Premium Checks for 4-H members need to be cashed by 12/12/16 please. If you have a problem cashing it please contact Gwen or Twila.

**Beef Weigh Day**
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**Extension Office Closed**
The Adams County Extension Office will be closed the following days for the holidays
- November 24th & 25th for Thanksgiving
- December 26th for Christmas
- January 2nd for New Years
- January 16th for Martin Luther King Day

Happy Holidays
From all of us at the
Adams County Extension Office
Thank you’s

Please help us thank our 2016 Golden Clovers, Sarah Barfknecht and Casi Johnson for doing a great job promoting 4-H this past year. When you see them, please let them know what a great job they did for Adams County.

A special thank you goes out to Twila Bankson and the 4-H Council committee for preparing the delicious meal at the Leader/Volunteer Banquet. Without the dedicated leadership that is provided, the Adams County 4-H program would not be as successful as it is. Receiving special awards that evening were: 5 years of service Tia Douglass, Michael Eckhardt, Bryce Katzberg, Shari Maul, Anthony Shafer, Trisha Shafer, Rob Svoboda, Wryan Wright. For 10 years of service Chris Anderson, Terry DeVries, Cindy Hinrichs, Deborah Unterseher, LaVila VanBoening. 15 years of service Alice Longhorn and Michael Wallace and Fran Wallace for 25 years of service and dedication to the 4-H program. Achievement Party provided an opportunity for another fantastic display of the skills and talents that the Adams County youth demonstrate in the county, state and on the national level.

Congratulations!

4-H Achievement Party in Adams County was very successful.

- Golden Clover – Chase DeVries & Rachel Kort
- Tribland Queen Nominee – Rachel Kort
- 4-H Event Scholarship – Hastings Chamber of Commerce – Blake Frink & Rachel Kort
- 4-H Council Scholarship – Courtney Anderson & Casi Johnson
- County Awards from their Career Portfolio/Awards Book – Shaelyn Confer, Blake Frink & Evan Frink
- District Nominations from their Career Portfolio/Awards Book – Rachel Kort
- 10 Year 4-H members – Alexis Anderson, Chase DeVries, Shianne Everhart, Steven Hermann, Rachel Kort, Ashlyn Mohling, Ashley Petr, Megan Petr & Landon Wright.

Please Pick up Record Books, Career Portfolio and Awards left from Achievement Party and Leaders Banquet, County & State Fair and other various events. If unsure please call the office and check.

Leaders & Parents Corner

Junior Leader News

The next Adams County 4-H Junior Leaders will meet on January 8th at 4:00 pm with a pizza party and an organizational meeting. The meeting will be held in the assembly room in the ACOB building. If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Shaw (402-756-6636) or the Adams County Extension Office (402-461-7209).
4-H Council Information

November 4-H Council Happenings:
- Beef weigh date – council members attend
- 4-H Kick Off & Shooting Sports Kick Off
- 4-H Soup Supper

December 4-H Council Agenda Items:
- Livestock Committee Recommendations
- 2017 4-H Calendar

4-H Soup Supper Fund Raiser
The 4-H Council will be holding their annual fundraiser on January 15, 2017 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars now and plan on attending. The CWExperience youth will be having their cake auction and basket raffle at this event.

Youth Information

Adams County 4-H Kick-Off
The Adams County 4-H Council & Extension Office invite all 4-H’ers and anyone interested in 4-H to attend the Adams County 4-H Kick-Off on Sunday, January 15th, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Shooting Sport Kick off will begin at 3:30. The purpose is for interested, new or current 4-H members & families to learn about 4-H and the opportunities. Once again, we will be needing volunteers to assist in putting on this GREAT event!! If you are willing and interested in helping again this year by donating your time at the event or any of your past exhibits, if a club or special group would like to have a booth, please contact the Extension Office at 402-461-7209.

Citizenship Washington Trip
Youth who are 15 to 18 years old in the years of 2019 & 2022 are invited and welcomed to sign up for a trip of a lifetime! Youth will experience the cities of Chicago, New York City, Washington D.C. and more. If you are interested in attending any future conferences, please contact NE Extension in Adams County at (402)461-7209. It is never too early to sign up. Information on upcoming fundraising opportunities will be sent out to the youth signed up for the trips. The next fundraiser will be at the annual 4-H Soup Supper with the cake auction and selling raffle tickets for specialty baskets.

