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LEARN WHAT TO DO FOR MANY DIFFERENT INJURIES & TEST YOUR SKILLS IN "INJURY SCENARIOS"

When: 9:30-11:30 a.m. August 8
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**BORROW
FOR UP TO
7 DAYS!**

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

STEM Backpacks

BUGS & MORE BUGS



COOL POP-UP BUG BOOK

THE VERY
BUSY SPIDER



COLORFUL
BUGOPEDIA



ACTIVITY
SHEETS



PROJECT
SUPPLIES



INSECT COLLECTION KIT



AVAILABLE FOR CHECKOUT AT BUFFALO COUNTY EXTENSION:

ALL BACKPACKS: ARE CUSTOMIZABLE FOR AGES 5-14 TO LEARN ABOUT A STEM TOPIC, CONTAINS MATERIALS IN ENGLISH & SPANISH, CONTAINS SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR AN ACTIVITY AND OPEN TO BUFFALO COUNTY FAMILIES!

CHOOSE FROM:

TORNADOES, LET'S BE AN ENGINEER, LET'S GROW A PLANT, ENGINEER IT, WATER, BUGS & MORE BUGS AND DNA!



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1400 E. 34TH ST. KEARNEY, NE 68847 (308)-236-1235 BUFFALO.UNL.EDU

Become certified in babysitting



Building *Better* Babysitters

This class is perfect for youth who are looking to pursue a summer job as a babysitter and for those who babysit on a consistent basis. Students will create their own babysitting kit to reference for years to come. Choose from the Pleasanton or Elm Creek locations!

- 1.** **When:** Monday, May 20th 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Where: Pleasanton Community Center
- OR**
- 2.** **When:** Thursday, May 23rd 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Where: Elm Creek Village Center

Who: 11-16 year old youth

Cost: \$20 (includes registration & babysitting kit)

Note: Lunch & afternoon snack will be provided.

Please bring a filled water bottle to the workshop.

Register: Visit the following link or scan the QR code

https://ssp.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bfTZpufXfEYJ6zl

Program will cover:

- Child Development
- Child Safety
- Nutrition & Cooking
- General Care
- Business of Babysitting

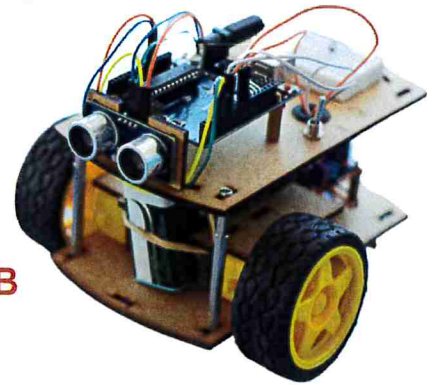


Lunches are provided by Riverstop of Pleasanton & Foster's Family Foods of Elm Creek

JUNK DRAWER ROBOTICS CAMP



PRESENTED BY
BUFFALO COUNTY
4-H ROBOTICS CLUB



DISCOVER THE SCIENCE BEHIND ROBOTICS

When: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, July 10

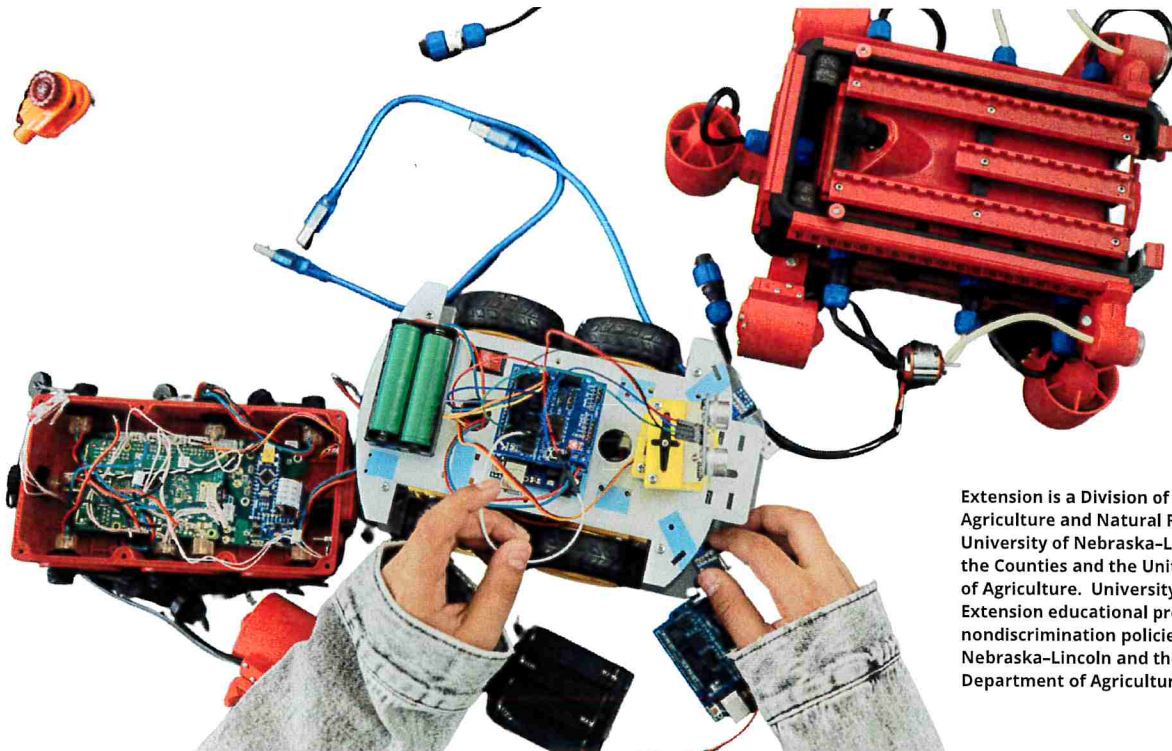
Where: Central Community College - Kearney Center 1215 30th Ave.

Who: Youth ages 8-12 years old

Cost: \$25 - cash, check or Venmo accepted on day of camp

Please register ahead of camp at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JunkDrawerRobotics2024>



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Fish of Nebraska Workshop

**Learn to identify common fish of Nebraska
and how they differ due to their habitats**

Where: Buffalo County Extension

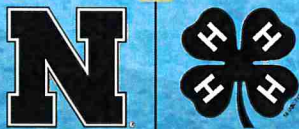
When: 9:30–11:30 a.m. September 17

Who: Youth ages 5–16

Register: Sign up by September 12 at

<https://go.unl.edu/fishworkshop2024>

Cost: \$10



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**Practice the Art of Gyotaku Fish
Printing on a tote bag to take home!**

Lamb & Goat Camp Schedule

Monday, July 1

Pledges

Safety and Animal Handling

Adopt a lamb or goat

Meet your counselors

Craft

What do you feed lambs and goats?

Showmanship demonstration/Teach your lamb or goat to lead

Lunch

Wash lambs and goats

Shearing demo

Make a halter

Lead lambs and goats

Tuesday, July 2

Pledges

Lead lambs and goats and practice showmanship

Products and By-Products

Lead lambs and goats and practice showmanship

Craft

Showmanship demo and practice for show

Wash lambs and goats

5:30 - Show time

Registration Form

Ages 6-10

Name _____

Address _____

Parent(s) Name _____

Phone Number (Daytime) _____

Email _____

Age as of Jan. 1, 2024 _____

Please return this portion of brochure to:
Nebraska Extension in Buffalo County
1400 E 34th St.

Kearney, NE 68847

Phone: 308-236-1235

**SPACE IS LIMITED. FIRST COME FIRST SERVE.
REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE BY JUNE 14, 2024**

Please include a \$40.00 registration fee or pay online

Please make checks payable to: *Buffalo County 4-H Council*

Lambs and Goats are provided for the camp, however,
you may bring your own 4-H lamb or goat.

I will bring my own 4-H lamb or goat to camp -Yes___ No___
If I don't bring my own, I would like a ___ Sheep or a ___ Goat

Please indicate camper's T-Shirt Size:

Youth Medium___ Youth Large___

Adult Small___ Adult Medium___ Adult Large___

Dietary Restrictions: _____

LAMB & GOAT CAMP



JULY 1-2, 2024

Daily 8:30 am – 2:00 pm

July 2nd – Show at 5:30 pm

**Buffalo County
Fairgrounds**

Kerry Elsen
Buffalo County Extension
April/May 2024

Programs & Involvement

April 1st & 2nd – BRAG Tour in Columbus and Norfolk area. Locations of tours include Daniels Produce, Behlen Manufacturing, Jisa Cheese, Associated Wholesale Grocers of Nebraska, Norfolk Community College, Hiland Dairy Processor, and Thiele Dairy.

April 5th – Ag. Literacy at Central, Pizza (41 Participants), Ag. Literacy at Meadowlark, Dairy (24 Participants), Ag. Literacy at Buffalo Hills, Poultry (42 Participants).

April 8th – Ag. Literacy at Kenwood, Poultry (40 Participants), Ag. Literacy at Bryant, Our World (20 Participants). Embryology at SEM, Shelton, Windy Hills, and Bryant.

April 9th – Embryology at Gibbon, Pleasanton, and Bryant. Ag. Literacy at Emerson, Pizza (35 Participants), Ag. Literacy at Kenwood, Poultry (20 Participants), and Ag. Literacy at Bryant, Our World (21 Participants).

April 10th – Life on the Farm for Zion Lutheran, Faith Christian, SEM, Amherst, Pleasanton, and Elm Creek (140 Participants). Fed Steer Challenge Zoom.

April 11th – Youth Science Field Day in Hall County, *One Health* session)

April 12th – Ag. Literacy at Glenwood, Our World (21 Participants), Ag. Literacy at Park, Watershed (20 Participants), Ag. Literacy at Meadowlark, Hot House Detective, (24 Participants), and Ag. Literacy at Buffalo Hills, Pizza (42 Participants).

April 15th – Embryology at Glenwood, Quiz Bowl Contest Update, Ag. Literacy at Central, Popcorn (41 Participants), Ag. Literacy at Windy Hills, Our World (39 Participants), CLOVER by 4-H Update.

April 16th – Life on the Farm for Northeast, Buffalo Hills, Park, Central, and Windy Hills (230 Participants).

April 17th – Life on the Farm for Kenwood, Bryant, Emerson, Meadowlark, and Glenwood (227 Participants).

April 18th – Ag. Literacy at Northeast, Our World (19 Participants).

April 22nd – PEARS Training, Ag. Literacy at Kenwood, Our World, (20 Participants), Ag. Literacy at Windy Hills, Popcorn (39 Participants), Lottery Pig Meeting.

April 23rd – Ag. Literacy at Kenwood, Our World (20 Participants), 4-H Council Meeting.

April 24th – Ag. Literacy at Meadowlark, Hot House Detective (24 Participants), Ag. Literacy at Kenwood, Our World (20 Participants).

April 25th – Ag. Literacy at Northeast, Pizza (19 Participants).

