



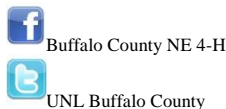
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Calendar of Events

September

- 8/26-9/5 Nebraska State Fair
- 05 Buffalo County Extension Office closed, Labor Day
- 07-08 State Fair Exhibit Pick-Up, Buffalo County Extension Office
- 13 Project Action Team Meetings (Horse, Shooting Sports, Small Animals)
- 15 BRAG Applications Due
- 17-18 Aksarben Horse Show
- 20 Aksarben Exhibitors Meeting
- 22-25 Aksarben Stock Show
- 27 4-H Council Meeting

Nebraska State Fair, Grand Island – August 26 through September 5, 2016
Aksarben Horse Show, Chance Ridge, Elkhorn – September 17-18, 2016
Aksarben Stock Show, CenturyLink Center, Omaha – September 22-25, 2016

October

- 02-08 National 4-H Week
- 03 4-H Career Portfolios and Diamond Clover Applications Due
- 05-16 Tractor Supply Co. Fall Paper Clover Promotion
- 08 “Science Saturday”, Raising Nebraska Building
- 08 Tractor Supply Co. Spring Paper Clover Check Presentation
- 10 Buffalo County Extension Office Closed. Columbus Day
- 13 Custer County 4-H Career Portfolio Records Judging
- 14 4-H Club of Excellence/4-H Activity Records Due
- 15-16 Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop
- 16-18 Nebraska Pork Youth Conference
- 25 4-H Council Meeting

November

- 05 “Experience the Power of Red” Visit Day, UNL CASNR
- 06 4-H Recognition Banquet
- 11 Buffalo County Extension Office Closed, Veterans’ Day
- TBA CWF Fruit, Cheese and Meat Fundraiser
- 22 4-H Council Meeting
- 24-25 Buffalo County Extension Office Closed, Thanksgiving

December

- 02-04 Nebraska Youth Beef Leadership Symposium
- TBA Delivery of CWF Fruit, Cheese and Meat Fundraiser Items
- 26 Buffalo County Extension Office Closed, Christmas Holiday

Event details listed in newsletter

Congratulations and Good Luck!

Congratulations to all 4-H members who exhibited at the 2016 Buffalo County Fair and 2016 Nebraska State Fair! Everyone worked very hard. Good luck to 4-H members who will be showing at Aksarben and other upcoming livestock contests!

Thank You Volunteers!

Thank You County Fair Volunteers!

The fair season is winding down, County Fair has come and gone, and the State Fair is nearing the end. We hope it was a positive experience for everyone, whether it was new skills, friendships, or satisfaction from hard work that was gained.

The success of the Buffalo County Fair would not be possible without the contributions of our youth exhibitors, our volunteers, and our judges, each person plays a meaningful role. It was your involvement as members, parents, and leaders that generated the fair's tremendous success. Thank You!

Special thanks to all of the superintendents and assistant superintendents for all your extra help in making everything run smoothly. Thank you to the families who volunteered during the fairground workdays. These individuals worked extremely hard and did a great job at making the grounds and buildings ready for the fair.

Thanking Our County Fair Sponsors

Please remember to let our 2016 Buffalo County Fair award sponsors and livestock auction buyers know how much we appreciate their contribution to our 4-H program! Thank-you cards were attached to each award, please use these cards and send a thank-you to your award sponsor. Please also thank the Buffalo County Farm Bureau for their donation of the 4-H t-shirts. Their constant support of the 4-H program is greatly appreciated by everyone!

2016 Nebraska State Fair

2016 Nebraska State Fair
Friday, August 26th - Monday, September 5th
Fonner Park, Grand Island, Nebraska

Helpful links:

State Fair Website: statefair.org

2016 State Fair Premium Book: 4h.unl.edu/fairbook

2016 State Fair Schedules: 4h.unl.edu/nebraskastatefairschedule

2016 State Fair Results: 4h.unl.edu/state-fair

Gate Admission

Regular admission at the gate costs \$12 for adults, \$3 for children (age 6-12), and free for children age five and under. State Fair parking is free. State Fair Military Appreciation is Monday, September 5th, with free admission for current service personnel and veterans with appropriate identification.

