



**NOVEMBER 2013**

## Adams County 4-H Newsletter

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### NOVEMBER

November 4	4-H Council Meeting
November 7	Extension Board Meeting
November 8	Pajama Party – 5:00 p.m.
November 11	Holiday – Veterans Day – Office closed
November 12	Ag. Society Meeting
November 28-29	Holiday – Thanksgiving Office closed

**Premium Checks for 4-H members were MAILED on Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. Have you cashed yours? They need to be cashed by 12/12/13!**

### Extension Office Closed

The Adams County Extension Office will be closed the following days in November

- November 11<sup>th</sup> for Veterans Day
- November 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving

### SAVE THE DATES!

Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> Shooting Sports Kick Off

Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup> Beef Weigh Day

Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> for the 4-H Council Fundraiser (Soup Supper)

Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> for the 4-H Kick Off

### Thank you's

Please help us thank our 2013 Golden Clovers April Crandell and Danielle Trausch for doing a great job promoting 4-H this past year. When you see them, please let them know what a great job they did for Adams County.



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.

## **Leaders & Parents Corner**



### **Junior Leader News**

The Adams County 4-H Junior Leaders will meet for their reorganization meeting on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room. Anyone is welcome to join that is 12 years old and will be 13 by January 1, 2013, 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 Council Information**

#### **October Happenings**

- Achievement Party & Leaders Banquet Planning
- 2014 Calendar of Events
- Fall/Winter Committee Meetings and Plans

#### **November Agenda Items**

- Livestock Committee Action Items
- Static Committee Action Items
- Nominations for 2014 4-H Council Members and Officers

### **4-H Council Members Needed**

The 4-H Council is taking nominations for members to serve on the 2014 Adams County 4-H Council. The Council is in need of four females and two males to serve. It is a two year term commitment and members cannot serve more than two terms in a row. The Council needs members who are involved or have had experience with static exhibits, companion animals, or livestock. If interested, please talk to a 4-H Council member. Additionally, current 4-H Council members may be contacting you to see if you are willing to serve. Please take this into consideration as our 4-H Council needs well rounded members that will focus on Adams County youth who will make decisions to have the best program possible for all youth involved.

### **Ag BBQ**

The annual Ag BBQ sponsored by the Ag. Committee of the Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce will be held on November 14<sup>th</sup>, at the Adams County Fairgrounds, dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. and program at 7:00 p.m. Tickets can be obtained from the sponsoring businesses in Hastings and surrounding area. A raffle is held every year at the BBQ to help sponsor the two educational scholarships offered to Adams County 4-H'ers through their Career Portfolio application.

### **Ag. Society Election**

Don't miss out on voting! The Adams County Agriculture Society will hold a County Vote to fill three vacancies on the Adams County Ag-Society Board of Directors. Voting will be held on Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, with registration beginning at 7:00 p.m. and voting from 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. This election will take place at the Adams County Fairgrounds and all registered voters in Adams County are encouraged to vote. Please don't miss out on your civic duty to make a positive difference in our county.

## **Youth Information**

### **Recruiting youth for 2015 & 2017 CWF Conferences**

Youth who are 14 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 Fundraising has Begun!**

Attention all Fruit, Meat & Cheese, Poinsettia and Yankee Candle lovers! The CWF Fundraising has begun for the fall of 2013. The youth planning on going on the 2015 and 2017 trip are out and about selling items now. If you are not asked, please contact the Extension Office to get in contact with a youth or purchase from the office. All forms and money must be returned to the Adams County Extension Office by Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Happy Selling!

### **Adams County 4-H Kick-Off**

The 2014 Adams County 4-H Kick-Off will be on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the North End of the Activities Center. The purpose is for interested, new or current 4-H members & families to learn about 4-H and the opportunities. Early bird online enrollment will be available! If a club or special group would like to have a booth, please let Julie know.

### **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 Beth for more details.
- The Nebraska Association of Fair Managers is offering \$500 Martha & Don Romeo Scholarship for graduating seniors. Due December 1, 2013 to the Adams County Fairgrounds – Sandy Himmelberg.

## **4-H Project Information**

### **Shooting Sports**

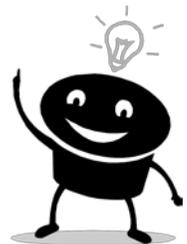


### **Shooting Sports Kick-Off**

The 2014 Shooting Sports Kick-Off will be on Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the East End of the Activities Center. All past and new 4-H participants that want to participate in the Adams County 4-H Shooting Sports program need to be present for the meeting and sign up.

### **Workshop Ideas**

We are looking for ideas for workshops in 2014. 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, Saturday's, etc. Please contact the Extension Office 402-461-7209 and let us know what YOU are interested in.



## Science, Engineering & Technology (SET)

### Adams County 4-H Robotics

The 4-H Robotics group has started up again this fall. The meetings will be held in the Assembly Room at the Adams County Office Building from 1:30p.m.to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### FIRST LEGO League (FLL)

FLL is designed for youth aged 9-14. Teams work to design, build and program a LEGO NXT robot to solve missions using models built out of LEGO's. They also research and prepare a presentation addressing a real-world issue related to the annual theme and prepare to share their core values and leadership skills with judges. This year's annual theme, Nature's Fury, focuses on weather events and natural disasters. Nearly 1,000 Nebraska youth will compete on an FLL team this season statewide.

