



Livestock Judging Contest, March 25

All 4-H youth are invited and encouraged to attend the Capitol Pork Producers 5th Annual Livestock Judging Contest. This event will be held Saturday, March 25, 10 a.m. in the Kimmel Building on the Otoe County fairgrounds. A free lunch will be provided. If you plan on attending, please let Deanna know so she can assist in a car pool. If you need anymore information call 441-7180.

4-H Day at Omaha Royals, April 30

The Omaha Royals are hosting the first annual 4-H Day at Rosenblatt Stadium, 1202 Bert Murphy Ave., Omaha. All 4-H members, family and friends will receive half off admission to see the Royals in action against Colorado Springs Sky Sox on Sunday, April 30 at 1:35 p.m. Tickets are \$4. Reservations must be made in advance as a group (minimum 10) by calling Jeremie Larkins at 402-738-5132. All 4-H families and friends are encouraged to wear 4-H gear.

Quality Assurance Training, May 9

Lancaster County will be holding a Quality Assurance training on Tuesday, May 9 at 7 p.m. If you have not attended a training yet through your school or club, please plan to attend. This year's topics for the quality assurance trainings are animal handling, carcass and product quality. Every 4-H and FFA youth planning to exhibit livestock this year must complete this certification class prior to June 15. Call Deanna at 441-7180 for further details.

Jammie Jamboree, June 17

Join us at the Jammie Jamboree and make jammie bottoms on Saturday, June 17, 9 a.m. Bring the Simplicity pattern 5338, prewashed flannel or 100% cotton fabric for the bottoms only and matching thread. Also bring your sewing machine, basic sewing equipment such as scissors, pins, measuring tape, etc. and a sack lunch. Adults are welcome. Sign up by June 12 by calling 441-7180. Open to non-4-H youth. Jammie bottoms may be entered at the fair and styled in the Style Revue.

Clover College, June 20-23

Do you want to learn some new and exciting things? Do you like making projects and meeting new people? Plan to attend one or more of the workshops at the 2006 Clover College! Open to 4-H and non-4-H youth ages 6-18. Look in next month's NEBLINE for a full list of workshops, information and registration forms. A small fee will be required for most workshops. Call Tracy if you have any questions or may be interested in volunteering to assist with various workshops.

Two New Resources for Clubs

Computer CD — A 4-H Resources CD is now available for each 4-H club. The CD provides information on the 4-H career portfolio, officer guides and a 4-H video. Stop by and pick up your copy!

Videotape — The "Winter 4-H Warm-up" 4-H leader training was videotaped and is available for checkout. Helpful handouts are also available. For more information, contact Tracy, 441-7180.

4-H Rabbit Clinic

OPEN TO ALL YOUTH

FREE

Thursday, April 6, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Rd, Lincoln

Learn about the 4-H Rabbit Program. FREE to attend!

SESSIONS INCLUDE: Buying a Rabbit, Information about Rabbit Breeds, Care of the Rabbit, Tattooing, Showmanship, Static Exhibits

Spring Rabbit Show

Saturday, April 8, 9 a.m.

Lancaster Event Center, 84th & Havelock, Lincoln, Pavilion 3 Exhibit Hall • Registrations 7:30-8:30 a.m.

Trophies & ribbons will be awarded!

CLASSES: Fancy Rabbits, Commercial Rabbits, Pet Class and Pee Wee Class. REGISTRATION FEES: \$2.50 per rabbit or cavy, \$1 fur class, \$1.50 Showmanship. FREE CONTESTS: Quiz Bowl & Rabbit Breed ID

Please bring a raffle prize to donate to the 4-H Rabbit Program of Lancaster County. Free exhibit space courtesy of Lancaster Event Center.

For more information, call Rodney at 782-2186 or Marty at 441-7180. Sponsored by Rabbits R Us 4-H Club and Lancaster County 4-H Rabbit VIPs Committee

Kyle Pedersen is Plant Science State Awards Book Winner

Lancaster County 4-H member Kyle Pedersen is the State Awards Book winner in the area of plant science. Awards Books are a cumulative record of an individual's 4-H and other leadership activities. This honor gives Kyle the opportunity to attend the 2006 National 4-H Congress held Nov. 24-28 in Atlanta, Georgia.

