



MARCH, 2011

## Adams County 4-H Newsletter

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### March Dates to Remember:

March 3	Extension Board Meeting
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### *Thank You*

- Thank you to all who made the 4-H Council's Soup Supper a huge success. The chicken noodle, chili, veggie beef and desserts were delicious. A special thank you goes to the 4-H Council fund raising committee for taking charge of the event along with the business sponsors. The CWF baskets were beautiful and unique, along with outstanding decorated cakes for the cake auction. A special thank-you to Randy Ruhter for being the auctioneer.
- Thank you to all the 4-H'ers, and leaders for making Nebraska 4-H Month successful.

### Congratulations

- J.D. Ochsner – Tribland King
- Cara Crandell – Tribland Queen runner-up

### 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 along with new 4-H members signed Code of Conduct. Just a reminder that projects can be added to previously turned in enrollment forms (Shooting Sports participants) until April 15.

### Support Adams County Camp by Eating at Dairy Queen

In partnership with the Hastings Dairy Queen, we are having a 4-H County Camp fundraiser on Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5 to 8 p.m. Please come support your 4-H County Camp! If interested in representing 4-H during any of that time, please let the Extension Office know. Let's show our 4-H pride!



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The 4-H Youth Development program abides with the nondiscrimination policies of the University of Nebraska–Lincoln and the United States Department of Agriculture.

## **"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 March 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. at Pastime Bowling Alley. 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).

### **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 by Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> if you plan on attending.

### **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](mailto: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!

## **4-H Volunteer & Youth Training**

All adults wanting to learn more about working with 4-H youth are invited to attend a volunteer training workshop focusing on Planning & Organizing, Service to the Community, and Parent Recruitment & Involvement. Any 4-H member, 14-18, may join in to gain valuable skills in workshops on Acceptance of Others, Honesty, Ethics, Morality, and Ability to Develop & Strengthen Relationships. This free event will be held on Friday, March 25, 2011 starting at 5:30 pm at the Clay County Activities Building at the Fairgrounds in Clay Center. A light supper will be served at 5:30 pm followed by small group training. This experience is being sponsored by UNL Extension 4-H Youth Development, National 4-H Council, Monsanto, and MetLife Foundation. The training sessions will be conducted by UNL staff. Plan now to take advantage of this opportunity to gain new information and have fun. Youth and adults from all towns and counties are encouraged to participate. For more information or to **RSVP by March 15**, call UNL Extension in Clay County at 402-762-3644 or email [clay-county@unl.edu](mailto:clay-county@unl.edu).

## **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.

## **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 25<sup>th</sup> and Livestock check-in the evening of Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. Livestock show schedule will be the same as 2010 show schedule.

## **4-H Council Information**

### **February 4-H Council Happenings**

#### **4-H Council Happenings**

- Kick Off Wrap-up Report
- Beef Weigh Day Wrap-up Report
- Adams County Camp
- Spring Tractor Supply Company Promotion

### **March 4-H Council Agenda**

- Spring Tractor Supply Company Promotion led by YMAT
- Discussion of Welding Rule
- Static Exhibit Pick-Up time
- Shortening Food Sale Time
- 4-H Summer Workshops

## **Community Service**

March is Bake and Take Month. Begun in 1970, Bake and Take is observed annually on the last Friday and Saturday of March. Many organizations participate in Bake and Take Days as a community service project to demonstrate their care and concern for the elderly or shut-ins in their communities. Individuals can use this opportunity to do something special for a teacher, neighbor or friend. Nebraska Wheat Board recommends participants obtain permission from shelters, nursing homes or other institutions before delivering baked goods. Happy Baking!

## Youth Information

### Adams County Camp: June 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

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 6<sup>th</sup> and end at noon on Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. 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 – 8<sup>th</sup>, please let Beth know. You do not have to attend the official state camp counselor training, but it is recommended.



### 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 6<sup>th</sup>.** Please pick up an application from the Extension office if you are interested in being considered.

### 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. 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. 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 at any State Camp. 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.

