



# Lancaster 4-H Announcements for 4-H'ers and Leaders, Nov./Dec. 2009

*This is a printer-friendly version of the 4-H announcements e-mailed to Lancaster County 4-H'ers and leaders.*

These announcements are compiled from The Nepline and 4-H Web site. Check the Lancaster County 4-H Web site at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/> for additional resources.

Horse Awards Night results and photos are now online at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Horse/AwardsNite.shtml>

Lancaster Extension Education Center. Learn about new 4-H curriculum, opportunities for your 4-H members and more. Also, get tips and ideas for your club through sharing with other 4-H volunteers. You must RSVP by calling 441-7180 by Oct. 20.

## 4-H ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## 1. 4-H LEADER TRAINING, OCT. 22

All 4-H leaders and 4-H volunteers helping with clubs are encouraged to attend the fall 4-H Update on Thursday, Oct. 22. Attend either the 9:30 a.m. or the 6:30 p.m. update at the

## 2. LIVESTOCK & DOG COUNTY FAIR REVIEW, NOV. 10

All Livestock exhibitors in the areas of beef, sheep, swine, goat, dairy, llama and dog are invited to attend the County Fair Livestock Review Meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 7 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road. As the 2010 Super Fair approaches, we need to be prepared. At this meeting we'll make decisions on many topics including, the new schedule, stalling maps and Fair Book changes. We will have a committee introduce the new plans to organize a livestock premium auction. We need several people working together to get the Super Fair off on the right foot. This is your time to be heard, so please attend! Please RSVP to Deanna by Nov. 6 (call 441-7180 or e-mail [dkarmazin2@unl.edu](mailto:dkarmazin2@unl.edu))

## 3. ALL 4-H VOLUNTEERS MUST SUBMIT SCREENING FORM IN 2009

ALL 4-H volunteers in the Southeast District counties who work with youth MUST submit a "Youth Protection 4-H Volunteer Screening" form in 2009 if they have not already done so. Even if you have completed this form prior to 2009, please resubmit it. The form is online at <http://4h.unl.edu/pdf/4Hf104.pdf> and at the extension office. Mail completed form to the State 4-H Office address listed on the form. Deadline is Dec. 30.

**Know how. Know now.**



Extension is a Division of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln cooperating with the Counties and the United States Department of Agriculture.

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

#### **4. CWF POINSETTIA SALES DUE NOV. 9**

Lancaster County 4-H Citizen Washington Focus (CWF) youth will be selling poinsettias to aid in travel expenses for their leadership tour to Washington D.C. this coming summer. The poinsettias come in 4 colors: Red, White, Pink and Marble which is a cream and pink combination. They also come in two sizes: 6- and 8-inch foiled containers. The 6-inch containers include one plant with 5-9 blooms and the 8-inch container will have three plants with over 15 blooms. The cost of the poinsettias are \$12 for the 6-inch and \$20 for the 8-inch. These are locally grown plants and are big, beautiful and extremely healthy. All orders need to be to Deanna Karmazin by Nov. 9 and will be delivered Thursday, Dec. 3. Checks can be made out to Lancaster County 4-H - CWF.

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#### **5. APPLICATION FOR 4-H CLUBS OF EXCELLENCE DUE JAN. 2**

Leaders: Don't forget to complete your Nebraska 4-H Club of Excellence application! All leaders received an application form in their October reorganizational packet. All clubs meeting the requirements and sending in the application form will be recognized at Achievement Night and will receive a Nebraska 4-H Club of Excellence certificate. Seals will be awarded in subsequent years. Applications are due to the office by Jan. 2. Contact Tracy at 441-7180 if you have questions.

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#### **6. 4-H AWARD & SCHOLARSHIP FORMS DUE JAN. 2**

Lancaster County 4-H award forms and college scholarship applications are due by Jan. 2. Recipients will be announced at Lancaster County Achievement Night (usually held in February). Forms are available at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Programs/award.shtml> and the extension office. The online forms are provided as fill-in pdfs, which anyone with Adobe Reader 7 or 8 can fill in, save and print. Note: Deadline for Lancaster County 4-H camp scholarships is May 1 — preference given to applications submitted by March 1.

##### **AWARDS**

**Community Service Awards** — all Lancaster County 4-H members are eligible to apply for this award which is based on the number of hours of community service through 4-H. There will be two categories: Five winners in the 14 years of age and over category and 10 winners in the 13 and under.

**I Dare You Leadership Award** — The award recognizes youth who strive to be their personal best and make a positive difference in their schools, youth groups, 4-H clubs and communities. Anyone can make nominations.

**Outstanding 4-H Member Award** — presented to an individual 14 years of age or older who has excelled in their involvement with the 4-H program. The basis for selection appraises the variety and depth of 4-H activities. Anyone can make nominations.

**Meritorious Service Award** — presented to individuals or organizations who have exhibited consistent and strong support of the Lancaster County 4-H program. 4-H members are not eligible. Anyone can make nominations.

**Nebraska 4-H Career Portfolios** — are a record of a 4-H'ers career. Portfolios include a listing of personal growth and leadership experiences related to the knowledge learned, skills gained and community service/volunteer activities experienced through 4-H.

**COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS** for graduating high school seniors enrolled in the Lancaster County 4-H program

**4-H Council** — six \$500 scholarships to active Lancaster County 4-H members who have excelled in their involvement with the 4-H program.

**4-H Teen Council** — two \$250 scholarships to 4-H'ers who are active in 4-H Teen Council.

**Lincoln Center Kiwanis** — two \$1,000 scholarships to active Lancaster County 4-H'ers.

**Nebraska Association of Fair Managers** — \$500 statewide scholarships: Martha & Don Romeo Scholarship to two 4-H'ers and Staats Custom Awards to one 4-H and/or FFA senior. Each applicant must have exhibited his/her projects in a County Fair or at the State Fair within the last four years. Lancaster County 4-H selects county finalists. Note: Deadline is Dec. 1.

