



**JANUARY 2015**

## Adams County 4-H Newsletter

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### Adams County 4-H Kick-Off

The Adams County 4-H Council & Extension Office invite all 4-H'ers and anyone interested in 4-H to attend the Adams County 4-H Kick-Off on **Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**, from **2:00 – 4:00 p.m.** The purpose is for interested, new or current 4-H members & families to learn about 4-H and the opportunities. Once again, we will be needing volunteers to assist in putting on this GREAT event!! If you are willing and interested in helping again this year by donating your time at the event or any of your past exhibits, if a club or special group would like to have a booth, please contact the Extension Office at 402-461-7209.

### Shooting Sports Kick-Off

The 2015 Shooting Sports Kick-Off will be on Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> starting at 2:00 p.m. in the North End of the Activities Center. All past and new 4-H participants that want to participate in the Adams County 4-H Shooting Sports program need to be present for the meeting and sign up.

### 4-H Soup Supper Fund Raiser

The 4-H Council will be holding their annual fundraiser on **January 11, 2015 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.** Please mark your calendars now and plan on attending. The CWF youth will be having their cake auction and basket raffle at this event.

### Adams County Extension Office Closed

- January 19 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

### From the Adams County Ext. Office

**Thank You!** A special thank you goes out to everyone for another great year. It is always great to see the amount of quality education that is promoted here in Adams County by the volunteer leaders and 4-H members. I know you don't hear it enough, but we truly appreciate you greatly and you do make positive differences in the 4-H families lives. **Happy New Year!** We are anticipating an outstanding 4-H year. January 1<sup>st</sup> officially starts the 2015 4-H calendar year. This year's edition of the 4-H Handbook will be available to you soon. The enrollment process for 2015 an online enrollment process. Instructions on how to enroll online will be sent out with the 2015 pick-a-project. We will not have paper forms but will be happy to help you do the online form. Remember the 4-H enrollment deadline date is April 15, 2015. We hope that you take some extra time this year and sign up for a project you can do as a family or together with another person. Challenge yourself by switching to a new or more challenging project. Whatever you do, we hope you continue to be part of the Adams County 4-H Program.

### Welcome Changes

We have a new educator in the Adams County Office! Please make Steve Landon feel welcome to the Adams County 4-H Program. Steve comes to us from Washington County, where he was the 4-H Assistant for eight years. Steve is anxious to make his home in Hastings and become a vital part of our program. Steves title is 4-H & Youth Educator. Other changes in the Adams County Extension Office are Julie Ochsner is now full time with a position change to Extension Assistant, her assignment will be primarily 4-H and school enrichment with a focus on FCE, and with a portion of agriculture added. We have two more new faces in the office they are in the NEP department, Brianna Frickenstein and Brianna Barraza through AmeriCorps.

### Leaders & Parents Corner



#### Junior Leader News

The Adams County 4-H Junior Leaders will meet for 4-H Kick off on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. in the North End of the Fairgrounds. Anyone is welcome to join the Junior Leader's Club that is 12 years old and will be 13 by January 1, 2015, or is 13 years or older now. You must be an active member of the Adams County 4-H program by being a member of an organized 4-H club or an Independent member. Junior Leaders do a lot of fun, learning and leadership activities. Some of the activities the club does are: pancake feed and food booth at the county fair, helping with Leader's Banquet, along with helping members and younger 4-H'ers with 4-H projects and being positive role model for younger 4-H'ers. Bring a friend and make new friends. Also you are eligible to earn a scholarship. If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Shaw (402-756-6636) or the Adams County Extension Office (402-461-7209).

### SAVE THE DATES!

Pre-Fair Entry Forms – Deadline is Monday, June 15

#### 2015 Adams County Fairfest Dates

Its official! The 2015 Adams County Fair is **July 15 to July 20**. Static Exhibits will be entered Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup> and Livestock check-in the evening of Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. Livestock Auction will be Monday, July 20<sup>nd</sup>. Livestock show schedule will be the same as last year. A calendar for other contests and events will be in next months newsletter.

