



MARCH 2015

## Adams County 4-H Newsletter

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### MARCH

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

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

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

The 2015 4-H enrollment is fast approaching. Please enroll using the 4-H OnLine program following the instructions received your information packets – mailed out mid February. 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, 2015. Just a reminder that projects can be added to previously filled out enrollment forms (including Shooting Sports participants) until April 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Enrollment Event**

This is a special time set up for 4-H families that need a little extra help with the new 4-H On-Line Enrollment. The Enrollment Event will be held on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Adams County Extension Office. Please bring your project list.



## Congratulations

To the Adams County Shooting Sports members that participated in the Columbus Shoot.

- Mattison Land – Barebow 13<sup>th</sup>
- Ashten Duering – Barebow 5<sup>th</sup>
- Nathan Raney – Barebow
- Dietrich Raney – Barebow 11<sup>th</sup>
- Morgan Stromer – Barebow 1<sup>st</sup>, Fingers Release Silver
- Brandon Maley – Barebow 1<sup>st</sup>
- Lauran Sidlo – Freestyle
- Blake Becker – Freestyle 25<sup>th</sup>
- Sydney Shestak – Freestyle 7<sup>th</sup>
- Haidyn Russell – Freestyle
- Ashlyn Mohling – Freestyle 9<sup>th</sup>
- Kristina Sheppard – Freestyle, Release Gold
- Allison Haller – Freestyle 13<sup>th</sup>
- Hadley Hopkins – Freestyle 17<sup>th</sup>
- Dylan Anderson – Freestyle
- Chase Paulson – Freestyle 11<sup>th</sup>
- Jaiden Stiegemeier – Freestyle 15<sup>th</sup>
- Luke Chamberlain – Freestyle, Release 18<sup>th</sup>
- Blaine Pleak – Freestyle 37<sup>th</sup>
- April Crandell – Freestyle 7<sup>th</sup>, Bow Hunter Release Bronze
- Shailey Stiegemeier – Freestyle 9<sup>th</sup>
- Alyscia Sidlo – Freestyle
- Catherine Schiffler – Freestyle 6<sup>th</sup>, Release 4<sup>th</sup>,
- Kelsie Robinson – Freestyle Limited 2<sup>nd</sup>, Fingers Release Gold
- Bryson Kniss - Release

## Leaders & Parents Corner



### Junior Leader News

The Adams County 4-H Junior Leaders will meet , March 8<sup>th</sup>, from 1:45 – 4:00 p.m. at the old middle school to do Kids Against Hunger. Anyone is welcome to join the Junior Leader's Club that is 13 by January 1, 2015, or is 13 years or older now. You must be an active member of the Adams County 4-H program by being a member of an organized 4-H club or an Independent member. Junior

Leaders do a lot of fun, learning and leadership activities. Some of the activities the club does are: pancake feed and food booth at the county fair, helping with Leader's Banquet, along with helping members and younger 4-H'ers with 4-H projects and being positive role model for younger 4-H'ers. Bring a friend and make new friends. Also you are eligible to earn a scholarship. If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Shaw (402-756-6636) or the Adams County Extension Office (402-461-7209).

## SAVE THE DATES!

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

### **2015 Adams County Fairfest Dates**

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

### **Leader & Volunteer Forms**

Forms were mailed out in December, have you filled yours out yet? Please remember to fill out and Return ASAP.

### **Giving Your Best On-line Program (Science Behind Your 4-H Project)**

Pump up the fun and educational value of your 4-H experience through science! Science is a valuable and interesting part of everything we do. Learn simple techniques to bring scientific concepts to the forefront of different 4-H projects in a variety of areas. Make plans to join a FREE, live web-based program designed for 4-H volunteers, leaders, parents and youth development professionals. Five separate web-based programs are being offered to benefit science enthusiasts, 4-H volunteers and parents as they enroll in 4-H, hold 4-H club meetings and expand 4-H activities into their communities. Register online at: <http://4h.unl.edu/givingyourbestwebseminars>. Once you are registered you will receive an email with the webinar link and additional information related to each program. Participate from your home or anywhere you have access to the internet. Each program will meet on-line for one hour to help connect parents and volunteers to pertinent youth development knowledge. Choose to participate in one or all of 5-different web-based programs on the following dates from Noon to 1:00 p.m. CST.

- March 10 Entomology
- March 24 What's on Your Plate?
- March 31 Child Development

All programs will be presented by area UNL 4-H Youth Development Extension Educators.

