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Adams County 4-H Newsletter

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FEBRUARY

February 2	Extension Board Meeting
February 6	4-H Council Meeting
February 6	Clover Challenge Meeting
February 14	Ag. Society Meeting
February 18	Horse Stampede
February 18	Clothing 101 Workshop
February 20	Extension Office Close
February 23	Adams County 4-H Open House

February is....



NEBRASKA 4-H MONTH

Show your 4-H Pride by wearing a 4-H shirt on Wednesday, February 15th to help celebrate Nebraska 4-H Month. The theme for 2012 is "Join the Revolution of Responsibility." We hope this theme inspires our youth to become involved leaders in their clubs and communities. Celebrate 4-H as youth step up and take responsibility for their future and ours. 4-H month is a great time to recruit new 4-H members, invite friends to a 4-H meeting, thank volunteer leaders and parents or local businesses who support the 4-H program.

4-H Soup Supper Fund Raiser

The 4-H Council will be holding their annual fundraiser on **Sunday, January 29, 2012 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.

Extension Office Closed – February 20, Presidents Day

Please Pick up Record Books, Career Portfolio and Awards left from Achievement Night and Leaders Banquet. Remember to fill out your Thank You notes and bring them to the office so that you can get your actual award or let the office know if you mailed them on your own. Thanks



You are invited to the Adams County 4-H Open House

Who: 4-H members, families, clubs and new or interested youth & families

When: Thursday, February 23, 2012

Time: 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Where: Adams County Office Building, Assembly Room
- located at 300 N St. Joseph Ave, Hastings, NE

Why: Explore project ideas, talk to current 4-H members & families, explore different clubs or groups, and register for 2012 4-H Program Year.

How do I get involved: If you are interested in helping during this event or having a club booth, please contact Beth or Julie at the Extension Office.

Sponsored by: Adams County 4-H Council & UNL Extension in Adams County

Note: For something new in 2012, the 4-H Open House will be held instead of the 4-H Kick-Off.

Enrollment & Pick a Project

Watch your mail for the 2012 4-H Enrollment Form and Pick a Project. This information is time sensitive with enrollments due on Monday, April 16, 2012. New 4-H members need to have a Code of Conduct signed by this date. We hope that you take some extra time this year and sign up for a project you can do as a family or with another person. Challenge yourself by adding a new or advanced project. Whatever you do, we hope you continue to be part of the Adams County 4-H Program. **Note:** Due to the new record keeping program, the enrollment forms will be blank. We need 4-H'ers to **complete the entire form**, front & back. If interested in trying the online system, please call the Extension Office for information of the process. To enroll online, you **MUST** have an email address.

Congratulations

- Mathew Hermann – Tribland King
- Danielle Trausch – Tribland Queen Finalist

Leaders & Parents Corner

Junior Leader News



The Adams County 4-H Junior Leaders will meet on Sunday, February 19th, from 2 - 4 p.m. at the old middle school gym. Our community service project will be for Kids Against Hunger. We are still recruiting members! Anyone 13 years or older, is welcome to join. 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 engages in a variety of learning and leadership development activities. Some of the activities include: pancake feed and food booth at the county fair, help with Leaders' banquet, help members and younger 4-H'ers with 4-H projects and are a positive role model for younger 4-H'ers. Bring a friend and make new friends. Also, you are eligible to earn a college scholarship. If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Shaw (402-756-6636) or the Adams County Extension Office (402-461-7209).

4-H Club of the Month

The Nebraska 4-H Foundation, along with the Nebraska 4-H Ambassadors, put together a new program for Nebraska 4-H Clubs. Any 4-H club can nominate themselves to be the "Club of the Month" (this must be done by the second Friday of the month). Each month, a winner will be chosen and will receive a \$50 cash card from the Nebraska 4-H Foundation and a certificate which can be displayed. Also, the Club of the Month's story will be displayed on the 4-H Foundation's website, Facebook and Twitter and a news release will be sent out to their local newspaper. Nomination forms can be found on the Adams County 4-H page at <http://adams.unl.edu>. Please send the nomination forms to: ne4hambassadors@unl.edu

Club Award available through Governor's Agricultural Excellence Awards

4-H Clubs have the opportunity to be selected as a Governor's Agricultural Excellence Award winner. Twenty-five clubs across the state are selected each year and receive \$500 for the work of the individuals in the club and the community service work of the entire club. Clubs may use the award dollars for many different programs (conferences or workshops for others in the community, trips or tours for club members, community improvement projects in their home town, campus visits). While the majority of the clubs choose a project that benefits many others in their community, some have chosen to celebrate their success by providing more experiences for club members.

