



Webster County 4-H News



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..... STRAIGHT FROM THE HORSES MOUTH

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Fall is here, school is well into session, several games are behind us, farmers are busy getting their crops out, and we are past both State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben. I want to extend my congratulations to those who competed at the Nebraska State Fair. Webster County exhibits have done very well once again. It would be nice to highlight each of our exhibitor's accomplishments but room does not allow. I had the opportunity to be in attendance for the Nebraska State Fair and I will tell you this—Webster County exhibitors once again did us proud! We had some excellent projects in livestock and static exhibits that fared very well as did our exhibitors.

I also had an expanded role at both State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben this year helping with the shows. I helped check in, and did the weigh-backs on the class champions. At Ak-Sar-Ben, I helped check-in market beef, re-weigh class champions and also served as official DNA collector for the market beef show. It was also nice to have a front row seat for the breeding beef show at Ak-Sar-Ben. I had the chance and honor to be the official announcer for the all-day show. The down side was that I did not get to watch all of our exhibitors as much as I would like. I hope that your venture was an exciting, positive, worthwhile, and most of all a fun experience.



NATIONAL 4-H WEEK – OCTOBER 4-10, 2015

It seems that I have always been involved with 4-H, and for that matter have for most of my life. Since from about age 8 on I have in some way either was in 4-H, worked with 4-H, had a daughter or grandkids in 4-H and of course the last 15 plus years as a Nebraska Extension Educator I have been intimately involved with 4-H activities on the county, district and state levels. It may be a surprise to some, since I was a long time ag education instructor and FFA Advisor, that I was a 10 year 4-Her and still have my record books, 4-H awards and meeting attendance bars for my 4-H Achievement pin. It was the foundation on which I built my eventual career. It led me to a love of agriculture and a decision to go to a high school with an agriculture program and then on to college to see what direction to go with my life as a career choice. Now over a 50 years later I have gone full circle and thanking an organization that had such an impact in my own person life. I would like to point out that this is special week for the four leaf clover!

Webster County 4-Hers are joining 6 million other young people across the country in celebrating National 4-H Week, an annual celebration of 4-H during the first full week of October. During this week, 4-H is showing pride in the great things that 4-H offers young people and show our thanks to the incredible 4-H youth in our communities who work each day to make a positive impact on their respective communities. For more than 100 years, 4-H has stood behind the idea that youth is the single strongest catalyst for change. What began as a way to give rural youth new agricultural skills, today has grown into a global organization that teaches a range of life skills. 4-H is dedicated to positive youth development and helping youth step up to the challenges in a complex and changing world. 4-H is dedicated to helping cultivate the next generation of leaders and tackling the nation's top challenges such as the shortage of skilled professionals, maintaining our global competitiveness, encouraging civic involvement, and becoming a healthier society. 4-H is really making the best better!

I find it interesting that the renowned Tufts Institute did research on the positive affect of 4-H and not so surprisingly to me found that he structured learning, encouragement and adult mentoring that young people receive through their participation in 4-H plays a vital role in helping them achieve success in life and actively contribute to their collective communities.



Extension is a Division of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln cooperating with the Counties and the United States Department of Agriculture.
The 4-H Youth Development program abides with the non-discrimination policies of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the United States Department of Agriculture.



The research by Tufts showed that the 4-H experience grows young people who are four times more likely to contribute to their communities; two times more likely to make healthier choices; two times more likely to be civically active; and two times more likely to participate in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) programs in the out-of-school time. I know the value of youth organizations like 4-H/FFA and can verify the advantages they bring.

4-H, the nation's largest youth development organization, grows confident young people who are empowered for life today and prepared for career tomorrow. 4-H programs empower nearly six million young people across the U.S. through experiences that develop critical life skills. 4-H is the youth development program of our nation's Cooperative Extension System and USDA, and serves every county and parish in the U.S. through a network of 110 public universities and more than 3000 local Extension offices. Globally, 4-H collaborates with independent programs to empower one million youth in 50 countries.

In Nebraska, 1 in 3 age-eligible youth across all 93 counties are enrolled in 4-H, for a total enrollment reaching approximately 140,000 youth. Nearly 50,000 youth participated in school enrichment experiences and over 33,000 Nebraska youth were members of a 4-H Club. Nearly 11,000 youth and adults participated in 4-H camping programs and approximately 12,000 volunteers share their time and resources with Nebraska 4-H. I think that is pretty darn impressive. For the 2014-2015 year, Webster County had a total of 189 total 4-H Club members, 45 adult volunteers and 39 youth volunteers. We also had a total of 13 4-H Clubs and 4 FFA Chapters.

