EXTENSION CALENDAR

February
FEBRUARY IS NEBRASKA 4 MONTH
21 4-H Pillow Party Sewing Workshop ......................................................... 9 a.m.
21 4-H Paws-On Dog Workshop, Greater Lincoln Obedience Club Building, 5740 Johanna Road ................................................................. 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

March
1 Preference Given to 4-H Council Camp Scholarship Applications Submitted to Extension by this Date
1 R.B. Warren 4-H Horse Educational ($500) and Grand Island Saddle Club Scholarships ($1,000) Entries Due
1 Deadline for Governor’s Agricultural Excellence Awards ($500)
3 4-H Council Meeting.................................................................................. 7 p.m.
5 “Home Hazards, Health and Human Relationships” Seminar,
   UNL East Campus Union – Great Plains Room ........................................... 1–3 p.m.
8 4-H Teen Council Meeting ........................................................................ 3 p.m.
10 Extension/Conservator Training ............................................................... 8 a.m.–1 p.m.
10 Co-Parenting for Successful Kids Class ..................................................... 12:30–4 p.m.
12 4-H Business Meeting ............................................................................ 8 a.m.
13 4-H Animal Welfare Seminar ................................................................. 8 a.m.–1 p.m.
14 4-H Horse Stampede, UNL East Campus - Animal Science Building...
16 4-H Horse VIPS Committee Meeting ....................................................... 6:30 p.m.
16 4-H Public Service Announcement (PSA) Contest CDs Due/Preregister for
   Speech Contest .......................................................................................... 9 a.m.
17 Commercial Pesticide Applicator Recertification Training ....................... 9 a.m.
18 “A Window of Opportunity” Conference for Early Childhood
   Professionals .................................................................................................. 8 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
21 4-H Spring Rabbit Show, (Lancaster Event Center, Exhibit Hall)............. 9 a.m.
21 4-H Speech Contest.................................................................................... 1 p.m. registration/1:30 p.m. contest
28 4-H Jammie Jamboree Sewing Workshop .................................................. 9 a.m.

“My Town, Lancaster County!” Rural Design Workshop, March 19–21

The small towns of Lancaster County will be participating in a three-day workshop, “My Town, Lancaster County,” on March 19–21. The project is led by the Lancaster County Planning Department, with the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners and Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County as partners.

The workshops will bring together the small towns of Lancaster County to share information and ideas, discuss visions of the future, plan for future projects and activities, and energize residents who are interested in bringing increased vitality to their communities.

At this time the communities of Bennet, Denton, Firth, Hallam, Hickman, Malcolm, Panama, Roca, Sprague and Winterset have signed on to participate.

My Town, Lancaster County, is made possible through an award from the Citizens’ Institute on Rural Design (CIRD), a project of the National Endowment for the Arts, Project for Public Spaces, USDA and the Orton Family Foundation.

As a first step, residents of the small towns are being asked to share images of what they love about their town and what they would like to change. Submit photos to the “My Town, Lancaster County” website (http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/mytown), Facebook page (www.facebook.com/mytownlancaster) or email mytown@lancaster.ne.gov.

The images will be used by the workshop teams to develop preliminary goals to address during the workshop.

“My Town, Lancaster County” kicks off with a public presentation by Ed McMahon held Thursday, March 19 at 5:30 p.m. at the Jackie Gaughan Multicultural Center (attached to the Nebraska Union on UNL City Campus). McMahon, from the Urban Land Institutes, is a nationally known expert in the areas of community development and economic opportunity. A social hour with light refreshments, sponsored by the Nebraska Chapter of the American Planning Association, will follow the presentation to give attendees an opportunity to speak with McMahon.

Workshop teams representing Lancaster County’s small towns will spend March 20 and 21 attending panel discussions, working on goals specific to their communities and learning about what has been successful in other rural Nebraska towns.

CIRD workshops bring together local leaders, non-profits, community organizations and citizens; and a team of specialists in design, planning, community and economic development to address challenges identified by the host communities.

“My Town, Lancaster County,” will look at the specific opportunities and challenges faced by small communities in proximity to a larger city. The workshop will address how these towns can build on their assets and maintain their unique identities, while still taking advantage of the opportunities Lincoln provides.

The public is also invited to join a final presentation of what each town has developed throughout the workshop. This open house will be held Saturday, March 21, 1:30 p.m. at the Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center, 11700 SW 100th St., 2-1/2 miles south of Denton.

For more information about the workshops, contact Sara Hartzell at 402-441-6371 or shartzell@lincoln.ne.gov.

EXTENSION NEWS

Two AmeriCorps Members Help Nutrition Education Program

AmeriCorps is a civil society program supported by the United States federal government, foundations, corporations and other donors engaging adults in intensive community service work with the goal of “helping others and meeting critical needs in the community,” Extension/AmeriCorps, an AmeriCorps program, is a partnership between University of Nebraska-Lincoln’s Southeast Research & Extension Center, ServeNebraska and AmeriCorps. Two AmeriCorps members, Hannah Dittmar (pictured left) and Liz Kneifl (right), were recently placed at Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County to work part-time with the Nutrition Education Program (NEP) for several months.

Liz, from Hartington, Neb., graduated from UNL in 2013 with a bachelor’s degree in psychology and worked for a year before deciding to change career paths. She is currently a student in the University’s Didactic Program in Dietetics and plans to become a registered dietitian. Liz has been a part of the NEP staff since October. She assists with nutrition programming at elementary schools and coordinates the middle school enrichment program. She says, “Becoming an AmeriCorps worker for the Nutrition Education Program in Lancaster County has given me invaluable experiences.

Hannah, from Gretta, Neb., is a senior at UNL majoring in Nutrition, Health and Exercise Science with a minor in Psychology. Hannah joined the NEP staff in January and she will be working in both Lincoln and Fremont. In Fremont, she will assist Extension Assistant Kathy Kneifl with planning and implementing the 5-4-3-2-1 Go! and KidQuest programs for youth. In the summer, she will be helping with community gardens. When not in Fremont, she will work in Lincoln assisting with youth nutrition programs and Clover College.

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Chicks are due to hatch Feb. 24/25 and April 28/29.