Applications are available on-line at <http://www.ne4hfoundation.org/agexcellenceaward.htm>. Any club that hasn't received a Governor's Agriculture Excellence Award for the past two consecutive years is eligible to apply. The application deadline is **March 2, 2012**. Email applications to Sinda Dux at the 4-H Foundation office at 4hfoundation@unl.edu. ***Please indicate in the subject line that it is a Governor's Ag Excellence Application.*** Counties and clubs will receive award notification by May 20, 2011. The Governor's Agriculture Excellence Awards will be presented during the evening picnic of the PASE/Life Challenge Event. This will be held on **June 25** at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln's East Campus. If you have any questions please contact Sinda Dux at the Nebraska 4-H Foundation, 402-472-1178 or email 4hfoundation@unl.edu.

4-H Council Information

January 4-H Council Happenings

- Update on 4-H T-shirt
- Nebraska 4-H Month ideas
- 4-H Livestock Auction
- 4-H Fair Calendar

February 4-H Council Agenda Items

- Workshops
- Nebraska 4-H Month Plans
- 4-H Livestock Auction
- 4-H Fair Calendar

Youth Information

Adams County Camp: June 11th – 13th

Our second annual County Camp at the South Central Camp in Alma will be held **June 11th 13th, 2012!!** UNL Extension from Adams, Clay, Fillmore, & Webster Counties invite any youth ages 8 to 12 to attend a full camping experience plus 4-H activities! The camp will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, June 6th and end at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 8th. The cost of the County Camp is still being determined. This camp is not only for 4-H'ers, so tell all of your friends! Beth hopes to see you there!



Camp Counselors needed for County Camp!

Become a camp counselor! We need boys and girls, 14 and older, to be a counselor at County Camp from June 11th to the 13th. It is recommended that counselors attend the State Camp Counselor Training. Dates and locations for Counselor Training will be coming out soon! By attending the counselor training, you may be a counselor at more than just the County Camp! If interested, please let Beth know!

Big Red Summer Academic Camps

Online registrations through the UNL Marketplace (<http://marketplace.unl.edu/ne4h/brc>) are currently being accepted for the 2012 Big Red Summer Academic Camps, to be held **June 10-15, 2012**. These career exploration camps are open to ALL youth entering grades 10-12 in the fall of 2012. New camp offerings for the upcoming summer include Crop Science and Education. Other focus areas include Culinary Arts and Food Science, Entrepreneurship, Environment, Fiber Arts, Filmmaking, Unicameral Youth Legislature, and Veterinary Science. Additional information, along with a printable brochure, can be found online at <http://bigredcamps.unl.edu>.

The Experience of a Lifetime - 2013 Citizen Washington Focus

The countdown begins for an experience of a lifetime! We have T minus 17 months till we venture east for those youth who are ages 15 to 19 in 2013. We will travel to the nation's capital to have an interactive classroom with workshops, seminars, and field trips. Traditionally, Adams, Clay, and Webster County 4-H'ers have joined together to take the trip but we will welcome 4-H'ers from other counties. We need more youth to fill our bus. Please talk with friends and relatives about attending the 2013 CWF Trip! We do fundraisers throughout the year to help with costs.

Career Explorer by Nebraska 4-H

Get started on the right path to making smart life choices with the Career Explore Web Site and Career Explorer iPad App! Career Explorer will help you connect the dots between the choices you make every day and the opportunities you could have in the future. You will begin with a Luck of the Draw card and from there you will be in control, making ongoing decisions about your education and future career opportunities. At each stage of the game, you will be able to enter the workforce, get additional education, or explore training programs. You will have access to more than 450 careers with up-to-date salary information and summaries for each!

