NEWS

Premium Checks for 4-H members were MAILED on Tuesday, September 15th; need to be cashed by 12/10/15 please.

Extension Office Closed
The Adams County Extension Office will be closed the following days in November
- November 11th for Veterans Day
- November 26th & 27th for Thanksgiving

It’s a PARTY! It’s all about our outstanding Adams County 4-H’ers!
Mark your calendar NOW for this fun filled Achievement Party on Sunday afternoon starting at 3:00 p.m., November 8th at the Activities Building on the Adams County Fairgrounds. Let’s Party to celebrate our youth’s achievements in 2015!

Leaders/Volunteer Banquet
Be sure to mark your calendar for Sunday, November 8th at the Activities Building on the Adams County Fairgrounds. Leaders/Volunteer Banquet begins at 5:30 p.m. Volunteers and Leaders can expect to receive an invitation to banquet soon.

Support our Youth going to Washington D.C.
Mark your calendar to eat out at Valentinos on Nov. 16th from 5:00 to 8:30 a portion of the profits will go to help the youth participating in the 2016 trip.
Beef Weigh Day
Again this year the 4-H council has decided to offer two weigh days for Beef, so be sure to Mark your Calendars! Beef Weigh Day is scheduled for December 5th and March 5th at the Animal Clinic, both days weigh in will be from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Exhibitors planning on showing Market Beef at fair will need to weigh their beef during one of these weigh dates.

4-H Council Challenge to Members
We are very excited that the Adams County Ag Society is continuing the work toward a new facility for the fairgrounds. To help them out with their fundraising for the building and items to be used in this facility we would like to challenge the Adams County 4-H members and families to help raise some money. Clubs and independent members are challenged to help us raise $10,000 by the end of 2015. You can do this by fundraising and/or donating, we ask you not to solicit businesses, but you can be creative in your efforts to help out. Some ideas might include: car washes, bake sales etc….

Thank you’s
Please help us thank our 2015 Golden Clovers Courtney Anderson and Carli 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.

Leaders & Parents Corner

Junior Leader News
The next Adams County 4-H Junior Leaders meeting will be posted in the next newsletter. They will be gearing up for the 2016 year. 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

October 4-H Council Happenings:
• No Meeting

November 4-H Council Agenda Items:
• Livestock Committee Motions
• 2016 Calendar of Events
• 4-H & Shooting Sports Kick Off
• 4-H Soup Supper
• Record & Award Books
• FFA
• 4-H Afterschool Program
Ag BBQ
The annual Ag BBQ sponsored by the Ag. Committee of the Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce will be held on November 12th, at the Adams County Fairgrounds, dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. and program at 7:00 p.m. Tickets can be obtained from the sponsoring businesses in Hastings and surrounding area. A raffle is held every year at the BBQ to help sponsor the two educational scholarships offered to Adams County 4-H’ers through their Career Portfolio application.

Ag. Society Election
Don’t miss out on voting! The Adams County Agriculture Society will hold a County Vote to fill three vacancies on the Adams County Ag-Society Board of Directors. Voting will be held on Tuesday, November 17th, with registration beginning at 7:00 p.m. and voting from 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. This election will take place at the Adams County Fairgrounds and all registered voters in Adams County are encouraged to vote. Please don’t miss out on your civic duty to make a positive difference in our county.

SAVE THE DATES!
Saturday, December 5th Beef Weigh Day
Sunday, January 10th Shooting Sports Kick Off
Sunday, January 10th for the 4-H Kick Off
Sunday, January 10th for the 4-H Council Fundraiser (Soup Supper)

Youth Information

Recruiting youth for 2016 & 2019 Citizenship Washington Trip
Please take note we have changed the year we are going! Youth who are 15 to 18 years old in the years of 2016 & 2019 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. Meeting have been scheduled for the 2016 trip attendees the November meeting is the 15th at 4:00 p.m. in the assembly room. Fall Fundraising has now started: at the present time CWF participants are selling Fruit, Meat, Cheese and Poinsettias. Candy Bar sales are ongoing. Restaurant Nights will be happening on a monthly basis November 16th we will be at Valentinos from 5:00 until 8:30 p.m. At the Soup Supper in January they will be having their cake auction and basket raffle. These are great fundraising opportunities for our youth!

Opportunity for Photographers from Across Nebraska
An exciting statewide Photography Call sponsored by Hildegard Center for the Arts, in partnership with the Nebraska Tourism Commission and the Nebraska State Historical Society, is currently inviting communities from across Nebraska to serve as a bridge to link history, generations and cultures. The Photography Call is entitled, “Bridges: Sharing Our Past to Enrich the Future”, and runs through January 4, 2016. From Adams to Antelope, Scottsbluff to Sheridan, Dundy to Douglas…each of Nebraska’s 93 counties is home to historic and hidden treasures from the past. This Call is inviting YOU and YOUR community to highlight historic places and often over-looked treasures found in your own county; historical sites either found on the National Register of Historic Places or places of
community/personal significance to the photographer. To see full entry guidelines and to submit photos, go to www.hildegardcenter.org. SELECTED photographs from the Call will be exhibited *statewide* to help celebrate Nebraska’s Sesquicentennial in 2017 and used to promote the state as part of our partnership with the Nebraska State Historical Society and the Nebraska Tourism Commission. All submitted photos will become part of a virtual exhibit.

**Festival of Trees**
Hastings Museum is having its annual Festival of Trees from November 21, 2015 – January 1, 2016. To participate complete the registration form no later than Monday, Nov. 16th. Form available at the Extension Office. Any questions contact Teresa Kreutzer-Hodson at 402-461-2399 or collections@hastingsmuseum.org

**Adams County 4-H Kick-Off & Shooting Sports Kick-Off**
The 2016 Adams County 4-H Kick-Off will be held on Sunday, January 10th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the North End of the Activities Center. 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. We are implementing a new system and are hoping that early bird online enrollment will be available! If a club or special group would like to have a booth, please let Julie know.

