



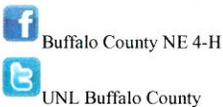
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Calendar of Events

November

- 03 4-H Recognition Banquet, 5 p.m.
- 10 Winter Shooting Sports starts
- 11 Extension Office Closed/Veteran's Day
- 26 4-H Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 28/29 Extension Office Closed/Thanksgiving

December

- 01 4-H Fed Steer Applications Due
- 01 Catch a Calf Applications Due
- 02 Martha & Don Romeo Scholarship due
- 25 Extension Office Closed/Christmas
- TBD Market Beef Weigh Ins

January

- 01 Extension Office Closed/New Year's Day
- 17-19 Catch a Calf @ Stock Show, Denver, Colo.
- 20 Extension Office Closed/Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 28 4-H Council Mtg, 6 p.m.
- 31 4-H Club Year-End Treasurer's Report Due
- TBD Special Garden Project Sign-Up Due
- TBD Market Beef Weigh Ins

Event details listed in newsletter



4-H Enrollment Online

The 2019-2020 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, 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.



Nebraska 4-H Club of the Month

Nominate your 4-H club to be the Nebraska 4-H Club of the Month! The Nebraska 4-H Foundation and Nebraska 4-H Ambassadors have joined together to start a program which recognizes 4-H clubs throughout the state of Nebraska. Any 4-H club may nominate themselves to be the 4-H Club of the Month.

Nominations are due the second Friday of each month. The club who is chosen to be the 4-H Club of the Month will receive a \$50 cash reward from the Nebraska 4-H Foundation and their story will be showcased on the Nebraska 4-H Foundation's Facebook, Twitter, and website along with the State 4-H website, Facebook, and in the local newspaper.

Applications are one page, and only require contact information and at maximum a half-page essay, explaining why the club should be the Nebraska 4-H Club of the Month. As an example, clubs can write about recent club trips, projects, or community service. Applications can be mailed or emailed.

Application: ne4hfoundation.org/recognition

Email Applications: ne4hclubofthemonth@gmail.com

Mail Applications: University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Nebraska 4-H Foundation
210 Mussehl Hall East Campus
PO Box 830719
Lincoln, NE 68583-0719

National 4-H Club/FFA Chapter of the Week

To honor our hardworking Nebraska youth in agriculture, the *Midwest Messenger* is featuring a new 4-H Club/FFA Chapter of the Week spotlight. Each week, a new club or chapter is highlighted on a sponsored full page display in the paper, featuring a photograph of current members and a brief biography of the club/chapter's history and accomplishments. Finally, to boost their organization's endeavors, the *Midwest Messenger* is giving each featured group a \$50 gift card.

The nomination form can be found on their website at www.agupdate.com/midwestmessenger/forms/f4h_club_ffa_chapter_of_the_week/.

The 4-H Club/FFA Chapter spotlight will appear each week in the print edition of the *Messenger*, as well as online at www.midwestmessenger.com and our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/midwestmessenger.

For any questions about this program or submitting a nomination, please contact Katy Moore at (402) 374-2225 ext. 122, katy.moore@lee.net.

4-H Recognition Banquet

Buffalo County 4-H Recognition Banquet
Sunday, November 3rd, 5 p.m.
Buffalo County Extension Building



Join in on the fun of wrapping up the 4-H year and celebrating the achievements of 4-H members and leaders at the annual Buffalo County 4-H Recognition Banquet on Sunday, November 3rd, starting at 5 p.m., at the Buffalo County Extension Building. This year's meal will be a potluck. **4-H Council will be providing the meat and cheesy potatoes. 4-H families are asked to bring a side dish or dessert.**

Awards will be given to 4-H members for record books, along with three-year membership certificates, and five- and ten-year membership pins. Leaders' longevity awards will also be given to leaders who are current and active.

At the banquet, 4-H parents and youth will have an opportunity to vote for 4-H Council members. Anyone interested in knowing more about Project Action Teams or serving in a PAT position, you can sign up at the banquet. Please also call the Extension office and let us know of your interest.

Shooting Sports

Winter Shooting Sports Starting November 10th

At the Buffalo County Extension Building

Indoor Archery will practice on Sunday afternoons; B.B. gun will practice on Monday and Thursday evenings; Air Rifle, and Air Pistol will practice Tuesday evenings. Practice nights may change depending on the number of participants.

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.