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.

FCS America Project Loans

Farm Credit Services of America will help students obtain financing for 4-H & FFA production projects up to \$2500 to 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>

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 many local, county, and national scholarships, as well as numerous agriculture scholarships offered at the state level. Now is the time to put together a well written 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/>
 - Other scholarship opportunities can be found at: <http://www.nextstudent.com/directory-of-scholarships>
- **College Scholarships for Adams County 4-H Members:**
 - **Nebraska 4-H Scholarships** -- there are several statewide Nebraska 4-H scholarships. Go to www.ne4hfoundation.org/scholarships.htm for a list and more information. Deadline is March 2.
 - **Nebraska Association of County Extension Boards** -- two scholarships to UNL College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources or College of Education and Human Sciences. Note: Deadline is March 15.
 - **Ag. Scholarship** -- The Hastings Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Committee is offering a \$750.00 scholarship for students with at least a C average pursuing a college or university education and major in an agricultural field. The student must attend a 2 or 4 year college or university within Nebraska to qualify. Please contact the Extension Office to receive an application form.
 - **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 or Beth for more details.
 - **Marilyn Spiker Memorial Scholarship** – Any woman who will begin first or second year college studies taking an agricultural course is eligible to apply for a \$500 scholarship offered by WIFE (Women Involved in Farm Economics). Please contact the Extension Office to receive an application form.

Project YES! Internship Opportunity

We are happy to announce that Project Youth Extension Service (YES!) is now accepting internship applications for 2012-2013. Project Y.E.S! is a national internship program engaging college students in service to meet the needs of military families. Specifically, Project Y.E.S! expands the resources of the Yellow Ribbon Program (YRP) and other youth & teen oriented programs. Applications will be accepted through Feb 29, 2012 and students will be notified of the status of their application by April 2012. More information and application materials can be found at <http://militaryfamilies.extension.org/yes-intern-program/application-requirements/>. Please contact JC Johnson at james_johnson@ncsu.edu or 919-513-3165 for more information.

Nebraska Corn Board Internship Opportunities

The Nebraska Corn Board is offering four internships for 2012-2013 and partnering with the National Corn Growers Association, U.S. Grains Council and U.S. Meat Export Federation. The internships are:

- Nebraska Corn Board and U.S. Meat Export Federation Internship, Denver, CO
- Nebraska Corn Board and U.S. Grains Council Internship, Washington, D.C.
- Nebraska Corn Board and National Corn Growers Association Internship, Washington, D.C.
- Communications and Market Development Internship Lincoln, NE

The Application Deadline is February 15, 2012. For questions, please call Kelsey Pope, 402-471-2676.

Internship information can be accessed on this link: <http://www.nebraskacorn.org/main-navigation/education-youth/students/>

4-H Project Information

Shooting Sports



Calendar for Adams County Shooting Sports Activities:

- Shooting Sports Starts – Week of January 22nd - Postponed until Week of January 30th
- Shotgun Starts – February 18th
- Shooting Sports Picnic – March 25th

Shooting Sports Tournaments

- Douglas/Sarpy 4-H BB Gun/Air Rifle Tournament – February 4, Springfield, NE

Seeking 4-H National Shooting Sports Invitational Participants

Nebraska will be hosting the National 4-H Invitational Shooting Sports Match at the Heartland Public Shooting Park and Events Center in Grand Island on June 17-22, 2012. This event will involve 4-H youth from across the nation competing in nine disciplines. These include: Compound Archery, Recurve Archery, Air Rifle, Air Pistol, .22 Rifle, .22 Pistol, Shotgun, Muzzleloading, and Hunting Skills. Nebraska has selected or will be selecting teams to represent our State in the shotgun, recurve archery, compound archery, air pistol, and air rifle disciplines. However, we are still seeking eligible youth interested in participating in the 2012 National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational in the following discipline areas – .22 rifle, .22 pistol, muzzleloading, and hunting skills. Participants must have passed their 14th birthday by January 1 of the current year and may not have passed their 19th birthday before January 1 of the current year in which the National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational is held. More details will be available at a later date. 4-H youth who are interested in participating in one of the above discipline areas are requested to complete the “National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational Interest Form.” This form can be found at - <http://liferaydemo.unl.edu/web/4h/forms> . Deadline to complete and return this form is February 1, 2012. Participants will be notified by one of the Nebraska coaches with more details after the deadline. The number of interested youth in a discipline will determine whether a qualifying match needs to be held in Nebraska. Feel free to contact Steve Pritchard at (402)395-2158 or (308)536-2691, or spritchard1@unl.edu if you have any questions.