Events:

- Lincoln Qualifier, 11/23/2013
- Omaha Qualifier, 12/7/2013
- Bellevue Qualifier, 12/14/2013
- Kearney Qualifier, 1/11/2014
- Humboldt Qualifier, 1/19/2014
- South Sioux City Qualifier, 1/25/2014
- Championship Tournament, Strategic Air and Space Museum near Ashland, 2/22/2014

Each event needs 40-50 volunteers to be successful. Volunteer roles vary in level of expertise and necessary training. Some roles are appropriate for middle school and high school-aged youth. To learn more about volunteering, roles needed and find the form to sign-up, visit [http://go.unl.edu/fll\\_vol](http://go.unl.edu/fll_vol)

## Family and Consumer Science

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### You are Invited

To: Pajama Party  
We will be making..... It's a SURPRIZE!!!  
When: November 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. till 9:30 p.m.  
Where: Adams County Building – Assembly Room  
Wear your slippers and pajama pants.  
Bring 4 coordinating fat quarters (1/4 yard cuts) of cotton fabric or \$10.00 to cover the cost of your supplies, meal and drinks.

If you have any questions please give Julie a call.  
RSVP by Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 402-461-7209.

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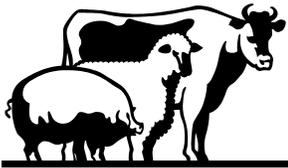
## Environmental Ed & Earth Science

### Agronomy Projects

As the crop harvest continues, now 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

Several 4-H'ers participated in the Largest Ear of Corn Contest at this past year's fair. Thanks to Ed Consbruck Pioneer Seeds for sponsoring the cash award for the 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 Largest Ear of Corn Contest. If you grew a corn crop or helped a member of your immediate family grow a corn crop this year then you can exhibit a collection of ten corn ears at the 2014 Adams County Fair. The contest has two classes, one for yellow corn and one for white corn. Call the Adams County Extension Office if you would like more information about this contest and project.



### Livestock

#### 2014 Beef Weigh Day

The Adams County Beef Weigh Day will be January 11<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 4-H exhibitors who plan to show beef (Market including 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Bucket Calves, and Carcass) in 2014 at the Adams County Fair, Nebraska State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben must have their beef animals weighed and tagged. The animals must also have DNA samples taken to exhibit at the Nebraska State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben. Please note this is the only time to DNA market beef. Please note: as a rule change you may weigh in another county prior to the January Adams County weigh day but you will forfeit your participation in the Adams County Rate of Gain Contest.

### 4-H Stampede

The 2014 4-H Stampede date has been set! The 2014 4-H Stampede has been scheduled for Saturday, March 1, 2014 and entries due to the Adams County office by Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup> 2014. So, mark your calendars!!



**New for 2014:** there is now an option of having a **Junior Horse Bowl Team** and a **Senior Horse Bowl Team** at Stampede. Senior Teams can have Juniors on the team, but the team will not be eligible for Nationals. Seniors on any team will have to compete at a Senior Level. There will be a \$10.00 entry fee per team member and a maximum entry fee of \$40.00 per Horse Bowl Team, 5th team members and alternates are free.

In addition, there are changes in the age divisions and entry fees for Stampede. For more information on stampede please go to the animal science extension horse

webpage: <http://animalscience.unl.edu/web/anisci/ANSCExtensionEquine4HHorseStampede> to find a schedule, entry forms and contest rules.

### Horsin' Around 2014

Save the dates of February 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> for the 2014 Horsin' Around featuring Tommy Sheets of Indiana. He is a professional All-Around Horseman. For more information or to pre-register please call 402-472-6414 or email kanderson1@unl.edu

## **Nebraska Horse Expo**

What would Nebraska Horse Expo be without horses and the people who love them? Here are a few of the exciting opportunities that you can participate in at Expo 2013 on **November 15, 16 & 17** at the Lancaster Event Center in Lincoln, Nebraska.

**Art Contest** – Students in kindergarten through 12th grade are invited to participate in the First Annual 2013 Nebraska Horse Council Art Contest. The contest is open to all State of Nebraska public, private and home schooled students and organizations/clubs (4-H, Pony Club, etc.). Art should include the form or representation of an equine/horse in any medium that will fit on the dimensions specified in the landscape layout. Artwork can be done in watercolor, ink pens (including gel and ink paints), pencil, marker, crayon, chalk, conte crayons, grease crayon, charcoal, wax crayon, pastels, litho and acrylic. The deadline to submit art for the 2013 Art Contest is **Monday, November 4, 2013**. More info at: <http://www.nebraskahorseexpo.org/#!/art-contest/c1f3m>

**Photography Contest** – Open to all ages with a 15 & under and 16 & over division Are you a horse-love that can't stop snapping photographs of your favorite subject? Then get out your smartphone or dust off your camera, zoom-lens and tri-pod, cuz the Nebraska Horse Expo's Photography Contest is back! Photographers (no professionals please) can submit their favorite horse-related images and compete in 15 different classes. Classes are broken into two age divisions—15 & Under OR 16 & over—for awards and recognition and all entries will be displayed during Expo 2013 at the Lancaster Event Center in Lincoln. **PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST ENTRY FORM**. All entries must be postmarked by **October 25, 2013**.