**Nebraska 4-H Scholarships** — there are several statewide Nebraska 4-H scholarships. Go to <http://4h.unl.edu> for more information. Deadline is March 1.

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#### **7. PROJECT COMPLETION CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE**

If a 4-H member completed a project this past 4-H year, please give your member a project completion certificate. Certificates are available from the extension office at no cost.

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#### **8. 4-H MEMBERSHIP CARDS AVAILABLE**

Lancaster County 4-H membership cards are available for all 4-H members. Stop by the extension office to pick them up.

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## **9. WASHINGTON D.C. GROUP HAS FIVE OPENINGS**

Five more spots have opened up for the June 2010 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) group. Any Lancaster County youth age 14-18 can join CWF, a summer citizenship program which culminates in a nine-day, intensive trip to Washington D.C. and New York. CWF delegates learn about the democratic process and their role as citizens. Youth who sign up now are able to start earning funds through organized fund-raising. A \$100 deposit is needed to reserve your spot. For more information, contact Deanna Karmazin at 441-7180 or dkarmazin2@unl.edu

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## **10. SEW COOL IN SCHOOL WEB SITE**

Butterick and McCall's patterns launched Sew Cool in School, a program offering specially priced patterns, free materials and other supplies. Go to [www.sewcoolinschool.com](http://www.sewcoolinschool.com), enter code (211505), the zip code (68528) and make your selections.

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## **11. MAKE IT WITH WOOL CONTEST, DEADLINE OCT. 24**

The Make It With Wool contest offers both youth and adults the opportunity to promote the beauty and versatility of wool fabric and yarn. Personal creations in sewing, knitting, crocheting, spinning and weaving of wool fabric, yarn is encouraged. Categories and ages for this contest are: Preteen, 12 & under; Junior, 13-16; Senior, 17-24; Adult, 25 & over; Home Accessories (any age). The District III contest will be held in Lincoln on Saturday, Nov. 7, with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. Entry deadline is Oct. 24. You may enter any district contest. For more information, call Tracy at 441-7180.

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## **12. HOLIDAY GIFTS NEEDED FOR LPS HEADSTART**

A good community service project for the holidays is helping the less fortunate by providing gifts for the Lincoln Public Schools Headstart Program. This program is in need of over 500 gifts for children birth to 5-years old. Literacy is being emphasized again this year, so books and items to encourage reading are suggested (such as puppets, puzzles, small toys, etc. relating to story books). The goal is to give each child a book. Gifts should be unwrapped and recommended cost is up to \$5. Bring gifts to the extension office by Dec. 1. For more information, contact Lorene at [lbartos1@unl.edu](mailto:lbartos1@unl.edu) or 441-7180. This is an excellent project for 4-H clubs. Individuals are welcome to participate.

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## **13. STRENGTHENING FAMILY TREASURES DAUGHTER/MOTHER CAMP, FEB. 19-20**

UNL Extension is presenting a retreat designed for 5th & 6th grade girls and their mothers (or grandmothers or other adult females) on Friday, Feb. 19, 5 p.m. to Saturday, Feb. 20, 5 p.m. Give the greatest gift to your daughter — your time! This camp is 2 days and 1 night of fun, educational and confidence-building activities. As middle school approaches, this is an

opportunity to:

- Enhance effective communication including expressing emotions.
- Learn more about body image and sexuality.
- Explore techniques to handle peer pressure and stress.
- Discuss the importance of individual family values.

Cost includes meals, snacks and lodging at Carol Joy Holling Center. Fee is \$125 per pair (4 people per room) or \$165 (2 people per room) — each room has two double beds. Carol Joy Holling is located at the end of Ranch Road off Highway 66 between Interstate 80 and Ashland. Co-sponsored by UNL Extension, Sheridan Lutheran Church and Camp Carol Joy Holling. For more information or a registration form, go to <http://lancaster.unl.edu/family/news.shtml> or call Extension Educator Maureen Burson at 441-7180.

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## **14. LANCASTER AG SOCIETY SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR HALL OF FAME**

At the 2010 Super Fair, the Lancaster County Agricultural Society will be unveiling a new Ag Society Hall of Fame located at the Lancaster Event Center. This wall will be used to formally recognize those individuals who have dedicated time and effort to the Lancaster County Agricultural Society beyond the normal volunteer hours and have made significant contributions to the establishment, development, advancement or improvement of the Lancaster County Fair. If you know of a person who is deserving of this honor, please nominate them. Nomination forms and more information can be requested by calling the Lancaster Event Center at 441-6545. Nomination forms will be due by May 1, 2010.

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## **15. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SEEKING 4-H STORIES**

The National Association of Extension 4-H Agents (NAE4-HA) needs your help! They are collecting stories for a book from the entire 4-H family including members, volunteers, agents/educators, state staff, donors, family members and others. Stories not chosen will be saved for future use. Here's what the NAE4-HA is looking for:

- Stories from all 50 states sharing positive personal experiences on the value of 4-H, activities/events, funny situations, etc.
- Stories about 4-H folks who have inspired, motivated and made a difference in the lives of others
- Stories should include information about the setting/situation and approximate time frame and must include your name, address and contact information
- At least three double spaced pages

Send your story as an e-mail attachment to [dtabler@umd.edu](mailto:dtabler@umd.edu). NAE4-HA will collect stories through Dec. 1 or until they've received at least 100 stories. For more information, go to <http://fyi.uwex.edu/waukeshaco4h/files/2009/06/4hstoriesbrochure.doc>