Buffalo County 4-H Participation at State Fair

Buffalo County 4-H had approximately 136 exhibitors at the 2016 Nebraska State Fair! We had 62 exhibitors in animal and in-person contests, and 88 members with static exhibits (some members had both animal and static exhibits).

This included 30 market beef, 25 breeding beef, 16 sheep, 19 swine, 25 goats, 12 dairy cows, 12 poultry, 5 dog, 2 culinary challenge, 1 presentation, and 5 fashion show exhibitors/entries.

There were 384 static exhibit entries from Buffalo County 4-H members. The static exhibits earned 144 purple, 97 blue, 41 red, and 7 white ribbons.

Mary Worthing was also selected as a top three exhibitor for the Premier 4-H Science Award for her microbes' project. Congratulations Mary! Luke Palmer earned 1st place in the intermediate age division of the insect identification contest. Congratulations Luke! Kiersten Bennett and Luke Ripp had their photography selected to be on display at the UNL-Lincoln, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources and Nebraska Extension Dean's Office. Congratulations Kiersten and Luke!

What a great turn out and fantastic job from our county! Buffalo County 4-H'ers, way to represent! State Fair results are posted online: 4h.unl.edu/state-fair

State Fair livestock result highlights will be printed in the October newsletter, as they were not available at time of print

State Fair Exhibit Pick-Up Wednesday-Thursday, September 7-8th Buffalo County Extension Building

4-H members who exhibited items at the 2016 Nebraska State Fair can pick up their exhibits at the Buffalo County Extension Building on Wednesday or Thursday, September 7th or 8th. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., including the noon lunch hour.

Kearney Public Library Display

State Fair and Clover Kid Exhibits on Display Starting Thursday, September 8th Kearney Public Library

Starting on Thursday, September 8th, some of the State Fair 4-H static exhibits will be on display at the Kearney Public Library for the month of September. Call the office, and talk to Amber or Kerry, before picking up your exhibits to check if yours was selected for display.

Let the office know if you do not wish for your state fair exhibit to be on display at the library. County Fair Clover Kid exhibits are welcome to be in the library display, and need to be delivered to the office by Wednesday, September 7th. Ribbons may be included with exhibits but it is not a requirement. The library shelving is not very deep, so items larger than 10" in depth will not fit.

Aksarben

The 2016 Aksarben Horse Show is Saturday, September 17th and Sunday, September 18th, at Chance Ridge in Elkhorn, Neb. The Aksarben Stock Show is Thursday, September 22nd through Sunday, September 25th, at CenturyLink Center in Omaha, Neb. Additional information is available at the Extension office or online: aksarbenstockshow.com

Good luck to 4-H members competing at Aksarben! We have 11 members competing with a total of three sheep, six breeding heifers, seven market beef, and twelve rabbit entries.

Aksarben Exhibitors Meeting Tuesday, September 20th, 6 p.m. Buffalo County Extension Building

There will be an Aksarben Exhibitors meeting Tuesday, September 20th, at 6 p.m., at the Buffalo County Extension Building.

D.A.T. Meetings

The **Horse, Shooting Sports, and Small Animal** Project Action Teams will each have a meeting on Tuesday, September 13th, at 7 p.m., in the Buffalo County Extension Building.

National 4-H Week

National 4-H Week
Sunday, October 2nd - Saturday, October 8th

4-H T-Shirt Day
Wednesday, October 5th

Wear your 4-H t-shirts to school or work on Wednesday, October 5th in support of 4-H during National 4-H Week! Email or text a picture of yourself or a group wearing your 4-H t-shirts to Kerry at 308-440-9860 or kerry.elsen@unl.edu to be featured on the Buffalo County 4-H's Facebook page.

