

HORSE BITS

Horse judging contest results

Several Lancaster County youth attended two horse judging contests held recently. On Tuesday, June 8, a PAK-10 contest was held at Skyline Ranches in Elkhorn. The contestants were divided into three groups; junior, intermediate and senior. Morgan Marshall placed first in the junior division. Colby Schuman placed ninth in intermediate. In the senior division, Sara Messick placed first, Jacob Messick placed fourth and Patrick Smith tied for sixth.

On Wednesday, June 9, another judging contest was held at Hahnaleigh Hills Stables near Elkhorn. In the 11 and under category, Morgan Marshall placed first, Mica Messick tied for third, and Colby Schuman placed fifth. The three placed first overall as a team.

In the senior division, Sara Messick placed first, Jessi Blum eleventh and Jacob Messick twelfth. They came in second place overall as a team. (EK)

Final Character Counts! camp dates set

The final Character Counts! Day Camp of the 1999 summer is August 11 and 12. It will be at State Fair Park in the Youth Complex.

Registration fee is \$10 per child and must be enclosed with registration. Make check(s) payable to cooperative extension. This fee includes T-shirt, snack and materials. Registration deadline is one week before the day camp. If you have any questions, contact LaDeane Jha or Tim Vaughn at 441-7180. Please return the form and fee to:

University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension in Lancaster County
 Attention: LaDeane Jha
 444 Cherrycreek Road
 Lincoln, NE 68528-1507

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

ZIP Code _____

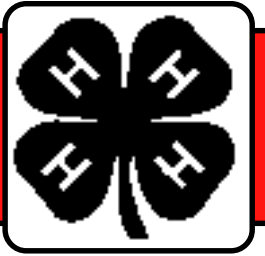
Phone _____

Emergency Phone and Contact _____

Special Needs (dietary restrictions, etc.) _____

We will be taking photos at the day camp. Will you allow your child's photo to be taken?
 yes no

4-H & Youth



Public speaking for Clover Kids

4-H youth, ages 5-8, have an opportunity to learn about public speaking at the Lancaster County Fair. A fun, educational workshop will provide 4-H Clover Kids an opportunity to create a PSA (public service announcement). Youth may also record their PSA and hear themselves on tape. An adult partner or an older teen partner is strongly encouraged to join in the fun with their 4-H Clover Kid. This workshop will be Saturday, August 7, in Ag Hall. Workshops are held at 1, 2 and 3 p.m. Call 441-7180 by Tuesday, August 3 or sign up at the stationary exhibit area Tuesday, August 3, 4-8 p.m. (TK)



Animal exhibitors

Animal exhibitors are invited to a breakfast Thursday, August 5, 6:30-8 a.m. at the Rock Café in Demo Mall at State Fair Park. This is to say *thank you* to these exhibitors and leaders for exhibiting and staying with their animals at the county fair. Thanks to the following sponsors: AGP Grain Co-op, Bentzinger Grain and Equipment, Firth Co-op, Greenwood Farmers Co-op, Waverly Co-op and Gooches. (LB)

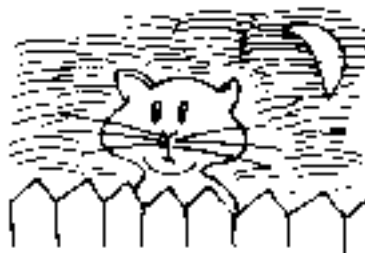
Ak-Sar-Ben

Livestock entries for Ak-Sar-Ben are due into the extension office by Monday, August 9. All 4-H members planning on exhibiting must be 10 years old by January 1, 1999. A 4-H member is allowed to show up to 2 market beef or breeding heifers, 2 feeder calves, 3 market swine, 3 market lambs and 3 dairy cattle. If you are interested in showing, please pick up a livestock entry form at the the extension office or find Deanna at the fair. (DK)



Right or wrong?

1. Siamese kittens are white when they are born
2. The best way to pick up a cat is by the fur on the back of its neck.
3. A cat's whiskers help it "see" in the dark.



4. Cats are color blind.
5. A cat that catches a lot of mice doesn't need cat food.
6. A cat that eats grass is not getting enough vegetables in its diet.



Answers:
 1. True. The dark color on ears, face, paws and tail develops later.
 2. False. Use two hands to support the cat's body, holding it close to you.
 3. True. They are very sensitive and act as "feelers" to let the cat know when it's about to brush against something.
 4. True. Cats see everything as black, gray or white.
 5. False. Even if it were able to catch enough mice to live on, it would not be a balanced diet.
 6. False. Cats usually eat grass just because they like the taste, or because they need to throw up something that they have swallowed. Grass will wrap around a sharp object in the cat's stomach and protect the throat as the object is vomited. (ALH)

2002 CWF registration begins

Reservations are now being accepted for the 2002 Citizen Washington Focus program. To be eligible you must be 14 years of age by the time of the trip. To reserve a seat, send a \$100 deposit to the Lancaster County 4-H Council, attention: Deanna, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln, NE 68528-1507. Applications will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. We are limited to 42 youth. What better way to learn about government, meet new friends and travel the east coast? Join today! (DK)

Attention volunteers!

Information is now available for this year's North Central Regional Volunteer Forum. It will be October 14-17, in Wichita, Kansas. Share ideas with other volunteers, share experiences, challenges and successes. You can also participate in educational sessions and activities designed to increase your effectiveness and competencies. Some education sessions include:

- Making 4-H Meetings Fun
- The Seven Characteristics of an Effective 4-H Club
- Walk Through the Food Pyramid
- Innovative Activities for 4-H Members & Their Livestock

Volunteers also will have the opportunity to go on a variety of tours such as: Botanica, The Wichita Gardens and Art Museum, Omnisphere & Science Center and the Geological Field Trip—Richie Sandpit.

Registration is \$190 plus \$10 per tour. Registration is due August 10. Please contact the office to receive additional information. The 4-H Council will offer scholarships. (TK)