



Nebraska 4-H Month

February 2011



Adams County 4-H Newsletter

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February Dates to Remember:

February 3	Extension Board Meeting
February 7	4-H Council Meeting
February 8	Ag. Society Meeting
February 10	Clothing 101 Workshop
February 13	Clover & Life Challenge Meeting
February 19	Horse Stampede
February 21	Extension Office Closed – Presidents Day
February 22	Leader Quality Assurance Training
February 27	YMAT meeting
February 27	Animal Science Series Meeting

February is Nebraska 4-H Month

Show your 4-H Pride by wearing a 4-H shirt on Tuesday, February 15th to help celebrate Nebraska 4-H Month.

The theme for 2011 is "Taking the Lead." We hope this theme inspires our youth to become involved leaders in their clubs and communities. Celebrate 4-H as youth step up and take responsibility for their future and ours. 4-H month is a great time to recruit new 4-H members, invite friends to a 4-H meeting, thank volunteer leaders and parents or local businesses who support the 4-H program.

Congratulations

- Taylor Kort for winning a trip to National 4-H Conference in Washington D.C.
- Adams County Shooters at USA Shooting Junior Olympics:
 - Air Pistol: Tanner Davis (Gold with 508/600), Mathew Hermann (4th with 493/600)
 - Sport Pistol: Tanner Davis (Gold with 393), Matthew Hermann (2nd with 355)

Kick-Off Thank You!

The 4-H Office wants to thank all of you who helped make the 3rd annual Adams County 4-H Kick-Off a success! We honestly cannot run an event of this magnitude without all of you helping by bringing exhibits, manning a booth, or spreading the word about the event. If you have any suggestions on how to improve the event, please email me at emaricle2@unl.edu. We appreciate any and all constructive thoughts! Thanks again for your hard work!!



Extension Office Closed – February 21, Presidents Day

Enrollment & Pick a Project

Watch your mail for the 2011 4-H Enrollment Form and Pick a Project. This information is time sensitive with enrollments due on April 15, 2011. New 4-H members need to have a Code of Conduct signed by this date. We hope that you take some extra time this year and sign up for a project you can do as a family or with another person. Challenge yourself by adding a new or advanced project. Whatever you do, we hope you continue to be part of the Adams County 4-H Program.

"Like" us on Facebook

We are switching from a "person" to an "organization" 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!

Leaders & Parents Corner



Junior Leader News

The Jr. Leaders 4-H club will be meeting on February 13th at 7:00 p.m. the location TBA. We are still recruiting members! Anyone that is 13 years old or older as of January 1, 2011 is welcome to join. 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, help with Leader's banquet, help members and younger 4-H'ers with 4-H projects and are a 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).

Quality Assurance for Leaders

Any and all **adult or youth who will teach the Quality Assurance material** to their club **are required** to attend a meeting on **Tuesday, February 22, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room** of the Adams County Office Building. If no representative from the club attends, then all members must attend a Quality Assurance Training held by Beth this spring. Please register your club and leader by contacting UNL Extension in Adams County at (402)461-7209.

4-H Leaders/Parent Meeting

All 4-H Club Leaders and Independent Parents are highly encouraged to attend a **2011 Jump Start Meeting on Tuesday, March 22, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room** at the Adams County Office Building. Regardless of the years you have served as a 4-H leader or parent, we strongly encourage you to come. You will gain new ideas, be updated on the State and Adams County 4-H program, and walk away with info to pass on to your club members/youth. It will be well worth your time to attend! Prizes will be given! Please contact UNL Extension in Adams County at (402) 461-7209 if you plan on attending.

Go Green with Design for Leaders and Volunteers

Are you interested in gaining resources about recycled items to turn into 4-H exhibits? Then attend this full day workshop Tuesday, March 15, 2011 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the UNL in Buffalo County Extension Office in Kearney, NE. Participants will walk away with the resources after completing the Hands on Projects of Plastic Fabric, Paper Making, Bead Making and Denim Pillows. Registration is a \$25.00 fee to UNL in GLW, PO Box 638, Burwell, NE 68823 by March 1, 2011.