April 29th – Ag. Literacy at Windy Hills, Pizza (39 Participants).

April 30th – Ag. Literacy at Kenwood, Pizza (40 Participants).

May 1st – STEMfest Judge, Ag. Literacy at Kenwood, Pizza (20 Participants).

May 2nd – Nebraska Cooperative Extension Association (NCEA) Professional Development Committee Meeting.

May 3rd – Ag. Literacy at Glenwood, Pizza (21 Participants). Ag. Literacy at Meadowlark, Pizza (24 Participants).

May 6th – Clipper Article, *Disaster Preparedness*.

May 7th – Ag. Literacy at Northeast, Pizza (23 Participants).
May 8th – Ag. Literacy at Meadowlark, Pizza (24 Participants), CLOVER by 4-H Update.
May 10th – Ag. Literacy at Meadowlark, Popcorn (24 Participants).
May 13th – Ag. Literacy at Team meeting.
May 14th – 4-H Team planning.
May 15th – Budget hearing.
May 16th – County Officials call.
May 17th – Kick-Off with Kathleen.
May 20th – Pilot for using Square.
May 22nd – BRAG Tour, including stops at Johnson Landscaping, Bayer Crop Science, and Sprout House.
May 23rd – Ambiguous Loss team meeting, County staff annual evaluation.
May 28th – TechChange Makers Conference
May 30th – Fed Steer Challenge Survey planning. Lottery Pig Meeting, Pork Producers Association.
May 31st – Lottery Sheep Meeting.

April and May 2024

Heidi Darby

Buffalo County Extension

April 2024

April 1 – Web of Life – Cockroaches – Homeschool Enrichment – 15 students.
April 2 – Web of Life – Cockroaches – Lisa’s Daycare in Pleasanton – 9 students
April 3 – Gosper County 4-H Promotion Day – Mammals of Nebraska – 40 students
April 5 – Zone Meeting Zoom
April 9 – Entrepreneur Team Zoom
April 9 – NTV Appearance – STEM Backpacks
April 10 – Web of Life – Cockroaches – Pleasanton Kindergarten – 16 students
April 11 – Judge State FBLA – Job Interview
April 15 – Write Clipper article.
April 16 – Inventure Day Zoom
April 16 – Environmental Education Team Zoom
April 17 – Extension Zoom
April 18 – Outdoor Skills Day – 6th Grade students – Total 77 students
April 23 and 24 – Water Jamboree – Pollinator Education with Bees from Home – 201 students
April 25 – Arbor Day Event – Halsey Forest – 166 students
April 30-May 2 – 7 Habits of Highly Effective People training in Lincoln.

May 2024

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May 3 – Zone Connection Zoom meeting.
May 7 – Pollinators and Importance of Bees – Homeschool Enrichment – 15 students.
May 7 - Pollinators and Importance of Bees – Lisa’s Daycare, Pleasanton – 16 students.
May 7 - Pollinators and Importance of Bees – Kindergarten, Pleasanton – 19 students.
May 8 – Inventure Day Planning meeting on Zoom
May 10 – Fort Kearny Expo – Archery Instructor – 235 students
May 11 – Fort Kearny Expo – Archery Instructor - 110 students
May 14 – Entrepreneurship Team Zoom
May 14 – Speech PSA Contest
May 16 – Write Clipper Article
May 17 – Kick off with Kathleen Zoom
May 20 – Pilot Zoom meeting on Square
May 21 – Life of a tree, Tree Cookies, planting Catalpa trees - Summer workshop – 13 students
May 21 – Environmental Team Zoom
May 23 - Life of a tree, Tree Cookies, planting Catalpa trees - Summer workshop – 15 students
May 28 – 4-H Council Meeting

Activities in April:

This was a busy and exciting month for me. I had the chance to present my Web of Life program with the cockroaches to more classes. I felt the cockroaches helped open more doors to more students. Now that my

programs are over, I have gifted them to the 6th grade class in Elm Creek. Thank you, Katie, for taking care of them!

The STEM backpacks have been a hit, so far. We have already checked them out to families and have received great feedback. I'm excited to see that program grow and grow. They are continuously checked out and back in again. It is good to see so many families learning from them.

As a fun wrap up to the school year with my 6th grade students, we had a fun and educational Outdoor Skills Day at Fort Kearny. Students attended from Pleasanton, Elm Creek and Amherst. There were 77 students present. That allowed us to divide them into 6 teams. Each team visited 6 stations including Dutch Oven cooking, fishing, archery, tent building, geocaching and fire starting. This was a great partnership between our staff, other County Extension staffers, 4-H volunteers, older 4-H members and the Nebraska Game and Parks fishing instructors.

At the end of the month, I was on the road to Republican City to present on bees at the Water Jamboree. Sharing the importance of bees as pollinators is always an engaging activity for both students and teachers. After that I helped lead classes on forest floor decomposers at an Arbor Day Festival at Halsey.

Activities in May:

May was filled with preparing for and presenting at workshops. I started out teaching workshops on pollinators and then assisted with the archery range at the Fort Kearny Expo. I have been an archery instructor for about 8 years and was happy to partner with the Nebraska Game and Parks at this event.

I taught two workshops on the parts of a tree and tree cookies with 28 students. We ended each workshop planting catalpa trees for the students to take home. Hopefully we will see some of them on display at the County Fair as small seedling trees.

Future Plans:

In June, we are looking forward to Taste, Tempt and Try days for both Junior and Seniors. I will be showing students how to make body balm and lip balm with beeswax and shea butter. I have planned a couple of Fire-Starting workshops for the middle of the month. At the end of the month, I have taken a few days off to volunteer at the National 4-H Shooting Sports Championships in Grand Island.

Jada Ruff
April/May 2024 Report

Programs/Involvement

- April 1: Out sick
- April 2: AgrAbility Teammate Transition Meeting
 - KCLC Program at Windy Hills Elementary School (10 participants)
- April 3: ServSafe Manager Course
 - KAFM Vendor Training
- April 4: Go NAPSACC Provider Meeting
 - Meeting with Program Leader
- April 5: Zone Connection Meeting
 - Meeting with Colleague- Beef Testing Recipes
- April 8: AgrAbility Teammate Transition Meeting
 - Go NAPSACC Provider Check-in
- April 9: Food Preservation Meeting
 - KCLC Program at Windy Hills Elementary School (11 participants)
- April 10: Bayer Crop Science Presentation- Healthy Eating (90 participants)
- April 11: AgrAbility Team Meeting
 - Beef Recipe Testing Day
- April 12: School Enrichment Kits- Franklin Public School (25 participants)
- April 15: FNH Webinar
 - Buffalo County Food Leaders Task Force
 - Clipper Article Due- Food Preservation
- April 16: NEP Team Meeting
 - Region 3 Lunch and Learn- Healthy Snacks (18 participants)
- April 18: Youth Science Field Day in North Platte- Science of Sleep (64 participants)
- April 22: Zone 3 Gathering in Lexington
- April 23: AgrAbility Teammate Transition Meeting
 - Set up for OT/PT workshop in Saint Paul
 - KCLC Program at Windy Hills Elementary School (10 participants)
- April 24: OT/PT workshop- Rehabilitating Farmers and Ranchers with Disabilities (45 participants)
- April 25: Extension Resources at Food Pantry Conference
- April 26: Meeting with NEP Partner- Medicaid
 - UNL Meat Shoppe Meeting
- April 29: AgrAbility Teammate Transition Meeting and Extension Meeting
 - Kearney Food Rescue Meeting
 - SNAP/DUFB Training for Kearney Area Farmers Market
- April 30: DUFB All Team Meeting
 - Go NAPSACC Provider Check in
 - KCLC Program at Windy Hills Elementary School (11 participants)

May 1: My Health Day Event in Polk County (185 participants)
May 3: UNL Meat Shoppe Event (150 participants)
May 6: AgrAbility Teammate Transition Meeting
NEP Programming Meeting
May 7: FNH Check in with Program Leader
KCLC Program at Windy Hills Elementary School (10 participants)
May 8: AgrAbility Team Meeting
Marathon Kids All Team Meeting
May 10: School Enrichment Kits- Franklin Public School (25 participants)
May 13: SNAP-Ed Expense Meeting
Healthy People Healthy Communities Team Meeting
Clipper Article Due- Gardening with Kids
May 16: Health Coaches for Hypertension Training
Go NAPSACC Provider Check in
May 17: Go NAPSACC Provider Check in
May 20: Extension AgrAbility Team Meeting
Babysitting Workshop- Nutrition (13 participants)
May 21: NEP Team Meeting
Babysitting Workshop- Nutrition (15 participants)
May 22: Safety Meeting
Babysitting Workshop- Nutrition (15 participants)
May 23: Health Coaches for Hypertension Training
Babysitting Workshop- Nutrition (7 participants)
May 27: Memorial Day- Office Closed
May 28: Go NAPSACC Team Meeting
Meeting with Colleague -Lesson Planning
May 29: Go NAPSACC Provider Check in
AgrAbility Teammate Transition Meeting
County Fair- Foods Meeting
May 30: Health Coaches for Hypertension Training
May 31: Marathon Kids Coaching Training

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Phone: 4

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Youth Science Field Day- Science of Sleep



Babysitting Workshop- Nutrition and General Care



April/May 2024 Report
Jordan Wilbur
Buffalo County Extension

April 1st: Leadership Team Leader Zoom Meeting, Clipper Article
April 3rd: Taught printmaking at the Gosper County 4-H Day (40 youth)
April 8th-9th: Assisted Kerry with Embryology, delivered eggs to Elm Creek, Northeast, Glenwood, and Ravenna 3rd grade classes, KCLC STEM Club at Emersen (20 youth), Healthy Living Focus Team Zoom, Discovery Club Meeting, Alyvia presented on soil, (15 youth)
April 10th: Rural Schools Life on the Farm-presented on dairy cattle, 140 youth
April 12th: Judged state FBLA public speaking
April 15th: KCLC STEM Club at Emersen (20 youth)
April 16th-17th: Life on the Farm, KPS, taught dairy session and made BUTTER! (232, 222 youth)
April 18th: Outdoor Skills Day, taught dutch oven cooking, 108 youth
April 19th: Kick-off with Kathleen Zoom
April 21: Bicycle Sunday with KPR
April 22nd: Zone Connection Meeting in Lexington
April 23rd: Leadership Focus Team Zoom, met with Michelle for summer KCLC, Discovery Club (10 youth), 4-H Council Meeting
April 25: Help with Qualtrics Zoom
April 26: Fashion Workshop Meeting
April 28th: CWF Meeting (33 youth)
April 29: KCLC STEM Club at Emersen (20 youth) Clipper Article, Campfire Memories
April 30: NTV Interview-Babysitting Courses

