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Adams County 4-H Newsletter

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**AUGUST**

- August 19: State Fair Static Entries Due
- August 22 – September 1: Nebraska State Fair

**SEPTEMBER**

- September 1: Holiday – Labor Day
- September 3: Pick up your State Fair Static Exhibits
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Extension Office will be Closed for Labor Day on Monday September 1st.

Record Books, Career Portfolios, Diamond Clover Applications and Golden Clover Applications are due in the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 15th.

**Fair Evaluation**

The 4-H Council would like to invite you to attend the Fair Evaluation on September 8th at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. No action on items will take place at the meeting however, we would like to hear your thoughts on the 2014 Adams County Fair and pre-fair events.

**Remember Thank-Yous**

Please remember to send your special thank you notes. Some of the people that you may need to thank are: the Ag. Society members, Fairgrounds Staff, Morrison Enterprises (ribbons), livestock auction buyers, Hastings Chamber of Commerce Ag. Committee and Doug Nienhueser, Ruhter Auction Company, Gaylin Prior and Adams County Bank, Marilyn Shaw and the Jr. Leaders (food booth), your leaders and your parents (who are always supportive of you and your adventures).

**Static State Fair Exhibits**

All Exhibits going to State Fair should be delivered to the office on **Tuesday, August 19th from 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM**. We will not accept exhibits any other day. No early arrivals will be accepted. After State Fair: **Pick up** for the static exhibits will be **10:00 AM to 7:00 PM on Wednesday, September 3rd**.
Goodbye from Beth
I want to thank all the 4-H families and volunteers who welcomed me with open arms as their 4-H Youth Extension Educator the fall of 2009 as I became a part of your 4-H family. Throughout my time, I have learned why Adams County 4-H Program was so strong – and it is because of the amazing families and volunteers who make this county so special. As I change positions in UNL Extension and leave the Adams County Extension Office, I know that I am a better person, professionally and personally, through the experiences and relationships I developed with all of you!! Thank you so much for a wonderful six years!! I look forward to seeing everyone at different functions as you all have a special place in my heart. Please keep in touch.

A Note from the office:
Our office wants to say Thank You to the:
- Youth for participating and making the 4-H program and fair worthwhile.
- Superintendents and assistants for all their hard work and time.
- Leaders, parents, and grandparents for assisting our youth to get them ready for fair.
- Volunteers for their time and belief in the program.
- Jr. Leaders for their food stand throughout the week of County Fair.
- Judges for their constructive criticism to help our youth learn & improve for next year.
- Ag. Society for working with us and supporting the 4-H program.
- Chamber of Commerce for organizing and supporting the Livestock Auction.
- Ruhter Auction for running the Livestock Auction.
- All businesses that attended and bought animals at the Livestock Auction.
- 4-H Council for their guidance throughout the year.
- Community for visiting the fair, giving donations, and supporting the program.
- Summer Interns at the Extension Office: Crystal Barfknecht and Adam Heier “Thanks for all your help and assistance.”

Congratulations!

To all our fine 4-H contestants at the 2014 Adams County Fair, Regional & District shows, and State Events you all deserve another round of applause.

Golf
- Senior Division: Landon Wright (Medalist)
- Intermediate Division: Tarin Conover (Medalist)
- Junior Division: Decker Shestak (Medalist)

Tennis
- Senior Division - Single: Brenda Tran (Medalist)
- Intermediate Division – Single: Jacob Placke (Medalist)
- Junior Division – Single: Josh Niemeyer (Medalist)

Bowling
- Senior Division: Mariah Everhart (Medalist)
- Intermediate Division: Jade Utter (Medalist)
- Junior Division: Corbin Burbach (Medalist)
- Team: Corbin Burbach & Cameron Brei

Dog Skillathon Contest
- Senior Division – Courtney Anderson (Medalist)
- Intermediate Division – Alexis Anderson (Medalist)
**Livestock Judging Contest**
- Senior Division – Megan Petr (Medalist)
- Intermediate Division – Chase DeVries (Medalist)
- Junior Division Medalist – Mikeayla Samuelson (Medalist)

