



DECEMBER 2014

Adams County 4-H Newsletter

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Premium Checks for 4-H members need to be cashed by 12/12/14 please. If you were expecting one and did not receive it, Please contact the Extension Office.

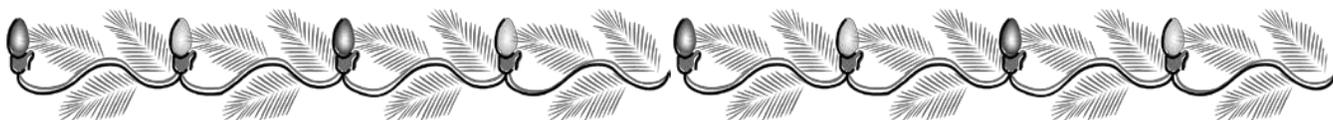
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Extension Office Closed

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*



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/Volunteer Banquet & Achievement Party

A special thank you goes out to Twila Bankson, Rickie Crandell 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. 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: Ronald Seymour, Brett Mohling, Heather Mohling and Corey Roberts for 15 years of service, Kevin Douglas, Laura Schneider, Jeanette Uden and Beverly Stein for 20 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** – Carli Johnson & Courtney Anderson
- **Outstanding Leadership** – April Crandell
- **Tribland Queen Nominee** – April Crandell
- **4-H Event Scholarship** – Hastings Chamber of Commerce – Sarah Barfknecht & Blake Frink
- **Larry Draper Scholarship** – April Crandell & Calvin DeVries
- **County Awards from their Career Portfolio/Awards Book** – Sarah Barfknecht & Blake Frink
- **District Nominations from their Career Portfolio/Awards Book** – Sarah Barfknecht, April Crandell & Rachel Kort
- **10 Year 4-H members** – Sarah Barfknecht, Nolan Barry, Lindsey Bowen, Dariana Burr, Calvin DeVries, Reggie Gangwish, Alex Heier, Jay Kort, Jenna Kulwicki, Tony Salazar, Ali Stark, Michael Wolf
- **Club Herdsmanship** – Beef – Blue River Champs , Sheep – Lucky Leaf, Goat – Wanda Drovers , Swine – Blue Sky Bunch
- **Friend of 4-H** – Bill and Diane McLeod, 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 7th at 5:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room. Please bring a \$5.00 gift exchange. Anyone is welcome to join the Junior Leader's Club 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

November 4-H Council Happenings:

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

December 4-H Council Agenda Items:

- Nominations for 2015 4-H Council Members
- 2015 Registration fees
- Events for new enrollment procedures

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.

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.

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)

4-H Soup Supper Fund Raiser

The 4-H Council will be holding their annual fundraiser on **January 11, 2015 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.

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. A special *organizational meeting* is scheduled for **3:30 p.m. on December 14** at the Assembly Room of the Adams County Office Building, 300 N St. Joseph Ave. Use south door please. 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.



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, January 11th**, 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. 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.

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://brownfielddagnews.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 for more details.
- **Fontanelle 2015 Essay Contest** – Seniors who are active members of 4-H or FFA can participate by submitting their application and essay by Dec 19th, 2014. Essay topic is “What is the Role of Production Agriculture in you Local Community?” Application and essay is available at www.Fontanelle.com/EssayContest.
- **NACEB Scholarship** – Nebraska Association of County Extension Boards Scholarship Program Application is available at the Extension Office, Due by March 15, 2015

Project Information

Clover Kids

The Adams County 4-H Council has voted to add two new projects to your 2015 project selection they are: Bucket Calf and Halter Lamb. These animals will be shown in special classes at the fair. More information regarding these new projects will follow. Please feel free to talk to Julie at the Adams County Extension office regarding these new projects.



Shooting Sports Kick-Off

The 2015 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

The STEAM Clothing Series

This new series of curricula looks at clothing in a whole new way - from the points of view of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. Youth will experience the cyclical processes of science, engineering, and design. They will also be introduced to the technology available in sewing and how math fits into clothing construction.