May 1: Animals Inside and Out in North Platte, taught Management Session, (260 youth)
May 2nd: CWF Webinar Zoom
May 3: CWF Zoom Meeting, Premier Communication Event State team meeting
May 13: NCEA Professional Development Zoom planning meeting, KCLC STEM Club at Emersen (20 youth)
May 14: Healthy Living Focus Team Meeting, Premier Communication Event (31 entries)
May 16: Premier Communication Event State team meeting
May 17: Focus Team State Meeting
May 20: Babysitting Workshop @ Pleasanton (13 youth), Performing Arts Contest (28 entries)
May 21: Babysitting Workshop @ KPR (15 youth), Discovery Club Meeting (7 youth)
May 22: Babysitting Workshop @ KPR (13 youth)
May 23: Babysitting Workshop @ Elm Creek (7 youth)
May 29: Foods Planning Meeting, CWF Meeting (34 youth)
May 31: NCEA Breakout Committee zoom

Buffalo County Extension Board Narrative Report
Brent L. Plugge
April 1 – May 31, 2024

Extension Activities April 1 – May 31, 2024

April 1	-Buffalo County Extension Board Meeting
April 3-4	- Livestock Educator's Capacity Building Workshop @ Kearney
April 4	- PAC Beef Summit
	- Dawson County Cattleman's Affiliate Meeting @ Sumner (P=45)
April 5	-ITS Committee Meeting
April 8	-Monthly Statewide Beef Meeting
April 9	-Husker Harvest Day Planning Committee Meeting
April 10	-Hall County Extension Board Meeting
April 11	- Youth Science Field Day @ Grand Island (P=86)
	- Lower Loup Cattleman's Affiliate Meeting @ Pleasanton
April 15	-Husker Harvest Day Planning Committee Meeting
April 16	-Mobile Beef Lab Discussion with SDSU via Zoom
	-Horse P.A.T. Meeting
April 17	-Extension Huddle
April 18	- Youth Science Field Days @ North Platte (P=54)
April 22	- Zone 3 Meeting @ Lexington
April 23	- Coffee and Cattle Webinar Series: Overview of Annual Forage Systems
April 25	- Coffee and Cattle Webinar Series: Using Warm Season Annuals for Summer Grazing
	-Husker Harvest Days Planning Committee Meeting
	-Livestock Systems Educator Zoom Meeting (HHD, Pears, Updates)
April 29	- Animals Inside and Out @ Hastings (Adams Central) (P=66)
April 30	- Coffee and Cattle Webinar Series: Considerations for Silage/Hay from WS Annuals
May 1	- Animals Inside and Out @ North Platte (P=267)
May 2	- Animals Inside and Out @ North Platte (P=60)
May 3	-ITS Committee Meeting
	-Stocker/Yearling Program and Tour Planning Committee Meeting
May 9	-Husker Harvest Days Planning Committee Meeting
	-Livestock Systems Educator Zoom Meeting (Upcoming Tours, All Things Nebraska, Website)
May 13	-Monthly Statewide Beef Meeting
May 14	- Cattle and Coffee Webinar Series: Stockpiled Forage for Fall Grazing
May 16	-Ag Safety, Education and Health Center Focus Group Planning Meeting
	-Husker Harvest Days Planning Committee Meeting
May 20	-Beef Innovation Hub FAC and EAC Zoom Meeting
May 21	- 4-H Horse Advancement Levels Day (P=7)
May 22	-Ag Safety, Education and Health Center Focus Group
	-Sandhills Ranch Expo Booth Planning Committee Zoom Meeting
May 23	-Livestock Systems Educator Zoom Meeting (Updates)
May 24	-Husker Harvest Days Team Leaders Zoom Meeting
May 27	-Office Closed – Memorial Day
May 28	-CAPacity Building: Understanding and Using 2022 Census of Agriculture Data
May 29-30	- Animal Science Department Spring Beef Meeting @ Barta Brothers and Ainsworth

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Farm/Ranch - 0
Email - 1

Activities for June 1 – June 30, 2024

June 3 -Buffalo County Extension Board Meeting
June 4 -NCEA Ag Section Zoom Meeting
June 7 -Zone 3 Connection Zoom Meeting
June 8 -Ag on the Brick @ North Platte (Husker Beef Lab)
June 10 -Monthly Statewide Beef Zoom Meeting
June 11 -Horse P.A.T. Meeting
June 12 -NGLC Grazing Tour @ Broken Bow
June13 -Livestock Systems Educator Zoom Meeting
June17 - Ward Lab Webinar: Panel Discussion on Forage Production and Analysis
June19-20 -2024 Sandhills Ranch Expo @ Bassett
June 19 -Beef Innovation Hub FAC Zoom Meeting
June20 -NU Foundation Webinar

Training, Workshops and Other Educational Events Attended for Professional Development

Livestock Educator's Capacity Building Workshop

PAC Beef Summit

Coffee and Cattle Webinar Series: Overview of Annual Forage Systems

Coffee and Cattle Webinar Series: Using Warm Season Annuals for Summer Grazing

Coffee and Cattle Webinar Series: Considerations for Silage/Hay from Warm Season Annuals

Cattle and Coffee Webinar Series: Stockpiled Forage for Fall Grazing

CAPacity Building: Understanding and Using 2022 Census of Agriculture Data

Animal Science Department Spring Beef Meeting @ Barta Brothers and Ainsworth

Other Meetings/Functions

Buffalo County Extension Board Meeting

Dawson County Cattleman's Affiliate Meeting @ Sumner

Hall County Extension Board Meeting

Lower Loup Cattleman's Affiliate Meeting @ Pleasanton

Zone 3 Meeting @ Lexington

Ag Safety, Education and Health Center Focus Group

Additional University Work

Beef Innovation Hub FAC

Information Technology Services (ITS) Committee

Husker Harvest Days Planning Committee

April and May 2024 Information

Husker Beef Lab

During this reporting period I attended five youth events with the Husker Beef Lab. Youth Science Field Days were held in Grand Island and North Platte reaching a total of 140 high school students. In addition, three Animals Inside and Out programs were held in Hasting and North Platte reaching a total of 393 elementary students. The Husker Beef Lab was used to teach Ruminant Nutrition, the Importance of Animal Agriculture to Nebraska and Careers in Animal Science. Randy Saner, Erin Laborie, Troy Walz and Nathan Haman all contributed to the teaching with the lab. Formal evaluations were conducted but have not been shared with the teaching teams. The beef lab continues to be a favorite session at these events. We are one of three universities that allows the public to interact with a fistulated animal, so this is really a great opportunity for students to get a "hands on" experience with a live animal in a teaching environment.

Cattleman's Affiliate Meetings

On April 4, I attended the Dawson County Cattleman's affiliate meeting in Sumner and on April 11, I attended the Lower Loup Cattleman's affiliate meeting in Pleasanton. In Sumner, Conner Biehler and I were invited to be guest speakers. I discussed "Principles of Heifer Selection" and Conner gave an overview of the "Great Plains Heifer Development Center" at the Haskell Ag Lab. In their inaugural year they are developing nearly 140 replacement heifers and utilizing the center to teach replacement heifer principles. Approximately 45 people attended the affiliate meeting. For the meeting on April 11, I helped arrange a location, invited the guest speaker and planned the meal for the Lower Loup affiliate meeting. John Schroeder, from Darr Feedlot was the invited speaker and discussed the challenges associated with finding and retaining labor. A good crowd was on hand for the Lower Loup meeting, perhaps as big a meeting as we have had for five or more years.

4-H Horse Advancement Level Testing Day

On May 21, the 4-H Horse P.A.T. offered a day where youth could come and work on their advancement levels. Specific levels are required to participate in the county fair horse show, and the State Horse Show as well as specific classes at these shows. Levels range from 1 to 4. Each level requires a set of objectives that each youth must meet. Most levels require the passing of a written test and the passing of a riding test. Some levels require a feed chart, demonstration, ration formulation, and a written report on horse breeds for example. This day was set aside for you to work on some aspects of their levels test. A total of seven youth participated in the testing day.

Professional Development

Professional Development took a significant portion of time this reporting period. PEARS training was a significant portion of the Livestock Educators Capacity Building Meeting and the Zone 3 Connection. In addition, the Livestock Capacity Building meeting was spent meeting and sharing with specialist that represent swine, manure and biologic engineering. An overview of their programs and research was helpful.

I also attended the Production Animal Consultants Summit in Kearney. PAC is a group of nutritionists and veterinarians primarily, that work together to provide members and producers information on animal welfare, training and education of animal health teams, and scientific field study research. This meeting focused on the gut health for feedlot cattle, the national beef quality audit.

I also participated in four of the eight sessions of Coffee and Cattle Webinar Series. Mary Drewnoski led the seminar series that focused on annual forages. It was a great overview of stocking rates, annual forages for silage, swath grazing, and types of cool and warm season annuals and their uses. This series was a bit unique in that they began at 6:30 a.m. and lasted about 30 minutes. Attendance was good depending upon the topic but really was not significantly different than a day or nighttime webinar.

Perhaps one of the biggest professional development opportunities that educators have is the Animal Science Department Spring Beef Meetings. This year the meeting was held in the Ainsworth area. We toured the Barta Brothers Ranch and viewed their prescribed burning and yearling trials. But the biggest gain was from the presentations of the graduate students in animal science. It is a good review of the current research and its implications. Approximately 20 students and their major advisor shared what they have been working on. It does provide us information to answer clientele questions and for topics for future extension programs.

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MAY 2024
HORTICULTURE, LANDSCAPES, AND ENVIRONMENTAL
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Neb. Extension encourages severe weather plan for trees

by NTV News | Wed, May 8th 2024 at 10:15 AM



Tree damage outside the Hamilton County Courthouse in Aurora on JULY 10, 2021 (Steve White)



1. NTV Noon Show- May 7th. Discussed storm damaged trees
2. Outdoor Discovery Program- Fort Kearney, May 9 & 10th. Taught over 185 youth about green and gray infrastructure and stormwater pollution with the City of Grand Island, Kearney, and Hastings stormwater program managers.
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May 2024

- Arbor Day Tree Planting- City of Grand Island Planted a tree after the ribbon cutting of Pirnie Inclusive Playground at Ryder Park in Grand Island. 10 individuals were in attendance. Demonstrated proper planting techniques to the crowd and even gave tree care guidance.
- Horticulture Aide Mentor- Mentoring Rita Brhel, who is the new Adams County horticulture Aide. Met in person once to get acquainted with her. Meeting every other week on zoom to talk about timely topics.
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- Backyard Farmer- May 16th
- Clientele Contacts- 50 Emails, 35 Texts, 85 phone calls and walk ins

MEDIA

BUFFALO COUNTY 4-H

April 2024

Nebraska Extension-Buffalo County 1400 E. 34th St. Kearney, NE 68847 (308)-236-1235 buffalo.unl.edu

CALENDAR

April

- 1-2 BRAG
- 5 Deadline to sign up for Production Birds
- 8 Deadline to sign up for Lottery Pig
- 19 Deadline to submit county fair T-shirt ideas
- 23 4-H Council meeting
- 26 Extension office closed – Arbor Day

May

- 1 Deadline to sign up for Lottery Goat/Sheep
- 7 Sign-up deadline for Speech/PSA/Presentation Contest
- 13 Sign-up deadline for Performing Arts – UNK
- 13 Sign-up deadline for Building Better Babysitters - Pleasanton
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- 21 Building Better Babysitters – Kearney Park & Recreation
- 21 Catalpa Tree Workshop
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- 23 Building Better Babysitters – Elm Creek
- 24 Deadline to sign up for Jr./Sr. Tempt, Taste, Try
- 28 Extension office closed – Memorial Day
- 9 ASC Discovery Day - NCTA - Curtis

June

- 1 Horse ID, entry level testing due for State 4-H Horse Show
- 2 Buffalo County Fair Shotgun Shoot
- 5 Sr. Tempt, Taste and Try
- 6 Jr. Tempt, Taste and Try
- 15 All Livestock & Horse ID's due (includes Rabbit & Poultry)
- 15 DNA State Fair envelopes due to Extension office
- 15 State Fair online nominations due
- 15 4-H ENROLLMENT DEADLINE
- 15 Quality Assurance deadline
- 15 Horse Advancement Level testing due for county fair
- 18 Deadline to sign up for Culinary Challenge
- 18 4-H State Speech
- 19 Extension office closed - Juneteenth
- 20 Sign-up Deadline for Clover Kid Adventure Day
- 20-21 PASE Premier Animal Science Event-UNL
- 25 Culinary Challenge
- 25 4-H Council meeting
- 25 Deadline to sign up for Lamb & Goat Camp
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- 27 Clover Kid Adventure Day

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Buffalo County NE 4-H



Buffalo County 4-H

Join 4-H



4-H is a Feeling!

