



MAY 2015

Adams County 4-H Newsletter

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May 30	Sew Fun Saturdays Workshop

Adams County Extension Office Closed

May 24th – Have a wonderful Memorial Day

Sheep and Goats Weigh Day



Weigh-in is scheduled for May 8, 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. All market lambs and goats must be weighed and ear tagged at a County Weigh Day. Tags are \$1.00 each. If you are planning on showing at State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben, your animals must be DNA identified at this weigh-in. Cost will be \$6.00 per head for DNA identification. Please unload your sheep at the north end of the sheep barn, we will weigh and then reload at the south end. Please Note: If you can't attend the

Market Lamb / Goat Weigh Day, you pick up tags prior or after the tag day, but your animals will not be eligible to compete in the Rate of Gain contest. All Market Lambs / Goats must be registered in Adams County by June 1. Clover Kids must also tag their halter lamb and lead goat at this date to exhibit at the fair.

Camper Sign-Up for 2015 County Fair

Mark your calendars for **Monday, June 8th** as the Camper Sign-up Day for the 2015 County Fair. The sign-up will begin at 8:00 a.m. at the Adams County Fairgrounds. You must be there to get a camper spot!

4-H Council Challenge to Members

We are very excited that the Adams County Ag Society is working toward a facility for the fairgrounds. To help them out with their fundraising for the building and items to be used in this facility we would like to challenge the Adams County 4-H members and families to help raise some money. Clubs and independent members are challenged to help us raise \$10,000 by the end of 2015. You can do this by fundraising and/or donating, we ask you not to solicit businesses, but you can be creative in your efforts to help out. Some ideas might include: car washes, bake sales etc....

To kick off our Fundraising endeavors the 4-H council and Dairy Queen have teamed together with a special evening of Fun & Food stop by DQ from 6PM – 9PM on May 20th.

Pre-Fair Entry Deadline for Fair 4-H Exhibits/Activities is Monday June 15th.

Items that **MUST** be pre-entered include: all animal classes (including showmanship) in beef, cats, dogs, goats, horse, poultry, rabbits, sheep, small animals, and swine (please include tag and breed information), & all pre-fair and fair activities – Carcass Contest, Food Review and Cullinary Challenge, Fashion Review, Rocket Contest, Therapeutic Riding, and Ice Cream in a Can/Bag. Encouraged entries but not required are Livestock Judging, and Insect ID. For the items that **MUST** be pre-entered, a late pre-fair entry sheet will result in the lowering of exhibits by one ribbon. No phone entries will be taken. If you have any questions, please be sure to ask prior to the deadline date. It is highly recommended that you pre-enter all of your static exhibits. If you pre-enter these exhibits, you will not have to wait in line on entry day for those entry tags. Only Horticulture & Floriculture entry tags will not be pre-made. The pre-fair entry packet of information will be mailed in early June.

Congratulations

Shooting Sports - Medalists

BB Gun:

Jr. Division (ages 9 - 10): Konnor Howard - Gold, Caiden Milam - Silver

Int. Division (ages 11 - 13): Katelyn Cecrle - Gold

Air Pistol:

Int. Division (ages 11 - 13): Jaiden Stiegemeier – Gold

Sr. Division (ages 14 & Up): Morgan Stromer – Gold, Rachel Svoboda - Silver

Air Rifle:

Jr. Division (ages 9 -10): Jacob Deckert – Gold, Alex Kuhr - Silver

Int. Division (ages 11 - 13): Malachi Mackay - Gold, Kristina Sheppard – Silver

Archery Freestyle:

Jr. Division (ages 8 – 9): Nolan Engel – Gold, Angus Anderson - Silver

Int. Division (ages 10 - 11): Blake Becker – Gold, Lauran Sidlo – Silver

Sr. Division (ages 12 – 13): Sydney Shestak – Gold, Blake Frink - Silver

Adv. Division (ages 14 & up): Bryson Kniss – Gold, Luke Chamberlain - Silver

Archery Barebow:

Jr. Division (ages 8 - 9): Bridger Kroos - Gold, Jacob Deckert - Silver

Int. Division (ages 10 - 11): Christine Phuong - Gold, Claire Kiolbasa- Silver

Sr. Division (ages 12 - 13): Amya Deal - Gold,

Adv. Division (ages 14 & Up): Morgan Stromer - Gold, Luke Krabel - Silver

Shotgun:

Jr. Division (ages 12 – 14): Derek Zubrod - Gold

Sr. Division (ages 15 - 18): Adam Florian - Gold, Ashley Craig – Silver

Regional Speech / PSA Results

Jr. Speech Division: William Barfknecht – Blue

Int. Speech Division: Kieren Feeney – Blue

Sr. PSA Division: Sarah Barfknecht – Purple

Graduates

The Extension Office would like to congratulate all graduating seniors. You have been great assets to the Adams County 4-H program. We wish you the best of luck with all your future endeavors.

