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Calendar of Events

September
02 Extension Office Closed/Labor Day
04 State Fair Exhibit Pick-up
10 Project Action Team Meeting, 7 p.m.
10 Project Action Team (FCS) Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
10-12 Husker Harvest Days
17 Horse Project Action Team Meeting, 7 p.m.
24 4-H Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

October
01 4-H Career Portfolios/Achievement Application/Diamond Clover Applications Due
05 River's Edge Outdoorsmen 3rd Biathlon Fundraiser, 2 p.m.
06-12 National 4-H Week
11 4-H Club of Excellence/4-H Activity Record due
13 Buffalo County Young Leaders Mtg. 2 p.m. @ Kearney Cinema 8
14 Extension Office Closed/Columbus Day
22 4-H Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
TBD Shooting Sports Organizational Meeting

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

-Event details listed in newsletter-

Good Luck and Congratulations to all State Fair Exhibitors!

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Thank You!

Thank You!

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 2019 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!

P.A.T. Meetings

The **Shooting Sports**, **Livestock** and **Small Animal** Project Action Teams will each have a meeting on Tuesday, September 10th, at 7 p.m., in the Buffalo County Extension Building. **The FCS Project Action Team** will be meeting on Tuesday, September 10th, at 5:30 p.m., in the Buffalo County Extension Building.

The **Horse** Project Action Team will have a meeting on Tuesday, September 17th, at 7 p.m., in the Buffalo County Extension Building.

4-H Awards & Reports

Achievement Application & Diamond Clover Award Applications

Due to Buffalo County Extension Office: Tuesday, October 1st

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 or help adding information to last year's application, 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. Bring your laptop if possible.

To apply for county-level awards and recognition, submit a complete application via email to amber.gapp@unl.edu by Tuesday, October 1st. 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 11th

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 11th.

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 3rd.

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 11th.

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

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 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 18th.

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.

This year's banquet theme is Under the Sea. If you have any items that could be used for decorations such as fishing nets, sea shells, toy fish, etc., please label your items and drop them off at the Extension Office. We will make sure your items are returned!

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 22nd.

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 elizabeth.cast@unl.edu by Wednesday, October 23rd.

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 3rd. 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

Duties shall include keeping the business transactions of the 4-H Council, and serving on the Budget Committee, the Treasurer will serve a two year term.

Activities Coordinator:

Duties shall include coordinating the annual 4-H Recognition Banquet, assisting with recruitment, and retention activities sponsored by the 4-H Council. Activities Coordinator shall be elected to take office in odd 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.

Buffalo County Young Leaders

The next Buffalo County 4-H Young Leaders meeting will be Sunday, October 13th at Kearney Cinema 8 at 2:00 p.m. All youth in grades 7-12 are welcome to attend! Youth will be working on finalizing details for the 4-H Recognition Banquet and watching a movie (movie is TBD). There is a $10 admission fee that includes the movie and snacks. Contact Abby Carman (308-467-2203) or Hope Janitscheck (785-447-0677) with any questions.

Animal-Related Opportunities

UNL Beef Symposium

It's that time of year again and UNL will be hosting the 16th annual Nebraska Youth Beef Leadership Symposium (NYBLS) at the Animal Science Complex on November 8 - 10. Registration will be online again this year and can be accessed via the NYBLS website below. Please note the **application deadline of September 20th**. If an individual is selected to participate, a $75 registration fee will be collected at that time. For more information or for the online registration process use this link animalscience.unl.edu/nebraska-youth-beef-leadership-symposium. Please contact Alli Raymond at araymond2@unl.edu if you have any questions!

River's Edge Outdoorsmen 3rd Annual Biathlon Fundraiser

3rd Annual Biathlon Fundraiser
Sunday, October 5th
Located at River's Edge Range

The River's Edge Outdoorsmen 4-H Club will be having their 3rd Annual Biathlon Fundraiser on October 5th with a start time of 2:00 p.m. It will be located at River's Edge Range, 30820 Riverdale Road, Pleasanton, NE.

This event is open to 4-H and Non-4-H members. Registration begins at **noon**. The Biathlon consists of Small Bore Rifle Silhouettes, 3D, and Bag Archery Targets. The Age divisions consist of 8-9 years, 10-14 years, 15-18 years, and 19-over.

For more information contact Heidi Darby at 308.627.7697 or Jim Darby at 308.627.3742.

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

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 $10 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.

Sincerely,

Kerry Elsen

Kerry Elsen, Extension Educator

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More than you ever imagined!