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Adams County 4-H Newsletter

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February is....



NEBRASKA 4-H MONTH

Show your 4-H Pride by wearing a 4-H shirt on Wednesday, February 12th to help celebrate Nebraska 4-H Month. The theme for 2014 is "Make A Lasting Impact." 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.



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, February 9th, 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. Early bird online enrollment will be available! 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.



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 nondiscrimination policies of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the United States Department of Agriculture.

2014 Enrollment Process ~ Need Valid Emails

It is time to start thinking about 2014 4-H Enrollment! We will continue to offer the option to enroll online with 4-H Access. To enroll online, each youth and parent needs a valid email address. The online system emails an Open ID, similar to a user name, to the individual. To make this process run as smoothly as possible, we are asking for families to call or email Gwen Rodocker (gwen.rodocker@unl.edu or 402.461.7209) their emails to double check in the system. If you have not already done this please take a few minutes to do this! If you did this last year you will use the Open ID from last year. The paper option will be available if youth or families do not have email address.

SAVE THE DATES!

- **Pre-Fair Entry Forms** – **Deadline is Monday, June 16**
- **2013 PASE and Life Challenge events** will be held **July 1 - 2** on East Campus in Lincoln.
- **2014 Adams County Fairfest Dates**
Its official! The 2014 Adams County Fair is **July 16 to July 20**. Static Exhibits will be entered Monday, July 14th and Livestock check-in the evening of Tuesday, July 15th. Livestock Auction will be Monday, July 21st. Livestock show schedule and a calendar for other contests and events will be in next month's newsletter.

Thank You

Thank you to all who made the 4-H Council's Soup Supper a huge success. The chicken noodle, chili, and desserts were delicious. A special thank you goes to the 4-H Council fund raising committee for taking charge of the event along with the business sponsors. The CWF baskets were beautiful and unique, along with outstanding decorated cakes for the cake auction. A special thank you to Ruhter Auction for being the auctioneer.

Leaders & Parents Corner



Junior Leader News

The Adams County 4-H Junior Leaders will meet on Sunday, February 9th, at 1:30 p.m. at the Adams County Fairgrounds to assist with the 4-H Kick-Off. We will work the Jr. Leaders booth to recruit new members or be placed in another booth. Anyone is welcome to join that 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).

Adams County Fair Foundation

The Adams County Fair Foundation that was developed several years ago has received their 501C3 status; any donations made to the foundation are now tax exempt. Please remember our fair when giving. Checks can be made out to Adams County Fair Foundation and mailed to the Adams County Fairgrounds, Attention: Darrel Stromer, Foundation President at 947 South Baltimore, Hastings NE 68901

4-H Council Information

January Happenings

- Club tax exempt status
- Nebraska 4-H month
- 4-H Kickoff
- Charter Clubs

February Agenda Items

- Committee Assignments

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" 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

What's New?? 4H4U Texts!

Sign up for **4H4U Texts** and receive the latest Nebraska 4-H updates, and explore great ideas, activities, and resources from Nebraska 4-H and UNL Extension - right at your fingertips!

Texts will focus on:

- Nebraska 4-H updates
- Meeting & project ideas
- Youth group activities
- Volunteer training information
- Great tips that will engage youth, keep enthusiasm high, and move your youth group to the next level

4H4U Texts are for those who work with youth ages 5-19: volunteers, parents, youth development professionals, childcare providers, teachers, and more! Sign up today to hear the latest from UNL Extension youth development educators and make your youth group or club experience one that youth won't soon forget! Sign up online at: <http://extensiontexts.unl.edu/4H4UTexts>

Youth Information

Recruiting youth for 2015 & 2017 CWF Conferences

Youth who are 14 to 18 years old in the years of 2015 & 2017 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. We have fundraising opportunities throughout the year to help with the cost of the 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

Big Red Camp

The 2014 Big Red Summer Academic Camps, to be held **June 8-13, 2014**, are only five months away! New camps for 2014 include Animal Science, Fashion Design, and Outdoor Nebraska (Natural Resources). Also offered are the focus areas of Crop Science, Culinary Arts and Food Science, Education, Engineering, Filmmaking, Unicameral Youth Legislature, and Veterinary Science.