A Note from the Extension Office:

April Showers bring May Flowers! Where have the last few months gone? Spring is upon us and summer is just around the corner. Summer means preparation for the fair, a busy time for all of us. Please refer to your newsletter on a regular basis, it is packed full of information needed for a successful 4-H year. Enrollment was wonderful! A special thanks to all the families for completing their online enrollment. Please remember your password, and refer back to the your online enrollment site often. We will be using the online site to communicate with you throughout the year.

Leaders & Parents Corner



Junior Leader News

The Adams County 4-H Junior Leaders next meeting is in the planning stages. If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Shaw (402-756-6636) or the Adams County Extension Office (402-461-7209).

Jr. Leader Food Booth

Anyone interested in working in the 4-H Jr. Leader Food Booth at the fair, please contact Marilyn Shaw at 402-756-6636 to set up your time. The shifts are four hours each. Please wear a 4-H T-shirt and bring a baseball cap to wear while working in the booth. This could be clubs, independents, CWF 4-H'ers or 4-H families.

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 13th and Livestock check-in the evening of Tuesday, July 14th. Livestock Auction will be Monday, July 20nd. Livestock show schedule will be the same as last year.

4-H Council Information

April 4-H Council Happenings:

- Speech/PSA/ Performing Arts Review
- New to 4-H Orientation
- Sheep & Goat Weigh in

May 4-H Council Agenda Items:

- 4-H T-Shirt Design
- Workshops
- Lifetime Sports Update

Youth Information

Recruiting youth for 2016 & 2019 CWF Conferences

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

Youth who are 15 to 18 years old in the years of 2016 & 2019 are invited and welcomed to sign up for a trip of a lifetime! Youth will experience the cities of Chicago, New York City, Washington D.C. and more. We will stay at the 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland for a week of the Citizen Washington Focus Conference. If you are interested in attending any future conferences, please contact NE Extension in Adams County at (402)461-7209. It is never too early to sign up.

CWF Members Your Help is needed at:

Good Sam Camper Food Stand – June 2nd thru 6th. Workers are needed from: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Tue-Sat, also 6 a.m. – 9 a.m. on Friday for the pancake feed. Youth may also volunteer to bring pies (no cream or refrigerated). If interested, please contact the Adams County Extension Office, at (402) 461-7209 for more info. Money earned at this fundraising activity will be applied to your 2015 or 2017 CWF trip fund.

New 2015 Camp Scholarship Application

The Adams County 4-H Councils feels that it is important to give our youth the wonderful opportunity to attend camps. If your 4-Her is interested in going to camp this year and would like financial assistance please stop by the Adams County Extension Office and pick up an application. The deadline is: May 29th.

Adams County Day Camp: June 17th

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. Later in the evening campers families may join in a pot luck dinner at 7:00 p.m. Cost will be \$10.00 per youth. Registration is due by June 5th. 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.



Big Red Camp

The 2015 Big Red Summer Academic Camps, to be held **June 7-12, 2015**, are only three months away! New camps for 2015 include Digital Arts, and Weather and Climate Science. Also offered are the focus areas of Crop Science, Culinary Arts and Food Science, Education, Engineering, Filmmaking, Outdoor Nebraska, Unicameral Youth Legislature, and Veterinary Science. More information regarding Big Red Camps is also available online at <http://bigredcamps.unl.edu>

Exhibiting Your School Projects at Fair

Several projects 4-H members are completing at school can also be exhibited at the fair. Examples of these are family heritage books, bug collections, art projects and shop projects. Visit with the Extension Office Staff to make sure you are enrolled in the appropriate 4-H project and make sure you are following the 2015 Adams County Fairbook for your class entries.

Tractor Safety Training

All youth aged 14 & 15 and working on a farm or ranch other than their own must be certified through a Hazardous Occupations Course. Successful completion of the course will allow trained youth to operate a tractor 20 PTO horsepower, or connect or disconnect an implement or any of its parts to or from a tractor. Training Dates & Locations:

- May 27 – 28: Fairgrounds, Kearney
- June 1 – 2: Fairgrounds, Valentine
- June 4 – 5: Event Center, Lincoln
- June 8 – 9: Farm/Ranch Museum, Gering
- June 11 – 12: Fairgrounds, Wayne
- June 17 – 18: College Park, Grand Island

Stop by the Extension Office to pick up the registration form and more details.

