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Adams County 4-H Newsletter

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DECEMBER

December 3	4-H Council Meeting
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Premium Checks for 4-H members were MAILED on Friday, September 14th, unless otherwise requested by club leader. Have you cashed yours? Please remember the checks are only good for 90 days. The last day to cash yours is December 13th.

2013 Enrollment Process ~ Need Valid Emails by December 10th

It is time to start thinking about 2013 4-H Enrollment! A new option for 2013 is to enroll online with 4-H Access. We are still finalizing details and trainings but need your assistance in double checking current email addresses. To enroll online, each youth and parent needs their own valid email address. The online system emails an Open ID, similar to a user name, to the individual. To make this process run as smoothly as possible, we are asking for families to call or email Gwen Rodocker (gwen.rodocker@unl.edu or 402.461.7209) their emails to double check in the system. In mid-December you will receive an email containing your Open ID and more information. Please help us get started by sending us each family members current email addresses by Monday, Dec 10th. The paper option will be available if youth or families do not have email address.

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*



Leaders/Volunteer Banquet & Achievement Party

A special thank you goes out to Twila Bankson, and Julie Ochsner for preparing the delicious meal at the Leader/Volunteer Banquet. The Jr. Leaders and their adult leader, Marilyn Shaw did a wonderful job helping with the meal. Thanks to the Monica, Crystal and Sarah Barfknecht for their wonderful 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: Jeff Barry, Shelly Bruntz, Elgene Grafel, Russ Hermann, Teri Hermann, Tammy Lay, Jon Marsh, Shari Marsh, William McLeod, Randy Ochsner, Marilyn Shaw, Dennis Trausch and Janelle Trausch for 15 years of service, Julie Ochsner for 25 years of service, Doug Nienhueser for 35 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 Clovers** – April Crandell and Danielle Trausch
- **Outstanding Leadership** – Danielle Trausch
- **Tribland Queen Nominee** – Danielle Trausch
- **4-H Event Scholarship** – Hastings Chamber of Commerce – April Crandell and Danielle Trausch
- **Larry Draper Scholarship** – Adam Heier
- **County Awards from their Career Portfolio/Awards Book** – April Crandell, Patrick Hermann, and Rachel Kort
- **District Nominations from their Career Portfolio/Awards Book** – Patrick Hermann, Jay Kort, Danielle Trausch and April Crandell
- **10 Year 4-H members** – Sarah Allen Appleton, Mariah Bates, Sarah Bowen, Kory Heier, Kayla Hurd, Casi Johnson, Ryan Kleier, Becca Neemeyer, Tyler Neemeyer, Cody Newlun, Joshua Nienhueser, James Prickett, Cole Shurigar, Madison St John, Emily Streff, Lacey Uden, Chance Vorderstrasse Brody Vorderstrasse, and Adam Florian.
- **Club Herdsmanship** – Beef - Wanda Drovers & Rural Ranchers (tie), Sheep – Rural Ranchers, Goat – Rural Ranchers, Swine – Blue Sky Bunch
- **Friend of 4-H** – Randy & Barsha Kort, given by Adams County Jr. Leaders

Ak-Sar-Ben Awards

- Feeder Calves – Bailey Hinrichs: 2 Blues; Brock Hinrichs: 1 Blue
- Breeding Heifer – Harrison McMahon: 1 purple & Reserve Champion Hereford Breeding Heifer
- Lamb – Katie Ferris: 1 Blue & Showmanship 1 Blue; Abigail Lora: 1 Purple & Showmanship 1 Blue
- Quiz Bowl Team consisting of G Robert Binfield, Calvin DeVries, Trevor DeVries, and Adam Heier: 2nd place



Leaders & Parents Corner



Junior Leader News

The Adams County 4-H Junior Leaders meeting TBA, you need to contact Marilyn Shaw for time and place for their re-organizational meeting. 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 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

SAVE THE DATES!

- **Shooting Sports Kick Off**

The 2013 Adams County 4-H Shooting Sports Kick-Off will be on Sunday, January 13th.

- **4-H Soup Supper Fund Raiser**

The 4-H Council will be holding their annual fundraiser on **January 27, 2013 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.

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

The 2013 Adams County 4-H Kick-Off will be on Sunday, February 10th 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 need families and volunteers to help make the day successful. If you are willing to bring an item to showcase or work a booth, please let Beth know. Additionally, if a club or special group would like to have a booth, please let us know.

- **2013 Adams County Fairfest Dates**

Its official! The 2013 Adams County Fair is July 17, 2013 to July 21, 2013. Static Exhibits will be entered Monday, July 15th and Livestock check-in the evening of Tuesday, July 16th.

“Giving Your Best” Webinar Series ~ For detailed information, look at attached flyer

Do you need tips, suggestions or new ideas on engaging parents, youth, and the community? A FREE “Giving Your Best” Webinar Series is available for volunteers, parents, and youth professionals. Webinars are offered from noon to 12:45 pm (CST) or 7:00 pm to 7:45 pm (CST) and will be recorded to fit your time schedule.