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

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

- March Beef Weigh Day
- Clover Kid Projects
- Quality Assurance Update

#### ***March 4-H Council Agenda Items:***

- Ag Society Foundation Challenge
- County Camp
- Workshops
- Council Representation at upcoming event

### **Youth Information**

#### **Adams County 4-H T-Shirt**

It is time again to start thinking about Adams County 4-H T-shirts! The 4-H council would like to have input from our 4-Hers regarding a new design. These designs may be original or copy right free designs, limited to two color designs. Please submit designs to the Adams County Extension Office by April 6<sup>th</sup>.

## Recruiting youth for 2016 & 2019 CWF Conferences

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

Youth who are 15 to 18 years old in the years of 2016 & 2019 are invited and welcomed to sign up for a trip of a lifetime! Youth will experience the cities of Chicago, New York City, Washington D.C. and more. We will stay at the 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland for a week of the Citizen Washington Focus Conference. If you are interested in attending any future conferences, please contact NE Extension in Adams County at (402)461-7209. It is never too early to sign up. **Mark your calendar for the next meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m. Cheesecake Fundraiser in progress until March 8<sup>th</sup>.**



## Scholarships Available

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

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

- <http://brownfieldagnews.com/site-map/scholarships/>
  - Agricultural Scholarships and can be found at <http://www.agriculturescholarships.us/>
- all kinds of scholarships can be found at: <http://www.nextstudent.com/directory-of-scholarships>
- **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 Steve 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 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Hastings Chamber of Commerce** – A \$500 Agriculture Scholarship is available from the chamber. Please contact the Extension Office to receive a form. Due March 18.

## Adams County Day Camp: June 17<sup>th</sup>

Attention youth ages 8 to 12 years old from Adams & Clay Counties to attend our **County Day Camp** at Crystal Lake by Ayr, Nebraska on **June 17, 2015!** This year we are going to spend one full day camping! Participants are to be at Crystal Lake at 9:00 a.m. and be picked up at 7:00 p.m. Cost will be \$10.00 and the youth must be registered and fees paid by June 1<sup>st</sup>. This will be one JAMMED packed day of camping fun!

This camp is not only for 4-H'ers, so tell all of your friends!

Please register by contacting NE Extension in Adams County at (402)461-7209.



## Project Information



### Shooting Sports

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

- Shotgun Starts – March 7<sup>th</sup>
- Shooting Sports Picnic – April 12<sup>th</sup>

### 2015 Nebraska State BB Gun & Air Rifle Championships

The Nebraska State 4-H BB Gun & Air Rifle Championships will be held March 14-15 at Broken Bow High School in Broken Bow, NE. State BB Gun competition will be held On Saturday, March 14 and State Air Rifle competition will be held on Sunday, March 15 at the high school. Pre-registration is required for both events. Registration information and entry forms can be found at - <http://4h.unl.edu/shootingsportseventcalendar>

### Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshops Offered in Spring

Two Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshops are scheduled this spring. They will be held **March 28-29 in Hastings** and April 11-12 at Ainsworth. **Registration deadline for Hastings is March 18** and the deadline to register for the Ainsworth session is April 1. Volunteers have the opportunity to become certified as an adult (21 years and older) or apprentice (14-20 years old) leader. Five project areas will be offered at the Hastings Workshop - shotgun, rifle, pistol, muzzleloading, and archery. Four project areas will be available at Ainsworth - hunting skills, shotgun, rifle and archery. There is a minimum number of participants needed to offer these disciplines at the workshops. Workshop participants will learn under expert instruction from members of the Nebraska State 4-H Shooting Sports Training Team. The registration fee is \$100.00 per person for initial certification and \$90.00 per person that are adding an additional discipline. This fee includes meals, supplies and program materials. Participants must make their own lodging arrangements. Registration on Saturday runs from 8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. For more information and registration materials see the 4-H Shooting Sports web page at <http://4h.unl.edu/shootingsportseventcalendar>, or contact your local University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension Office or Steve Pritchard at (402)395-2158 or (308)536-2691.

## Clover Kids

### What is Clover Kids?

Clover Kids is a 4-H program for children ages 5-to 7- years old as of January 1 of current year. Children participate in hand-on activities designed to build lots of different life skills! New this year Clover Kids may sign up for four Clover Kid projects.

### New for Clover Kids

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

- Clover Kids Bucket Calf
- Halter Lamb/Halter Goat

Please enroll in the appropriate project. These animals will be shown in special classes at the fair.