Science Saturdays "Drone Discovery"
Saturday, October 8th, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Raising Nebraska, State Fair Grounds, Grand Island
Celebrate National 4-H Week by attending this free and fun event that is open to all ages. This Science Saturday will focus on Drone Discovery – The National 4-H Science Experiment. Science Saturdays take place in the Raising Nebraska building on the State Fair Grounds in Grand Island.

Tractor Supply Co. Spring Paper Clover Check Presentation
Saturday, October 8th
Tractor Supply Co., Kearney

The Tractor Supply Co. Spring Paper Clover Promotion raised \$1,1430 to go towards supporting 4-H. Buffalo County 4-H will receive \$734.50, Nebraska 4-H will receive \$56.50, and National 4-H will receive \$339! The Kearney Tractor Supply Co. was the highest in the entire state for collecting Paper Clover Donations. A check presentation ceremony will take place at TSC on Saturday, October 8th (time to be announced). There will also be an antique tractor show taking place at TSC this day, and the Westside Feeders 4-H club will be selling hotdogs to fundraise.

Tractor Supply Co. Fall Paper Clover Promotion
Wednesday, October 5th – Sunday, October 16th

The Kearney Tractor Supply Co. will run another Paper Clover Promotion. The Fall Paper Clover Promotion will run Wednesday, October 5th through Sunday, October 16th. Tell your friends, family, and colleagues to purchase a paper clover, in support of 4-H, while shopping at TSC, and let's be #1 in the state again!

4-H Awards & Reports

Career Portfolios & Diamond Clover Award Applications
Due to Buffalo County Extension Office: Monday, October 3rd

Earn a \$20 scholarship to camp or a 4-H event by submitting your career portfolio! 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 or help adding information to last year's portfolio, we are here to help! Please

contact Kerry Elsen or Brian Bosshamer at the Buffalo County Extension Office, by calling 308-236-1235 to schedule a time to get started and have questions answered. Bring your laptop if possible. Green record book covers and divider sheets are available at the Extension office for a small fee.

The Career Portfolio Cover Sheet is enclosed with a list of possible awards. This sheet is the first page of your book followed by the online career portfolio pages.

Along with the award areas that can be applied for, there are special awards. They are as follows:

- **Beaver Creekers Award**
 - \$50 cash award.
 - One award per age division (age 11-13 and age 14+).
 - Criteria considered:
 - Competition in at least one of the following areas: speech, presentations and/or livestock judging.
 - Mandatory participation in showmanship in any of the following divisions: cattle, sheep, swine, dairy cattle, dairy goats, meat goats, poultry and/or rabbits.
 - Completion of 4-H Career Portfolio.
- **Buffalo Belles Horsemanship Award**
 - \$50 cash award.
 - One award per age division (age 8-13 and age 14+).
 - Criteria considered:
 - Current enrollment in the horse project area.
 - Club meeting attendance.
 - Participation at County Fair and local horse shows.
 - Completion of "Light Horse Record Book" (available at the Extension office).
 - Written essay on "What My 4-H Horse Project Means to Me".
- **Gloria Hanna Memorial Award**
 - \$100 cash award.
 - One award per age division (age 8-11 and age 12+).
 - Criteria considered:
 - Involvement in pre-fair contests, county fair, and Family and Consumer Science experiences.
 - Involvement in leadership and community service.

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

Due to Buffalo County Extension Office: Friday, October 14th

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 Banquet. 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 will be 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 14th.

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 the 4-H Recognition Banquet on Sunday, November 6th.

4-H Group Activity Summary

Buffalo County 4-H Clubs, if there is no intention of completing the Nebraska Club of Excellence form, we do ask that the 4-H Group Activity Summary for 2016 is completed.

This club activity summary is very important for several reasons. One reason being, 4-H community service recognition, which is also announced at the 4-H Recognition Banquet. 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 14th.

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

Career Portfolio Judging – Volunteers Needed

We are looking for adult volunteers to judge Custer County 4-H's Career Portfolios. 4-H parents, grandparents, leaders and volunteers are all welcome to come help judge these career portfolios. Custer County 4-H will in return be judging Buffalo County 4-H's Career Portfolios. The judging will take place Thursday, October 13th, starting at 9 a.m., at the Buffalo County Extension Office in Kearney.

