



MARCH 2013

## Adams County 4-H Newsletter

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### March

March 2	Quilts of Valor Workshop
March 3	Animal Science Series Organizational Meeting
March 3	Fashion Board Organizational Meeting
March 4	4-H Council Meeting
March 4	Dog Obedience Organizational Meeting
March 7	Extension Board Meeting
March 10	CWF Meeting
March 11	4-H Parent, Guardian & Volunteer Meeting
March 11	Dog Classes Start
March 12	Ag Society Meeting
March 13	Speech, PSA & Performing Arts Contest Registration Due
March 16	Horse Stampede in Lincoln, NE
March 17	Speech, PSA & Performing Arts Contest
March 26	UNL Student Admittance Dinner

### **ENROLLMENT DEADLINE – APRIL 15!!!**

The 2013 4-H enrollment is fast approaching. Please enroll on line or complete your enrollment forms after you receive your information packets – mailed the week of Feb 25<sup>th</sup>. There are a variety of 4-H projects; therefore, you can make your 4-H experience unique. One way to make projects more fun is to find a friend, even if they are not in 4-H, and get them to sign up and do the same projects together. Remember this information is time sensitive with enrollments due on April 15, 2013 along with new 4-H members signed Code of Conduct. Just a reminder that projects can be added to previously turned in enrollment forms (including Shooting Sports participants) until April 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **2013 Enrollment Process ~ Need Valid Emails**

It is time to be thinking about 2013 4-H Enrollment! A new option for 2013 is to enroll online with 4-H Access. To enroll online, parents and / or youth 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](mailto: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! The paper option will be available to youth or families that do not have an email address.



## Congratulations

The Lucky Leaf 4-H Club from Adams County was selected as your February 2013 Nebraska 4-H Club of the Month! The Lucky Leaf 4-H club has been in existence for over 50 years and has 17 active members who have participated in numerous community service projects and learning opportunities throughout the year. In December 2011, the members donated non-perishable item to the Hastings Food Pantry through the Festival of Trees at the Hastings Museum. In February 2012, the club gathered to pack meals for the Kids Against Hunger project. They packed lunches for 2 hours and had 3 tables of members working to prepare several thousand meals. In March, two members instructed the club members on how to make tie-dye shirts. They made shirts and the members had the opportunity to enter their shirts as an exhibit in the county fair. In April and September, the club members picked up trash along 2 miles of roadside ditches in rural Adams County. While this project is dirty, it is eye opening for the kids about how much trash is disposed of along roads. In June, the members volunteered at Start Over Rover, an animal shelter in Hastings. In July, the members and their family's volunteered time to building watch during the fair. They are available to answer questions fair-goers have and also to ensure the 4-H exhibits are not damaged. In August, the members and their families gather to make baked goods to give to the major sponsors of the Adams county fair as a thank you for their support of the 4-H program. The members are learning skills in the kitchen and also presentations tips for the trays of baked goods. In October, the members played bingo with the residents of Perkins Pavilion in Hastings. The 4-H members call the bingo numbers, sit with the residents to visit with them and hand out bingo prizes. The members and their families are currently putting together a gift basket for a club member's family who is dealing with medical issues. The Nebraska 4-H Foundation and Nebraska 4-H Ambassadors are proud to call the Lucky Leaf 4-H Club of the Month for February 2013.

### Shooting Sports Results from the Columbus Shoot

- Youth Female Freestyle Unlimited 16 & up
  - April Crandell – 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Sarah Allen – 6<sup>th</sup>
- Youth Female Freestyle Unlimited 12 to 15
  - Alycia Sidlo – 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Shailey Stiegemeier – 6<sup>th</sup>
- Youth Female Barebow
  - Morgan Stromer – 1<sup>st</sup>
- Youth Male Freestyle Unlimited 12 to 15
  - Luke Chamberlain – 21<sup>st</sup>
- Youth Mole Freestyle Unlimited 10 to 12
  - Dylan Anderson – 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Chase Paulson – 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Jacob Uden – 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Jaiden Stiegemeier – 14<sup>th</sup>