**Poultry Judging Contest**
- Intermediate Division – Chase DeVries (Medalist)
- Junior Division – Sam Shafer (Medalist)

**Round Robin Showmanship**
- 1st Place – Patrick Hermann
- 2nd Place – Calvin DeVries & Brody Vorderstrasse
- 4th Place – Trevor DeVries

**Herdsmanship Winners**
- Beef – Blue River Champs
- Swine – Blue Sky Bunch
- Sheep – Lucky Leaf
- Goats – Wanda Drovers

**Carcass Contest**
- Beef – Champion – Kory Heier; Reserve Champion – Danielle Katzberg
- Swine – Champion – Patrick Hermann; Reserve Champion – Allison Everhart
- Sheep – Champion – Patrick Hermann; Reserve Champion – Brody Vorderstrasse

**Insect Identification Contest**
- Senior Division: Trevor DeVries (Medalist)
- Intermediate Division: Chase DeVries (Medalist)
- Junior Division: Sam Shafer (Medalist)

**Horticulture Identification**
- Intermediate Division: Blake Frink (Medalist)
- Junior Division: Benjamin Kamrath (Medalist)

**Tree Identification**
- Intermediate Division: Kieren Feeney (Medalist)
- Junior Division: Benjamin Kamrath (Medalist)

**Ice Cream in a Can Contest**
- Senior Division: Champion – April Crandell; Reserve Champion – Catherine Schiffler
- Intermediate Division: Champion – Lanay Grothen; Reserve Champion – Blake Frink
- Junior Division: Champion – Jenna Cecrle; Reserve Champion – Wyatt Johnson

**Rocket Contest**
- Grand Champion – Katelyn Cecrle; Reserve Champion – Shailey Stiegemeier

**Flower Barrel Contest**
- Senior Division: 1st Place – Emilee Rogers; 2nd Place – Courtney Anderson; 3rd Place – Jonathan Nienhueser; 4th Place – Shailey Stiegemeier
- Intermediate Division: 1st Place – Alexis Anderson; 2nd Place – Grace Eckhardt; 3rd Place – Jaiden Stiegemeier; 4th Place – Gage Wright
- Junior Division: 1st Place – Cameron Czekai; 2nd Place – Mya Engel; 3rd Place – Ben Kamrath

**PASE – State Event**
- Team members: G Robert Binfield, Calvin DeVries, Chase DeVries, Garrett Furrow, Alex Heier, Kory Heier, Bailey Hinrichs, Sam Schukei, Abby Shipman, and Cole Shurigar
- Poultry Judging Team – 2nd Place – Kory Heier, Abby Shipman, Cole Shurigar
- Poultry 2nd Place Individual – Kory Heier
- Skill-a-thon – 4th Place Overall Team – Calvin DeVries, Bailey Hinrichs, Kory Heier, Abby Shipman, Cole Shurigar
- Livestock Judging – 10th Place Beef Individual – Alex Heier
**Life Challenge – State Event**
- Team members: Sarah Barknecht, April Crandell, Hailey Griswold, Bailey Johnson, Casi Johnson, Catherine Schiffler, Shailey Stiegemeier, Morgan Stromer and Brenda Tran.
- Child Development Challenge Team: April Crandell, Casi Johnson, Morgan Stromer (Best Creative Theme Restaurant)
- Clothing & Textile Challenge Team: Brenda Tran, Sarah Barknecht, Morgan Stromer (5th Place)

