



Public Speaking Workshop, Jan. 27

A public speaking workshop will be held Sunday, Jan. 27, 2 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln. Veteran 4-H members who competed in national public speaking events will share their expertise with youth and adults. These former 4-H members now judge several public speaking events. This is a great opportunity for 4-H'ers to learn from the experts about the speech contest, presentation contest, horse speeches and demonstrations. Need not be in 4-H to attend workshop. Call 441-7180 by Jan. 23 to RSVP.

Seeking New 4-H Council Members

The 4-H Council is composed of youth and adults working together in the interest of promoting activities of Lancaster County 4-H. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. Adult positions are open. If you are interested, contact Tracy at 441-7180. Terms are three years.

4-H/FFA Beef Weigh-In, Feb. 2

Lancaster County's 4-H/FFA Beef weigh-in will be held Saturday, Feb. 2, 8-11 a.m. at the Lancaster Event Center in Pavilion 2. All market heifers and steers need to be weighed and tagged. If you have any questions, call Deanna at 441-7180.

"NEW" Procedure for 4-H Livestock

It has been officially approved by the state: any market beef, sheep or swine entry having a chance of participating at the Nebraska State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben Livestock Exposition will need to have a hair sample pulled for DNA tests. All market beef and sheep samples will be pulled at weigh-in times. Any exhibitor wanting samples pulled for market swine will need to call Deanna Karmazin to set up an appointment. The storage fee for these collections are \$6 per head. Please direct any questions or concerns to Deanna at 441-7180.

Camp Scholarship Applications Due March 1

The following scholarships go towards attending Nebraska 4-H summer camp(s). Applications are due March 1.

Windstream 4-H Camp Scholarship—Thanks to the generosity of Windstream Communications, two Lancaster County 4-H members will receive full scholarships to attend a 4-H summer camp at the Eastern Nebraska 4-H Camp near Gretna! Applicants must be 9 or older and currently enrolled in 4-H. Scholarship is based on need. Deadline is March 1.

Joyce Vahle Memorial Scholarship—\$100 scholarship is awarded to a 4-H'er between the ages of 8-14 to be used towards attending 4-H camp. Applicants should be currently, or have had at some point been, enrolled in at least one sewing project. Deadline is March 1.

Spring Rabbit Show Saturday, March 29, 9 a.m.

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

Open to all youth 8-18

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.

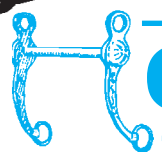
For more information, call Rodney at 782-2186 or Teri at 441-7180

Sponsored by Lancaster County 4-H Rabbit VIPs Committee and Rabbits R Us 4-H Club

Excellent time to learn and practice your showmanship!

Jammie Jamboree, April 12

Join us at the Jammie Jamboree and make jammie bottoms on Saturday, April 12, 9 a.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln. Bring your own pull-on pajama bottom pattern, prewashed flannel or 100% cotton fabric (no one-way design fabrics or plaids) and matching thread. Also bring your sewing machine, basic sewing equipment such as scissors, pins, measuring tape, etc. and a sack lunch. Open to all youth (need not be in 4-H). Adults are welcome. Sign up by April 11 by calling 441-7180. Jammie bottoms may be entered at the county fair and styled in the 4-H Style Revue.



HORSE BITS

Spring Clinics

The Horse VIPs committee and UNL Extension in Lancaster County are sponsoring the following free horse clinics for Lancaster County 4-H horse members ages 8-18 and club leaders.

Riding Fundamentals, March 26-27

Clinician Felice Rose will present a Riding Fundamentals Clinic on March 26 and 27 at the Lancaster Event Center (Pavilion 2 - Warm-up Arena). All disciplines, western, English and dressage are encouraged to attend. Helmets and boots are required. Riders are asked to bring horses which are fairly well trained and mannered as the clinic will be focusing on teaching the rider fundamental riding skills, not on training the horse.

On Wednesday, March 26 there will be two sessions for 4-H'ers: **elementary age group** from 5:30-7 p.m. and a **junior and senior session** from 8-9:30 p.m. Only eight horse and rider teams per session will be accepted on a first come basis, but all are welcome to come and observe. Please RSVP to Marty at 441-7180 or e-mail mcruickshank2@unl.edu

On Thursday, March 27 at 6:30 p.m. there will be a "Teach the Teacher" session **for 4-H club leaders**. Horse and rider class size will be limited so RSVP to Marty at 441-7180 or e-mail mcruickshank2@unl.edu

Showmanship, April 9

A Showmanship Clinic will be held Wednesday, April 9 at the Lancaster Event Center beginning at 6:30 p.m. The clinic is open to members and club leaders. Clinicians are Mindy Leach, Scott & Tammy Merritt and Rich & Katie Fortner. Participants will need to bring their horse, as emphasis will be placed on teaching the horse how to pivot, how to lead out and how to set up. Areas covered will be:

- In sync movement, teaching basics in walking & trotting, proper body position of handler
- Teaching & executing correct pivot
- Teaching & executing set ups & 4 quarters
 - Pattern strategy & execution
 - Polish—fine tuning moves, grooming essentials, proper fitting of halter & lead attachment/chain length, hand position, "flow", body position & ring presence, exhibitor attire

Please RSVP to Marty at 441-7180 or e-mail mcruickshank2@unl.edu

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! All testing will be held at the Lancaster County Event Center (Pavilion 2 - Warm-up Arena). Dates and times are as follows:

- Tuesday, April 22, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 24, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 6, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday July 8, 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, June 7, 9 a.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 27, 9 a.m.

Please RSVP at least one week in advance of the test date to Marty at mcruickshank2@unl.edu or 441-7180. Riders wishing to complete their level IV in 2008 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 9. 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 9 date.

Equestrian Academy, Through Feb. 26

University of Nebraska and Purina Mills will present "Equestrian Academy - Equine 105," a series of classes held every Tuesday night through Feb. 26 from 7-9 p.m. at Chase Hall on UNL East Campus, Lincoln. The classes are an educational opportunity in equine science for the professional or amateur horse person.

Pre-registration cost is \$60 per participant or \$15 a session. Registration forms are available from your local Purina dealer and extension office. For more information, please call Kathy Anderson at 472-6414 or Fran Minnaert 650-6150.

R.B. Warren and Grand Island Saddle Club 4-H Scholarships Due March 1

One \$500 scholarship and four \$1,000 scholarships are available to youth active in the 4-H horse program. For complete directions and applications, go to <http://4h.unl.edu/kids/scholarships.htm> — applications are due March 1.

Horsin' Around, Feb. 9-10

The 15th Annual Horsin' Around will be held Feb. 9-10, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in the RB Warren Arena, UNL Animal Science building. Clinicians this year include Bill and Tina Kaven who have been one of the most successful training teams in the western pleasure industry. Tina is the highest money earning open western-pleasure-division woman trainer in the NSBA. Both are highly respected AQHA and NSBA judges. Video taping is allowed.

Pre-registration cost for adults is \$25 for both days or \$15/day; youth is \$15 for both days or \$10/day. Cost at the door for adults is \$35 both days or \$20/day; youth is \$25 for both days or \$15/day. For more information and registration forms contact Kathy Anderson at 472-6414 or go to <http://www.animalscience.unl.edu/extension/equine/producer/horsinaround.html>