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

## Communications

### Photography Themes for 2015



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

### Speech, PSA, & Performing Arts Contest

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

Speech for Jr. Int. Sr.

PSA for Jr. Int. Sr. – The state theme for the 2015 Public Service Announcement is "**4-H Grows . . .**" Tag Line is: "Learn more about the University of Nebraska–Lincoln Extension 4-H Youth Development Program at [4h.unl.edu](http://4h.unl.edu)."

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

### 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. The upcoming meeting dates are: March 3<sup>rd</sup>, March 24<sup>th</sup>, April 7<sup>th</sup>, and April 21<sup>st</sup> in the meeting room from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Please call (402) 461-7209, if you are willing to make a time commitment to the Adams County Challenge team. The Life Challenge Contest dates are official, June 29 & 30 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 8th 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.

### **Reverse Applique Workshop**

Reverse appliqué, made popular by Natalie Channin of Alabama Channin, is a technique that involves hand stitching shapes on two layers of fabric. The top layer of fabric between the stitching is cut away to reveal the color underneath. Alabama Channin uses reverse appliqué on garments, but in our Workshop, we will be making home decor pillows with an envelope back. Through this workshop, you will learn: the "running stitch", cutting and serging on knit fabric, and envelope back pillow finish. The joint (Clay, Thayer, Nuckols and Adams county workshop will take place on Friday, March 13 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Clay County Fairgrounds in Clay Center. Please bring a sack lunch. Sign up for the workshop online at <http://go.unl.edu/rev-applique> or by calling your local Extension office. This workshop will be taught by Jacie Milius. Workshop fee \$25.00 (supplies included); please make checks payable to Clay County 4-H Council. If you are interested Julie will be taking 4-Hers to this workshop call the Adams County Extension office to arrange for transportation.

### **The STEAM Clothing Series**

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

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

- ***Beyond the Needle***: youth will learn all about the 'A' in STEAM Clothing -- the Art! This youth manual includes activities for three skill levels: beginner, intermediate, and advanced. Youth will learn the design basics and create a portfolio to exhibit samples made to practice specific techniques. Then, youth will be able to create their own fabulous embellishments and treatments on garments. If you love art, then this STEAM Clothing manual is for you! Beyond the Needle replaces Decorate your Duds.
- ***STEAM Clothing 1: FUNDamentals***, youth will gather the tools they'll need to begin sewing, understand textiles through fun science experiments, learn beginning math and engineering techniques in clothing construction, and take their skills a step further, investigating businesses, service learning projects, and modeling. FUNDamentals combines Sewing For Fun & Clothing 1.
- ***STEAM Clothing 2: Simply Sewing***, youth will prepare for more advanced sewing techniques and projects, conduct more advanced textile science experiments, focus on advanced engineering techniques, add finishing touches and style to garments, and market and calculate prices of products. This curriculum is a combined leader/youth guide, with pages to print/copy for youth to complete as part of the activities.
  - ***STEAM Clothing 3: A Stitch Further*** —replaces *Challenging Patterns and Challenging Fabrics* (Sewing For You and Tailoring projects), youth will learn the advanced, couture techniques used by designers to create unique garments. Youth will take the science of textiles a step further, and learn to sew garments with challenging patterns and fabrics, learn couture sewing techniques, and learn how to sell your professional-looking garments and accessories. This curriculum is a youth guide, with pages for youth to complete as part of the activities. *A Stitch Further* builds upon the skills developed in *Simply Sewing* and *FUNDamentals* and continues the development of the portfolio. This curriculum is available in both a printed and digital version.

**You will be able to take the Beyond the Needle project and only 1 Clothing level project, do not try and sign up for Beyond the Needle, Clothing 1 and Clothing 3 this will not be allowed.**

### **Quilts of Valor Challenge / National Quilts of Valor Day**

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. Adams County 4-Hers along with Hastings Quilt Guild will be holding **special quilting events** to promote **Quilts of Valor**. Mark your calendar for March 14<sup>th</sup>, April 11<sup>th</sup> and May 9<sup>th</sup> at Julies Xpressions (743 West 2<sup>nd</sup>) from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### **SET**

