



4-H District Speech & PSA Contest Results

Sixteen Lancaster County 4-H'ers participated in the Southeast District Speech and Public Service Announcement (PSA) Contest and three participated in the Northeast District Contest. District Contest winners in the senior division in Speech and PSA advance to the State Contest which will be held during the Nebraska State Fair. Congratulations to all the participants! The following youth earned purples in their division – the top five in each division received medals.

Senior Speech — Erica Peterson

Intermediate Speech — Ann Greff (medal), Molly Noel

Junior Speech — Alyssa Catt, Ivy Dearmont, Samantha Leyden

Novice Speech — Brady Papineau, Emma Noel

Senior PSA — Spencer Farley (medal), Erica Peterson (medal), Jessica Stephenson (medal)

Intermediate PSA — Jaime Stephenson (medal), Charlotte Tvrdy (medal), Holly Hillebran

Junior PSA — Kailee Brown (medal), Samantha Leyden (medal), Brody Zabel

4-H Washington D.C. Group Has Five Openings

Five more spots have opened up for the June 2010 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) group. Any Lancaster County youth age 14–18 can join CWF, a summer citizenship program which culminates in a nine-day, intensive trip to Washington D.C. and New York. CWF delegates learn about the democratic process and their role as citizens. 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.

4-H Presentations Workshop, June 25

There will be a 4-H Presentations Contest workshop on Thursday, June 25, 6 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln. Attend this workshop to prepare for the Presentations Contest held Saturday, July 18 (open to all 4-H'ers 8–18). This free workshop will teach youth and volunteers about the three presentation classes, give tips on how to be a great presenter and help with presentation ideas! MUST preregister by calling 441-7180 by June 23. Note: a new handout, "4-H Presentations Contest—Procedures and Guidelines" has been developed and is available at <http://lanaster.unl.edu/4h/Fair> and at the extension office.

4-H Pre-Fair Dog Workshop, June 26

There will be a Pre-Fair Dog Workshop on Friday, June 26, 9 a.m.–Noon at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. The free workshop will help 4-H members prepare for the Lancaster County Fair 4-H Dog Show. Topics include obedience, showmanship and agility. Dogs are welcome. You must preregister by June 22 by calling 441-7180.

Clothing Level 2 Workshop, July 7 & 14

Attention 4-H Clothing Level 2 project members! A hands-on workshop will be held Tuesdays, July 7 and 14, 6:30–8:30 p.m. at Bernina Sewing Center located in Hancock Fabrics, 6800 P St., Lincoln. Participants will learn how to make a simple dress for the Lancaster County Fair 4-H Clothing Level 2 project. Cost is \$20 plus pattern and supplies. Pre-register before July 6 by calling Bernina at 464-0266.

Donated Sewing Machine to a 4-H'er

Kath Conroy, a 4-H clothing superintendent, is graciously donating a brand new Bernette sewing machine to one Lancaster County 4-H youth. 4-H'ers who would like to be considered to receive the sewing machine should submit a paper describing the clothing projects they have done in the past and plan to do in the future as well as why they think they should be the one youth to receive it. All papers should be sent to Tracy Kulm, Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road., Ste. A, Lincoln, NE 68528. Deadline has been extended to July 7.

Free Sewing Help on Wednesdays

Lancaster County 4-H and Bernina Sewing Center are partnering to provide 4-H members free expert sewing help Wednesdays from 6:30–8:30 p.m. Youth are welcome to bring their sewing machine and 4-H projects. There are classroom machines available for rental, too. The Bernina Sewing Center is located inside Hancock Fabrics, 6800 P St., Lincoln.

Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Expo Entries Due Aug. 9

The 82st Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Youth Livestock Exposition will be held Sept. 22–27 at the Qwest Center in Omaha. Categories of this 4-H only competition are dairy, feeder calf & breeding beef, horse, market beef, market broilers, meat goats, market lamb, market swine and breeding swine. Exhibitors must be at least 10 years of age by Jan. 1. Registrations are due to extension staff by Sunday, Aug. 9 (may give to them at the Lancaster County Fair). For more information, entry forms and tentative schedule, go to www.rivercityroundup.org



HORSE BITS

County Fair 4-H Horse Entry Forms Due July 8

All County Fair Horse Entry Forms are due in the extension office by Wednesday, July 8. NO LATE ENTRIES will be accepted. Reminder — you must have passed all Walk-Trot or Level I Horsemanship requirements and have all forms turned into the extension office before July 8 to show at the County Fair. You must have passed Level II to participate in off-the-horse roping classes. Bareback Equitation requires passing Level III.

