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Adams County 4-H Newsletter

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Apr. 1	April Fool's Day
Apr. 3	Shooting Sports Picnic – 5:00 PM
Apr. 4	4-H Council Meeting – 7:00 PM
Apr. 7	Extension Board Meeting – 7:00 PM
April 9	Quilts of Valor Work Session
Week of Apr. 11	Swine Bred & Fed Weigh Week
Apr. 12	Heart & Hands – 6:30 PM
Apr. 12	Ag Society Meeting – 7:30 PM
Apr. 15	4-H Enrollment Due – by 5:00 PM
Apr. 15	Market Broiler Orders & Payment Due – by 5:00 PM
Apr. 15	Purchase of Bucket Calf Ear Tags Due – by 5:00 PM
April 16	Easter Egg Hunt – Tractor Supply – 10:00 AM
Apr. 24	Easter
Apr. 25	District Clover Challenge
Apr. 29	Holiday – Arbor Day – Office Closed
April 30	Livestock Clinic – 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
April 30	Quilts of Valor Work Session

ENROLLMENT DEADLINE – APRIL 15!!!

The 2011 4-H enrollment is fast approaching. Please fill out your enrollment forms and look for a special project this year to challenge your 4-H career. There are a variety of 4-H projects; therefore, you can make your 4-H experience unique. One way to make projects more fun is to find a friend, even if they are not in 4-H, and get them to sign up and do the same projects together. Remember this information is time sensitive with enrollments due on April 15, 2011. New 4-H members also need to return a signed Code of Conduct. Just a reminder that projects can be added to previously turned in enrollment forms (For example: Shooting Sports participants) until April 15.

Tractor Supply Paper Clover Promotion in Nebraska

Tractor Supply Company (TSC) and the National 4-H Council have partnered to implement a national 4-H Paper Clover Promotion from **April 14 - April 25, 2011**. The Paper Clover Promotion is a consumer-driven fundraising promotion where a retailer sells paper representations of the 4-H clover to their customers for \$1 or more at the register. This means that for every \$1.00 donated at the TSC at the Hastings, NE store \$0.60 will go directly to the local 4-H Program. Remember, the money donated through this project will be returned to help make the Adams, Clay, Nuckolls, and Webster 4-H Programs better!

YMAT Easter Egg Hunt during 4-H Paper Clover Promotion

The Youth Marketing Action Team invites all youth to participate in an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Hastings Tractor Supply Company parking lot. This is a great outreach opportunity to spread the word about 4-H. If interested in assisting YMAT, please call 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.

Support Adams County Camp by Eating at Dairy Queen

In partnership with the Hastings Dairy Queen, we are having a 4-H PASE fundraiser on Thursday, April 21st, from 5 to 8 p.m. Please come support 4-H Animal Science, this fundraiser will help our youth participate in the PASE Contest at UNL! Let's show our 4-H pride!

Congratulations

Speech, PSA and Performing Arts Contest Results:

PSA and Speech Contest Medalists and representing Adams County at the Regional Speech contest are:

- Speech Junior Division – Sarah Barfknecht
- PSA Junior Division – Rachel Kort

Performing Arts Medalists:

- Senior Division – Crystal Barfknecht & Sarah Barfknecht - Violin
- Intermediate Division – Sarah Barfknecht – Violin
- Jr. – Miranda Niemeyer - Piano

Adams County had eight youth compete in the **Cottonwood Archery Competition**. The results were:

- Club Male Bare Bow; Jacob Uden – 1st
- Club Male Freestyle Limited; Chase Paulson – 1st
- Youth Male Freestyle; Conner Smith - 6th, Zach Christensen – 7th
- Young Adult Female Freestyle; April Crandell – 1st
- Adult Female Bowhunter Freestyle; Cara Crandell – 2nd
- Young Adult Male Freestyle; JD Ochsner – 1st, Tanner Davis – 3rd

State Career Portfolio Awards:

- Lacey Uden – State winner to National 4-H Congress in the area of Communications and Expressive Arts
- Matthew Hermann – 1st Alternate to National 4-H Congress in the area of Environmental Ed & Earth Science

Leaders & Parents Corner

Junior Leader News



The Jr. Leaders 4-H club will be meeting on April 10th, 7:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the Adams County Office Building. If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Shaw at 402-756-6636 or the Adams County Extension Office at 402-461-7209.

4-H Photography Training for Leaders and Volunteers

Whatever your background in photography may be, make plans to attend the *Behind the Lens: Teaching Youth about Photography* workshop, scheduled for **Thursday, May 5 – Friday, May 6, 2011**, at the Nebraska Nature and Visitor Center near Alda, Nebraska. This workshop, hosted by UNL Extension 4-H Youth Development, is intended to train adult educators and volunteers about the area of photography, so that local educational experiences (camps, club meetings, workshops, events, etc.) may be offered during the summer of 2011. Throughout this hands-on workshop for adults, photography professionals will be offering insight about the areas of 1) lighting, 2) exposure and focus, and 3) composition, appeal, and distance. Educators in attendance will develop personal photography skills and will be provided with basic teaching guides and activities necessary for instructing local photography educational experiences for youth. If interested, please let Beth know.

Heart & Hands Youth Development Workshop

UNL Extension is offering a Spring Heart & Hands Youth Development Workshop on Tuesday, April 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Adams County Office Building. This workshop will allow participants to understand the “Art of Icebreakers”, developing an inclusive environment, learning about and working with different personality types, and how to make a hands-on recycled project for all ages. Participants will receive all of the resources needed to replicate the programs. Pre-registration fee is \$10.00 in advance or \$15.00 at the door. Please direct questions and/or registrations to Beth Maricle at 402-461-7209 or emaricle2@unl.edu. Registration forms can be sent to PO Box 30, Hastings, NE 68902. Any adult who interacts with youth would greatly enjoy and benefit from this workshop!