This is a unique opportunity to learn how portfolios are put together and what makes a great record book. If you are willing to help, please call the Extension office at 308-236-1235 and let us know.

4-H Recognition Banquet

Buffalo County 4-H Recognition Banquet Sunday, November 6th, 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 6th, starting at 5 p.m., at the Buffalo County Extension Building.

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 pins will also be given to leaders who are current and active. If you are to receive a pin or certificate, you will be sent a postcard. If you know you should receive one of these awards, let us know if you do not receive a postcard by Friday, October 21st.

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.

4-H Alumni and Friend of 4-H

The 4-H Recognition Banquet is a great time to recognize the people who go the extra mile for our 4-H program. If you would like to nominate a former 4-H'er for the 4-H Alumni Award or someone for the Friend of 4-H award, please contact the Extension office by Tuesday, October 25th.

Pictures Needed for the Recognition Banquet

If you have any 4-H pictures from this last 4-H year, we would love to include them in the slide show at the recognition banquet. Please email the photos to kerry.elsen@unl.edu or give the pictures to Kerry by Wednesday, October 26th.

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, Treasurer Elect, Key Recruiter and four youth-member spots. 4-H Council elections will be held at the 4-H Recognition Banquet on Sunday, November 6th. 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.

Treasurer-Elect:

Duties shall include an active voting role in the 4-H Council and learning the business transactions of the Council. The Treasurer-Elect will work with the current Treasurer during the first year in office and then move to the position of Treasurer for the remaining term. The Treasurer-Elect shall be elected to take office every year.

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. The Key Recruiter shall be elected to take office in even numbered 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.

UNL CASNR Visit Day

“Experience the Power of Red”

**University of Nebraska-Lincoln, College of Agricultural
Sciences and Natural Resources Visit Day**

Saturday, November 5th, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Online Registration by Saturday, October 29th

An event where attendees will learn how CASNR prepares students for careers in everything from animals to plants, soil to climate, golf to business, mechanization to leadership, and food to forensic science. Attendees will meet faculty, staff and current students to get the scoop on what life at UNL is really like. Explore campus in person and get a true sense of the UNL CASNR experience. 4-H members may attend this event on their own, group transportation from Buffalo County will not be provided.

More information, schedule, and online registration:

casnr.unl.edu/visitday.

Direct questions to 800-742-8800x2541 or

spegg2@unl.edu.

Animal-Related Opportunities

4S Goat Expo

Saturday - Sunday, October 1st - 2nd

Lincoln County Fairgrounds

5015 West Highway 30

North Platte, NE

Entries Due Thursday, September 15th by Mail

The 4S Goat Expo is a great opportunity for 4-H members and families who raise goats! The 4S Goat Expo is a seminar, goat show, and goat sale, all wrapped into one weekend! The 4S Goat Expo also offers a scholarship to 4-H members' who are high school senior or college freshman, and active in the goat industry. 4-H members do not need to attend the expo to be eligible for this scholarship. More information on the scholarship is listed in the scholarship section of this newsletter.

This year's seminar topics include: udder and teat evaluation, the basics and benefits of artificial insemination, forages for goats, record keeping, building feed rations, and goat judging contest for youth. The speakers include: JJ Jones, a goat producer from Ada, Oklahoma and Oklahoma State Extension Specialist in Agriculture Economics; Jerry Volesky, an Extension Range Specialist with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, West Central Research and Extension Center in North Platte; Randy Saner, an Extension Educator for Lincoln, Logan, and McPherson counties in Nebraska; and a panel of goat producers.

The expo's objective is to help with goat management decisions that could affect the future of one's goat business. Preregistration is \$25, with registration costing \$35 at the door. Goat entry is \$20/head for sale goats, and \$15/head for show-only goats. More information can be found online by searching 4S Goat Expo on Facebook.

“Makin Bacon and Whole Lot More!”

