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Calendar of Events

October
04-10 National 4-H Week
09 4-H Club of Excellence/4-H Activity Record due
09 4-H Career Portfolios/Achievement Application/Diamond Clover Applications Due
12 Extension Office Closed/Columbus Day
15 2020-2021 Enrollment Opens
27 4-H Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
TBD Shooting Sports Organizational Meeting

November
01 4-H Recognition Event
11 Extension Office Closed/Veteran's Day
24 4-H Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
26/27 Extension Office Closed/Thanksgiving

December
01 Martha & Don Romeo Scholarship due
25 Extension Office Closed/Christmas

******Event details listed in newsletter******

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4-H Enrollment Online

The 2020-2021 4-H year will begin October 15th, 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, 2021. 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, 2021. 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.

Clover Kid Coloring Contest

Buffalo County 4-H is having a Clover Kid Coloring Contest to help celebrate National 4-H Week! All pictures colored will be displayed in our Extension Office windows for the week and a prize will be given to one lucky Clover Kid. Completed coloring page can be dropped off or mailed to the Extension Office (1400 East 34th St Kearney, NE 68847) by **Friday, October 2nd.** Coloring pages can be found at extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/Coloring%20Page.pdf

National 4-H Week

National 4-H Week
Sunday, October 4th - Saturday, October 10th

In celebration of National 4-H Week we are going to be having a few interactive ideas for our communities to participate.

Oct. 2 Clover Kid Coloring Page – To help celebration National 4-H Week, we are inviting all Clover Kids to color the attached coloring page and return it to our office by **Friday, October 2**. We will display them all and a prize will be given to one lucky Clover Kid. The coloring page is attached.

Oct. 5 Meaning of 4-H – What does 4-H mean to you? Comment on our Facebook or Instagram post with one word!

Oct. 7 Wear 4-H Green – Make sure to wear your 4-H shirt on Wednesday, October 7 and capture a picture of you doing so. Tag @buffalocountynebraska4h on Facebook or Instagram, or email a photo to amber.gapp@unl.edu, to be automatically entered to win a prize.

Make sure your post is listed as a "public post" so that we can see it on our page. **To change the audience of your post on your timeline:**

1. Click the audience selector next to the date or time on the **post**. ...
2. Select a new audience from the options that appear (example: **Public**, Friends, Only Me).

Oct. 7 Trivia Night – Get together a team for 4-H Trivia Night on Wednesday, October 7 at 7 p.m. Register your family for FREE at https://form.jotform.com/61534671546156 by Tuesday, October 6 at 5 p.m. This game will determine who knows the most about 4-H—ALL areas of 4-H will be involved so get ready for an awesome challenge! Our trivia game will be played using the KAHOOT platform on a Zoom link. After registering, more instructions will follow. The family fun will continue with our prizes. The top 3 teams will win gift cards to the Big Apple! $75, $50 & $25 gift cards are up for grabs.

Oct. 8 Candy Jar Guesses - Guess how many pieces of candy are in a jar by commenting on the Facebook or Instagram post! Winner with the closest guest receives a price.

4-H Awards & Reports

Achievement Application & Diamond Clover Award Applications

Due to Buffalo County Extension Office: Friday, October 9th

Earn a $20 scholarship to camp or a 4-H event by submitting your achievement application! It may also be considered for district judging and could even earn you a trip to National 4-H Congress. If you need help getting started we are here to help! Please contact Kerry Elsen at the Buffalo County Extension Office, by calling 308-236-1235 to schedule a time to get started and have questions answered.

To apply for county-level awards and recognition, submit a complete application via email to amber.gapp@unl.edu by Friday, October 9th. Application forms can be found at https://4h.unl.edu/achievement-application.

Nebraska 4-H Club of Excellence and 4-H Group Activity Summary

Due to Buffalo County Extension Office: Friday, October 9th

4-H clubs that wish to increase their success and measure their impact, are being asked to apply for an elite status as a **"Nebraska 4-H Club of Excellence".** Each club that submits their form will be recognized for this at the Recognition Event. To receive this recognition, clubs must meet certain criteria and document how this criterion was met. Clubs must apply annually to receive this recognition. The application form was mailed out to the club leaders around the middle of September along with the 4-H Group Activity summary form. Nebraska 4-H Club of Excellence applications are due to the Extension office by Friday, October 9th.