2011 Adams County Fairfest Dates

Its official! The 2011 Adams County Fair is July 27, 2011 to July 31, 2011 with the Livestock Auction on Monday, August 1, 2011. Static Exhibits will be entered Monday, July 25th and Livestock check-in the evening of Tuesday, July 26th. Livestock show schedule will be the same as 2010 show schedule.

4-H Council Information

March 4-H Council Happenings

- Have an overall supreme swine, sheep, goat, market cattle class.
- Static Exhibit pick-up on August 1st will be 45 minutes after completion of livestock auction or 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Food Sale will be from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Horse Carting Class and Alpaca Class will be left as exhibitions.

April 4-H Council Agenda

- Entomology Contest
- National 4-H Health Challenge
- Concessions during County Horse Show

Youth Information

Adams County Camp: June 6th – 8th

South Central Camp at Alma is the place to be **June 6-8, 2011!!** Adams, Clay, and Fillmore Counties invite any youth ages 8 to 12 to attend a full camping experience plus 4-H activities! The camp will begin at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, June 6th and end at noon on Wednesday, June 8th. The cost of the County Camp will be \$100.00 with transportation included. This camp is not only for 4-H'ers, so tell all of your friends! Beth hopes to see you there!



Camp Counselors needed for County Camp!

If you are 15 and older and interested in being a counselor during the Adams County 4-H County Camp from June 6 – 8th, please let Beth know. You do not have to attend the official state camp counselor training, but it is recommended.

Summer Camp Financial Assistance

With the support of the Nebraska 4-H Foundation and its donors, we are able to offer a limited number of \$100 camperships to support the participation of young people at 2011 4-H camps. Contact the Adams County Extension Office for more information.

Youth Camp Scholarship

The Little Blue Natural Resources District has a scholarship available for one individual to be granted \$75.00 to attend a 4-H camp. The application form is one page and simple to complete. **Applications are due to the LBNRD office before May 6th.** Please pick up an application from the Extension office if you are interested in being considered.

Big Red Summer Academic Camps

The 2011 Big Red Summer Academic Camps, to be held **June 12-17, 2011**, are only three months away! To learn more about the 2011 camp offerings, check out the Web site at: <http://bigredcamps.unl.edu>. New camps for 2011 include: 3D Animation/Virtual World Creation, Culinary Arts and Food Science, Entrepreneurship, Filmmaking, Geology and Paleontology, The Outdoors, Textile Design, Unicameral Youth Legislature, and Veterinary Science.

Scholarships available for Big Red “Entrepreneurship” Camp

High school students interested in exploring entrepreneurship should plan to attend the upcoming Big Red “Entrepreneurship” Camp, June 13-17, 2011. Scholarships in the amount of \$300 are available to 16 campers who enroll in the Entrepreneurship Camp. **Enroll by April 1 today to secure a spot!** To qualify for the scholarship, each camper is required to submit two short essays and pay the up-front cost of the camp upon registration. Scholarships will then be awarded to campers when they attend the Entrepreneurship camp, hosted by the Paul Engler Agribusiness Entrepreneurship Program. Additional information about the scholarship requirements is available at: <http://4h.unl.edu/web/4hcamps/campfinance>

Running Rain! Catch It! Use It!

Make your own video at the Water Video Views (WV2) workshop. Six youth in middle and/or high school will learn about rainwater then create a video to encourage others to use rainwater wisely. Dates are June 9 & 24 in Grand Island, NE. Additional meetings are in Hastings between to help with filming. For questions, please ask for Beth. If interested contact UNL Extension in Adams County at 402-461-7209 to register.

AgDiscovery

AgDiscovery is an outreach program to help students learn about careers in animal science, veterinary medicine, agribusiness and plant pathology. This 2-3 week program allows participants ages 12 -17 to live on a college campus and learn about Agricultural science from university professors, practicing veterinarians and professionals working for the U.S. Government. Students chosen to participate in AgDiscovery will gain experience through hands-on labs, workshops, field trips and other group and team building activities. For more information visit: <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/agdiscovery/>

NPower Leadership Conference

The premiere leadership development experience for Nebraska’s future leaders. A partnership between 4-H, FFA, FBLA, FCCLA, DECA, SkillsUSA, HOSA, and Nebraska Human Resources Institute to provide a leadership development opportunity for all Nebraska youth leaders entering 6th-12th grades.

NPower is all about: Nebraska’s youth leaders Networking to INfluence community change and INitiate positive action for the Next generation. The dates are July 6-8, OR July 11-13. (Students may pick which 3-day session to attend). Cost: \$150, if you have questions, please contact Michelle Krehbiel or Kris Spath. 4-H Program Manager 114 Ag Hall P.O. Box 830700 Lincoln, NE 68583-0700, or 402-472-9023 email kspath3@unl.edu .

2011 Scholarships Available

Application forms are available at the Adams County Extension Office.

UNL College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources (CASNR) Scholarship -

Any graduating senior planning on attending 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.



Larry Draper Scholarship: The Adams County 4-H Council requests applications **by June 1, 2011** for this \$500.00 scholarship. Applicants must be enrolled in Adams County 4-H and must have been an active and consistent participant in the Adams County 4-H livestock auction by either selling market animals or by providing consistent volunteer service at the auction, as documented by the Adams County Extension Office. Please contact the Extension office for more details.