#### Leader & Volunteer Forms

Forms were mailed out a couple weeks ago, please remember to fill out and Return by January 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **First Lego League Volunteers Needed!**

Get on board with one of the fastest growing 4-H projects – Robotics! On-site volunteers are needed at the Nebraska First Lego League Tournaments. Dates/locations include:

- January 10, 2015 – Sidney, NE
- January 17, 2015 – Kearney, NE
- January 17, 2015 – Nebraska City, NE
- January 24, 2015 – South Sioux City, NE
- February 21, 2015 – Championship held in Ashland (Strategic Air & Space Museum)

Learn more at <http://4h.unl.edu/firstvolunteer>.

### **4-H Council Information**

December 4-H Council Happenings:

- Nominations for 2015 4-H Council Members
- 2015 Registration fees
- Events for new enrollment procedures

January 4-H Council Agenda Items:

- Shooting Sports – Archery
- Revisions of Bylaws
- New Adams County 4-H T-shirt design

### **2015 4-H Council Officers**

We would like to thank the 2014 4-H Council for their dedication and support to the Adams County 4-H Council. We are happy to announce the 2015 4-H Council Officers. They are:

President: Scott Hinrichs

Vice President: Mike Schukei

Treasurer: Wryan Wright

Secretary: Shannon Frink

### **Youth Information**

#### **Recruiting youth for 2016 & 2019 CWF Conferences**

*Please take note we have changed the year we are going!*

Youth who are 15 to 18 years old in the years of 2016 & 2019 are invited and welcomed to sign up for a trip of a lifetime! Youth will experience the cities of Chicago, New York City, Washington D.C. and more. We will stay at the 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland for a week of the Citizen Washington Focus Conference. If you are interested in attending any future conferences, please contact UNL Extension in Adams County at (402)461-7209. It is never too early to sign up. **CWF Fundraising has Begun!** The next fundraiser will be the cake auction and basket raffle during the 4-H Soup Supper. Be sure to sign up.

#### **Scholarships Available**

Seniors and even some juniors in high school should be looking at scholarships to continue their education. There are numerous agricultural companies, organizations and colleges that offer scholarships to students who have long term career goals in agriculture. There are of course a lot of local and county scholarships and in addition to these you will there are a lot of national scholarships, as well as numerous ag scholarships offered at the state level. Now is the time to put together a good resume – it helps! It also helps to have a good cover letter to include with your application.

#### **Scholarships on the Web:**

- <http://brownfieldagnews.com/site-map/scholarships/>
- Agricultural Scholarships and can be found at <http://www.agriculturescholarships.us/>

- all kinds of scholarships can be found at: <http://www.nextstudent.com/directory-of-scholarships>
- Nebraska 4-H Scholarships** -- there are several statewide Nebraska 4-H scholarships. Go to [www.ne4hfoundation.org/scholarships.htm](http://www.ne4hfoundation.org/scholarships.htm) for a list and more information. Deadline is March 1.
- **CASNR Scholarship** - Any graduating senior planning to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln CASNR with an ACT of 26 or higher may be eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship. Contact Ron for more details.
  - **NACEB Scholarship** – Nebraska Association of County Extension Boards Scholarship Program Application is available at the Extension Office, Due by March 15, 2015

### FCS America Project Loans

Farm Credit Services of America will also help students to obtain financing for up to \$2500 for 4-H and FFA production projects that will be repaid within an annual production cycle, including such things as feeder pigs, feeder calves, and feeder lambs. For those of you interested in starting a breeding herd, individual student breeding livestock loans, up to \$10,205, offer future producers first-hand experience in business planning and farm financing. Other types of projects will also be considered. **Scholarships:** They also will be giving scholarships of \$2,000 to qualified college juniors and seniors and will offer \$500 annual scholarships to qualified freshman and sophomore students studying agriculture or ag business at land grant colleges in our area. For more information on this student loan program got to:



<http://www.fcsamerica.com/products/youngbeginningprogram.aspx>

### Rural Youth Loans

As you begin looking for your project for next year, you may want to consider an opportunity that is available to you. The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Farm Service Agency makes operating loans of up to \$5,000 to eligible individuals between the ages of 10-20 to finance income producing, agriculture-related projects. The individual must be participating in 4-H, FFA, or a similar organization. The program must be planned and supervised with the assistance of the organization’s supervisor and the individual’s parent or guardian. This assistance will help the individual to produce a sufficient income to repay the loan, and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience in agriculture-related skills. The loan funds may be used to purchase livestock, feed, seed, equipment, and supplies for the project. They may also be used to buy, rent, or repair needed tools or equipment. Rural Youth Loans have a maximum loan amount of \$5,000 (total principal balance owed at any one time on the loan) and the term can range from one to seven years. After the loan is made the interest rate will not change for the entire term of the loan. A parental signature is required on the application for the loan, but not on the promissory note or the other documents used to secure the loan. You can contact your local County FSA for more information.

### Project Information



#### Shooting Sports

Adams County will be starting off their Shooting Sports Kick-Off on **Sunday, January 11, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the Breezeway** of the Activities Center on the Fairgrounds. This year we will be offering Archery, BB Gun, Air Rifle, Air Pistol, and Shotgun. It will cost \$5.00 for 4-H insurance, plus an additional \$15.00 per discipline for Archery, BB Gun, Air Rifle, and Air Pistol. For

Shotgun, the total cost will be \$90.00 which includes your enrollment fee. **You must** plan on attending the **4-H Shooting Sports Kick-Off to enroll in the Shooting Sports 8 week series.** Due to number of youth wanting to participate, we will be limiting the number of youth attending per night. If you are unable to attend on January 11<sup>th</sup>, please contact the Extension Office at (402)461-7209 on January 12. No Pre-registering will be allowed in 2015.

## Calendar for Adams County Shooting Sports Activities:

- **4-H Shooting Sports Kick Off– January 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** Sign up for shooting sports and meet with the instructors.
- Shooting Sports Starts – Week of January 26<sup>th</sup>
- Shotgun Starts – March 7<sup>th</sup>
- Shooting Sports Picnic – April 12<sup>th</sup>

## Clover Kids

### What is Clover Kids?

Clover Kids is a 4-H program for children ages 5-to 7- years old. Children participate in hand-on activities designed to build lots of different life skills!

### New for Clover Kids

The Adams County 4-H Council has voted to add two new Exhibits to your 2015 Project selection they are:

- Bucket Calf
- Halter Lamb

Please enroll in Exploring Animals These animals will be shown in special classes at the fair.

A list of guidelines will be available at the Adams County Extension Office. Please feel free to talk to Julie regarding these new exhibits.

## Communications

### Photography Themes for 2015

- **UNIT II: NEBRASKA PHOTOGRAPHY CAREER EXHIBIT PRINT:** Explore a career as an editorial photographer. Editorial photographers take pictures that highlight the topics being written about in books, magazines, and newspapers. Editorial photos should be creative, powerful images that tell an intriguing story. Let's tell a story about why we love our Nebraska communities. Capture editorial **photos that tell a story about your Nebraska Community.**
- **UNIT III: NEBRASKA PHOTOGRAPHY CAREER EXHIBIT PRINT:** Explore a career as a commercial photographer. Commercial photographers take pictures that are used for promotional purposes. Commercial photographs are often used in print and online communication materials (advertisements, brochures, flyers, web sites, social media banners, direct email messages, etc.). Capture commercial photos that **tell the story of 4-H in your Nebraska community; photos should show the Nebraska 4-H Program in action.**

### Speech, PSA, & Performing Arts Contest

If your love is public speaking or entertaining an audience this contest is for you! Now is the time to start gearing up for this contest. You can register until March 16<sup>th</sup> and the contest is on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30 p.m. Classes available are:  
Speech for Jr. Int. Sr.

PSA for Jr. Int. Sr.

Performing Arts – Drill or Dance Routine (Individual or Group), Song Group, Combo or Band, Individual Vocal, Individual Instrumental, Whole Club Performance, Duet – Vocal, Duet – Instrumental, Other: such as one-act plays, musical performances, pantomimes etc.