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 get all resources to replicate the programs. Pre-registration fee is \$10.00 in advance or \$15.00 at the door. Registration cost to the first five participants will be only \$5.00. 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!

Mailings

If you move, please let the Extension Office know your new address immediately so that you don't miss information and so we can avoid the post-office fee for returned postal items. Remember to save your 4-H newsletter each month so that you can refer back to it for important information. The newsletters are also available on our website.

Year-End Club Reports Due!

Attention Leaders! We need the year-end treasurer's reports from our 4-H Clubs. Our office will file the 990-N or E-Postcard for clubs but we need the year-end report to do this. If you need a form, stop by or call the Adams County Extension Office. If you need help completing this requirement please contact our office.

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

January 4-H Council Happenings

- Officers are: Todd Lay – President, Don Burbach – Vice Pres, Twila Bankson – Treasurer, Monika Bowen – Secretary
- 4-H Kick-Off Planning Update
- Soup Supper Planning and Volunteer Sign-up
- Beef Weigh Day Volunteer Sign-up

February 4-H Council Agenda

- Sheep Shear Update
- 4-H Month Event
- Spring Tractor Supply Company Promotion

Youth Information

Save the date: June 6th – 8th for County Camp!!

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 their County Camp! Extension staff from these counties will be working together and providing the camping experience. This camp is not only for 4-H'ers, so tell all of your friends! Beth hopes you save the date! More information is to come.

Big Red Summer Academic Camps

The 2011 Big Red Summer Academic Camps, to be held **June 12-17, 2011**, are only six 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.

4-H Camp Cabin Mentors

The Cabin Mentor program is designed to give High School youth ages 17 and up, an opportunity to gain the skills and experience necessary for future 4-H summer program staff positions and provide overall night time cabin supervision. Cabin mentors are instrumental in developing a —team atmosphere in their cabin and program group. Cabin mentors are scheduled as needed throughout the 4-H camping season and will receive an honorarium for their service.

Objectives of Cabin Mentors:

- Provide youth and older camp counselors with an opportunity to further their camp leadership experience.
- Build leadership, communication and other desirable life skills.
- Provide night time cabin supervision and assist camp counselors in leading a group of campers throughout the day
- Build confidence, independence, responsibility and other desirable character traits.
- Give young adults the opportunity to grow from a job well done. To gain personal growth, wider interests, new skills, and a new appreciation of friendship and leadership.

Applications are due by March 15 and can be found at: <http://4h.unl.edu/camp/staff/> or at the Extension office.

4-H Camp Counselors

The State 4-H Camp near Halsey is accepting applications for youth, ages 15-19, interested in serving as camp counselors. Camp counseling is: Developing leadership skills, self-confidence, and independence; meeting friends who will last a lifetime; experiencing excitement, challenges and fun; realizing your full potential; helping kids be the absolute best they can be. Role models and leaders shape every camper's summer camp experience. UNL faculty and staff will share valuable information on learning styles, youth development, and leadership. This training teaches you how to be a responsible counselor, respond in an emergency, and help conduct camp programs. Upon completion of this camp, you will be eligible to sign up and volunteer as a counselor for 4-H summer camp sessions throughout the camping season. Do you want to be part of the team? All camp counselors are required, by the State 4-H Camp, to attend the Camp Counselor Training Camp held May 31 to June 3. The cost is \$100 for the four-day training. Applications are due before March 15. Applications received after the initial deadline may be accepted until all positions are filled. The applications may be found at: <http://4h.unl.edu/camp/staff/> or at the Extension office.

2013 Citizen Washington Focus

What is Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)? It is a living and learning educational experience in citizenship for youth ages 15 – 19 in 2013 or 2016. Youth will travel to the nation's capital to have an interactive classroom with workshops, seminars, and field trips. Traditionally, Adams, Clay, and Webster County 4-H'ers have joined together to take the trip. Of course, if you know other 4-H'ers from other counties that are interested in joining us, they are more than welcome to come along! If you are interested in fundraising, feel free to call Beth Maricle at (402)461-7209.

