



MAY 2014

Adams County 4-H Newsletter

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May

May 1	Extension Board Meeting
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May 9	Horse Entries Due
May 9	Sheep & Goat Weigh Day
May 13	Ag Society Meeting
May 14	Quality Assurance Training
May 23	First Time Sewing – Session 1
May 24	Beginning Woodworking Workshop
May 28	Envision your Future Business Workshop
May 28	Tree & Hort. ID Practice
May 30	First Time Sewing - Session 2
May 30	Stocker Feeder & Swine deadline for DNA samples to be taken
May 30	Tree & Hort. ID Practice
May 31	Beginning Woodworking Workshop – Session 2

Adams County Extension Office Closed

May 26th – Have a wonderful Memorial Day

Sheep and Goats Weigh Day



Weigh-in is scheduled for May 9, 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. New for 2014: Sheep and Goats may be weighed and tagged in another County Weigh Day. Animals will not be able to participate in the Rate of Gain Contest.

Camper Sign-Up for 2014 County Fair

Mark your calendars for **Monday, June 9th** as the Camper Sign-up Day for the 2014 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!

Pre-Fair Entry Deadline for Fair 4-H Exhibits/Activities is Monday June 16th.

Items that MUST be pre-entered include: all animal classes 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 – Food Review, 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. The pre-fair entry packet of information will be mailed in early June.



Extension is a Division of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln cooperating with the Counties and the United States Department of Agriculture.

The 4-H Youth Development program abides with the nondiscrimination policies of the University of Nebraska–Lincoln and the United States Department of Agriculture.

Spring Tractor Supply Paper Clover Promotion

Again this spring, the Tractor Supply Company and the 4-H Program are teaming together to have the Spring TSC Paper Clover Promotion from April 23rd to May 4th. The Paper Clover Promotion is a consumer-driven fundraising promotion where customers at the local Tractor Supply can support 4-H by purchasing a paper clover for \$1.00 at the checkout.

SAVE THE DATES!

- **Pre-Fair Entry Forms** – **Deadline is Monday, June 16**
- **2014 PASE and Life Challenge events** will be held **June 30 – July 1** on East Campus in Lincoln.
- **2014 Adams County Fairfest Dates**
Its official! The 2014 Adams County Fair is **July 16 to July 20**. Static Exhibits will be entered Monday, July 14th and Livestock check-in the evening of Tuesday, July 15th. Livestock Auction will be Monday, July 21st.



Congratulations

Shooting Sports - Medalists

BB Gun:

Beg. Division (age 8): Dakota Jubb - Gold, Sam Hammer - Silver

Jr. Division (ages 9 - 10): William Barfknecht - Gold, Luke Brooks - Silver

Int. Division (ages 11 - 13): Kristina Sheppard - Gold, Ellie Norlen - Silver

Air Pistol:

Int. Division (ages 11 - 13): George Janssen - Gold

Air Rifle:

Jr. Division (ages 9 -10): Micah Hinrichs – Gold, Mya Engel - Silver

Int. Division (ages 11 - 13): Maguire Gangwish - Gold, Tyler Emons – Silver

Sr. Division (ages 14 and up): Sarah Barfknecht - Gold

Archery Traditional:

Mya Engel - Gold

Archery Freestyle Limited:

Jr. Division (ages 8 – 9): Logan Kennedy - Gold

Int. Division (ages 10 - 11): Blaine Pleak - Gold

Adv. Division (ages 14 & up): Kelsie Robinson – Gold, Zoe Emons - Silver

Archery Freestyle Unlimited:

Jr. Division (ages 8 -9): Lauran Sidlo – Gold

Int. Division (ages 10 - 11): Jaiden Stiegemeier - Gold, Kieren Feeney - Silver

Sr. Division (ages 12 - 13): Dylan Anderson - Gold, Jacob Uden - Silver

Adv. Division (ages 14 & Up): Bryson Kniss - Gold, Ethan Lang - Silver

Archery Barebow:

Jr. Division (ages 8 - 9): Nolen Engel - Gold, Xander Uhrmacher - Silver

Int. Division (ages 10 - 11): Nick Kulwicki - Gold, Cale Uhrmacher- Silver

Sr. Division (ages 12 - 13): George Janssen - Gold, Harleigh Lisius - Silver

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

Shotgun:

Jr. Division (ages 12 – 14): David Jelken - Gold

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

MORE Congratulations...