Topics are:

- Engage Every Parent: Strategies for Success – January 22, 2013
- Engage Youth through Active Learning – January 29, 2013
- Engaging Youth-Adult Partnerships – February 5, 2013

Interested participants may register at <http://4h.unl.edu/givingyourbestwebseminars> to receive the webinar link and recorded sessions.

4-H Council Information

November Council Happenings

- Review of Achievement Party & Leaders Banquet
- Beef Weigh Day was selected for January 12, 2013
- CWF Future Conferences will now be on an every 2 year rotation

December Council Agenda

- 2013 Online Enrollment Training

FLL Volunteer Information

Volunteer now to assist with a Nebraska FLL Tournament! Nebraska *FIRST* LEGO League is growing! This year there will be five Qualifying Tournaments before the FLL Championship Tournament. Each qualifier will give about 24 teams of youth, ages 9-14, the opportunity to show off their science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) skills in a fun, sports-like environment. All FLL events include Robot, Project, and Core Values competitions. Forty-eight teams will advance to the Championship Tournament.

- Omaha - December 1
- Lincoln - December 8
- Bellevue - December 15
- **Kearney - January 12**
- Humboldt - January 19
- Championship - Ashland - February 16

Many volunteers are needed to make each event a success. There is a volunteer role for anyone who would like to help out, from setting up, to judging, to serving as a team escort. Some jobs need a bit of technical expertise, where others are perfect for anyone interested. High school youth are welcome to volunteer too! Volunteers receive lunch, a thank-you gift, and lots of appreciation and recognition.

• To volunteer:

Go online to <http://4hset.unl.edu/4hdrupal/node/638>. Review the list of volunteer roles and complete the registration form. Then complete and mail the Volunteer Screening and FLL Release forms to complete your registration. Send both forms to the address indicated on the Volunteer Screening form.

REGISTER NOW: Please register and submit your screening for no later than **two weeks** before the event you're attending. VOLUNTEER SCREENING FORM: Those who have completed this form in the last three years do not need to complete it again. The Volunteer Coordinator for each event will e-mail you to confirm your volunteer position. He'll also inform you of any pre-event training needed and provide instructions on the day of the event. If you're not able to volunteer, you're encouraged to come see what *FIRST* LEGO League is all about. See the event pages for each tournament for location and scheduling information.

- **Questions:** Contact Kathy Morgan, FLL Event Coordinator at kmorgan3@unl.edu or 402-472-5027.

Youth Information

Adams County 4-H Robotics Group

The next meeting will be on Sunday, December 2nd from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the Adams County Office Building. Youth ages 8 to 18 are welcome to participate. If interested, stop by that day or call the Extension Office (402)461-7209 for more details. Hope to see you there!

2013 CWF Meeting ~ Next Meeting

The next 2013 CWF Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 2, 2013. The time and location are still being determined. Please watch your emails for updated information.

Future CWF Conferences

The CWF Conferences organized for Adams, Clay, & Webster Counties will be on an every 2 year basis. Our next conference will be 2015 followed by 2017, etc. If youth are interested in attending in the future conferences, please contact UNL Extension in Adams County at (402)461-7209. We have fundraising opportunities throughout the year to help with the cost of the conference. 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.

Rural Youth Loans

As you begin looking for your project for next year, you may want to consider an opportunity that is available to you. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency makes operating loans of up to \$5,000 to eligible individuals between the ages of 10-20 to finance income producing, agriculture-related projects. The individual must be participating in 4-H, FFA, or a similar organization. The program must be planned and supervised with the assistance of the organization's supervisor and the individual's parent or guardian. This assistance will help the individual to produce a sufficient income to repay the loan, and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience in agriculture-related skills. The loan funds may be used to purchase livestock, feed, seed, equipment, and supplies for the project. They may also be used to buy, rent, or repair needed tools or equipment. Rural Youth Loans have a maximum loan amount of \$5,000 (total principal balance owed at any one time on the loan) and the term can range from one to seven years. After the loan is made the interest rate will not change for the entire term of the loan. A parental signature is required on the application for the loan, but not on the promissory note or the other documents used to secure the loan. You can contact your local County FSA for more information.

4-H Project Information



Shooting Sports



Shooting Sports Kick-Off

The 2013 Shooting Sports Kick-Off will be on Sunday, January 13th at 1:30 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 2013. 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.



Family and Consumer Science

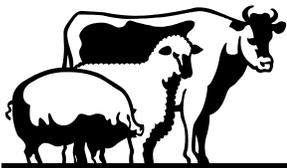
4-H Workshop – Staff, Volunteers, & Jr. Leaders Invited

A 4-H In-Service covering up-to-date techniques and teaching methods covering Clothing, Child Development and Shopping in Style will be held December 12, 2012 from 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds in Kearney. All staff, volunteers and junior leaders are invited to take part in this hands-on learning in-service. Participants will learn about new 4-H curriculum, fair exhibits and how to connect 4-H science and technology initiatives to upcoming 4-H workshops and learn environments. Registration and a \$30 fee is due November 30 to the Lincoln County Office. Registration covers lunch, hands-on materials including take-on samples.