## Thank You

- Thank you to all the 4-H'ers and leaders for making Nebraska 4-H Month successful.
- Thank you to all the 4-H'ers, leaders, council members and volunteers for making the 2013 4-H Kick Off a successful event

## Leaders & Parents Corner



### Junior Leader News

The Adams County 4-H Junior Leaders will meet on Sunday, March 3rd, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the old middle school to do Kids Against Hunger. We are still recruiting members! Anyone that is 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 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, help with Leader's 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 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" 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](mailto:ne4hambassadors@unl.edu)

### Important 4-H Parent, Guardian & Volunteer Meeting – Save the Date: Monday, March 11, 2013

This year our 4-H Parent, Guardian & Volunteer Meeting will focus on the NEW Youth Policy and Risk Management. This meeting is for anyone who has a part of the 4-H program as a parent, guardian, club leader, or special event volunteers. It is highly RECOMMENDED to attend! This meeting will be held on **Monday, March 11, 2013 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** You will receive county information dates also, but the program will be focused on the Youth Policy and Risk Management. Please RSVP via phone (402-461-7209) or email ([elizabeth.janning@unl.edu](mailto:elizabeth.janning@unl.edu)) by Friday, March 8, 2013. If you have a date conflict, please attend Hall County's meeting on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

### New to 4-H Orientation

Is this your first year in 4-H or need a refresher? Then get a head start on making 2013 a successful year by attending the **4-H Orientation on Thursday, April 25 at 6:30 p.m.** in the **Assembly Room of the Adams County Office Building** (located at 300 N. St. Joseph, Hastings, NE). The cost will be \$5.00 per person. This is for parents, guardians, or volunteers who want to be in the 4-H loop and gain tips and ideas for having an outstanding year. You will walk away knowing dates and deadlines ensuring you to be prepared and excited for 4-H! **Please register** by contacting the Adams County Extension Office at (402) 461-7209 or email [elizabeth.janning@unl.edu](mailto:elizabeth.janning@unl.edu).

### 4-H & the Military

April is the Month of the Military Child. Please take time to say thank you to a boy or girl who has served our Nation while a parent or sibling in the United States Military has been deployed. Other ways to celebrate:

\* Bring a Military Kid to your April 4-H meeting. Becoming a 4-H member is a great way for Military Kids to build life skills, including resiliency, which can help them throughout the entire deployment cycle. E-mail your name (and the name of your guest) and a photo to [msimmons2@unl.edu](mailto:msimmons2@unl.edu) to enter a drawing for \$15 iTunes gift cards.

\* Purple Up! for Military Kids. April 15 is the date for the second annual national event encouraging EVERYONE to wear purple in support of Military Youth. Promote this event in your school, 4-H club and community. Contact Mark Simmons for promotional materials.

## **4-H Spotlight Newsletter**

Do you wish there was another spot for more information about 4-H? Then check out the UNL Extension 4-H Spotlight on our webpage ([adams.un.edu/adamcounty4h](http://adams.un.edu/adamcounty4h)) located right below the Adams County 4-H Newsletter. The January Issue topics include: Selecting Projects, 4-H Healthy Living Office, Clover Kids – Space for Me!, The Science of 4-H, Farm to Table in 4-H, Parliamentary Procedure at Club Meetings, and Entrepreneurship.

## **4-H Council Information**

### **4-H Council February Happenings**

- Wanda Drovers Revised Constitution
- 2013 Enrollment
- Adams County 4-H Scholarships

### **February Agenda Items**

- Presentation of the New Fairgrounds Building
- Committee Assignments

## **SAVE THE DATES!**

- **Pre-Fair Entry Forms** – Deadline is Friday, June 14
- **2013 Adams County Fairfest Dates**

Its official! The 2013 Adams County Fair is **July 17 to July 21**. Static Exhibits will be entered Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup> and Livestock check-in the evening of Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. Livestock Auction will be Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Livestock show schedule will be the same as last year.

