Don’t Forget Sheep and Goat Weigh Day
Weigh-in is scheduled for May 13th, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Adams County Fairgrounds. Details in Livestock section of the newsletter.

Camper Sign-Up for 2011 County Fair
Mark your calendars for Friday, June 17th as the Camper Sign-up Day for the 2011 County Fair. The sign-up will begin at 8:00 a.m. at the Adams County Fairgrounds. You must be there to get a camper spot!

Support 4-H by Eating at Dairy Queen
Adams County 4-H has developed a partnership with the Hastings Dairy Queen to help with funds for various activites. Scheduled are several fundraisers. We hope to see you stop in!

- Thursday, May 12th, from 5 to 8 p.m. Life Challenge Fundraiser
- Wednesday, May 18th, from 5 to 8 p.m. Fashion Board Fundraiser
- Tuesday, May 24th, from 5 to 8 p.m. Adams, Clay & Fillmore County Camp Fundraiser
- Monday, June 13th, from 5 to 8 p.m. Life Challenge Fundraiser
- Tuesday, June 14th, from 5 to 8 p.m. Fashion Board Fundraiser

Summertime Workshops
Remember to sign-up for workshops! We hope that everyone can find at least one workshop that fits their interests. If you are unsure of what the workshop will be about, please stop in the office!

Adams County Extension Office Closed
May 30th – Have a wonderful Memorial Day!
Thank You!
The UNL Extension Office in Adams County would like to thank all of the Shooting Sports Instructors for their time & knowledge in making the Adams County Shooting Sports Program a success! It is because of you that the youth get to have such a great experience. Shooting Sports parents & youth, thank you for attending the end of the year picnic! We had excellent food and celebration for a great year! We would also like to thank the supporters and volunteers who helped with the Tractor Supply Paper Clover Promotion. The total amount donated has not yet been announced, but the store looked great due to donations! A special thanks goes to YMAT for sponsoring the Easter Egg Hunt on April 16th. Also thanks for your support at the Dairy Queen fundraising events.

Congratulations

Shooting Sports

BB Gun:
Beg. Division (age 8): Wyatt Janssen - Gold, Gage Wright - Silver
Jr. Division (ages 9 - 10): Blake Aspen - Gold, Hailee Stark - Silver
Int. Division (ages 11 - 13): Morgan Stromer - Gold, Sarah Barfknecht - Silver
Sr. Division (ages 14 & Up): Carli Johnson - Gold, Danny Brooks - Silver

Air Pistol:
Jr. Division (ages 9 - 10): Steven Hermann - Gold, Jacob Uden - Silver
Int. Division (ages 11 - 13): Dariana Burr - Gold, Rachel Roberts - Silver
Senior Division (ages 14 & Up): Tanner Davis - Gold, Matthew Hermann - Silver

Air Rifle:
Jr. Division (ages 9 - 10): Nathan Albers - Gold, Jordyn Fox - Silver
Int. Division (ages 11 - 13): Landon Wright - Gold, Cole Shurigar - Silver
Senior Division (ages 14 & Up): Joshua Nienhueser - Gold, Logan Harpham - Silver

Archery Freestyle Limited:
Jr. Division (ages 8 - 9): Chase Paulson - Gold,
Int. Division (ages 10 - 11): Jenna Steiner - Gold, Kelsie Robinson - Silver
Sr. Division (ages 12 - 14): Abbie Thornton - Gold, Derrick Nelson - Silver

Archery Freestyle Unlimited:
Int. Division (ages 10 - 11): Brock Hinrichs - Gold, Alyscia Sidlo - Silver
Sr. Division (ages 12 - 13): Jacob Janssen - Gold, Connor Smith - Silver

Archery Barebow:
Jr. Division (ages 8 - 9): Jacob Uden - Gold, Wyatt Janssen - Silver
Int. Division (ages 10 - 11): Michael Bates - Gold, Michael Wolfe - Silver
Sr. Division (ages 12 - 13): Casi Johnson - Gold, Jaci Vetro - Silver

Shotgun:
Int. Division (ages 11 - 14): Adam Florian - Gold, Cody Zeckser - Silver
Sr. Division (ages 15 - 18): Cody Newlun - Gold, Cole Mangers – Silver

State 4-H Pistol Shoot
Senior Sporter – Tanner Davis – 2nd place overall male
Senior Precision – Matthew Hermann – 1st place
Other Participants – Steven Hermann

Clover Challenge
2nd place team in District Competition – Crystal Barfknecht, April Crandell, Chelsi Johnson, Madison Pleak
Other Participants – Carli Johnson, Casi Johnson, Carissa Kopisch, Dayna Rundle, Morgan Stromer, Brenda Tran

FCE Scholarships
Emily Streff and Shane Kleier are the recipients of the 2011 FCE Scholarships. Good Luck in college!