**Regional Dairy Goat Show**
- Int. Dairy Goat Showmanship: Purple - Kelsie Robinson (Champion)
- Jr. Dairy Goat Showmanship: Purple – Amanda Smidt
- Under 5 months: Purple – Kelsie Robinson (2), Amanda Smidt; Blue – Amanda Smidt
- Year to 2 year, non-milking: Purple – Kelsie Robinson (2)(Champion)(Reserve Champion); Blue – Amanda Smidt (2)
- Under 2 year, milking: Purple – Kelsie Robinson (2)(Champion)(Reserve Champion)
- 2 to 3 years, milking: Purple – Kelsie Robinson (2)(Champion)(Reserve Champion)
- 4 years and over, milking: Purple – Kelsie Robinson (2) (Champion)
- Sr. Dairy Goat: Purple - Kelsie Robinson (2)(Champion)(Reserve Champion)
- Mother/Daughter: Purple – Kelsie Robinson, Amanda Smidt
- Jr. Dairy Goat: Purple – Kelsie Robinson (Champion)
- Junior Herd: Kelsie Robinson (Champion)
- Best Dressed Goat: Purple – Amanda Smidt

**District Horse Results**
- Sr. Western Pleasure Horses 15 & up: Purple – Breanna Schneider; Blue – Kylie Mohling, Victoria Korth
- Jr. Western Pleasure Horses 10 – 14: Purple – Chance Mignery (Grand Champion); Red – Ashlyn Mohling, Gage Wright
- Sr. Western Horsemanship 15 & up: Purple – Victoria Korth; Blue – Carie Murman; Red – Kylie Mohling, Brenna Schneider
- Jr. Western Horsemanship 10 – 14: Purple – Chance Mignery (Grand Champion); Blue – Gage Wright; Red – Ashlyn Mohling
- Sr. Pole Bending 15 & up: Purple – Jordan Dassinger (Reserve Champion); Red – Victoria Korth, Kylie Mohling, Carie Murman; White – Brenna Schneider
- Jr. Pole Bending 10 – 14: Blue – Chance Mignery; Red – Ashlyn Mohling, Gage Wright
- Sr. Barrel Racing 15 & up: Purple – Jordan Dassinger (Grand Champion); Blue – Kylie Mohling, Victoria Korth; Red – Carie Murman, Brenna Schneider
- Jr. Barrel Racing 10 – 14: Purple – Chance Mignery; Red – Ashlyn Mohling, Gage Wright

**State Horse Results**
- 4 & 5 Year Old Mares: Blue – Victoria Korth
- Yearling Geldings (Lunging Halter): Red – Brenna Schneider
- 3 Year Old Geldings: Purple – Victoria Korth
- Jr. Showmanship 10 – 14: Blue – Chance Mignery; Red – Ashlyn Mohling
- Sr. Showmanship 15 & up: Red – Victoria Korth, Kylie Mohling
- 3 Year Old Western Pleasure: Blue – Victoria Korth, Brenna Schneider
- Jr. Western Pleasure 10 – 14: Blue – Chance Mignery
- Sr. Western Pleasure 15 & up: Blue – Brenna Schneider; Red – Victoria Korth, Kylie Mohling, Carie Murman
- Jr. Western Horsemanship 10 – 14: Blue – Chance Mignery
- Sr. Western Horsemanship 15 & up: Blue – Victoria Korth; Red – Carie Murman
- Trail Horse: Purple – Victoria Korth
- Jr. Pole Bending: Purple – Chance Mignery (10th Place)
- Sr. Pole Bending: Purple – Jordan Dassinger (Reserve Champion)
- Jr. Barrels: Purple – Chance Mignery (4th Place)
- Sr. Barrels: Purple – Jordan Dassinger (Grand Champion); Red – Victoria Korth, Kylie Mohling
Nebraska State High School 3D Tournament
- YAFFS: April Crandell – 2nd, Sarah Allen – 5th
- YMFS: Luke Chamberlain – 10th

Nebraska State 4-H 3D Tournament
- YAFFS: April Crandell – 3rd, Shailey Stiegemeier – 5th, Sarah Allen – 8th
- YFFS: Bailey Johnson – 7th
- YAFBB: Harleigh Lisius – 1st