## **Youth Information**

### **Adams County 4-H Robotics Group**

The next meetings will be on the following Sundays, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, and April 7<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the Adams County Office Building. Youth ages 8 to 18 are welcome to participate. If interested, stop by that day or call the Extension Office (402)461-7209 for more details. Hope to see you there

### **2013 CWF March Meeting – Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> in Kearney**

The 2013 CWF Conference will be holding their next meeting on **Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds in Kearney, NE**. All youth and sponsors are **required** to attend this meeting. A parent's meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the same location. If you are unable to attend, please let Beth know and you will have homework to make up from the session.

### **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!

### **Mark Your Calendar**

- 2013 PASE and Life Challenge events will be held July 1 - 2 on East Campus in Lincoln.
- Adams County Workshop Week will be held – June 24<sup>th</sup> – June 29<sup>th</sup>.

## **Adams County Camp: June 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>**

Calling all youth ages 8 to 12 years old from Adams, Clay, Fillmore & Webster Counties to attend our **County Camp** at the South Central Camp in Alma from **June 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013!!** Again this year we will take a bus for those that would like transportation to camp. We will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Adams County Extension Office. The cost of the county camp is \$135 with transportation or \$120 without transportation. Camp will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> and end at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. Come have the **full camping experience** plus 4-H activities! This camp is not only for 4-H'ers, so tell all of your friends! Please register by contacting UNL Extension in Adams County at (402)461-7209. Beth hopes to see you there!



## **Camp Counselors needed for County Camp!**

Become a camp counselor! We need boys and girls that are 14 and older to be a counselor at County Camp from June 10<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup>. 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 more than just the County Camp! If interested, please let Beth know!

## **2013 Big Red Summer Academic Camps**

The 2013 Big Red Summer Academic Camps, to be held **June 9-14, 2013**, are just around the corner! New camps for 2013 include App Development, Beef, and Engineering. Also offered are the focus areas of Crop Science, Culinary Arts and Food Science, Education, Fashion Design, Filmmaking, Unicameral Youth Legislature, and Veterinary Science. More information regarding Big Red Camps is available online at <http://bigredcamps.unl.edu>.



## **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://brownfieldnews.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 4.
- **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
- **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.
- **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 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **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 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 go to: <http://www.fcsamerica.com/products/youngbeginningprogram.aspx>

### **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, July 1, 2013. 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 <http://www.ne4hfoundation.org/agexcellenceaward.htm>



## 4-H Project Information

### Shooting Sports



#### Calendar for Adams County Shooting Sports Activities:

- Shooting Sports Picnic – April 7<sup>th</sup>

### 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop to be Held in Central City

A Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop has been scheduled for March 16-17, 2013, at the Merrick County Fairgrounds in Central City. Registration deadline is March 6<sup>th</sup>. Adult volunteers and junior leaders can choose one of six disciplines to become certified. Hunting Skills, Archery, Rifle, Shotgun, Muzzleloading and Pistol will be offered. Participants will learn under expert instruction from members of the Nebraska State 4-H Shooting Sports Team and National instructors. The registration fee is \$90 per person for initial certification and \$80 per person that are adding an additional discipline. This fee includes meals, supplies and program materials. Participants must make their own lodging arrangements. Registration on Saturday runs from 8 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. Registration information is available on the 4-H Shooting Sports web page at <http://4h.unl.edu/web/4h/shootingeventshttp://4h.unl.edu/programs/environment/shootingsports/>, or contact your local University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension Office or Steve Pritchard at (402)395-2158 or (308)536-2691.

## 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 March 13<sup>th</sup> and the contest is on March 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 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.



### Photography

The 2013 photography themes are:

- ***Unit II, Class 60 - 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.

- ***Unit III, Class 60 - NEBRASKA PHOTOGRAPHY CAREER EXHIBIT PRINT***

Explore a career as a Nebraska photographer. Portrait photographers specialize in individual or family portraits. Capture photos of *individuals or groups of people* and consider creative locations or props for your photo shoots.



## **Family and Consumer Science**

### **Clover Challenge & Life Challenge**

There is still time to join us! 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. Please call Julie at the Adams County Extension Office, 402-461-7209 for a practice schedule if you are willing to make a time commitment to the Adams County Challenge teams. The Life Challenge Contest will take place on July 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> at UNL, East Campus. You will have a good time while you learn.

