



OCTOBER 2011

Adams County 4-H Newsletter

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October 15	Kases for Kids Pajama Party

Do you have a Premium Check at the Adams County Extension Office?

Premium checks were available for pick-up on September 15th. For those youth who are members of Organized 4-H Clubs, you will need to get your premium money from your club leader. Independent members are able to pick-up checks themselves. 4-H'ers will have until October 15th to report any premium check discrepancies. No changes to premium checks will be made after October 15th. Please also remember the checks are only good for 90 days from date of check printing.

Achievement Night & Leaders/Volunteer Banquet

Be sure to mark your calendar for Sunday, November 6th at the Activities Building on the Adams County Fairgrounds. Leaders/Volunteer Banquet begins at 5:00 p.m. Volunteers and leaders can expect to receive an invitation to banquet soon. 4-H Achievement Program begins at 7:00 p.m.; award recipients are requested to attend.

National 4-H Week – October 2nd – 8th, 2011

Let's show our 4-H pride in Adams County by *Joining the Revolution of Responsibility*. As 4-H members, we know and understand what we gain from being a member of Adams County 4-H. This year, let's spread the news! We challenge 4-H'ers to create a short 2 to 4 minute video on why they are a part of 4-H. This could be done by a club, family, or individual. These videos will be posted on the UNL Extension Adams County 4-H website.

Extension Office Closed

The Adams County Extension Office will be closed.

- October 10th for Columbus Day
- November 11th for Veterans Day
- November 24th & 25th for Thanksgiving



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.



To the Adams County 4-H contestants at the 2011 Nebraska State Fair, you all deserve another round of applause.

Results can be found at the Nebraska 4-H web site at: <http://4h.unl.edu/programs/statefair/results/>

Special Recognition

Top Electrical Tool/Supply Kit – Jonathan Nienhueser

Robert Hillestad Textile Gallery – Lacey Uden (Quilt)

Outstanding Exhibit in Premier Long Arm Computerized Quilt – Lacey Uden

Rainbow Recognition – Sarah Barfknecht (Floriculture), Kieren Feeny (Safety), Emily Klatt (Floriculture), Jonathan Nienhueser (Food Preservation (2)), Paige Shestak (Foods), Morgan Stromer (Horticulture), Lacey Uden (Food Preservation, Heritage)

Presentations State Fair

Using Posters: Purple – Casi Johnson; Red - Chelsi & Carli Johnson (Team)

Premier Presenter: Purple – Lacey Uden

Fashion Show Representatives

Fashion Show: Purple – Katie Fast, Anna Queen; Blue – Crystal Barfknecht

Shopping in Style Fashion Show: Purple – Lacey Uden

Judging

Tree Id – Intermediate Division: Chase DeVries (5th Place); Senior Division: Trevor DeVries (1st Place), Calvin DeVries (5th Place); Senior Team – 2nd Place

Weed and Grass Id – Intermediate Division: Alex Heier (1st Place), Jonathon Nienhueser (2nd Place), Kory Heier (4th Place); Intermediate Team: 1st Place; Senior Division: Adam Heier (1st Place), JD Ochsner (4th Place), Cara Crandell; Senior Team: 2nd Place

Insect Id – Intermediate Division: Chase DeVries (Gold – 1st Place); Senior Division: Trevor DeVries (Gold – 1st Place), Calvin DeVries (Silver – 2nd Place)

Dog Skillathon – Intermediate Division: Purple - Courtney Anderson (Bronze – 3rd Place), Mariah Everhart, Abby Klammer; Red – Dariana Burr, Shianne Everhart, Haley Griswold. Senior Division: Purple – Shelby Stenner (Gold-1st Place), Chance Vorderstrasse (Silver – 2nd Place); Blue – Katie Ruth, April Crandell

Livestock

Market Beef – Animal: Purple – Bailey Hinrichs, Harry McMahon; Blue – Bailey Hinrichs, Chance Vorderstrasse; Red – Elaine Streff, Brody Vorderstrasse

Breeding Beef –Showmanship: Purple – Harry McMahon; Blue – Bailey Hinrichs; Animal: Purple– Harry McMahon (2); Blue – Bailey Hinrichs

