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Calendar of Events

September

07 Extension Office Closed/Labor Day
10 State Fair Exhibit Pick-up
15 Project Action Team (FCS) Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
15 Project Action Team Meetings: Shooting Sports, Livestock, Horse, Small Animal, 7 p.m.
15-17 Husker Harvest Days, **Virtual**
22 4-H Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

October

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

November

11 Extension Office Closed/Veteran's Day
24 4-H Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
26/27 Extension Office Closed/Thanksgiving
TBD 4-H Recognition Banquet, 5 p.m.
TBD Winter Shooting Sports starts

-Event details listed in newsletter-

Congratulations to all State Fair Exhibitors!

Thank You!

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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.

Thanking Our County Fair Sponsors

Please remember to let our 2020 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!

D.A.T. Meetings

The **FCS Project Action Team** will be meeting on Tuesday, September 15th, at 5:30 p.m., in the Buffalo County Extension Building.

The **Shooting Sports, Livestock, Horse and Small Animal Project Action Teams** will each have a meeting on Tuesday, September 15th, at 7 p.m., in the Buffalo County Extension Building.

Due to the need to social distance, please contact the Extension Office by Friday, September 11th if you are planning to attend.

4-H Awards & Reports

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 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 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. 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 9th.

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

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

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, which Buffalo County 4-H takes members on biannually.

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.

County Fair Wrap-Up

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.

Sincerely,



Kerry Elsen, Extension Educator