Graduates
The Extension Office would like to congratulate all graduating seniors. You have been great assets to the Adams County 4-H program. We wish you the best of luck with all your future endeavors.
A Note from the Extension Office:
April Showers bring May Flowers! Where have the last few months gone? Spring is upon us and summer is just around the corner. Summer means preparation for the fair, a busy time for all of us. Please refer to your newsletter on a regular basis, it is packed full of information needed for a successful 4-H year. Enrollment was wonderful! A special thanks to all the families for turning in your completed enrollment forms in a timely fashion. Remember if you have information for the newsletter it needs to be turned into the Adams County Extension Office by the 20th of the month to be included in the next newsletter published.

Leaders & Parents Corner

Junior Leader News

The Jr. Leaders 4-H club will be meeting on June 12th, 7:00 p.m. at the old Middle School gym. The community service activity will be packaging meals for Kids Against Hunger. If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Shaw at 402-756-6636 or the Adams County Extension Office at 402-461-7209.

Jr. Leader Food Booth

Anyone interested in working in the 4-H Jr. Leader Food Booth at the fair, please contact Marilyn Shaw at 402-756-6636 to set up your time. The shifts are four hours each. Please wear a 4-H T-shirt and bring a baseball cap to wear while working in the booth. This could be clubs, independents, CWF 4-H’ers or 4-H families.

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 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.

2011 Adams County Fairfest Dates

The 2011 Adams County Fair is July 27 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.

2011 County Fair Theme

Join the Race to the 2011 Adams County Fair!

"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 Council Information

April 4-H Council Happenings
- Items passed:
  - Largest Ear of Corn Contest will be in the contest section only of the fairbook. Participants must sign up for contest on Pre-Fair entries in June.
  - All meat goats will have blunted horns at the Adams County Fair.
  - The poultry show order will be Pullet, Hen, Cockerel, and Cock.
  - Added to the section of Disqualified Dogs: – Any dog that bites a person or another dog will be disqualified.
  - Unmanageable cats will be disqualified at the discretion of the judge and superintendent.
  - Youth in their 3rd year of welding will not be able to compete in the 1st and 2nd year welding project areas.
- Adams County Entomology Contest will be held on Wednesday, July 27th in the Youth Building on the Adams County Fairgrounds.
- A Quilt Bed Turning will be held at the Public Fashion Show as a way to showcase the Quilts of Valor and other quilts 4-H’ers have made in 2011.

May 4-H Council Agenda
- Livestock Auction Rules
- 4-H Non Profit & 501(c)3 status
- Ribbons for 4-H Supporters
- National 4-H Health Challenge

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](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.

**Adventure Camp about the Environment**
Nebraska’s Natural Resources Districts are partnering with University of Nebraska Extension to provide youth an opportunity to explore natural resources and the environment. The camp will be held at the Nebraska 4-H Camp in Halsey, June 5-8. Participants will learn about forestry, range and grassland ecosystems, water quality, soils and lands and natural resources careers. There will also be plenty of time for camp activities such as hiking, climbing and canoeing. The camp cost is $180.00 that is to be paid with the registration which is due May 6th. Contact the Extension office for information and a registration form.

**Nebraska Youth Range Camp**
Participant will learn about rangeland and pasture management, including plant identification, range condition evaluation, range improvements and livestock health management. The program will be held at the Nebraska State 4-H Camp in Halsey, June 13-17. Applications are due May 31. Contact the Extension office for an application.

**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/](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.

Adams County 4-H T-Shirts
The official show attire for Adams County 4-H’ers is to wear an Adams County 4-H t-shirt. If wanting to purchase a new t-shirt, we are continuing with the current t-shirt design. Orders are due by June 24. Shirts may be long or short sleeve with the color choice of white or ash gray. Check the website at: www.adams.unl.edu for a blank order form or stop in at the Adams County Extension Office to pick up a copy. Remember long sleeve shirts are recommended for cat and rabbit exhibitors.