Horse Course Challenge, July 28

For a second year, the 4-H Horse Course Hippology Challenge will be a part of the Lancaster County Fair. The Challenge will be held Tuesday, July 28, 9:30 a.m.–Noon at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. There will be two age divisions, Elementary (ages 8–11) and Junior/Senior (12–19). All Lancaster County 4-H'ers are welcome and encouraged to participate! All test questions will come from the e-mail Horse Course. Elementary will be from lessons 4, 5, 10, 11 and lessons 27 through 41. Junior and Senior test questions will come from lessons 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 18 and 27 through 41. The testing will include identification stations and a written test. If you did not sign up for the e-mail course, but would like to participate in the challenge, e-mail mcruickshank2@unl.edu to have the lessons e-mailed to you. Preregister by July 24 by calling 441-7180 or e-mailing mcruickshank2@unl.edu. Premiums and ribbons will be awarded at the fair. Top 10 ribbon placings, Reserve and Grand Champion trophies will be awarded at 4-H Horse Awards Night.

Special Needs Horse Show, Aug. 8

The Lancaster County Fair will hold two horse riding classes for special needs youth on Saturday, Aug. 8. There will be a mounted obstacle class, assisted and a mounted obstacle class, non-assisted. Classes are open to all riders ages 8 to 18. Riders need not be enrolled in 4-H. Attire should be consistent with tack (English or Western). However, competitors must wear an ASTM/SEI approved helmet. Participants must provide their own horse and any special equipment needed such as mounting ramps, etc. Participants may show out of a stall or off a trailer. Riders may sign up for one class only. Class size will be limited to eight riders each. To sign up call Marty at 441-7180. Sign-up deadline is July 8.

County Fair Dress Code

Western Attire:

Shirts and blouses must be all white, including button, thread, etc., with convertible collars (one that is meant to be folded at the seam) and long sleeved. Tuxedo, turtleneck or other stand-up collars are not permitted. No national, county or club emblems, medals, etc., permitted. Shear, see-through or form-fitting blouses are inappropriate and not permitted. The bottom line — the traditional "pearl snap" western shirt or a white cotton oxford-type shirt are permitted. Plain, dark-blue denim jeans must be worn. No fringe is allowed nor are jeans that button down the side. A Western hat or a safety helmet must be worn. Hats and helmets are optional in the speed events. A belt, tie, 4-H armband (left arm above the elbow) and riding boots must be worn. Boots with waffle-type tread greater than or equal to 1/8" will not be allowed in riding classes. The judging event requires a long-sleeved white shirt with 4-H armband or the short-sleeved white 4-H T-shirt, blue jeans, belt and boots. A tie must be worn with the long-sleeved shirt.

English Attire:

1. Helmet — ASTM approved helmet required in all jumping classes.
2. White or light colored shirt with stand up collar — can be long or short sleeves or sleeveless. If the weather is extremely hot, the judge may waive the jacket. In which case, the white or light colored shirt or a short sleeved polo shirt in any color is acceptable.
3. Armband — left arm above the elbow — must be worn with long or short sleeves or sleeveless.
4. Broach or pin for collar
5. Jacket
6. Breeches
7. Belt if breeches have loops
8. Long boots or half chaps with a paddock boot or garter straps with paddock boots are acceptable!

Upcoming Level 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 Event Center – Pavilion 3. Dates and times are as follows:

- Tuesday, June 23, 6:30 p.m. — sign up by June 16
- Tuesday, July 7, 6:30 p.m. — sign up by June 30
- Saturday, Sept. 26, 9:00 a.m. — sign up by Sept. 18

Sign up with Marty at 441-7180 or mcruickshank2@unl.edu

State 4-H Horse Show

The Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Show and Exposition will be held July 12–16 at Fonner Park in Grand Island. Information is online at www.animalscience.unl.edu/extension/equine/4H/districtstateshows.html

Health Papers

A 14-day health certificate will be required.

Policy on Horse Drugs

No 4-H horse exhibitors and/or owners shall exhibit a horse at the Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Exposition that has been given any manner whatsoever, internally or externally, a narcotic, stimulant, depressant, analgesic, local anesthetic or drug of any kind or description within 24 hours before the first scheduled event of each show day (8 a.m.). Horses on prescribed treatment of phenylbutazone and/or aspirin-like products must file a statement in the 4-H Horse Show office before the horse can be shown. This statement must describe the treatment reason and be signed by an accredited DVM. One or more class winners and one or more horses in the same class may be tested on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday by the Test Committee.