## **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.

## **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.



## **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@yaoo.com](mailto:heavenly4124@yaoo.com). Or Lisa DeBord, The Quilt Rack, 308-532-2606, [lisa@the-quilt-rack.com](mailto:lisa@the-quilt-rack.com). **Application Deadline is Mar. 31.**
- **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. Applications are **due to the Hastings Chamber of Commerce office by March 13<sup>th</sup>**. Please contact the Extension office to receive an application form.
- **Adams County FCE Scholarship:** The Adams County Family and Community Education Clubs have established two \$500.00 scholarships. Applications are available at the Extension Office. **Application deadline is March 28.**
- **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.

## **2011 Master Conservationist Program**

The Master Conservationist Program awards five residential, community, and youth awards. These statewide awards will be presented to individuals or groups who have excelled in taking a holistic approach to making wise use of soil and water resources while maintaining and enhancing the environment. Applications can be made online by visiting [www.owh.com](http://www.owh.com) and clicking on "In the Community" link. Award recipients are selected by a committee of judges representing the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts, Natural Resources Districts and the Nebraska office of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. **The deadline for submissions is Friday, April 1, 2011.**

## **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 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 Community Service Building at the fairgrounds. 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 14<sup>th</sup> and the contest is on March 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **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>.

## **Family and Consumer Science**

### **Spring Workshops**

- **Quilts of Valor – Community Service Project - March 11<sup>th</sup> - Pre-Register by March 4<sup>th</sup>.**  
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 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.

### **Fashion Board Meeting**

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> 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**

There is still time to join us! 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. Please call Julie at the Adams County Extension Office for a practice schedule if you are willing to make a time commitment to the Adams County Challenge teams. District Clover Challenge is on April 25<sup>th</sup>. The Life Challenge Contest will take place on June 27-28 at UNL, East Campus. You will have a good time while you learn.

### **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**

Clovers a Plenty

Barnyard Bash

This is not your Grandmothers Cookin' (new trends in cooking)

Wet & Wild

**2011 Food Review is scheduled for July 7<sup>th</sup>.**

## **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.



## Shooting Sports

### 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 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 at 5:30 p.m. on March 15, 2011. Tickets will be available at the Adams County Extension Office, 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](mailto:jeff@woodland-archery.com)) or Scott Sjuts (402-469-3661, [sasjuts@hamilton.net](mailto:sasjuts@hamilton.net)). Any questions should be directed to Jeff Armstrong at the information provided above.



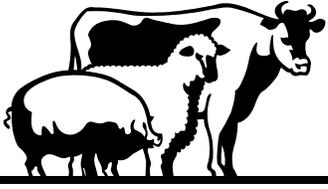
## Dog

### 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 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

### 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 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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](mailto:lkarr-lilienthal2@unl.edu)



## Livestock

### Animal Science Series

Any youth interested in learning more about livestock are welcome to attend. Our next meeting will be **Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. in the Community Service Building** at the Adams County Fairgrounds. 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 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### Save the Date: Livestock Clinic on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

Any 4-H'er who is interested in learning more about showing, fitting, nutrition and management of Cattle, Sheep, Swine & Goats with live animal demonstrations should mark their calendars for this workshop! More information will be in the April Newsletter!

### 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 15<sup>th</sup> – 4-H Enrollment, Market Broilers Order, Swine Bred & Fed, & Bucket Calf Tags Purchased
- May 13<sup>th</sup> – Horse ID's Due to UNL Extension Office in Adams County
- May 13<sup>th</sup> – Sheep & Goat Weigh Day
- June 1<sup>st</sup> – Animal ID's & Vaccinations (tags need to be purchased and in the animals ear)

### First Year Bucket Calf Reminder

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

### Market Broilers

Adams County will once again be ordering all of our counties market broilers together. The deadline for ordering Market Broilers is April 15<sup>th</sup> 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.



### Swine Bred and Fed

Registration for Swine Weigh-day and project enrollment is due in the Extension Office on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## Sheep and Goats Weigh Day



Weigh-in is scheduled for 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.

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

## 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](http://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 13<sup>th</sup> by 5:00 p.m.

### **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:**

March 7, 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](mailto: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.