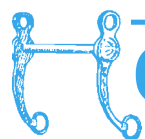


Kiwanis Carnival, April 22

The annual Kiwanis Carnival, a FREE family event is sponsored by the Lincoln Center Kiwanis. This year, it will be held Saturday, April 22, 7-9 p.m. at Elliott Elementary School, 225 S. 26 Street, Lincoln. Elliott school students and their families will be invited to share the fun.

The Carnival features carnival type games for the kids, bingo for adults, prizes, snacks, fun and fellowship. Lincoln Center Kiwanis has sponsored this event for over 50 years providing prizes and snacks.

4-H clubs are needed to provide carnival-type booths. This is a great community service and leadership activity for clubs. If your 4-H club or family would like to have a booth or for more information, call Lorene at 441-7180. Come join the fun.



HORSE BITS

Spring 4-H Clinics

The Horse VIPs Committee is planning two free clinics for Lancaster County 4-H members ages 8 through 18. To participate in either clinic, please RSVP to Joyce Agena by calling 486-0335 or e-mailing memaagena@wmconnect.com. A limited number of horses and riders will be allowed although all are welcome to come and observe.

Dressage Clinic, March 28

A Dressage Clinic will be held at the Lancaster Event Center on Tuesday, March 28 beginning at 5:30 p.m. Western riders are encouraged to attend as well as dressage riders. Helmets and boots are required.

Felice Rose (2006 county fair dressage judge) is the clinician. Felice who says she rode for a couple of years by the seat of her pants kept thinking that there had to be a better way of doing this! She met and studied under Lowell Boomer who started the USDF. She was hooked on dressage

immediately and has now been riding dressage for 28 years. "It changed my whole perspective on riding. I realized you had to get into your horse's head and be a partner with them. I really enjoy starting horses, the basics, once you have that the rest is easy!"

Trail Clinic, April 25

A Trail Clinic will be held April 25 at the Event Center beginning at 5:30 with a possible follow-up clinic at a later date for those who attend the first session.

Kim Bowen and Kate Knapp are the clinicians. Kim and Kate have schooled State (Ne-Ks-Ok-Tx) and Regional Trail and All-Around Champions. They have schooled, shown or owned Nebraska Hi-Pt horses in various events including Showmanship, EP, HUS, EQ, WP, Horsemanship, Trail and Disciplined Rail. They have schooled Amateur, Novice Amateur and Youth students to Horse of the Year, top 5 National standings in various events including Trail, English Pleasure, Showmanship and Horsemanship.

Attention All 4-H Riders All Riding Skills Level Tests Must be Done in Group Testings

As of March 18, 2006, all riding skills level tests must be done in group testings. Individual tests done by leaders will no longer be accepted. Test dates, location and times to be announced, will be:

- Saturday April 8
- Wednesday, April 19
- Saturday, May 6
- Tuesday, June 13
- Saturday, July 8

Please RSVP at least one week in advance of the test date to Marty at 402-441-7180 or mcruickshank2@unl.edu. If a rider absolutely can not make one of these test dates they must notify the Extension Office by the end of March so other arrangements can be made. After that date, no exceptions to the test dates will be made.

Working Ranch Horse and Trail Clinic, April 29

A Working Ranch Horse and Trail Clinic will be held at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Arlington, Neb. on Saturday, April 29 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

The Working Ranch Horse Clinic will start at 9 a.m. Participants will guide a cow through a prescribed course of obstacles. Rules, class procedures and judging criteria will also be covered in the clinic.

The Trail Clinic will start at 10:30 a.m. and will show participants how to better their horsemanship abilities and the training of their horse. Participants will ride through the trail course while being critiqued and instructed.

There is a \$20 registration fee for the Working Ranch, \$10 for the Trail Clinic or \$25 for both. For more information call Monte Stauffer, 444-7804, Rick Schmidt, 426-4827 or Karna Dam, 426-9455.