

EXTENSION CALENDAR

All programs and events will be held at the Lancaster Extension Education Center unless otherwise noted.

July

- 26 County Fair 4-H Style Revue Judging,**
Lancaster Event Center - Pavilion 3, Exhibit Hall 8 a.m.
- 27 4-H Food Booth Training,** Lancaster Event Center, Lincoln Room .. 6-7 p.m.
- 27 4-H Council Meeting,** Lancaster Event Center, Lincoln Room..... 6:30 p.m.
- 30 County Fair 4-H Horse Show Pre-Fair Briefing,**
Lancaster Event Center - Pavilion 3, Extension Office..... 2 p.m.
- 31 Entry Day for County Fair Static Exhibits,**
Lancaster Event Center - Lincoln Room. 4-8 p.m.

August

- 2-6 Lancaster County Fair,** Lancaster Event Center
- 4 Pesticide Container Recycling Collection,** Bennet Co-op... 9 a.m.-Noon
- 15 4-H Robotics Club Information Meeting** 7 p.m.

August 24-Sept 4 Nebraska State Fair, State Fair Park

Electronic Waste

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live and work in these conditions for a few dollars each day, happy just to have a job.

What can be done to solve the problem? Groups such as the BAN think government and manufacturers are the answer. They feel enacting federal laws requiring manufacturers to take back their products and recycle them would stop America's dumping of e-waste overseas. Manufacturers would raise retail prices of their goods enough to cover their recycling costs. Consumers may not like the idea, but most simply won't notice the extra \$10 to \$30 they spend buying

a \$2,000 computer. Hopefully, if manufacturers recycle their own products, they will work to make them using less hazardous materials and easier to recycle.

BAN also believes exporting toxic materials should be illegal, which would force nations to deal with their waste instead of making it someone else's problem. Interestingly, while the United States is the wealthiest nation in the world, it is also one of the few developed nations still exporting its e-waste.

While it may take time for government to solve the problem, there are things people can do now to responsibly recycle their e-waste. Consumers

can donate reusable electronics to non-profit organizations. Also, people can contact recyclers to see how they recycle e-waste. By sending e-waste to responsible recyclers and paying the service fee for their materials, consumers can take responsibility for their e-waste instead of making it someone else's problem. Information on organizations accepting donations as well as recycling companies can be found at <http://www.wastecapne.org/pub/2006/guidebook.shtml>, and more information on e-waste from the Basel Action Network can be found at <http://www.ban.org>.

Lancaster 4-H Team Wins Wildlife Habitat Contest

This year, the 4-H Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program was held in June at Camp Comeca near Cozad. The contest consists of identifying wildlife foods, interpretation of aerial photos for habitat, designing an urban plan for benefit of wildlife, evaluating a field site for the best management practices for specific wildlife and writing a wildlife plan for a tract of land to meet land owners objectives.

The Lancaster County 4-H senior team consisting of Grace Farley, Carson McNeil, Kaylee Nelson and Hannah Spencer was the winners of this year's contest! Leah Spencer coached the team.



Grace Farley, Kaylee Nelson, Hannah Spencer and Carson McNeil was this year's senior winning team at the Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program.

Community CROPS Will Hold a Garden Open House, July 29

Community CROPS, Lincoln's community garden and farm project, will host a garden open house on Saturday, July 29, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (note: date has been moved from June as was previously published). Select gardens will be open for visiting, including:

- 46th and Pioneers Community Garden
- 23rd and P Community Garden

Gardeners will be on-site to showcase their plots. There will be various garden and food-related demonstrations. Refreshments will be available.

Community CROPS: Combining, Resources, Opportunities & People for Sustainability is a Lincoln, Nebraska organization, which works with local gardeners and farmers to grow and market agriculture products. Now in its fourth year, Community CROPS has six community gardens throughout Lincoln. For more information about the open house, go to <http://www.communitycrops.org> or call 730-2532.



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