



NOVEMBER 2014

Adams County 4-H Newsletter

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Premium Checks for 4-H members were MAILED on Monday, September 15th, need to be cashed by 12/12/14 please. 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 2 p.m., November 9th** at the Activities Building on the Adams County Fairgrounds. *Let's Party* to celebrate our youth's achievements in 2014!

Leaders/Volunteer Banquet

Be sure to mark your calendar for Sunday, November 9th at the Activities Building on the Adams County Fairgrounds. Leaders/Volunteer Banquet begins at 5:30 p.m.

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Extension Office Closed

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

- November 11th for Veterans Day
- November 27th & 28th 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.

Thank you's

Please help us thank our 2014 Golden Clover Calvin DeVries for doing a great job promoting 4-H this past year. When you see him, please let him know what a great job he did for Adams County.

Leaders & Parents Corner



Junior Leader News

The Adams County 4-H Junior Leaders will meet on Sunday, November 2nd at 5:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room for their reorganizational meeting. Anyone is welcome to join that is 12 years old and will be 13 by January 1, 2015, 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 4-H Council Happenings:

- Items from fair evaluation – Livestock & Static Committees
- CWF Trip & Fundraisers
- 4-H Pajama Party
- Achievement Party & Leaders Banquet Planning
- 2015 Calendar of Events

November 4-H Council Agenda Items:

- Nominations for 2015 4-H Council Members and Officers
- Items from fair evaluation – Livestock & Static Committees

Giving Your Best (4-H Play-by-Play Series)

Are you in need of new educational fair exhibits, ways to increase the effectiveness of club meetings, and how to take the project beyond the club meeting and into your community? Make plans to join a FREE, live web-based program designed for 4-H volunteers, leaders, parents and youth development professionals. Five separate web-based programs are being offered to benefit 4-H volunteers and parents as they learn through 4-H projects to create a vibrant 4-H club meeting. 4-H projects provide endless learning opportunities and help to develop life skills for youth between the ages of 5 and 18. Learn more about getting the most out of your 4-H projects. Register online at: <http://4h.unl.edu/givingyourbestwebseminars>. Upon registering, you will receive the webinar link and more information prior to each program. Participate from your OWN home or anywhere you have access to the internet. Each program will meet on-line for one hour to help connect parents and volunteers to pertinent youth development 4-H Project resources. Connect via Adobe Connect on your mobile device, laptop or desktop computer to participate in one or more of 6-different programs on the following dates from Noon to 1:00 p.m. CST.

November 4, 2014 Photography and Swine
November 18, 2014 The Worth of Wild Roots and STEAM Clothing 1
December 2, 2014 Making Foods for Me and A Space for Me

All programs will be presented by area UNL 4-H Youth Development Extension Educators.

Ag BBQ

The annual Ag BBQ sponsored by the Ag. Committee of the Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce will be held on November 13th, 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 18th, 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.

SAVE THE DATES!

Saturday, December 6th Beef Weigh Day

Sunday, January 11th Shooting Sports Kick Off

Sunday, January 11th for the 4-H Kick Off

Sunday, January 11th for the 4-H Council Fundraiser (Soup Supper)

Youth Information

Recruiting youth for 2016 & 2019 CWF Conferences

Please take note we have changed the year we are going!

Youth who are 15 to 18 years old in the years of 2016 & 2019 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. ***Fall Fundraising has now started;*** at the present time CWF participants are selling Fruit, Meat, Cheese and Poinsettias. At the Soup Supper in January they will be having their cake auction and basket raffle. These are great fundraising opportunities for our youth!

Adams County 4-H Kick-Off & Shooting Sports Kick-Off

The 2015 Adams County 4-H Kick-Off will be held on Sunday, January 11th 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. We are implementing a new system and are hoping that 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 for more details.
- The Nebraska Association of Fair Managers is offering \$500 Martha & Don Romeo Scholarship for graduating seniors. Due December 1, 2014 to the Adams County Fairgrounds – Sandy Himmelberg.

2015 Prudential Spirit of Community Award

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, DC 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 country. The National 4-H Council is one of these organizations. The deadline for the 2015 award is November 4, 2014. Further information can be found at: <http://spirit.prudential.com> or www.nassp.org/spirit4-H Project Information

Project Information



Shooting Sports Kick-Off

The 2014 Shooting Sports Kick-Off will be on Sunday, January 11th starting at 2:00 p.m. in the North 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.