Unicameral Youth Conference

Students will learn about the inner workings of the Legislature directly from senators, staff and lobbyists at the 2011 Unicameral Youth Legislature. It is a four-day legislative simulation for youth in grades 9 – 12 from June 12th thru June 15th. Student senators sponsor bills, conduct committee hearings, debate legislation and discover the unique process of the nation's only unicameral. The Unicameral Youth Legislature gives behind-the-scenes access to students who have an interest in public office, government, politics, law, public policy, debate or public speaking. Registration deadline is May 1 for first time applicants and April 1 for returning applicants. Cost of the Conference is \$350. Limited scholarships are available. Application forms and more information can be found on the web at <http://4h.unl.edu/web/4hcamps/legislature>.

Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute

Each year NAYI provides Nebraska youth with the opportunity to explore the agricultural industry and the career paths that are available to them in the future. NAYI is a wonderful opportunity for the selected delegates to network with current and future agricultural leaders and to strengthen their appreciation for the agriculture industry. NAYI will celebrate its 40th anniversary this year, the theme for this year's Institute is: Agriculture: Driving Forward. Leadership development, critical thinking, and decision making skills, along with the opportunity to interact with other youth interested in the future of agriculture, are key elements of NAYI. The institute will take place at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Campus from July 11th – 15th. Applications are due April 15, 2011. For applications or more information visit: http://www.agr.state.ne.us/newsrel/march2011/nayi_application.

National 4-H Power of Youth e-newsletter

The National 4-H Council continues to share the greatest news from around the 4-H nation. We recognize that this coverage reflects the high-level of achievement attained by powerful youth who step up every day to make a difference in their communities. The Power of Youth e-newsletter chronicles these amazing youth achievements, feature the exciting outcomes of donor generosity, and demonstrates the passion of the 4-H movement. To subscribe to the e-newsletter, go to <http://4-h.org/new/4hnews.php>.

"Like" us on Facebook

We switched from a "person" to an "organization" facebook page! Please search "UNL Extension in Adams County" to find our page. There you will find up-to-date news, information and upcoming events. Once you "like" us, write on our wall!

4-H Project Information

Communications and Expressive Arts

Youth Marketing Action Team (YMAT)

Become a promoter of Adams County 4-H by joining YMAT!! Youth must be 12 years and older (4-H age). This groups works with the media, public awareness and provides opportunities to spread the word about 4-H! Our next meeting will be **Sunday, April 3, 2011 at 2:00 pm** in the **Large North Conference Room** at the fairgrounds. We will be finalizing the Easter Egg Hunt. Hope to see you there!

Photography

The 2011 photography themes are:

- Adams County Theme Unit 1: Racing to Join 4-H
- Nebraska Theme Unit 2: Cutting Edge Agriculture: Take photos that capture the diverse industry of agriculture. Look for unique images of agriculture in Nebraska communities.
- Nebraska Theme Unit 3: Spelling Bee: Photograph any letter of the alphabet in your surroundings. Find letters in the architecture of buildings, growing in a garden or on items in your own home.

Photography Contest for 4-H Youth

The Lincoln Camera Club is working with Dr. Ken Dewey in the School of Natural Resources to organize a photography contest and exhibition during the Central Plains Severe Weather Symposium, April 9, 2011. The details of the contest and entry form are given on the Severe Weather Symposium flier at <http://www.lincolncameraclub.org>. Entry deadline is April 4th.

Presentations Contest

The Adams County 4-H Presentations Contest will be **Thursday, June 16th at 6:30 p.m.** in the Assembly Room. The types of classes are: 1) Presentation using LCD, slide, video or overhead projector, 2) Presentation using posters, or 3) Multimedia presentation. A 4-H member may participate in only one Presentation class plus the Multimedia class. **Registrations are due June 13th by 5:00 p.m.** in the UNL Extension Office in Adams County.

Family and Consumer Science

Community Service Project

- **Quilts of Valor**
Quilting to Honor and Comfort our Wounded. If you love to make quilts or would you like to try your hand at making them, then this project is for you. Mark your calendar for these working dates, April 9, April 30, May 14, May 21 & June 4. These work sessions will be held at the Calico Cottage in Hastings from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. This will be a come and work (at any time for any length of time) at no cost for the workshop.

4-H Quilt of Valor Statewide Challenge

Adams and York Counties are issuing a state-wide 4-H Quilts of Valor Challenge for 4-Hers, families and/or volunteers to create and donate quilts to service men and women who are protecting our country and who are “touched by war.” The quilts will be collected and given through the Quilts of Valor Foundation.

The finished quilt size must be no smaller than 55” x 65” or no larger than 72” x 90”.

4-H members can enter the quilt into the fair in the projects listed:

Citizenship, Design Decisions & Quilt Quest - Quilts entered in Citizenship will not be judged on construction or design principles, but on what participants learned about citizenship.

Fashion Board Meeting

Mark your calendar for **the second meeting** (it's not too late to join us) **Sunday, April 10th at 5:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room.** The Fashion Board is open to any 4-H'er, 12 and older involved in Clothing and Consumer Education. The purpose of this board is to enhance personal development in clothing selection and construction, build leadership skills, and explore career choices in the fashion industry.

Clover Challenge / Life Challenge

There is still time to join us for a fun learning opportunity! Any 4-H'er, 12-years of age or older is eligible to represent Adams County on the Family and Consumer Science Challenge Teams. District Clover Challenge is on April 25th. The Life Challenge Contest will take place on June 27th -28th at UNL, East Campus. If you need more details and schedule, contact Julie at the Extension Office.

