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Adams County 4-H Newsletter

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Premium Checks for 4-H members were MAILED out in September and need to be cashed by 12/12/16 please. If corrections need to be made please let us know by October 21st. If you were expecting one and did not receive it, please contact the Extension Office.

It's a PARTY! *It's all about our outstanding Adams County 4-H'ers!*

Mark your calendar *NOW* for this fun filled ***Achievement Party*** on **Sunday afternoon starting at 3:00 p.m., November 6th** at the Activities Building on the Adams County Fairgrounds. ***Let's Party*** to celebrate our youth's achievements in 2016!

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 **5:30 p.m**. Volunteers and Leaders can expect to receive an invitation to banquet soon.

Fundraiser Support from Tractor Supply Company

Mark your calendar! The Fall Paper Clover Promotion of 4-H and Tractor Supply Company will be held **October 5 - 16, 2016,** at TSC locations nationwide. Show your support to the local 4-H program by coming out to shop at TSC during the Clover Promotion.

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University of Nebraska Lincoln

Congratulations

Adams County Youth that showed at Aksarben and their results are as follows:

- Alexis Anderson; Market Lamb – Blue, Sheep Showmanship – Blue
- Chase DeVries; Broilers – 3rd Place - Purple x2
- Chance Mingery; Champion Jr. Western Horsemanship, Reserve Champion Jr. Western Pleasure, Jr. Western Showmanship – Blue
- Claire Scheideler; Swine – Blue x2

Leaders & Parents Corner

Junior Leader News

The next Adams County 4-H Junior Leaders meeting will be posted in the next newsletter. They will be gearing up for the 2017 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

September 4-H Council Happenings:

- Fair Evaluation meeting at 6:30 PM – no action will be taken
- Committee Meetings

October 4-H Council Agenda Items:

- Livestock Committee Recommendations
- Council Nominations

Youth Information

Citizenship Washington Trip

Youth who are 15 to 18 years old in the years of 2019 & 2022 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. 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**.** Information on upcoming fundraising opportunities will be sent out to the youth signed up for the trips.

Scholarships Available

- **CASNR Scholarship -** Any graduating senior planning to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln CASNR with an ACT of 26 or higher may be eligible for a $1,000 scholarship. Contact Ron or Steve for more details.

- The Nebraska Association of Fair Managers is offering $500 **Martha & Don Romeo Scholarship** for graduating seniors. Applications available and are due December 1, 2016 to the Adams County Extension Office.

Project Information

Shooting Sports

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

Pheasants Forever Opportunity
Each year, Pheasants Forever hosts a free mentored hunting experience for kids who have completed Hunter Education. Youth get to spend a day participating in some different outdoor activities, hunting pheasants, having a cook out, and spending time in the great outdoors! This year, there are a couple of locations within or near Adams County. If you're interested, please contact the Extension Office or email Steve Landon at steve.landon@unl.edu. Also, if the youth haven't completed Hunter Education and are still interested in attending, here's a link to available Hunter Ed classes they might be able to take before the hunt. https://www.register-ed.com/programs/69

Family and Consumer Science

Knitting Workshop
Would you like to learn how to knit? Now is a perfect time to start. The Adams County Extension Office along with Plum Nelly is offing a beginning workshop. At the Plum Nelly, 743 West 2nd Street, Hastings. The classes are Tuesday afterschool starting on October 18th from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The cost is $10 for 4 weeks of learning the basics of knitting. Please call the Adams County Extension Office at 402-461-7209 to reserve your spot.

It's a Party - Save the Date!
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You are Invited

To: Pajama Party
Youth will explore & create 4 Pinterest crafting projects that can be exhibited at the fair. It will be a BLAST, bring your friends (they do not have to be in 4-H). Register early, it will be limited to the first 30 youth.
When: November 11th from 5:30 p.m. till 9:30 p.m.
Where: Julie's Xpressions – 743 West 2nd, Hastings
Wear your slippers and pajama pants.
Bring: $18.00 to cover the cost of your supplies, meal and drinks.
If you have any questions please give Julie a call.
RSVP by Friday, November 4th at 402-461-7209
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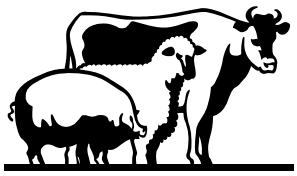
Christmas Greens Workshop
It's time to start thinking Christmas, I love to decorate, how about you? This year we will be hosting a Christmas Greens Workshop on Saturday, November 19 at the Shooting Sports Building on the Adams County Fairgrounds. Doug Nienhueser and Julie Ochsner will be leading the workshop from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Create a centerpiece, basket (you will need to bring your own) and swag. You can choose one or all 3 projects, the cost of the workshop is $10 for each item you choose to make. Limit to first 25 to sign up.
Call the Adams County Extension Office 402-461-7209 to reserve your spot.