Club Award available through Governor's Agricultural Excellence Awards

4-H Clubs have the opportunity to be selected as a Governor's Agricultural Excellence Award winner. Twenty-five clubs across the state are selected each year and receive \$500 for the work of the individuals in the club and the community service work of the entire club. Clubs may use the award dollars for many different programs (Conferences or workshops for others in the community, trips or tours for club members, community improvement projects in their home town, campus visits). While the majority of the clubs choose a project that benefits many others in their community some have chosen to celebrate their success by providing more experiences for club members.

Applications are available on-line at <http://www.ne4hfoundation.org/agexcellenceaward.htm>. Any club that hasn't received a Governor's Agriculture Excellence Award for the past two consecutive years is eligible to apply. The application deadline is **March 1, 2011**. Email applications to Sinda Dux at the 4-H Foundation office at 4hfoundation@unl.edu. ***Please indicate in the subject line that it is a Governor's Ag Excellence Application.*** Counties and clubs will receive award notification by May 20, 2011. The Governor's Agriculture Excellence Awards will be presented during the evening picnic of the PASE/Life Challenge Event. This will be held on **June 27** at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln's East Campus. If you have any questions please contact Sinda Dux at the Nebraska 4-H Foundation, 402-472-1178 or email <mailto:4hfoundation@unl.edu>.

2011 Scholarships Available

Application forms are available at the Adams County Extension Office.

- **Nebraska Independent Fabric Shops Scholarship** of \$500 is for any youth interested in pursuing a career in family and consumer science, textiles and designs, quilt or museum studies or a related field of interest. Contact Marie Glenn from Heavenly Treasures, 402-852-2970, heavenly4124@yahoo.com. Or Lisa DeBord, The Quilt Rack, 308-532-2606, lisa@the-quilt-rack.com. **Application Deadline is Mar. 31.**
- **Nebraska 4-H Scholarships** - The criteria and application for these scholarships can be found at: <http://ne4hfoundation.org>. **Application deadline is Mar. 1st.**
 - Donna Wampler Endowed Scholarship - \$200-\$500
 - Orschlen Scholarship – (3) \$1,000
 - Horse Scholarship-Grand Island Saddle Club – (4) \$1,000
 - R.B. Warren 4-H Horse Educational Scholarship - \$500
- **Nebraska Association of County Extension Boards (NACEB) Scholarship** - NACEB is offering a \$1,000 scholarship at University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Agricultural Science and Natural Sciences (CASNR) or in the College of Education and Human Sciences (CEHS) for an incoming student (freshmen or transfer student). A \$500 scholarship for a current student (sophomore or higher) enrolled in CASNR or CEHS. Application available at the 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.
- **Ag. Scholarship** - The Hastings Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Committee is offering a \$500.00 for students with at least a C grade average that pursue college or university education and major in an agricultural field. The student must attend a 2 or 4 year college or university within Nebraska to qualify. Please contact the Extension office to receive an application form.

4-H Project Information

Communications and Expressive Arts

Youth Marketing Action Team (YMAT)

Do you believe 4-H is important? Then become a promoter of Adams County 4-H by joining YMAT!! Youth must be 12 years and older (4-H age). This group works with the media, public awareness and provides opportunities to spread the word about 4-H! Our first meeting will be Sunday, February 27, 2011 at 2:00pm in the Assembly Room at the Adams County Office Building. Hope to see you there!

Speech, PSA, & Performing Arts Contest

Do you want to try your hand at public speaking or entertaining an audience? Then this contest is for you! Now is the time to start gearing up for this contest. You can register until March 14th and the contest is on March 20th at 2:00 p.m. The theme for PSA is "Taking the Lead". Classes available are:

- Speech for Jr. Int. Sen.
- PSA for Jr. Int. Sen.
- Performing Arts – Drill or Dance Routine (Individual or Group), Song Group, Combo or Band, Individual Vocal, Individual Instrumental, Whole Club Performance, Duet – Vocal, Duet – Instrumental, Other: such as one-act plays, musical performances, pantomimes etc.

Photography

The 2011 photography themes are:

- 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.