4-H Grows Here: The mission of Nebraska 4-H is to empower youth to reach their full potential working and learning in partnerships with caring adults. Nebraska 4-H strives to help young people achieve their greatest potential by introducing high-quality youth development experiences into the lives of Nebraska youth and families. Engagement in 4-H results in youth who are making positive decisions related to their health and their future goals. Further, they are advocates and leaders determined to leave a lasting impact on Nebraska communities. By taking part in Nebraska 4-H, youth are preparing for a successful future by focusing on 4-H Science, Agricultural Literacy, Career Development and College Readiness, Community Engagement, and Healthy Living. If you wish to learn more about 4-H, I encourage you to go to: www.4-h.org or <http://extension.unl.edu/statewide/webster>. Incidentally, the 2015 National 4-H Week Theme is: 4-H Grows Here! I think that is a very appropriate theme and it is evident in the county that I am lucky enough to live and work in. 4-H does grow and prospers with the support of the communities, parents, businesses and of course our youth! Happy 4-H Week!



Time To Find Next Year's Beef Project: Some of you will be looking for and purchasing your calves (if you haven't already done so) for this next year's market and breeding beef projects. Make sure that you get a bill of sale and a brand release from the person that you buy your animals from. If it is a registered animal or will be showed in a purebred market beef show then make sure that the tattoo has been put in the ear...before you take it home. We will go through some suggestions when you look for those beef projects and try to determine how heavy they should weigh when you pick them out. One thing you may want to consider is that most animal are gregarious and don't like to be alone. It is always good to have more than one animal together so you might consider getting more than one beef project and housing and feeding them together, or perhaps working with someone else that will be getting a market beef animal. Even if it is an animal you don't plan to show, it will pay you dividends.

Webster County Market Beef Weigh-in: Several of you will undoubtedly be looking for calves for the early weigh-in. You may remember that the 4-H Council decided that it may be best to go with just one scale for weights and consistency of weights for rate of gain. With that in mind we are currently looking at just one day in December and then again at the last part of January. We are looking at having the Webster County market beef weigh-in at the Sale Barn in Blue Hill which has a certified scale. The early date is tentatively scheduled for **Sunday, December 13** with an inclement weather date of December 20. We will be weighing from 1:00-5:00 pm. Please watch the local newspapers and emails for verification. Incidentally second weigh-in is tentatively scheduled for **Sunday, January 24 in Blue Hill** with a similar format. More info on that date will be forthcoming.



Please remember that the livestock ID/affidavit sheets need to be filled out and signed prior to or at weigh-in and are not to be taken home after the weigh-in. Please download your affidavit from our Webster County UNL Extension website which can be found at: <http://www.webster.unl.edu/county4h> or if you prefer pick one up from your leader or FFA advisor or our office-- and have it ready to go for weigh-in. We will also have some on hand at the weigh-in, but having them done before hand really speeds up the weigh-in process. We will also once again be putting Electronic Identification or EID's in the ears of all market beef as well as the 4-H or FFA tags.

PLEASE NOTE: The rules that were adopted last year will be in affect again for this year. It states: *“All market beef must be tagged with 4-H or FFA tags and EID’s (RFID Electronic Identification) placed by, or in the presence of, the Webster County Extension Educator and/or area FFA Advisor. If the animal is to be weighed in at a different location than those set by the Webster County Extension Office, then the Extension Educator from that county must obtain the EID and 4-H tag from Webster County Extension office; or in the case of FFA exhibits, from the local FFA Advisor, and then must place or verify both tags in the beef’s ear(s) at the time of weighing. The official’s signature must be that of a Nebraska Extension staff person or FFA Advisor, not a third party. The completed and signed affidavit sheet must then be returned to the Webster County Extension office within 7 days of weigh-in; and if mailed, must arrive from that respective Extension or FFA Office. The animal will then be physically verified by the Webster County Extension Educator or FFA Advisor as to the correct tags matching the affidavit.”*

Match Your Market Beef to Intent: In planning for your market beef enterprise, I once again remind our exhibitors to match the size of the calf that you pick out to match your intent. If it is your intent to “dead-end” the calf at the county fair then figure from December 13 to July 27 for time on feed, which computes to 227 days. You should not just go out in a lot and pick out the biggest calf. That calf may just be too big to get to the county fair or beyond successfully. On the other hand you don’t want too small a calf, that can’t possibly make weight by county fair. You will need to do some research and get a weight on the calf if at all possible. How will I know how big a calf I need to bring to weigh-in? Let’s do a little mathematics and see if we can figure it out.