4-H Project Information

Communications and Expressive Arts

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.

Presentations Contest – (DATE CHANGE)
The Adams County 4-H Presentations Contest will be Thursday, June 9th 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 1st by 5:00 p.m. in the UNL Extension Office in Adams County.

Youth Marketing Action Team (YMAT)
There will be no YMAT meeting in May due to graduations, Mother’s Day, and Memorial Day weekend. Enjoy the many celebrations! The next meeting will be Saturday, June 4th at 1:30 p.m in the Assembly Room of the Adams County Office Building.
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 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 our next meeting Saturday, June 4th, at 12:00 noon during the Quilts of Valor workshop at Calico Cottage. The Fashion Board is open to any 4-H’er, 12 and older involved in Clothing and/or 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.

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 Team. 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 (you must be enrolled in Tennis for lessons and the tournament)

- Lessons will be held at Hastings College Courts.
- May 24, 25, 26, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (the first hour will be for beginners and intermediates and the second hour will be for the advanced.)
- May 31, June 1 & 2 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (the first hour will be for beginners and intermediates and the second hour will be for the advanced.)
- Parental consent/medical release forms will be mailed to 4-H’ers enrolled in the tennis project. These forms must be signed and returned along with $5.00 for lessons only to the Extension Office by May 13th (this is mandatory).
- The tournament will be held on June 23 at the Hastings College Courts. The specific time will be announced in the next newsletter. There is no charge and one does not need to take the tennis lessons to compete at the tournament, but you must have enrolled in the Tennis project and have pre-entered with medical release forms into the Adams County Extension Office by June 1st.

Golf

The 4-H golf tournament will be held at Southern Hills Golf Course on Thursday, July 14th starting at 8:00 am. It will cost $5.00 for non-golf course members, $1.00 for golf course members. Practice sessions will be held at the Southern Hills Golf Course driving range at 9:00 am on Friday, July 8th and Tuesday, July 12th. There is no cost to participate in the practice sessions. You will need to bring your own golf clubs to both the practices and the tournament. To participate, a signed health waiver needs to be turned into the Adams County Extension Office by June 1st. Health waivers will be mailed out. You must be enrolled in the golf project to participate in the lessons and/or tournament.

Bowling

The bowling tournament is set for Monday, June 20th, at Pastime Lanes with an afternoon session at 1:30 p.m. and an evening session at 6:30 p.m. Registration for the tournament is due June 1. At the tournament, bowling fees of $8.00/person will be collected. Each participant will be allowed to bowl 3 games. You must have enrolled in the Bowling project to participate in the tournament.

Environmental Ed & Earth Science

Flower Barrel Workshop and Pick –up (Please note location change)

Learn the basics of growing eye catching flower barrels at a workshop, Tuesday, May 3rd, from 7-8 p.m in the East End of the Activities Center 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.
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)

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.

Shooting Sports

**Upcoming Events:**
- 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

Dog

Dog Obedience Classes
Dog Program Obedience classes, offered by Adams County Extension, continue to be held each Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Adams County Fairgrounds in the west end of the Activities building. 4-H’ers can still participate as long as they have 1) Enrolled 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.

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:
• 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)

Sheep and Goats Weigh Day
Weigh-in is scheduled for Friday, May 13, 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 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.

Scrapies Tag
All female sheep and goats (breeding and market) and breeding rams to be exhibited at the Adams County Fair, State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben must have a scrapies tag in its ear. If you have your own flock, you must order tags and register your flock through the USDA. If you are purchasing sheep or goats, make sure that the producer puts a scrapies tag in the ear before you accept them.
Market Broiler Arrival Date: Thursday, June 9th.
If you ordered Market Broilers, please mark your calendar for Thursday, June 9th to pick up them up from the Extension Office between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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.

Swine Bred and Fed
Due to lack of participation, there will not be a Bred and Fed Market Hog Contest at the 2011 Adams County Fair.

DNA Swine for State and/or Ak-Sar-Ben
May is the month to DNA your swine if participating in State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben! If you are planning to do so, please call the UNL Extension Office in Adams County and talk to Beth to pick a day and time. The DNA samples must be in the Extension Office by 5:00 on Friday, May 27th.

