

COUNTY AND STATE FAIR NEWS

Swine & Sheep Superintendents Needed

Swine and sheep superintendents are needed for this year's Lancaster County Fair. If interested, call Deanna Karmazin at 441-7180.

4-H Photography Themes

The 2004 County and State Fair 4-H Photography themes have been announced: Unit II — "Perfectly Purple"; Unit III — "Mailboxes."

State Fair Age Changes

Based on input from several groups, the decision has been made to lower the age for in-person participation at the State Fair to 10 years of age (as of Jan. 1, 2004) for the 2004 State Fair. This change will effect all areas where a person must be physically present. This includes the demonstration contest, style revue, speech contest and livestock areas. In addition, some static areas will allow entry-level exhibits. More information on this topic will be in future NEBLINE issues as well as the 2004 Lancaster County Fair Book. (TK)

State Fair Swine Rule Change

The current rule regarding previous exhibition will be removed for 2004, i.e. it will be acceptable for a pig to be shown before coming to State Fair. Although this State Fair rule is changing, it is still recommended that swine shows be terminal.

A pilot "Production Pig" class will be introduced at State Fair this year. This project will include identification and weigh-in of pigs in the spring. Judging at State Fair will include lean gain per day of age (which incorporates average daily gain and carcass characteristics), as well as a visual placing. (DK)

Lancaster County 4-H and 4-H Council invite 4-H'ers and their families to

Achievement Night



Thursday, Feb. 19 at 6 p.m.

Please call 441-7180 to RSVP by Feb. 13!
RSVP required — event limited

University of Nebraska East Campus Union - Great Plains Room

Part of Nebraska State 4-H Week, Feb. 15-21

Evening festivities include:

- Light snacks
- Awards presentation
- Activities & campus department introductions



2004 4-H Calendar

Events located at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln unless otherwise noted
Lancaster Event Center is located at 84th & Havelock

FEBRUARY

- 2 Horse Stampede Entries Due
- 3 4-H Council Meeting 7 p.m.
- 8 Teen Council Meeting 3 p.m.
- 15-21 Nebraska State 4-H Week
- 19 Achievement Night, *East Campus Union* 6 p.m.
- 24 Speech Workshop, Beginners-Intermediate Only 6:30 p.m.

MARCH

- 2 4-H Council Meeting 7 p.m.
- 5 Speech Contest Entries Due
- 13 4-H Horse Stampede, *Lancaster Event Center* 8 a.m.
- 14 Teen Council Meeting 3 p.m.
- 14 Speech Contest, *State Capitol* 1:30 p.m.
- TBA Rabbit Clinic, *Event Center* 6:30 p.m.
- TBA Spring Rabbit Show, *Event Center* 9 a.m. (7:30 registration)

APRIL

- 6 4-H Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 6 Citizen Washington Focus (CWF) Etiquette Banquet 7 p.m.
- 11 Teen Council Meeting 3 p.m.
- 13 4-H Leader Training 9:30 a.m. & 7 p.m.
- 17 Kiwanis Carnival, *Event Center* 7 p.m.
- 19 4-H Officer Training (Everyone Welcome) 6:30 p.m.

MAY

- 4 4-H Council Meeting 7 p.m.
- 11 Leader Training 9:30 a.m. & 7 p.m.
- 14 4-H/FFA Lamb Tagging & Weigh-in (or call for appt.), *Event Center* 6-7:30 p.m.
- 14 Deadline for District/State Horse Show Entries, I.D's, Level Tests

JUNE

- 1 4-H Council Meeting 7 p.m.
- 1 County Fair 4-H Horse Identifications Due
- 11 County Fair 4-H/FFA Sheep/Goats/Swine/Breeding Beef/Bucket Calves/Dairy/Poultry/Rabbits/Cats/Household Pets Identifications Due
- 14-17 District Horse Shows, East (Fairbury, Elkhorn, Oakland, Albion)
- 18 Discover 4-H Night at Saltdogs Baseball, *Haymarket Park* . 7:05 p.m.
- 21-24 District Horse Shows, West (O'Neill, Hemmingford, Grant, Broken Bow)
- 22-25 Clover College
- 28 PASE/Life Challenge, *UNL East Campus*

JULY

- 6 4-H Council Meeting 7 p.m.

- 8 County Fair 4-H Horticulture/Tree/Grass-Weed Judging Contest 10 a.m.-Noon
- 8 Citizen Washington Focus (CWF) Meeting 7 p.m.
- 9 County Fair 4-H/FFA Animal Entries Due
- 9 County Fair 4-H Tablesetting/Bicycle Safety/Demonstration/Style Revue/Egg Preparation/Turkey Barbecue Contests Registrations Due
- 11 Teen Council Meeting 3 p.m.
- 11-15 State Horse Show, *Fonner Park, Grand Island*
- 16 County Fair Demonstration Contest 1:30 p.m.
- 23 County Fair 4-H Style Revue Judging, *Event Center* 8 a.m.
- 28 Entry Day for County Fair Static Exhibits, *Event Center* . . . 4-8 p.m.

AUGUST

- 1 County Fair Horse Show Pre-Fair Briefing, *Event Center* 2 p.m.
- 3 County Fair 4-H Horse Check-in, *Event Center* noon to 8 p.m.
- 3-4 County Fair 4-H Poultry Check-in, *Event Center* . . (Aug. 3, 4-8 p.m.; Aug. 4, 8 a.m.-noon)
- 3-4 County Fair 4-H Rabbit Check-in, *Event Center* . . (Aug. 3, 4-8 p.m., Aug. 4, 8 a.m.-noon)

August 4-8 Lancaster County Fair, *Lancaster Event Center*

- 16 Livestock Fair Review Meeting 7 p.m.
- TBA Nebraska State Fair, *State Fair Park*

SEPTEMBER

- 8 Horse VIPS Committee Meeting, *Event Center* 7 p.m.
- 11 Rabbit VIPS Committee Meeting, *Event Center* 7 p.m.
- 12 Teen Council Meeting 3 p.m.
- 14 4-H Council Meeting 7 p.m.
- 21 Open House, *Location TBA* 6 p.m.
- 21-26 AkSarBen 4-H Livestock Exposition, *Qwest Center, Omaha*
- 23 Leader Training 9:30 a.m. & 7 p.m.

OCTOBER

- 5 4-H Council Meeting 7 p.m.
- 3-9 National 4-H Week
- 10 Teen Council Meeting 3 p.m.

NOVEMBER

- 2 4-H Council Meeting 7 p.m.
- 14 Teen Council Meeting 3 p.m.
- TBA Fall Rabbit Clinic, *Location TBA*

DECEMBER

- 7 4-H Council Meeting 7 p.m.
- 12 Teen Council Meeting 3 p.m.