New Extension Program – Nebraska Outdoor U

4-H is a Family Affair and so is the new Nebraska Outdoor U! extension program. Families are encouraged to sign up online to discover pathways in Camping, Fishing, Hunting, and Shooting Sports. Each person can create a log-in page, and earn awards (flashlights, journals, campfire starters and more!) for each level achieved. Visit the website at www.OutdoorU.org, and like us on Facebook at Nebraska Outdoor U! Any questions can be directed to program coordinator, Scott Stuhr, at outdoors@unl.edu. This is a nice addition to any of your environmental education, healthy lifestyles, and SET 4-H projects.



Communications

Photography

The 2012 photography themes are:



- **UNIT II NEBRASKA PHOTOGRAPHY CAREER EXHIBIT PRINT:** Explore a career as a Nebraska photo journalist. The goal of a photo journalist is to tell a story through their work. Capture a photo of a newsworthy event in your Nebraska community.
- **UNIT III NEBRASKA PHOTOGRAPHY CAREER EXHIBIT PRINT:** Explore a career as a Nebraska photographer. The goal of an artistic photographer is to portray a unique or interesting image through their work. Capture photos of Nebraska landscapes where creative composition is the goal.

Photography Symposium to be held in Hastings

Amateur photographers are invited to learn more about their craft, network with other photographers and listen to advice from seasoned professionals at the Photograph Nebraska Symposium to be held on February 24 & 25 at the Hastings Museum of Natural and Cultural History. Keynote presenters will include:

- **National Geographic Photographer, Joel Sartore** - After more than 20 year and 30 stories for the *National Geographic Society*, Joel has covered everything from the remote Amazon rainforest to beer-drinking, mountain-racing firefighters in the United Kingdom. Joel has completed assignments for *Audubon Magazine*, *Time*, *Life*, *Newsweek* and *Sports Illustrated*.
- **Digital Photography Expert, Randy Hampton**
- **Omaha World Herald Photojournalist, Alyssa Schukar**
- This two-day event will also include workshops on: sports photography, camera care, publishing, composition, severe storm photography, blended photography, photo projects, wildlife photography and natural and artificial lighting. Speakers will include: Bruce Thorson, Alan Mais, Jeff Kurrus, John Brooks, Ryan McGinnis, Steve & Bobbi Olson, Rick Houchin and Bob Grier
- Professionals will be on hand to critique photographs throughout the event. Attendees will also have the opportunity to photograph waterfowl and cranes in a blind on the Platte River. This event is held in conjunction with the "Life Up Close" Photography Exhibit which will be on display at the Hastings Museum from Saturday, February 4 thru Sunday, March 25.
- The event is hosted by the Adams County Convention & Visitors Bureau. Please visit www.PhotographNebraska.com for the schedule and registration information.



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 April 17th and the contest is on April 22nd at 2:30 p.m. The theme for PSA is “Join the Revolution of Responsibility”. Classes available are:

- Speech for Junior, Intermediate, & Senior
- PSA for Junior, Intermediate, & Senior
- 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

Spring Worksops

- **Clothing 101** - Do's and Don'ts – *DATE CHANGE February 18th*
Have you ever wondered which clothing project you are to sign up for? This workshop will answer your questions about what project your exhibits should be in based upon your sewing level. In this workshop you will receive helpful hints and tips to enhance your 4-H sewing experience. We will discuss pattern selection, appropriate fabrics and modeling for a judge. This workshop is for parents, leaders and youth involved in clothing projects. The workshop is in the Assembly Room from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and the cost is \$8.00. Pre-register by February 13th.
- **Quilts of Valor** – Community Service Project - March 3rd
Quilting to Honor and Comfort our Wounded. If you love to make quilts or would you like to try your hand at making them, then this workshop is for you. Mark your calendar for this starting date, we will be adding numerous sewing sessions to complete a group project that will be donated to the Quilts of Valor Foundation and then be given to wounded military personnel. The workshop will be held at Julie's Xpressions from 10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. This will be a come and work (at any time for any length of time) at no cost for the workshop.