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:
  o Tuesday, May 3rd at 6:30 p.m. at the Adams County Office Building
  o Wednesday, May 18th at 6:30 p.m. at the Adams County Office Building
  o Thursday, May 26th at 8:30 a.m. at Bladen for Livestock Judging Clinic
  o Wednesday, June 1st at 1:00 at Nelson for Poultry Judging Clinic
  o More dates to come!
For more information contact Beth at the UNL-Extension Office in Adams County at 402-461-7209 or email 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 cancelled. 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.
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.

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.

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 stop in the office to check for the flyers and complete list of show and livestock judging opportunities available. There are too many to list, so please stop in to check them out!
**Horse**

**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

**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.

**Saddle up for St. Judes Trail Ride**
Blue Valley Blazer 4-H Club is hosting a trail ride at Liberty Cove near Lawrence NE on Sunday, May 22nd at 1:30 p.m. It will be about a 2 hour ride with a meal and prizes to follow. Horse drawn wagons will be there if you don’t have a horse to ride. For more information contact Jim at 402-469-6903 or Heather at 402-984-5429. All the money raised goes to St. Judes Childrens Hospital.

**UNL Opportunities**

**UNL Agronomy & Horticulture Degree Programs: At a Glance**
The Department of Agronomy and Horticulture has over 3600 graduates from its degree programs. Currently, there are over 230 students enrolled in the Department’s four undergraduate majors. Students in all our majors experience many learning environments, including our teaching gardens, greenhouses, campus landscapes, classrooms, and labs. Real-world projects—whether it’s helping a farmer improve crop yield or providing landscape design and management advice on community projects—are used to prepare students for their future careers. The four majors and descriptions are:

- **Agronomy** encompasses the sciences related to crops and soils. Options include crop production, business, integrate crop management, research careers, and soil science. Enrollment this semester: 111 students.

- **Horticulture** is the science and art of growing and using fruits, vegetables and ornamental plants to enhance our living environment and to diversify human diets. Options include production, entrepreneurship, landscape design, and science. Enrollment this semester: 74 students.

- **Plant biology** is the exploration of plants at the molecular, cellular, organismal, whole plant and ecosystem levels. Options include biotechnology and ecology & management. Enrollment this semester: 11 students.

- **Turfgrass & Landscape Management** includes the management of golf courses, parks, sports fields, botanical gardens and other green spaces that enhance quality of life through their aesthetic and functional uses. Options include turfgrass management and landscape management. Enrollment this semester: 43 students.
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2011 4-H Council

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Jerry Allen
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Jeanette Uden
Troy Vorderstrasse
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Lacey Uden

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Julie Ochsner – Ag Society Rep.

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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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Rainbow Riders Open 4-H Annual Horse Show

June 18th 2011 @ Adams county fairgrounds Hastings NE
Tack awarded 1st-3rd Ribbons 4th-6th
!!!! Hi point for each age group !!!!!
!!!!!!! Hi point for 1 horse/1rider !!!!

Show starts @ 8am Office opens @ 7am

4-H rules Judge Deb Adams Open dress

Food will be provided by Red's Country Catering
$3.00 per class One time office charge $3.00 Ride all day $22.00

Age groups: Junior 8-10yrs Intermediate 11-14
Senior 15-18 Adult 19 & Over

Novice all ages= Novices may not enter into any age division classes
except for showmanship

1. Showmanship Jr, Intermediate, Sr, Adult
2. Presentation of the Colors
3. Lead line 8 and under
4. Walk Trot 8 and under
5. Walk Trot open
6. 2-3 yr old snaffle bit open
7. Pleasure Jr., Indeterminate, Sr., Adult
8. Horsemanship Jr., Intermediate, Sr., Adult
9. Working Pleasure Jr., Intermediate, Sr., Adult
10. Driving Class exhibition
11. Reining Jr., Intermediate, Sr., Adult
12. Ride a Buck
13. Trail Jr, Intermediate, Sr., Adult
14. Poles Novice, Jr., Intermediate, Sr., Adult
15. Barrels Novice, Jr., Intermediate, Sr., Adult
16. Keyhole Novice Jr., Intermediate, Sr., Adult
17. Stake Novice Jr., Intermediate, Sr., Adult

For more information please call Lori Wiseman @ 402-751-2396 or Jenny Korth @ 402-984-0292. Campsites and stalls available on the Adams county fairgrounds please call 402-462-3247 for further information. Indoor arena available if rain.