Scholarships Available
Seniors and even some juniors in high school should be looking at scholarships to continue their education. There are numerous agricultural companies, organizations and colleges that offer scholarships to students who have long term career goals in agriculture. There are of course a lot of local and county scholarships and in addition to these you will there are a lot of national scholarships, as well as numerous ag scholarships offered at the state level. Now is the time to put together a good resume – it helps! It also helps to have a good cover letter to include with your application.

- Scholarships on the Web:
  o http://brownfieldagnews.com/site-map/scholarships/
Agricultural Scholarships and can be found at http://www.agriculturescholarships.us/
all kinds of scholarships can be found at: http://www.nextstudent.com/directory-of-scholarships

- **Nebraska 4-H Scholarships** -- there are several statewide Nebraska 4-H scholarships. Go to www.ne4hfoundation.org/scholarships.htm for a list and more information. Deadline is March 1.
- **CASNR Scholarship** - Any graduating senior planning to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln CASNR with an ACT of 26 or higher may be eligible for a $1,000 scholarship. Contact Ron or Steve for more details.
- The Nebraska Association of Fair Managers is offering $500 **Martha & Don Romeo Scholarship** for graduating seniors. Applications available and are due December 1, 2016 to the Adams County Extension Office.

### Project Information

**Shooting Sports**

Shooting Sports Kick-Off
The 2017 Shooting Sports Kick-Off will be on Sunday, January 15th starting at 3:30 p.m. in the North End of the Activities Center. All past and new 4-H participants that want to participate in the Adams County 4-H Shooting Sports program need to be present for the meeting and sign up.

**Hunters Ed Classes**

Also, if the youth haven’t completed Hunter Education and are still interested in attending, here’s a link to available Hunter Ed classes. [https://www.register-ed.com/programs/69](https://www.register-ed.com/programs/69)

**Family and Consumer Science**

The Great Cookie Exchange Workshop

Let’s get together and have a baking day. Julie is hosting a cookie baking day just in time to exchange cookies for Christmas. Join us on December 17th from 9:00 am until noon, at the Community Service Building on the Adams County Fairgrounds to get your Christmas baking done. The cost of the workshop is $15.00. You must pre-register before December 1 for your spot in the Great Cookie Exchange.

**Livestock**

**Beef Weigh Day**

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- Market Steers
- Market Heifers
• 2nd Year Bucket Calves (Steers & Heifers)
• Beef Carcass Contest.
If you plan on showing a heifer that you are questioning whether to show it as a market heifer or a breeding heifer please be sure to weigh her in as a market animal, you may change it to a breeding heifer later by using the proper tag or tattoo and Identification Form turned in prior to Livestock Identification Day (June 1, 2017).
• Also remember these are the only times that DNA will be taken for State Fair and AKSARBEN. The cost of this is $6.00 each. EID tags required for State Fair and AKSARBEN also, cost is $3.00.
• The cost of each County ear tag is $1.00
• Please do not make arrangements for any vet work to be done on your animals during this time.
With the two weigh days your animals will be eligible for rate of gain and/or carcass, the animals starting weigh date will simply be counted from the day weighed in.

Animal Science Educational Series
It’s time to start again! The Animal Science Series is open to any 4-H youth who have an interests in beef, goats, pigs, poultry and sheep. You do not have to show an animal to be a part of the series. Youth have the option of participating in Premier Animal Science Events (PASE) on June 26 and 27 in Lincoln, Nebraska. For more information or future dates, please email Steve Landon at steve.landon@unl.edu or contact the Extension Office.

Nebraska 4-H Cat Club
The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Department of Animal Science is hosting a monthly 4-H Cat Club for companion animals every second Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. Each lesson has a short presentation and worksheet with activities that youth can do in small groups. These topics will help youth to prepare cats for showmanship at a county fair cat show. For more information, visit the cat club website at http://animalsicence.unl.edu/4-h-cat-club or contact Lisa Karr at 402-472-6458, or by emailing her at lisa.karr@unl.edu. Each presentation can be arrange to be held at the Extension Office.