Scholarships & Awards

2020 Martha and Don Romeo Scholarship

Due to Extension Office by Monday, December 2nd

The Nebraska Association of Fair Managers will award two \$500 scholarships to 4-H members. The scholarships will be awarded to one male and one female, who will be 2020 high school graduating seniors in the State of Nebraska, and plan to continue with post high school education. Additional eligibility requirements include: exhibition of 4-H project(s) at the county or state fair within the last four years; minimum high school grade point average of 2.5 (4.0 scale); and maintenance of a minimum 2.5 grade point average, in first semester of post high school education, while carrying at least 12 credit hours. Financial need will not be considered in the selection process.

Applicants must complete a three-page application which includes personal information, 4-H and school accomplishments, community involvement, and a 250-word essay. Two letters of recommendation must also be submitted.

Applications are due to the Extension Office on December 2, 2019. Applications and more information available online: <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/whats-happening-in-4-h/> at the Extension Office.

Fall Fundraiser

The fall fundraiser is underway! 4-H members are selling fruit, meat, cheese and nuts. If you are interested in purchasing any of these food items, please do so through a 4-H member participating in the fundraiser, or stop by the Extension Office to place an order.

4-H members are fundraising to pay for the Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) trip, which is a preeminent citizenship program for high school aged 4-H members, that takes place in Washington, D.C. To

learn more, go online to: 4-h.org/parents/citizenship-washington-focus/.

Thank you to those supporting this fundraiser and 4-H! A big pat on the back also goes out to the 4-H members working hard to attend this trip and broaden their citizenship and leadership skills!

Please remember that order forms are due back to the Extension Office on Wednesday, November 13th.

Animal-Related Opportunities

National Western Stock Show Catch-a-Calf-Contest *Applications Due Sunday, December 1st*

The National Western Stock Show Catch-A-Calf Program is designed to promote youth development and understanding of the cattle industry. Youth who have experience raising, feeding and showing beef cattle, are encouraged to apply.

Applicants must be between the ages of 12 and 18 as of December 31, 2019, and be enrolled in 4-H at the time of application. Successful calf-catchers must have adequate facilities available to house their steer, as they are responsible for the care, feeding, and handling of their animal from May 2020 until the 2021 NWSS in January.

The program is designed so successful participants catch a calf, feed it, and return with the animal one year later as a market steer. The market animals are judged on rate of gain, quality of fitting, and carcass quality. The exhibitor is judged on showmanship, their record book, and a personal interview.

Contest commitments include: attempting to catch a calf at the 2020 NWSS from January 17-19th; housing and raising the steer; NW CAC record book with story, pictures, and activities list; monthly letters (May to December 2020) to calf sponsor; exhibiting the animal at the 2020 NWSS in the specific Catch-a-Class class; and selling the animal at the 2021 NWSS.

More information and applications available at the Extension office or online: nationalwestern.com/catch-a-calf-program/

Nebraska 4-H Fed Steer Challenge

Applications Due December 1st

The University of Nebraska – Extension 4-H Youth Development and Department of Animal Science will host the inaugural *Nebraska 4-H Fed Steer Challenge in 2020*. The Fed Steer Challenge is a new contest/educational opportunity for youth with a desire to become the next generation of leaders in the Nebraska Cattle Industry.

The goal is to enhance the educational value of the traditional 4-H Market Beef Project by rewarding production merit and carcass value of the market animal, along with accurate & complete record-keeping, industry knowledge, and producer engagement by the 4-H member.

The contest will consist of two parts:

1. Raising a commercial
 - a. Select and raise a commercial steer to market weight
 - b. Keep records
 - c. Utilize management and nutrition protocols
 - d. Steers will be displayed in the Nebraska 4-H Fed Steer Challenge Commercial Cattle Class at the 2020 State Fair
 - e. Steers will be evaluated by a commercial cattle buyer
 - f. Following the live exhibition, steers will be transported to a commercial packer
2. Evaluation of 4-H'ers knowledge and interpersonal skills
 - a. Knowledge related to the project and Cattle Industry
 - b. Interview with representatives from the Cattle industry

To be eligible youth must be at least 14 on December 31, 2019. The application deadline is December 1. More information, project requirements and the application can be found here, <https://4h.unl.edu/fed-steer-challenge>.

Northeast Community College

35th Annual Livestock Classic – Steer and Heifer Show

Friday-Saturday, November 29th-30th

NECC Agriculture Complex

2301 East Benjamin Avenue, Norfolk, NE 68701

Postmarked Preregistration by Friday, November 22nd

The NECC Livestock Judging Team is hosting the 54th Annual Livestock Classic. The breeding heifer show will take place on Friday, November 29th and the market animal show will be on Saturday, November 30th. Please see the Buffalo County 4-H website, extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/area-shows-and-clinics/ for show and check-in details, schedules, rules, and registration information. Direct any question to Mike Roeber at 402-844-7183.

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

Sincerely,



Kerry Elsen, Extension Educator

