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Calendar of Events

October

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November

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05 “Experience the Power of Red” Visit Day, UNL CASNR, Lincoln
06 4-H Recognition Banquet
07 Winter Shooting Sports Start
09 Grow Nebraska Conference
11 Buffalo County Extension Office Closed, Veterans’ Day
12 “Science Saturday”, Raising Nebraska Building
TBA Fall Fundraiser Sales End
14-16 National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest, NAILE, Louisville, Ky.
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TBA Delivery of Fall Fundraiser Items
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Buffalo County NE 4-H



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4-H Enrollment Online

Starting Monday, October 17th, youth and volunteers can start enrolling in 4-H by going online to ne.4honline.com. To enroll, sign in with the email address that was used last year to login to your family profile and enroll. If you forgot your password, select the "I forgot my password" button. If new to 4-H, create a family profile, that lists all the members of your family involved in 4-H., by selecting the "I need to setup a profile" button. These instructions are also on the website listed above, and the Buffalo County 4-H website: buffalo.unl.edu/4h

County Fair 4-H Livestock Auction

Buffalo County Fair 4-H Livestock Auction Checks

The Buffalo County Fair 4-H Livestock Auction checks are available in the Buffalo County Extension Office. Please come pick up your checks, a signature is required. The office is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

2016 Nebraska State Fair Highlights

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

State PSA Contest

Justine Bauer and Ben Walker received purple ribbons, and Allison Bauer received a blue ribbon at the 2016 State Public Service Announcement contest.

Static Exhibit Highlights

Congratulations to the following additional static exhibitors, who earned a special recognition on their exhibit(s):

- Justine Bauer.....Local History Scrapbook
- Kiersten Bennett.....Fast Food Baked Good
- Madelynn Clausen.....Steam II Clothing Item
- Sarah Glatter.....Floriculture, Zinnia
- Sydney Glatter.....Floriculture, Dahlia
- Abby Gorecki.....Floriculture, Marigold
- Molly Hoback.....Level III Crocheted Clothing Item
- Luke Palmer.....Entomology Display and Insect Habitat
- Keatton Reese.....Crop Production Display

Overall, the static exhibits earned approximately 118 purple, 49 blue, 29 red, and 5 white ribbons.

Note: this information has changed from what was printed in the September 2016 4-H Newsletter. Also see the September 2016 4-H Newsletter for inclusion of other 2016 Nebraska State Fair exhibitor highlights.

Animal Exhibit Highlights

Congratulations to the following Buffalo County 4-H members:

- Colton Holoubek.....2nd place
.....4-H Dairy Judging Junior/Intermediate Contest
- Moriah Johnson...Dog Agility Division II Res. Grand Champ.
- Anne Oldfather..... Reserve Grand Champion
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- Anne Oldfather...Dog Agility Division III Res. Grand Champ.
- Preston Pearl..... Dog Agility Division I Grand Champion
- Taylor Schubauer..... Inter. Poultry Showmanship Award
- Ben Spencer.....Champion AOB Breeding Heifer
- Hannah Williams.....Senior Beef Showmanship Award
- Hannah Williams.....Champion Hereford Breeding Heifer
- Hannah Williams.....Premier Beef Exhibitor Winner
- Hannah Williams.....Premier Swine Exhibitor Winner

Overall, Buffalo County 4-H animal exhibits earned 83 purple, 103 blues, 24 red, and 2 white ribbons.

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

Kearney Public Library Display

Pick Up Your Library Display Exhibits

Did you have a chance to view the 4-H exhibits at the Kearney Public Library? They were on display for the month of September. Thank you to those that allowed us to use your exhibits for the library display in order to promote 4-H!

The exhibits that were on display at the library are now ready to be picked up at the Buffalo County Extension Office. Please swing by the Extension Office at your earliest convenience, and grab your exhibits.

Nebraska 4-H Club of the Month

Nominate your 4-H club to be the Nebraska 4-H Club of the Month! The Nebraska 4-H Foundation and Nebraska 4-H Ambassadors have joined together to start a program which recognizes 4-H clubs throughout the state of Nebraska. Any 4-H club may nominate themselves to be the 4-H Club of the Month.

Nominations are due the second Friday of each month. The club who is chosen to be the 4-H Club of the Month will receive a \$50 cash reward from the Nebraska 4-H Foundation and their story will be showcased on the Nebraska 4-H Foundation's Facebook, Twitter, and website along with the State 4-H website, Facebook, and in the local newspaper.