4-H Quilts of Valor Two-Year 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, who has already donated over 36,000 quilts. 4-H members and volunteers can work alone or in groups to make the quilts (Adams County's group is starting March 3). In addition to the free fabric donated by national fabric companies, 4-H youth may also choose to contact a Quilt Guild, American Legion, other service organization, or a local quilt shop in his/her community to help provide funds or fabric, batting, or machine-quilting to complete your project. Quilts made with the free Quilts of Valor fabric must be finished and delivered to the Nebraska State Fair in 2012. During the 2011 Nebraska State Fair, 40 Quilts of Valor were presented to the National Quilts of Valor Foundation. If you are interested in participating in this project, please review the 4-H Quilts of Valor Statewide Challenge Guidelines, which fit into the Quilts of Valor criteria, and review the Nebraska Quilts of Valor Challenge Lessons Learned. We appreciate your support of the United States Military through your participation in this project!

Fashion Board Meeting

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, March 4th at 6:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room** for this meeting. The Fashion Board is open to any 4-H'er, 12 years and older involved in Clothing and Consumer Education. The purpose of this board is to enhance personal development in clothing selection and construction, build leadership skills, and explore career choices in the fashion industry.

Clover Challenge & Life Challenge

We are looking for interested 4-H'ers, 12 years of age or older to represent Adams County on the different family and consumer science teams. **An organizational meeting will be on Monday, February 6, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room at the Adams County Office Building.** Please call (402) 461-7209, if you are willing to make a time commitment to the Adams County Challenge teams. District Clover Challenge is being planned. The Life Challenge Contest will take place on June 25-26 at UNL, East Campus. You will have a good time while you learn. If you need more details, contact Julie at the Adams County Extension Office.

Environmental Ed & Earth Science

Garden projects

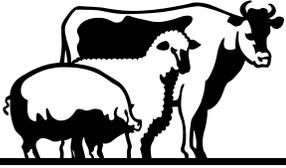
Winter is a good time to start thinking about spring projects. 4-H members will again have a chance to grow an unusual and fun project in their gardens. This year a special project is focused around the unique Firecracker sunflower. The plant itself is a dwarf plant, only reaching 10-17" in a 4-6" pot or 12-42" in a flower bed, and works well in containers. It also has a branching habit which allows for multiple flowers per stem. The red and gold bicolor flowers are pollenless. It will take on average 55 days from planting to bloom. 4-H'ers that enroll in the Special Garden Project will: Receive seeds for the Firecracker Sunflower (one 'packet' per family) in early April and a newsletter about planting & growing sunflowers, sunflower problems & insects, cutting, using, drying and exhibiting sunflowers, and horticulture careers. 4-H members are able to enter these unique sunflowers in a Special Garden Project Class at County Fair. We have ordered a limited number of seed packets. Final cost of the seeds (approximately \$2.00) will be determined at time of delivery so please contact the Extension Office if you are interested. Please note that in Adams County you will still need to enroll in the regular horticulture projects to participate in this activity.