Figuring that you want to gain at least 2.5 lbs. a day (2.2 is required) then assuming a county fair weight of 1300 lbs. then the biggest calf that you should weigh in on the first December 13 weigh-in would be about 730 pounds – (that means about a 620 lb. calf right now). Now that is considering the July 27 fair date and December 13 weigh-in. If you figure 3 lbs. per day ROG, then a 575 lb. steer (today’s weight) would be about right.

What If I Decide I Want to Take My Calf To State Fair? If you plan to hit State Fair with the 1300 pound calf then you have 264 days to feed and at 2.5 #/day then your calf should not weigh more than 640 on Dec. 13. If you wait till the late January 24 weigh-in then you have about 185 days until our county fair and figuring 2.5 lbs/day, then your calf for a 1300# finish weight should be no more than 850 lbs. and 765 lbs. if you can get 3#/day gain.

Beef Project Considerations: Here are a couple of things that are important when considering your market beef project. First, if you are planning on exhibiting a “Breed” steer (ie. Hereford, Angus, etc.), you will need to obtain a “Purebred Steer Certificate” from our UNL Extension office or your local FFA Advisor that needs to have the bloodlines, registration numbers or the parents, its tattoo number and then a signature of the breeder and date of ownership as well as your signature. This is not a registration paper and we are not asking for that for our fair, however registration papers are required if you plan to take the steer on to the Nebraska State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben. We will also be asking again this year that each exhibitor tell us at weigh-in if the animal is for the “PB Breed Steer” competition, and also if it is “Bred & Fed” or “Bought & Fed”. “Bred & Fed” animals mean that – *“You or your family owned the cow or heifer, which is the mother of the steer, at the time of the calf’s conception, and that it was born and fed on your farm or place of project care”*. We will also need to know the place and date of birth of the market beef. Conversely, “Bought and Fed” means that you bought the steer from somewhere other than your family operation.



You may want to make note that every 4-H market animal that may show at either the 2016 Nebraska State Fair and/or Ak-Sar-Ben must have a DNA sample taken and they must be sent in with the ID/affidavit sheet. The DNA Samples cost \$6 each. FFA requirements are somewhat different, for instance beef going on to State Fair must have an EID tag plus their FFA tag. As I understand it DNA may be required for FFA this year too. You may want to keep this in mind as you select your market beef and prepare for the Webster County beef weigh-in. I will be taking DNA samples if you wish at the weigh-ins. This may be done at a later time, but it is much easier to do it during weigh-in and then it is done!

Adopt-a-Steer: This year the Foundation is continuing its “Adopt-a-Steer” program. The program is sponsored again this year by Ron Schutte and S&S Herefords. Are you interested? Here is how it works. Any Webster County 4-H or FFA beef exhibitor, or potential beef exhibitor, may make application for a Hereford progress market steer that is being made available by S&S Herefords of Guide Rock, NE. The individual must simply fill out the application form and agree to the terms listed on the document. Interested youth may stop by the Nebraska Extension Office in Red Cloud to pick up an application form, or simply call 402-746-3417 or we can mail it to you. The form is also available on line at www.webster.unl.edu. **Applications are due by Dec. 1, 2015.**

The winning applicant will have the opportunity to select a steer from the S&S Herefords farm. The steer will be valued at current market price for feeder calves. The payment for the steer will be deferred until after the calf is sold, either at the premium auction at the Webster County Fair or after it is sold upon completion of its show life at the Nebraska State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben, at which time payment will be due. The exhibitor must make arrangements with S&S Herefords for selection and delivery options for the calf. Ron Schutte can be reached at 402-756-3462. The exhibitor is also required to supply all of the needs for the calf including: a place to keep the calf; adequate feed and water; proper welfare and health care; halter breaking and grooming; as well as training for show. The exhibitor is responsible for the well-being of the calf, and therefore is still liable for the original value of the animal should something happen to it, or should it not make it to the Webster County Fair or other events.