Public Speaking & Performing Arts

Speech Jr. Division: William Barfknecht – Gold Medal & Purple, Noah Pagel –Purple

PSA Jr. Division: Kassie Kimle – Gold Medal & Purple

Performing Arts:

Jr. Division: William Barfknecht – Gold Medal & Purple, Kassie Kimle – Purple, Noah Pagel – Purple

Intermediate Division: Miranda Niemeyer – Gold Medal & Purple (2), Harleigh Lilsius – Purple, Michaela Novak – Blue

Bryan Lang & Ashlyn Mohling – Blue, Ashlyn Mohling – Red

Sr. Division – Sarah Barfknecht – Gold Medal & Purple (2), Sarah Barfknecht & William Barfknecht – Purple, Gage Wright & Landon Wright - Blue

Omitted in last month's newsletter:

Audrey Pile: Horse Stampede, Quiz Bowl, Jr. Team Reserve Champion

Nebraska 4-H Club of the Month

Congratulations to the Wanda Drover's 4-H Club from Adam's County for being selected as your April 2014 Nebraska 4-H Club of the Month! The Wanda Drover's 4-H Club was established in October of 1962 with 7 charter members. The club is based in Wanda Township of Adam's County and was started as a livestock club- thus the word Drovers. Today they have 40 members and still have beef, sheep, swine, horse, rabbits, as well as small animals and almost every area of static exhibits. The Wanda Drovers has always been a very active and involved club, in 4-H activities as well as community involvement. All members give at least one demonstration of task at a club meeting and one encouraged to participate in county contests and activities. This club has two organizational leaders and numerous project leaders, parents/leaders and junior leaders that have had three generations of club members. The Wanda Drovers has a very proud past and an even brighter future.

If there are other congratulations regarding state shoots, livestock shows, etc, please contact the Adams County Extension Office. We are proud of our 4-H'ers and want to recognize them.

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 turning in your completed enrollment forms in a timely fashion.

We have an addition to the office; please welcome Twila Bankson our new administrative assistant to the office.

Leaders & Parents Corner



Junior Leader News

The Adams County 4-H Junior Leaders will NOT meet in May. 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.

4-H Council Information

April Council Happenings:

- * Heartwell Clovers Club Constitution was accepted
- * Hormel will be the 2014 Hog Buyer for the Adams County Fair
- * 2014 Fair Schedule was finalized

May Council Agenda Items:

- * TSC Donation
- * Sheep/Goat Weigh-in
- * 4-H Enrollment Update

4-H Club of the Month

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

What's New?? 4H4U Texts!

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

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

Sign up online at: <http://extensiontexts.unl.edu/4H4UTexts>

Getting Recognition for Service Learning

Clubs and 4-H'ers are encouraged to report their community service/service learning projects on the 4-H community service app at <http://4h.unl.edu/4hcommunityserviceprojectmap>. We would really love to be able to report out the tremendous things that our 4-Hers are doing in the state and to get an idea of the value of their work. It only takes about 5 minutes to report activities here.

Youth Information

Recruiting youth for 2015 & 2017 CWF Conferences

Youth who are 15 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.

CWF Members Your Help is needed at:

Good Sam Camper Food Stand – June 3rd thru 7th. 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. If you are unsure about going on a CWF Trip but are willing to help we will welcome your assistance.

Summer Workshops

Remember to sign-up for workshops! We hope that everyone can find at least one workshop that fits your interests. Watch your mail the workshop description flyer will be mailed separately!