Quilt Nebraska and The World

Save the date of Wednesday, June 15, 2011 for Quilt Nebraska and the World, for 4-H'ers 12 and over. Julie will be taking interested 4-H'ers to Lincoln to the International Quilt Study Center & Museum and the Department of Textiles, Clothing & Design at UNL. If you would like more information or are interested in attending this educational event please contact the Adams County Extension Office at (402)461-7209. Registration is due in the Adams County Extension Office by May 2.

Food Review Themes for 2011 – July 7th.

- Clovers a Plenty
- Barnyard Bash
- This is Not Your Grandmothers Cookin' (new trends in cooking)
- Wet & Wild

Healthy Lifestyles



Tennis

Lessons are planned for May 24, May 25, May 26, May 31, June 1, & June 2. From 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM (the first hour will be for beginners and intermediates and the second hour will be for the advanced.) Parental consent/medical release forms must be signed and returned as well as a \$5.00 fee for lessons only, to the Extension Office by May 13th (this is mandatory). The tournament will be held on Thursday, June 23. Tennis Tournament - one does not need to take the tennis lessons to compete at the tournament, but you must have enrolled in the Tennis project by April 15 and have pre-entered with medical release forms into the Extension Office by June 1st. Release forms will be mailed out to 4-H'ers enrolled in the tennis project, late April.

Golf

The 4-H golf program is being planned with practices and a tournament to be held in July. If you would like to participate, please remember to sign up for the golf project by April 15th. Release forms will be mailed out to 4-H'ers enrolled in the golf project.



Bowling

The bowling tournament is set for Monday, June 20th, with an afternoon and evening session. Just a reminder, you must be enrolled in the bowling project by April 15th to participate in the tournament



Shooting Sports

Shooting Sports Whitetails Unlimited Raffle

We would like to thank everyone who supported the Whitetails Unlimited Raffle this past month. The winner was Ty Shoemaker. The Adams County 4-H Shooting Sports received \$395.00. A special thanks goes to the Whitetails Unlimited for their support to 4-H.

Upcoming Events:

- April 3: Nebraska 4-H Air Pistol Championship, Custer County Fairgrounds, Broken Bow, NE
- April 9 & 10: Nebraska State 4-H BB Gun & Air Rifle Championship, Seward County Fairgrounds, Seward, NE
- June 4: Norfolk 4-H & Youth Shoot - Outdoor Shoot - Field/Hunter/Animal, Norfolk, NE
- June 11 & 12: Nebraska State 4-H Outdoor Archery Tournament, Broken Bow, NE

The 2nd Annual Boots & Shoot - Clay Shooting Sports

Ak-Sar-Ben's River City Rodeo & Stock Show presents the 2nd Annual Boots & Shoot event on May 7th, 2011. This event will be held at Pheasant Bonanza near Tekamah, Nebraska. This is a fundraiser to support scholarships awarded at the 2011 Ak-Sar-Ben Stock Show. The course is made up of ten stations, each with ten clays per shooter. Additional games and contests will be available. Awards are given to the top teams. RSVP by April 22nd. Contact the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben at 402-554-9600 for more information.

Environmental Ed & Earth Science

Flower Barrel Workshop and Pick -up

Learn the basics of growing eye catching flower barrels at a workshop, **Tuesday, May 3rd, from 7-8 p.m. at the Community Service Building on the Fairgrounds.** The workshop is open to all 4-H'ers interested in planting a barrel for the 2011 County Fair. Flower barrel (container gardening) culture is both fun and rewarding. Learn about soil requirements, design and color, plant selection, fertilization and care of flower barrels. Clair Hupf from the University of Nebraska Master Gardeners will conduct the workshop. The 2011 Theme for the barrels will be "Thrill, Fill & Spill". Barrels will be available for pick-up following the workshop. This will be the only time available for pick-up. Please call if you cannot attend so other arrangements may be made. Be sure to sign up to attend this workshop at the UNL Extension Office in Adams County by Monday, April 25th.



Tree and Horticulture Identification Contest

Sharon Maul from Central Community College will be teaching tree and horticulture identification again this year. You will be able to impress your family and friends with your plant knowledge after participating in the program. **Practice sessions** will be held **May 31, June 2, and June 9.** The **contest** will be held on Friday, **June 10th.** All sessions and the contest will begin at **9:00 a.m.** and will be held in the Webster Building on the Central Community College Campus.

Tree Planting

The UNL Master Gardeners in Adams County invites 4-H'ers to help plant trees in Highland Park, just south of the Hastings Museum. The tree planting event is scheduled for Saturday, May 14th starting at 8:00 a.m. The trees that are being planted are a part of the Hastings Highland Park Arboretum project. The arboretum is designed to provide a location for people to learn about trees and gardens. This activity will provide 4-H'ers an opportunity to learn more about trees and will provide a great service to the community.

Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program (WHEP)

Mark your calendars! The Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program is scheduled for **June 19-21, 2011**, at Niobrara State Park. The team contest has five parts for Intermediates and Seniors. Wildlife Identification, General Wildlife Knowledge, Wildlife Management Practices and Written Wildlife Management Plan Oral Defense of Written Plan. Juniors participate in non-competitive activities.