Applications are one page, and only require contact information and at maximum a half-page essay, explaining why the club should be the Nebraska 4-H Club of the Month. As an example, clubs can write about recent club trips, projects, or community service. Applications can be mailed or emailed.

Application: ne4hfoundation.org/recognition

Email Applications: ne4hclubofthemonth@gmail.com

Mail Applications: University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Nebraska 4-H Foundation
210 Mussehl Hall East Campus
PO Box 830719
Lincoln, NE 68583-0719



National 4-H Week

Sunday, October 2nd - Saturday, October 8th

National 4-H Week is a rallying point and opportunity to promote the 4-H, recruit new youth and volunteers, and engage with alumni. The theme this year is #4HGrown.

4-H T-Shirt Day

Wednesday, October 5th

Wear your 4-H t-shirts to school or work on Wednesday, October 5th in support of 4-H during National 4-H Week! Email or text a picture of yourself or a group wearing your 4-H t-shirts to Kerry at 308-440-9860 or kerry.elsen@unl.edu to be featured on the Buffalo County 4-H Facebook page.

Science Saturdays “Drone Discovery”

Saturday, October 8th, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Raising Nebraska, State Fair Grounds, Grand Island

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

Tractor Supply Co. Spring Paper Clover Check Presentation

Saturday, October 8th

Tractor Supply Co., Kearney

The Tractor Supply Co. Spring Paper Clover Promotion raised \$1,130 to go towards supporting 4-H. Buffalo County 4-H will receive \$734.50, Nebraska 4-H will receive \$56.50, and National 4-H will receive \$339! The Kearney Tractor Supply Co. was the highest in the entire state for collecting Paper Clover Donations. A check presentation ceremony will take place at TSC on Saturday, October 8th (time to be announced). There will also be an antique tractor show taking place at TSC this day, and the Westside Feeders 4-H club will be selling hotdogs to fundraise.

Tractor Supply Co. Fall Paper Clover Promotion

Wednesday, October 5th – Sunday, October 16th

Two times a year, the National 4-H Council partners with the nation’s leading rural lifestyle retailer, Tractor Supply Company (TSC), to host a national Paper Clover Promotion. The Fall Paper Clover Promotion will run Wednesday, October 5th through Sunday, October 16th at the Kearney TSC.

This promotion is a consumer-driven fundraising promotion where TSC sells paper representations of the 4-H Clover to customers for \$1 each. The proceeds are divided amongst Buffalo County 4-H, Nebraska 4-H, and National 4-H, with our county 4-H program generally receiving 60 to 65 percent of the donations. Tell your friends, family, and colleagues to purchase a paper clover, in support of 4-H, while shopping at TSC, and let’s be #1 in the state again!

4-H Awards & Reports

Nebraska 4-H Club of Excellence

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

4-H clubs that wish to increase their success and measure their impact, are being asked to apply for an elite status as a “Nebraska 4-H Club of Excellence”. Each club that submits their form will be recognized for this at the Recognition Banquet. To receive this recognition, clubs must meet certain criteria and document how this criterion was met. Clubs must apply annually to receive this recognition. The application forms were mailed to club leaders in September along with the 4-H Club Activities Report form. Both these forms are due to the Extension office by Friday, October 14th.

The Buffalo County 4-H Council will be rewarding \$75 to any Buffalo County 4-H Club that meets all criteria to receive the designation of Nebraska 4-H Club of Excellence. The certificates and checks will be presented at the 4-H Recognition Banquet on Sunday, November 6th.

4-H Club Activities Report

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

For 4-H Clubs not wishing to complete the Nebraska Club of Excellence form, we do ask that the 4-H Club Activities Report for 2016 is completed.

This club activities report 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 activities report provides feedback to the Extension office. Please help us serve you, your 4-H club and the 4-H community by completing this report and returning it by Friday, October 14th.

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

4-H Club Year-End Treasurer’s Reports

4-H Clubs are required to file year-end treasurer’s report, reflecting club finances at the end of 2016 calendar year, with the Buffalo County Extension Office. The Extension Office then uses these treasurer’s reports to file with the IRS, for clubs to maintain their non-profit and tax exempt status. A treasurer’s report form was mailed to club leaders in September, please let the office know if you need another copy. If your club does not have a bank account, write \$0 and N/A (not applicable) in the corresponding spaces on the treasurer’s report form. The treasurer’s reports can be turned in now, if the club will have no financial transactions throughout the rest of the 2016 calendar year, or turning in shortly after December 31, 2016.