### **Fashion Board Meeting**

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### **Community Service**

March is Bake and Take Month. Since starting in 1970, Bake and Take is observed annually on the last Friday and Saturday of March. Many organizations participate in Bake and Take Days as a community service project to demonstrate their care and concern for the elderly or shut-ins in their communities. Individuals can use this opportunity to do something special for a teacher, neighbor or friend. Nebraska Wheat Board recommends participants obtain permission from shelters, nursing homes or other institutions before delivering baked goods. Happy Baking!

### **Service Project**

Want to participate in a 2013 Service Project? We have some ideas for you.

Ideas for Donations: Lap-gghans for Veterans & Cancer patients & Hats for Premature Babies & Cancer patients. Ways to participate:

- 1) Donate some Yarn: the skeins can be partial or full, all weights and types (except those used for Hooking). (Good way to clean out left-over yarn in your craft supplies). We have a retired lady that loves to crochet or knit, has plenty of time and loves to donate these items; her only problem is shortage of yarn. She is willing to share patterns with you via email.
- 2) Crochet/Knit the items yourself: you will be able to exhibit them at the 2013 County fair as a Service Item before we give them to her to distribute. "I can't Crochet or Knit but would like to learn" contact the Extension Office for assistance in locating a leader to help. For further details contact Gwen by calling 402-461-7209 or via email [gwen.rodocker@unl.edu](mailto:gwen.rodocker@unl.edu).

### **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, who has already donated over 36,000 quilts. 4-H members and volunteers can work alone or in groups to make the quilts. 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 2013. **On March 2<sup>nd</sup> we will start working on the Adams County Quilts of Valor** 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.

## Healthy Lifestyles



### Tennis

Lessons are planned for May 28, May 29, May 30, June 4, June 5 & June 6 at the Hastings College outdoor courts. From 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM (the first hour will be for beginners and intermediates and the second hour will be for the advanced.) Parental consent/medical release forms must be signed and returned as well as a \$5.00 fee for lessons only, to the Extension Office by May 11<sup>th</sup> (this is mandatory). The tournament will be held on Thursday, June 20 at 4 p.m. Tennis Tournament - one does not need to take the tennis lessons to compete at the tournament, but you must have enrolled in the Tennis project by April 15<sup>th</sup> and have pre-entered with medical release forms into the Extension Office by May 10<sup>th</sup>. Release forms will be mailed out to 4-H'ers enrolled in the tennis project, late April.

### Golf

The 4-H golf program is being planned with practices on June 25<sup>th</sup> and June 26<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8 a.m. at Southern Hills Golf Course. The fee is \$5 for non-members and \$1 for members. The tournament (also at Southern Hills Golf Course) will begin at 8 a.m. on June 27<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to participate, please remember to sign up for the golf project by April 15<sup>th</sup>. Release forms will be mailed out to 4-H'ers enrolled in the golf project.



### Bowling

The bowling tournament is set for Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, with an afternoon and evening session. Just a reminder, you must be enrolled in the bowling project by April 15<sup>th</sup> to participate in the tournament.

## Environmental Ed & Earth Science

### Flower Barrel Workshop and Pick-up

Learn the basics of growing eye catching flower barrels at a workshop, **Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 2013 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. The 2013 Theme for the barrels will be "Pulling together". 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 19<sup>th</sup>.



### 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>

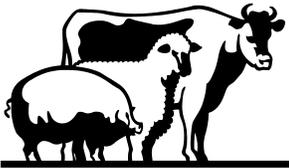
## **Special Gardening Project – Reserve Your Seeds**

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 it is focused around the unique **Amethyst Bean**. Amethyst is a fancy purple bean that grows on an upright bush plant. The purple edible pods are thin, straight and are about 5-5½” long. When cooked the beans turn green. Beans should be planted after the last frost free date, usually around the second week of May, and can be planted in containers. 4-H’ers enrolled in the Special Garden Project will:

- Receive seeds for the Amethyst Bean (one ‘packet’ per youth) in early April
- a newsletter about: planting & growing beans, bean problems & insects, exhibiting beans
- 4-H members are able to enter the beans in the horticulture class and other projects in the Special Garden Project Class at County Fair and State Fair.
  - Fresh Amethyst Beans should be entered in the Snap Beans Class G-773-202
  - **\*\*NEW\*\* for 2013 – State Fair Special Garden Project Class G-775-001**

Youth must be enrolled in the Amethyst Bean 2013 Special Garden Project to exhibit. Educational exhibit based on what was learned from the project. Present information on a poster 14” X 22” or in a clear plastic report cover. Fresh cut flowers or harvested vegetables should be entered in the appropriate class. The 4-H member’s name, age, full address, and county must be on the back of the poster or report cover.

