



NOVEMBER 2015

Adams County 4-H Newsletter

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DECEMBER

December 3	Extension Board Meeting
December 5	Beef Weigh Day
December 7	4-H Council Meeting
December 8	Ag. Society Meeting
December 24	Christmas Eve
December 25	Christmas – Office Closed

Premium Checks for 4-H members were MAILED on Tuesday, September 15th. They need to be cashed by 12/10/15 please.

Remember Beef Weigh Day is December 5th. More information in Livestock section.

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*



Support our Youth going to Washington D.C.

Mark your calendar to eat out at Runza North on Dec. 15th from 5:00 to 8:00 a portion of the profits will go to help the youth participating in the 2016 trip.

4-H Soup Supper Fund Raiser

The 4-H Council will be holding their annual fundraiser on **January 10, 2016 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.

4-H Council Challenge to Members

We are very excited that the Adams County Ag Society is continuing the work toward a new facility for the fairgrounds. To help them out with their fundraising for the building and items to be used in this facility we would like to challenge the Adams County 4-H members and families to help raise some money. Clubs and independent members are challenged to help us raise \$10,000 by the end of 2015. You can do this by fundraising and/or donating, we ask you not to solicit businesses, but you can be creative in your efforts to help out. Some ideas might include: car washes, bake sales etc....

Leaders/Volunteer Banquet & Achievement Party

A special thank you goes out to Twila Bankson and the 4-H Council committee for preparing the delicious meal at the Leader/Volunteer Banquet. 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: Barsha Bohlen-Kort, Rickie Crandell, Marty Hug, Tammy Johnson, Randall Kort, Jack Newlun, Gwen Rodocker, Sharon Shriver, Jennie Theesen for 15 years of service, Rick and Rhonda Meyer for 20 years of service and dedication and Keith Penrose for 25 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** – Sarah Barfknecht & Casi Johnson
- **Outstanding Leadership** – Rachel Kort
- **Tribland Queen Nominee** – Sarah Barfknecht
- **4-H Event Scholarship** – Hastings Chamber of Commerce – Sarah Barfknecht & Rachel Kort
- **4-H Council Scholarship** – Kory Heier & Carli Johnson
- **Larry Draper Scholarship** – Kory Heier
- **County Awards from their Career Portfolio/Awards Book** – Blake Frink
- **District Nominations from their Career Portfolio/Awards Book** – Sarah Barfknecht & Rachel Kort
- **10 Year 4-H members** – Courtney Anderson, Jordan Dassinger, Mariah Everhart, Bailey Hinrichs, Amanda Karr, Cassandra Karr, Bryson Kniss, Hannah Mieth, Carie Murman, Kelsie Robinson, Megan Shipman, Morgan Stromer, Elizabeth Trausch
- **Club Herdsmanship** – Beef – Wanda Drovers, Sheep – Wanda Drovers, Goat – Wanda Drovers, Swine – Lucky Leaf, Rabbit – Wanda Drovers

Leaders & Parents Corner



Junior Leader News

The next Adams County 4-H Junior Leaders meeting will be posted in the next newsletter. They will be gearing up for the 2016 year. 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:

- Livestock Committee Motions
- 2016 Calendar of Events
- 4-H & Shooting Sports Kick Off
- 4-H Soup Supper

December 4-H Council Agenda Items:

- 4-H Council Officers
- Ag Society Foundation Challenge
- Livestock Committee Motions
- Upcoming 4-H Events

SAVE THE DATES!

Saturday, December 5th Beef Weigh Day

Sunday, January 10th Shooting Sports Kick Off

Sunday, January 10th for the 4-H Kick Off

Sunday, January 10th for the 4-H Council Fundraiser (Soup Supper)



Youth Information

Recruiting youth for 2016 & 2019 Citizenship Washington Trip

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. If you are interested in attending any future conferences, please contact NE Extension in Adams County at (402)461-7209. It is never too early to sign up. **Meeting have been scheduled for the 2016 trip attendees the December meeting is the 13th at 4:00 p.m. in the assembly room. Fundraising opportunities are;** Candy Bar sales are ongoing. Restaurant Nights will be happening on a monthly basis December 15th we will be at Runza North from 5:00 until 8:30 p.m. At the Soup Supper January 10th they will be having their cake auction and basket raffle. These are great fundraising opportunities for our youth!