**The Battle of the Breeds Competition** — We are still accepting entries for the Battle of the Breeds (BOTB - formerly "The Mane Challenge")! BOTB is a friendly team competition designed to showcase the versatility of the many different equine breeds and is open to any group (4H or breed club, association, or individuals with the same breed) that chooses to form a team. A team is made up of 2-4 horse/rider pairs of the same breed/group. Each entered horse on the team must compete in at least 2 of the 5 classes to demonstrate its versatility. For an entry form go to: <http://www.nebraskahorseexpo.org/#!/mane-breed-challenge-competition/c17qo>. **Entry deadline Nov 1.**

**The Extreme Horseman Trail Challenge** — This exciting new Expo competition provides an opportunity for riders to compete over a judged trail course designed to challenge and build confidence in you and your horse. Three divisions of competition will include: **Basic** (for beginner riders), **Trail Rider** (more challenging than the Basic course) and **Extreme** (designed to challenge your horsemanship skills). For more information on how to enter visit: <http://www.nebraskahorseexpo.org/#!/extreme-horseman-challenge/crzj> **Entry deadline Nov 1.**

**Ride with the Experts** — Can't make it to California to ride with Richard or Sarah Winters? Texas is out of the budget to take a lesson with the Lyons? Do you have an awesome gaited horse and can't figure out how to ask for that smooth beautiful gait that you watch Larry Whitesell and Jennifer Bauer perform on Youtube? Having trouble communicating with your dressage partner and Jane Savoie isn't in your neighborhood? The new "Ride with the Experts" program at Expo 2013 is an opportunity for horsemen and women to refine their skills while participating in presentations with top-ranked clinicians, trainers, instructors and riders right here in Nebraska. Spots to ride with these clinicians are still available! Go to <http://www.nebraskahorseexpo.org/#!/ride-experts-submit-demo-horse/c6db> **Entry deadline Nov 1.**

**Lunch & Learn with a Clinician** — An exciting opportunity to have lunch and learn from one of Expo 2013's top-notch clinicians in a small group setting. For just \$30.00 you will receive ONE 1-day Expo gate pass (for same day of your Lunch & Learn reservation), your meal and a "lunch date" with the outstanding clinician of your choice. During the meal, the clinician of your choice will be available to answer your questions or just for conversation. Get to know these accomplished equestrians in an intimate setting as they tell stories from the past and answer your questions! Reserve your spot now at: <http://www.nebraskahorseexpo.org/#!/lunch-learn/c1mtd> **Entry deadline Nov 1.**

**Volunteer at Expo 2013** — **The Nebraska Horse Expo 2013 is huge with many things happening all the time and frankly, we need help to make it run smoothly. We would like to invite you to be part of the Expo volunteer team! To apply to be a volunteer at Expo 2013, fill out and submit the following information electronically: <http://www.nebraskahorseexpo.org/#!/volunteer/cm7v>. Questions about these or other Expo events? Contact us directly! We are here to help. Sandy Reiber – [sreiber@windstream.net](mailto:sreiber@windstream.net) (402-483-5796). Patty Lavelle – [pattyL@windstream.net](mailto:pattyL@windstream.net) (402-523-6403) [www.NebraskaHorseExpo.org](http://www.NebraskaHorseExpo.org)**



# 4-H Calendar

## **NOVEMBER**

November 4 4-H Council Meeting  
November 7 Extension Board Meeting  
November 8 Pajama Party – 5:00 p.m.  
November 11 Holiday – Veterans Day – Office Closed  
November 12 Ag. Society Meeting  
November 28-29 Holiday – Thanksgiving – Office Closed

## **DECEMBER**

December 2 4-H Council Meeting  
December 5 Extension Board Meeting  
December 10 Ag. Society Meeting  
December 24 Christmas Eve  
December 25 Holiday – Christmas – Office Closed

## **JANUARY**

January 1 Holiday – New Years – Office Closed  
January 2 Extension Board Meeting  
January 5 Shooting Sports Kick Off – 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
January 6 4-H Council Meeting  
January 11 Beef Weigh Day – 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
January 12 4-H Fundraiser (Soup Supper) 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
January 20 Holiday – Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Office Closed

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

### **2013 4-H Council**

Todd Lay – Pres.  
Shannon Frink  
Scott Hinrichs  
Tammy Johnson  
Bryce Katzberg

Jerry Allen – V.Pres.  
Brett Mohling  
Noel Nienhueser  
Rebecca Owen  
Ange Shipman

Wryan Wright – Sec.  
JR LEADER REPS:  
Kayla Hurd  
Carli Johnson  
Morgan Stromer

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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