Home Bred and Raised Heifer Show at County Fair: There is a change this year on the affidavits for Home Bred and Raised heifers. *Instead of March 15, they will be due April 15, the same time as the other breeding heifer affidavits.* Exhibitors must remember however that they will need to turn in two affidavits for the heifer. One for the regular breeding heifer class and a second one specifically for the Home Bred and Raised Breeding Heifer class. It may interest our breeding beef exhibitors that we will continue the way these exhibits were shown at the 2015 Webster County Fair. The special breeding beef jackpot class will once again be on the same day as the beef showmanship. It will directly follow the beef showmanship event. The class will be judged as a “blow and go” class. They will be shown in their respective classes during the regular breeding beef show.



OTHER ITEMS FOR THE GOOD OF 4-H

Friends of 4-H Certificates: I want to remind our 4-Hers that “Friends of 4-H” Certificates are available in our office. In the last edition of this newsletter and in the letter we sent out with your county fair check, we highly encouraged all 4-H members who sold animals at the livestock premium auction to make sure they get one of these certificates to give to their buyer along with the thank you that I am sure you have already sent! If you haven’t done that, it isn’t too late. I know that the buyers like to hang them up. Our premium buyers like that personal contact and several have indicated to us that this has not happened. We depend upon you to follow through – or we will lose buyers for your calves at the premium auction! That would then be your loss for next year. Please follow through on this!



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS:

There are usually a lot of activities going on in the Fall, and I have included some of those that I am aware of in this newsletter, however, if anyone knows of events that would be of interest to our 4-Hers, please send the information our way and we will try to get it out to them via future newsletters. Here are some that may be of interest to you.

American Royal Livestock Show is always a great time and a place to exhibit or view outstanding livestock. This year marks the 116th American Royal Show in Kansas City. The 2015 American Royal Junior Livestock Show is held Oct 21 - Nov 01, 2015. You can download a schedule of the events at: <http://www.americanroyal.com/p/162> It is too late to enter animals for this year’s event as the due date was September 10 (All junior market steers, swine, lambs and goats had to submit DNA samples to the American Royal postmarked no later than May 1 for steers and August 1 on all other species), but I would encourage exhibitors and families to attend to watch part of the shows that school schedules allow as it is an outstanding experience. It is also carried on the internet as I understand it.

North American International Livestock Exposition is another outstanding livestock show that is held in Louisville, Kentucky. It is held November 3 - 20, 2015 with livestock shows sprinkled throughout the schedule depending upon which specie or species you are interested in. More information can be found at: <http://www.livestockexpo.org/> or for a schedule go to: <http://www.livestockexpo.org/schedule.aspx>

NECC Livestock Classic Steer and Heifer Show: The Northeast Community College Livestock Classic Steer and Heifer Show is a 3-day event that is usually held over Thanksgiving weekend at the Northeast Community College Ag Complex in Norfolk. I have not seen any information on this yet, but if you are interested please contact Mike Roeber at 402-844-7183 or email him at mikesr@northeast.edu for a flyer or for more information.

Monsanto Fund's America's Farmers Grow Communities Program:

America's Farmers Grow Communities is sponsored by the Monsanto Fund to support local farming communities. The program, which launched in 2010, allows farmers to enter to win \$2,500 for their favorite community nonprofit organization, such as 4-H, FFA, schools, fire departments and other civic groups. In 2016, America's Farmers Grow Communities, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, will invest another \$3.3 million to help rural communities grow in 1,324 counties across 40 states. One winner will be selected in each of the eligible counties in 40 states. Rural communities are the heart of America. It's where we find the people who work hard to feed, fuel and clothe our country and the world. We believe in rural America, and we want to help grow farming communities. The program offers farmers the chance to win a \$2,500 donation to direct toward their favorite community nonprofit organization, to help feed the hungry, purchase life-saving EMS equipment, support ag youth, buy classroom resources and more. One winner is selected in each of the 1,326 counties in 40 states. The official rules for America's Farmers Grow Communities are available at: <http://www.americasfarmers.com/community-outreach/grow-communities-official-rules/>



Farmer enrollment for 2016 is open now open through November 30. Connect with Grow Communities on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/AmericasFarmersGrowCommunities> or on twitter #GrowCommunities. Please join us in encouraging our Webster County area producers to participate in this Monsanto program and perhaps our county can experience a similar surprise next year! We of course would like to see them pick out the Webster County Youth Foundation, but of course would be more than pleased if these funds went to help a particular 4-H Club or FFA Chapter. If you don't have a computer you can contact the office or pick up a flyer or more information on this program. If you have internet connection you can find more information on this program and see a full list of winners, by visiting <http://www.americasfarmers.com/recognition-programs/grow-rural-education/>. The main thing is to help us get the word out on this. If you are a farmer or know a farmer who is eligible we encourage the participation in this program. The 4-H'er or FFA Member who you may benefit may be your own. We have had success with this program..... Let's do it again!!!

ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS

Here's wishing you the best of luck in your school year and all its activities and success in all that you endeavor throughout the year! Remember – It is not too late to start thinking about next year's 4-H/FFA project! Now let's see what Carol has for you!

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***Congratulations to all our State Fair & Ak-Sar-Ben Exhibitors – Job Well Done!
Webster County was very well represented at state fair with 98 static items and 47 animal entries. We are very proud of all your hard work!
Check out the results at <http://www.nebraska4hresults.com/>***

After Fair Award Winners! –

Grand Champion Home Economics Exhibitor – Satie Engelhardt

Reserve Grand Champion Home Economic Exhibitor – Laura Henkel

People's Choice Awards – Market Beef – Jamie Bonifas

Market Goat – Aidyn Bonifas

Market Sheep – Chyanna Sharp

Market Swine – Clay Plambeck

Static – Matthew Schwab

Champion 2nd Year Bucket Calf – Trey Vance

Monthly Workshops – We are looking to sponsor at least one workshop a month (probably on a Sunday afternoon) for all 4-H youth. This could be a workshop on livestock, woodworking, sewing, crafts, cooking, etc. Anything relating to a 4-H project. We would like some ideas from you as to what you may be interested in learning about. We would also love to have anyone volunteer to teach a workshop. This could

be a parent, grandparent, someone from the community, 4-H/FFA youth or maybe even make it a club project to teach others. Let us know your ideas and we will start making a schedule.

**MARTHA AND DON ROMEO SCHOLARSHIP FUND
NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF FAIR MANAGERS**

This Scholarship is awarded during the Nebraska Association of Fair Managers Convention, which will be held in Kearney, Nebraska, on Sunday, January 24, 2016 at noon. Winners will be notified by Jan. 5, 2016.

Return the form to your County Extension Office by December 1, 2015.



National Paper Clover Campaign Continues Support of Webster County 4-H Youth - Two times a year, National 4-H Council will be partnering 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 be held from **Wednesday, October 7 – Sunday, October 18, 2015**.

The Paper Clover Promotion is a consumer-driven fundraising promotion where customers at your local Tractor Supply can support 4-H by purchasing a paper clover for \$1 at the checkout. Sixty-five percent of each paper clover sold/customer donation will go directly to the county 4-H program in which it was raised; five percent will go to the Nebraska 4-H Foundation. The remaining thirty percent will go to National 4-H Council to underwrite the cost of the program. In our state, Nebraska will be forwarding on the sixty-five percent of each paper clover sold/customer donation directly to the county 4-H program in which the TSC store is located. Webster County 4-H receives a portion of the proceeds from the Hastings TSC store. Nebraska TSC stores are located in Beatrice, Columbus, Fremont, Grand Island, Hastings, Omaha, Kearney, Lincoln, Norfolk, and North Platte.

The Webster County Junior Leaders will be providing activities at the Hastings Tractor Supply Company store on Sunday, October 18th from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.



National 4-H Council is now accepting applications for the annual *Youth in Action Awards* to be presented at the seventh annual Legacy Awards in Washington, D.C. on April 12, 2016.

As one of the highest honors achieved, the 2016 awards have expanded to honor one remarkable 4-H'er within each pillar area: **Agriculture and Animal Sciences; Citizenship; Healthy Living; and STEM.**

As part of this great honor, each of the four Youth in Action Award pillar winners will receive:

- **Scholarship:** A \$5,000 scholarship for higher education.
- **Public Recognition:** An all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. to be recognized at Council's Legacy Awards on April 12, 2016.
- **Spokesperson Opportunities:** Serve as the National Youth Spokesperson for their recognized pillar area.
- **County Recognition:** An additional \$5,000 grant will be made to each of the awardees' 4-H County

In addition, one overall national Youth in Action Award 2016 honoree will be selected from the four pillar winners and will receive an additional \$5,000 scholarship.

