



## Speech & PSA Contest

The 4-H Speech and Public Service Announcement (PSA) contests are open to all 4-H members ages 8–18, need not be enrolled in a specific project. Register by Monday, April 2 by calling extension at 441-7180. For more information, contact Deanna Karmazin.

### PSA Contest, April 12

The PSA contest will be held at the Lancaster Extension Education Center on Thursday, April 12 at 6:30 p.m. PSA's must be 60 seconds; topic is 4-H. Emphasis is on the presentation of a PSA for radio. Contestants must give their PSA in person, no prerecorded tapes allowed. After the contest, youth qualifying for districts will record their PSA's on tape with the help of extension staff. Tips for writing successful PSA's can also be found online at <http://4h.unl.edu/programs/communication/psa.htm>.

### Speech Contest, April 15

This year's Speech Contest will be held at the Lancaster Extension Education Center on Sunday, April 15 at 1 p.m. Topics can be anything, but a 4-H theme should be maintained. Length depends on division:

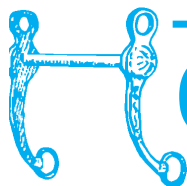
- Novice (ages 8–9): 2 min. or less
- Junior (ages 10–11): 2–3 min.
- Intermediate (ages 12–13): 3–5 min.
- Senior (ages 14–19): 5–8 min.

More information is online at <http://4h.unl.edu/programs/communication/speech.htm> and click on "As You Speak, 4-H Public Speaking Guidelines." When registering please know what age division you are in and the title of your speech.

## Teen Council Community Service Project



At their March meeting, nearly 20 4-H Teen Council members decorated more than 45 paper lunch bags for Tabitha Meals on Wheels.



## HORSE BITS

### Free 4-H Dressage Clinic, March 28 & 29

The 4-H Horse VIPS Committee is presenting a free two-day Dressage Clinic at the Lancaster Event Center (Pavilion 2 warm-up arena) with Felice Rose as clinician.

Two sessions for the junior & senior age group will be Wednesday, March 28 (session 1 from 6–7 p.m. and session 2 from 7–8 p.m.). Agenda: Fitting tack/saddles, dressage fundamentals/equitation.

Two sessions for the elementary age group will be Thursday, March 29 (session 1 from 6–7 p.m. and session 2 from 7–8 p.m.). Agenda: Balance of the rider, riding the different gaits, working the whole horse. We will need three gentle schooling horses, if you have a horse, please let us know.

Twelve riders only in each session, first come-first served. Riders may ride in English or Western Tack. To sign up, contact Joyce Agena at [memaagena@wmconnect.com](mailto:memaagena@wmconnect.com) or 486-0335 — she will need your name, age, your phone number and an e-mail address if you have one. Anyone is welcome to come watch and learn!

### Free 4-H Showmanship Clinic, April 11

The 4-H Horse VIPS Committee is presenting a free Showmanship Clinic at the Lancaster Event Center (Pavilion 2 warm-up arena) with Mindy Leach as clinician.

On Wednesday, April 11, two sessions will be held: session 1 for the elementary age group from 6–7:30 and session 2 for junior & senior age group will be from 7:30–9 p.m.

The emphasis of the clinic will be more on how the showman should look, act and how to present the horse rather than training of the horse. Some training of the horse, however, will be touched upon.

Twelve riders only in each session, first come-first served. To sign up, contact Marty Cruickshank at [mcruickshank2@unl.edu](mailto:mcruickshank2@unl.edu) or 441-7180 — she will need your name, age, your phone number and an e-mail address if you have one. Anyone is welcome to come watch and learn!

## All Riding Skills Level Tests Must be Done in Group Testings

Attention all Lancaster County 4-H horse riders: all riding skills level tests must be done in group testings! The dates and locations for the 2007 Advancement Level Testing are as follows:

- April 24 6:30 p.m. Lancaster Event Center Warm-Up Arena
- May 8 6:30 p.m. Lancaster Event Center Warm-Up Arena
- June 9 9:00 a.m. Location TBA
- June 26 6:30 p.m. Lancaster Event Center Warm-Up Arena
- July 2 6:30 p.m. Lancaster Event Center Warm-Up Arena
- Sept. 29 9:00 a.m. Location TBA

Please RSVP at least one week in advance of the test date to Marty at [mcruickshank2@unl.edu](mailto:mcruickshank2@unl.edu) or 441-7180. Riders wishing to complete their level IV in 2007 should contact Marty as soon as possible.

Riders must be 12 years of age and have a level II in order to compete at the State 4-H Show in Grand Island. District and State entries are due May 11. Anyone wishing to complete their levels II and III in order to compete at the state show must get their testing done before the May 11 date.



Elli Dearmont received a purple and Ivy Dearmont received a blue in the Stampede Art Contest.

## Stampede Results

Several Lancaster County 4-H members participated in the Horse Stampede held at UNL East Campus on March 10. Congratulations to all!

### DEMONSTRATION CONTEST

Junior Individual — Cory Peters (Grand Champion, Purple) with "Horses and Injections: What to do and What not to do"

### ART CONTEST

Elli Dearmont (Purple), Ivy Dearmont (Blue), Spencer Peters (Red)

### HORSE BOWL

Lancaster County Team: Bailey Heidtbrink, Chelsea Gray, Maggie Moore, Sammy Moore, & Elizabeth Frobish (Blue)



Cory Peters was Grand Champion in the Junior Individual Demonstration Contest.



Spencer Peters received a red in the Art Contest.



The Lancaster County Horse Bowl Team coached by Sheila Scheideler and Shari Heidtbrink made it into the quarter finals.