- May 23, 30, June 6, 13 & 20 – First Time Sewers
- May 24, 31, June 7, 14 & 21 – Beginning Woodworking
- May 28 – Envision your Future Business
- June 9 – Let's Do a Presentation (note date change)
- June 10 & 11 – Create for the Home Day
- June 12 – What Killed Bessie
- June 23 – Tie Dye Workshop (Beginning & Advanced)
- June 24 – Pieced Table Runner Workshop
- June 24 – Clover Kids Camp
- June 25 – Experience Child Care Workshop
- June 25 – Rabbit/Chicken Clinic
- June 27 – Quilt as you go Workshop
- July 2 - Displaying Floriculture & Horticulture at the Fair Workshop



Adams County Day Camp: June 18th

Calling all 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 18, 2014!** 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 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$10.00 per youth. 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 UNL Extension in Adams County at (402)461-7209. Beth hopes to see you there!



Big Red Camp

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

Maverick Young Entrepreneur Boot Camp

The Nebraska Development Center in Omaha is sponsoring the Maverick Young Entrepreneur Boot Camp, designed for high school freshman and sophomores, June 2-6, 2014 at the UNO College of Business Administration. The camp will run from 8:30AM to 12:30PM Monday through Friday. Students will learn about innovation and business startups, meet local entrepreneurs, have on-site visits to local startups and lots of hands-on experiential exercises. The cost for signing up is \$149.00 per participant. Significant scholarships are available for eligible students. Please note that housing is not provided. Visit <http://nbdc.unomaha.edu/CBAbootcamp> to learn more and www.myeb.eventbrite.com to register. If you have any questions, please contact the Director of Entrepreneurship, Dale Eesley at (402) 554-2706 or email him at deesley@unomaha.edu.

New 4-H Opportunity at NCTA

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

Buckle Up Show Camp for Sheep and Goat Producers

The Buckle Up Show Camp for sheep and goat producers will be held June 27-28, 2014, at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in North Platte, Nebraska. This camp has been and is being taught in several states, including Oklahoma and Colorado; it is being taught by Hannah Niccoli who has over 50 showmanship wins. The cost is \$50 per attendee. Preregister by Monday, June 16, 2014. Topics covered at this camp include: Nutrition, Exercise, Fitting, Health, Showmanship Prep & Showmanship. Registration information can be found at <http://go.unl.edu/kkma>. For more information contact Randy Saner at rsaner2@unl.edu or call 1-800-200-1381.

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 2014 Adams County Fairbook for your class entries.

Plan Ahead - Premier 4-H Science Award at State Fair

Objective: Recognize 4-H youth static exhibits incorporating or demonstrating concepts from the areas of 4-H Science (science, technology, engineering, or applied math) at the Nebraska State Fair. Exhibits in all curriculum areas will be considered for the award.

Curriculum Areas Targeted: Animal Science, Communications/Expressive Arts, Consumer & Family Sciences, Environmental Education and Earth Science, Healthy Lifestyles, Leadership & Citizenship, Plant Sciences, Science Engineering & Technology (SET).

Exhibit Entry: Youth will identify exhibits to be considered for the Premier 4-H Science Award. They will be entered along with State Fair static entries. The Premier 4-H Science Award Application must be submitted along with a photograph of the exhibit.

Judging: Members of the 4-H Science work-group will serve as judges for the award. A score sheet will be used to judge each exhibit.

Recognition: All projects entered in this class will be recognized with a certificate attached to the original exhibit. Exhibits will be displayed within their original class.

Up to 20 top 4-H Science exhibits will be chosen from all curriculum areas and will receive a \$100 cash award sponsored by the Nebraska 4-H Foundation.

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 Beth for more details.
- **Larry Draper Scholarship:** The Adams County 4-H Council requests applications **by June 2, 2014** for this \$500.00 scholarship. Applicants must be enrolled in Adams County 4-H and must have been an active and consistent participant in the Adams County 4-H livestock auction by either selling market animals or by providing consistent volunteer service at the auction, as documented by the Adams County Extension Office. Please contact the Extension office for more details.

Adams County 4-H T-Shirts

The official show attire for Adams County 4-H'ers is to wear an Adams County 4-H t-shirt. If wanting to purchase a new 4-H t-shirt, the design can be viewed by stopping in at the Adams County Extension Office. Be sure to pick up your order form, orders are due by June 16th. The shirts may be long or short sleeve. Remember long sleeve shirts are recommended for cat and rabbit exhibitors.