Project Information



Shooting Sports

Adams County 4-H Shooting Sports Participants – please pick up your items in the Extension Office!

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.**

Presentations Contest

The Adams County 4-H Presentations Contest will be held during the fair this year on **Thursday, July 16th at 5:30 p.m.** in the West End of the Activities Center. The types of classes are: 1) Illustrated (Use Visual Aids such as props, posters, computer-based visuals), 2) Multimedia presentation (have an oral intro followed by a self-automated, free standing digital presentation), or 3) Teaching Presentation (Interactive presentation where youth engage their audience). A 4-H member may participate in only one Presentation class. **Registrations are due Monday June 15th on Pre-Fair Entry Form by 5:00 p.m.** at the Extension Office in Adams County.

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: May 5th, May 19th & May 26th 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 29th & 30th 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

May 26th @ 2:00 PM – Fairgrounds, Community Service Building



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

2015 Food Review

Start planning now for the food review contest on **July 10th** at 2:30 PM (set up starts at 1:30 PM).

Food Review Themes for 2015 are:

County Fair (Building together for the future) – Using the theme of the Adams County Fair, pack an on-the-go lunch that will be both safe to eat and deliciously satisfying to keep you going throughout a long day of play. Get creative and display what your sack lunch site might look like, too!

Holiday Brunch (Any Holiday) – Using a holiday theme create a festive Brunch

Tailgate Party – It’s time to celebrate a sporting event. Think outside of the box while getting ready for a popular Nebraska tradition.

MyPlate the International Way – Visit <http://www.choosemyplate.gov/> to become more familiar with MyPlate, its key messages and major components. Then, create your own international version of MyPlate (keeping in mind MyPlate’s messages and components) with a menu from a faraway country or culture different from yours.

You will need:

- Your own card table.
- Two place settings
- One serving of the food from your menu for the judge to taste. You only need to prepare one of the foods on your menu.
- Two posters (8 ½ x 11 inches)
- Recipe
- Menu

To participate in the contest, you must register by Monday, June 15th on the Pre-Fair Entry Form.

Again this year: 4-H Cullinary Challenge will be held in Conjunction with Food Review

Through the 4-H Cullinary Challenge youth will demonstrate healthy decision making through nutrition, food preparation, menu planning, and food safety, utilizing foods and nutrition curriculum. They will apply healthy living knowledge and skills by planning a nutritious menu, demonstrating their understanding of time management skills in the kitchen, and expressing their originality and creativity through an appropriate themed and properly set table. To showcase these skills, youth will create a menu, prepare one food item, and choose an appropriate theme for their occasion while expressing their food, nutrition, and food safety knowledge during a live interview with a judge at the contest. In order to highlight knowledge and skills acquired during pre-contest preparation, youth will utilize technology as part of their interview.

- A team will consist of two members to be eligible to compete. 4-H members must all be at least 10 years of age by January 1st to be eligible for State Fair.
- All team members must be enrolled in a 4-H foods and nutrition project during the current 4-H year.
- Time Limits: Judging interviews will be approximately 8 to 10 minutes for Junior Division (10 to 12 years of age), and 12 to 15 minutes for Senior Division (13 and older 4-H members). This time includes a short presentation by the teams, as well as questions from the judge.

- Pre-registration is required for contest by stated deadline or they will be considered a late entry and lowered one ribbon placing.
- Limit: one exhibit per Team.
- Challenge Ingredient/Item: A challenge ingredient will be selected each year, highlighting a Nebraska food product. Each team must incorporate the challenge ingredient into one of the items on their menu. This may be the prepared food, or another item they would make for the occasion. This may require altering a recipe or creatively incorporating an item into their overall table theme. The challenge ingredient must also be included in the interview presentation, demonstrating youth knowledge of the ingredient, such as nutritional value, a farm-to-fork concept, or how to adapt a recipe to include the ingredient. **The 2015 challenge ingredient is apples**
- Judges Interview: The team should view themselves as the hosts, welcoming the judge, cooperatively presenting the table to the judge, incorporating multi-media resources, and answering any questions from the judge. Teams must be prepared to present to the judge utilizing technology (PowerPoint, picture story, or other multi-media resource). Presentations may include photos, clip art, animation, video or audio sound. The 4-H members should cooperatively present a verbal presentation to the judge that is highlighted by their multi-media presentation via computer or iPad. Participants must provide their own computer or other equipment needed for their 4-H Foods Event judging interview. Presentations will occur at participants' tables. (Please do not bring projectors or other equipment which will require extra space).

