



4-H Pillow Party Sewing Fun!

Nearly 20 4-H members participated in the recent 4-H Pillow Party, learning basic sewing skills, having fun and going home with a pillow they sewed! More photos are online at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h>



Kiwanis Karnival, April 18

The annual Kiwanis Karnival, a FREE family event is sponsored by the Lincoln Center Kiwanis. This year, it will be held Saturday, April 18, 6–7:30 p.m. at Elliott Elementary School, 225 S. 26 Street, Lincoln
(note: time has changed from what was previously published)

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.

Clover College Instructors and Volunteers Needed

4-H Clover College will be held June 16–19 at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. Clover College is four days of fun-filled, hands-on workshops for youth ages 6 and up. If you have workshop topic ideas, or if you would like to teach a workshop or volunteer to help, please contact Tracy at 441-7180. All help is very much appreciated!

See photos of last year's workshops online at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h>

4-H Speech Contest

The 2009 4-H Speech Contest will be held Sunday, April 19 at 1:30 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln. The Speech Contest provides 4-H'ers the opportunity to learn to express themselves clearly, organize their ideas and have confidence. Register by April 13 by calling 441-7180 or e-mailing dkarmazin2@unl.edu with name, speech title and age division.

Contest divisions and requirements:

- **Clover Kid:** 5-7 years old, read or recite any short story, nursery rhyme, poem, pledge, etc..
- **Novice:** 8-9 years old, 2 minutes in length, any topic related to 4-H.
- **Junior:** 10-11 years old, 2-3 minutes in length, any topic about a 4-H experience.
- **Intermediate:** 12-13 years old, 3-5 minutes in length, encouraged to talk about a 4-H project you would like others to enroll in.
- **Senior:** 14-19, 5-8 minutes in length, a timely topic related to 4-H.

For speech resources check out our Web site at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Contest/speech.shtml>

4-H PSA Contest Guidelines

Once again, the 4-H Public Service Announcement (PSA) Contest will be by audio only. Any 4-H member ages 8–18 can submit a prerecorded PSA via cassette tape or CD playable on any standard stereo equipment to Deanna by Monday, April 13. Awards and comment sheets will be announced and handed out at the Speech Contest on Sunday, April 19. As always, sound effects and background noises are encouraged. If you do not have the capabilities to record a PSA, contact Deanna to set up a recording time. Additional contest information, PSA guidelines and examples can be found online at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Contest/speech.shtml>

4-H COUNTY FAIR NEWS

2009

LANCASTER COUNTY FAIR

AUGUST 5–9

Fair Books Have Been Mailed, Available Online

The 2009 Lancaster County Fair will be Aug. 5–9 at the Lancaster Event Center. Fair Books have been mailed to all 4-H families. The 4-H portions of the Fair Book are online at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h>

New in 4-H at County Fair

- See the Fair Book for detailed information about each of the following:
- Entrepreneurship has been replaced with **ESI: EntrepreneurShip Investigation** classes (see p. 40) based on the new curriculums developed by Nebraska 4-H:
 - Unit 1—ESI: Discover the E-Scene
 - Unit 2—ESI: The Case of ME
 - Unit 3—ESI: Your Business Inspection
 - **Style Revue** has added a Clothing Level 2 class for robes, pajamas, etc. (see p. 36)
 - **Clothing** now has a class for aprons (see p. 45).
 - **Llama/Alpaca Show** after being on hold for two years, the llama show is back as a Llama/Alpaca show with separate classes for llamas and alpacas. Pack classes also have been added (see p. 61).
 - **Swine Show** now includes a Breeding Gilt class and a Babe Contest. Breeding Gilt classes will be broken into divisions by size. Babe Contest is a fun class where exhibitor and hog may dress in costume or show off tricks or abilities, etc. (see p. 61).
 - There is now a **Meat Goat Show** in addition to the Dairy Goat Show (see p. 60).
 - **Horse Hunter Show**—Hunter is a term used for the controlled, balanced, rhythmic manner in which the horse completes the course of jumps. This new show has two divisions: Hunter and Equitation. Hunter divisions will have two over fence rounds and one flat class. Equitation divisions have one over fence course and a flat class (see p. 63).
 - The former Horse and Pony Halter Show in the Western Horse Show is now divided into two shows: **Hunter/Saddleseat Horse Halter Show** in the English Show for Hunter/Saddleseat horse type and Horse and Pony Halter Show in Western Horse Show for stock type horses and ponies. A horse may be entered in only one halter class.

Creating Posters on Computer

Do you love working (playing) on computers? 4-H'ers are encouraged to consider creating a 4-H poster on a computer. 4-H poster rules and class descriptions are on p. 38 of the Fair Book. Many students learn Microsoft Office PowerPoint in schools. PowerPoint can be used to create a poster. OpenOffice is similar to Microsoft Office and is available free online at www.openoffice.org. Some copier and sign businesses in Lincoln digitally print posters size 14" x 22" for approximately \$16 (at least one store will also mount on posterboard for \$25 total). Creating posters or flyers on a computer is fun and a useful career skill! If you have questions, contact Vicki at 441-7180.

4-H Entomology should have been included in the Fair Book. Here is the information.

ENTOMOLOGY

Superintendents: Pat Wiseman & Kim Wiseman

Specimens to be mounted properly and labeled with the date and location of collection, name of collector and order name. Follow mounting and labeling instructions in the Nebraska 4-H Entomology Manual.

Purchased insects and other insects not collected by the participant can be included, but must have accurate labels and will not be counted in meeting minimum requirements for the exhibit.

Boxes to be not more than 12" high x 18" wide x 3" deep. The glass top should slide out the 12" side.

Premiums: Purple \$4; Blue \$3; Red \$2; White \$0

Class #	Class Description
H800001	Entomology display, first year project —collection to consist of one box of 25 or more different kinds (species) of insects in at least six orders.
H800002	Entomology display, second year project —collection to consist of a minimum of 50 kinds (species) of insects in at least eight orders. Replace damaged or poorly mounted specimens. About 25 species should be from after July 1 of previous year. Limit 2 boxes.
H800003	Entomology display, third year or more project —collection to consist of a minimum of 75 kinds (species) of insects representing at least ten orders. Replace damaged or poorly mounted specimens. About 25 species should be from after July 1 of previous year. Limit of three boxes.
H800004	Special interest display —educational display developed according to individual interests and abilities. Examples include a collection from a specific insect group (e.g. butterflies, grasshoppers) or by subject (e.g. insect pests of corn, aquatic insects, insect mimicry, etc.), a research project, special report, poster display, insect scrapbook, artwork, etc. Poster displays should be no larger than 22" x 28". Other displays are restricted to a base area no larger than 22" x 28". Nor should height be over 24". Research projects should include a report about methods and results, as well as a brief discussion about what was learned. Artwork should include brief information about the work. Each display should be self-explanatory so that the audience can understand it without help.
H800910	My favorite insect (county only)—mounted for display, use creativity.
H800911	Poster (county only)—14" x 22" (see pg. 38)