4-H Project Information

Shooting Sports



Calendar for Adams County Shooting Sports Activities:

- June 24 – 29 National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational

National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational Volunteers Needed

Get involved in Nebraska for National 4-H! The National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational is coming to Nebraska and 'volunteers' are needed. As a staff member, you can sign up for easy jobs like delivering water, outdoor jobs like hosting an archery target, or technical jobs like scoring. The dates are June 24-29 with the majority of help needed on June 26, 27, and 28. To sign up, <http://go.unl.edu/shootingsportsvolunteerform>.

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

4-H Shooting Sports Certification Offered in May

A 4-H Shooting Sports Leader training has been set for May 16-18 near Central City. This is only available to 4-H leaders/jr. leaders who hold a previous shooting sports certification. The disciplines offered are Hunting & Wildlife on Friday and Saturday. Blackpowder & Muzzleloading will be offered on Saturday and Sunday. The cost for each discipline is \$90. To learn more, visit the 4-H Shooting Sports website at <http://4h.unl.edu/shootingsports>.

Communications

2014 Photography Career Exhibit Print Themes

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

UNIT III: CAREER EXHIBIT PRINT: Explore a career as an editorial photographer. Editorial photographers take pictures that highlight the topics being written about in books, magazines, and newspapers. Editorial photos should be creative, powerful images that tell an intriguing story. Capture editorial **photos that tell Nebraska's story**.

Presentations Contest

The Adams County 4-H Presentations Contest will be held during the fair this year on **Thursday, July 17th 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 16th on Pre-Fair Entry Form by 5:00 p.m.** in the UNL Extension Office in Adams County.

Hit us with your Best Shot

2015 Poultry Calendar Photo Contest sponsored by Nebraska Department of Agriculture Animal & Plant Health Protection. Stop by the Extension Office for entry blank or see details at www.nda.nebraska.gov. Entries must be postmarked or emailed by June 30, 2014.

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 Clover Challenge Contest and the Life Challenge Contest dates are official, June 30 – July 1 at UNL, East Campus. You will have a good time while you learn.

Quilts of Valor Workshops

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. 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 workshops continue to be held at Julie's Xpressions – 743 West 2nd. They are a come and work (at any time for any length of time) at no cost for the workshop. Please call the Adams County Extension office at 402-461-7209 to find out the scheduled times.

2014 Food Review

Start planning now for the food review contest on **July 11th** at 1:30 PM (set up starts at 12:30 PM).

Food Review Themes for 2014 are:

Bushels of Fun – 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!

Making a Lasting Impact – Cooking, has many traditions, including following generational recipes that have been handed down through families. Plan your menu using these wonderful family recipes.

Celebrate 100 years with Extension in NE – Highlight Nebraska Extension with your menu and Food Revue display. The challenge is to plan your menu using previous Extension Cookbooks or 4-H manuals. Anything from a festive outdoor feast to formal indoor dining event works. Be creative!

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 16th on the Pre-Fair Entry Form.

New this year: 4-H Foods Event held in Conjunction with Food Review

Through the 4-H Foods Event 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.
- 8 & 9 year olds are not eligible for this contest.
- 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 2014 challenge ingredient is corn. (Examples: creamed corn, corn tortilla, corn meal, corn chips, etc.)
- 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 11th, and open to any 4-H member. Pre-registration is not required.

Healthy Lifestyles



Tennis

Lessons are planned for **June 2, 9 & 16** at the Adams Central 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 23rd (this is mandatory).** The tournament will be held on **Thursday, June 23** 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 23rd. Release forms will be mailed out to 4-H'ers enrolled in the tennis project, early May.

Golf

The 4-H golf program is being planned with practices on **June 24th and June 25th** beginning at 9 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 9 a.m. on **June 26th**. If you would like to participate, please remember to sign up for the golf project by April 15th. Release forms will be mailed out to 4-H'ers enrolled in the golf project. **Parental consent/medical release forms must be signed and returned to the Extension Office by June 2nd (this is mandatory).**



Bowling



The bowling tournament is set for Tuesday, **June 17th**, 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 2nd**. The cost will be \$8.00 per person. Just a reminder, you must be enrolled in the bowling project to participate in the tournament.