Build skills for a lifetime

Premier Communication Event is May 14

From beginning to experienced speakers, these contests help youth develop communication, speaking and presentation skills, learn how to organize and prepare a speech, learn how to present themselves to others and develop self-confidence.

PSA - Public Service Announcement

The Radio Public Service Announcement (PSA) contest challenges youth to write and record a 60-second promotional audio recording focused on the 2024 Nebraska State Fair theme: **'4-H is a Feeling'** that could be played on the radio to promote the work of Nebraska 4-H. Youth are judged on their overall organization and delivery of the PSA.

Meet Me at the Fair!

County-only PSA

Have fun creating a PSA using this year's county fair theme **'Meet Me at the Fair'** while promoting 4-H. NOTE: Youth can remain in the audience while their PSA is being played at the contest.

Speech Contest

Did you know that Clover Kids can talk about anything from reading a poem, a favorite story or tell their favorite thing about 4-H? All other levels must incorporate 4-H into their speech.

Presentation Contest

Presentations topics should be related to what the 4-H youth is learning through 4-H educational experiences. Participants can express themselves using visual aids in the Illustrated Presentation.

Video Communication

Youth who enjoy making their own YouTube videos and Tik Toks would love this competition! The video communication contest allows youth to create a multi-media video around a theme related to 4-H. Judges will be evaluating on both the organization of information as well as the audio and video production.

NOTE: Youth can remain in the audience while their PSA is being played at the contest.



For more on these pre-fair contests, visit <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/buffalo-county-fair/>

Sign up by May 7 at <https://go.unl.edu/presentation2024> or use the QR code

Time to order turkeys & broiler chicks

Our production classes are a great opportunity for 4-Hers to learn about poultry's important and tasty, role in the food industry. Nutrition requirement information is available at the Extension office for feeding. Also, we can get you in touch with a local processor if you need help finishing the project.

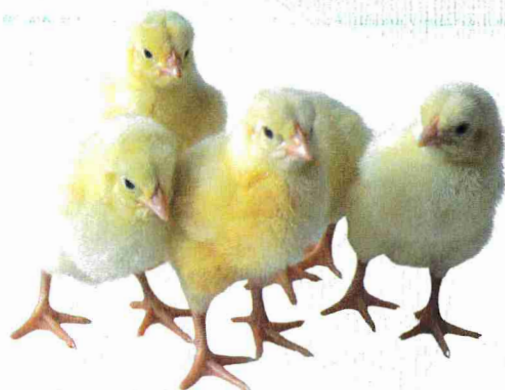
Project area includes two classes: SIGN UP BY APRIL 5TH!!

Production Turkey-

A production pen consists of one male or one female turkey. Production turkeys must be purchased through the Extension office, in order to be fair eligible. Turkeys will be judged on meat production qualities only. Each pen will count as one entry on pre-registration. An exhibitor may enter up to two production turkey exhibits. Turkeys must weigh a minimum of 12 pounds. (It is recommended that you purchase 6-8 turkeys to be sure you have enough for 2 pens to be exhibited at fair.)

Production Birds- (Pen of Broilers)

A pen of broilers shall consist of three male or three female birds 6 to 8 weeks of age. Broilers must be purchased through the Extension office, in order to be fair eligible. Broiler pens will be judged on meat production qualities only. Each pen of 3 must weigh no more than 21lbs total weight or under 12lbs total weight. If weight requirements are not met the pen will be lowered one ribbon placing. (It is recommended that you purchase 12 broilers to be sure you have enough for 2 pens to be exhibited at fair.)



Deadline: Place order by 5 p.m. Friday, April 5, 2024

Cost: Broilers around \$2 each

Turkeys between \$10.50 to \$13.50 pending quantity ordered

How to order: Call Extension at 308-236-1235

Time of arrival: Broilers will be here in June

Turkeys will be here in April

You will be contacted when they are ready for pick up

Poultry Superintendents: Jill Schubauer & Jody Smith

Calling all 4-Hers to get creative!

ENTER BUFFALO COUNTY 4-H'S T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

Want to design this year's county fair T-shirt for Buffalo County 4-H? Please submit your design or drawing and include what color you want the shirt to be to the Buffalo County Extension office by 5 p.m. Friday, April 19.



Sign up for 2024 Lottery Programs

The purpose of the Lottery Project is to provide Buffalo County 4-H members with an engaging, educational and competitive experience at the Buffalo County Fair.

The Lottery Project gives 4-Hers a great opportunity to:

- Participate in three educational seminars that include selection/production traits, nutrition, proper handling and showmanship techniques
- Learn about the species' industry and potential careers in Nebraska

The 4-H'er is responsible for finding their own housing for the animals and will complete ownership of the animals upon pick up. These animals are to be shown at the Buffalo County Fair.

Participants will receive more information on specific topics and meeting dates after the deposit has been made.

**Deadline
Extended!**

Fill out Lottery Pig Agreement & submit your \$100 down payment by April 8.

The remaining \$100 will be due at the first meeting where you will pick up your pig.

Fill out Lottery Goat Agreement & submit your \$125 down payment by May 1.

The remaining \$125 will be due at the first meeting where you will pick up your goat.

Fill out Lottery Lamb Agreement & submit your \$100 down payment by May 1.

The remaining \$100 will be due at the first meeting where you will pick up your lamb.

Stop by the Buffalo County Extension to pick up the sign up and agreement forms or find the forms online at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/whats-happening-in-4-h/>

**GET READY FOR COUNTY FAIR
AND THE NEBRASKA STATE FAIR BY
COMPLETING THESE STEPS BY JUNE 15TH!**



SHOWING AT FAIR?

ENROLL IN 4-H

Go to <https://v2.4honline.com>



**LIVESTOCK, HORSE, POULTRY, RABBIT
ANIMAL ID SHEETS**

Pick up at Extension or print at
<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/county-state-fair-livestock-resources/>



HORSE ADVANCEMENT LEVELS

Completion of Level 1 required for Buffalo County Fair. For more on horse, visit
<https://4h.unl.edu/horse-advancement>



**BEEF, SWINE, SHEEP, GOATS, DAIRY,
COUNTY FAIR BROILERS/TURKEYS,
ALL STATE FAIR POULTRY/RABBITS
YQCA TRAINING**

To show at county/state fairs, you must complete the course at www.yqcaprogram.org and give certificate to the Extension office.



**STATE FAIR MARKET
AND BREEDING ANIMALS
DNA ENVELOPES**

If you are showing feeder calves, Market or Breeding of the following: beef, swine, goat or sheep at State Fair, you must submit DNA.



STATE FAIR MARKET/BREEDING ANIMALS

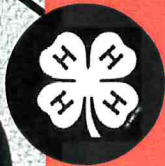
STATE FAIR NOMINATIONS

Complete online nominations by visiting showstockmgr.com. You must submit payment to be eligible to show.



**MARKET ANIMALS FOR COUNTY/STATE FAIRS
PREMISE ID**

Any new members or members who have moved since last year's fair need to provide their Premise ID. To get a number visit
<https://nda.nebraska.gov/adt/premises.html>



All talent welcome at Performing Arts Contest

Deadline to sign up is May 13

Youth ages 5-18 are welcome to share their talents of singing, playing an instrument, dancing or other special performance skills at the 4-H Performing Arts Contest on May 20. Groups are encouraged to enter! Register at <https://go.unl.edu/performingarts2024> or use the QR code.

Solos, duets, groups



Instrumental
Performances
Vocal

Apply for a 4S Goat Expo Scholarship

Deadline to apply is May 31

High school seniors or freshmen in college are eligible to apply for a 4S Goat Expo Scholarship. Applicants must have been active in the goat industry, have been active in 4-H and are planning to obtain a post-high school education. The amount of the scholarship is determined by number of applications received. For more details and how to apply visit <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/4S%20Goat%20Expo%20Scholarship.pdf>



Sincerely Kerry Elsen - 4-H Extension Educator, Jordan Wilbur & Heidi Darby - 4-H Assistants

2024 TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT SAFETY TRAINING

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! COST: \$40

Federal law prohibits children under 16 years of age from using certain equipment on a farm unless their parents or legal guardians own the farm. However, certification received through this course grants an exemption to the law allowing 14- and 15-year-olds to drive a tractor and to do field work with certain mechanized equipment. Certification is earned by completing a Hands-On Safety Day with written test (Certification Day 1), then completing the Tractor and Equipment Safety Training with driving exam (Certification Day 2). Successful completion of a Certification Days 1 and 2 will result in certification for 14 and 15 year old youth to be employed on farms and ranches.

Youth under 14 years of age can attend Certification Day 1 if **accompanied by an adult**. They will not be able to drive equipment, attend Day 2, or become certified. Students under 14 must still register, but will not be charged the registration fee.

SUMMER 2024 SCHEDULE

Date(s)	Event(s)	Location
May 21 May 22	Certification Day 1 Certification Day 2	North Platte, NE
May 28 May 29	Certification Day 1 Certification Day 2	West Point, NE
May 30 May 31	Certification Day 1 Certification Day 2	Weeping Water, NE
June 4	Certification Day 2*	Gering, NE
June 5 June 6	Certification Day 1 Certification Day 2	Gordon, NE
June 7	Certification Day 2*	O'Neill, NE
June 11 June 12	Certification Day 1 Certification Day 2	Grand Island, NE
June 13	Certification Day 2*	Hastings, NE

*Those attending a location that only offers Certification Day 2 must complete Certification Day 1 at another location, OR complete the virtual module. Certification Day 1 (or online module) MUST be completed, with written exam, before attending Certification Day 2.