The Buffalo County 4-H Council will be rewarding $75 to any Buffalo County 4-H Club that meets all the criteria and completes all the requirements to receive the designation of Nebraska 4-H Club of Excellence. The certificates and checks will be presented at a later time.

4-H Group Activity Summary

This club activity summary is very important for several reasons. The other information provided on the club activity summary provides feedback to the Extension office on what went well during the year and what recommendations, if any, there may be to make 4-H programs more successful. Please help us serve you, your 4-H club and the 4-H community by completing this form and returning it by Friday, October 9th.

We appreciate your dedication and willingness in helping make the Buffalo County 4-H program a greater success.

Recognition Race

Recognition Race to take place of Recognition Banquet
Sunday, November 1
2-5 p.m.
Start and End of the Race – Buffalo County Extension Office

Due to our concern for the safety of our 4-H families, this year our Recognition Banquet will look really different. Instead of a banquet, we will be hosting a scavenger hunt around Kearney with the last stop being recognition for awards and voting for 4-H council positions! Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 1. The scavenger hunt is open to ALL 4-H'ers, so make sure to form a team. It doesn't matter if you are receiving an award or not, it will be lots of fun! If you are receiving an award but don't want to participate in this new format, we still want to recognize you. More information will be coming soon!

4-H Council Positions

The Buffalo County 4-H Council is a group of adults and youth volunteers who meet, on the fourth Tuesday of most months in the evening, to evaluate 4-H programs, set policies, plan programs and events, plan fundraisers, and decide upon other 4-H management issues.

The 4-H Council is essential to the 4-H program in Buffalo County. All major decisions are brought through the 4-H Council. If this is an area that interests you or if you are looking for an opportunity to utilize your leadership skills and play an important role in youth programming, please call the Extension office to let us know of your interest. Likewise, if you know someone who would make a great 4-H Council member, please submit their name. We need individuals who are interested in making 4-H a growing and thriving program in Buffalo County.

The positions available include: Vice-President/President-Elect, Secretary, Family & Consumer Sciences Representative, Agriculture Representative, Key Recruiter, Shooting Sports Representative and four youth-member spots. 4-H Council elections will be held at a later time. Parents and 4-H youth may vote for adult and youth members on the 4-H Council.

Description of 4-H Council Positions:

Vice-President/President Elect:
Duties shall include presiding at council meetings in the absence of the President and serving as Chair of the Nominating Committee. The Vice-President/President Elect shall be elected each year.

Secretary:
Duties shall include keeping the minutes of all regular and special council meetings and managing correspondences. The Secretary shall be elected to take office in odd numbered years.

Family & Consumer Sciences Representative:
Duties shall include directing committees involving youth programs in the field of Family & Consumer Sciences and Science, Engineering and Technology. This person shall serve a two-year term on the FCS/SET P.A.T. during their time in office. The Family & Consumer Sciences Representative shall be elected to take office in odd numbered years.

Agriculture Representative:
Duties shall include directing committees involving youth programs in the field of agriculture and serving on at least one livestock PAT during their term in office. The Agriculture Representative shall be elected to take office in odd numbered years. Term is for two years.

Key Recruiter:
Duties shall include promoting 4-H and youth programs to the public and community decision-makers; as well as serving as the chair of the Recruitment and Retention Committee. Term is for two years.

Shooting Sports Representative:
Duties shall include directing committees involving youth programs in the field of shooting sports and serving on the PAT during their term in office. The Shooting Sports Representative shall be elected to take office in odd numbered years. Term is for two years.

Youth Representatives:
Duties shall include representing youth interests on the 4-H Council. Youth representatives must be at least 12 years old, as of January 1st of the current year, to be considered. There shall be four (4) youth representatives, selected each year for a one-year term. At least eight nominees will be submitted by the previous year's youth representatives. They will be elected by ballot using the same rules as for the adult 4-H Council members. The four youth receiving the most votes will be the youth representatives.