# 4-H Calendar

## March

March 3	Extension Board Meeting – 7:00 PM
March 6	Fashion Board Meeting – 6:30 PM
March 6	Clover Challenge Practice – 7:15 PM
March 7	4-H Council Meeting – 7:00 PM
March 8	Ag. Society Meeting – 7:30 PM
March 11	Quilts of Valor Workshop – 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
March 13	Clover Challenge Practice – 5:00 PM
March 20	Communications Contest – 2:00 PM
March 20	Animal Science Series – 4:30 PM
March 20	Clover Challenge Practice – 7:00 PM
March 22	Leader/Parent Meeting

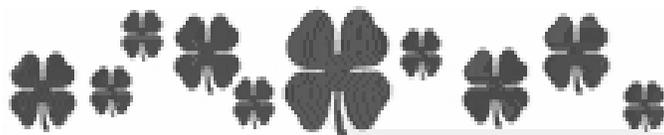
## APRIL

Apr. 1	April Fool's Day!
Apr.4	4-H Council Meeting – 7:00 PM
Apr. 7	Extension Board Meeting – 7:00 PM
Week of Apr. 11	Swine Bred & Fed Weigh Week
Apr. 12	Ag Society Meeting – 7:30 PM
Apr. 12	Heart & Hands – 6:30 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
Apr. 24	Easter
Apr. 25	District Clover Challenge
Apr. 29	Holiday – Arbor Day – Office Closed

## MAY

May 2	4-H Council Meeting – 7:00 PM
May 5	Extension Board Meeting – 7:00 PM
May 8	Mother's Day
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 – 5:00 to 7:30 PM
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

Todd Lay – Pres.	Don Burbach – V.Pres.	Monika Bowen – Sec.	Twila Bankson – Tres.
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Chris Anderson	Holly Stark	Cara Crandell	Julie Ochsner – Ag Society Rep.
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Carol Chitko-McKown	Troy Vorderstrasse	Lacey Uden	
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# Adams County 4-H Performing Arts/Public Speaking Contest

**Sunday, March 20, 2011**

**Community Service Building on the Adams County Fairgrounds**

**2 p.m. – Public performance**

**1 p.m. to 2 p.m. – practice for participants.**

**Registrations Forms due in the Adams County Extension Office by Monday, March 14, at 5 p.m.**

Age of Child: is the 4-H age and is how old the child is as of January 1, 2011. They may participate in both contests.

## Performing Arts Rules and Classes

### **General Music/Performing Arts Rules:**

- A. Open to all Traditional 4-H members.
- B. Pre-registration is required for contest by stated deadline or they will be considered a late entry and lowered one ribbon placing.
- C. Entry Limit: A 4-H member may enter a maximum of 3 different classes.
- D. Age Divisions: will be determined by the 4-H'ers age as of January 1 of the current year. Age Divisions: Junior – 8, 9, 10; Intermediate – 11, 12, 13; Senior – 14 and Up.
- E. Clover Kids (ages 5 – 7) are no longer eligible to participate.**
- F. Each group will consist of 3 or more participants; all must be current 4-H members.
- G. Time - Each group is allowed two minutes after the cue from the contest chair to arrange themselves on stage and begin performing. Props are not encouraged, but if used, must be in place within the time limit. The performance of each group is limited to not more than six minutes.
- H. Selection – Any number of songs may be sung within the six minutes time limit. Groups may sing any selection of their choice.
- I. Accompaniment – Anyone can accompany or you can use recorded music (bring your own player).
- J. Song group, combos and bands may appear with or without a director. The director of a group must be a 4-H member, leader, or parent.
- K. Performing groups must bring their own tape, CD or Ipod/MP3. Please only have the music you need on the tape and bring your own player.
- L. Other song groups may be accompanied by piano, guitar, or other instruments. Live accompaniment, if used, may be by a 4-H member, parent or leader. Not more than one adult may accompany a group.
- M. All performers in the Band or Combo class must be 4-H members. You must provide your own music stands.
- N. Whole Club Performance group – All leaders and members of club EXCEPT Clover Kids.
- O. Top purple Individual or Duet in the Junior Division, Intermediate Division and Senior Division will receive a medal at Achievement Night.

