



Community Focus

Horse show planned to benefit new event center

August 22 is the date for a benefit horse show that will boost support for the Lancaster Event Center building project. It is sponsored by the Eastern Nebraska Driving Society and the Capital City Horse and Pony Club.

The show will be held at the Capital City Horse and Pony Club grounds located at 12900 North 14 Street. Individuals interested should contact Suzanne Border for more information at 402-782-2008.

Construction for the new facility is scheduled to begin soon with site preparation (weather permitting) to begin in the middle of August. (GB)



Recycling is important to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

With two campuses covering 607 acres and a student and staff population of 25,000, waste management is an enormous challenge. Emphasis is placed on an overall goal to reduce the amount of waste taken to the landfill. Much of this is accomplished by reducing the amount of waste generated, reusing materials through inventory redistribution and recycling.

Here are UNL's recycling numbers for 1998—187 tons of cardboard, 106 tons of newspaper, 450 tons of office paper, 12 tons of steel cans, 3 tons of aluminum cans and over 35 tons of plastic bottles, wood pallets, fluorescent light bulbs and other materials. In the last 5 years, the university has increased the amount recycled from 370 tons to 790 tons and has noted an 11.5% decline in waste taken to the landfill. (GB)

Pioneers Park Nature Center Herbal Festival Saturday, August 21 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Join us for a new look at an old favorite. Attend workshops, take a tour of our herb garden, taste wild teas and browse through our herb-related gift shop items.

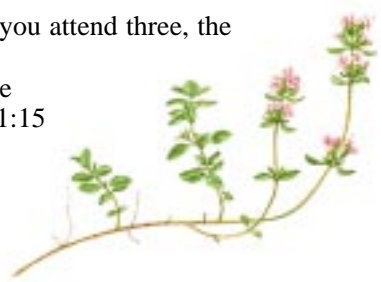
Workshop schedule:

- 9:15-10:15 a.m.
 - Herby Hors D'oeuvres - Becky Seth
 - Nature's Beauty Secrets - Jean Wheelock
- 10:30-11:30 a.m.
 - Not Enough Thyme: General Uses of Herbs - Jody Hoover
 - Landscaping with Herbs - Kim Todd
- 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
 - Herby Hors D'oeuvres - Becky Seth
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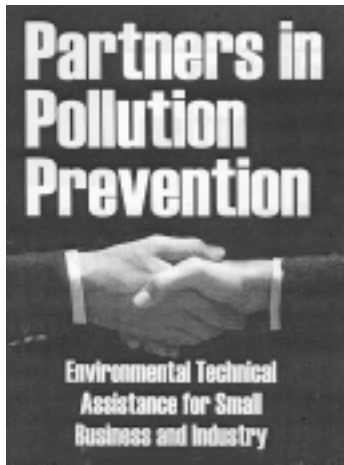
Each workshop is \$2.50. If you attend three, the total is \$6.00.

Herb garden tours with Irene Alexander at 9:30, 10:15, 11:15 a.m. and noon.

Reservations are appreciated, but not necessary. Call 441-7895 for more information. (GB)



Pollution prevention: it's everyone's issue



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by Josh Barber and Sarah Buechler, interns, "Partners in Pollution Prevention" National Pollution Prevention (P2) Week, a week dedicated to celebrating the efforts of waste source reduction in businesses, industries, communities and households, is September 20-26. Since 1992, the third week of September has been an opportu-

nity for organizations to publicize their year-long P2 efforts and emphasize the importance of pollution prevention.

Pollution prevention is defined by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as "source reduction and other practices that reduce or eliminate the creation of pollutants through increased efficiency in the use of raw materials, energy, water or other sources; or protection of natural resources by conservation." The movement of pollution prevention is continuing to improve the quality of our lives in the United States and around the globe. During Pollution Prevention Week, we should be reminded that this issue concerns everyone.

The concepts of P2 have applications in many areas of society including our individual homes, businesses and industries. For example, in our homes we could equip showers with low-flow showerheads, purchase fluorescent bulbs and reuse grocery bags. These practices reduce pollution at its source instead of dealing with the waste after generation. The collection of

opportunities for pollution prevention in our homes, businesses and industries are extensive.

There are many benefits associated with pollution prevention; from economic incentives to the increased stability of our environment:

- * Reduced raw material, disposal, production, energy and clean-up expenses.
- * Improved human and environmental health and safety.
- * Increased employee morale and improved image for businesses and industry.

As you can see, we all share the responsibility of protecting the world we live in. By reducing waste we protect our health, resources and our pocketbooks. The list below gives tips on how to reduce waste:

- * Hold a pollution prevention education seminar at your workplace.
- * Evaluate current waste practices at work and at home.
- * Educate the community on pollution prevention through business publications and on



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Partners in pollution prevention interns



Josh Barber and Sarah Buechler have been completing pollution prevention internships in the Lancaster County Extension Office. Josh is a UNL senior working on his bachelors degree in Biosystems Engineering with emphasis in environmental engineering. Sarah is pursuing her bachelors degree in Civil Engineering with an emphasis on environmental engineering. She plans to graduate in May of 2000.

During their internship, Josh and Sarah have been working with local businesses and industries. In partnership they are conducting waste generation assessments, communicating results and working to find innovative solutions to reduce waste and pollution amounts.

The internships provide practical and relevant experience for students like Josh and Sarah while local businesses and industries benefit from practical solutions to identified pollution problems. (GB)

Results from 1997 & 1998 Pollution Prevention Internship Program

| | Summer of 1997 | Summer of 1998 |
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| Students | 17 undergraduate 3 graduate | 15 undergraduate 2 graduate |
| Potential Savings for Business | \$108,000 for 67 small businesses \$150,000 for 7 industries | \$175,000 for 70 small businesses \$100,000 for 3 industries |
| Solid Waste Diverted from Landfill | 700,000 pound | 2,300,000 pounds |
| Reduced Hazardous Waste | 3,500 gallons | 3,500 gallons |