Market Sheep – Showmanship: Blue – Ryan Kleier, Lacey Uden; Red – April Crandell, Shane Kleier, JD Ochsner; Animal: Purple – Ryan Kleier; Blue – Shane Kleier, JD Ochsner, Lacey Uden (2); Red – G Robert Binfield (2), April Crandell (2), Shane Kleier, JD Ochsner (2)

Breeding Sheep – Animal: Blue – Lacey Uden, JD Ochsner; Red – G Robert Binfield, April Crandell (2), Taylor Kort

Market Swine – Showmanship: Purple – Lacey Uden (Champion); Blue – Cale Buhr; Premier Exhibitor: Purple – Lacey Uden (1st Place); Gilts: Purple – Lacey Uden; Blue – Cale Buhr, Creighton Buhr; Barrows: Blue – Lacey Uden

Poultry – Showmanship: Blue – Dariana Burr; Animal: Blue – Dariana Burr (2); Red – Dariana Burr

Companion Animals – Cat: Purple – Dariana Burr (2nd Place; 3rd Place Best of Show); Ferret: Purple – Dariana Burr (1st place; Reserve Best of Show)

Carcass Contest – Beef: Purple – Bailey Hinrichs, Harry McMahon; Red – Bailey Hinrichs; Swine: Purple – Lacey Uden; Blue – Creighton Buhr, Cale Buhr

Dog

Beginning Novice A – Red – Haley Griswold, Casi Johnson

Beginning Novice B – Purple – Chance Vorderstrasse (Champion), Mariah Everhart, Chelsi Johnson; Blue – April Crandell, Abby Klammer; Red – Sarah Appleton Allen, Shianne Everhart

Novice – Purple – Carli Johnson; White – Shelbie Stenner

Graduate Novice – Red – Courtney Anderson, Dariana Burr

Pre Beg. Agility – Purple – Sarah Appleton Allen, April Crandell; Blue – Abby Klammer

Beginning Agility – Purple – Katie Ruth (Champion); Red – Courtney Anderson, Carli Johnson

Intermediate Agility – Purple – Dariana Burr (Reserve Champion); Blue – Reid Schultz; Red – Shelbie Stenner

Advanced Agility – Red – Chelsi Johnson

Dog Showmanship – Intermediate Division: Purple – Dariana Burr (Bronze – 3rd Place), Courtney Anderson, Abby Klammer, Reid Schultz; Blue – Haley Griswold, Casi Johnson; Senior Division: Purple – Carli Johnson; Blue – Sarah Appleton Allen; Red – Chelsi Johnson

Leaders & Parents Corner

Junior Leader News



The Adams County 4-H Junior Leaders will meet on Sunday, October 9th at 7:00 p.m. for their re-organizational meeting. The meeting will be held in the Assembly Room. Anyone is welcome to join that is 12 years old and will be 13 by January 1, 2012, or is 13 years or older now. You must be an active member of the Adams County 4-H program by being a member of an organized 4-H club or an Independent member. Junior Leaders do a lot of fun, learning and leadership activities. Some of the activities the club does are: pancake feed and food booth at the county fair, helping with Leader's Banquet, along with helping members and younger 4-H'ers with 4-H projects and being positive role model for younger 4-H'ers. Bring a friend and make new friends. Also you are eligible to earn a scholarship. If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Shaw (402-756-6636) or the Adams County Extension Office (402-461-7209).

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

Career Portfolio Judges

Volunteers will be needed to read a neighboring county's Career Portfolio books sometime in October. If you are interested in helping, please call the Extension Office and offer your services. Benefits include: learning how other 4-H'ers fill-out their books, finding new ideas for projects and visiting with other 4-H volunteers about the recording process.

SAVE THE DATES!

Sunday, January 8th for the 4-H Kick Off

Sunday, January 29th for the 4-H Council Fundraiser (Soup Supper)

4-H Council Information

September 4-H Council Items Discussed or Passed

- Rocket Contest Winners will receive medals
- Adams County 4-H T-shirt Design Contest – Accepting Designs till Nov 3rd
- November 4-H Council meeting date is now Monday, November 14, 2011

October 4-H Council Agenda

- Nominations for 2012 Council
- 2012 4-H Kick-Off
- Leaders Banquet/Achievement Night
- 2012 4-H Soup Supper
- Results from State Wide 4-H Strategic Plan

