



DECEMBER 2013

Adams County 4-H Newsletter

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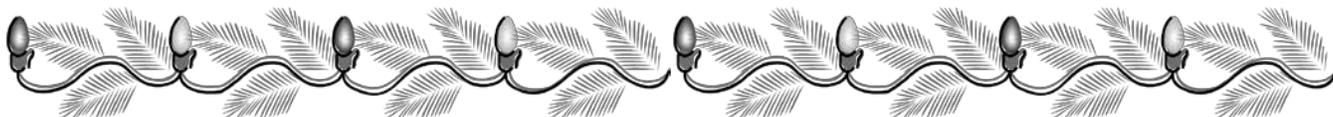
December 2	4-H Council Meeting
December 5	Extension Board Meeting
December 10	Ag. Society Meeting
December 24	Christmas Eve
December 25	Christmas – Office Closed

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

Extension Office Closed

The Adams County Extension Office will be closed December 25th and January 1st.

*Happy Holidays
From all of us at the
Adams County Extension Office*



Congratulations to Beth & Paul Janning!

Adams County has a new 4-Her!

Margaret Ann (Maggie)

a healthy, beautiful baby

arrived on October 25th

weighing 6 lb 12 oz and 20” long.



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.

SAVE THE DATES!

Sunday, January 5th Shooting Sports Kick Off

Saturday, January 11th Beef Weigh Day

Sunday, January 12th for the 4-H Council Fundraiser (Soup Supper), CWF Cake Auction & Basket Raffle

Sunday, February 9th for the 4-H Kick Off

Leaders/Volunteer Banquet & Achievement Party

A special thank you goes out to Twila Bankson, Julie Ochsner and the 4-H Council committee for preparing the delicious meal at the Leader/Volunteer Banquet. The Jr. Leaders did a wonderful job helping with the meal. Thanks to Courtney Foster for preparing the Year in 4-H slide show for our entertainment. Without the dedicated leadership that is provided, the Adams County 4-H program would not be as successful as it is. Receiving special awards that evening were: Mark Petska for 15 years of service, Pam Burr, Bradley Copple, Diane McLeod and Darryl Parde for 20 years of service, David Berens, Tana Seymour, Heidi Shurigar and Robert Trausch for 25 years of service, Brian McMahon, Delton Shaw and Sandra Shaw for 30 years of service, Avolon Nelson for 45 years of service and dedication to the 4-H program. Achievement Party provided an opportunity for another fantastic display of the skills and talents that the Adams County youth demonstrate in the county, state and on the national level.

Please Pick up Record Books, Career Portfolio and Awards left from Achievement Party and Leaders Banquet, County & State Fair and other various events. If unsure please call the office and check.

Congratulations!

4-H Achievement Party in Adams County was very successful.

- **Golden Clover** – Calvin DeVries
- **Outstanding Leadership** – Jay Kort
- **Tribland King Nominee** – Jay Kort
- **4-H Event Scholarship** – Hastings Chamber of Commerce – Jay Kort and Rachel Kort
- **Larry Draper Scholarship** – Trevor DeVries
- **County Awards from their Career Portfolio/Awards Book** – Sarah Barfknecht, Rachel Kort, Paige Shestak and Sydney Shestak
- **District Nominations from their Career Portfolio/Awards Book** – Jay Kort
- **10 Year 4-H members** – Jack Barry, Emily Bonifas, Trevor DeVries, Reilly Fahrenholtz, Patrick Hermann, Chaz Janssen, Victoria Korth, Anna Queen and Abby Shipman
- **Club Herdsmanship** – Beef - Rural Ranchers, Sheep – Rural Ranchers, Goat – Rural Ranchers, Swine – Wanda Drovers
- **Friend of 4-H** – Roger Wilson, given by Adams County Jr. Leaders



Leaders & Parents Corner

Junior Leader News



The Adams County 4-H Junior Leaders will meet for their Christmas Party on Sunday, December 1st at 5:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room. Please bring a \$5.00 gift exchange. Anyone is welcome to join that is 12 years old and will be 13 by January 1, 2014, 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

November Happenings

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

December Agenda Items

- Nebraska Cattleman's Classic – club calf sale
- Shooting Sports Kickoff
- January meeting date

4-H Soup Supper Fund Raiser

The 4-H Council will be holding their annual fundraiser on **January 12, 2014 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.** Please mark your calendars now and plan on attending. The CWF youth will be having their cake auction and basket raffle at this event. Please help us out with advertising, hang up the attached flyer in a business, church or school.