FCS Judging Contest

Are you ready for life? The FCS judging contest will test your skills with a multiple choice quiz in foods & nutrition, clothing & fiber arts, home environment, entrepreneurship, and financial and money management. This contest is held in conjunction with the Food Review on July 10th, and open to any 4-H member. Pre-registration is not required.

Healthy Lifestyles



Tennis

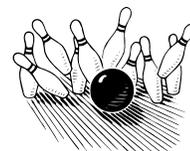
Lessons are planned for **June 8 & 15** at the Adams Central outdoor courts. From 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM (the first hour will be for beginners and intermediates and the second hour will be for the advanced.) **Parental consent/medical release forms must be signed and returned as well as a \$5.00 fee for lessons only, to the Extension Office by May 22nd (this is mandatory).** The tournament will be held on **Monday, June 22** 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 15th and have pre-entered with medical release forms into the Extension Office by May 22nd. Release forms will be mailed out to 4-H'ers enrolled in the tennis project, early May.

Golf – Watch your mailbox for postcard with details.



Bowling

The bowling tournament is set for Tuesday, **June 16th**, with start times of 1:30 PM and 6:30 PM. Bowling **registrations are due to the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 1st**. The cost will be \$8.00 per person. Just a reminder, you must be enrolled in the bowling project to participate in the tournament.



Science, Engineering and Technology (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 our 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!

Rocket Contest

Enjoy an evening of shooting off rockets at the Adams County Rocket Contest on Thursday, **June 25th** at 7:30 p.m. in front of the Grand Stand at the Adams County Fairgrounds. This contest is open to any 4-H members who are 8 years or older as of January 1st. Participants do not have to be enrolled in the Aerospace Projects to participate. Youth may build a rocket or purchase a rocket to launch. Each participant will have three launches which may be used for the rocket project requirement. Participants may bring their own launching equipment or use the Adams County Extension Office equipment. To participate, youth must **register for the contest by Monday, June 15th on Pre-Fair Entry Forms.**

Environmental Ed & Earth Science

Tree and Horticulture Identification Contest

Sharon Maul from Central Community College will be teaching tree and horticulture identification again this year. You will be able to impress your family and friends with your plant knowledge after participating in the program. Practice sessions will be held Wednesday, May 27, Friday, May 29, and Wednesday June 2. The contest will be held on Friday, June 5th. All sessions and the contest will begin at 9:00 am. The practice sessions will first meet at Highland Park Arboretum and then move to the Assembly Room. The contest location will be at the Assembly Room.

Attention: All 4-H Exhibitors enrolled in Floriculture, House Plants, and Garden Projects

Read the rules for exhibiting long before the fair arrives. You will find that the rules require you to include the cultivar or variety name on your entry card. If you do not include the cultivar or variety name, your entry is dropped one ribbon placing. What is the cultivar or variety name and where do you find it?

When you go to purchase your seeds and/or plants, the seed packet or container has a name on it. Example: Tomato. There are hundreds of different cultivars or varieties of tomatoes. You need to look closely at the seed packet or plant container to see which variety or cultivar you have purchased: Beefsteak, Brandywine, Early Girl, Park's Whopper, Celebrity, etc.

Cucumber—Burpless Beauty, Straight 8, Sweet Success, etc.

Green Beans—Tenderpick, Blue Lake, Big Kahuna, Burpee's Stringless Green Pod, etc.

Zinnia—State Fair Mix, Purple Prince, Jazzy Mix, Cut & Come Again, Double Fire, etc.

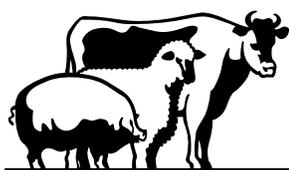
Apples—Granny Smith, Red Delicious, Gala, Yellow Delicious, Jonathan, etc.
Oriental Lilies—Bonbini, Casa Blanca, Golden Star Gazer, Tiger Edition, etc.
You will notice that variety and cultivar names are usually English words. If the seed packet or plant container does not include the variety or cultivar name, do not purchase it. (It is rare that this information is absent.)

HINT: Save seed packets and plant container markers.