Nebraska State 4-H Outdoor 600 Target
- YAFBB: Morgan Stromer – 1st
- YFBB: Harleigh Lisius – 1st
- YAFFSL: Kelsie Robinson – 3rd
- YFFS: Bailey Johnson – 11th
- YAFFS: Sarah Allen – 3rd, April Crandell – 5th, Shailey Stiegemeier – 7th

Clover Caughts during Fair
- Jack Barry – for helping a fellow 4-Her prepare for the chicken show.
- Jay Kort – All around 4-H helper, he is always around to help anyone who needs help.
- Grace Eckhardt – for helping a younger 4-Her with his goat and showing me how in the ring and cheering him on.
- Kieren Feeney – Thanks for taking the garbage out in the livestock office.
- Trevor, Calvin & Chase DeVries – Assisting the younger kids in the chicken show and sharing their knowledge with those younger youth.
- Abby Lora – For taking time to show a younger 4-Her how to lead his goat the correct way.

Leaders & Parents Corner

Junior Leader News
The next Adams County 4-H Junior Leaders will be posted in the next newsletter. They will be gearing up for the 2015 year. If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Shaw (402-756-6636) or the Adams County Extension Office (402-461-7209).

4-H Council Information
June & July 4-H Council Happenings:
- Exhibits from Summer Clinics & Workshops
- Fair Event Representatives
- Centennial Celebration
September 4-H Council Agenda Items:
- Fair Evaluation meeting at 6:30 PM
- Achievement Party & Leaders Banquet
- Fall Committee Meetings

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](http://4h.unl.edu/4hcommunityserviceprojectmap). We would really love to be able to report 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.
Fundraiser Support from Tractor Supply Company
Is your club or special group interested in doing a fundraiser? The Hastings Tractor Supply Company store is willing to work with any 4-H Club or 4-H Special Group to make it happen. Events may be grilling and serving hamburgers, feature a 4-H project (animals, gardening, welding), have a food drive, or come up with an idea of your own. Talk with Sharry Walter at TSC about the many opportunities. **Mark your calendar!** The Fall Paper Clover Promotion of 4-H and Tractor Supply Company will be held **October 8-19, 2014**, at TSC locations nationwide.

Join the Fun at the State Fair as a Volunteer!
The Nebraska 4-H program is seeking volunteers to help with exhibit entry day, judging, and serving as 4-H exhibit building hosts and greeters. Volunteers will be needed for educational activities in the 4-H building, serving as the Lil’ Green Mascot and assisting with all 4-H contests and events throughout the fair. State Fair 4-H volunteers will receive a fair pass for the day(s) they volunteer. Volunteers can sign-up by visiting [http://4h.unl.edu/becomevolunteer](http://4h.unl.edu/becomevolunteer) or by contacting your local extension office. A complete list of volunteer opportunities is also available on the site. If you have questions about being a 4-H volunteer at the Nebraska State Fair, please contact Cathy Johnston, Extension Educator, at (402) 472-1762 or [cjohnston1@unl.edu](mailto:cjohnston1@unl.edu).

Free Admission to Husker Harvest Days
Husker Harvest Days provides the perfect opportunity for 4-H members to reconnect after the summer. This year, 4-H members and leaders will receive free admission to the show by participating in the America’s Farmers Food Drive at Husker Harvest Days, **September 9-11, 2014**, in Grand Island, Nebraska. To receive free entry, 4-H’ers should bring five or more cans on non-perishable food items to Gate 2 or Gate 7 of Husker Harvest Days. The three 4-H clubs that donate the highest poundage of food will each be awarded a $250 donation from Monsanto. Clubs must donate a minimum of 100 pounds of food to be eligible for the donation. All food collected will benefit local food pantries, and Monsanto will match every pound of food collected with a $1 donation, up to $10,000, to the Heartland United Way. Additionally, the Howard G. Buffett Foundation will match every pound of food collected with a $1 donation, up to $10,000, to Feeding America. At the show, you are welcome to stop by the Monsanto booth to learn how the company connects with farmers and ag youth across Nebraska and the nation. Monsanto representatives will be on-site to discuss advocacy initiatives, cutting edge technologies and careers in agriculture. If you have any questions, please contact Erin Robbins at [mailto:erin.robbins@osbornbarr.com](mailto:erin.robbins@osbornbarr.com) or 314-236-6965.