**Scholarships Available**
- **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, 2015 to the Adams County Extension Office.

- **Fontanelle Hybrids 2015 Essay Contest** - Fontanelle Hybrids is once again excited to offer Nebraska’s best and brightest high school seniors the chance to win $1000. Twenty $1000 prizes will be awarded, for a total of $20,000 worth of support. **Who is Eligible:** High school seniors who are active members of 4-H, FFA or another certified agricultural organization (excluding employees or family members of employees of Monsanto or its affiliates). Students must either live in or attend a high school in the state of Nebraska. **What Eligible Seniors Need to Do:** Write and submit a 250-word essay on the topic: “What has had the greatest impact on production agriculture in your local community over the last 80 years?” Students should also review the full rules at www.Fontanelle.com/EssayContest. **How Eligible Seniors Can Enter:** By submitting their application and essay at www.Fontanelle.com/EssayContest. **Important Dates:** Applications will be accepted beginning October 1, 2015. The entry deadline is November 30, 2015. Winners will be announced in the spring of 2016.
Project Information

Shooting Sports

Shooting Sports Kick-Off
The 2016 Shooting Sports Kick-Off will be on Sunday, January 10th 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.

Adams County 4-H Shooting Sports Participants – please pick up your items in the Extension Office!

Family and Consumer Science

It’s a Party - Save the Date!
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You are Invited
To: Pajama Party
Youth will learn to knit, bead, make floral decorations & simple sewing, while creating four projects. It will be a BLAST, bring your friends (they do not have to be in 4-H). Register early, it will be limited to the first 30 youth.
When: November 20th from 5:30 p.m. till 9:30 p.m.
Where: Julie’s Xpressions – 743 West 2nd, Hastings
Wear your slippers and pajama pants.
Bring: $15.00 to cover the cost of your supplies, meal and drinks.
If you have any questions please give Julie a call.
RSVP by Friday, November 6th at 402-461-7209.
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Livestock

Beef Weigh Day
Again this year the 4-H council has decided to offer two weigh days for Beef, so be sure to Mark your Calendars! Beef Weigh Days are scheduled for December 5th and March 5th at the Animal Clinic, both days weigh in will be from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. If you are in line at Noon, your animals will be weighed. Exhibitors planning on showing Market Beef at fair will need to weigh their beef during one of these weigh dates. Animals include:

- Market Steers
- Market Heifers
- 2nd Year Bucket Calves (Steers & Heifers)
- Beef Carcass Contest possibles
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 prior to Livestock Identification Day (June 1, 2016).

- 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.
- The cost of each 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.

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 27-28, 2015. 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-registrations is postmarked by November 20 or received by November 23. 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.

UNL Recruitment

Red Letter Days are an opportunity for you to explore college life at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln during your senior or junior year of high school. At this open house event, you'll get to:
- Explore campus with a current UNL student as your guide
- Attend academic informational sessions
- See what it's like to live in a residence hall
- Learn about ways to get involved on campus
- Find out important admissions, scholarship and financial aid information

If you’re interested in attending the following dates, please contact: Liz Adams, Special Events Assistant Coordinator: lizadams@experience.unl.edu

Dates include:
- November 2
- November 13
- November 20
# 4-H Calendar

## November
- **November 2**: 4-H Council Meeting – Assembly Room @ 7:00 p.m.
- **November 5**: Extension Board Meeting – Assembly Room @ 7:00 p.m.
- **November 8**: Achievement Party – Fairgrounds @ 3:00 p.m.
- **November 8**: Leaders/Volunteers Banquet – Fairgrounds @ 5:30 p.m.
- **November 10**: Ag. Society Board Meeting - Fairgrounds @ 7:30 p.m.
- **November 11**: Holiday – Veterans Day – Office closed
- **November 17**: Ag. Society Election and Annual Meeting - Fairgrounds @ 7:30 p.m.
- **November 20**: Pajama Party – Julie’s Xpressions @ 5:30 p.m.
- **November 26-27**: Holiday – Thanksgiving – Office closed

## December
- **December 3**: Extension Board Meeting – Assembly Room @ 7:00 p.m.
- **December 5**: Beef Weigh Day – Animal Clinic @ 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- **December 7**: 4-H Council Meeting – Assembly Room @ 7:00 p.m.
- **December 8**: Ag. Society Meeting – Fairgrounds @ 7:30 p.m.
- **December 24**: Christmas Eve
- **December 25**: Holiday – Christmas – Office Closed

## January
- **January 1**: Holiday – New Years – Office Closed
- **January TBA**: Extension Board Meeting
- **January 4**: 4-H Council Meeting - Assembly Room @ 7:00 p.m.
- **January 10**: Shooting Sports Kick Off – North End Activities Center Fairgrounds, 3:30 p.m.
- **January 10**: 4-H Kick Off - North End Activities Center Fairgrounds, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- **January 10**: 4-H Fundraiser (Soup Supper) East End Activities Center Fairgrounds, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- **January 18**: Holiday – Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Office Closed
- **Week of 25th**: 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.
2015 4-H Council

Lynn DeVries  Ange Shipman  Chase DeVries  Doug Nienhueser – Chamber of Commerce Rep  
Mike Eckhardt  Kathleen Stromer  Morgan Stromer  
Brian Everhardt  Morgan Trausch  Brenda Tran  Twila Bankson – Ag Society Rep  
Kirk Feeney  Lori Vorderstrasse  
Brett Mohling  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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