Family and Consumer Science

Spring Workshops

- **Clothing 101 - Do's and Don'ts – February 10th - Pre-register by February 4th.**
Have you ever wondered which clothing project you are to sign up for? This workshop will answer your questions about what project your exhibits should be in based upon your sewing level. In this workshop, you will receive helpful hints and tips to enhance your 4-H sewing experience. We will discuss pattern selection, appropriate fabrics and modeling for a judge. This workshop is for parents, leaders and youth involved in clothing projects. The workshop is in the Assembly Room from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and the cost is \$8.00.
- **Quilts of Valor – Community Service Project - March 11th - Pre-Register by March 4th.**
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 workshop is for you. Mark your calendar for this starting date, we will be adding numerous sewing sessions to complete a group project that will be donated to the Quilts of Valor Foundation and then be given to wounded military personnel. The workshop will be held at the Calico Cottage 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.

Fashion Board Meeting

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, March 6th at 6:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room** for this meeting. 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

We are looking for interested 4-H'ers, 12-years of age or older to represent Adams County on the different family and consumer science teams. **An organizational meeting will be on Sunday, February 13, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the Adams County Office Building.** Please call (402) 461-7209, if you are willing to make a time commitment to the Adams County Challenge teams. District Clover Challenge is being planned. The Life Challenge Contest will take place on June 27-28 at UNL, East Campus. You will have a good time while you learn. If you need more details, contact Julie at the Adams County 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.

Environmental Ed & Earth Science

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.

Science and Technology

Junior FIRST LEGO league (Jr. FLL) Challenge

Attention all youth 6 to 9 years old! The first ever Junior *FIRST* LEGO League (Jr.FLL) will be held on **February 19, 2011**, at the Strategic Air and Space Museum by Ashland, Nebraska. Some fast facts about the event are:

- Teams are composed of 2 to 6 youth, under the supervision of a coach.
- The coach must register the team at <https://my.usfirst.org/jr.fll/tims/site.lasso>
- Total event cost is \$50.00. Registration is \$25.00. Day of event is an additional \$25.00.
- This year's challenge is "Body Forward" which explores the world of biomedical engineering.
 - The team must build a LEGO model that will solve one of the problems that they researched and present their findings to judges and peers.
 - No special equipment or kits are required to build the model. You can use whatever LEGOs you have around the house. The model must have at least one moving part with a simple machine (such as a ramp, a lever, or something designed to make work easier) and be made out of LEGOs.
- All team members will be presented with a participation medallion during an awards ceremony held immediately after the Expo.

For more information about how to get started, or for answers to your questions, please email this year's Jr.FLL coordinator, Don Johnson at <mailto:donnald.johnson@gmail.com>, or visit <http://4hset.unl.edu> and click on the Jr. FLL icon on the right side of the page.



Shooting Sports

Douglas/Sarpy 4-H BB Gun, Air Rifle, & Air Pistol Tournament

The Douglas/Sarpy 4-H Shooting Sports Club invites all 4-H'ers to their BB Gun, Air Rifle & Air Pistol Tournament on Saturday, February 5, 2011 in Springfield, NE at 4-H Building, Sarpy County Fairgrounds. Check-in will begin at 7:00 a.m. Match time starts at 8:00 a.m. There is a \$5.00 fee for each competition entered. The categories are: BB Gun, Air Rifle, and Air Pistol. Each category is broken into age divisions. Shooters can pre-register by calling or emailing Monte Stauffer at (402) 444-4092 or mstauffer1@unl.edu. For more information, please contact the Adams County Extension Office.

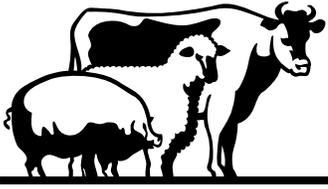
Whitetails Unlimited Fundraiser to Support 4-H Shooting Sports

The Whitetails Unlimited has developed a fundraiser to support the Adams County 4-H Shooting Sports Program. Raffle tickets will be sold from February 1, 2011 to March 15th. The cost for tickets will be \$5.00 per ticket or 3 tickets for \$10.00. Prizes will include a new Bowtech Soldier bow donated by Woodland Archery, a \$250 gift certificate donated by Osage Taxidermy, and four dinner tickets to the September 22, 2011 Whitetails Unlimited Three Rivers Chapter Banquet, including a \$200 General Raffle ticket package to be used in the general raffle. Winners will be notified by phone so each ticket stub must have contact name and phone number. If the name and/or number are not legible, another ticket will be drawn. Winning tickets will be drawn around 5:30 p.m. on March 15, 2011. Tickets will be available at Woodland Archery (134 N. Barnes Ave., Hastings, NE) and Osage Taxidermy (3030 Wendell Dr., Hastings, NE) or contact Jeff Armstrong (402-984-3125 (C), 402-463-3675 (H), jeff@woodland-archery.com) or Scott Sjuts (402-469-3661, sasjuts@hamilton.net). Any questions should be directed to Jeff Armstrong at the information provided above.

