

## Lock-In Gives 4-H Teens Leadership Experience

Each January, Lancaster County 4-H Teen Council presents an overnight Lock-In for 4th & 5th graders. Attendees are treated to a fun-filled event and Teen Council members gain valuable leadership skills. More than 40 4th and 5th graders attended and 33 Teen Council members were involved in the planning, organizing and presenting of 12 hours of activities! Here is a recap of the evening from a few of the teens:

### Movie Magic

The big night rolled around, and on Jan. 19, the 4-H Teen Council held the 2007 4-H Lock In. This year's theme was Opening Night. The 4-H Teen Council members were dressed up for Hollywood as they helped the numerous shy, young 4th and 5th graders to a night of fun and games.

The evening consisted of a variety of fun and entertaining activities beginning with icebreaker games. The children created their own movies, written, directed and played by themselves. The scripts ran from talent shows to fashion



4-H Teen Council members organized and led all Lock-In activities, including the game room where Family Feud and charades were played.

runways to a night at a movie theater. Other activities included the game room where Family Feud and charades were played. In crafts, a thrilled set of 4th and 5th graders made their own VIP passes.

The last station was food where they made their own appetizers, little triangles of peanut butter and jelly sand-

wiches eaten with a variety of fruit. To end the night the kids watched their own movies and ate popcorn. The next morning parents picked up their sleepy-eyed children bursting with stories of their late night until they drifted asleep on the way home.

— **Marian Hanigan,**  
president of 4-H Teen Council



Teen Council formed several committees to organize the Lock-In. Members of the food committee prepared healthy appetizers for Lock-In participants.

### A Favorite Activity

The Lock-In is always one of my favorite Teen Council activities. Our theme this year was Opening Night. We even had a red carpet for the kids to walk in on. It is so much fun to dress up with the theme and get the kids excited.

I have always worked in the game room, but this year I was

in charge of it. I could practice my leadership skills by organizing the games part of the event and by leading each group of kids in the games. It is so much fun to teach them a new game and play it with them. I love learning to lead through experience with the kids. The Lock-In is so much fun!

— **Grace Farley,** treasurer

## Can You Guess It?



Photo © Antonie van den Bos, found on [www.botanypictures.com](http://www.botanypictures.com)

Did you guess it? Find out at

<http://lancaster.unl.edu>

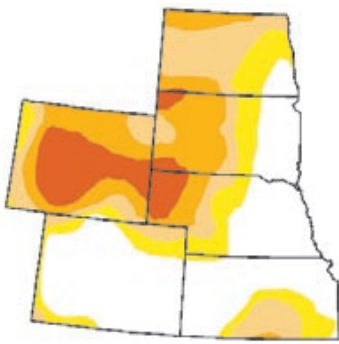
Did you guess it from the March NEBLINE?

The answer was the eye of a female honeybee (*Apis mellifera*)

## U.S. Drought Monitor Map

As of March 6, Lancaster County was not in drought conditions.

	Drought Conditions (Percent Area)						
	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4-D4	D5-D4	D6-D4
Current	39.5	60.5	45.3	27.8	10.1	0.0	
Last Week (02/27/2007 map)	37.3	62.7	47.7	29.4	12.0	0.0	
3 Months Ago (12/13/2006 map)	10.2	89.8	59.7	34.8	15.3	0.2	
Start of Calendar Year (01/01/2007 map)	26.9	73.1	54.3	32.0	14.3	0.0	
Start of Water Year (10/01/2006 map)	10.2	89.8	61.6	33.7	16.7	0.0	
One Year Ago (03/07/2006 map)	31.3	68.7	36.6	4.5	0.2	0.0	



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

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

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

## Enter an Exhibit at the County Fair

The 2007 Lancaster County Fair will be held Aug. 1-5 at the Lancaster Event Center, 84th and Havelock, Lincoln. As usual, there is FREE admission, FREE parking and FREE entertainment!

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

Fair Books have been mailed to current 4-H families and previous Open Class participants. Fair Books will be online at [www.lancastereventcenter.com](http://www.lancastereventcenter.com) and available at numerous locations, including:

- Lancaster Event Center
- Super Saver, Russ's Market, HyVee and Bag 'N Save stores
- Lancaster County village banks, post offices and co-ops
- Lancaster Extension Education Center
- Lincoln City Libraries



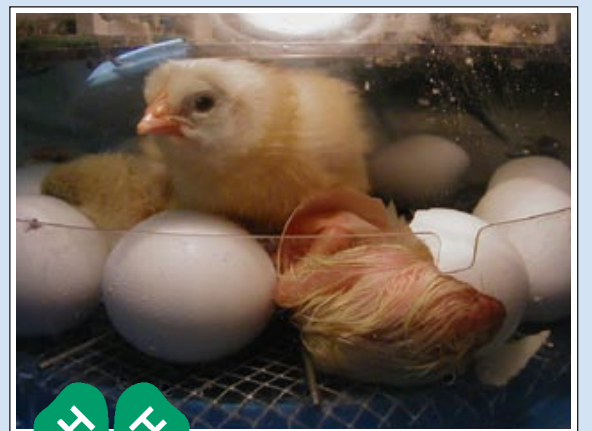
Party with the Animals!

## Watch Chicks Hatch on Egg Cam!

4-H Embryology Web site at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/eggcam>

The UNL Extension in Lancaster County 4-H Embryology Web site features Egg Cam, which gives Web users a bird's-eye view of chicks hatching! The site also features fun activities, photos of the embryos as they develop, and resources for parents and teachers.

Currently, a batch of Japanese quail eggs have been set in the incubator and are expected to hatch on or about March 23. Chick eggs will then be set with a hatch date of about April 10 or 11, followed by a batch of guinea fowl eggs.



It can take from 1 to 48 hours for chicks to "pip" around the shell and break completely free.

## Sign up for 4-H Summer Camps!

Open to all youth ages 5-19 — need not be in 4-H.

<http://4h.unl.edu/camp>