Nebraska Pork Youth Conference

Sunday - Tuesday, October 16th - 18th

Lincoln, NE

Applications Due Tuesday, September 20th

The December 2015 piolet of the Nebraska Pork Youth Conference was overwhelming successful! Plans and information for the 2016 Nebraska Pork Youth Conference is as follows: conference scheduled for noon, Sunday, October, 16th through noon, Tuesday, October 18th in Lincoln, Neb. The conference, including all lodging, meals, and conference materials, is at no additional costs to participants. However, transportation to the conference is at participants own cost.

High-school sophomores through seniors interested in attending must submit an online application. The application requires a letter of recommendation from a 4-H leader, Extension educator, or FFA advisor. Applications are due Tuesday, September 20th and are completed online: nepork.org/makin-bacon-whole-lot.

Due to the extensive hands-on activities that are incorporated, the conference is limited to 32 participants. Applications will be reviewed, and conference participants will be selected and notified no later than Friday, September 30th. Youth who have an interest and are actively engaged in swine production and/or the swine industry are encouraged to apply.

At the conference, participants will evaluate market animals, grade carcasses, fabricate carcasses into wholesale and retail cuts, and exercise basic culinary methods on a variety of different pork products. Additional conference components include a hands-on genetics lab, a food safety lab, and a biosecurity and animal health activity. Related industry and consumer issues will be highlighted and discussed throughout. Participants will learn about pork as a wholesome food product and how the pork industry is using science to address many significant challenges. Various engaging life-skills activities will be intermixed throughout the program that focus on development of communication, leadership, and networking skills.

Upon conclusion of this workshop, participants will have a thorough understanding of pork production and consumers, and will have greater confidence in their ability to effectively communicate with one another regarding the many issues and challenges facing the pork industry. This conference is sponsored by the Nebraska Pork Producers' Association, Nebraska Extension, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Department of Animal Science.

**2016 Nebraska State “Make It With Wool” Competition
Saturday, Nov. 19th**

**Competition 9 a.m. | Public Fashion Show 1 p.m.
Dawson County Extension Building
1002 Plum Creek Parkway, Lexington
Entries and Fees Due Saturday, October 15th
Narrations Due Tuesday, November 1st**

The objective of this contest is to promote the beauty and versatility of wool fabric and yarn; to encourage personal creations in sewing, knitting, crocheting, spinning and weaving of wool fabric; and to recognize creative skills. This contest is open to all, including 4-H and non-4-H members, as well as adults. Age Divisions are listed below. Junior, Senior, and Adult Division winners will be chosen for a trip to the National Finals Contest in Denver, Colorado! Entry forms, fees, wool samples and wool testing fees are due by Saturday, October 15th to the entry coordinator. All participants must pay the wool testing fee (\$7), state (\$10) and national (\$12) entry fees to be eligible. Narrations are due Tuesday, November 1st. Please see the links below for additional rules and competition details, a printable entry form, and contest contact information. Contest rules and entry forms may also be picked up at the Buffalo Country Extension Office. With questions, please contact State Director, Alice Doane at 402-786-3555; Entry Coordinator, Andrea Nisley at 308-324-5501 or anisley1@unl.edu; and District II Director, Sandi Ericson at 308-263-4721 or lagoonczechs@gmail.com.

Divisions (determined by age as of January 1, 2016):

- Preteen: age 12 and under
- Junior: age 13 - 16
- Senior: age 17 – 24
- Adult: age 25 and over
- Made For Others / Wearable Accessory

Nebraska Rules/Info:

unl.app.box.com/s/l9gpvkqw0h3co9b8u8y9usrjt1bn8vkvx

National Website:

nationalmakeitwithwool.com

Entry form:

nationalmakeitwithwool.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/RegularEntryBlank.pdf

**Nebraska Youth Beef Symposium
Friday - Sunday, December 2nd - 4th**

**Animal Science Complex, UNL-Lincoln
Online Applications Due Friday, October 7th**

The 13th Annual Nebraska Youth Beef Leadership Symposium (NYBLS) will take place Friday through Sunday, December 2nd through the 4th at the Animal Science Complex at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The symposium is designed to introduce youth to career opportunities and current issues in the beef industry, as well as offer education and practice in the use of leadership skills.

