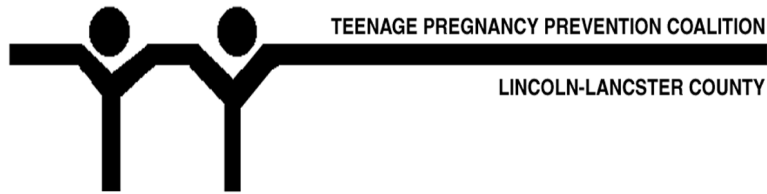




Community Focus



Teen Pregnancy Coalition Offers "The Right Stuff"

An innovative, holistic campaign that encourages child-parent communications and reinforces healthy behaviors is being offered during the month of October to 6th through 8th grade students in Lincoln and Lancaster County. Developed and produced by the Lincoln-Lancaster Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Coalition (TPPC), a non-partisan coalition of organizations concerned with the issues of teen pregnancy, the program is being offered with the support of Lincoln Public School, BryanLGH Medical Center, KFOR/KFRX Radio/Three Eagles Communications, Pepsi, Fairbury Brand Meats and Weaver's Potato Chips. Cooperative Extension in Lancaster County is a member of TPPC and supports the goals of the coalition. All students attending must bring a parent or adult and each program is limited to 250 participants.

"The Right Stuff" program have been held at Goodrich Middle School, Irving Middle School, and Park Middle School. The following dates and locations still to be held are:

- Mickle Middle School Tuesday, October 17
- Lefler Middle School Thursday, October 19

Each program will be presented from 5:15 to 9 p.m. Each site will present speakers and activities on four topics during breakout sessions:

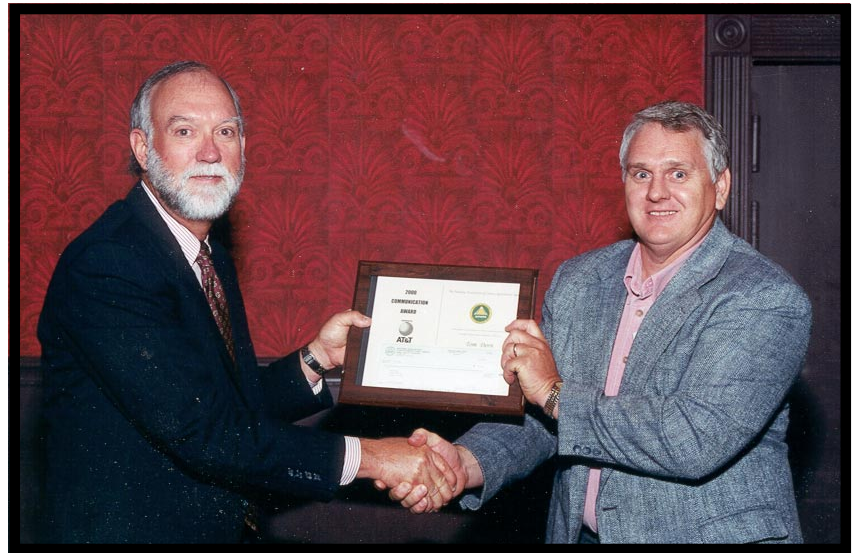
- Body Image - "Lookin' Good!"
- Physical Activity - "Keep Movin"
- Media Literacy - "Is What You See What You Get?"
- Friendships - "What Goes Around"

Each breakout session is 45 minutes. Adults and students will attend three of the four sessions at each school. Doors open at 5:15 for displays of resource information; dinner is served from 5:45 to 6:15; first session begins at 6:30.

Each program is FREE of charge and offers food/snacks, door

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Lancaster County Extension Educator Wins National Award



Extension Educator Tom Dorn was recently recognized as a National Winner in the Web Page category of the Communications Awards program for the National Association of County Agriculture Agents (NACAA). The award was presented during the annual meeting and professional improvement conference of the NACAA August 6-10 in Jackson, Mississippi.

Dorn received the award and a \$750 cash prize from Danny Barrett, of AT & T Preventative Maintenance Division and sponsor of the NACAA Communications program.

The Communications Awards program is conducted by NACAA to recognize outstanding work in 13 different methods of communications. Dorn's website, www.lanco.unl.edu/ag, was selected as the winning entry from among 47 entries submitted nationwide. (GB)



E.N. THOMPSON FORUM ON WORLD ISSUES

2000-2001 E.N. Thompson Forum on World Issues Schedule

The E. N. Thompson Forum on World Issues brings thought provoking speakers addressing key global issues. It provides an outstanding opportunity to personally increase global perspectives on issues confronting a complex and changing world.

All lectures are free of charge and held in the Lied Center for Performing Arts, 12 and R Streets, Lincoln.

The first lecture of the 2000-2001 E.N. Thompson Forum will be presented by R. James Woolsey, former Director of Central Intelligence and former Under Secretary of the Navy. His topic is "National Security at the Dawn of the 21st Century." It is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on October 25.

Future lectures:

November 28: David P. Forsythe (Charles J. Mach Distinguished Professor), Political Science, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, "Justice After Injustice: What Response After Atrocities?"

March 5, 2001: Sarah Blaffer Hrdy (Professor Emerita), Department of Anthropology, University of California—Davis, "How Material Instincts Shaped the Human Species."

April 3, 2001, Rick Foster, Vice President for Programs, W. K. Kellogg Foundation, on "International Food Systems." (GB)



Lancaster County Welcomes New Extension Educator

Hello, my name is Lance Cummins-Brown and I am very excited about the opportunity to serve and assist the citizens of Lancaster County! I was raised on a small dairy and grain farm in southwest Nebraska and active in 4-H livestock and leadership projects. I received my bachelors degree in animal science and my masters degree in leadership education from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. In this position, I will be sharing my time with Saunders County and plan on using my skills in leadership and teamwork to facilitate agricultural literacy programs for urban youth and assisting with the 4-H livestock programs of both counties. I will also be working to develop relationships between the counties, their 4-H clubs, and youth leaders to utilize the unbelievable resources and diversity of both counties. (LCB)

Public Notice

The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners seek members of the community to serve on the Lancaster County Extension Board. Three current extension board members will be completing their terms this December. These vacancies will be filled with terms beginning in January 2001.

Extension board members represent and assist University of Nebraska Extension staff in Lancaster County with priority issue areas that include Agricultural Profitability and Sustainability; Children, 4-H, Youth and Families; Food Safety, Health and Wellness; Strengthening Nebraska Communities; and Water Quality and Environment. The board meets monthly.

Registered Lancaster County voters interested in serving a three-year term should submit an application postmarked no later than November 1. Additional information and an application can be obtained from the Lancaster County Extension Office, 444 Cherrycreek Road, or phone 441-7180. (GB)