Plant and Insect Identification Clinics

UNL Extension in Hall County will be offering a clinic on identifying insects, trees, horticultural plants, grasses, forbs, weeds, and crops. This learning opportunity will be held at College Park on Wednesday, June 15th. Tips and practice on identifying the plants and insects will be held in the morning. The afternoon will be devoted to a series on contests to review the morning's education sessions. Please contact Ron in the Extension Office if you are interested in participating.

Dog

Dog Obedience Classes

Dog Program Obedience classes offered by Adams County Extension have begun. They are held each Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the Adams County Fairgrounds in the west end of the Activities building. 4-H'ers can still sign up. Requirements for participation are: 1) Enrollment in 4-H and in the dog project, 2) Vaccination record form completed and turned into the Extension Office and 3) \$10.00 class fee paid to the Extension Office before attending any class.



Clover Kids Dog Class

A Clover Kids dog class will again be conducted at the county fair dog show. In order to participate, Clover Kids must sign-up for 4-H, must register for the 4-H dog classes, and participate in at least four sessions. The sessions will start on **Monday, May 16th at 6:30 p.m.**

4-H Dog Agility Practices

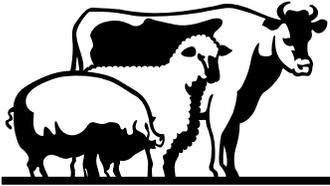
Dog agility is a great project for you and your dog to have fun together. Dr. Pam Burr is offering classes to teach your dog to safely run through an agility course. The classes will initially be held at the Penrose Dog Ranch, 3400 South Wabash Ave. starting on **May 22nd** every **Sunday** afternoon at **4:00 p.m.** except on holiday weekends. To participate, you must be signed up for 4-H and the Dog Project, sign a medical release form, and provide to the Extension Office a record that your dog has been vaccinated. You and your dog must have completed at least the beginning novice dog obedience class before you can participate in the dog agility classes and you will need a break away type collar for the dog. The cost is \$10.00 unless you have already paid for this year's 4-H dog obedience class. Parental attendance is required at the classes.

Nebraska 4-H Dog Expo

The Adams County 4-H dog program and the State Fair dog committee are again planning to offer a statewide educational and competitive dog event. The Nebraska 4-H Dog Expo will be held at the Adams County Fairgrounds in Hastings on **September 24th and 25th, 2011**. The schedule will include competitions, demonstrations, education clinics, and fun. The competitions will include obedience, showmanship, and agility. The demonstrations will include working dogs such as those used for police, personal assistance, and hunting. The education program will include clinics on nutrition, safety, health, grooming, showing tips and dog related careers. Fun activities will include rally, dog tricks and dog costumes. Please put this on your calendars so we can once again have good local representation.

Paws-On Dog Workshop

If you have an interest in learning about dogs or want to better your show skills, plan on attending this 4-H statewide dog clinic. On Saturday April 23rd, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Lancaster Event Center in Lincoln. This workshop will cover obedience, showmanship, agility, grooming, health care, and much more. Fee is \$15 per person and includes lunch. For more information, call Dr. Lisa Karr-Lilienthal at 402- 472-6458 or email at lkarr-lilienthal2@unl.edu



Livestock

Heads Up on Enrollment & ID Deadlines

As a friendly reminder here are some important deadlines that will be here before we know it! They are:

- April 15th – 4-H Enrollment, Market Broilers Order, Swine Bred & Fed, & Bucket Calf Tags Purchased
- May 13th – Horse ID's Due to UNL Extension Office in Adams County
- May 13th – District & State Horse Entries Due to UNL Extension Office in Adams County
- May 13th – Sheep & Goat Weigh Day: 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- June 1st – Animal Id's & Vaccinations (tags need to be purchased and in the animals ear)

Animal Science Series

Youth interested in Animal Science are welcome to participate in the Animal Science Series. The species covered are cattle, sheep, swine, goats, and some poultry. Any youth 12 years or older will have the opportunity to participate at the Premier Animal Sciences Event (PASE) at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln on June 28th and 29th. The dates are:

- Monday, April 11th 6:30 p.m. at the Adams County Office Building
- Dairy Queen Fundraiser: Thursday, April 21st
- More dates to come!

For more information contact Beth at the UNL-Extension Office in Adams County at 402-461-7209 or email at emaricle2@unl.edu.

Quality Assurance Trainings

Any youth showing livestock (Beef, Dairy, Goats, Rabbits, Poultry, Sheep or Swine) at the County Fair, State Fair, or AK-SAR-BEN are required to have Quality Assurance. Any 4-H'er showing SWINE must test out or attend a Pork Quality Assurance training by a CERTIFIED Trainer. Beth is a certified trainer. Youth must pre-register by contacting the UNL Extension Office in Adams County at 402-461-7209 to attend the final QA sessions. Entire clubs are welcome to attend a session. If no one has registered for a particular date, the QA session will be canceled. You must contact the extension office!

The QA dates are:

- Monday, May 9th @ 6:30 p.m. – Register by Thursday, May 5th
- Thursday, May 19th @ 6:30 p.m. – Register by Tuesday, May 17th
- Saturday, June 4th @ 10:30 a.m. – Register by Thursday, June 2nd

Quality Assurance Testing Option

Any youth between the ages of 12 and 18 have an option to Test Out of Quality Assurance. Youth must receive at least a 70% to pass and complete the Testing Out Option. Youth who test out as Intermediates must retake and pass the exam at 15 years old to test out of QA. Youth that are interested in this option, should contact the UNL-Extension Office in Adams County at 402-461-7209.