## **Family and Consumer Science**

### **4-H Quilts of Valor Challenge**

Nebraska 4-H youth, families, and/or volunteers are being asked to participate in a statewide community service effort by creating and donating quilts to the service men and women who are protecting our country and who are “touched by war.” The quilts will be collected and given through the Quilts of Valor Foundation. Mark your calendar Adams County 4-Hers along with Hastings Quilt Guild will be holding a **special quilting event** to promote the National Quilts of Valor Day on **February 7<sup>th</sup>** more information to follow.

### **The STEAM Clothing Series**

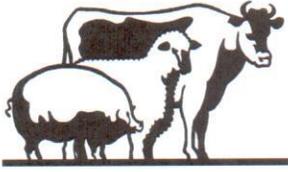
This new series of curricula looks at clothing in a whole new way - from the points of view of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. Youth will experience the cyclical processes of science, engineering, and design. They will also be introduced to the technology available in sewing and how math fits into clothing construction.

**These new projects will take the place of Sewing For Fun, Clothing 1 & 2 and Decorate Your Duds**

- ***Beyond the Needle:*** youth will learn all about the 'A' in STEAM Clothing -- the Art! This youth manual includes activities for three skill levels: beginner, intermediate, and advanced. Youth will learn the design basics and create a portfolio to exhibit samples made to practice specific techniques. Then, youth will be able to create their own fabulous embellishments and treatments on garments. If you love art, then this STEAM Clothing manual is for you! Beyond the Needle replaces Decorate your Duds.
- ***STEAM Clothing 1: FUNDamentals,*** youth will gather the tools they'll need to begin sewing, understand textiles through fun science experiments, learn beginning math and engineering techniques in clothing construction, and take their skills a step further, investigating businesses, service learning projects, and modeling.
- ***STEAM Clothing 2: Simply Sewing,*** youth will prepare for more advanced sewing techniques and projects, conduct more advanced textile science experiments, focus on advanced engineering techniques, add finishing touches and style to garments, and market and calculate prices of products. This curriculum is a combined leader/youth guide, with pages to print/copy for youth to complete as part of the activities.
- **Coming soon:** STEAM Clothing 3: A Stitch Further, STEAM Clothing 4: Moving Fashion Forward

### **Life Challenge**

The Life Challenge Contest dates are official, June 29 & 30 at UNL, East Campus. Please mark your calendars if you are interested in participating in the Life Challenge Contests. Please let Julie at the Extension Office (402)461-7209 know if you are interested.



## **Livestock**

### **Beef Weigh Day – Only 1 date left! Mark your Calendars!**

The last Beef Weigh Day is scheduled for March 7<sup>th</sup> at the Animal Clinic, from 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Exhibitors planning on showing Market Beef at fair will need to weigh

their beef Animals include:

- Market Steers
- Market Heifers
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Bucket Calves (Steers & Heifers)
- Beef Carcass Contest possibles

If you plan on showing a heifer that you are questioning whether to show it as a market heifer or a breeding heifer please be sure to weigh her in as a market animal, you may change it to a breeding heifer later by using the proper tag or tattoo(required for State Fair) prior to Livestock Identification Day (June 1, 2015).

Also remember, these are the only times that DNA will be taken for State Fair and AK-SAR-BEN. The cost of this is \$6.00 each.

The cost of each ear tag is \$1.00

Please do not make arrangements for any vet work to be done on your animals during this time.

With the two weigh days, your animals will still be eligible for rate of gain and/or carcass contest, the animals starting weigh date will simply be counted from the day weighed in.

### **2015 Horsin Around**

2015 Horsin Around will be February 28 – March 1, 2015, in the RB Warren Arena of the UNL Animal Science Complex on East Campus. Featured trainer will be Jeff Mellott of Andover, KS.

### **4-H Horse Stampede**

The 2015 4-H Horse Stampede has been scheduled for Saturday, March 14, 2015 and entries due to the Adams County office by Friday, February 13, 2015. So, mark your calendars!!