What Project Should I Take?

Selecting the right 4-H projects can be one the hardest parts of a 4-H project. There are so many to choose from and different levels for many. Careful planning and decision making up front will increase member satisfaction, improve completion and reduce frustrations. A resource to help you make a decision is the Pick-A-Project Guide available on the web at: <http://4h.unl.edu/web/4hcurriculum/pickyourproject>. The Pick-A-Project guide lists the projects and resources with a brief description of all the projects available in Nebraska 4-H. The key to selecting projects is do not pick too many projects. Accepting responsibility is an important 4-H life skill. Completing a project is a good way for a 4-H'er to demonstrate he or she can accept responsibility. It is better to complete one project than to enroll in too many, become overwhelmed and not complete any. Parents and club leaders might encourage their members to do more work in a few projects than just a tiny amount in many different projects. Often there are related projects that members might enroll in – such as foods and horticulture, home environment and woodworking, or horse and veterinary science. Selecting the right level and knowing when to move on. Many of the projects have several levels. The Pick-A-Project guide gives a level suggestion for each project unit, but more important is the ability of the individual member. Many areas have beginning, intermediate and advanced project units that allow for progression from year to year. Parents and members need to find the best level for each child. Older members may start at a higher level if the beginning projects are too elementary for them. It is suggested to not be in a beginning level project and an advanced level. For example, avoid being in Six Easy Bites and Foodworks or Woodworking I and III or Sew for Fun and Clothing Level II. It is also suggested to progress to the next level after you feel you have accomplished your current level or have been in that level for several years. If you need help selecting which level you need to be in please contact the Adams County Extension Office.

Here are a few questions to consider when selecting a project.

- What do you like to do for fun?
- What do you want to learn?
- What do you already know about your interest area(s)?
- How many years have you taken this project or project level?
- What do you need to complete your projects? (space, equipment, supplies, financial resources?)
- How much time do you have to commit to the project?
- Who can help you with the project?

What do you learn in 4-H?

4-H participants learn practical skills such as fitness, meal preparation, rocket building, clothing care, animal and human nutrition, first aid, woodworking, gardening, and many other skills through the more than 150 projects available. Other skills that are defined as life skills are a part of every 4-H project. These skills are used every day of our lives and include:

- solving problems
- communicating
- preparing for a career
- serving others
- choosing healthy lifestyles
- managing change and challenges

The 4-H organization wants its members to receive more from their projects than ribbons, trophies, trips and monetary gains. The 4-H program wants its members to acquire project knowledge and life skills. Many youth based organizations have worked to instill life skills in young people through various activities, but 4-H youth development professionals have evidence that 4-H programs benefit participants by helping them develop valuable life skills that will enable them to become better citizens. According to the research, members use the responsibility skills they developed from 4-H projects to complete homework assignments, be on time at work, and care for younger siblings. These skills are benefiting youth in school, at home, and on the job to be more dependable, confident and qualified individuals. In particular, knowledge gained from raising 4-H animal projects assisted students in their understanding of biology, physiology, and genetics.

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://brownfielddagnews.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 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 or Beth for more details.
- **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 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.
- **Adams County 4-H Council** – Two \$500 scholarships (one male & one female) for a Senior pursuing a 2 or 4 year degree. Please contact the Extension Office to receive a form. Due April 1st.

New 4-H Opportunity at NCTA

Nebraska 4-H and Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture are excited to announce a new career development opportunity for youth! Camps will be offered in Animal Science and Agronomy/Precision Agriculture July 6-9 at NCTA in Curtis for 8th-12th grade youth. Both camps will explore careers, college opportunities and connect with industry.

Governor's Agricultural Excellence Awards

The Nebraska 4-H Foundation and the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA) are pleased to again offer the Governor's Agricultural Excellence Awards sponsored by the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA) which recognize 4-H clubs for the work of the individuals in the club and the community service work of the entire club. Twenty-five clubs have been recognized each year since 1997. Recognition is in the form of \$500 checks issued to the club's treasury to be used as described in the award application form completed by the club. A public presentation of the checks will be made to the winning clubs during the PASE event on East Campus UNL on Monday evening, June 30, 2014.