Youth Information

Adams County 4-H T-Shirt Design Contest

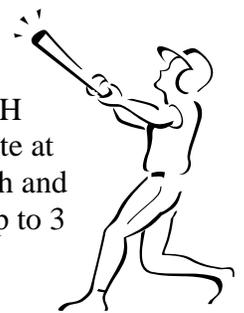
Have you been envisioning the next Adams County 4-H T-Shirt? This is the moment for you! Designs for the NEW 4-H T-Shirt may be entered from 4-H members, volunteers, leaders or family members! Designs need to be turned in to the Adams County Extension Office by Thursday, November 3, 2011. The designs will be on display at the Adams County Achievement Night for all attending to vote on their favorite design. The final decision will be made by the 4-H Council on November 14th during the regular 4-H Council Meeting.

Parameters for the t-shirt include:

- The official 4-H Clover MUST be included (Official Clover may be Green or Black)
- Maximum of three colors used for the design
- T-Shirt color should be included by designer (it is NOT limited to grey or white)
- Designs may be for Front and/or Back of the T-Shirt
- Designs may be turned in by pencil/crayon drawing or computer drawn
- BE CREATIVE!! Think outside the box!
- One design will be used for short and long sleeve shirts
- 4-H Council has the opportunity to mix and match designs to create the best Adams County 4-H t-shirt.

Go to Bat for 4-H

Want the chance to win tickets to the 2011 Major League Baseball World Series and help 4-H win \$25,000? You have a chance to do both just by visiting the State Fair Go To Bat web site at http://mlb.mlb.com/mlb/sweepstakes/y2011/state_farm/gotobat/index.jsp Choose the “Health and Human Services” category and pick “National 4-H Council” as your charity. You can play up to 3 times each week.



Tell Nebraska 4-H Foundation Your 4-H Story!

Tell us your 4-H story and help your county 4-H Program win \$1,000! The Nebraska 4-H Foundation will award \$1,000 to the county of your choice. To enter, submit your 4-H story (a favorite memory, best experience, etc.). Stories may be used in future 4-H publications or online. You may share your story online at <http://ne4hfoundation.org> and click on “Tell Us Your Story Here!” or stop by the Nebraska 4-H Foundation booth at the Nebraska State Fair. By sharing your story, you will be entered into a drawing. The winner can choose which county 4-H program will receive the \$1,000 prize!

FIRST LEGO League

It's time to sign up for FIRST LEGO League!

FIRST LEGO League is an educational robotics competition for youth ages 9-14. Younger youth, ages 6-9 may participate in Junior FIRST LEGO League to get a taste of the action. More information on how to start a team and a flier to promote FLL are available here: <http://4hset.unl.edu/4hdrupal/node/539>. Registration is open now, closing when all the spaces fill, usually at the end of September.

Mark your calendars for this year's FLL tournament dates:

- Saturday, December 3, Omaha Qualifier Saturday,
- December 10, Lincoln Qualifier Saturday,
- January 7, Ord Qualifier Saturday,
- January 14, (TBD) Qualifier Saturday,
- February 18, Nebraska Championship, Strategic Air and Space Museum, Ashland

2012 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards - 2012 Award Application

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards honor young people in grades 5-12 for their exemplary volunteer activities. Awards range from local to national, with prizes ranging from certificates, medallions, financial awards, trophies, and a trip to Washington, D.C., to attend the national recognition event.

Each fall applications are solicited through public and private middle-level and high schools and through officially designated local organizations across the county. The National 4-H Council is one of these organizations. The deadline for the 2012 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards is November 1, 2011. Further information can be found at: <http://www.prudential.com/spirit> or by calling the Extension Office.

4-H Project Information

Workshop Ideas

We are looking for ideas for workshops in 2012. We would like to hear ideas of what you would be willing to attend. We would also like to hear from you regarding what times would work best for most people, after school, ½ days when school is out, Saturdays, etc. Please contact the Extension Office 402-461-7209 and let us know what YOU are interested in.



Shooting Sports

4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop in Grand Island, NE

A Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop has been scheduled for October 15 & 16, 2010, at the Heartland Public Shooting Park in Grand Island, NE. Tentative registration deadline is October 5th. Adult volunteers and junior leaders can choose to become certified in Archery, Rifle, Shotgun and Pistol. Participants will learn under expert instruction from members of the Nebraska State 4-H Shooting Sports Team and National instructors. The registration fee for Archery, Rifle, Pistol & Shotgun is \$90 for initial certification and \$80 per person that is adding a discipline. This fee includes meals, supplies and program materials. Participants must make their own lodging arrangements. Participants may apply for scholarships provided by the Adams County 4-H Council to help with funds. A second training will be held November 5th & 6th at the Nebraska State 4-H Camp in Halsey, NE. Please visit <http://4h.unl.edu/web/4h/shootingevents> for a detailed flyer.