**Entry Limit: Member may participate in three (3) different Performing Arts classes.**

### **Class ID:**

- B155901 DRILL or DANCE ROUTINE (individual) – a drill, square or folk dance, tap dance or any routine done as an individual.
- B155902 DRILL or DANCE ROUTINE (group) – a drill, square or folk dance, tap dance or any routine done as a group.
- B155903 SONG GROUP (3 or more participants)
- B155904 COMBO or BAND – Group must be 3 or more with instruments of their choice, including piano, may include vocalists.
- B155905 INDIVIDUAL – Vocal – Maximum of six minutes will be given to each performance
- B155906 INDIVIDUAL – Instrumental - Maximum of six minutes will be given to each performance
- B155908 WHOLE CLUB PERFORMANCE – May be a total club group ranging from 8 year old kids to adults
- B155909 DUET – Vocal – Maximum of six minutes will be given to each performance
- B155910 DUET – Instrumental – Maximum of six minutes will be given to each performance
- B155911 OTHER – performing arts not included in the above classes. Can be one-act plays, musical performances, pantomimes, Duet dance routine, etc., within the six-minute time limit. An individual, duet, or group may enter this class.

## 4-H Public Speaking and PSA Rules and Classes

### **General Public Speaking and PSA Rules:**

- A. Open to all 4-H members.
- B. Pre-registration is required for contest by stated deadline or they will be considered a late entry and lowered one ribbon placing.
- C. Age is determined by how old they were on January 1st of current year.
- D. Clover Kids (ages 5 - 7) are no longer eligible to participate.**
- E. Participants may do one Speech and one PSA.
- F. Top purple ribbon winner in Speech and in PSA for each age division will receive a medal at Achievement Night.
- G. Complete contest rules are available at the Extension Office.
- H. **Speech Age Divisions** –
  - 1. **Junior Division** (ages 8 – 11) – Talks should be under 3 minutes related to 4-H. No visual aids allowed.
  - 2. **Intermediate Division** (ages 12 – 13) – Talks should be 3 to 5 minutes long relating to 4-H. No visual aids allowed.
  - 3. **Senior Division** (ages 14 & older) – Original Speech should be 5 – 8 minutes long relating to 4-H. No visual aids allowed. The type of talk must be either entertain, inform, persuade, or obtain action. Outline will be due the date of the county speech contest.
- I. **PSA Divisions** –
  - 1. The Public Service Announcement (PSA) is a short advertisement that a radio station plays free of charge for nonprofit organizations. Your PSA needs to promote or inform the listeners about 4-H.
  - 2. PSA Division ages are the same as the Speech divisions.
  - 3. Length of PSA is a 60 second announcement.
  - 4. **All PSA's will use the state theme as the basis for their PSA. 2011's theme is "Taking the Lead"**
  - 5. All radio PSA's must promote 4-H and be general enough to be used anywhere in Nebraska at anytime of the year.
  - 6. PSA can be with or without sound. Recorded background music, sounds, voices, etc. may be used. Sound effects and public domain music may be used. Copyrighted material may not be use.
  - 7. You will not be judged on your gestures or posture. You may choose to stand or sit, whichever is more comfortable.
  - 8. All PSA's must be the original work of the presenter. Contestants may not use PSA's written and provided by the state or national staff.
  - 9. No team PSA's are allowed.
  - 10. **All 4-H PSA's must include the following tag line within the last ten seconds of the PSA: "Learn more about the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension 4-H Youth Development Program at 4h.unl.edu and Know How. Know Now."** The tag line is included in the 60 second time limit.

**Entry Limit: Member may participate in One (1) Speech and one (1) PSA.**

### **SPEECH**

#### **Class ID:**

- B153001 SPEECH – JUNIOR DIVISION
- B153002 SPEECH – INTERMEDIATE DIVISION
- B153003 SPEECH – SENIOR DIVISION

### **PSA**

#### **Class ID:**

- B153005 PSA – 60 SECOND – JUNIOR DIVISION
- B153006 PSA – 60 SECOND – INTERMEDIATE DIVISION
- B153007 PSA – 60 SECOND – SENIOR DIVISION

**Registration can be done by calling the Extension Office at 402-461-7209 or by picking up an Entry Form available at the Office.**