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, fair grounds enhancement, inter-generational programs, and the development of a youth council are just a few examples of the ways the award can be used. 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 www.ne4hfoundation.org. The application deadline is March 1, 2014. Email applications to Sinda Dux at the 4-H Foundation office at sdux2@unl.edu. Please indicate in the subject line that it is a Governor's Ag Excellence Application. Please consider "Agricultural" in the broadest terms when you are discussing this program. The intent is to increase 4-H'ers' awareness of agricultural careers and entice some of them into such careers. This is an opportunity for 4-H to support our agricultural roots while we help 4-H members expand the career possibilities they are considering.

4-H Project Information



Shooting Sports

Calendar for Adams County Shooting Sports Activities:

- Shotgun Starts – February 22nd
- Shooting Sports Picnic – April 6th
- Nebraska State 4-H Air Pistol Championships - April 5-6 in Broken Bow, 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 24-29, 2014. 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 shotgun, recurve archery, compound archery, air pistol, smallbore pistol and air rifle. However, we are still seeking eligible youth interested in participating in the 2014 National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational in the following discipline areas – muzzleloading, smallbore rifle 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://4h.unl.edu/web/4h/shootingsportsforms>. Deadline to complete and return this form is March 1, 2014. 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. Thank you for your interest in the Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Program.

Communications

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 1st and the contest is on April 6 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.



2014 Photography Career Exhibit Print Themes

UNIT II: CAREER EXHIBIT PRINT: Explore a career as a pet photographer. Pet photographers know just how much pet owners love their animals and capturing pets in print is a great way to honor that relationship. Capture photos of **your favorite pets** and consider creative locations and whimsical props for your photo shoots.



UNIT III: 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. Capture editorial **photos that tell Nebraska's story.**

Family and Consumer Science

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 Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the Assembly 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. The Clover Challenge Contest and the Life Challenge Contest dates are official, June 30 – July 1 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.

Fashion Board Meeting

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, March 2rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting 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.

Quilts of Valor Workshop – March 8th

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 March 8th workshop will be held from 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and the March 15th workshop will be held from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Julie's Xpressions – 743 West 2nd. This will be a come and work (at any time for any length of time) at no cost for the workshop. Please call the Adams County Extension office at 402-461-7209 and reserve your space for the workshop.

Science, Engineering & Technology (SET)

FIRST LEGO League (FLL)

FLL is designed for youth aged 9-14. Teams work to design, build and program a LEGO NXT robot to solve missions using models built out of LEGO's. They also research and prepare a presentation addressing a real-world issue related to the annual theme and prepare to share their core values and leadership skills with judges. This year's annual theme, Nature's Fury, focuses on weather events and natural disasters. Nearly 1,000 Nebraska youth will compete on an FLL team this season statewide.

Events:

- Championship Tournament, Strategic Air and Space Museum near Ashland, 2/22/2014

Each event needs 40-50 volunteers to be successful. Volunteer roles vary in level of expertise and necessary training. Some roles are appropriate for middle school and high school-aged youth. To learn more about volunteering, roles needed and find the form to sign-up, visit http://go.unl.edu/fll_vol

Adams County 4-H Robotics

The 4-H Robotics group continues.... The next meeting will be held in the Assembly Room at the Adams County Office Building from 1:30p.m.to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 16th. Youth ages 8 to 18 are welcome to participate. Any adults or older youth who have an interest in computers and/or math would be welcomed as volunteers. As this group continues to grow, we will need some additional support. Interested youth or volunteers are to contact the Extension Office at (402) 461-7209 for more details.