LEARN MORE

Scan the QR code or visit

go.unmc.edu/tractor-safety-training



QUESTIONS? CONTACT TIFFANY HOOVER AT THOOVER6@UNL.EDU

Extension is a division of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska Lincoln cooperating with counties and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.



#FarmSafety
#TractorSafety
#NebExt

Become certified in babysitting



Building *Better* Babysitters

This class is perfect for youth who are looking to pursue a summer job as a babysitter and for those who babysit on a consistent basis. Students will create their own babysitting kit to reference for years to come. Choose from the Pleasanton or Elm Creek locations!

1. **When:** Monday, May 20th 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Where: Pleasanton Community Center
- OR
2. **When:** Thursday, May 23rd 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Where: Elm Creek Village Center

Who: 11-16 year old youth

Cost: \$20 (includes registration & babysitting kit)

Note: Lunch & afternoon snack will be provided.
Please bring a filled water bottle to the workshop.

Register: Visit the following link or scan the QR code
https://ssp.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bfTZpufXfEYJ6zl

Program will cover:

- Child Development
- Child Safety
- Nutrition & Cooking
- General Care
- Business of Babysitting



Lunches are provided by Riverstop of Pleasanton & Foster's Family Foods of Elm Creek

January 2024



BUFFALO COUNTY 4-H

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CALENDAR

January

- 1 Extension office closed – New Year's Day
- 5 Deadline for 4-H Foundation scholarships
- 11 Deadline to sign up for Intro to Birds workshop
- 15 Extension office closed - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 15 Deadline to sign up for Tracks & Scat Workshop
- 16 Intro to Birds of Nebraska - Homeschooled youth
- 20 Tracks & Scat Workshop
- 23 4-H Council meeting
- 31 Deadline for Club Treasurer Reports

February (4-H Month)

- 12 Deadline to sign up for Special Garden Project
- 24 Market Beef Weigh In
- 26 4-H Council meeting

2024
HAPPY NEW YEAR

WISHING YOU ALL
MANY BLESSINGS IN
THE NEW YEAR!

MAKING THE BEST
BETTER



JOIN US TO LEARN FUN OUTDOOR SKILLS

TRACKS & SCAT WORKSHOP



FOX



OWL



SQUIRREL



WOLF



BADGER



CAT

MAKE AN ANIMAL
TRACK WITH
PLASTER

IDENTIFY
NEBRASKA
MAMMALS

WHEN: 9:30-11:30 A.M. SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

WHERE: BUFFALO COUNTY EXTENSION

WHO: YOUTH AGES 5-18

COST: \$5 DUE UPON REGISTRATION

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP: MONDAY, JANUARY 15TH AT

[HTTPS://SSP.QUALTRICS.COM/JFE/FORM/SV_6YIKX260BTFMCJS](https://ssp.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/sv_6YIKX260BTFMCJS)



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Nebraska 4-H Foundation scholarship applications due January 5

The Nebraska 4-H Foundation awards up to \$22,000 worth of scholarships each year to 4-H'ers from across the state. To apply for scholarships, 4-H'ers must submit the Nebraska 4-H Achievement Application for state-level review by **January 5th**. Youth must follow the application instructions available at <https://4h.unl.edu/achievement-application>. If applying for multiple scholarships, only one Achievement Application should be submitted. If **ONLY** applying for the Joe Citta, Jr. Scholarship for Outdoor Stewardship, please utilize the scholarship application link provided on the Foundation site.

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Club Treasurer Reports due Jan 31 New form includes inventory list

All club leaders were mailed a copy of the 2023 Treasurer Report in December. Please note that this form has been updated since the last time you submitted your report. This report will be used to file an e-postcard with the IRS on your club's behalf. If you do not have funds in the name of 4-H, please note that on the form and turn into the office. You can find the form on our site at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/leader-resources/>. Please mail to 1400 E 34th St. Kearney, NE 68847 or submit via email by **January 31** to jenny.kreikemeier@unl.edu.

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Add beauty to your garden and your plate 2024 Special Garden Project is Princess of India Nasturtium



The Special Garden Project is a way to offer Nebraska youth the chance to grow unusual and fun projects in their gardens. The 2024 Special Garden Project will focus on Princess of India Nasturtium. This Victorian-era heirloom flower can be grown in a variety of ways including in containers. It provides a splash of color from its scarlet flowers and much of the plant can be eaten.

When enrolling youth in 4-H, please select Horticulture/Plant Science as the project area for the Special Garden Project. Please call 308-236-1235 to sign up and to get your seeds ordered. Seeds will be around 50 cents per packet. Educational materials and a growing newsletter will be given to all participants when seeds are picked up.

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP: FEBRUARY 12

Buffalo County weigh-in date set

To be eligible for the Rate of Gain contest, your market beef must be weighed at an official 4-H weigh-in at any county 4-H weigh-in day. **If you plan to attend another county's weigh-in, you must pick up an ID sheet and purchase tags from the Buffalo County Extension before going.** Anyone showing at State Fair will need to pull DNA. If you don't wish to participate in the Rate of Gain contest, you do not need to attend a weigh in. You may pick up your ear tags from the Extension office any time.

Buffalo County Weigh-In

When: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, February 24, 2024

Where: M&M Feeders at Elm Creek

Tags: \$3 each

This date is subject to change.

Other county 4-H weigh-in dates:

Hall - 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. January 6th at Platte Valley Vet Clinic in Alda. Please contact Hall County Extension at 308-385-5088 to let them know you are planning on bringing your animals to their weigh-in.

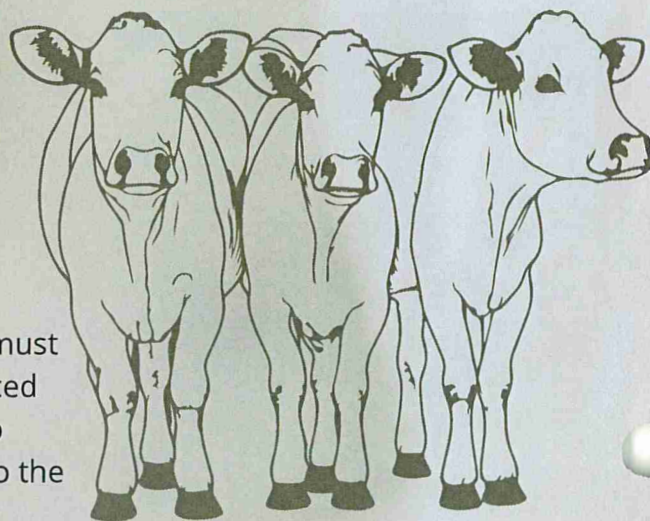
Howard/Sherman - 9-11 a.m. January 27 at St. Paul Vet Clinic - 1373 Hwy 281 & 1-3 p.m. January 28 at Lambrecht farm, 5 miles north of Loup City at 79387 Highway 58

What is the Average Daily Gain Contest?

Excerpt from Buffalo County Fair Premium Book:

Average Daily Gain Contest

Weights collected during county weigh-in will be used to calculate average daily gain. The amount of weight gained will be divided by the number of days between the weigh-in date and weigh-in at county fair. Each exhibitor will have their highest placing beef entered into the average daily gain contest. Additionally, to be eligible to compete in the rate of gain contest, market beef animals must weigh between 900-1600 pounds. Results will be announced after the 4-H Beef Show, and premiums will be awarded to each exhibitor, with an additional monetary award given to the top 10 finishers. The top 10 awards are sponsored.



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Buffalo County NE 4-H



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You Belong



State fair opportunity for swine exhibitors

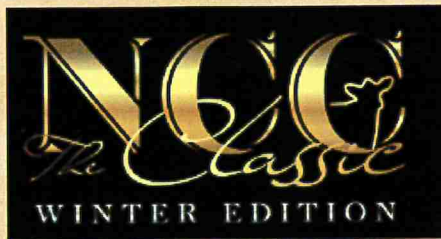
A Farrowed and Owned Breeding and Market Swine division for youth interested in learning more about the swine industry is available again at the Nebraska State Fair in 2024. The Nebraska 4-H Farrowed and Owned Swine Cohort enhances the traditional 4-H swine project. To participate, youth must be 4-H age 10-18 as of January 1, 2024, complete the YQCA, farrowed their project animal(s) and participate in monthly virtual educational meetings.

Youth participating in the Farrowed and Owned Cohort will:

- Network with 4-H members across the state
- Receive knowledge about nutrition, feeding, genetics and other topics from Extension Swine specialist, Benny Mote
- Learn about swine industry
- Maintain swine management/basic care records
- Exhibit their project animals at 2024 Nebraska State Fair with opportunity for special recognition for completing Cohort



Register by January 5 to participate in a special virtual educational session on farrowing by visiting https://ssp.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8CalKUxQv49Drue. **Deadline to register for the Cohort is February 1.** Once registered, you will receive additional information via email.



NCC Livestock Judging Contest is Feb. 17

Entry deadline is February 5. The contest will be held in Kearney at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds. For more information and to register please visit <https://nebraskaclassic.org/winter-edition/judging-contest.php>.



Find other activities by visiting:

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/area-shows-clinics-activities/>

BUFFALO COUNTY 4-H

Nebraska Extension-Buffalo County 1400 E. 34th St. Kearney, NE 68847 (308)-236-1235 buffalo.unl.edu

CALENDAR

June

- 1 Horse ID, entry level testing due for State 4-H Horse Show, online entry
- 1 Photography Workshop
- 5 Sr. Tempt, Taste and Try
- 6 Jr. Tempt, Taste and Try
- 11 PAT - Horse 6:30 p.m.
- 11 PAT (Shooting Sports, Livestock, Sm. Animal) 7 p.m.
- 11 Deadline to sign up for Show Me Your Colors Wkshp.
- 11 Deadline to sign up for Fire-starting & Dutch Oven Workshop
- 15** All Livestock & Horse ID's due (includes Rabbit & Poultry)
- 15** DNA State Fair envelopes due to Extension office
- 15** State Fair online nominations due
- 15** 4-H ENROLLMENT DEADLINE
- 15** Quality Assurance deadline
- 15** Horse Advancement Level testing due for county fair

- 18 FCS/SET PAT Meeting 5:30 p.m.
- 18 Show Me Your Colors/Modeling Workshop
- 18 Fire-starting & Dutch Oven Cooking Workshop
- 18 Deadline to sign up for Culinary Challenge
- 18 4-H State Speech
- 19 Extension office closed - Juneteenth
- 20 Sign-up Deadline for Clover Kid Adventure Day
- 20-21 PASE Premier Animal Science Event-UNL
- 25 Culinary Challenge
- 25 4-H Council meeting
- 26 BRAG meeting
- 27 Clover Kid Adventure Day

July

- 1 Lottery Sheep Meeting 7 p.m.
- 1-2 Lamb & Goat Camp
- 3** Pre-fair ONLINE entries due
- 4 Extension office closed - Independence Day
- 7 Buffalo County 4-H Horse Invitational
- 18 Deadline to sign up for Fashion Show
- 23-29 Buffalo County Fair

August

- 1-2 BRAG
- 19 State Fair project drop off
- 21 Exhibits traveling to State Fair
- 23 - Sept. 2 Neb. State Fair (4-H is 1st weekend, FFA is 2nd)
- 27 4-H Council meeting

**4-H
DEADLINE
ALERT:
JUNE 15
IS A SATURDAY**



Enroll in 4-H by June 15 - New payment option!