Cattle, Sheep, Swine & Goat Livestock Clinic on Saturday, April 30th

Are you interested in learning a few tips about showing, fitting, nutrition and management of cattle, sheep, swine & goats? This Livestock Clinic is presented by Krisha Custis and sponsored by ADM Alliance Nutrition, Moor Man's Show Tech and UNL Extension in Adams County. The clinic will be from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Adams County Fairgrounds in the Indoor Arena in Hastings, NE. RSVP by **April 22nd** by calling Beth Maricle at 402-462-7209 or Ashley Benes at 308-385-5088.

UNL Livestock Judging Clinic & Contest in Bladen

All area youth are invited to attend this Livestock Judging Clinic and Contest Thursday, May 26th in Bladen, NE. The clinic will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the contest to follow. This livestock judging clinic and contest is designed for youth to improve their basic livestock evaluation and selection skills, and to provide a good foundation for all youth interested in livestock. Classes will include market and breeding beef, sheep, swine and market goats. It will be conducted by **Dr. Matt Ellicott, UNL Livestock Judging Team Coach** and area UNL Extension Staff. The clinic and contest will be open to all youth, ages 8 -18, as well as adults. Parents, leaders and advisors are encouraged to attend. Teams for the contest will consist of 3 or 4 members in the same age division. They can be from the same club, chapter and/or county. Cost is \$5.00 per person or \$15.00 per team. Pre-registration is preferred by contacting UNL Extension in Webster County at 402-746-3417.

Kearney & Franklin Counties Fitting Clinic in June

Kearney and Franklin Counties are hosting a Cattle Fitting Clinic June 10-12th in Minden. The clinic will be presented by Chuck and Karen McCullough and sponsored by Show Rite Feeds and UNL Extension in Kearney and Franklin Counties. Topics are: how to properly clip an animal, fit an animal and practice showmanship. McCullough's will also go over everyday care and feed. A parent is required to be with their child at all times and siblings may share an animal. Cost for the clinic will be \$100 per animal. The fee will be due upon registration. Please call the Kearney County Extension Office at 308-832-0645 to save your spot and to send in your registration fee.

Swine Bred and Fed

Registration for Swine Weigh-day and project enrollment is due in the Extension Office on April 15th, if you want to participate in the Swine Bred and Fed contest at the county fair. The swine weigh-in has been set for the week of April 11 but we must get at least five entries to conduct the contest.

First Year Bucket Calf Reminder

Just a reminder for those of you ages 8-12 who are thinking of enrolling in the 1st year bucket calf project, your calves must be born between January 1st and April 15th, owned by you and tagged by April 15th. ID sheets are not due until June 1st, but this is just a reminder of the required birth, ownership and tagging date of April 15th.

Second Year Bucket Calf

Reminder! To show at the Adams County Fair you must be enrolled in **2nd Year Bucket Calf project**. Remember that 2nd year bucket calf must have been shown as a First Year Bucket Calf. This project follows the Identification and Deadlines of regular beef projects.

Feeder Calf Participants

Any youth interested in participating in the Feeder Calf AK-SAR-BEN Show must have their DNA samples into the office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 27th. Please contact Beth at the UNL-Extension Office in Adams County to pull DNA before the deadline.

Market Broilers

Adams County will once again be ordering all of our county's market broilers together. The deadline for ordering Market Broilers is April 15th and must be paid for when ordering. The cost is \$8.34 per lot (\$1.39 per cockerel). They must be ordered in lots of 6. The birds should arrive sometime the second week of June. If you miss this ordering deadline you will not be able to exhibit market broilers at the fair this year.



Poultry Judging

The South Central Poultry Clinic and Judging Day will held in Nelson, NE on Wednesday, June 1st with the clinic starting at 1:00 p.m. and judging contest at 2:00 p.m. The South Central Poultry Judging counts as the Adams County 4-H Poultry Judging Contest. This is a GREAT opportunity to test the waters or check your knowledge at Poultry Judging.

Sheep and Goats Weigh Day



Weigh-in is scheduled for **Friday, May 13, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** All market lambs and goats must be weighed and ear tagged at this weigh date. Tags are \$1.00 each. If you are planning on showing at State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben, your animals will need to be DNA identified. Cost will be \$6.00 per head for DNA identification. Please unload your sheep at the north end of the sheep barn, we will weigh and then reload at the south end.

Ak-Sar-Ben Lamb Challenge

The purpose of the Ak-Sar-Ben Lamb Challenge is to provide a one year, educational, interesting and competitive feature for 4-H'ers interested in the lamb program at the Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Livestock Exposition. This event is similar to the Catch-A-Calf Competition. Exhibitors will be selected based on an application process which includes agricultural related essay questions. Selected exhibitors will receive an Ak-Sar-Ben purchased lamb to be brought back to the 2011 Exposition to be exhibited. Participants will be paired with a community leader who will serve as a mentor during the process. Anyone interested in participating must complete an application by August 13, 2011. Applications are available at: <http://www.rivercityrodeo.com/stock-show/contests-programs/lamb-challenge>.

Adams County 4-H Carcass Contest

The carcass contest is a project where youth may enter a beef, sheep, and/or swine to understand the cycle of livestock production. The contest consists of 3 parts: the carcass, the interview, and the record book. To successfully participate in the contest, all three segments must be fulfilled. Below are important dates for you to know about if thinking of taking this project.

- Sheep/Swine
 - July 11th – Drop Off (a.m.)
 - July 12th – Viewing (p.m.)
- Beef
 - July 12th – Drop Off (a.m.)
 - July 14th – Viewing (p.m.)
- ALL SPECIES
 - July 20th – Record books due by 5 p.m.
 - July 23rd – Interviews at 1:30 p.m.