All applications must be submitted by 12:00 PM ET on Monday, November 30, 2015.

For qualifications, application rules, and information on past honorees, please visit the *Youth in Action Award* <http://www.4-h.org/get-involved/sponsor/4-h-legacy-awards-gala/youth-in-action/>.

Save the Date: 2016 National 4-H FilmFest

FilmFest 4-H (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XEAI6zD85aE>) is a national film fest for youth who are filmmakers, visual artists, aspiring actors, and for those who are interested in meeting other creative people. FilmFest helps youth become producers, not just consumers, of digital media. FilmFest 4-H, the national 4-H film festival, is produced by Missouri 4-H and the Missouri Film Office in partnership with National 4-H.

The 2016 National 4-H FilmFest will be held **July 31 - August 3, 2016**, in Kansas City, Missouri. Frequently Asked Questions about the 4-H FilmFest can be found at <http://4h.missouri.edu/go/events/filmfest/2016/filmfest411.htm>, and trip planning resources can be found at <http://4h.missouri.edu/go/events/filmfest/2016/travel.htm>. More information will be shared in the spring of 2016!



Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop Offered this Fall - Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop will be held October 31 and November 1 at Ponca State Park. Registration deadline for is October 20.

Volunteers have the opportunity to become certified as an adult (21 years and older) or apprentice (14-20 years old) leader. Five project areas will be offered at the Scottsbluff Workshop - shotgun, rifle, pistol, hunting skills, and archery. Five project areas will be available at Ponca - hunting skills, shotgun, rifle, muzzleloading, and archery. There is a minimum number of participants needed to offer these disciplines at the workshops. 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 adding an additional discipline. This fee includes meals, supplies and program materials. Participants must make their own lodging arrangements. Registration on Saturday runs from 8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

For more workshop information and registration link, go to the 4-H Shooting Sports web page at <http://4h.unl.edu/shootingsportseventcalendar>, or contact Steve Pritchard at (402)395-2158 or (308)536-2691. Registration is available only online at the link provided.



– Field to Fuel Video Contest

Students across Nebraska are heading outdoors with video cameras in hand for a chance to win \$1,000 during Nebraska Ethanol Board's Field to Fuel video contest. The inaugural contest, which is open to high school students, focuses on informing the public about renewable biofuels. Students are challenged to research, film and edit a two-minute video for a chance to win \$1,000, \$600 or \$400. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three videos, which also will be featured at the Ethanol 2015: Emerging Issues Forum in Omaha during mid-April. The contest is open to students currently attending a Nebraska high school (grades 9-12 in a public, private or home school setting). Immediate family members of contest sponsors are not eligible to compete. Eligible videos must be received and/or postmarked no later than Jan. 31, 2015. For more information about the Field to Fuel video contest and a full list of rules, visit <http://ne-ethanol.org/?page=vid-contest>

UNL Red Letter Days - Excited to make your college decision? Red Letter Days are an opportunity for you to explore college life at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln during your senior or junior year of high school. At this open house event, you'll get to:

- Explore campus with a current UNL student as your guide.
- Attend academic informational sessions
- See what it's like to live in a residence hall
- Learn about ways to get involved on campus
- Find out important admissions, scholarship and financial aid information
- If you are interested in any health-related fields, check out our [Pre-Health Red Letter Day](#)

Cost - \$10.00 per person **Event Dates** - October 23, November 2, November 13 & November 20

Questions? Liz Adams, Special Events Assistant Coordinator lizadams@experience.unl.edu 402.472.4255

Webster County Junior Leaders

Junior Leaders had their first meeting on Sunday, Sept. 20th. Officers were elected as follows: President-Mariah Parker, Vice President-Jeremy Henkel, Secretary-Taylor Bonifas, Reporter-Jamie Bonifas, Historian-Brooke Simonton and Youth Council Members-Mariah Parker, Jamie Bonifas, Taylor Bonifas, Levi Plambeck, and Sarah Henkel. We also discussed some ideas for activities this year and are thinking of a combined BBQ or Soup Supper with Family Fun Night activities and awards.

The Junior Leaders are looking for new members, if you will be 13 by January 1, 2015 (or close to it), we would like to invite you to join us!

Please consider joining, we'd love to have you! If you have any questions you can call Carol at 402-746-3417 or email at ckumke2@unl.edu.