High school upperclassmen and lowerclassmen groups will be limited to 30 participants each. If an individual is selected to participate, a \$75 registration fee will be collected at that time. The registration fee covers all hotel, meals, and material costs. Buffalo County 4-H Council will cover this fee, and if multiple youth are selected, transportation may be provided by Buffalo County 4-H.

UNL-Lincoln College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources' scholarships will also be awarded at the symposium to a few high school junior and senior participants.

More information and online application:

animalscience.unl.edu/ANSCEExtensionYouthProgramNYBLS

Questions? Contact Alli Raymond, Admission Coordinator, UNL-Lincoln, Department of Animal Science at 402-472-0204 or araymond2@unl.edu.

**National Western Stock Show Catch-a-Calf-Contest
Applications Due Monday, December 5th**

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, 2016, 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 2017 until the 2018 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 2017 NWSS from January 13-15th; housing and raising the steer; NW CAC record book with story, pictures, and activities list; monthly letters (May to December 2017) to calf sponsor; exhibiting the animal at the 2018 NWSS in the specific Catch-a-Class class; and selling the animal at the 2018 NWSS.

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

Shooting Sports

Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Leaders Certification Workshop Saturday – Sunday, October 15th – 16th

Custer County Fairgrounds, Broken Bow, NE
Online Registration Due Wednesday, October 5th

This is an opportunity for 4-H Volunteers to become certified as an adult (age 21+) or apprentice (age 14-20) leader. Four project areas will be offered at the workshop. They include rifle, shotgun, muzzleloading, and archery. Muzzleloading certification will only be offered on Saturday, October 15th, and will only be available to current certified instructors who have been certified in another discipline since January 1, 2014. Workshop participants will learn under expert instruction from members of the Nebraska State 4-H Shooting Sports Training Team.

The registration fee is \$100.00 per person for initial certification, and \$90.00 per person that are currently a certified instructor and are adding an additional discipline. This fee includes meals, supplies and program materials. This fee will be reimbursed by the Buffalo County 4-H Council. Participants must make their own lodging arrangements. Lodging expenses will not be reimbursed by the Buffalo County 4-H Council.

Questions?

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

More Info and Online Registration:

<http://4h.unl.edu/shooting-sports/instructor/calendar>

Scholarships & Awards

The following is a list of scholarships that Buffalo County 4-H members should be made aware of and may be eligible to apply to. To add a scholarship to this list, please notify Raina Pederson at the Buffalo County Extension Office. Raina can be reached by email at raina.pederson@unl.edu or by phone at 308-236-1235.

4S Goat Expo Scholarship

Applications Due Thursday, September 15th

High school seniors and college freshman, who have been active in the goat industry and 4-H, are eligible for the 4S Goat Expo Scholarship. The scholarship must go towards a four-year college, community college, or vocational program for the purpose of obtaining post high school education. Applications were mailed to eligible 4-H members and are also online: 4sgoatexpo.org. Three letters of recommendation (one letter from a 4-H leader, FFA advisor, or Extension Educator) and two short essay questions are required to complete this application. Note on the application form that it says letters of recommendation are due September 1st (ahead of the application deadline), this is incorrect. Letters of recommendation are due at the regular application deadline of September 15th.

2017 4-H Youth in Action Award

Applications Due Monday, October 24th

The 4-H Youth in Action Award is the highest honor National 4-H Council awards to 4-H youth. This award, recognizes outstanding 4-H members who epitomize 4-H youth empowerment and leadership, and will honor four confident, accomplished 4-H members who have gained critical life skills through their 4-H experience and have utilized those skills for personal impact (overcoming a challenge) and community impact (positively impacting their family, peers and/or community).

The 2017 awards will recognize one remarkable 4-H Member within each pillar area: Agriculture, Citizenship, Healthy Living, and STEM.