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.



## **Livestock**

### **First Year Bucket Calf Reminder**

Just a reminder for those of you ages 8-12 who are thinking of enrolling in the 1<sup>st</sup> year bucket calf project, your calves must be born between January 1<sup>st</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup>, owned by you and tagged by April 15<sup>th</sup>. ID sheets are not due until June 1<sup>st</sup>, but this is just a reminder of the required birth, ownership and tagging date of April 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Second Year Bucket Calf**

**Reminder!** To show at the Adams County Fair you must be enrolled in **2<sup>nd</sup> Year Bucket Calf project**. Remember that 2<sup>nd</sup> year bucket calf must have been shown as a First Year Bucket Calf. This project follows the Identification and Deadlines of regular beef projects.

### **Market Broilers**

Adams County will once again be ordering all of our counties market broilers together. The deadline for ordering Market Broilers is April 15<sup>th</sup> and must be paid for when ordering. They must be ordered in lots of 6. The birds should arrive sometime the first full week of June. If you miss this ordering deadline you will not be able to exhibit market broilers at the fair this year.



### **Attention: 2013 Sheep & Goat Weigh Day**

- Sheep & Goat Weigh Day – Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### Animal Science Series

Are you interested in learning more about livestock animals? Then attend the Animal Science Series! This is for any **youth that is 12 to 18 years old** and has an interest in beef, goats, poultry, sheep, and swine. You do not have to show an animal to be a part of the series. Youth have the option of participating in Premier Animal Science Events (PASE) on July 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Lincoln, NE. Our first meeting will be **Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30 p.m.** in the **Assembly Room** of the Adams County Office Building. For additional meetings please contact Beth for dates and times. We would love to have you join!

### American Society Of Animal Science's Junior Member Magazine

The American Society of Animal Sciences is launching a new magazine for Junior members. It is for elementary and middle school students to learn more about animal science and the careers available to them. For more information please visit their website at <http://takingstock.asas.org/?p=5323>. You can also contact Alli Raymond, Admissions Coordinator Animal Science Department, UNL, PO BOX 830908, Animal Science Building, Lincoln, NE 68583 or at 402-472-0204.

### 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 16, 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.

### 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 8<sup>th</sup> – Drop Off (a.m.)      July 9<sup>th</sup> – Viewing (p.m.)
- Beef:                      July 9<sup>th</sup> – Drop Off (a.m.)      July 11<sup>th</sup> – Viewing (p.m.)
- ALL SPECIES:              July 16<sup>th</sup> – Record books due by 8 p.m.      July 20<sup>th</sup> – Interviews (afternoon)



### Horse Show Dates

#### **2013 District Horse Show Dates & Locations**

June 11 – Chadron  
June 12 – McCook  
June 13 – Lexington  
June 14 – Beatrice  
June 18 – O'Neill  
June 19 – West Point

**The 2013 Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Show will be July 15-18.**

### District & State Horse Show Entry Forms Due

All youth wanting to participate in District and State Horses must complete, pay, and turn in entry forms by Friday, May 10, 2013 by 5:00 p.m. to the Adams County Extension Office. No late forms will be accepted based on State 4-H Rules.