Family and Consumer Science

Snack Planet

UNL Extension and Educational Media have teamed up to create a fun, new App in the Apple Store. Snack Planet is a game developed to promote the benefits of healthy snacking and exercise. Help Optimis, the robot, move quickly throughout the maze, grab the healthy foods and reach the exit before the time runs out. Beware of the unhealthy snacks; they reduce both your time and your score! The game can be played individually or two people can play at once on the same iPad--a fun and unique feature. As you progress through Snack Planet, you will get to run, skip and dance with the robot before proceeding to the next level. If you are lucky enough to get to level five, the game switches to an accelerometer and you and a partner must carefully play the game moving the iPad in a direction that benefits you rather than your opponent. Snack Planet can be down-loaded for fun at home.

Service Project Opportunity - Kases for Kids

Adams County 4-H'ers have been asked to help with Kases for Kids. Pillowcases, sewn by others, will be given to children in hospitals. The goal is to provide a comforting and colorful pillowcase to children spending time away from their familiar beds. Pillowcases will be distributed through Saint Francis Medical Center, Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital and Children's Hospital & Medical Center/Omaha. The Founder's goal is to have 1,000 pillowcases by November 14th from Central Nebraska. Adams County Extension would like 4-H'ers to sew at least one pillowcase. These pillowcases will be given to Kases for Kids on Sunday, November 6, 2011 at the Adams County 4-H Achievement Night.

You are Invited

To: Kases for Kids Pajama Party
We will be making pillowcases (to be donated to children in hospitals) and homemade pizza
When: October 15 from 4:30 p.m. till 10:00 p.m.
Where: Adams County Building – Assembly Room
Wear your slippers and pajama pants.
Bring your pillow and 1 ½ yds of cotton fabric to donate for making a pillow case.
Bring \$5.00 to cover the cost of pizza and pop.
If you have any questions please give Beth or Julie a call.
RSVP by Friday, October 7th at 402-461-7209.

4-H Quilt of Valor Statewide Challenge

The challenge continues: Now on to year two of a state-wide 4-H Quilts of Valor Challenge for 4-H'ers, families and/or volunteers to create and donate quilts to 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. The finished quilt size must be no smaller than 55" x 65" or no larger than 72" x 90".

Make It Yourself With Wool

The 2011 Make It Yourself With Wool State Contest will be held on Saturday, November 19 at UNL East Campus in the Home Economics Building in Lincoln. Entries are due to your District and State Director by Saturday, October 29th. Forms are available in our office.

Field Notes

Agronomy Projects

With the start of crop harvest, 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. Remember you must enroll in the field crop project in 2012 to exhibit at the fair. 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 2012 Adams County Fair. The contest will have two classes, one for yellow corn and one for white corn. Remember you must enroll in the field crop project in 2012 to exhibit at the fair. Call the Extension Office if you would like more information about this contest and project.

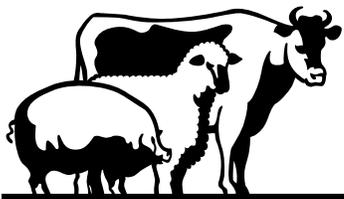
Crops Webpage for Youth

The objective of this webpage is to provide a one spot stop with crop production information, some of it specific for Nebraska and some general crop information that can be used for a variety of locations. The webpage is divided into four main sections: crop and plant science facts, activities for youth, 4-H & FFA projects, and teaching activities & resources. "Crop and plant science facts" provides a short summary of crop statistics and other fun facts. "Activities for youth" has some fun crossword puzzles, word searches and other interactive activities for youth to participate. The 4-H and FFA project page has some of the opportunities available through 4-H and FFA such as Crop Science Investigation workshop series and other events related to crops. Finally, the "Teaching Activities and Resources" page currently has nine lessons available for anyone to download and teach hands-on activities to any age group. Check it out at <http://cropwatch.unl.edu/youth>