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 10th**, from **2:00 – 4:00 p.m.** Shooting Sport Kick off will begin at 3:30. 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.

Opportunity for Photographers from Across Nebraska

An exciting statewide Photography Call sponsored by Hildegard Center for the Arts, in partnership with the Nebraska Tourism Commission and the Nebraska State Historical Society, is currently inviting communities from across Nebraska to serve as a bridge to link history, generations and cultures. The Photography Call is entitled, “Bridges: Sharing Our Past to Enrich the Future”, and runs through January 4, 2016. From Adams to Antelope, Scottsbluff to Sheridan, Dundy to Douglas each of Nebraska’s 93 counties is home to historic and hidden treasures from the past. This Call is inviting YOU and YOUR community to highlight historic places and often over-looked treasures found in your own county; historical sites either found on the National Register of Historic Places or places of community/personal significance to the photographer. To see full entry guidelines and to submit photos, go to www.hildegardcenter.org. SELECTED photographs from the Call will be exhibited *statewide* to help celebrate Nebraska’s Sesquicentennial in 2017 and used to promote the state as part of our partnership with the Nebraska State Historical Society and the Nebraska Tourism Commission. All submitted photos will become part of a virtual exhibit

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 Steve for more details.

Project Information

Shooting Sports



Shooting Sports Kick-Off

The 2016 Shooting Sports Kick-Off will be on Sunday, January 10th starting at 3:30 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.

Adams County 4-H Shooting Sports Participants – please pick up your items in the Extension Office!

Communications

Photography Themes for 2016



UNIT II: NEBRASKA EXHIBIT PRINT: “4-H Grows Here” campaign. Capture photos of people and places that illustrate 4-H growing and thriving in Nebraska! Your photos should tell a story about how “4-H Grows Here” in your local community. Please print and include the 4-H Grows Here! logo in your photos. The logo can be accessed at

<https://unl.box.com/s/krptc9q2f2yxkxcpyc6q6flx6ni6z7mo>.

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Environmental Ed & Earth Science

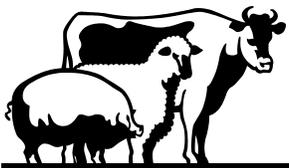
Special Gardening Project – Reserve Your Seeds

The Special Garden Project is a way to offer 4-H members the chance to grow unusual and fun projects in their gardens. This year it is focused on the colorful, Jazzy Mix Zinnia. This cultivar comes in shades of burgundy-red, red, yellow, and orange with cream, red, or yellow tips. The 1-2” blooms are fully-double and semi-double. These zinnias are a great cut flower that can get 20-26” tall. On average it will take about 75-85 days for the plants to bloom. We have **ordered a limited number** of seed packets. The **cost is \$1.00 per family packet**. If interested in the project, please contact the Adams County Extension Office at (402) 461-7209. **Please note:** that in Adams County you will still need to enroll in one of the regular horticulture projects and the Special Gardening Project to participate in this activity.

4-H Members enrolled in the Special Garden Project will:

- * Receive a ‘packet’ of Jazzy Mix Zinnias (one packet per youth) in March
- * Receive a newsletter about: Planting & growing zinnias, Zinnia problems & insects, Harvesting & using zinnias and Exhibiting zinnias
- * Be able to enter this unique flower at County and State Fair

Livestock



Animal Science Educational Sessions

The Animal Science Educational Sessions have begun this fall and invite anyone who would like to learn more about livestock. The session topics include:

- Breeds, Diseases and Production
- Meat Evaluation
- Livestock Evaluation
- Careers relating to Animal Science within Adams County

If you’re interested in attending one of the sessions, please contact Steve Landon at the Extension Office or email steve.landon@unl.edu. The next learning session will be December 13 at 1 p.m. held in the Assembly Room in the Adams County Building.

Beef Weigh Day

Again this year the 4-H council has decided to offer two weigh days for Beef, so be sure to **Mark your Calendars!** Beef Weigh Days are scheduled for **December 5th** and **March 5th** at the Animal Clinic, both days weigh in will be from **11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.** If you are in line at Noon, your animals will be weighed. Exhibitors planning on showing Market Beef at fair will need to weigh their beef during one of these weigh dates. Animals include:

- 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, 2016).