The 4-H enrollment site is open for returning 4-H members, volunteers and to newcomers who have not yet joined. Please visit <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in> to enroll. **You can now pay with debit/credit card in 4-H Online - choose your payment option at the end of the enrollment process.** You can also still pay by cash or check at the Extension office or mail to 1400 E. 34th St. Kearney, NE 68847. Volunteers: Be sure to complete your required re-screening by June 15. **If you are planning to exhibit at the Buffalo County Fair, you must be enrolled by June 15!**

ENROLLMENT FEES

Clover Kids: \$5

Clover kids are youth ages 5 to 7, as of January 1, 2024.

Traditional 4-H members: \$10

Traditional 4-H members are youth ages 8 to 18, as of January 1, 2024.

- Families have a maximum fee of \$30

BUFFALO COUNTY 4-H

IS A FEELING!

DEADLINE TO ENROLL

JUNE 15



BUFFALO COUNTY 4-H FAIRBOOK

SCAN THE QR CODE
TO ACCESS THE 2024
FAIR PREMIUM BOOK
AND FAIR SCHEDULE



Buffalo County Fair is around the corner

The 2024 Buffalo County Fair is Tuesday, July 23 through Monday, July 29. To see the fair schedule, 4-H Premium Book, and what's new in 2024 visit:

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/buffalo-county-fair/> or scan the QR code!

The Premium Book is a great online resource when making decisions about summer fair projects. Minor changes have been made throughout the 2024 Premium Book - be sure to check your project areas of interest so you know what may be different from last year.

Stop by the office for copies of project areas that your youth are interested in!

MEET ME AT THE FAIR!

Sincerely Kerry Elsen - 4-H Extension Educator, Jordan Wilbur & Heidi Darby - 4-H Assistants

Don't forget to select your youth's T-shirt size when enrolling in 4-H Online by June 15

Livestock exhibitors: Complete the list by June 15 to be ready for county and state fair.



SHOWING AT FAIR?

ENROLL IN 4-H

Go to <https://v2.4honline.com>

LIVESTOCK, HORSE, POULTRY, RABBIT

ANIMAL ID SHEETS

Pick up at Extension or print at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/county-state-fair-livestock-resources/>

BEEF, SWINE, SHEEP, GOATS, DAIRY, COUNTY FAIR BROILERS/TURKEYS, STATE FAIR POULTRY/RABBITS

YQCA TRAINING

To show at county/state fairs, you must complete the course at www.yqcaprogram.org and give certificate to the Extension office.

STATE FAIR MARKET AND BREEDING ANIMALS

DNA ENVELOPES

If you are showing feeder calves, Market or Breeding of the following: beef, swine, goat or sheep at State Fair, you must submit DNA.

STATE FAIR MARKET/BREEDING ANIMALS

STATE FAIR NOMINATIONS

Complete online nominations by visiting showstockmgr.com. You must submit payment to be eligible to show.

MARKET ANIMALS FOR COUNTY/STATE FAIRS PREMISE ID

Any new members or members who have moved since last year's fair need to provide their Premise ID. To get a number visit <https://nda.nebraska.gov/adt/premises.html>

ONLINE HORTICULTURE CONTEST



AVAILABLE JUNE 7-21 AT [HTTPS://GO.UNL.EDU/ONLINE4HHORTCONTEST](https://go.unl.edu/online4hhortcontest)

Do you know what it takes to pick the best fruit and vegetables out at the grocery store? Or do you know what judges are looking for when they judge your plants at the county fair? Have you ever wondered, what plant is that?! We are excited to offer the opportunity to learn these and other important horticulture skills through the Online Horticulture Contest. More information about the Nebraska State contest along with study materials for the knowledge portion, links to plant pictures to aid in identification and insight on how judging of plant material is done at <https://4hfairbook.unl.edu/fairbookview.php/contests/45>.

More details at: <https://4h.unl.edu/online-horticulture-judging-contest>

3 parts of Horticulture Judging Contest

- **Identification of plant material:** Participants identify the plants by common name from a plant list. Specimens may be alive or preserved plant parts like stems, twigs, leaves, flowers, seeds, fruits, roots, bulbs, tubers, or plant products.
- **Knowledge:** Usually in the form of a true/false or multiple choice quiz, questions will test the contestant's knowledge of cultural practices for horticultural crops, plant science, pesticides, horticultural careers and other topics related to the production, processing and consumption of horticultural crops.
- **Judging or placings:** Four different plants, plates of vegetables, or container flowers are ranked from best to worst based on a set of criteria. Classes are judged on the basis of condition, quality, uniformity, true-to-type, and size.

PUT YOUR COOKING SKILLS TO THE TEST IN THE

Culinary Challenge

SIGN UP FOR CULINARY CHALLENGE CONTEST BY JUNE 18

Show off your party-planning skills with this unique pre-fair contest open to all ages on June 25 at the Extension building. Plan a menu that's suitable for indoors or outdoors. Youth can compete as an individual or as a team of two. Sign up at <https://go.unl.edu/culinary2024>.

INDIVIDUAL COUNTY DIVISION

FOOD:

- Prepare one food item from the menu at home and bring it to challenge
- The food may be an individual serving or for family service. Recipes may be from any source.

TABLE SERVICE:

- Will include dishes, flatware and table linens for two place settings plus centerpiece. Paper plates are acceptable.
- Print or type two 4X6 display cards with the setting and complete menu on one card and the recipe on the other.

DISPLAY:

- Bring prepared food item along with selected table service, two display cards and your own card table/eating area. Display will be set up independently of adults. You will be asked 2 or 3 questions concerning the preparation, menu or choice of table service. Dress should be appropriate for category.



CULINARY CHALLENGE TEAM DIVISION

Teams of two and ages 10-18 must use the challenge ingredient: **SOY** and table presentation interview must incorporate technology. All other guidelines follow the Individual division of the Culinary Challenge contest. Culinary Challenge Team winners advance to state, if they meet eligibility requirements.

Buffalo County

CLOVER KID Adventure Day

June

Thursday | 27 | 2024

9 a.m. to noon

Cost: \$10

Learn about pollination and the different types of pollinators in Nebraska. Join us for various crafts, activities, and fun involving pollination and flowers. Kids will even get to plant their own flowers! Projects created this day will be eligible for the fair! Snacks included!

Sign up at <https://go.unl.edu/cloverkid2024>



SHOW ME YOUR COLORS MODELING WORKSHOP

Discover your own color palette and style while learning about the fashion industry from the experts. Take a trip to the Bow & Arrow Boutique and get a firsthand look at the latest fashion trends!

CREATE A PERSONALIZED POSTER FOR COUNTY FAIR

MODELING PRACTICE

WHEN: 9 A.M. TO 2 P.M. JUNE 18
WHERE: BUFFALO COUNTY EXTENSION
WHO: YOUTH AGES 10+
COST: \$15 - LUNCH & SNACK PROVIDED
SIGN UP BY JUNE 11 AT
[HTTPS://GO.UNL.EDU/MODELING2024](https://go.unl.edu/modeling2024)

Sponsored by a Division of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, in cooperation with the Governor and the United States Department of Agriculture. University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension educational programs abide with the nondiscrimination policies of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the United States Department of Agriculture.

4-H Fashion Show

All clothing exhibitors ages 5-18 are welcome to participate!

Show is now combined with the Pie Auction and Cake Walk on July 25 in the Exhibit Building - Event begins at 5 p.m.

Sign-up information to come

Note: Fashion Show Judging will take place on July 16 at the Buffalo County Extension

LEARN PRIMITIVE FIRE-STARTING TECHNIQUES, MAKE A POCKET FIRE-STARTING KIT, & COOK DESSERT IN A DUTCH OVEN

Fire Starting & DUTCH OVEN COOKING WORKSHOP

WHERE: BUFFALO COUNTY EXTENSION
WHEN: CHOOSE A SESSION: 9:30 - 11:30 A.M. OR 1:30 - 3:30 P.M. TUESDAY, JUNE 18
WHO: YOUTH AGES 8 - 18
COST: \$8 PAID BY CASH OR CHECK
REGISTER BY JUNE 11: [HTTPS://GO.UNL.EDU/DUTCHOVEN2024](https://go.unl.edu/dutchoven2024)

N EXTENSION

ALL ATTENDEES WILL RECEIVE A RECIPE BOOK

Mark your calendars!

SATURDAY - June 15

Horse ID sheets, Advancement Level testing
for county fair due to Buffalo County Extension

July 6

Buffalo County 4-H Invitational Horse Show
See program at

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/2024%20Horse%20Invitational%20program.pdf>

July 13-17

Fonner Park State 4-H Expo

<https://4h.unl.edu/state-horse-expo>

July 24 at 8 a.m.

Buffalo County Fair 4-H Horse Show



2024 Youth Crop Scouting Competition

August 7, 2024

Youth will learn how to scout corn and soybeans!

Obtain knowledge that will be helpful in future agricultural careers!

Network with University and agricultural professionals!

Registration due July 15th at
go.unl.edu/cropscoutingreg

For more information, call NE Extension - Fillmore Co. at 402-759-3712 or email brandy.vandewalle@unl.edu.



2024 Sponsors:



8TH ANNUAL AGRONOMY YOUTH FIELD DAY

SAVE THE DATE!!

TUESDAY, JULY 9TH, 2024

NCTA, CURTIS, NE

OPEN STATEWIDE TO YOUTH AGES 9-18; PARENTS & ADULTS ARE WELCOME TOO. FREE EVENT! REGISTRATION LINK COMING SOON

YOUTH WILL LEARN ABOUT CAREERS IN PRECISION AG, AGRONOMIC WEED SCIENCE & IRRIGATION THROUGH HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES FROM NEBRASKA EXTENSION AND NCTA CROPPING & WATER SYSTEMS EDUCATORS & OTHER CROP SCIENTISTS



CROPWATCH.UNL.EDU/YOUTH



[#CROPSOUTCOMP](https://twitter.com/CROPSOUTCOMP)



NEBRASKA COLLEGE OF
TECHNICAL AGRICULTURE



EXTENSION

4-H Youth Development

Prepare for county fair

Things to think about after June 15 deadline

Once the rush of our June 15 deadline has passed, there are other important dates to keep in mind. Now that you are enrolled in 4-H, the next step is to get your pre-fair entries entered by **Wednesday, July 3**. Watch your weekly emails for when you can start entering your fair projects online. The site will be open to 4-Hers in the second half of June.

