

Jeurink Named County/City Volunteer of the Month



Gladys Jeurink (center) was named County/City Volunteer of the Month for November. Also pictured: Extension staff members Mary Jane Frogge (left) and Don Janssen.

Master Gardener volunteer Gladys Jeurink was recognized as the Lancaster County/City of Lincoln Volunteer of the Month for November 2005 by the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) and the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners.

The Master Gardener program is part of the University of Nebraska–Lincoln Extension. In return for training, participants volunteer at least 40 hours through extension’s educational programs.

Jeurink has been a valued part of the Lancaster County Master Gardener for 28 years. She usually volunteers more than 60 hours each year, giving educational talks, garden tours and answering thousands of horticulture questions at the extension office and for Extension’s “Backyard Farmer” television program.

Extension thanks Jeurink for her dedication and expertise!

4-H at Star City Parade

It was a miserably cold and very snowy day but the brave souls of the Star City Llama 4-H Club represented Lancaster County 4-H in the recent Star City Holiday Parade held Dec. 3 in downtown Lincoln. The overall theme of the parade was “Unwrap the Joy” and the club’s theme was “Sugarplum Dreams.” The club members dressed as Sugarplum Elves and their parents donned old fashioned nightshirts with sleeping caps. The Llamas had the important task of toting the oversized candy in their packs. Our “waste wagon” was decked out as a bed with a jumbo gingerbread person sleeping under a hoop of sweet goodies. The crowd was much smaller than years past but those hardy spectators had great spirit.

—submitted by Karen Armstrong, co-leader of Star City Llama 4-H club

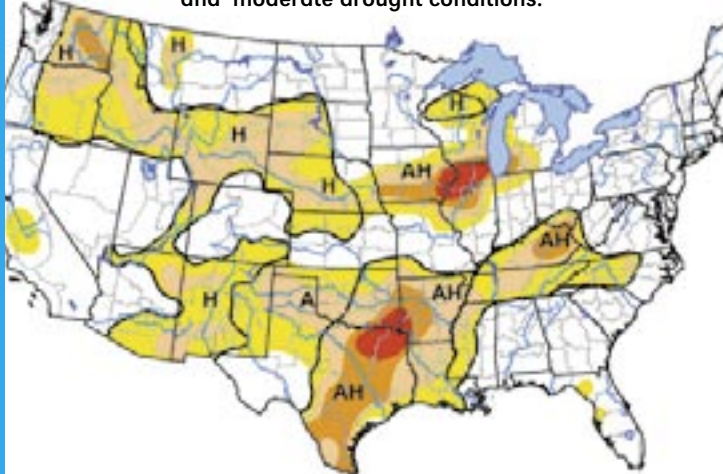


Photos courtesy of Vantage Imaging



U.S. Drought Monitor Map

As of Dec. 6, Lancaster County bordered between abnormally dry and 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)
H/A Both impacts

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

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

Can You Guess It?



Did you guess it? Find out at <http://lancaster.unl.edu>

Did you guess it from the November/December NEBLINE? The answer was icicles on a home.

Winter Photography Workshop Feb. 3–5

The 4th annual Winter Photography Workshop will be held Feb. 3–5 at the Nebraska State 4-H Camp near Halsey.

Work and learn side by side with world-class photographers:

- Joel Sartore of National Geographic
- Bob Grier of NEBRASKAland
- Randy Hampton, photojournalist and teacher
- Michael Forsberg whose work has appeared in publications including National Geographic, Audubon, Natural History and National Wildlife

Classroom instruction and field demonstration workshops will be offered in the areas of Digital Photography, Display, Outdoor and Nature, Large Format, Alternative Processes, Portraiture, Basics, Digital Painting, Darkroom Technique, GPS orienteering, U.S. Forest Service Tour and Macro/close-up. A new offering will instruct 4H participants in the 4-H photography units as well.

Photographers of all skill levels age 15-adult are invited to sign up. Cost is \$185 for adults and \$120 for youth ages 15–19. Registrations are due Jan. 27. For more information or to request a registration form, call the Nebraska 4-H camp at (308) 533-2224.

Horsin’ Around, Feb. 11–12

Horsin’ Around is a two-day conference that will be held on Feb. 11 and 12 at the Animal Science building on UNL East Campus, Lincoln.

The presenters, Bruce and Sue Ellen Vickery, are two of the most successful, effective teachers for all-around riders in the U.S. Their tremendously successful show season of showing, training and instructing includes:

- AQHA High Point All-Around Open Horse
- AQHA High Point All-Around Amateur Horse
- AQHA High Point Open Trail
- AQHA High Point Amateur Western Horsemanship
- AQHA High Point Amateur English Equitation
- AQHA World Champion Western Horsemanship
- AQHA High Point Junior Western Riding

Pre-registration opens Jan. 2 and closes Feb. 3. Cost is \$25 both days or \$15 a day for adults. Youth is \$15 both days or \$10 a day. Registration at the door, if available, adults \$35 both days or \$20 a day. Youth \$25 both days or \$15 a day.

For more information and for registration forms go to <http://animalscience.unl.edu/horse/horsinaround.htm>

Equestrian Academy, Tuesdays, Feb. 1–March 8

University of Nebraska and Purina Mills present “Equestrian Academy - Equine 103,” a series of equine science classes for the professional or amateur horseperson. The classes will be held every Tuesday night Feb. 1 through March 8 from 7–9 p.m. at Chase Hall on UNL East Campus, Lincoln.

- The course includes:
- Effectively buying/selling horses,
 - Healthy horse care and first aid,
 - Dental care,
 - Feeding and care of aged horses,
 - Nutrition for the growing horse,
 - Hays and forages for horses,
 - Riding the trails,
 - Bits, biting and various training aids.

Course fee is \$60 per participant, pre-registered, or \$15 a session. Registration forms available from your local Purina Dealer and your local extension office. For more information, please call Dr. Kathy Anderson at 472-6414 or Fran Minnaert at 650-6150.