- 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 the county only 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 be eligible for rate of gain and/or carcass, the animals starting weigh date will simply be counted from the day weighed in.

New in 2016 is the EID tags which are required for State Fair and AKSARBEN ONLY EXHIBITORS. The cost of the EID tags is TBA.

Companion Animal Challenge:

The second 4-H Companion Animal Challenge will be held on March 12, 2016 at the Animal Science Complex on UNL's East Campus. It provides youth a chance to participate in a variety of contests that do not require animals, but allow youth to learn more about their dog or other companion animals. Entries are due Feb. 19th. Contests include:

- Demonstrations (a presentation where youth demonstrate how to complete a task or related to the care of their companion animal)
- Photography and art contests (open to all companion animal projects)
- Dog Skill-a-thon
- Dog quiz bowl

The youth who participated in the event last year said that it was fun and they learned a lot. Youth do not need to be experts to participate in the event. More information available at: <http://go.unl.edu/4hcac> If you have questions, please contact Lisa Karr-Lilienthal lkarr-lilienthal2@unl.edu

4-H Horse Stampede

Mark your calendar for March 12, 2016 at the Animal Science Complex on UNL's East Campus. Entries are due to county offices on Feb. 12th.



Contests include: Demonstrations (individual and team), Public speaking, Quiz bowl, Photography and art contests. More information available at: <http://animalscience.unl.edu/horse-4-h-and-youth#tab32> If you have questions, please contact Lena Luck lena.luck@unl.edu



Horse Show Dates

2016 District Horse Show Dates & Locations – all level testing required for participation in district horse show plus Horse ID sheets must be completed by May 13.

June 13 – Kearney

June 16 – Leigh

June 14 – Chadron

June 17 – Bloomfield

June 15 – McCook

June 21 – Lincoln

2015 Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Show July 10 -14, 2016

University of Nebraska Red Letter Days

Are you 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. Each Red Letter costs \$10 per person. For more information visit <http://admissions.unl.edu/visit/on-campus/red-letter-days.aspx>

At this open house event, you'll get to:

- Explore campus with a current UNL student as your guide
- Attend academic informational sessions
- See what it's like to live in a residence hall
- Learn about ways to get involved on campus
- Find out important admissions, scholarship and financial aid information

The following dates have been scheduled:

- February 5, 2016
- February 19, 2016
- February 26, 2016
- March 4, 2016
- March 18, 2016
- April 1, 2016
- April 15, 2016

4-H Calendar

DECEMBER

December 3 Extension Board Meeting – Assembly Room @ 7:00 p.m.
December 5 Beef Weigh Day – Animal Clinic @ 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
December 7 4-H Council Meeting – Assembly Room @ 7:00 p.m.
December 8 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 4 4-H Council Meeting - Assembly Room @ 7:00 p.m.
January 10 4-H Kick Off - North End Activities Center Fairgrounds, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
January 10 Shooting Sports Kick Off – North End Activities Center Fairgrounds, 3:30 p.m.
January 10 4-H Fundraiser (Soup Supper) East End Activities Center Fairgrounds, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
January 18 Holiday – Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Office Closed
Week of 25th Shooting Sports Starts

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

2015 4-H Council

Scott Hinrichs – Pres.	Bryce Katzberg – V.Pres.	Shannon Frink – Sec.	Wryan Wright – Tres.
Lynn DeVries	Ange Shipman	JR LEADER REPS:	Doug Nienhueser – Chamber of Commerce Rep
Mike Eckhardt	Kathleen Stromer	Chase DeVries	Twila Bankson – Ag Society Rep
Brian Everhart	Morgan Trausch	Morgan Stromer	
Kirk Feeney	Lori Vorderstrasse	Brenda Tran	
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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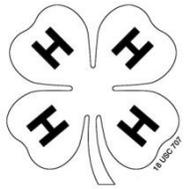


4-H

Soup Supper

Sponsored by:

Adams County 4-H Council



Sunday Jan. 10, 2016

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

Adams Co. Fairgrounds

Activities Center

Chili & Chicken Noodle Soup

Homemade Desserts

Free Will Donation

