**  
**Registration required – No Fees**

Insect lovers, check this out! Mike Eskelson, Entomologist from North Platte will be returning to Kearney to teach this workshop. Learn about the science of pollination and pollinators; solitary and social. Build a native bee hotel that can be exhibited at the fair. Supplies for this class will be provided. All you need to bring is a sack lunch. Refrigeration is available. For ages 8 and older, boys and girls. Register online at [buffalo.unl.edu/4h](http://buffalo.unl.edu/4h) or in person at the Extension Office. Contact Kristin Prill at 236-1235 or [kristin.prill@unl.edu](mailto:kristin.prill@unl.edu) with questions.

**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.

**Science Saturdays**  
**Raising Nebraska, Grand Island**

Celebrate the International Year of the Pulse through Science Saturdays, a free and open to the public event, at Raising Nebraska located on the State Fairgrounds in Grand Island, NE. Science Saturday occurs the second Saturday of every month with the facility open from 10:00 to noon. The highlighted program consists of an educational, interactive and fun 25 minute session. Upcoming programs include:

- March 12<sup>th</sup> – Pulse on the Plate by Cami Wells
- April 9<sup>th</sup> – Classify your Pulse by Jim Schild
- May 14<sup>th</sup> – Pollinator Power by Doug Golick

For more details about the Science Saturday program, visit [www.raisingnebraska.net](http://www.raisingnebraska.net) or contact Beth Janning at 308.385.3967 or [ejanning2@unl.edu](mailto:ejanning2@unl.edu).

**Omaha Fashion Week**

**Student Designer Fashion Show**  
**Tuesday, March 15, 8:00 p.m.**  
**Omaha Design Center near TD Ameritrade Park, Omaha**  
**Tickets \$10 each**

Nebraska 4-H is once again partnering with Omaha Fashion Week during their Spring Showcase. OFW Student Night will exclusively feature high school designers, including a 4-H collection. This collection will consist of 10 garments from across the state and will be modeled by the 4-H member who made it. Congratulations to Buffalo County 4-H'er, Kacie Jurgens, who has been selected as one of the runway models. She will wear a printed chiffon dress she designed and sewed that qualified for the 4-H State Fair Fashion Show in 2015. Tickets can be purchased at [omahafashionweek.ticketleap.com](http://omahafashionweek.ticketleap.com) for \$10 each.

**2016 Photography Theme**

**4-H Grows Here Photography Exhibit**

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/krptc9q2f2yxkxcpyc6q6flx6ni6z7mo>.

**Quilt of Valor**

**Quilt of Valor Documentary**  
**Air March 6, 7 and 12 on NET**

Last year Iowa Public Television came to York, NE, and to the Nebraska State Fair to videotape Nebraska 4-Hers who were working with Quilts of Valor. Several 4-Hers, leaders, and Extension Staff were interviewed and showcased. The 100+ minute documentary was shown in Iowa the first part of December. **Quilts of Valor II Documentary will be broadcasted on NET (1) on Sunday, March 6 at 12:30pm CT. It is also scheduled on NET Create (3) on March 7 at 11:00am CT and March 12 at 2pm CT.**

Nebraska 4-H is the first state to partner with the national Quilt of Valor Foundation. Each year 4-H'ers from across the state construct quilts in patriotic colors to be entered into their county fairs and then donated to a military service person who has been wounded in the line of duty.

Sincerely,

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