Ensure that you enter your exhibit in the correct class and then add the variety or cultivar name.

ALERT ALERT ALERT ALERT ALERT ALERT

There is no longer a weight limit for container-grown houseplants, hanging baskets, dish gardens, desert gardens, and terrariums. The current rule states that container-grown plants must be in containers no greater than 12 inches in diameter (inside opening measurement).



Livestock

Heads Up on ID & Pre-Fair Entry Deadlines

As a friendly reminder here are some important deadlines that will be here before we know it! They are:

- **May 8th** – Horse ID's, District & State Entries Due to UNL Extension Office in Adams County
- **May 8th** – Sheep & Goat Weigh Day – 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Adams County Fairgrounds
- **June 1st** – Stocker Feeder & Swine DNA Samples Due
- **June 1st** – Animal Id's & Vaccinations (tags need to be purchased and in the animals ear)
- **June 15th** – Pre-Fair Entry Forms Due

New 2015:

Showmanship – is required for all species in 2015. Showmanship is optional for youth showing Market Broilers and in Other Fowl Classes. Penalty – all monies or premium in that species would be forfeited if the youth is not excused from showmanship by officials in charge of the show and/or Extension Staff and /or 4-H Council.

Penalty for missed Deadline – If a Livestock ID or Pre-Fair Entry deadline is missed, a \$50 fee per species per family per occurrence may be paid within 2 weeks per deadline without addressing the 4-H Council. A 4-H family may only file for excuse with the 4-H Council due to extenuating family issues. Otherwise the ribbon placing will be docked.

2015 Sheep & Goat Weigh Day

Sheep & Goat Tag and Weigh-in will be on Friday, May 8th from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Adams County Fairgrounds. Youth who may possibly show at the 2015 Nebraska State Fair or Ak-sar-Ben, must have DNA pulled at time of weigh-in. Families may tag and weigh-in at another county with the understanding they will not participate in the County Rate of Gain Contest.

Scrapies Tag

All female sheep and goats (breeding and market) and breeding rams to be exhibited at the Adams County Fair, State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben must have a scrapies tag in its ear. If you have your own flock, you must order tags and register your flock through the USDA. If you are purchasing sheep or goats, make sure that the producer puts a scrapies tag in the ear before you accept them.

Stocker Feeder & Swine ID's and DNA Due

The Stocker Feeder & Swine ID's are due on Monday, June 1st. Anyone interested in showing Swine at the Nebraska State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben and Stocker Feeders at Ak-Sar-Ben must contact Steve to find a day and time for him to come out and take DNA samples before May 29th.

Market Broiler Tentative Arrival Date: Wednesday, June 3rd

If you ordered Market Broilers, please mark your calendar for Wednesday, June 3rd to pick up them up from the Extension Office between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Animal Science Series

The Animal Science Education Series (PASE Contests) will be meeting the following days May 6, May 20, and May 27 at 7 PM, locations TBA This educational series will expand youth's knowledge about livestock and poultry. Any youth ages 10 years and up interested in learning more about livestock and/or poultry are invited to attend. Anyone interested are strongly encourage to contact Steve Landon at steve.landon@unl.edu or 402-461-7209. The capstone event is the State PASE contest held on June 29-30 in Lincoln, NE.

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.

- **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 at the Fairgrounds Activities Building – East End, on **Wednesday, May 13 starting at 7:00 p.m. This is only for 4-H exhibitors who are ONLY attending County Fair.** Please pre-register if you plan on attending the face to face training by May 8.
- **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. Please contact Steve Landon at steve.landon@unl.edu to request a date and time to take the test.

Age Breakdowns

Junior 8-10 years old

Intermediate: 11-14 years old

Senior: 15-18 years old

Poultry Judging

The Southern Plains Poultry Clinic and Judging Day will held in Deshler, NE on Wednesday, June 4th starting at 1:00 p.m. The Southern Plains Poultry Judging counts as the Adams County 4-H Poultry Judging Contest. This is a GREAT opportunity to test the waters or check your knowledge at Poultry Judging.

Regional Dairy Show

The Regional Dairy Show will be June 13th starting at 10:00 a.m. in Clay Center. Entries must be turned into the Adams County Office by June 1st so that we can submit to the Clay County Office by June 5th.