Dog

American Royal Dog Show – Nebraska Invited to Attend – November 5-6, 2011

The American Royal 4-H Showmanship, Obedience, and Agility Dog Show will be held at the American Royal in Kansas City. Showmanship and Obedience classes will be offered the first day and Agility will be offered the second day. The entry deadline is **October 18, 2011**. Participants from surrounding states are invited to enter and attend. Please check out the web site at: http://www.joco4hdogclub.com/index.php?p=1_8_American-Royal-4H-Dog-Show. The class listings, guidelines, t-shirt, and registration forms are posted on the web page. Also, included on the Web page is contact information for any questions



Livestock

Horsin Around 2012 Date Announced

Save the dates of Jan 14 and 15, 2012 for Horsin Around. The featured trainer will be Robin Frid of Denton, TX. To learn more about Robin you can go to his web site at: <http://www.robinfrid.com/>

4-H Trail Ride

The 4-H Trail Ride will be held at Halsey on October 7-9. It is a weekend of fun for the whole family. Four trail rides are planned through the hills and trees of the forest where riders will see some of the most scenic sites of Nebraska. Wagons will be available for the non horse riders, a steak fry will be held in the evening followed by entertainment and a craft exercise. Sunday will bring a cowboy inspirational breakfast and more trail riding. Go to the website: <http://www.ne4hfoundation.org/events> for complete information.

UNL Opportunities

Animal Science Overnight

Are you interested in a Career Working with Animals? High School Juniors & Seniors can experience student life in the Animal Science Program at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln the evening of October 13th and morning of October 14th. Participants will:

- Learn how our Academic Programs can benefit you
- See how extracurricular activities can add to your education
- Find out about UNL, CASNR, and Degree Program Scholarships
- Get to know current UNL students
- Experience what UNL's Hands-on animal classes are really like
- Have the opportunity to experience Campus Housing with an Animal Science Student Host

For more information talk with Beth Maricle at (402) 461-7209 or with an UNL Animal Science Student Ambassador at animal-science2@unl.edu or (402) 472-0204.

Nebraska Youth Beef Leadership Symposium

Do you have an interest in the Beef Industry? Then here is an opportunity for you! Youth will enjoy hands-on activities prepared by UNL faculty, beef industry staff and allied beef industry personnel. The three day event is November 19 – 21 at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Youth will have the opportunity to:

- Investigate career areas within the beef industry
- Network with Nebraska producers, allied beef industry personnel, beef industry staff & UNL Faculty
- Increase their preparedness and competitiveness for beef industry careers

For complete brochure and more information visit: <http://nybls.unl.edu>.

UNL as a Choice for College

If you are a high school student, or know a high school student, with plans to continue their formal education at a college or university, then put the University of Nebraska-Lincoln at the top of those choices. Just go to the website www.admissions.unl.edu. It will lead you to explore options that meet your demands, and get to know costs, scholarships, careers and student life on both East and City Campus. Remember that 4-H is your first class at the University of Nebraska. Really, 4-H, Extension and UNL all fit together. For more information, call toll-free 800-742-8800 and ask for "admissions". Get an appointment to tour the campus of your choice. That's the best way to know UNL.

Experience the Power Of Red Open House

Saturday, November 12, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., at UNL's East Campus

Prospective high school, transfer students and guests are invited to visit the University of Nebraska - Lincoln's East Campus to learn more about:

- How we prepare students for careers in everything from animals to plants, soil to climate, golf to business, mechanization to leadership, food to forensic science
- Meet current students, faculty, and staff
- Register for a scholarship and other cool prizes
- There is no charge to attend this event.

For a schedule and other details of the Open House please visit: http://casnr.unl.edu/open_house.



4-H Calendar

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November 24 & 25	Holiday - Thanksgiving

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

2011 4-H Council

Todd Lay – Pres.

Jerry Allen

Chris Anderson

Glen Bonifas

Carol Chitko-McKown

Noel Nienhueser

Don Burbach – V.Pres.

Rebecca Owen

Holly Stark

Jeanette Uden

Troy Vorderstrasse

Grace Woodward

Monika Bowen – Sec.

JR. LEADER REPS:

Cara Crandell

JD Ochsner

Lacey Uden

Twila Bankson – Tres.

Doug Nienhueser – Chamber
of Commerce Rep.

Julie Ochsner – Ag Society
Rep.

**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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