#### **4-H Geocaching started during Nebraska 4-H Month**

It’s a challenge, It’s a game, It’s all about Fun! It is part of a world wide game dedicated to GPS (Global Positioning System) users, called Geocaching. The game basically involves a GPS user hiding “treasure” (a container and its contents), and publishing the exact coordinates so other GPS users can come on a “treasure hunt” to find it. The only rules are: if you take something from the cache, you must leave something for the cache, and you must write about your visit in the logbook. We have hidden 20 caches in Adams County for you to find. Our game has started and continue until fair time, we hope that 4-H families will participate in out Geocaching Event, it is a great way to spend some family time. During the Adams County Fair we will reveal the logs with a winner or winners announced from finding all 20 caches. The coordinates will be listed on geocaching.com for people using the app, they will also be listed on the Adams County Extension web site and Adams County Extension Facebook Page, or you can simply pick up a list at the Extension Office. GPS devises are available for 4-H members to check out for a week at a time with a \$10.00 deposit. Good Luck and have Fun Geocaching!

### **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 on the crisp, White Satin Carrot. White Satin Carrots is a uniquely white carrot that has many uses. The pure white roots hide underground beneath tall green tops. It will take on average 68 days from planting to harvest. This crop allows you to have two harvests in one year! The seeds can be directly planted outside early spring, April-May. A fall crop can be planted in June-August for a later harvest.

4-H’ers enrolled in the Special Garden Project will:

- Receive seeds for the White Satin Carrot (one ‘packet’ per youth) in mid April.
- a newsletter about: planting & growing carrots, carrot problems & insects, exhibiting carrots, recipes, and careers
- 4-H members are able to enter the roots 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. Each ‘packet’ will have enough seeds for the youth to plant a 6’ row. 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 and the Special Gardening Project to participate in this activity.

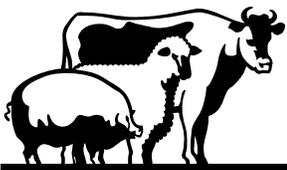
### **Flower Barrel Workshop and Pick –up**

Learn the basics of growing eye catching flower barrels at a workshop, **Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</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 2015 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 NE Extension Office in Adams County by Friday April 17<sup>th</sup>.



### **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Innovative Youth Corn Challenge**

Nebraska Extension and the Nebraska Corn Board are offering the fourth 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), guides participants through all aspects of corn production, as well as agricultural careers related to corn production. As a team, 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. 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. Sustainability, crop scouting and “extra mile” awards will also be given, each worth \$200. To participate in 2015, youth must complete and return an entry form by March 15th to the Fillmore County Extension Office in Geneva, NE. Forms can be downloaded at [cropwatch.unl.edu/youth/activities](http://cropwatch.unl.edu/youth/activities). For more information, contact Brandy VanDeWalle at [brandy.vandewalle@unl.edu](mailto:brandy.vandewalle@unl.edu), Aaron Nygren at [anygren2@unl.edu](mailto:anygren2@unl.edu) or Amy Timmerman at [atimmerman2@unl.edu](mailto:atimmerman2@unl.edu).



### **Livestock**

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

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

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

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

Also remember, these are the only times that DNA will be taken for State Fair and AK-SAR-BEN. The cost of this is \$6.00 each. The cost of each ear tag is \$1.00

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

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

### Animal Science Series

The Animal Science Series will be at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 22, held at the Assembly room of the Adams County Office Building (same location of the Extension Office). The Animal Science Series is open up to youth ages 10-18 years old as of December 31 and have an interests in beef, goats, pigs, poultry and sheep. 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 June 29 and 30 in Lincoln, Nebraska. For more information or future dates just in case Sunday, March 22, will not fit into your schedule, please email Steve Landon at [steve.landon@unl.edu](mailto:steve.landon@unl.edu).

### Quality Assurance

Quality Assurance is required for all youth showing Beef, Goats, Dairy (Cattle/Goats), Hogs, Rabbit, Poultry and Sheep. If you have been involved with the livestock program in Adams County you understand and have been through the online modules through [campusextension.org](http://campusextension.org).

- **First option:** New this year is a **\$5 fee** for every youth to pay upfront before entering the area to complete the modules. Each year youth must complete the minimum of three modules. Great News! Youth are strongly encourage to complete as many modules as you can. (For example: Stu Landon is eight years old, pays \$5 in 2015, and completes nine modules. Stu has completed his junior level of Quality Assurance until he's 11 years old and moves up to the intermediate division) Adams County Extension Office has step by step instructions available if you're new to the livestock program and need to get registered.
- **Second option** for youth involved in livestock is to attend a face to face training we are holding this year in Adams County on **Wednesday, May 13 starting at 7:00 p.m.** Please pre-register at the Adams County Extension Office by May 11<sup>th</sup> if you plan on attending the face to face training.
- **Third option** is only for intermediate and senior youth. You have the option in coming into the Extension Office and take a test. If a youth receives a 70% or higher within their age group, the youth member is completed until they're eligible for an upper age group. Seniors who pass the test will be completed with the Livestock Quality Assurance program.