Youth Information

**Record Books, Career Portfolios, Diamond Clover Applications and Golden Clover Applications are due in the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 15th.**

**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.
4-H Project Information

Family and Consumer Science
2013-14 Quilts of Valor Statewide Challenge
Nebraska 4-H will be accepting Quilts of Valor at the 2014 Nebraska State Fair. Quilts that received purple ribbons at the county fair can be entered and judged in the Quilt Quest, Home Environment and Citizenship project areas. All other Quilts of Valor that will not be judged can be dropped off in Adams County during the Adams County state fair drop off time on Aug 19th. We plan on displaying all Quilts of Valor at the fair and have the “Quilts of Valor Presentation” on Saturday, August 30th beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the 4-H Building. 4-H'ers and volunteers who have made and donated quilts will be recognized as their quilt is shown on stage.

2014 Make it with Wool Contest
Enter the Make It With Wool Contest! The object of the contest is to promote the beauty and versatility of wool fabric and yarn; to encourage personal creations in sewing, knitting, crocheting, spinning and weaving of wool fabric; and to recognize creative skills. The 2014 State Make It With Wool Contest will be November 22 at the Dawson County Extension Office in Lexington NE beginning at 9:00 a.m. Public fashion show is at 1:00 p.m. For more information, contact the Nebraska State Director Alice Doane, 17705 Bluff Road, Waverly NE 68462 (phone 402-786-3555). Entry forms, fees, and wool samples are due October 15, 2014 to Entry Coordinator - Andrea Nisley, P.O. Box 757, Lexington NE 68850, 308-324-5501, anisley1@unl.edu More information is available on the National Make It With Wool website (www.MAKEITWITHWOOL.com).

Environmental Ed & Earth Science
Agronomy Projects
As crop harvest approaches, it is a good time to consider creating an agronomy exhibit that you may show at next year’s fair. These projects provide an excellent opportunity to learn the requirements in producing a crop. If you or someone in your family raised a field crop, simply sit down and create a two-page report about the procedures required to grow the crop. Then fill a gallon container of the grain or select ten grain ears, (corn or milo), for display and you are done. Stop by or call the Adams County Extension Office if you would like more information on these projects.

Largest Ear of Corn Contest
We plan to continue this contest, with sponsorship of a cash prize to the winners. Now is a good time to start to think about next year’s project. If a 4-H’er grew a corn crop or helped a member of their immediate family grow a corn crop this year, then you can exhibit a collection of ten corn ears at the 2015 Adams County Fair. The contest will have two classes, one for yellow corn and one for white corn. Call the Extension Office if you would like more information about this contest and project.

Livestock
2014 AK-SAR-BEN Dates
September 20th & 21st – 4-H Horse Show at the Lancaster Event Center in Lincoln
September 26th – 28th – Stock Show at the Century Link in Omaha

UNL Information
Save the Date: Animal Science Open House, September 23
The Animal Science Open House will be held this fall on September 23 from 6 – 8 pm at the Animal Science Complex at UNL. This will be a great opportunity for youth, parents, and staff to come and learn more about the opportunities at UNL. There will also be educational stations and representatives from the student organizations. Please mark this date on your calendars.
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Please Check the Adams County Web site at http://www.adams.unl.edu/ for current calendar information.

2014 4-H Council
Mike Eckhardt    Michael Schukei  JR LEADER REPS:  Doug Nienhueser – Chamber
Tammy Johnson    Ange Shipman     of Commerce Rep
Bryce Katzberg  Kathleen Stromer  Calvin DeVries  Twila Bankson – Ag Society
Morgan Meyer     Lori Vorderstrasse Morgan Stromer  Rep
Brett Mohling    Amy Wilson

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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