Entering statics in the fair?

Tips to make it smooth on entry day

All static exhibits must have an entry tag. Stop by the Extension office to pick up your static entry tags. To learn how to properly fill one out, check out this helpful sheet:

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/Static%20Entry%20Poster.pdf>

All static entries must have an additional label secured to the back of the exhibit. You can get these at the Extension office or you can print a sheet of them at home:

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/Static%20Exhibit%20Labels.pdf>

Not sure which class your project fits? Our fair premium book is broken down into project areas so you can easily find what you need:

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/buffalo-county-fair/>

Enter your projects in our online entry system when it opens in the last part of June. Entry deadline will be July 3. Watch your email for the link.

Show up on static entry day - July 23 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. - to check in your youth's hard work!

Sign up for static interview judging

Sign up begins July 8

A chance to talk to the judge about your 4-H project may be an opportunity to gain more knowledge in your project area or a time to explain the trials or triumphs of your experience. On or after Monday, July 8th, 4-H families are welcome to call the Extension office to schedule their times. Each 4-Her is allowed to sign up for 3 time slots with a Static judge and in addition, may sign up for one interview with a Horticulture judge.

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[Buffalo County 4-H](#)



YOU BELONG





CALL *for* VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers needed at fair

4-H static exhibit judging would not be possible without the help of dedicated volunteers. Helping with static entry is a great way to gain insight on judge's expectations and discover project ideas for next year. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the Extension office or Jordan Wilbur (jordan.wilbur@unl.edu). See below for how you can help:

Static Exhibit Entry

- **Tuesday, July 23 from 4-7 p.m.**
- 20 to 25 adults and youth (age 12 and up)
- Duties include checking in and organizing 4-H static exhibits

Static Exhibit Entry & Judging

7 a.m. to whenever

- **Food Entry - Wednesday, July 24 7-8 a.m.**
- **Horticulture Entry - Wed., July 24 7-9:30 a.m.**
- 40 to 50 adults and youth (age 12 and up) at different times throughout the day
- Duties include checking-in and organizing static exhibits, preparing judge score sheets, display exhibits

Clubs Help Needed in Showroom

Clubs can help clean the bleachers in the livestock showroom following shows in the evenings of Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday (July 25-28). Call Extension to sign up!

Release exhibits and clean up

- Sunday, July 28 from 4 - 5:30 p.m.
- 10 to 15 adults and youth (age 12 and up)
- Duties include grouping exhibits by name and tearing down displays

4-H Information Booth

Sign up to work the 4-H Information Booth. You will be in charge of supervising the static exhibits in the Extension Exhibit Building and provide information to the public about 4-H. It is also fun to have time to check out all of the hard work of our 4-Hers! Two people are needed for each two-hour shift. This is an opportunity to help protect our exhibits and be an advocate for 4-H!

4-H Food Stand & Lunch Line

4-H families, independent members and clubs are needed to work one or more shifts at the 4-H Food Stand in the Ag Pavilion during the Buffalo County Fair, July 23 through July 29. Three adults and three youth (age 10 and up) are needed for most shifts. Extra help is especially needed on Friday, Saturday and Sunday when the lunch line is served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sign up for shifts individually or as a club. Anyone who works in the stand or line must have closed-toed shoes - no flip flops are allowed. Sign up by calling, stopping in the office or emailing jenny.kreikemeier@unl.edu.

Lunch Line bars needed

Homemade dessert bars will be served as a part of the lunch lines on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. We ask that each club provides 7 dozen dessert bars and independent members bring one dozen bars, such as brownies, Rice Krispies treats, Special K bar, Lucky Charms bar, Scotch-a-roos, or cookie bars. All items need to be pre-wrapped and should be approximately three inches by three inches in size.

Annual

Pie & Decorated Cake Auction

5:00 p.m. Thursday, July 25 at 4-H Exhibit Building

The Buffalo County FCS Project Action Team will sponsor a Pie and Decorated Cake Auction at the 2024 Buffalo County Fair. The top two junior and senior decorated cake and pie entries in the "Discovering Pies" and "Cooking 401" project areas will be eligible for auction to the highest bidder.

To be eligible, youth must be an enrolled 2024 Buffalo County member, 4-H age of 8-18, enrolled in the Food and Nutrition project area, and have met all project entry criteria and deadlines. In addition, the pie or cake must be sold by the 4-H owner who entered it. If the 4-H member is not present for the auction, they are not eligible to participate. Only one item per 4-H member is eligible for auction.

One-half of the money raised per pie/cake will go to the pie owner and the other half will go to the Buffalo County 4-H Council scholarship fund and the FCS Project Action Team in order to fund local FCS programs. To ensure success in selling your pie, talk to businesses, family members or other interested people. Extend a personal invitation to the auction and explain its importance.

Want deadline reminders?

Want to stay in contact & get updates during fair?

Follow the directions to get Remind Notifications. To join the general group, send a text that says @bc4hgen to 81010. In this group you will be getting notifications such as: *Animal ID Sheets are due June 15th. Don't forget to enroll by June 15th. Contest registration deadlines.*

We have other groups to join for animal classes, if you joined last year you will not need to rejoin.

TO JOIN: Select the updates you want to receive and send the adjacent message to 81010

General updates text @bc4hgen

Goat updates text @goatshow3

Horse updates text @horseshow3

All Beef updates text @allbeef4h

Poultry updates text @poultrybc2

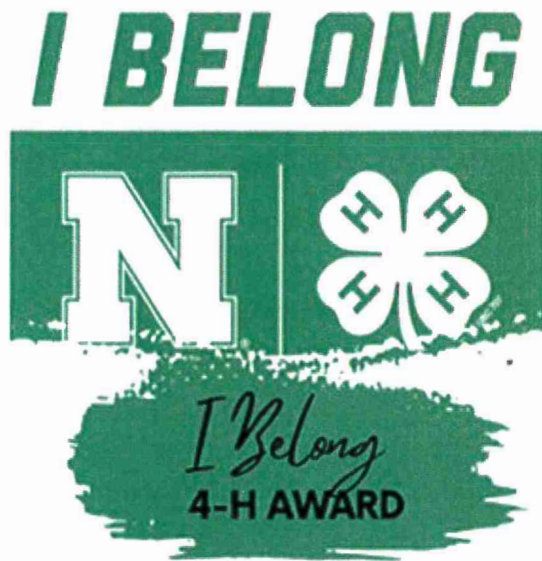
Rabbit updates text @rabbitbc3

Sheep updates text @sheepshow2

Small Animal updates text @smallanim3

Swine updates text @swineshow4

Youth can apply for the I Belong Award



"I BELONG" AWARD TO SHOWCASE DIVERSITY, INCLUSION, AND BELONGING IN 4-H. THIS AWARD WILL RECOGNIZE 4-H YOUTH FAIR EXHIBITS INCORPORATING OR DEMONSTRATING CONCEPTS FROM THE AREAS OF INCLUSIVITY, DIVERSITY, AND SELF-REALIZATION

TELL US HOW YOU BELONG IN 4-H

YOU PICK ONE EXHIBIT AND TELL US WHY THIS MAKES YOU FEEL AS YOU BELONG IN 4-H. IS IT A WAY YOU MAKE FRIENDS, INCLUDE OTHERS, OR EXPRESS YOURSELF? LET US CELEBRATE YOU. COMPLETE THE I BELONG AWARD APPLICATION

4-H Members are encouraged to celebrate the diversity, inclusivity, and self-realization they have found through 4-H projects and expressed in a 4-H exhibit. Youth interested in applying for this award will submit the application along with a picture of the exhibit by completing the information found at the application link. Deadline to apply is by July 23. Youth who would like to apply can contact the Extension office for application information.

Bring in your application when you drop off your static exhibits!



Farm Service Agency offers youth loans

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) makes loans to youth to establish and operate agricultural income-producing projects in connection with 4-H clubs, FFA and other agricultural groups. Projects must be planned and operated with the help of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience. The maximum loan amount is \$5,000.

Youth Loan Eligibility Requirements:

- Be a citizen of the United States (which includes Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands) or a legal resident alien
- Be 10 to 20 years of age
- Comply with FSA's general eligibility requirements
- Conduct a modest income-producing project in a supervised program of work as outlined above
- Demonstrate capability of planning, managing and operating the project under guidance and assistance from a project advisor. The project supervisor must recommend the youth loan applicant, along with providing adequate supervision.

For more information and help preparing the application forms, contact the farm loan team at the nearest USDA Service Center. To find the nearest office, visit: farmers.gov. Additional information about youth loans can be found at <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/farm-loan-programs/youth-loans/index>.



BUFFALO COUNTY 4-H

September 2024

Nebraska Extension-Buffalo County 1400 E. 34th St. Kearney, NE 68847 (308)-236-1235 buffalo.unl.edu

CALENDAR

September

- 2 Extension office closed – Labor Day
- 10 FCS/SET PAT meeting 5:30 p.m.
- 10 Horse PAT meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 10 Livestock, Small Animal, Shooting Sports PAT 7 p.m.
- 12 Deadline to sign up for Fish of Nebraska workshop
- 17 Fish of Nebraska Workshop
- 24 4-H Council meeting

October

- 1-6 National 4-H Week
- 1 Club of Excellence Applications due to Extension
- 14 Extension office closed – Columbus Day
- 16 4-H Enrollment opens for new program year
- 22 4-H Council meeting

November

- 1 4-H Achievement applications due
- 11 Extension office closed – Veteran's Day observed
- TBD Year-End Celebration
- 26 4-H Council meeting
- 28-29 Extension office closed – Thanksgiving

December

- 25 – Extension office closed – Christmas



Thank you to all county fair volunteers and sponsors

The success of the Buffalo County Fair would not be possible without the contributions of our volunteers, sponsors and 4-Hers - everyone plays a meaningful role. It was your involvement as members, parents and leaders that generated the fair's successful outcome.

Special thanks to all of the superintendents and assistant superintendents for all your extra help in making everything run smoothly.

We hope everyone had a positive experience at the Buffalo County Fair!