Adams County 4-H Kick-Off



The Adams County 4-H Council & Extension Office invite all 4-H'ers and anyone interested in 4-H to attend the Adams County 4-H Kick-Off on **Sunday, February 9th**, from **2:00 – 4:00 p.m.** 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! Once again, we will be needing volunteers to assist in putting on this GREAT event!! If you are willing and interested in helping again this year by donating your time at the event or any of your past exhibits, if a club or special group would like to have a booth, please contact the Extension Office at 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

What's New?? 4H4U Texts!

Sign up for **4H4U Texts** and receive the latest Nebraska 4-H updates, and explore great ideas, activities, and resources from Nebraska 4-H and UNL Extension - right at your fingertips!

Texts will focus on:

- Nebraska 4-H updates
- Meeting & project ideas
- Youth group activities
- Volunteer training information
- Great tips that will engage youth, keep enthusiasm high, and move your youth group to the next level

4H4U Texts are for those who work with youth ages 5-19: volunteers, parents, youth development professionals, childcare providers, teachers, and more! Sign up today to hear the latest from UNL Extension youth development educators and make your youth group or club experience one that youth won't soon forget!

Sign up online at: <http://extensiontexts.unl.edu/4H4UTexts>

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!** The next fundraiser will be the cake auction and basket raffle during the 4-H Soup Supper. Be sure to sign up.

Scholarships Available

Seniors and even some juniors in high school should be looking at scholarships to continue their education. There are numerous agricultural companies, organizations and colleges that offer scholarships to students who have long term career goals in agriculture. There are of course a lot of local and county scholarships and in addition to these you will there are a lot of national scholarships, as well as numerous ag scholarships offered at the state level. Now is the time to put together a good resume – it helps! It also helps to have a good cover letter to include with your application.

- **Scholarships on the Web:**
 - <http://brownfieldagnews.com/site-map/scholarships/>
 - Agricultural Scholarships and can be found at <http://www.agriculturescholarships.us/>
 - all kinds of scholarships can be found at: <http://www.nextstudent.com/directory-of-scholarships>
- **Nebraska 4-H Scholarships** -- there are several statewide Nebraska 4-H scholarships. Go to www.ne4hfoundation.org/scholarships.htm for a list and more information. Deadline is March 1.
- **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.
- **America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders Scholarship**

The Monsanto Company recently announced the launch of America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders, a \$1,500 college scholarship for students pursuing degrees in agriculture-related fields. Please spread the word about this scholarship opportunity to eligible students by sharing this information with 4-H leaders in your area.

The application period runs November 15, 2013 - February 1, 2014. The application is administered through the National FFA Scholarship program, but students do not need to be a member of FFA to apply. The application can be found at FFA.org/scholarships. Applicants will need to obtain the endorsement of three farmers. The endorsement period runs from November 15, 2013 – February 8, 2014. Farmers can endorse applications at FFA.org/scholarships or by calling 1-877-267-3332.

4-H Project Information

Shooting Sports



Shooting Sports Kick-Off

The 2014 Shooting Sports Kick-Off will be on Sunday, January 5th 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.

Communications

2014 Photography Career Exhibit Print Themes

UNIT II: CAREER EXHIBIT PRINT: Explore a career as a pet photographer. Pet photographers know just how much pet owners love their animals and capturing pets in print is a great way to honor that relationship. Capture photos of **your favorite pets** and consider creative locations and whimsical props for your photo shoots. SF86.98(2)

UNIT III: 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. Capture editorial **photos that tell Nebraska's story.**

Science, Engineering & Technology (SET)

Adams County 4-H Robotics

The 4-H Robotics group has started up again this fall. The next meeting will be held in the Assembly Room at the Adams County Office Building from 1:30p.m. to 3:00p.m. Sunday, December 8th. 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.

