

EXTENSION CALENDAR

All programs and events will be held at the Lancaster Extension Education Center unless otherwise noted.

October

- 25 **Composting Demonstration, Pioneers Park Nature Center's Backyard Composting Demonstration Area** 10 a.m.–Noon
 27 **Family & Community Education (FCE) Achievement Night** . . . 6:30 p.m.
 28 **Guardian/Conservator Training** 5:30–8:30 p.m.

November

- 1 **Lancaster County 4-H Fall Rabbit Clinic** 9:30 a.m.
 2 **4-H Roping and Goat Tying Clinic, Lancaster Event Center–Pavilion 3** 2:30 p.m.
 3 **4-H Horse VIPs & All Horse Leaders Meeting, Lancaster Event Center – 4-H Office** 7 p.m.
 9 **4-H Teen Council Meeting** 3 p.m.
 14 **Extension Board Meeting** 8 a.m.
 18 **Guardian/Conservator Training** 1:30–4:30 p.m.
 20 **4-H Leader Update** 9:30 a.m. or 7 p.m.
 20 **Parents Forever/Kids Talk About Divorce** 5:30–9:30 p.m.

December

- 2 **4-H Council Meeting** 7 p.m.
 12 **Extension Board Meeting** 8 a.m.
 14 **4-H Teen Council Meeting** 3 p.m.
 16 **Guardian/Conservator Training** 1:30–4:30 p.m.
 18 **Parents Forever/Kids Talk About Divorce** 5:30–9:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving Meal

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in the thigh not touching any bone, before removing from the oven. The temperature of the breast should reach 170° F. The pop-up thermometer device also indicates the turkey has reached the final temperature for safety and doneness. Let the turkey stand for 20 minutes to allow the juices to distribute throughout the bird. This will allow for easier carving.

The new USDA recommended internal temperature

for cooked turkey is 165° F. The new internal temperature recommendation was made due to research by the National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods. Their research shows bacteria and viruses are destroyed at 165° F.

However, the National Turkey Federation believes many consumers may wish to continue cooking the turkey to the higher internal temperatures of 170° F in the breast, and 180° F in the thigh, to achieve the desirable firmer

texture and to ensure all the juices run clear, without traces of any pink color.

Storing Leftovers:

Refrigerate turkey and all other foods promptly after the holiday meal, or within two hours of cooking. Cut all the turkey meat from the bones and store in shallow, covered containers. When refrigerated at 40° F or below, cooked turkey will keep up to two days, and up to four months in the freezer when frozen at 0° F or below.

Public Notice

The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners seek members of the community to serve on the Lancaster County Extension Board. The vacancies will be filled with terms beginning in January 2009.

Extension Board members represent and assist University of Nebraska–Lincoln Extension staff in Lancaster County with priority issue areas that include Agricultural Profitability and Sustainability; Children, 4-H, Youth and Families; Food Safety, Health and Wellness, strengthening Nebraska Communities, and Water Quality and Environment. The Board meets monthly (usually the second Friday at 8 a.m.).

Registered Lancaster County voters interested in serving a three-year term should complete an application for an appointment by Nov. 1, 2008. Additional information and an application can be obtained from UNL Extension in Lancaster County, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Suite A, Lincoln, NE 68528-1507, or phone 441-7180. Applications are also available on the Internet at www.lincoln.ne.gov/cnty/commiss/boardapp.pdf

Holiday Gifts Needed for LPS Headstart

A good community service project for the holidays is helping the less fortunate by providing gifts for the Lincoln Public Schools Headstart Program. This program is in need of over 500 gifts for children birth to 5-years old. Literacy is being emphasized again this year, so books and items to encourage reading are suggested (such as puppets, puzzles, small toys, etc. relating to story books). The goal is to give each child a book. **Gifts should be unwrapped** and recommended cost is up to \$5. Bring gifts to the extension office by Dec. 1. For more information, contact Lorene at 441-7180. This is an excellent project for 4-H, FCE and other community clubs. Individuals are welcome to participate.



2008 Ag at the Crossroads Conference

Anyone interested in Nebraska agriculture is invited to attend the 2008 Ag at the Crossroads Conference on Thursday, Nov. 6, 8:30 a.m. at the Lancaster Event Center, 84th & Havelock in Lincoln. This year's conference will examine political, social and consumer trends influencing the future of the food animal industry. This event is sponsored by the Nebraska AgRelations Council and the University of Nebraska–Lincoln Department of Agricultural Economics.

To register, send \$40 to NAC, P.O. Box 830918, Lincoln, NE 68583-0918. The registration fee includes a luncheon, breaks and conference materials. Registrations received after Oct. 31 will increase to \$50. Limited on-site registration will be available. For more information contact Deanna Karmazin at 441-7180.



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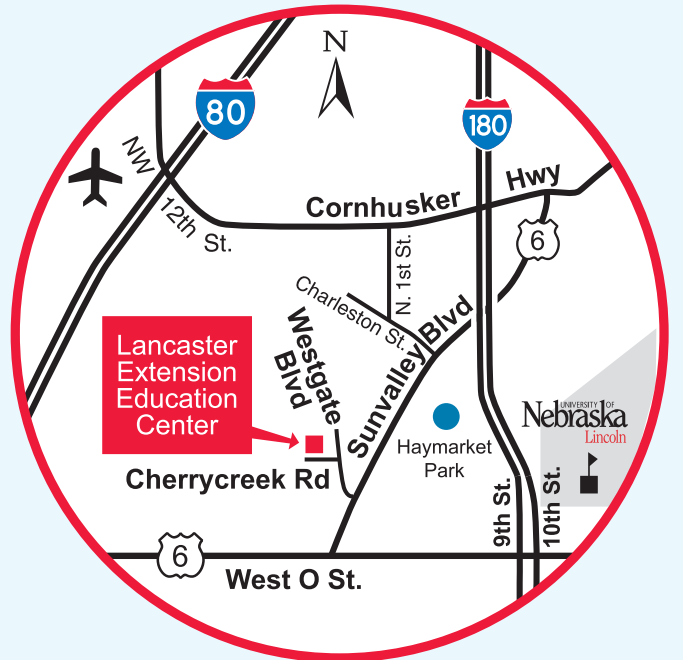
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