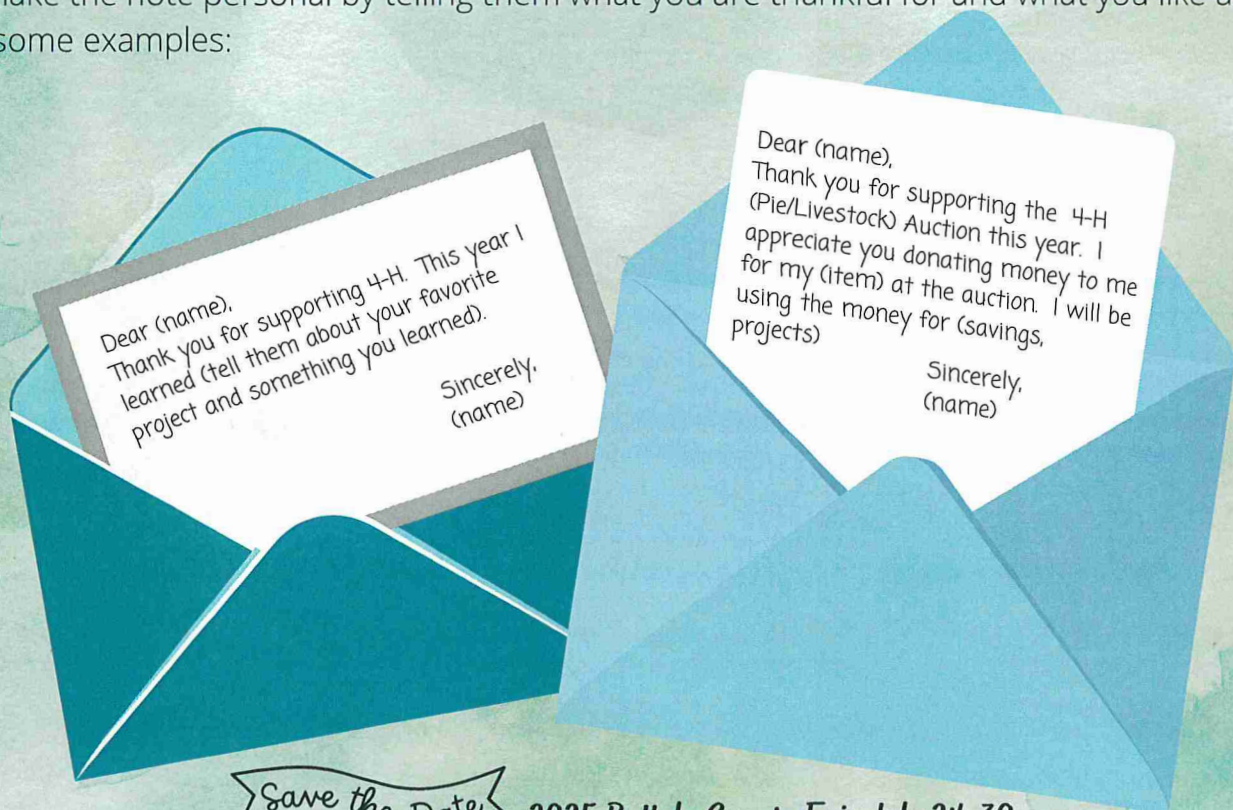


Write a note of 'Thanks'

Please remember to let our 2024 Buffalo County Fair sponsors and livestock auction buyers know how much we appreciate their contributions to our 4-H program! Thank you cards were given with each award, please send them to your award sponsor. Also, please thank the Buffalo County Farm Bureau for donating our 4-H T-shirts. Their constant support is greatly appreciated by everyone!

Ideas on how to say 'Thank You'

The purpose of writing a 'Thank You' is to show that you appreciate what someone has done for you. You can make the note personal by telling them what you are thankful for and what you like about 4-H. Here are some examples:



2025 Buffalo County Fair July 24-30

Want to make a difference in the 4-H program?

Joining a PAT - Project Action Team - is one place to start

Project action teams serve as a standing committee of the Buffalo County 4-H Council. The purpose of the teams is to develop leader and member training, propose fair book changes and to work with the council for the betterment of project areas for all 4-H members and their families.

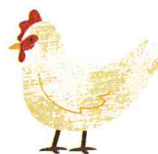
Duties of P.A.T.s

- Act as liaison between 4-H Council, youth members, parents and volunteers
- Elect chairperson at February meeting, keep written records of 3 required meetings and share details with council
- Recommend project revisions, deletions, additions and serve as advisory board to Extension staff
- Provide 1 or more workshops/trainings for 4-H members/leaders in project areas
- Review special awards listed in fair book, solicit donors (after council approval) for additional awards
- Develop proposals for council to present to the Buffalo County Fairboard, such as reporting needs, plans, cost estimates



Choose what interests you:

HORSE



**SMALL
ANIMALS/
RABBITS &
POULTRY**

SHOOTING SPORTS



**LIVESTOCK: BEEF,
SHEEP, GOAT,
SWINE, DAIRY**

**FCS/SCIENCE
ENGINEERING &
TECHNOLOGY/
HORTICULTURE**



P.A.T.s to meet for post-fair discussion Time to talk out what went right and what could be improved!

The **FCS Project Action Team** will be meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10 for a post-fair discussion in the Buffalo County Extension Building.

The **Horse Project Action Team** will have a meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10 to discuss the recent county fair at the Buffalo County Extension Building.

The **Shooting Sports, Livestock, Horse and Small Animal Project Action Teams** will each have a meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10 to discuss the recent county fair at the Buffalo County Extension Building.

Sincerely Kerry Elsen - 4-H Extension Educator, Jordan Wilbur & Heidi Darby - 4-H Assistants

4-H Council is looking for new members

Adult and youth members are needed

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

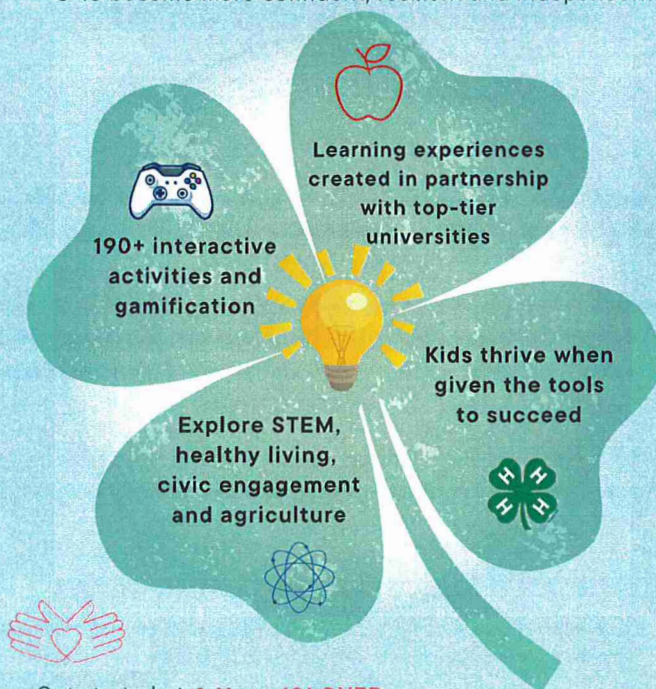
Any adults and youth who are interested in making 4-H a growing and thriving program may consider joining the council for a two-year term. Please contact the Buffalo County Extension office to express your interest in membership.

Volunteers have a heart of
GOLD

EMPOWER ALL YOUNG PEOPLE TO FIND THEIR SPARK

CLOVER
by 4H

4-H's free online learning platform that helps youth ages 5-18 become more confident, resilient and independent



Get started at 4-H.org/CLOVER

or download the CLOVER mobile app



If you haven't picked up your 4-H T-shirts, stop by the Extension! (all Clover Kids included)



Clubs can apply for 'Club of Excellence'

Due to Buffalo County Extension Oct. 1

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 Year-End Celebration. 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 Tuesday, October 1. Clubs that meet the criteria will be recognized at the Year-End Celebration. 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.

Group Activity Summary Due

The club activity summary is very important so clubs can be recognized for their community service, which is announced at the Year-End Celebration and also 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 Tuesday, October 1.

Raise funds for Citizen Washington Focus trip



All Buffalo County 4-H members will again have the opportunity to fundraise this fall by selling fruit, meat, cheese and nuts. The focus of the fundraiser is to raise money for the bi-annual Citizenship Washington Focus trip. The fundraiser will start in mid-October and run until mid-November, with a delivery date of early December. The exact dates are to be determined.

Any 4-H member interested in fundraising should contact Jenny by Tuesday, Oct. 1, at the Buffalo County Extension Office, by calling 308-236-1235 or emailing jenny.kreikemeier@unl.edu.

Too young for CWF trip?

Any 4-H member is eligible to fundraise, even if they are 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 member.



4-H members would be responsible for:

- Selling the food items
- Collecting the money
- Picking up the items sold
- Delivering items to customers

COMMON Creations

What: Intro To Floral Design

When: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., September 14

Where: Buffalo County Extension

Who: Youth ages 10-18

Register: <https://go.unl.edu/flowers1012024>

Cost: \$15



Explore
creativity &
appreciation of
floriculture

Learn the
basics of
floral
design

Create an
arrangement
to take home!

Fish of Nebraska Workshop

**Learn to identify common fish of Nebraska
and how they differ due to their habitats**

Where: Buffalo County Extension

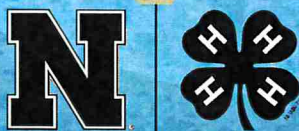
When: 9:30–11:30 a.m. September 17

Who: Youth ages 5–16

Register: Sign up by September 12 at

<https://go.unl.edu/fishworkshop2024>

Cost: \$10



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**Practice the Art of Gyotaku Fish
Printing on a tote bag to take home!**

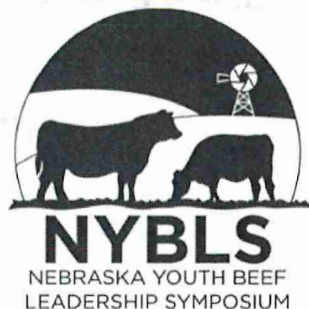
Attention 10th, 11th and 12th grade students: Discover careers in the beef industry

If you're selected to participate, a \$75 registration fee will be needed to cover the cost of a hotel, meals and materials.

The theme of the symposium is 'Showcasing Beef: A Culinary Challenge'.

Eight participants will be awarded CASNR Scholarships!

More details and
application available
online at
go.unl.edu/nybbs



Questions - contact
Alli Raymond at
araymond2@unl.edu

Apply Today!



Application deadline: September 15, 2024

Who: 10th, 11th, & 12th graders interested in the beef industry

When: November 8 - 10, 2024

Where: University of Nebraska-Lincoln Animal Science Complex

4-H Shooting Sports New Leader Certification Planned at Ashland

A Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop for Shotgun and Archery is October 12-13 at the Ashland Gun Club. Registration to become certified as an adult (21 years and older) is \$90 while the fee for Apprentice Instructors (14 to 20 years of age) is \$80. The fee includes meals, supplies and program materials. All participants must complete four online modules with a fee of \$20 per person prior to the training to be eligible for certification. The modules will take 3-4 hours to complete. More details on the program can be found at <https://4h.unl.edu/shooting-sports>.

4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Update Planned at Ashland

A Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Update Workshop for Shotgun & Archery is 9 a.m. to noon, October 12 at the Ashland Gun Club. This update is for existing instructors or apprentice instructors who have had a 4-H training in 2018 or prior years. Please pay your registration fee by October 7. The early bird fee is \$35 by October 2nd. Late registration is \$60 after October 2. More information can be found at <https://go.unl.edu/Oico>

Lost and Found

**We have some unclaimed property that was found during the fair - please
pick up lost items at the Buffalo County Extension by October 1st.**