## Dog

### Dog Obedience Classes

Dog Program Obedience classes offered by Adams County Extension will begin with an informational meeting on Monday, March 4, 2013. 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 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

### Paws-on Dog Workshop

The *4-H Paws-On Dog Workshop* this year is scheduled for **March 9**, from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the Greater Lincoln Obedience Club Building, 5740 Johanna Road Lincoln, NE. Please note the change in location from previous years. This will give us a better space for youth to work with their dogs and has allowed us to get some new experts to help with the sessions. This Workshop aims to help 4-H age children learn more about dog care and improving their 4-H dog training and showing skills. The Workshop is put on by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension and covers obedience, agility, showmanship, grooming, and many other skills that will enhance the child's showing technique. More information and registration for the workshop can be found at <http://animalscience.unl.edu/web/anisci/anscextensioncompanionanimals>

### Nebraska 4-H Dog Expo – April 2013

The Nebraska 4-H Dog Expo will be held at the Adams County Fairgrounds in Hastings on **April 19 and 20, 2013**. The schedule will include competitions, demonstrations, education clinics, and fun. The competitions will include obedience, showmanship, 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.

### Cat Workshop – Save the Date: Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>

Please hold Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> for a Cat Workshop starting at 1:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the Adams County Office Building (Located 300 N. St. Joseph Ave, Hastings NE). More information is to come!

## 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](http://admissions.unl.edu/open_house/red_letter_days/index.aspx)

Red Letter Days have been scheduled for:

- March 15, 2013 – All Majors Red Letter Day.
- April 12, 2013 – All Majors Red Letter Day.

# 4-H Calendar

## March

- March 2 Quilts of Valor Workshop – 10:30AM @ Julies Xpressions  
March 3 Animal Science Series Organizational Meeting - 4:30PM @ Assembly Room  
March 3 Fashion Board Organizational Meeting – 6:30PM @ Assembly Room  
March 4 4-H Council Meeting – 7:00PM @ Assembly Room  
March 4 Dog Obedience Organizational Meeting – 7:00PM @ Fairgrounds  
March 7 Extension Board Meeting – 7:00PM @ Assembly Room  
March 10 CWF Meeting - 5:00 p.m. @ Buffalo County Fairgrounds in Kearney  
March 11 4-H Parent, Guardian & Volunteer Meeting – 7:00PM @ Assembly Room  
March 11 Dog Classes Start – 7:00PM @ Fairgrounds  
March 12 Ag Society Meeting – 7:30PM @ Fairgrounds  
March 13 Speech, PSA & Performing Arts Contest Registration Due by 5:00PM @ Extension Office  
March 16 Horse Stampede in Lincoln, NE  
March 17 Speech, PSA & Performing Arts Contest – 2:30PM @ Community Service Building - Fairgrounds  
March 26 UNL Student Admittance Dinner @ Fairgrounds

## April

- April 1 4-H Council Meeting – 7:00PM @ Assembly Room  
April 4 Extension Board Meeting – 7:00PM @ Assembly Room  
April 7 Shooting Sports Picnic – 5:00PM @ Fairgrounds  
April 9 Ag Society Meeting – 7:30PM @ Fairgrounds  
April 15 4-H Enrollment Deadline Day by 5:00PM @ Extension Office or Online by 11:59PM  
April 15 Bucket Calf Tags & Market Broilers Orders due by 5:00PM @ Extension Office  
April 20 Nebraska 4-H Dog Expo in Hastings  
April 25 New to 4-H Orientation – 6:30PM @ Assembly Room  
April 23 Flower Barrel Workshop – 7:00PM @ Fairgrounds  
April 26 Extension Office Closed  
April 27 West Central District Speech Contest

## May

- May 2 Extension Board Meeting – 7:00PM @ Assembly Room  
May 6 4-H Council Meeting – 7:00PM @ Assembly Room  
May 8 – 19 Tractor Supply Spring Paper Clover Promo  
May 10 Horse Entries Due by 5:00PM @ Extension Office  
May 10 Tennis & Golf Forms Due by 5:00PM @ Extension Office  
May 10 Sheep & Goat Weigh Day – 5:30PM to 7:00PM @ Fairgrounds  
May 14 Ag Society Meeting – 7:30 PM @ Fairgrounds  
May 18 Shopping in Style Workshop – 9:00AM @ Assembly Room  
May 24 Cat Workshop – 1:30PM @ Assembly Room  
May 28 – June 9 CWF Conference  
May 31 Livestock ID's & Bowling Contest Registration Due by 5:00PM @ Extension Office

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

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