#### Age Breakdowns

Junior 8-10 years old

Intermediate: 11-14 years old

Senior: 15-18 years old

### 2014 Sheep & Goat Weigh Day

- Sheep & Goat Weigh Day – Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### 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 6<sup>th</sup> – Drop Off (a.m.)      July 7<sup>th</sup> – Viewing (p.m.)
- Beef:                      July 7<sup>th</sup> – Drop Off (a.m.)      July 9<sup>th</sup> – Viewing (p.m.)
- ALL SPECIES:              July 14<sup>th</sup> – Record books due by 8 p.m.      July 18<sup>th</sup> – Interviews (afternoon)



### Horse Show Dates

**2015 District Horse Show Dates & Locations** – all level testing required for participation in district horse show plus Horse ID sheets must be completed by May 8.

June 1 – Bridgeport

June 16 – Ord

June 11 – Valentine

June 17 – Wayne

June 15 – McCook

June 18 – Seward

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

### 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 8, 2015 by 5:00 p.m.** to the Adams County Extension Office. Horse Levels must be completed also. No late forms will be accepted based on State 4-H Rules.

**County & State Horse ID DEADLINE – May 8<sup>th</sup>**

### 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 21, 9 a.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center in Lincoln. For more information, call Bob at 402-525-8263.



### Dog Obedience Classes

Dog Program Obedience classes offered by Adams County Extension will begin with an informational meeting on Monday, March 2, 2015. 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 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

### Clover Kids Dog Class

A Clover Kids dog exhibition will again be conducted at the county fair dog show. In order to participate, Clover Kids must have signed-up for 4-H and enrolled in the Clover Kid Dog project, must have registered for the 4-H dog classes, and participate in at least four sessions. The sessions will start in at 6:30 p.m.

### Canine Companions For Life 4-H Dog Expo

This event is Friday evening May 1 and Saturday May 2 at the Adams County Fairgrounds in Hastings, NE. Adults, youth and their families are invited to learn more about the dog project through educational seminars, demonstrations and also participate in classes similar to County and State Fairs. Registration deadlines will be in more detail in the April 4-H Newsletter.

## **UNL Red Letter Days**

Excited to make your college decision? Red Letter Days are an opportunity for you to explore college life at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln during your senior or junior year of high school.

While you are there, you'll get to:

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

Red Letter Days have been scheduled for:

- March 13, 2015 - All Majors
- March 16, 2015 - All Majors
- April 13, 2015 - All Majors
- April 17, 2015 - All Majors

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

# 4-H Calendar

## **MARCH**

March 2	4-H Council Meeting 7:00PM @ Assembly Room
March 2	Dog Obedience Organizational Meeting 7:00PM @ Fairgrounds
March 5	Extension Board Meeting 7:00PM @ Assembly Room
March 7	Beef Weigh Day 11:00AM @ Animal Clinic
March 8	CWF meeting 3:30PM @ Assembly Room
March 8	Fashion Board Organizational Meeting 7:00PM @ Assembly Room
March 9	Dog Classes Start 7:00PM @ Fairgrounds
March 10	Ag Society Meeting 7:30PM @ Fairgrounds
March 14	4-H Stampede
March 14	Quilts of Valor Work Session – 1:00PM @ Julies Xpressions
March 22	Speech, PSA & Performing Arts Contest 1:30PM @ Fairgrounds
March 22	Animal Science Organizational Meeting 2:00 PM @ Assembly Room

## **APRIL**

April 3	Extension Board Meeting – 7:00PM @ Assembly Room
April 6	4-H Council Meeting – 7:00PM @ Assembly Room
April 11	Quilts of Valor Work Session – 1:00PM @ Julies Xpressions
April 12	Shooting Sports Picnic – 5:00PM @ Fairgrounds
April 14	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 21	Flower Barrel Workshop – 7:00PM @ Fairgrounds
April 24	Extension Office Closed

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

## **2015 4-H Council**

Scott Hinrichs – Pres.	Bryce Katzberg – V.Pres.	Shannon Frink – Sec.	Wryan Wright – Tres.
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Mike Eckhardt	Kathleen Stromer	Chase DeVries	Twila Bankson – Ag Society Rep
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