

# EXTENSION CALENDAR

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

## September

- 22 **Family & Community Education (FCE) Leader Training**  
"Design on a Dollar" ..... 1 p.m.
- 22 **Guardian/Conservator Training** ..... 1:30-4:30 p.m.
- 24-25 **Termite Applicator Training** ..... 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- 24-27 **Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Livestock Exposition**, *Qwest Center, Omaha*
- 26 **4-H Horse Level Testing**, *Lancaster Event Center* ..... 9 a.m.
- 28 **Family & Community Education (FCE) Council Meeting** ..... 7 p.m.

## October

- 1 **4-H Horse Awards Night**
- 4-10 **National 4-H Week**
- 6 **4-H Kick Off** ..... 6 p.m.
- 6 **Composting Workshop**, *Gere Library, 2400 S. 56 St.* ..... 6:30 p.m.
- 7 **Composting Workshop**, *Eiseley Library, 1530 Superior St.* .... 6:30 p.m.
- 8 **Composting Workshop**, *Anderson Library, 3635 Touzalin Ave.* 6:30 p.m.
- 8 **Parents Forever** ..... 5:30-9 p.m.
- 9 **Extension Board Meeting** ..... 8 a.m.
- 11 **4-H Teen Council Meeting** ..... 3 p.m.
- 22 **4-H Leader Training** ..... 9:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
- 26 **Family & Community Education (FCE) Achievement Night** . 6:30 p.m.
- 27 **Guardian/Conservator Training** ..... 5:30-8:30 p.m.

## Tax Preparation Volunteers Needed

You can help make a real impact in your community through Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA). VITA is a service where volunteers prepare federal and state income tax returns for low-to-moderate income individuals. Through the VITA program last year, over 5,000 Lincoln households received more than \$5,042,944 in refunds, of which \$1,760,120 was Earned Income Credit. Earned Income Credit is the largest poverty relief strategy created in the history of relief programs, beating out welfare and food stamps combined.

Many more taxpayers could be helped if we had more volunteers who could donate a few hours per week (usually 4-5) from Jan. 24 through April 15. The IRS provides free tax law and software training at various times in December and January. However, volunteer tax preparers will be expected to do some self-study of tax law, whether through the online course at the IRS Web site or through a course book which will be provided to them. New volunteer tax preparers are required to take a one-day e-file class in January to learn the software used for tax preparation.

If you are interested, please contact JoAnne Hranac at 430-6034 or jhranac@hsfed.org by the middle of October.

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection

**Saturday, Oct. 24**  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Woods Park  
(31 & J St.)

No latex paint will be accepted. These collections are for household only; not for businesses. Only residents of Lincoln and Lancaster County can bring items to collections.

For more information, call the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department at 441-8040.

## 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.



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### SHOUTING ACROSS THE CHASM: CHINESE AND AMERICAN NETIZENS CLASH IN CYBERSPACE

*Kaiser Kuo*  
Tuesday, October 6, 2009, 7 p.m.

**CHINA: FRAGILE SUPERPOWER**  
*Dr. Susan Shirk*  
Thursday, November 12, 2009, 7 p.m.

**CHINA IN AFRICA: THE NEW SCRAMBLE?**  
*Richard Behar*  
Tuesday, January 26, 2010, 7 p.m.

**CHINA RISING: GOOD OR BAD NEWS FOR U.S. WORKERS, CONSUMERS AND INVESTORS?**  
*Chuck Hagel and T.B.A.*  
Late February/early March, 2010, 7 p.m.

**CHINA ROAD: A JOURNEY INTO THE FUTURE OF A RISING POWER**  
*Rob Gifford*  
Thursday, April 1, 2010, 7 p.m.

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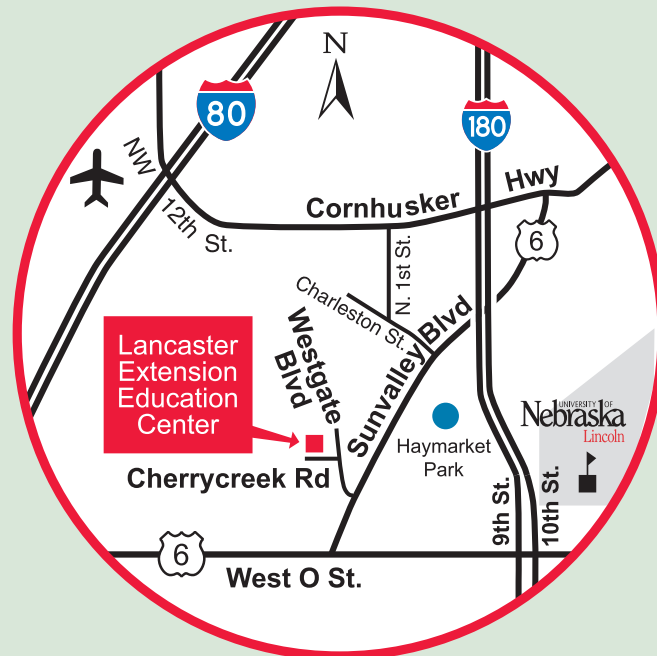
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