Environmental Ed & Earth Science

Tree Planting

The UNL Master Gardeners in Adams County invite 4-H'ers to help plant trees in Highland Park, just south of the Hastings Museum. The tree planting event is scheduled for Saturday, May 3rd starting at 8:00 a.m. The trees that are being planted are a part of the Hastings Highland Park Arboretum project. The arboretum is designed to provide a location for people to learn about trees and gardens. This activity will provide 4-H'ers an opportunity to learn more about trees and will provide a great service to the community.

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 28, Friday, May 30, and Tuesday June 3. The contest will be held on Thursday, June 6th. All sessions and the contest will begin at 9:00 am. The practice sessions will first meet at Earl May Garden Center and will then move to Highland Park Arboretum. The contest location will be announced at the practice sessions.

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 project in the correct class and then add the variety or cultivar name.

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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).

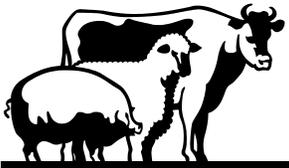
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Adams County 4-H Robotics

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

Rocket Contest

Enjoy an evening of shooting off rockets at the Adams County Rocket Contest on Thursday, **June 26th** 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 16th on Pre-Fair Entry Forms.**



Livestock

Heads Up on Enrollment & ID Deadlines

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

- **May 9th** – Horse ID's, District & State Entries Due to UNL Extension Office in Adams County
- **May 9th** – Sheep & Goat Weigh Day – 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Adams County Fairgrounds
- **June 2nd** – Stocker Feeder & Swine DNA Samples Due
- **June 2nd** – Animal Id's & Vaccinations (tags need to be purchased and in the animals ear)
- **June 16th** – Pre-Fair Entry Forms Due

2014 Sheep & Goat Weigh Day

Sheep & Goat Tag and Weigh-in will be on Friday, May 9th from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Adams County Fairgrounds. Youth who may possibly show at the 2014 Nebraska State Fair or Ak-sar-Ben, must have DNA pulled at time of weigh-in. New for 2014: 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 Due

The Stocker Feeder & Swine ID's are due on Monday, June 2nd. Anyone interested in showing Swine at the Nebraska State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben and Stocker Feeders at Ak-Sar-Ben must contact Beth to find a day and time for her to come out and take DNA samples before May 30th.

Animal Science Series

The Animal Science Series continues. Any youth 12 years and up interested in livestock animals and poultry are invited to attend! Meeting dates in May are the 12th & 21st. Meetings will be held in the Assembly Room of the Adams County Building from 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Youth interested should contact Beth at ejanning2@unl.edu or 402.461.7209. Youth have the option of participating in Premier Animal Science Events (PASE) on June 30th and July 1st in Lincoln, NE. We would love to have you join!

Quality Assurance

Quality Assurance is required for all youth showing Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goats, Dairy, Rabbits and Poultry. Again this year, we will be using the on-line module course at www.campusextension.org. Youth are required to complete 3 modules in their appropriate age division by June 15, 2014. Each youth is required to have their **OWN** email address to participate in the on-line module course. You are to use the same user name and password that you used in 2013 for 2014. Please note – the enrollment key is: “Nebraska”. Also, make sure you are including “Adams” as your County when asked. For youth ages 8 to 10 who prefer a face to face training, we will hold **one** training on **Wednesday, May 14th** starting at 7:00 p.m. Please pre-register if you plan on attending the face to face training.

Face to Face Quality Assurance Training – May 14th

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Market Broiler Tentative Arrival Date: Thursday, June 5th

If you ordered Market Broilers, please mark your calendar for Thursday, June 5th to pick up them up from the Extension Office between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Poultry Judging

The South Central Poultry Clinic and Judging Day will held in Deshler, NE on Wednesday, May 28th with starting at 1:00 p.m. The South Central 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.

Dairy Show

The Regional Dairy Show will be June 7th starting at 10:00 a.m. in Clay Center. Entries must be turned into the Clay County Office by May 30th.

