

Can You Guess It?

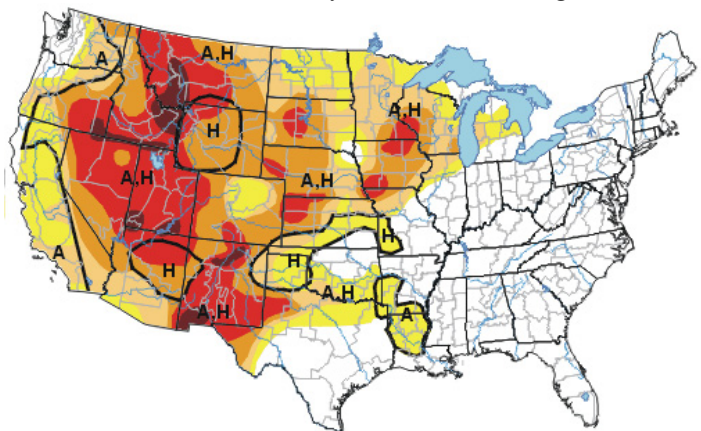


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Did you guess it from the October NEBLINE? The answer was hedge apples — the fruit of an Osage-orange tree.

Latest U.S. Drought Monitor Map

As of Oct. 28, Lancaster County is in moderate drought conditions.



Drought Intensity:
 D0 Abnormally Dry
 D1 Drought - Moderate
 D2 Drought - Severe
 D3 Drought - Extreme
 D4 Drought - Exceptional

Drought Impact Types:
 A Agricultural losses, pastures, grasslands
 H Hydrological losses
 H+ Hydrological losses
 (No type = Both impacts)

For the most recent map, visit www.drought.unl.edu/dm

Source: National Drought Mitigation Center, University of Nebraska

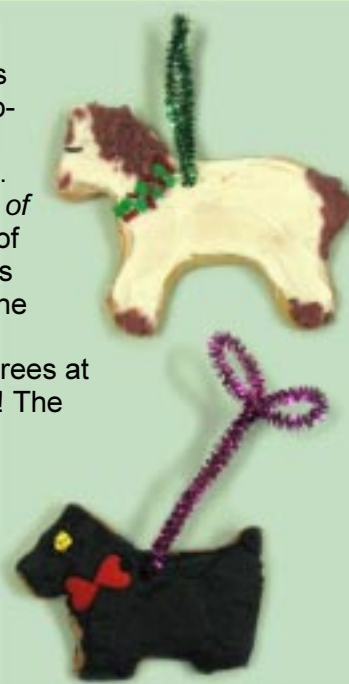
“Holiday of Trees” Includes 4-H Trees

Over the past 31 years, Heritage League of Lincoln’s *Holiday of Trees* has contributed nearly \$600,000 to various community projects.

The success of *Holiday of Trees* is due to the support of individuals and organizations who decorate trees and to the public who attend the event.

4-H is decorating three trees at this year’s *Holiday of Trees*! The themes are:

- “4-H is Alive at the County Fair!”
- “4-H Memories!”
- “The Wild Side of 4-H” (decorated by Pet Pals 4-H Club).



Ornaments Due Nov. 21

The 4-H staff requests each club prepare and donate one or more ornaments to two trees. Instructions have been mailed to each club leader and are online at lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Programs/Activity3.htm.

Ornaments are due in the extension office no later than Nov. 21.



View *Holiday of Trees* Dec. 4 & 5

The public is invited to view this year’s *Holiday of Trees* on display Thursday, Dec. 4 and Friday, Dec. 5 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Unitarian Church, 6300 A St. Cost to attend is \$1 per person.

Special Community Service Opportunity!

Holiday Gifts Needed

There is always a need for helping the less fortunate, especially around the holiday season. Lincoln Public School Headstart Program is in need of over 300 gifts for children birth to 5-years old. New, hand-made or purchased items such as books, stuffed toys, dolls, cars, trucks, markers, puzzles, etc., are needed. Literacy is being emphasized this year, so books and items that encourage reading are suggested.

If gifts are wrapped, please indicate what the item is, the cost (\$5 recommended) and if the gift is for a boy or girl. Bring gifts to the extension office by Dec. 1.

For more information, contact Lorene at 441-7180. This is an excellent community service program for 4-H, FCE and other community clubs. Individuals are welcome to participate. (LB)



Give the Gift of Camp This Holiday Season

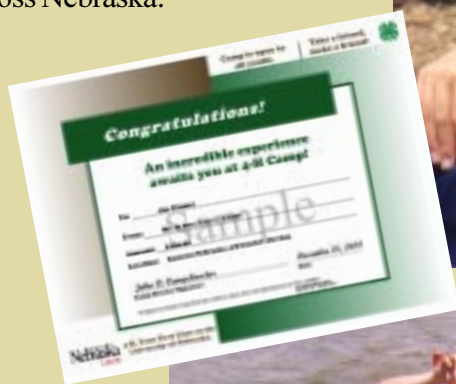
From canoeing to performing arts to rappelling, climbing, dancing and campfires, 4-H has an incredible summer-time experience waiting for all youth ages 5–19 at one of our three modern, beautiful locations across Nebraska:

the Eastern Nebraska 4-H Center in Gretna; Nebraska State 4-H Camp, Halsey; and the South Central 4-H Center, Alma.

Give the gift of camp to your children this holiday season. A 4-H Camp gift package includes a camp gift certificate, camp program and a stuffed animal or water bottle.

Your children will learn from the best as the 4-H Youth Development program brings the cutting-edge expertise of the University to them. Be it a five-day road trip for teens across Nebraska or a one-day event for kids ages 5-7 close to home, 4-H has an experience for any interest. A camp experience is one of the very best investments you can make for your child!

For detailed camp descriptions, gift package purchase forms and more information, find us on the Nebraska 4-H Web Site at 4h.unl.edu. You can also call the State 4-H Office at 472-2805.



WHAT DID THE CAMPERS SAY?

The following is a summary of 1,687 camper surveys taken in the summer of 2003:

Because I attended camp....

- 89% agree that they feel more comfortable making new friends.
- 81% agree they are more willing to do things for others.
- 91% agree they are more willing to try new things.
- 74% agree they can come up with good ways to solve problems.
- 67% want to be a counselor when they are old enough.

Camper thoughts about the camp atmosphere:

- 94% felt safe and welcome at the camp.
- 94% thought the activities were fun, exciting and kept their interest.
- 91% felt that if they needed something, there was someone there to help them.
- 95% felt the staff were friendly and nice.
- 88% plan to share their experience with others.
- 73% plan to return to this camp next year.