

## Learning is Fun at Clover College!

Held each June, 4-H Clover College is a four-day series of hands-on workshops for youth presented by University of Nebraska–Lincoln Extension in Lancaster County. Now in its 10th year, Clover College has grown from eight workshops offered in 1996 to 43 workshops and 572 total registrations this year! Two classes, Bird House or Feeder taught by Shirley Condon and Rockets taught by Ron Suing, have been offered all 10 years! A special thanks to the 76 instructors and assistants who helped make this year's Clover College a success! More photos are online at <http://lanaster.unl.edu/4h>



Martial Arts was offered for the first time at Clover College, and participants worked up a sweat!



In Bird House or Feeder, participants learned basic woodworking skills.



In GPS Basics, participants learned how to navigate using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit. They also located a 4-H geocache hid near the extension office.



On the last day of Clover College, the weather was perfect for launching rockets built by youth.



Youth learned chess tactics in the Checkmate workshop.



Youth got a close look at two-week-old goats in Great Goats.



A Horse of Course introduced youth to taking care of horses.

## Can You Guess It?



Did you guess it? Find out at <http://lanaster.unl.edu>  
Did you guess it from the June NEBLINE?  
The answer was anthracnose on hackberry tree leaves.

### Penstemon

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to increase longevity of the plant or allow it to self-sow in the garden. Penstemons perform best in full sun and well-drained soil. This great plant was discovered by Harlan Hamernik of Bluebird Nursery near the War Axe Wildlife Management Area in south central Nebraska.

The 'Prairie' Penstemon

series, including 'Prairie Dawn' (pale pink), 'Prairie Dusk' (clear purple), 'Prairie Fire' (coral-red), and 'Prairie Snow' (white) are hybrids of mixed parentage. 'Prairie Splendor' is a hybrid mix with flower colors including white, rose, lavender and pink. Plants reach between two-four feet in height, with a mounded to upright growing habit and narrow lance-shaped green foliage.

*P. mexicana* x 'Red Rocks'

(bright, rose-colored flowers) and 'Pike's Peak Purple' (violet-purple flowers) have narrow, dark green foliage and grow to 15 inches tall. Finally, *P. digitalis* 'Husker Red', 1996 Perennial Plant of the Year, has deep maroon foliage and spikes of white flowers, growing to 24-30 inches in height.

Since sunny, dry locations in the garden can be challenging for some plants, why not try a Penstemon in one on your acreage?



'Red Rocks' Penstemon



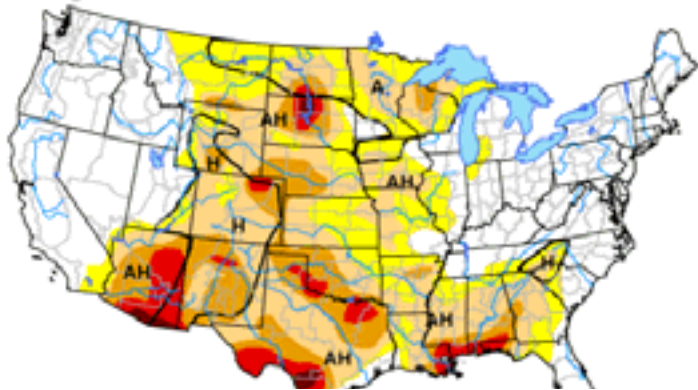
'Prairie Splendor' Penstemon



'Husker Red' Penstemon

### U.S. Drought Monitor Map

As of July 11, Lancaster County was in moderate drought conditions.



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

**Drought Impact Types:**  
 A = Agricultural zones, pastures, grasslands  
 H = Hydrological (water)  
 (the type = both impacts)

For the most recent map, visit <http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm>

Source: National Drought Mitigation Center, University of Nebraska–Lincoln

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