Dog

Dog Obedience Classes

Dog Program Obedience classes offered by Adams County Extension will begin with an informational meeting on **Monday, March 7, 2011**. This meeting will start at 7:00 P.M. and will be held in the Activities Building at the Adams County Fairgrounds. Objectives of the meeting include a discussion of the overall dog program, a demonstration of obedience performance expectations and an opportunity to enroll for the year. Thus, if you plan to participate in the dog program, you are highly encouraged to attend. Please **do not** bring your dog to this first meeting. The cost is \$10.00 to participate in the dog classes. Vaccination record forms for all participating dogs will be distributed and must be completed by a veterinarian or person providing the shots before beginning the classes. Requirements for participation are: 1) Enrollment in 4-H and in the dog project, 2) Vaccination form completed and 3) Class fee paid to the Adams County Extension Office before attending any class. The actual classes will begin at the fairgrounds on Monday, March 14th at 7:00 p.m.



Livestock

Attention Beef Exhibitors

Market Beef Id Sheets and Forms must be completed and returned to the Adams County Extension Office by Friday, February 25, 2011.

Animal Science Series

Any youth interested in learning more about livestock are welcome to attend. Our first meeting will be **Sunday, February 27, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room** at the Adams County Office Building. The Animal Science Sessions are designed to increase the youth's knowledge on Animal Agriculture through a series of sessions. The animals discussed will be Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goats and Poultry. Youth will be provided hands on learning opportunities, field trips, and invited speakers. Youth who are 12 years and older will have the opportunity to compete in the Premier Animal Science Event (PASE) in Lincoln on June 27th and 28th. For any questions, please contact Beth at UNL Extension in Adams County at 402.461.7209. Please bring your calendar to the meeting. If you are interested but unable to attend the first meeting please call the Adams County Extension Office to let us know you are interested.

2011 Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic Judging Contest - for 4-H'ers and FFA

The Fourth Annual Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic livestock judging contest will be held on Saturday, February 19th at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds. Saturday's events will run much like a regular contest with multiple rings used for leading cattle classes. There will be at least 8 classes of cattle with bulls, heifers and prospects included. The contest will consist of two divisions: Senior 4-H or FFA, and Junior 4-H. Senior contestants will give 3 sets of reasons. Junior contestants will answer 10 questions on two classes.

The Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic Website is: www.cattlemens.org/classicjudgingcontest.html. The registration form and more information about the contest can be found on their Website.

Eastern Nebraska Meat Goat Workshop

If you are a producer new to meat goat production or an established producer, this workshop is for you! The workshop is Saturday, February 12, 2011 at UNL's ARDC near Mead (same location as past two years). The line-up of topics and speakers are:

- **Diversified Ag Opportunities in Southeast Nebraska** - Gary Lesoing, UNL Extension Educator - SARE Program, Farmer/Rancher Grants
- **Goat Budgets** - Roger Wilson, UNL Agricultural Economics, Farm Management Budget Analyst
- **Marketing** - Kiley Hammond, Ravenna Land and Livestock, meat goat and sheep feeder and buyer
- **Meat Goat Management Wheel and Estrus Synchronization** - Jim Humphrey, University of Missouri Extension, Livestock Specialist
- **Quality Assurance** - Sara Ellicott, UNL Extension Educator
- **Speaker Panel** - A time for questions and answers

If registered by February 4th, the cost is \$30.00 for the first person and \$10.00 per additional family member. If after February 4, the cost is \$40.00 for the first person and \$25.00 per additional family member.

For registration and flyer, please visit <http://saunders.unl.edu/>.