Crops Webpage for Youth

The objective of this webpage is to provide a one spot stop with crop production information, some of it specific for Nebraska and some general crop information that can be used for a variety of locations. The webpage is divided into four main sections: crop and plant science facts, activities for youth, 4-H & FFA projects, and teaching activities & resources. "Crop and plant science facts" provides a short summary of crop statistics and other fun facts. "Activities for youth" has some fun crossword puzzles, word searches and other interactive activities for youth to participate. The 4-H and FFA project page has some of the opportunities available through 4-H and FFA such as Crop Science Investigation workshop series and other events related to crops. Finally, the "Teaching Activities and Resources" page currently has nine lessons available for anyone to download and teach hands-on activities to any age group. Check it out at <http://cropwatch.unl.edu/youth>

Innovative Youth Corn Challenge Contest

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension and the Nebraska Corn Board have teamed up to offer the first *Innovative Youth Corn Challenge* contest. This contest, open to 4-H members (age 10 & older as of Jan. 1st) or FFA members (in-school members), will guide youth through all aspects of corn production, as well as the agricultural careers related to corn production. Youth will be challenged to implement a production practice different than normal to determine if they increased their yield. Economics and sustainability of the practice will also be considered. Yields, cropping history, and production information will be collected in the Corn Yield Challenge management summary. Youth will work with an adult mentor throughout the process. Mentors can be extension faculty, ag teachers, or other qualified agronomy professionals. Cash prizes and plaques will be given to the first, second, and third place teams. First place will receive \$1,000, second place will receive \$500, and third place will receive \$250. A data completion and innovation award will also be given. To participate, youth must complete and return an entry form by March 1st to the Fillmore County Extension Office in Geneva, NE. Forms can be downloaded at cropwatch.unl.edu/youth/activities. For more information, contact Brandy VanDeWalle at bvandewalle2@unl.edu or 402-759-3712.



Livestock

Attention Beef Exhibitors

Market Beef ID Sheets and Forms must be completed and returned to the Adams County Extension Office by Friday, February 24, 2012.

Attention: 2012 Sheep & Goat Weigh Day

- Sheep & Goat Weigh Day – Friday, May 11th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Animal Science Series – For any and all interested in Livestock

Are you interested in learning more about the livestock industry, the science of the animals and are 12 or older? Then plan on getting involved with the Animal Science Series. You will get to have hands on experiences with dissections, feed stuffs, meats, and much more. Please plan on attending the organization meeting on Sunday, **January 29th at 2:00 p.m. at the Assembly Room**. Additional dates will be planned during this meeting. If unable to attend but interested in the Animal Science Series, please let Beth know so she can keep you in the loop.

2012 Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic Cattle Judging Contest

Each year, the University of Nebraska–Lincoln in partnership with the Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic conducts a youth cattle judging contest. The 2012 contest will be held this year on **February 25, 2012** at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds. Early Registration will be due by **February 20, 2012**. Contestants may also enter the day of for a late fee of \$5 extra per contestant. The registration form and more information regarding the contest can be found at <http://cattlemens.org/classicjudgingcontest.html>.

Adams County 4-H Carcass Contest

The carcass contest is a project where youth may enter a beef, sheep, and/or swine to understand the cycle of livestock production. The contest consists of three parts: the carcass, the interview, and the record book. To successfully participate in the contest, all three segments must be fulfilled. Below are important dates for you to know about if thinking of taking this project.

- Sheep/Swine
 - July 9th – Drop Off (a.m.)
 - July 10th – Viewing (p.m.)
- Beef
 - July 10th – Drop Off (a.m.)
 - July 12th – Viewing (p.m.)
- ALL SPECIES
 - July 17th – Record books due by 8 p.m.
 - July 21st – Interviews (afternoon)

Spring Rabbit Show

Rabbit exhibitors mark your calendars for another opportunity to learn and practice your showmanship. Lancaster County is hosting a spring rabbit show on Saturday, March 24, 9 a.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center in Lincoln. For more information, call Bob at 402-477-6888 or Marty at 402-441-7180.



Horse Show Dates

2012 District 4-H Horse Shows

- June 11 – Buffalo County – Kearney
- June 12 – Box Butte County – Hemmingford
- June 13 – Cherry County – Valentine
- June 14 – Lancaster County – Lincoln
- June 20 – Knox County – Bloomfield
- June 21 – Lincoln County – North Platte



2012 State 4-H Horse Show – July 15 – 19, 2012 - Grand Island

Other Horse Shows

- June 30 – Chase County Horse Show - Imperial

Dog

Dog Obedience classes

Dog Program Obedience classes offered by Adams County Extension will begin with an informational meeting on Monday, March 5, 2012. This meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. and will be held in the Activities Building at the Adams County Fairgrounds.