Upcoming Livestock and Small Animal Shows and events

Please refer to www.adams.unl.edu for more information on workshops or shows below:

- **2011 University of Nebraska - Lincoln Livestock Judging Camp** June 8th - 10th at UNL's Animal Science Complex
- **13th Annual Seward Calf Classic**
April 9, check-in 7:30 to 9 a.m. Show at 10:30 at Seward County Fairgrounds

Horse

Loup Valley 4-H Conference Horse Shows

Garfield, Loup & Wheeler Counties invite all 4-H enrolled youth to attend their 2011 4-H Conference Horse Shows. There are specific rules and regulations for these shows. Please stop in the Adams County Extension Office to see full details or visit glw.unl.edu. Please note that to participate in these shows, horse ID's, liability waiver, and a \$5 office charge (only charged once!) are to be turned in to the G-L-W Extension Office, PO Box 638, Burwell, NE 68823 NO LATER than May 15, 2011. Three officially identified horses only may be entered in each 4-H Conference Show.

The dates and locations are:

- Saturday, May 28 @ Ord
- Sunday, June 5 @ St. Paul
- Sunday, June 12 @ Albion
- Sunday, June 19 @ Loup City
- Sunday, June 26 @ Bartlett
- Saturday, July 9 @ Wolbach
- Sunday, Sept. 11 @ Loup City – **OPEN SHOW**



Horse Show Dates

2011 District 4-H Horse Shows

- June 13 – Adams County - Hastings
- June 14 – Platte County - Columbus
- June 15 – Holt County – O'Neill
- June 16 – Dawes County - Chadron
- June 22 – Keith County - Ogallala
- June 23 – Gage County - Beatrice

2011 State 4-H Horse Show – Grand Island

- July 18 – 21, 2011

Horse Level testing, Horse ID's & District & State Horse Entries are due in the Adams County Extension Office on May 13th by 5:00 p.m.

Volunteers Needed for Hastings District Horse Show

Volunteers will be needed for holding the District Horse Show in Hastings on Monday, June 13th. If anyone is interested in volunteering for part or all of that day, please let Beth know.

2011 4-H Horse Judging Certification

For 2011 there will only be the "Self Study Option" to become certified or recertify to judge Nebraska 4-H Horse Shows. The Self Study DVD fee is \$25.00. Topics covered are Judging Reining, Western Horsemanship and English Equitation, and Responsibilities of a 4-H Horse Show Judge. Exam fee of \$20 will be charged at the time the exam is taken at the local extension office. Note: All 4-H Horse Show Judges must recertify once every three years. More information can be found

at: <http://animalscience.unl.edu/web/anisci/ansc4hhorseshowjudgescertification>

UNL Opportunities

BIG RED OPEN HOUSE DATES:

April 15 or April 22 from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Spend a day on campus learning more about academics, student life, scholarships & the Husker Spirit!

Visiting Campus

The best way to learn more about the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR) is to visit campus. UNL has two campuses which are approximately two miles apart: City Campus and East Campus. CASNR is located on UNL's picturesque East Campus. Students can schedule a campus visit online at least two weeks from the visit date. If you wish to visit sooner or if you have questions, call the Campus Visits Office toll free, 1-800-742-8800 (select Campus Visit option) or directly at 402-472-4887, and someone will assist you. To schedule a visit online, go to <http://admissions.unl.edu/visit/Index.aspx>.

If you prefer to just visit East Campus, contact Laura Frey at 402-472-4445 or lfrey2@unl.edu.

Consider College of Agriculture and Natural Resources for a Pre-Professional Degree

UNL College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources is a great option to consider as your route to professional school such as agricultural economics, medicine, law, dentistry, pharmacy, veterinary, to name a few. Some of the specific programs that are designed to track you to professional schools include: animal science, veterinary science, food science and technology, Ag economics, insect science, biochemistry, and forensic science. Many of CASNR's majors help students develop lab skills that are valuable career assets.

Hospitality, Restaurant & Tourism Management

4-H members that like planning meals and designing interesting presentation of food, especially the skills developed when competing in the Favorite Foods Revue Contest, or members who are interested in entrepreneurship through hunting ventures or agritourism and those interested in careers in outdoor recreation might be interested in a career in Bachelor of Science in Hospitality, Restaurant & Tourism Management that is jointly offered by the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources and College of Education & Human Sciences. The degree prepares individuals to serve as general managers and directors of hospitality operations by providing an excellent foundation in hospitality, leadership, and business. The program integrates hospitality marketing strategies, communications, and financial management into a curriculum focused on managing facilities and operations that provide hospitality services to the public. Students select from six emphasis areas offered through the College of Education and Human Sciences: Food & Beverage, Lodging, Convention and Meeting Planning, Human Resources, and Public Relations. There are also two emphasis areas offered by the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources: Tourism and Parks and Recreation. UNL is the only institution in the state offering a comprehensive hospitality management curriculum. To learn more about a career in Hospitality, Restaurant & Tourism Management contact: Dr Fayrene Hamouz, (402) 472-1582, fhamouz1@unl.edu, or Michelle Kang, (402) 472-2288, ang5@unl.edu. Or please contact that Adams County Extension Office to talk with Ron or Beth at (402)461-7209.