Career Portfolio Judging – Volunteers Needed

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

This is a unique opportunity to learn about 4-H career portfolios and what makes for a great record book. If you are willing to help, please call the Extension office at 308-236-1235 and let us know.

4-H Recognition Banquet

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

Join in on the fun of wrapping up the 4-H year and celebrating the achievements of 4-H members and leaders at the annual Buffalo County 4-H Recognition Banquet on Sunday, November 6th, starting at 5 p.m., at the Buffalo County Extension Building.

Awards will be given to 4-H members for record books, along with three-year membership certificates, and five- and ten-year membership pins. Leaders' longevity pins will also be given to leaders. Those who are to receive a pin or certificate, will be sent a postcard. If you know you should receive a membership pin or certificate, and did not receive a postcard by Friday, October 21st, please let the Extension Office know.

At the banquet, 4-H parents and youth will have an opportunity to vote for 4-H Council members. Also, anyone interested in serving on a Project Action Team (P.A.T.), can sign up at the banquet. Please also call the Extension office and let us know of your interest.

Pictures Needed for the Recognition Banquet

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

4-H Council Positions

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

The 4-H Council is essential to the 4-H program in Buffalo County, and all major decisions are brought through the 4-H Council. Every year various 4-H Council positions are up for reelection. Those interested in serving in a leadership role on the council should let the Buffalo County Extension Office know by calling at 308-236-1235. Likewise, people may be nominated to be considered for 4-H Council. To make a nomination, please call the Extension Office and let us know. Buffalo County 4-H needs individuals who are interested in making 4-H a growing and thriving program in Buffalo County.

The available positions include: Vice-President/President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer Elect, Activities Coordinator, Family and Consumer Sciences Representative, Agriculture Representative, and four youth-member spots. 4-H Council elections will be held at the 4-H Recognition Banquet on Sunday, November 6th. Parents and 4-H youth may vote for adult and youth members on the 4-H Council.

Note: the information printed here on the 4-H Council positions up for election is a correction from what was originally printed in the 2016 4-H September Newsletter.

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. Person elected serves one year as Vice-President/President Elect, one year as president, and one year as past president.

Secretary:

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

Treasurer-Elect:

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

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.

Family & Consumer Sciences Representative:

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

Agriculture Representative:

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

Youth Representatives:

Duties shall include representing youth interests on the 4-H Council. Youth representatives shall be at least 12 years old (4-H age) 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 other adult 4-H Council members. The four youth receiving the most votes will be the youth representatives.

Number of Terms:

Adult members of the Council may serve two consecutive terms but not in the same position. After two terms, an adult council member must remain absent from the council for at least one year before being reelected to a different position. Youth representatives may serve in the same office for two consecutive terms if reelected.

UNL Open Houses/Visit Days

Animal Science Open House Animal Science Complex, East Campus University of Nebraska-Lincoln Monday, October 3rd, 6 – 8 p.m.

Did you know you could attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and earn a degree focused on companion animals, horses or livestock? Are you interested in learning more about these degrees and classes? If so, then plan to attend the University of Nebraska, Animal Science Open House on Monday, October 3rd, from 6 to 8 p.m. Middle and high school students interested in pursuing a degree in animal science are encouraged to attend. This is an opportunity to meet with faculty and receive information on majors and classes offered.

During the open house, attendees will navigate through the Animal Science building on a “scavenger hunt” to seek out facts related to animal science classes and majors. Also at the open house, any questions will be answered and you can find out information on the vast opportunities and potential careers available from earning an animal science degree. There will also be hands-on experiences, demonstrations, and networking with faculty and students involved in UNL’s equine, companion animal and livestock programs. Attendees can also learn about the various animal-related organizations on campus, such as the Equestrian team, Livestock and Horse Judging teams, Students for the Education of Exotic and Companion Animals, Pre-Vet club, and Block and Bridle. For more information please contact, Lisa Karr at 402-472-6458 or lisa.karr@unl.edu and Lena Luck at 402-472-9098 or lena.luck@unl.edu. If planning to attend, here is a map with directions to the Animal Science Complex and parking on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, East Campus: tinyurl.com/UNL-AS-Map

“Experience the Power of Red”

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Visit Day Saturday, November 5th, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. *Online Registration by Saturday, October 29th*

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

More information, schedule, and online registration:
casnr.unl.edu/visitday.

Questions: 800-742-8800x2541 or spegg2@unl.edu.