Northeast Community College Livestock Classic Steer and Heifer Show
The Annual Livestock Classic Steer and Heifer Show, sponsored by the Northeast Community College Livestock Judging Team will be held on November 25-26, 2016. The event will be held at the Chuck M. Pohlman Agriculture Complex in Norfolk. Additional information regarding the stall situation in recent years, all pre-registered animals will have an assigned stalls if pre-registration is postmarked by November 18 or received by November 21. Breeding Heifers and Market Steers exhibitors who choose to show in breed classes must have papers, sale catalog, or bill of sale from previous owner verifying registration to show in breed classes, if not the animal will be put in the commercial or crossbred classes. For questions, please contact Mike Roeber at 1-800-348-9033 Ext. 7183 or 402-750-8128.

College Readiness
Red Letter Days @ University of Nebraska
High School students interested in exploring all the opportunities the University of Nebraska-Lincoln has to offer. An open house called the “Red Letter Day” is an event where students and parents can explore city and east campuses, meet with current students and professors within the field of study you’re interested in majoring. Learn about ways to get involved on and off campus and comprehend important admissions, scholarship and financial aid information.
For more information, please contact: Liz Adams, Special Events Assistant Coordinator: lizadams@experience.unl.edu
**NOVEMBER**

November 3  Extension Board Meeting – Assembly Room @ 7:00 p.m.
November 6  Achievement Party – Fairgrounds @ 3:00 p.m.
November 6  Leaders/Volunteers Banquet – Fairgrounds @ 5:30 p.m.
November 7  4-H Council Meeting – Assembly Room @ 7:00 p.m.
November 8  Ag. Society Board Meeting - Fairgrounds @ 7:30 p.m.
November 10 CWE Fruit/Meat/Cheese & Poinsettia Orders and Payment due in Office by 5:00 PM
November 11 Holiday – Veterans Day – Office closed
November 11 Pajama Party – Julie’s Xpressions @ 5:30 p.m.
November 15 Ag. Society Election and Annual Meeting - Fairgrounds @ 7:30 p.m.
November 19 Christmas Greens Workshop – Shooting Sports Building Fairgrounds @ 9:00 a.m.
November 24 - 25 Holiday – Thanksgiving – Office closed

**DECEMBER**

December 1  Extension Board Meeting – Assembly Room @ 7:00 p.m.
December 3  Beef Weigh Day – Animal Clinic @11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
December 5  4-H Council Meeting – Assembly Room @ 7:00 p.m.
December 13 Ag. Society Meeting – Fairgrounds @ 7:30 p.m.
December 17 The Great Cookie Exchange – Community Service Building @ 9:00 a.m.
December 24  Christmas Eve
December 25 Christmas
December 26 Holiday – Office Closed

**JANUARY**

January 1  New Years Day
January 2  Holiday – Office Closed
January 2  4-H Council Meeting - Assembly Room @ 7:00 p.m.
January 5  Extension Board Meeting
January 8  Jr. Leaders Organizational Meeting – Assembly Room @ 4:00 p.m.
January 15 Shooting Sports Kick Off – North End Activities Center Fairgrounds, 3:30 p.m.
January 15  4-H Kick Off - North End Activities Center Fairgrounds, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
January 15  4-H Fundraiser (Soup Supper) East End Activities Center Fairgrounds, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
January 16 Holiday – Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Office Closed
Week of 30th  Shooting Sports Starts

Please Check the Adams County Web site at [http://www.adams.unl.edu/](http://www.adams.unl.edu/) for current calendar information.
2016 4-H Council

Brian Everhart  Ange Shipman  JR LEADER REPS:  Doug Nienhueser – Chamber
Cindy Hinrichs  Kevin Stiegemeier  Grace Eckhardt  of Commerce Rep
Megan Krous  Kathleen Stromer  Morgan Stromer  Twila Bankson – Ag Society
Brett Mohling  Lori Vorderstrasse  Maddie Swain  Rep
Jim Murman  Amy Wilson

Please take time to THANK these above individuals for their hard work and dedication to the Adams County 4-H Program!!!

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