Mark your Calendar for Livestock Clinics

- May 2 – Buffalo County Poultry Clinic – 9 AM @ Buffalo County Fairgrounds, Kearney
 - May 30 – Beef Showmanship Clinic – 9 AM @ Adams County Fairgrounds, Livestock Arena
 - June 3 – South Central Nebraska Livestock Judging Clinic – 9:00 PM @ Webster County Fairgrounds, Bladen.
 - June 10 – Poultry/ Rabbit/Small Animal Showmanship Clinic – 7 PM @ Adams County Fairgrounds, Community Service Building
 - June 13 – Sheep Showmanship & Fitting Clinic – 9 AM @ Adams County Fairgrounds, Livestock Arena
 - June 14 – Goat Showmanship & Fitting Clinic – 1 PM @ Adams County Fairgrounds, Livestock Arena
 - June 27 – Hog Showmanship Clinic – 6:30 PM @ Adams County Fairgrounds, Livestock Arena
- Youth must Pre-Register 1 week prior to the Clinics held in Adams County! Please DO NOT bring your own animals for the clinics. If you want more information regarding regional livestock clinics, please contact Steve Landon at the Extension Office at steve.landon@unl.edu.

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 6th – Drop Off (a.m.) July 7th – Viewing (p.m.)
- Beef: July 7th – Drop Off (a.m.) July 9th – Viewing (p.m.)
- ALL SPECIES: July 14th – Record books due by 8 p.m. July 18th – 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 10 – 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 8th

Dog Obedience Classes

Dog Program Obedience classes, offered by Adams County Extension, continue to be held each Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Adams County Fairgrounds in the west end of the Activities building. 4-H'ers can still participate as long as they have 1) Enrolled in 4-H and in the dog project, 2)

Vaccination record form completed and turned into the Extension Office and 3) \$10.00 class fee paid to the Extension Office before attending any class.



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 on June 1st at 6:30 p.m.

4-H Dog Agility & Rally Practices

Dog agility and Rally are great projects for you and your dog to have fun together. The classes will be held at the Adams County Fairgrounds in Windmill Park **starting TBA** at Dog Classes. To participate, you must be signed up for 4-H and the Dog Project, sign a medical release form, and provide to the Extension Office a record that your dog has been vaccinated. You and your dog must have completed at least the beginning novice dog obedience class, and have received at least a red ribbon at a previous fair before you can participate in the dog agility classes and you will need a break away type collar for the dog. The cost is \$10.00 unless you have already paid for this year's 4-H dog obedience class. **Parental attendance is required at the practices.**

Rabbit Needs a Home

Contact Steve Landon at the Extension Office or steve.landon@unl.edu for more information.

Clover Kids – Quality Assurance:

Any Clover Kid enrolled in the Clover Kid Bucket Calf, Clover Kid Halter Lamb/Lead Goat Projects are encouraged but not required to attend the face to face Quality Assurance training that will be held at the Adams County at the Fairgrounds Activities Building – East End, on **Wednesday, May 13 starting at 7:00 p.m. This is only for the 4-H exhibitors who are planning on exhibiting their animals at County Fair.** Please pre-register if you plan on attending the face to face training by May 8.

4-H Calendar

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May 1 & 2	Dog Expo @ Fairgrounds, Activities Center
May 1	Late 4-H Enrollment Deadline by 5:00 PM @ Extension Office
May 4	4-H Council Meeting – 7:00PM @ Assembly Room
May 7	Extension Board – 7:00PM @ Assembly Room
May 8	Horse ID's, District & State Entries Due by 5:00PM @ Extension Office
May 8	Sheep & Goat Weigh Day – 5:30PM to 7:00PM @ Fairgrounds
May 9	Quilts of Valor Work Session – 1:00PM @ Julies Xpressions
May 13	Quality Assurance Training – 7:00PM @ Fairgrounds, Activities Building - East End
May 14	Ag Society Meeting – 7:30PM @ Fairgrounds
May 16	Sew Fun Saturdays Workshop – 10:00AM @ Julies Xpressions
May 23	Sew Fun Saturdays Workshop – 10:00AM @ Julies Xpressions
May 26	Fashion Board Meeting – 2:00PM @ Fairgrounds, Community Service
May 27	Beyond PB & J Workshop – 1:00PM @ Fairgrounds, Community Service
May 27	Tree & Hort ID – 9:00AM @ Arboretum/Assembly
May 29	Tree & Hort ID – 9:00AM @ Assembly Room
May 29	Stocker Feeder & Swine deadline for DNA samples to be taken
May 30	Beef Showmanship Clinic – 9:00AM @ Fairgrounds, Livestock Arena
May 30	Sew Fun Saturdays Workshop 10:00AM @ Julies Xpressions

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
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