Animal-Related Opportunities

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

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

The objective of this contest is to promote the beauty and versatility of wool fabric and yarn; to encourage personal creations in sewing, knitting, crocheting, spinning and weaving of wool fabric; and to recognize creative skills. This contest is open to all. Age Divisions are listed below. Junior, Senior, and Adult Division winners will be chosen for a trip to the National Finals Contest in Denver, Colorado! Entry forms, fees, wool samples and wool testing fees are due by Saturday, October 15th to the entry coordinator. All participants must pay the wool testing fee, state entry fee, and national entry fee to be eligible, which together total to \$29. Narrations are due Tuesday, November 1st. Please see the links below for additional rules and competition details, a printable entry form, and contest contact information. Information and entry forms may also be picked up at the Buffalo Country Extension Office.

Divisions (determined by age as of January 1, 2016): Preteen - age 12 and under; Junior - age 13 to 16; Senior - age 17 to 24; Adult - age 25 and over; and made for others / wearable accessories.

Nebraska Rules/Info: tinyurl.com/WoolFlyer
National Website: nationalmakeitwithwool.com
Entry form: tinyurl.com/WoolEntry

Nebraska Youth Beef Symposium Friday - Sunday, December 2nd - 4th Animal Science Complex, UNL-Lincoln *Online Applications Due Friday, October 7th*

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

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

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

More information and online application:
tinyurl.com/ASnybbs

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

Northeast Community College
32nd Annual Livestock Classic – Steer and Heifer Show
Friday-Saturday, November 25th-26th
NECC Agriculture Complex

2301 East Benjamin Avenue, Norfolk, NE 68701
Postmarked Preregistration by Friday, November 18th

The Northeast Community College Livestock Judging Team will host the 32nd Annual Livestock Classic – Steer and Heifer Show on Friday and Saturday, November 25th through November 26th, at the NECC Agriculture Complex in Norfolk.

The breeding heifer show will take place on November 25th and the market animal show will be on November 26th. There will also be a showmanship contest at the beginning of each show day. Animals may be fitted for showmanship, and there will be separate judges each day. The show is pending sanction by the Junior Nebraska Cattlemen. Please see our website, buffalo.enl.edu/4h for show and check-in schedules, rules, and registration information, or contact Mike Roeber at 402-844-7183 or 402-750-8128.

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

The National Western Stock Show Catch-A-Calf Program is designed to promote youth development and understanding of the cattle industry. Youth who have experience raising, feeding and showing beef cattle, are encouraged to apply.

Applicants must be between the ages of 12 and 18 as of December 31, 2016, and be enrolled in 4-H at the time of application. Successful calf-catchers must have adequate facilities available to house their steer, as they are responsible for the care, feeding, and handling of their animal from May 2017 until the 2018 NWSS in January.

The program is designed so successful participants catch a calf, feed it, and return with the animal one year later as a market steer. The market animals are judged on rate of gain, quality of fitting, and carcass quality. The exhibitor is judged on showmanship, their record book, and a personal interview.

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

More information and applications available at the Extension office or online: tinyurl.com/NWSScalf

2017 Nebraska Poultry Calendars

Congratulations to Abby Gorecki, Christopher Mercer, Samantha Mercer, and Onyx Smith for having their poultry photos selected for the 2017 Nebraska Department of Agriculture Poultry Calendar!

The calendar features poultry photos from 4-H and FFA members from across the state of Nebraska, highlight Nebraska's diverse poultry population, celebrates the talents of youth with photography skills and a passion for the poultry industry, and also include information on biosecurity measures owners can take to keep their flocks healthy and prevent the spread of diseases like avian influenza. Free copies of the calendar are available at the Buffalo County Extension Office.

Nebraska Grow Conference

Nebraska Grow "A Event For Young Women In Ag"
Wednesday, November 9th, 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
University of Nebraska, Lincoln

Complimentary Tickets Provided by Frontier Cooperative
Online Signup: farmher.com/pages/grownebraska

Grow by FarmHer seeks to inspire and empower young women in agriculture to take an active role in leading an industry that has provided them with valuable learning and growth opportunities. Sessions include a welcome from a State Leader, and keynote address from Amberley Snyder. The breakout sessions include: How to Share Your Story, STEM, farmer panel on Do What You Love, Creating a Legacy, and the Importance of Personal Branding.