Objectives of the meeting include a discussion of the overall dog program, a demonstration of obedience performance expectations and an opportunity to enroll for the year. Thus, if you plan to participate in the dog program, you are highly encouraged to attend. Please **do not** bring your dog to this first meeting. The cost is \$10.00 to participate in the dog classes. Vaccination record forms for all participating dogs will be distributed and must be completed by a veterinarian or person providing the shots before beginning the classes.

Requirements for participation are: 1) Enrollment in 4-H and in the dog project, 2) Vaccination form completed and 3) Class fee paid to the Extension Office before attending any class. The actual classes will begin at the fairgrounds on Monday, March 12th at 7:00 p.m.



Paws-On Dog Workshop

If you have an interest in learning about dogs or want to better your show skills, plan on attending this 4-H statewide dog clinic. On Saturday April 28th, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Lancaster Event Center in Lincoln. This workshop will cover obedience, showmanship, agility, grooming, health care, and much more. Fee is \$15 per person and includes lunch. For more information, call Dr. Lisa Karr-Lilienthal at (402) 472-6458 or email at lkarr-lilienthal2@unl.edu

UNL Opportunities

UNL as a Choice for College - RED Letter Days

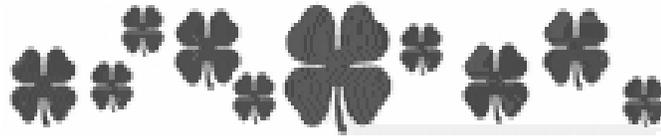
An all-day UNL open house experience for high school seniors! Red Letter Days feature:

- Academic Sessions presented by college representatives
- Student Life Sessions focusing on student opportunity & campus life
- The chance to tour campus & visit academic facilities

Information on admissions, scholarships, & financial aid. View a sample schedule and register at http://admissions.unl.edu/open_house/red_letter_days/index.aspx

Red Letter Days have been scheduled for:

- February 20, 2012



4-H Calendar

FEBRUARY

February 2	Extension Board Meeting
February 6	4-H Council Meeting
February 6	Clover Challenge Meeting
February 14	Ag. Society Meeting
February 18	Horse Stampede
February 18	Clothing 101 Workshop – <i>DATE CHANGE</i>
February 20	Extension Office Closed
February 23	Adams County 4-H Open House

March

March 1	Extension Board Meeting
March 3	Quilts of Valor Workshop
March 4	Fashion Board Meeting
March 5	4-H Council Meeting
March 13	Ag. Society Meeting
March 25	Shooting Sports Picnic

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

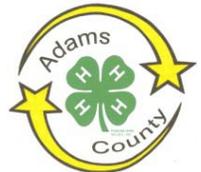
2012 4-H Council

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Chris Anderson	Holly Stark	JR. LEADER REPS:	Doug Nienhueser – Chamber of Commerce Rep.
Carol Chitko-McKown	Jeanette Uden	Sarah Appleton Allen	Julie Ochsner – Ag Society Rep.
Scott Hinrichs	Troy Vorderstrasse	Trevor DeVries	
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**Please take time to THANK these above individuals for their
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TERI HERMANN BENEFIT



**WHEN: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH
11AM - 3PM**

WHERE: ADAMS CO. FAIRGROUNDS

THERE WILL BE A FREE WILL DONATION MEAL, SILENT AUCTION, BAKE SALE AND ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED BY ADAMS CENTRAL'S BAND & CHOIR.

Teri Hermann was diagnosed with stage 3 lung cancer in February 2011. Teri has gone through chemotherapy, radiation, about a dozen surgeries, with more possible in the future, and the cancer has spread to her liver. Teri is unable to work due to the cancer and treatments she receives. Teri and her husband, Russ, have 6 children, 4 of which live at home.

Donations can be made to "Teri Hermann Benefit" at any Five Points Bank in Hastings. ***This event is supported by Thrivent.***