2011 Sheep & Goat Weigh Day

- **Sheep & Goat Weigh Day** – Friday, May 13th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Horsin' Around

The dates are now set for this program, February 12 and 13, 2011 at the RB Warren arena in the Animal Science Complex, UNL East Campus. This year we will feature Western Pleasure, Showmanship and Western Riding. The featured trainer will be Shane Dowdy of Wetherford, TX who is unquestionably one the country's most talented and successful trainers. He specializes in Western Pleasure, however Shane's approach to training focuses on creating a responsive, solid, well rounded horse and he has been known to keep finished horses fresh.

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, the liability waiver, and the \$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.

Check out the new Husker Horse Info blog and join in!

Blog: Husker Horse Info

Link: <http://huskerhorseinfo.blogspot.com/2010/10/extension-horses-survey.html>

UNL Opportunities

Nebraska 4-H Ambassador Program

The Nebraska 4-H Foundation has created a unique opportunity for Nebraska's Collegiate 4-H Alumni - the **Nebraska 4-H Ambassador Program!** We are seeking college level students – freshmen through seniors (must graduate after May 2011) – who wish to be an advocate for the Nebraska 4-H Program. If you know of any qualified collegiate 4-H alumni members from your county who are attending UNL, please encourage them to apply!

Responsibilities:

- Serve a one-year term (March 1, 2011—October 31, 2011)
- Speak at a variety of 4-H events across the state (must attend one)
- Help out with 4-H events such as the 4-H/FFA Golf Classic, Charity Shoot, Trail Ride, 4-H Camps, State Fair, etc. (select at least one)
- Create a group workshop during the Nebraska State Fair (mandatory)
- Network with business professionals across Nebraska
- Gain interview, resume, public speaking, and other “life after college” skills
- Fun group socials throughout the year (optional)
- Serve on the Nebraska 4-H Foundation's Board of Trustees (optional)
- Meet with Nebraska Legislature members about Nebraska 4-H
- Promote the 4-H Program
- * Exact responsibilities of position are subject to change.
- ** Travel and miscellaneous expenses will be paid for.

Interviews will be conducted to select five (5) college students. This program will begin **March 1, 2011**, and conclude **October 31, 2011**. If interested, complete an application, found at <http://ne4hfoundation.org>, by **Tuesday, February 1, 2011**. Applications should be sent by email to <mailto:sshepherd3@unlnotes.unl.edu> or by mail to Nebraska 4-H Foundation, 6940 “O” Street, Suite 210, Lincoln, NE 68510. Questions? Please call Stu Shepherd at (402) 472-4748 or email at <mailto:sshepherd3@unlnotes.unl.edu>

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.

The Big Red Road Show

The Big Red Road Show, February 13, 2011 will be held at the Qwest Center in Omaha is designed to help high school seniors make their final decisions about college and high school juniors and sophomores to begin their college search. Students of all ages and adults can attend to experience a glimpse of college life at UNL. Representatives from all UNL undergraduate colleges, graduate studies, and student affairs offices such as Scholarships and Financial Aid, Career Services, and Admissions will be on hand.

Visit <http://admissions.unl.edu/>

4-H Calendar

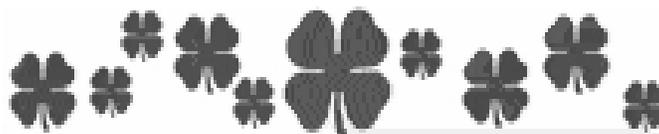
February

February 3	Extension Board Meeting
February 7	4-H Council Meeting
February 8	Ag. Society Meeting
February 10	Clothing 101 Workshop
February 13	Clover & Life Challenge Meeting
February 19	Horse Stampede
February 21	Adams County Extension Office Closed – Presidents Day
February 22	Leader Quality Assurance Training
February 27	YMAT meeting
February 27	Animal Science Series Meeting

March

March 3	Extension Board Meeting
March 6	Fashion Board Meeting
March 7	4-H Council Meeting
March 8	Ag. Society Meeting
March 11	Quilts of Valor Workshop
March 20	Communications Contest
March 22	Leader/Parent Meeting

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



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