

OPEN CLASS COUNTY FAIR NEWS

Enter an Exhibit at the County Fair



You are encouraged to participate in YOUR county fair by entering exhibits or competing in one of the fun contests.

The 2006 Lancaster County Fair will be held Aug. 2-6 at the Lancaster Event Center, 84th and Havelock, Lincoln. This year's theme is "A Slice of the Good Life." As usual, there is FREE admission,

FREE parking and FREE entertainment!

The Open Class, 4-H & FFA Fair Book includes all the information needed to enter an exhibit or participate in a contest. Anyone can enter "Open Class" categories, which include youth divisions (no entry fee for youth). Fair Books will be mailed to previous Open Class participants by mid-March, and will be available at numerous locations, including:

- Lancaster Extension Education Center
- Lancaster Event Center
- Super Saver, Russ's Market, HyVee and Bag 'N Save stores
- Osco Drug stores
- Lincoln City Libraries
- Lancaster County village banks, post offices and co-ops
- It will also be online at www.lancastereventcenter.com

New this year are theme-related exhibits in Textiles, Fine Arts, Home Products and Farm Products. Also new is Open Class Horse Dressage.

Explore Career Options at Big Red Academic Camps

The 2006 Big Red Summer Academic Camps are a chance for high school youth to spend time investigating an interest or potential career, explore the UNL campus, meet people from across the state and have lots of fun.

"By attending the camp, I was inspired to be more creative and try new things with fabric," said a participant at last year's Fashion Design Big Red Summer Academic Camp. "I learned so much more about the campus and the careers in textiles and design that the college offers."

Held in June, Big Red Summer Academic Camps features 10 career exploration camps hosted by Nebraska 4-H and UNL faculty members. The camps are residence camps held on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus. Housing and food are provided.

After spending several fun-filled days exploring a specific topic such as movie-making or fashion design, youth showcase their work at a special "capstone event" which family members are invited to attend.

Brochures and registration forms are available at <http://bigredcamps.unl.edu> or at the extension office. For more information, call 472-2805. 4-H members are encouraged to apply for a scholarship — application is on the Web site.

Save by registering before April 1!



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Camp	Date	Audience	Early Bird/Fee
BIG RED SUMMER ACADEMIC CAMPS			
Child Development	June 11-16	grades 9-12	\$350/\$400
CSI Nebraska	June 11-16	grades 9-12	\$375/\$425
Culinology™	June 11-16	grades 9-12	\$375/\$425
Fashion Design	June 11-16	grades 9-12	\$350/\$400
Horsemanship	June 13-16	grades 9-12	\$300/\$350
Media Mania	June 11-16	grades 9-12	\$350/\$400
Movie-Making	June 11-16	grades 10-12	\$450/\$500
Theatre	June 11-16	grades 9-12	\$300/\$350
Web Design and Animation	June 11-16	grades 9-12	\$375/\$425
Unicameral Youth Conference	June 11-14	grades 9-12	\$200/\$250

Can You Guess It?



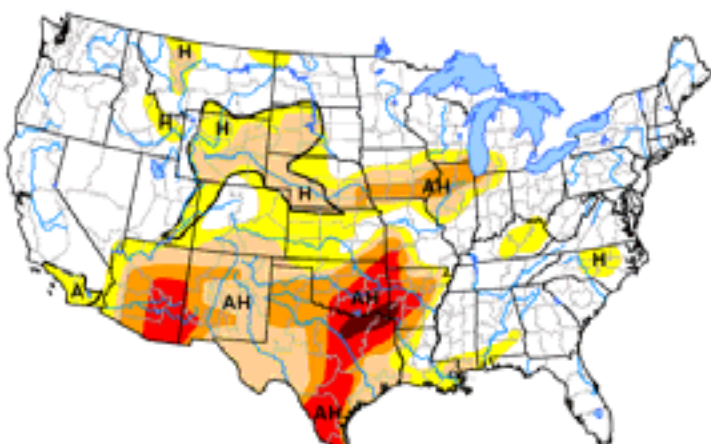
Did you guess it? Find out at <http://lancaster.unl.edu>

Did you guess it from the February NEBLINE? The answer was cross section of a Cranberry.

Norman E. Rees, USDA Agricultural Research Service, www.insectimages.org

U.S. Drought Monitor Map

As of Feb. 7, Lancaster County was in moderate drought conditions.



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

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

Nebraska Horse Expo, March 10-12

The Nebraska Horse Expo brings together horse enthusiasts from all disciplines for three days of entertainment and information. The Expo will be held March 10-12 at the Lancaster Event Center, 84th and Havelock in Lincoln.

There is a full lineup of clinicians and speakers. Your biggest problem will be finding the time to see everything you want to see! For more information, go to <http://www.nebraskahorse-council.org/Expo2006.htm>

4-H Horse Stampede Held March 11

The public is invited to watch youth from across the state participate in the annual 4-H Horse Stampede on Saturday, March 11 at the Animal Science Building on UNL East Campus, Lincoln. The Stampede consists of several 4-H state horse-related competitions which place an emphasis on horse knowledge. No cost to attend.

Schedule is:

- 8 a.m.-3 p.m. — Art Contest Judging and Display
- 8:30 a.m. — Demonstration Contests
- 9 a.m. — Public Speaking Contests
- 10:30 a.m. — Horse Bowl
- 5 p.m. — Awards Presentation

For more information, go to <http://animalscience.unl.edu/horse/stampede.htm>

Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program for Youth



The Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program is a fun and challenging outdoor adventure where youngsters, age 8-18, learn about wildlife, conservation and management. This year the contest will be held at Camp Comeca near Cozad on June 2 and 3. Guided by wildlife handbooks specially designed for youth, volunteer leaders help youth learn about the needs of wildlife.

The junior (age 12-13) and senior (age 14-18) division youth then compete at a state contest in teams (individual participation possible). Teams are made up of three or four youth. The novice group (ages 8-11) does not compete at the state contest, but learns about wildlife through fun educational activities and games.

Notice to participate is requested on March 4. Early registration is May 5 and cost is \$40 per participant. For more information, go to <http://4h.unl.edu/whpe> or call extension at 441-7180 and ask for Tracy.

Unicameral Youth Conference

The 2006 Unicameral Youth Conference will be held June 11-14. Youth gain a basic understanding of civic life, politics and Nebraska government while interacting with State Senators, legislative aides, policy experts and lobbyists.

The Unicameral Youth Conference is part of the Big Red Summer Academic Camps (see article above). Application deadline is April 1 for returning applicants and mentors and May 1 for first time applicants. Scholarships available.

4-H Volunteer T-Shirts Available



4-H volunteer T-shirts with above pocket design are available for sale at the extension office. Shirts are burgundy, 50/50 blend and available in sizes: S, M, L, XL & XXL. Cost is \$6.50.