Environmental Ed & Earth Science

Special Gardening Project – Reserve Your Seeds

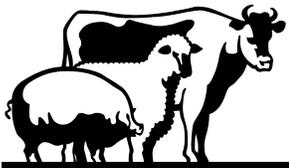
The Special Garden Project is a way to offer 4-H members the chance to grow unusual and fun projects in their gardens. This year it is focused around the unique Love-Lies-Bleeding Amaranth. Love-Lies-Bleeding Amaranth is an heirloom flower that has many uses. The brilliant red seed heads hang down from upright plants. The flowers are long lasting and are great in arrangements either as fresh cut or dried flowers. When allowed to mature, the seeds from the plant can be eaten as can the fresh small leaves. It will take on average 65-75 days from planting to bloom. The seeds can either be started indoors in containers 6 weeks prior to the first frost then moved outside, or directly planted outside after the last frost free date, usually around the second week of May. The tiny seeds will take 2 weeks to sprout. 4-H'ers enrolled in the Special Garden Project will:

- Receive seeds for the Love-Lies-Bleeding Amaranth (one 'packet' per youth) in early April
- a newsletter about: planting & growing, problems & insects, and exhibiting
- 4-H members are able to enter the project in the horticulture class and other projects in the Special Garden Project Class at County Fair and State Fair.

We have **ordered a limited number** of seed packets. The **cost is \$1.00 per family packet**. If interested in the project, please contact the Adams County Extension Office at (402) 461-7209. **Please note:** that in Adams County you will still need to enroll in one of the regular horticulture projects to participate in this activity.

Flower Barrel Workshop and Pick –up

Learn the basics of growing eye catching flower barrels at a workshop, **Tuesday, April 22nd, from 7-8 p.m. at the Community Service Building on the Fairgrounds**. The workshop is open to all 4-H'ers interested in planting a barrel for the 2014 County Fair. Flower barrel (container gardening) culture is both fun and rewarding. Learn about soil requirements, design and color, plant selection, fertilization and care of flower barrels. University of Nebraska-Lincoln Master Gardeners will conduct the workshop. Barrels will be available for pick-up following the workshop. This will be the only time available for pick-up. Please call if you cannot attend so other arrangements may be made. Be sure to sign up to attend this workshop at the UNL Extension Office in Adams County by Friday April 18th.



Livestock

2nd Beef Weigh Day for 2014

The Adams County 4-H Council decided to hold a second Beef Weigh Day to accommodate 4-Hers this date is by **appointment only** and will be on March 8th. If you want to weigh beef during this weigh day you must make arrangements with Gwen to reserve your spot by calling 402-461-7201 or stop in and talk with her at the Adams County Extension Office.

Attention: 2014 Sheep & Goat Weigh Day

- Sheep & Goat Weigh Day – Friday, May 9th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

2014 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 2014 contest will be held this year on **February 22nd** at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds. The registration form and more information regarding the contest can be found at http://cattlemens.org/youth/judging_contest.html

4-H Stampede

The 2014 4-H Stampede date has been set! The 2014 4-H Stampede has been scheduled for Saturday, March 1, 2014 and entries due to the Adams County office by Friday, January 31st 2014. So, mark your calendars!!



New for 2014: there is now an option of having a **Junior Horse Bowl Team** and a **Senior Horse Bowl Team** at Stampede. Senior Teams can have Juniors on the team, but the team will not be eligible for Nationals. Seniors on any team will have to compete at a Senior Level. There will be a \$10.00 entry fee per team member and a maximum entry fee of \$40.00 per Horse Bowl Team, 5th team members and alternates are free.

In addition, there are changes in the age divisions and entry fees for Stampede. 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.

Horsin' Around 2014

Tommy Sheets will headline the 22nd annual "Horsin' Around" conference Feb. 8-9 in the RB Warren Arena at the Animal Science Complex on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's East Campus. Sheets is a professional All-Around-Horseman from New Albany, Ind. He has been in the horse business most of his life, with many World Champions, Reserve World Champions and 40 Congress wins on his resume. He was the 1996 American Quarter Horse GMC Sr. All-Around Champion with Zippos LTD and 2007 AQHA Sooner Jr. All-Around Champion with Good for the Ladys. He has 15 total AQHA National Honor Roll Champion's titles in western pleasure, reining, western riding and trail and performance halter. He has earned over 7,000 AQHA points and has been a six time AQHA Team Wrangler Member. "This will be his first trip to Nebraska," Anderson said. "And he brings to Horsin' Around his unique, detailed and precise methods to produce top horses and riders for a multitude of events." Also speaking at the event will be equine extension specialist Lena Cottle and extension horse specialist Kathy Anderson. The conference begins at 9 a.m. both days and is open to participants of all ages. Adult registration is \$30 for both days or \$20 for one day. For youth 18 and under, the cost is \$20 for both days or \$15 for one day. If the clinic doesn't sell out, registration will be available at the door for adults at \$40 for both days and \$25 for one day and for youth at \$30 for both days and \$20 for one day. No phone-in registrations are accepted. For more information or a registration form, call 402-472-6411, email kanderson1@unl.edu, visit the Horsin' Around website at <http://animalscience.unl.edu/web/anisci/anscextensionequinehorsinaround> or the UNL Horse Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/UNLhorse.



