Spring Rabbit Show

Saturday, March 29, 9 a.m.

Open to all youth 8–18

Lancaster Event Center, Pavilion 3 Exhibit Hall
84th & Havelock, Lincoln,
Registrations 7:30–9:00 a.m.

Trophies & ribbons will be awarded!

CLASSES: Fancy Rabbits, Commercial Rabbits, Pet Class and Pee Wee Class.

REGISTRATION FEES: $2.50 per rabbit or cavy, $1 fur class, $1.50 Showmanship.

FREE CONTESTS: Rabbit Quiz & Rabbit Breed ID

All rabbits must be tattooed in the left ear and brought in solid bottom cages.

Excellent time to learn and practice your showmanship!

For more information, call Rodney at 782-2186 or Teri at 441-7180

Sponsored by Lancaster County 4-H Rabbit VIPS Committee

Meet the 2008 Lancaster County 4-H Council

Lancaster County 4-H Council represents the interests of youth, parents and leaders. 4-H Council is responsible for determining long- and short-term goals and policy for Lancaster County 4-H. They also raise funds by staffing a snack booth at the Lancaster County Fair. These funds help support 4-H programs, activities and scholarships. The following are members of this year's 4-H Council:

Jean Pedersen (President)

Kyle Pedersen (Vice President)

Stephenie Doeschot (Treasurer)

Marian Hanigan (Secretary)

Robin Ambroz-Hollman

Vicky Austin

Britta Doeschot

Kirk Gunnerson

Heather Kennedy

Brad Morgan

Ellen Muehling

Paula Peterson

Nathan Smith

Mike Veburg

Brian Vogler

Coleen Warner

Kiwanis Karnival, April 12

The annual Kiwanis Karnival, a FREE family event is sponsored by the Lincoln Center Kiwanis. This year, it will be held Saturday, April 12, 7–9 p.m. at Elliott Elementary School, 225 S. 26 Street, Lincoln.

4-H members & their families and Elliott school students & their families are invited to share the fun!

The Karnival features carnival type games for the kids, bingo for adults, prizes, snacks, fun and fellowship. Lincoln Center Kiwanis has sponsored this event for over 50 years providing prizes and snacks. 4-H clubs are needed to provide carnival-type booths. For more information, call Lorene at 441-7180.

4-H Teens Lead Lock-In

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 80 4th and 5th graders attended and over 30 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:

4-H Teen Council members organized and led all Lock-In activities, including games, crafts and snacks.

A Successful Round-Up

Once again, Lancaster County 4-H Teen Council hosted a successful Lock-In. This year's theme was the Winter Round-Up, and 4th and 5th graders enjoyed creating their own brands and participating in a cowboy relay race. The children had a blast making their own cowboy hats, guitars and other crafts. Smiles abounded as teens led them in a variety of games throughout the night. It was exciting to see many of the younger members of Teen Council take larger leadership roles this year and learn how to put on a successful Lock-In. The increased number of attendees meant members had to make quick adjustments. The teens proved capable of handling the challenge and the Lock-In ran smoothly. The Lock-In was fantastic thanks to the efforts of many amazing hard-working teens!

—Marian Hanigan
Vice-President

One of the Best Ever

I thought the Teen Council 4-H Lock-In was one of our best ever. In my five years on the council, the kids seem to have more and more fun each year. I think this is because we improve the event every year to make it more fun. The teens really illustrated their maturity throughout the entire night, and I could not be more proud to call myself a teen. All in all, the Lock-In was a huge success and I look forward to the future years.

—Brad Morgan

Youth Have Fun

The 4-H Lock-In is a great way for fourth and fifth graders to make new friends and explore the wonders of working and cooperating in games. The youth learn things while they have fun doing it. This year our theme was Winter Round-Up and they had healthy country food. They got to make a bunch of craft items such as hats they could take home if they wanted. At the end of all of the fun activities the youth finally settled down to rest with some movies. They were all tired when morning came. We helped them pack and get ready to go home. Then we went home and slept and slept and slept, ready to start planning for next year!

—Erica Peterson

Can You Guess It?

Vicki Jedlicka, UNL Extension in Lancaster County

Did you guess it? Find out at

http://lancaster.unl.edu

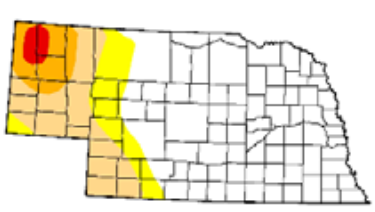
Did you guess it from the March NEBLINE?
The answer was flaked tuna fish in a can.

U.S. Drought Monitor Map

As of March 11, Lancaster County was not in drought conditions.

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	66.7	33.3	23.8	7.8	1.7	0.0
Last Week (03/04/2008 map)	66.7	33.3	15.7	7.8	1.7	0.0
3 Months Ago (12/18/2007 map)	66.7	33.3	15.9	7.8	1.7	0.0
Start of Calendar Year (01/01/2008 map)	66.7	33.3	15.9	7.8	1.7	0.0
Start of Water Year (10/02/2007 map)	70.9	29.1	13.6	7.0	1.7	0.0
One Year Ago (03/13/2007 map)	48.1	51.9	34.1	24.2	12.3	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

2010 4-H Washington Group Forming Now!

Any Lancaster County youth age 14–19 can join 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF), a summer citizenship program which culminates in a nine-day, intensive trip to Washington D.C. in June 2010. CWF delegates learn about the democratic process and their role as citizens. Get the inside scoop about how government really works from prominent guest speakers and from Senators and Congressman themselves. We will also take a few more days to discover the wonders of New York City. Youth who sign up now are able to start earning funds through organized fund-raising. A $100 deposit is needed to reserve your spot. For more information, contact Deanna Karmazin at 441-7180.

Paws-On Dog Workshop, May 31

If you have an interest in learning about dogs or want to better your show skills, plan on attending the Lancaster County 4-H statewide dog clinic on Saturday, May 31, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. at the Lancaster Event Center, 84th and Havelock. This workshop will cover obedience, showmanship, agility, grooming, health care, careers in the small animal field and much more. Fee is $5 per person and includes lunch. Anyone may attend. RSVP's are required by May 23 by calling Deanna Karmazin at 441-7180.