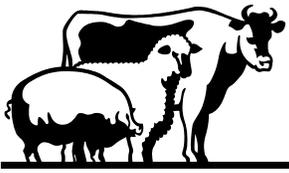
FIRST LEGO League (FLL)

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:

- 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



Livestock

2014 Beef Weigh Day

The Adams County Beef Weigh Day will be January 11th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 4-H exhibitors who plan to show beef (Market including 2nd 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.

Selecting your Calf for Beef Weigh Day

Let's do some figuring to determine the appropriate target weight for Beef Weigh Day on Saturday, January 11th. First count the number of days between the January Weigh Day and the July Weigh Day. That number is 185 days. If you want to gain at least 2.5 lbs per day and assuming a county fair weight of 1,300 lbs then the biggest calf you want to bring to January Beef Weigh Day is 837.5 lbs. That was figured by:

$$\text{Target Weight} - (\text{Number of Days} * \text{Average Daily Gain}) = \text{Beginning Weigh Date Weight}$$
$$1,300 - (185 * 2.5) = 837.5 \text{ lbs.}$$

You may want to adjust this weight if you have a higher Average Daily Gain or want a smaller animal so you can continue on to State Fair. Please take a moment to determine what size of calf you should bring to January Beef Weigh Day. Also, if you plan on using a different animal for State Fair than what is at County Fair, it still must be weighed and DNA identified on January Beef Weigh Day. Best of Luck figuring your calculations and selecting your calf or calves!

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 31st 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/ANSCEExtensionEquine4HHorseStampede> to find a schedule, entry forms and contest rules.

Horsin' Around 2014

Save the dates of February 8th & 9th 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 4-H Dog Expo – Save the Date!

The Nebraska 4-H Dog Expo will be held at the Adams County Fairgrounds in Hastings on **April 25 and 26, 2014**. The schedule will be similar to that of 2013 including competitions, demonstrations, education clinics, and fun. The competitions will include obedience, showmanship, rally, and agility. The program will begin with fun activities on Friday evening and continue on Saturday with the competitions and demonstrations. Please put this on your calendar so we can once again have good local representation.

UNL Opportunities

Consider Nebraska! Academics and Support

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln is a leader in academic excellence, offering world-class opportunities to extend your interests with 150 majors and 285 programs of study.

Learn more about academics and

support. Goto: <http://admissions.unl.edu/discover/academics.aspx>



Campus Life

You'd be hard-pressed to find a major university with a stronger sense of community, a more feverish school spirit, or deeper commitment to involvement than Nebraska, where you can choose from 400 student organizations. To learn more about campus life go to: <http://admissions.unl.edu/discover/campus-life.aspx>

Natural Resources at UNL

Natural Resources academic programs include a solid base of biology, math, chemistry, and physics. In courses, students learn to employ tools such as satellite remote sensing, geographic information systems and spatial modeling to analyze wildlife habitats, soil erosion, wetland restoration, drought, impacts of majors can participate in a broad array of other experiences including internships, independent research, field and laboratory studies, study abroad, involvement in organizations, and leadership development. UNL also provides many extracurricular opportunities for networking and interacting with faculty, staff and student colleagues. Contact the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at <http://casnr.unl.edu> or (800) 742-8800, Ext 2541.

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 needs, 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.



4-H Calendar

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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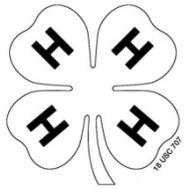


4-H

Soup Supper

Sponsored by:

Adams County 4-H Council



Sunday Jan. 12, 2014

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Adams Co. Fairgrounds

Activities Center

Chili & Chicken Noodle Soup

Homemade Desserts

Free Will Donation