Horse Show Dates

2014 District Horse Show Dates & Locations

June 9 – Sidney
June 10 – North Platte
June 11 – Leigh
June 12 – Neligh
June 13 – Clay Center
June 14 – Beatrice

- ❖ **Reminder Horse Id's and District and State Entries are due in the Adams County Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on May 9th.**
- ❖ **The 2014 Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Show will be July 14-17.**

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 29, 9 a.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center in Lincoln. For more information, call Bob at 402-525-8263 or Marty at 402-441-7180.

Dog Obedience Classes

Dog Program Obedience classes offered by Adams County Extension will begin with an informational meeting on Monday, March 3, 2014. 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 10th at 7:00 p.m.

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 **April 25 and 26, 2014**. The schedule will be similar to that of 2013 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.

Paws on 4-H Dog Clinic

The clinic will be held at the Greater Lincoln Obedience Club (GLOC) in Lincoln, NE on Saturday, March 8th. 4-H educators along with members of GLOC will work with youth on preparing their dogs for obedience and agility. There will be additional sessions related to dogs and dog care. Youth will be grouped by experience level so the event is tailored to their needs. Call the extension office for more information.

UNL Opportunities

Consider Nebraska! Academics and Support

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln is a leader in academic excellence, offering world-class opportunities to extend your interests with 150 majors and 285 programs of study.

Learn more about academics and support.

Go to: <http://admissions.unl.edu>



College of Architecture Hosts High School Workshop

The College of Architecture will be hosting a High School Workshop for current juniors and current seniors interested in Architecture, Interior Design and Landscape Architecture. The workshop will be held at UNL June 8-June 14. Applications are due April 7, 2014. This workshop provides a unique experience for students to investigate issues surrounding design and learn more about the design professions of architecture, landscape architecture and interior design. The central focus of the workshop is a design studio where design issues are explored and creative energies are nurtured. As part of the workshop students will visit professional offices, learn about various career opportunities, and develop fundamental skills necessary for the study of design. Please contact Stephanie Kuenning for more information at skuenning2@unl.edu or [visit the website](#).



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

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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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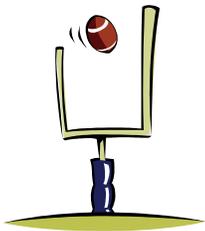
We Invite **YOU** to attend the: **Adams County 4-H Kick-Off**

Who: Any youth (ages 5 to 18) who are interested in learning about the opportunities in 4-H from project areas to events & contests to how to get involved.

What is 4-H?

4-H is an organization for youth to learn by doing. Youth have hands-on and interactive experiences that allow them to learn and develop life skills such as decision making, written & oral communication, and learning about different career opportunities. **Come Join the FUN!!!**

Kick-off the fun of 4-H!
Experience an afternoon of Hands-On activities
and see what you can do in 4-H!



When: Sunday, February 9, 2014
Time: 2:00 to 4:00 PM
Location: Adams County Fairgrounds
947 S. Baltimore,
Hastings, NE 68901



Sample of Projects in 4-H: Bowling, Child Development, Computers, Crocheting, Cycling, Electricity, Entrepreneurship, Entomology, Fire Safety, Floriculture, Foods, Forestry, Golf, Heritage, Horticulture, Knitting, Leadership, Livestock, Photography, Robotics, Rockets, Sewing, Small Animal, Tennis, Theatre, Welding, Wildlife, & Woodworking.



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