These new projects will take the place of Sewing For Fun, Clothing 1 & 2 and Decorate Your Duds

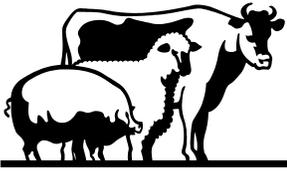
Beyond the Needle: youth will learn all about the 'A' in STEAM Clothing -- the Art! This youth manual includes activities for three skill levels: beginner, intermediate, and advanced. Youth will learn the design basics and create a portfolio to exhibit samples made to practice specific techniques. Then, youth will be able to create their own fabulous embellishments and treatments on garments. If you love art, then this STEAM Clothing manual is for you! *Beyond the Needle* replaces *Decorate your Duds*.

STEAM Clothing 1: FUNDamentals, youth will gather the tools they'll need to begin sewing, understand textiles through fun science experiments, learn beginning math and engineering techniques in clothing construction, and take their skills a step further, investigating businesses, service learning projects, and modeling.

STEAM Clothing 2: Simply Sewing, youth will prepare for more advanced sewing techniques and projects, conduct more advanced textile science experiments, focus on advanced engineering techniques, add finishing touches and style to garments, and market and calculate prices of products. This curriculum is a combined leader/youth guide, with pages to print/copy for youth to complete as part of the activities.

Coming soon: STEAM Clothing 3: A Stitch Further, STEAM Clothing 4: Moving Fashion Forward





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 (required for State Fair) prior to Livestock Identification Day (June 1, 2015).

- Also remember, these are the only times that DNA will be taken for State Fair and AK-SAR-BEN. 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 Horse Stampede

The 2015 4-H Horse Stampede has been scheduled for Saturday, March 14, 2015 and entries due to the Adams County office by Friday, February 13, 2015. So, mark your calendars!!



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. The following events are scheduled for 4-Hers to participate in:

- (New Event) Public Speaking Contest - Public Speaking Contest topics must be related to Nebraska 4-H Strategic Plan topics (include information related to at least one of the 5 Significant Outcomes: 4-H Strategic Plan Outcomes - - 4-H Science, Agricultural Literacy, Career Development/College Readiness, Citizenship and Leadership, and Healthy Living.
- Demonstration Contest
- Art Contest
- Horse Bowl Contest

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 **May 1 and 2, 2015**. The schedule will be similar to that of 2014 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 Red Letter Days

Excited to make your college decision? Red Letter Days are an opportunity for you to explore college life at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln during your senior or junior year of high school.

While you are there, you'll get to:

- Explore campus with a current UNL student as your guide
- Check out your academic interest area's facilities
- See what it's like to live in a residence hall
- Learn how to get involved on campus
- Find out important admissions, scholarship and financial aid information

Red Letter Days have been scheduled for:

- December 5, 2014 - All Majors
- February 6, 2015 - All Majors
- February 16, 2015 - All Majors
- February 27, 2015 - All Majors
- March 13, 2015 - All Majors
- March 16, 2015 - All Majors
- April 13, 2015 - All Majors
- April 17, 2015 - All Majors

The cost is \$10 per person. For more information visit <http://admissions.unl.edu/visit/on-campus/red-letterdays.aspx>

4-H Calendar

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

Jerry Allen – Pres.	Scott Hinrichs – V.Pres.	Shannon Frink – Sec.	Wryan Wright – Tres.
Mike Eckhardt	Michael Schukei	JR LEADER REPS:	Doug Nienhueser – Chamber
Tammy Johnson	Ange Shipman	G Robert Binfield	of Commerce Rep
Bryce Katzberg	Kathleen Stromer	Calvin DeVries	Twila Bankson – Ag Society
Morgan Meyer	Lori Vorderstrasse	Morgan Stromer	Rep
Brett Mohling	Amy Wilson		

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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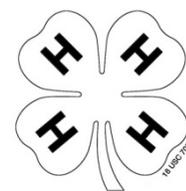


4-H

Soup Supper

Sponsored by:

Adams County 4-H Council



Sunday Jan. 11, 2015

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

Adams Co. Fairgrounds

Activities Center

Chili & Chicken Noodle Soup

Homemade Desserts

Free Will Donation