For more information on stampede please go to the animal science extension horse webpage:

<http://animalscience.unl.edu/web/anisci/ANSCEExtensionEquine4HHorseStampede> to find a schedule, entry forms and contest rules. The following events are scheduled for 4-Hers to participate in:

- (New Event) Public Speaking Contest - Public Speaking Contest topics must be related to Nebraska 4-H Strategic Plan topics (include information related to at least one of the 5 Significant Outcomes: 4-H Strategic Plan Outcomes - - 4-H Science, Agricultural Literacy, Career Development/College Readiness, Citizenship and Leadership, and Healthy Living.
- Demonstration Contest
- Art Contest
- Horse Bowl Contest
- Photography Contest



### Horse Show Dates

**2015 District Horse Show Dates & Locations** – all level testing required for participation in district horse show must be completed by May 15.

June 1 – Bridgeport

June 11 – Valentine

June 15 – McCook

June 16 – Ord

June 17 – Wayne

June 18 – Seward

2015 Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Show July 13-16, 2015

### UNL Extension Horse Judging Workshops

There will be three Horse Judging Workshops to be held this winter. These are targeted to current and potential Nebraska 4-H Horse Show judges, coaches and advanced judging team members.

**February 3, 2015** Ord, NE

**February 17, 2015** Buffalo Co. Extension, Kearney, NE

**February 24, 2015** Douglas/Sarpy County Extension, Omaha, NE

For more information contact the Extension Office.

### \*New Event \* Companion Animal Challenge

The 2015 4-H Companion Animal Challenge will be held in conjunction with the Horse Stampede is scheduled for Saturday, March 14, 2015 and entries due to the Adams County office by Friday, February 13, 2015. So, mark your calendars!! This event will allow youth to compete in companion animal events without their animals. The 4-H Companion Animal Challenge will include the following events:

- Demonstrations
- Quiz Bowl
- Art
- Photography
- Skill-a-thon

Rules and entry forms can be found online at: <http://animalscience.unl.edu/ansc4-h-companion-animal-challenge>

### Nebraska 4-H Dog Expo – Save the Date!

The Nebraska 4-H Dog Expo will be held at the Adams County Fairgrounds in Hastings on **May 1 and 2, 2015**. The schedule will be similar to that of 2014 including competitions, demonstrations, education clinics, and fun. The competitions will include obedience, showmanship, rally, and agility. The program will begin with fun activities on Friday evening and continue on Saturday with the competitions and demonstrations. Please put this on your calendar so we can once again have good local representation.

### PASE

The PASE dates are official, June 29 & 30 at UNL, East Campus. Please mark your calendars if you are interested in participating in the PASE Contests. Please let Steve or Julie at the Extension Office (402)461-7209 know if you are interested.

### **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.

While you are there, you'll get to:

- Explore campus with a current UNL student as your guide
- Check out your academic interest area's facilities
- See what it's like to live in a residence hall
- Learn how to get involved on campus
- Find out important admissions, scholarship and financial aid information

Red Letter Days have been scheduled for:

- February 6, 2015 - All Majors
- February 16, 2015 - All Majors
- February 27, 2015 - All Majors
- March 13, 2015 - All Majors
- March 16, 2015 - All Majors
- April 13, 2015 - All Majors
- April 17, 2015 - All Majors

The cost is \$10 per person. For more information visit <http://admissions.unl.edu/visit/on-campus/red-letterdays.aspx>

# 4-H Calendar

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## FEBRUARY

February 2	4-H Council @ 7:00 p.m.
February 5	Extension Board @ 7:00 p.m.
February 7	National Quilts of Valor Day (QOV Workshop)
February 10	Ag Society Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

Please Check the Adams County Web site at <http://www.adams.unl.edu/> for current calendar information

## 2015 4-H Council

Scott Hinrichs – Pres.	Michael Schukei – V.Pres.	Shannon Frink – Sec.	Wryan Wright – Tres.
Lynn DeVries	Ange Shipman	JR LEADER REPS:	Doug Nienhueser – Chamber
Mike Eckhardt	Kathleen Stromer	Chase DeVries	of Commerce Rep
Kirk Feeny	Morgan Trausch	Morgan Stromer	Twila Bankson – Ag Society
Bryce Katzberg	Lori Vorderstrasse	Brenda Tran	Rep
Brett Mohling	Amy Wilson		

**Please take time to THANK these above individuals for their hard work and dedication to the Adams County 4-H Program!!!**



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