Communications

Photography Themes for 2015

- **UNIT II: NEBRASKA PHOTOGRAPHY 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. Let's tell a story about why we love our Nebraska communities. Capture editorial **photos that tell a story about your Nebraska Community.**
- **UNIT III: NEBRASKA PHOTOGRAPHY CAREER EXHIBIT PRINT:** Explore a career as a commercial photographer. Commercial photographers take pictures that are used for promotional purposes. Commercial photographs are often used in print and online communication materials (advertisements, brochures, flyers, web sites, social media banners, direct email messages, etc.). Capture commercial photos that **tell the story of 4-H in your Nebraska community; photos should show the Nebraska 4-H Program in action.**

Family and Consumer Science

Service Project Opportunity – Save the Date!

You are Invited

To: Pajama Party

More information will be mailed to 4-H members with descriptions of the projects.

When: November 14th from 6:00 p.m. till 9:30 p.m.

Where: Adams County Building – Assembly Room

Wear your slippers and pajama pants.

Bring \$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, November 7th at 402-461-7209

Science, Engineering & Technology (SET)

Adams County 4-H Robotics

The 4-H Robotics Club (we will be organizing as a club this year) is ready to start up again this fall. The meetings will be held in the Assembly Room at the Adams County Office Building (the door on the south side will be unlocked) from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 16th. 4-Hers who are not enrolled by the November 16th meeting, will not be enrolled in the club for the project year, however you may take the project on your own. This will allow the interested youth to grow the project.

What will you do at Robotics?

1. Build a NEXT Lego Robot
2. Practice programming your robot
3. Program your robot with commands on a laptop
4. Work with other 4-Hers to program robots and solve problems

Members are highly encouraged to attend monthly meetings from October through April. Members will have opportunities to work on a project that should be ready for entry day of the 2015 Fair. Youth ages 8 to 18 are welcome to participate. Parents are encouraged to attend so they can take photos of their children programming and running the robots. These pictures and notes would be helpful in project building for the fair! Any adults or older youth who have an interest in computers and/or math would be welcomed as volunteers. Interested youth or volunteers are to contact the Extension Office at (402)461-7209.

Environmental Ed & Earth Science

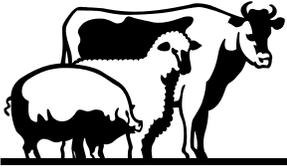
Agronomy Projects

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 for 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

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- 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, 2015).

- 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.
- The cost of each 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 still be eligible for rate of gain and/or carcass contest, the animals starting weigh date will simply be counted from the day weighed in.

2015 Horsin Around

2015 Horsin Around will be February 28 – March 1, 2015, in the RB Warren Arena of the UNL Animal Science Complex on East Campus. Featured trainer will be Jeff Mellott of Andover, KS. Look for more information coming soon!

4-H Calendar

NOVEMBER

November 3	4-H Council Meeting – Assembly Room @ 7:00 p.m.
November 6	Extension Board Meeting – Assembly Room @ 7:00 p.m.
November 9	Achievement Party – Fairgrounds @ 2:00 p.m.
November 9	Leaders/Volunteers Banquet – Fairgrounds @ 5:30 p.m.
November 11	Holiday – Veterans Day – Office closed
November 11	Ag. Society Board Meeting - Fairgrounds @ 7:30 p.m.
November 14	Pajama Party – Assembly Room @ 6:00 p.m.
November 18	Ag. Society Election and Annual Meeting - Fairgrounds @ 7:30 p.m.
November 27-28	Holiday – Thanksgiving – Office closed

DECEMBER

December 1	4-H Council Meeting – Assembly Room @ 7:00 p.m.
December 4	Extension Board Meeting – Assembly Room @ 7:00 p.m.
December 6	Beef Weigh Day – Animal Clinic @ 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
December 10	Ag. Society Meeting – Fairgrounds @ 7:30 p.m.
December 24	Christmas Eve
December 25	Holiday – Christmas – Office Closed

JANUARY

January 1	Holiday – New Years – Office Closed
January TBA	Extension Board Meeting
January 5	4-H Council Meeting - Assembly Room @ 7:00 p.m.
January 11	Shooting Sports Kick Off – North End Activities Center Fairgrounds, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
January 11	4-H Kick Off - North End Activities Center Fairgrounds, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
January 11	4-H Fundraiser (Soup Supper) East End Activities Center Fairgrounds, 5:00to 7:00 p.m.
January 19	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.

2014 4-H Council

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Mike Eckhardt
Tammy Johnson
Bryce Katzberg
Morgan Meyer
Brett Mohling

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Michael Schukei
Ange Shipman
Kathleen Stromer
Lori Vorderstrasse
Amy Wilson

Shannon Frink – Sec.
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Calvin DeVries
Morgan Stromer

Wryan Wright – Tres.
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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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