4-H Youth Ambassador

Become a 4-H Youth Leadership Ambassador! As a part of this group we hope you can be a voice on the youth perspective, develop & practice leadership skills that you can take back to your communities, and collaborate with Extension Staff and 4-Hers across the state to plan and implement a 4-H Youth Leadership Conference! The deadline for applications for the Ambassador team is **Friday, October 9th, 2020! Apply here: https://go.unl.edu/rcoe**. If selected, the first meeting will be Sunday, November 1st, 2020 at 4-6pm CT. From there they'll meet monthly to create an amazing experience for you and other high schoolers across the state! The 4-H Youth Leadership Conference will be held July 1st-3rd, 2021 at the Nebraska State 4-H Camp in Halsey, NE!

Make sure to check Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/BuffaloCountyNebraska4H) for other activities happening during National 4-H week.

Animal-Related Opportunities

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 2021.* 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 Commerical Cattle Class at the 2021 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, 2020. The application deadline is December 1. More information, project requirements and the application can be found here, https://nationalwestern.com/catch-a-calf-program/.

Fruit, Meat & Cheese Fundraiser

All Buffalo County 4-H members will again have the opportunity to fundraise this fall by selling fruit, meat, cheese, and nuts. This fall fundraiser will start mid-October and run until mid-November, with a delivery date of early December. The exact dates are still to be determined. 4-H members would be responsible for selling the food items, collecting money, picking up and delivering the food items.

This fundraiser focuses on 4-H members who are interested in attending the Citizenship Washington Focus trip.

Any 4-H member is eligible to fundraise, even if they are still too young to go on the CWF trip. Fundraising for multiple years is a great way to pay for this trip. Funds raised will be set aside in a Buffalo County 4-H Council account, specifically for that 4-H Member.

Any 4-H member interested in selling fruit, meat, cheese, and nuts this fall should contact Elizabeth by **October 1st,** at the Buffalo County Extension Office, by calling 308-236-1235 or emailing elizabeth.cast@unl.edu.

Shooting Sports

Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports
Shotgun Leader Certification Workshop
Saturday – Sunday, October 10-11, 2020
Registration due October 1st
Ashland Gun Club
426 County Road C, Ashland, NE

4-H Volunteers have the opportunity to become certified as an adult (age 21 and above leader in shotgun.
Volunteers will have the ability to Network with other shooting sports instructors from across Nebraska. 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 life skills. Gain certification in the shotgun discipline. Learn under expert instruction and learn to develop your skills as an instructor.
More Information:
http://4h.unl.edu/shooting-sports/instructor
Questions? Steve Pritchard: 402-395-2158 or 308-536-2691.

Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports
Instructor Update
Saturday October 24, 2020
Registration due October 14th
Custer County Fairgrounds
Broken Bow, NE

Current instructors will be able to network with other shooting sports instructors from across Nebraska. 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 lifeskills. Gain an update in your discipline from the following: *shotgun, rifle, archery, pistol, hunting skills, or muzzleloader.* Learn under expert instruction and learn to develop your skills as an instructor. The time has come when we feel a need to provide an update for all Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Instructors who received their training in 2013 or before. Over the years there have been numerous curriculum changes, updates and additions, with some major curriculum adjustments in the last few years.
More Information:
http://4h.unl.edu/shooting-sports/instructor
Questions? Steve Pritchard: 402-395-2158 or 308-536-2691.

Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports
Leader Certification Workshop
Saturday – Sunday, November 7-8, 2020
Registration due October 28th
Ashland Gun Club
426 County Road C, Ashland, NE

4-H Volunteers have the opportunity to become certified as an adult (age 21 and above leader in shotgun, rifle, archery, pistol, and hunting skills.
Volunteers will have the ability to network with other shooting sports instructors from across Nebraska. 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 lifeskills. Gain certification in one of the following disciplines: *rifle, shotgun, archery, pistol, hunting skills, or coordinator.* Learn under expert instruction and learn to develop your skills as an instructor.

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Sincerely,

Kerry Elsen

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