4-H Calendar

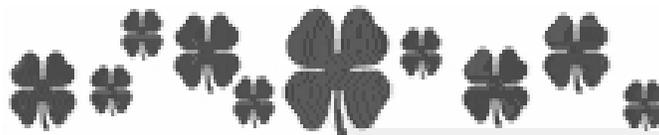
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Apr. 1	April Fool's Day
Apr. 3	Shooting Sports Picnic – 5:00 PM
Apr. 4	4-H Council Meeting – 7:00 PM
Apr. 7	Extension Board Meeting – 7:00 PM
April 9	Quilts of Valor Work Session
Week of Apr. 11	Swine Bred & Fed Weigh Week
Apr. 12	Heart & Hands – 6:30 PM
Apr. 12	Ag Society Meeting – 7:30 PM
Apr. 15	4-H Enrollment Due – by 5:00 PM
Apr. 15	Market Broiler Orders & Payment Due – by 5:00 PM
Apr. 15	Purchase of Bucket Calf Ear Tags Due – by 5:00 PM
April 16	Easter Egg Hunt – Tractor Supply – 10:00 AM
Apr. 24	Easter
Apr. 25	District Clover Challenge
Apr. 29	Holiday – Arbor Day – Office Closed
April 30	Livestock Clinic – 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
April 30	Quilts of Valor Work Session

MAY

May 2	4-H Council Meeting – 7:00 PM
May 3	Flower Barrel Workshop at Fairgrounds – 7:00 PM
May 5	Extension Board Meeting – 7:00 PM
May 8	Mother's Day
May 9	Quality Assurance Training – 6:30 PM
May 10	Ag Society – 7:30 PM
May 13	All Horse IDs & Dist/State Entries Due & Skill Level Tests Passed – By 5:00 PM
May 13	Sheep/Goat Weigh & ID Day – 5:30 to 7:30 PM
May 14	Quilts of Valor Work Session
May 19	Quality Assurance Training – 6:30 PM
May 21	Quilts of Valor Work Session
May 24-26	Tennis Lessons – 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
May 26	South Central Livestock Judging
May 30	Holiday – Memorial Day – Office Closed

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



2011 4-H Council

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Lacey Uden

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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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Start your engines with 4-H Summertime Workshops

Quilts of Valor

Community Service Workshop with Quilts donated to wounded Military personnel

Work sessions

April 9th, April 30th,
May 14th, May 21st,
& June 4th

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
at Calico Cottage
Youth and Adults



Bits & Pieces Frame

Tuesday, May 31st

10:00 a.m. to noon

Learn the art of mosaic

Cost is \$12.00

Green Light to a Terrarium

Tuesday, May 31st – 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Experience the world of micro climate
with indoor plants Cost is \$10.00

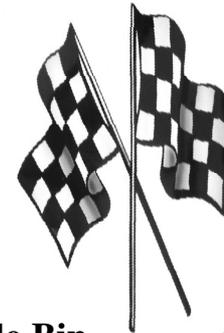
Qualifying with Brush Strokes

Thursday, June 2nd

10:00 a.m. to noon

Experiment with
basic paint techniques

Cost is \$10.00



**Clover Kids;
Racing
with 4-H**
Saturday June 3rd
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Ages 5-7
Day camp full of
experimenting,
creating and having
FUN!
Cost is \$15.00

Thrill, Fill & Spill Flower Barrel Workshop

Tuesday, May 3rd

Starts at 7:00 p.m.

Taught by Adams County Master Gardeners
at the Community Service Building at
Adams County Fairgrounds
Must pre-register by April 25th

Racing to the Recycle Bin

Wednesday, June 1st

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Turn everyday trash into a treasure
Cost is \$15.00

**Remember to
register and prepay
for Summer Workshops
by May 24th.
Supply list is available
at the Extension Office**

**Earn Points & Tips
to Better Bread**

Monday, June 6th

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Learn several methods
to make bread

Cost is \$12.00

**Burn outs and More
with Fabrics**

Friday, June 10th

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Experiment with
burning textiles

Cost is \$10.00



Show your Racing Colors with Tie Dye

Tuesday, June 14th

Beginning Level

from 10:00 a.m. to noon

Advanced Level

from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Cost is \$10.00

(bring 2 T-Shirts for each session)

**Turning the Corner to
Beginning Sewing**

Thursday, June 16th

10:00 a.m. to noon

Learn to sew
while making a
basic apron

Cost is \$12.00



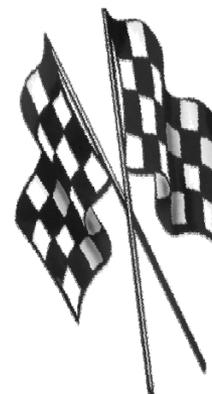
**Rev Up and Shift
Towards a Business**

Friday, June 17th

10 a.m. - 2p.m.

Learn about different
business opportunities
and how to get started in
Your own business

Cost is \$12.00



Clue into Science

Tuesday, June 21st

10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Spend the day as a
detective solving your
very own mystery using
science and technology
in Grand Island.

Cost is \$5.00



Remember to register and prepay for Summer Workshops by May 24th.

Supply list is available at the Extension Office

LIVESTOCK SHOW EXHIBITORS

Mark your calendars!



It's FREE!



SHOW LIVESTOCK TRAINING CLINIC

Saturday, April 30, 2011

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Location: Adams County Fairgrounds
Indoor Arena, Hastings, NE**

Lunch is sponsored by your S.E. Nebraska ADM Dealers
**Showing, Fitting, Nutrition and Management of Cattle,
Sheep, Swine & Goats – Live Animal Demonstrations**
Presentations by Krisha Custis - Show Feed Specialist – Fort Collins, CO.

**RSVP by April 26th by calling
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Ashley Benes @ 308- 385-5088**

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