The Great Cookie Exchange Workshop
Let's get together and have a baking day. Julie is hosting a cookie baking day just in time to exchange cookies for Christmas. Join us on December 17 from 9:00 am until noon, at the Community Service Building on the Adams County Fairgrounds to get your Christmas baking done. The cost of the workshop is $15.00. You must pre-register before December 1 for your spot in the Great Cookie Exchange.

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 2017 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

Beef Weigh Day
Again this year the 4-H council has decided to offer two weigh days for Beef, so be sure to **Mark your Calendars!** Beef Weigh Days are scheduled for **December 3rd** and **March 4th** at the Animal Clinic, both days weigh in will be from **11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m**. If you are in line at Noon, your animals will be weighed. Exhibitors planning on showing Market Beef at fair will need to weigh their beef during one of these weigh dates. Animals include:

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

If you plan on showing a heifer that you are questioning whether to show it as a market heifer or a breeding heifer please be sure to weigh her in as a market animal, you may change it to a breeding heifer later by using the proper tag or tattoo prior to Livestock Identification Day (June 1, 2017).

- Also remember these are the only times that DNA will be taken for State Fair and AKSARBEN. The cost of this is $6.00 each. EID tags required for State Fair and AKSARBEN also, cost is TBA.
- The cost of each County ear tag is $1.00
- Please do not make arrangements for any vet work to be done on your animals during this time.

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

Animal Science Educational Series

It's time to start again! The Animal Science Series is open to any 4-H youth who have an interests in beef, goats, pigs, poultry and sheep. You do not have to show an animal to be a part of the series. Youth have the option of participating in Premier Animal Science Events (PASE) on June 26 and 27 in Lincoln, Nebraska. For more information or future dates, please email Steve Landon at steve.landon@unl.edu or contact the Extension Office.

Nebraska 4-H Cat Club

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Department of Animal Science is hosting a monthly 4-H Cat Club for companion animals every second Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. Each lesson has a short presentation and worksheet with activities that youth can do in small groups. These topics will help youth to prepare cats for showmanship at a county fair cat show. For more information, visit the cat club website at http://animalsicence.unl.edu/4-h-cat-club or contact Lisa Karr at 402-472-6458, or by emailing her at lisa.karr@unl.edu. Each presentation can be arrange to be held at the Extension Office.

College Readiness

Red Letter Days @ University of Nebraska

High School students interested in exploring all the opportunities the University of Nebraska-Lincoln has to offer. An open house called the "Red Letter Day" is an event where students and parents can explore city and east campuses, meet with current students and professors within the field of study you're interested in majoring. Learn about ways to get involved on and off campus and comprehend important admissions, scholarship and financial aid information.

If you're interested in attending the following dates, please contact: Liz Adams, Special Events Assistant Coordinator: lizadams@experience.unl.edu

Red Letter Dates:

- October 21
- November 4, 18

College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources is hosting our annual Experience the Power of Red Visit Day on Saturday, November 5.

During this event, students will learn how CASNR prepares students for careers in everything from animals to plants, soil to climate, golf to business, mechanization to leadership and food to forensic science. Guests will meet faculty, staff and current students to get the scoop on what life at UNL is really like. Explore campus in person and get a true sense of the UNL CASNR experience.

For more information contact us at (800) 742-8800, ext. 2541 or spegg2@unl.edu.

There is no charge to attend this event. More information is available at: http://casnr.unl.edu/visitday

Please register by October 28 at http://go.unl.edu/novembervisitday

Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture

High School students who may want to pursue a degree at a smaller atmosphere, may want to check out Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture (NCTA) in Curtis, Nebraska. Students will learn hands-on experiences through different departments within Agriculture. They also have transfer classes that can transition to UNL, UNK and UNO for students to further their education into a bachelor's degree. For more information about NCTA, please go to the following link: http://ncta.unl.edu/contact-us

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November 24 - 25	Holiday – Thanksgiving – Office closed

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

2016 4-H Council

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Lori Vorderstrasse
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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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