Attendee benefits include:

- Networking with successful agribusiness professionals.
- Meeting peers, from across Nebraska, that inspire you to Grow in the agricultural industry.
- Listening to inspiring and experienced speakers.
- Access to the FarmHer online community that connects women across the county.
- A professional headshot photo for personal use.
- A limited edition FarmHer Grow T-Shirt.

This conference is open to young women, age 15 to 23, living in Nebraska. Attendance fees are provided by Frontier Cooperative. Signup is online, through the link above.

Donate a Photo Campaign

The Johnson & Johnson Donate a Photo campaign will give \$1 to 4-H for every photo that's uploaded to their Donate a Photo Gallery. Each person can donate one photo every day! The J&J promotion for 4-H will accept donated photos until Tuesday, October 25th, or until a goal of \$40,000 is reached, whichever comes first. 4-H will receive a minimum of \$20,000.

To donate photos, it takes just a few minutes to download the free Donate a Photo app (available on Android and iOS devices), and create an account. All photos are acceptable donations, and do not have to be 4-H related, so feel free to snap a picture of anything that you like.

All photos donated will become part of the Donate a Photo gallery. Donated photos may be used to promote Donate a Photo, but they will never be used to sell any products or for any other commercial purposes. For more information: tinyurl.com/JJ4HDonate

Save The Date

2017 Buffalo County Fair

Tuesday, July 25, 2017 - Tuesday, August 1, 2017

2017 Nebraska State Fair

Friday, August 25, 2017 - Monday, September 4, 2017

2017 Aksarben Horse Show

Saturday, September 23, 2017 - Sunday, September 24, 2017

2017 Aksarben Stock Show

Thursday, September 28, 2017 - Sunday, October 1, 2017

Shooting Sports

Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Leaders Certification Workshop

Saturday – Sunday, October 15th – 16th
Custer County Fairgrounds, Broken Bow, NE
Online Registration Due Wednesday, October 5th

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

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

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

More Info and Online Registration: tinyurl.com/ShootCert

Pheasants Forever Youth Mentor Hunt

Saturday, October 16th

Kearney, Neb.

Have you ever been pheasant hunting? Are you interested in going pheasant hunting? Youth, age 12-15, who have recently completed a hunter safety education class can take part in a Pheasants Forever Youth Mentor Hunt (YMH). There will be a YMH in the Kearney area on Saturday, October 16th. This YMH is hosted by the Prairie Hills Pheasants Forever Chapter.

The highlight of the day is an actual pheasant hunt with a mentor and dog handler. Youth are given instruction on various hunting related topics such as dog training, reloading shot shells, hunter safety, blue rock shooting, asking a landowner for permission to hunt, and much more in a one-day mentored setting. Every youth that attends a YMH also receives a free Pheasants Forever hunting vest. Those interested should email or call Ashley at aweyers@pheasantsforever.org or 308-850-8395. For more information, including other youth hunt dates, check online: nebraskapf.com/youth-mentor-hunts.

Hunter Safety

The Nebraska Game and Parks website is a great resource for education requirements for hunters. All Nebraska hunters, age 12 to 29, who hunt any species with a firearm or air gun; or hunt deer, elk, antelope, and/or mountain sheep with a bow and arrow or crossbow must successfully complete a firearm hunter education course.

Check out outdoornebraska.gov/huntereducation to view Nebraska hunter requirements by age and animal species; to find dates on education courses; and for information on online hunter education courses.

Winter Shooting Sports Orientation Meeting

Tuesday, October 18th, 7:00 p.m.

Buffalo County Extension Building

4-H members interested in participating in winter shooting sports should plan to attend the orientation meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 18th, at 7 p.m. at the Buffalo County Extension Building. Winter shooting sports consists of the following disciplines: BB Gun, Air Rifle, and Air Pistol. Winter shooting sports will start meeting on Monday and Tuesday nights beginning November 7th and 8th. For more information, please attend the orientation meeting.

Science Saturdays

At the Raising Nebraska building, on the State Fair Grounds in Grand Island, Science Saturdays are designed to bring action into experience. On the second Saturday of every month, different topics are explored that highlight the happenings in science around Nebraska! Science Saturdays are a free special education program open to all. Make plans to attend any of the upcoming Science Saturdays:

- Saturday, October 8th.....Drone Discovery
- Saturday, November 12th..... Insects
- Saturday, December 10th...Nebraska Pulses Feed the World

Raising Nebraska Events

Beyond Science Saturdays, there a number of educational events that take place at Raising Nebraska, on the State Fair Grounds in Grand Island. Check out the information below:

- **Friday, October 21st.....Adult and Youth Pork Education**
An educational event for both adults and youth. Adults can attend a pork food demonstration focused on easy and delicious meals, and youth will have their own session on pigs. Jane Stone from Nebraska Pork Producers will present the adult session. Space is limited, sign-up online to attend: tinyurl.com/RNpork
- **Monday-Thursday, October 24th – 27th... Pumpkin Galore**
At Pumpkin Galore, youth will learn about the pumpkin life cycle, inspect pumpkin vines close up, and paint their own pumpkin. This is a special day program, directed at youth. The cost is \$1 per student, and sessions are in two-hour increments. The registration deadline is Monday, October 17th, or until all sessions are full. Register a class or group to attend by going online: tinyurl.com/RNpumpkin

Scholarships & Awards

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

2017 4-H Youth in Action Award *Applications Due Monday, October 24th*

The 4-H Youth in Action Award is the highest honor National 4-H Council awards to 4-H youth. This award, recognizes outstanding 4-H members who epitomize 4-H youth empowerment and leadership, and will honor four confident, accomplished 4-H members who have gained critical life skills through their 4-H experience and have utilized those skills for personal impact (overcoming a challenge) and community impact (positively impacting their family, peers and/or community). The 2017 awards will recognize one remarkable 4-H Member within each pillar area: Agriculture, Citizenship, Healthy Living, and STEM.

Each of the four winners will receive: a \$5,000 scholarship for higher education; an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. to be recognized at the National 4-H Council's Legacy Awards on Tuesday, March 21, 2017; an opportunity to serve as the National Youth Spokesperson for their recognized pillar area; and additionally, one National 4-H Youth in Action Award winner will be selected from the four pillar winners and receive an additional \$5,000 scholarship for higher education.

More information and online application:
4-h.org/4-h-legacy-awards (click the "Youth In Action" tab)
Questions? Email: YouthinAction@4-H.org

2017 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards *Online Applications Due Tuesday, November 8th*

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

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

Local Honorees who qualify will receive a Certificate of Achievement and President's Volunteer Service Award. To qualify for the President's Award, applications must have 26 hours of service if age ten or younger; 50 hours of service if age 11 to 15; or 100 hours of service if age 16-plus. The top state honorees receive a \$1,000 award, engraved silver medallion, and an all-expense-paid trip with a guardian to Washington, D.C. The top ten state honoree, from across the United States, will receive a \$5,000 award, engraved gold medallion, crystal trophy for their school or organization, and \$5,000 grant for a nonprofit charitable organization of their choice.

2017 Martha and Don Romeo Scholarship *Due to Extension Office by Thursday, December 1st*

The Nebraska Association of Fair Managers will award two \$500 scholarships to 4-H members. The scholarships will be awarded to one male and one female, who will be 2017 high school graduating seniors in the state of Nebraska, and plan to continue with post high school education. Additional eligibility requirements include: exhibition of 4-H project(s) at the county or state fair within the last four years; minimum high school grade point average of 2.5 (4.0 scale); and maintenance of a minimum 2.5 grade point average, in first semester of post high school education, while carrying at least 12 credit hours. Financial need will not be considered in the selection process.

Applicants must complete a three-page application which includes personal information, 4-H and school accomplishments, community involvement, and a 250-word essay. Two letters of recommendation must also be submitted.

Winners will be notified in January 2017. The scholarship is awarded during the Nebraska Association of Fair Managers Convention Banquet, which is occurring Sunday, January 22, 2017, at 12 p.m., in Kearney, Neb. Applications and more information available online: buffalo.unl.edu/4h or at the Extension Office.

Fruit, Meat & Cheese Fundraiser

The fall fundraisers will be starting soon! 4-H members will be selling fruit, meat, cheese and nuts. Thank you to those who have let the office know that they want to participate in the fundraiser. However, we have only heard from less than 20 people. If you are interested in participating in the fundraiser, please let Raina know as soon as possible, 308-236-1235 or raina.pederson@unl.edu.

The fundraiser sales period will run for three to four weeks, from mid-October to mid-November, with a delivery date of early December. The exact dates are still to be determined. 4-H members would be responsible for selling the food items, collecting money, picking up and delivering the food items.

Traditionally, this fundraiser has been used by 4-H members to pay for the Citizenship Washington Focus trip, which is a biannually trip that Buffalo County 4-H takes members on to Washington, D.C. and other historical sites along the way. Historical sites have included stops in Chicago, New York City, and Philadelphia.

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.

Sincerely,

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