South Central Livestock Judging

The South Central Livestock Clinic & Judging Contest will be held on Wednesday, June 11th in Bladen. Registration will be from 8:15 to 9:00 am with the clinic starting at 9:00 a.m. The Judging Contest will follow the clinic. This clinic and contest is to improve the skills for those that want to judge beef, sheep, swine, and goats.

West Central Youth Animal Science Field Day

An Animal Science Field Day will be held on **Thursday, May 29, 2014** for youth ages 8 to 18 at the Nebraska Agriculture Industry Education Center at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis, NE. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. with workshops being held between 9:30 and 3:30 p.m. **Pre-registration is required by contacting the Extension Office and paying the \$5.00 registration fee by May 22nd.** Lunch will be provided. Station topics include: Evaluating What You Are Eating; Beef Quality Assurance; Swine Health and Reproductive Strategies; Ruminant Nutrition and Feed ID; It's Made From What; Understanding the Digestive System of a Horse; and Exploring Careers in Animal Science.

2014 Beef Ambassador Contest

Do you have a passion for the beef industry? The Nebraska CattleWomen will host the 2014 Beef Ambassador Contest on June 11th in Gothenburg, Nebraska. The contest will begin at 1:00 pm. The contest provides an opportunity for youth to become spokesperson and future leaders of the beef industry. Cash prizes will be awarded in each of the three age divisions. Age divisions are based on the student's age as of September 1, 2014. Junior division is 8-12 years old, intermediate is 12-16 years old, and senior division is 17-20 years old. The winners of the intermediate and senior division may be eligible to compete for the National Beef Ambassador contest in Denver, Colorado. All Nebraska Beef Ambassadors will be invited to promote the beef industry at events such as the Nebraska State Fair. Contest rules and registration forms are available on the Nebraska Cattlemen website (www.nebraskacattlemen.org) Registration must be post marked by May 15th. For more information, contact Ashton Bohling at 402-239-0936 or orashtonmeints@gmail.com.

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 7th – Drop Off (a.m.) July 8th – Viewing (p.m.)
- Beef: July 8th – Drop Off (a.m.) July 10th – Viewing (p.m.)
- ALL SPECIES: July 15th – Record books due by 8 p.m. July 19th – Interviews (afternoon)



Horse Show Dates

2014 District Horse Show Dates & Locations

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

❖ **The 2014 Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Show will be July 14-17.**

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 9, 2014 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.



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 May 12th 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. Dr. Pam Burr is offering classes to teach your dog to safely run through an agility course. The classes will be held at the Adams County Fairgrounds in Windmill Park **starting June 1st** and run every **Sunday** afternoon at **4:00 p.m.** except on holiday weekends. 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



4-H Calendar

May

May 1	Extension Board Meeting – 7:00PM @ Assembly Room
May 5	4-H Council Meeting – 7:00PM @ Assembly Room
May 9	Horse Entries Due by 5:00PM @ Extension Office
May 9	Sheep & Goat Weigh Day – 5:30PM to 7:00PM @ Fairgrounds
May 13	Ag Society Meeting – 7:30PM @ Fairgrounds
May 14	Quality Assurance Training – 7:00PM @ Assembly Room
May 23	First Time Sewing – 9:30 – 11:30 AM @ Assembly Room
May 24	Beginning Woodworking Workshop – Session 1 – 9:00AM-Noon
May 28	Envision your Future Business Workshop – 10:00AM – 3:00PM @ Assembly Room
May 28	Tree & Hort. ID Practice – 9:00AM @ Earl May
May 30	First Time Sewing - Session 2 – 9:30 – 11:30 AM @ Assembly Room
May 30	Stocker Feeder & Swine deadline for DNA samples to be taken
May 30	Tree & Hort. ID Practice – 9:00AM @ TBA
May 31	Beginning Woodworking Workshop – Session 2 – 9:00AM -Noon

June & July Calendar will be mailed out in a special mailing along with the Fair Calendar

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

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Please take time to THANK these above individuals for their hard work and dedication to the Adams County 4-H Program!!!



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