Each of the four winners will receive:

- \$5,000 scholarship for higher education.
- An all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. to be recognized at the National 4-H Council's Legacy Awards on Tuesday, March 21, 2017.
- Opportunity to serve as the National Youth Spokesperson for their recognized pillar area.
- Additionally, one National 4-H Youth in Action Award winner will be selected from the four pillar winners and receive an additional \$5,000 scholarship for higher education.
- All applications must be submitted by 5 p.m. ET on Monday, October 24, 2016.

More information and online application:

4-h.org/4-h-legacy-awards (click the "Youth In Action" tab)

Questions? Email: YouthinAction@4-H.org

2017 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

Online Applications Due Tuesday, November 8th

Youth (grades 5-12) who have made a difference by volunteering in their community over the past year, could win up to \$11,000 in awards and grants and a fabulous trip to Washington, D.C., by applying for a Prudential Spirit of Community Award! Even more importantly, youth could win recognition that might inspire other young people to follow by example. More information, FAQ, and the application is available online: spirit.prudential.com

Applicants will be judged on depth of personal initiative, effort, and growth with the community service activity, and impact of the activity.

The top state honoree receives a \$1,000 award, engraved silver medallion, and an all-expense-paid trip with a guardian to Washington, D.C., May 6-9, 2017. The top ten state honoree, from across the United States, will receive a \$5,000 award, engraved gold medallion, crystal trophy for their school or organization, and \$5,000 grant for a nonprofit charitable organization of their choice.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program is the United States' largest youth recognition program based exclusively on volunteer community service. The program was created in 1995 to honor middle school and high school students for outstanding service to others. These prestigious awards, are sponsored by Prudential Financial and the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

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.

Traditionally, this fundraiser has been used by individual 4-H members to pay for the Citizenship Washington Focus trip, which Buffalo County 4-H takes members on biannually. However, money raised can go towards other 4-H programs (example: 4-H Summer Camp), but please have plans approved by an Extension educator beforehand to have funds go towards a different 4-H program.

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 Raina at the Buffalo County Extension Office, by calling 308-236-1235 or emailing raina.pederson@unl.edu. The office needs a count of those interested to order an appropriate amount of fundraising sales materials.

County Fair Wrap-Up

County Fair Premium, Pie, & Auction Checks

A number of county fair premium and pie auction checks still remain at the Buffalo County Extension Office. 4-H members who have not picked up their checks should do so.

Livestock auction checks are still not ready. Please watch for an email saying the livestock auction checks are ready to be picked up at the Extension office.

Please remember to cash your county fair premium checks, as there is a 60-day expiration date.

Buffalo County 4-H T-Shirts

Traditional 4-H members who missed picking up their official Buffalo County 4-H t-shirt before or during the county fair, can still pick up a t-shirt at the Extension office. Extra t-shirts may also be purchased for \$7 each (cash or check only).

County Fair Lost & Found

Numerous personal and livestock items were left in the Extension building and 4-H livestock areas after the Buffalo County Fair. If you are missing an item, please call or stop by the Extension office to inquire about lost and found items. Items include two black feed pans, one red 4-H water tumbler, a pair of brown sunglasses, camo cabalas sweatshirt, and livestock ropes, brushes and other grooming tools.

Miscellaneous Notes

Changes to Extension Building Use

4-H clubs and 4-H affiliated events are welcome to use the Buffalo County Extension building for meetings, trainings, etc. free of charge. Going forward, to reserve a room, please contact the Buffalo County Facilities Director, Steve Gaasch, at the Buffalo County Court House. His preferred method of communication is email. 4-H clubs will not need to sign a rental contract.

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Please contact Steve Gaasch to check on availability of rooms, reserve a room, and pick up keys to the Buffalo County Extension Office. Keys can still be returned by placing them in the drop box located in the hallway just outside the main office of the Buffalo County Extension Office. The availability of Buffalo County Extension Office rooms may also be viewed online here: buffalogov.org/FACILITY-RENTAL.

Sincerely,

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