Environmental Ed & Earth Science

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>



Livestock

2013 Beef Weigh Date Announced

The Beef Weigh Day will be held on **Saturday, January 12th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Animal Clinic** located west of Hastings, NE. 4-H exhibitors who plan to show beef (Market including 2nd Year Bucket Calves, and Carcass) in 2013 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 12th. 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!

Horsin Around 2013 Date Announce

Save the dates of January 12th & 13th for the 2013 Horsin Around featuring Michael Colvin of Georgia. He specializes in all-around performance horses. More info is to come.

Horse Stampede – Date Announced

The 2013 4-H Horse Stampede date will be held on Saturday, March 16th in Lincoln, NE at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln East Campus. More information is to come.

4-H Horse Judging Training

A face to face training to become a certified 4-H Horse Show Judge will be held on Saturday, December 1st from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Lincoln, NE at the Animal Science Building on UNL East Campus. The fee is \$40.00 which includes lunch and exam fee. Registration is due November 16, 2012 to Lena Cottle. For registration form please visit: <http://animalscience.unl.edu/>. Self-study is still available for \$20.00.

C & H (Companion Animal and Horse) Newsletter

The quarterly Companion Animal and Horse Newsletter can be found online and you can sign up to receive a copy sent to you electronically. If you know of an event or article you would like to see covered in the newsletter, please let Dr. Lisa Karr-Lilienthal (lkarr-lilienthal2@unl.edu) know. The newsletter and form to sign up can be found here: <http://animalscience.unl.edu/web/anisci/ansc-candhnews>

Catch-A-Calf Program

The National Western Stock Show Catch-A-Calf Program is a great program designed to promote youth development and understanding of the cattle industry. This program can provide youth with an opportunity to be part of one of the best programs at the National Western Stock Show. Youth who choose to participate in contest may have a range of experiences raising, feeding and showing beef cattle, all are acceptable. Applicants must be between the ages of 12 and 18 as of December 31, 2012 to apply, they must also be enrolled in 4-H at the time of application. Successful catchers must have adequate facilities available to house their steer as they are responsible for the care, feeding, and handling of their animal. The applications to participate in this year's Catch-a-Calf program at the NWSS are now available on line at <http://www.nationalwestern.com/catch-a-calf/>

My 4-H Pledge...

"I pledge my head to clearer thinking,
my heart to greater loyalty,
my hands to larger service,
and my health to better living
. . . for my club, my community,
my country and my world."



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

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December 11	Ag. Society Meeting
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December 25	Christmas

JANUARY

January 1	New Years Day
January 3	Extension Board Meeting
January 7	4-H Council Meeting
January 12	Beef Weigh Day
January 13	Shooting Sports Kick Off
January 15	Ag. Society Meeting
January 27	4-H Fundraiser (Soup Supper)

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

2012 4-H Council

Todd Lay – Pres.

Chris Anderson

Carol Chitko-McKown

Scott Hinrichs

Noel Nienhueser

Rebecca Owen

Jerry Allen – V.Pres.

Hollie Stark

Jeanette Uden

Troy Vorderstrasse

Grace Woodward

Wryan Wright

Monika Bowen – Sec.

JR. LEADER REPS:

Sarah Allen Appleton

Trevor DeVries

Adam Heier

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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Giving Your Best

Engaging Parents, Youth, and your Community

Join us for free, live web-based sessions for volunteers, parents, and youth development professionals.

Webinars will be held from:
Noon - 12:45 pm (central time)
or
7:00 pm—7:45 pm (central time)

Engage Every Parent: Strategies for Success

January 22, 2013
Noon – 12:45 pm CST
or
7:00 pm – 7:45 pm CST

All youth groups can benefit greatly from parent involvement and engagement. During this web seminar, we'll explore the benefits and barriers of engagement, and share ideas and strategies to help your youth group be more successful at engaging every parent.

Engage Youth through Active Learning

January 29, 2013
Noon – 12:45 pm CST
or
7:00 pm – 7:45 pm CST

Do you need ideas to keep youth focused and engaged throughout your programs? Youth involved in the “discovery” process develop a stronger sense of accomplishment and confidence. By the end of the session, you will have strategies and techniques to implement in your own programs enhancing learning.

Engaging Youth-Adult Partnerships

February 5, 2013
Noon – 12:45 pm CST
or
7:00 pm – 7:45 pm CST

Looking for an effective way to engage both youth and adults in your community? Focus on youth-adult partnerships! Youth-adult partnerships are shown to be one of the most effective ways to engage both youth and adults. During this session, participants will learn more about why youth adult partnerships are important and how to develop those relationships in a positive manner.

Why should I sign-up?

- ✓ FREE program – no cost to you
- ✓ Participate at home or anywhere you have access to the internet
- ✓ Increase youth development knowledge and best practices with your youth group!

How do I register? Online registration at:
<http://4h.unl.edu/givingyourbestwebseminars>

Webinar link and more information will be emailed prior to the program.
Questions? Email: ejanning2@unl.edu



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