



EXTENSION CALENDAR

All events will be held at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln, unless otherwise noted.

April

- 25 **Stepping On Workshop**.....1–3 p.m.
- 26 **4-H Horsemanship Level Testing, Lancaster Event Center - Amy Countryman Arena** 5:30 p.m.

May

- 2 **Stepping On Workshop**.....1–3 p.m.
- 3 **4-H Council Meeting**.....6 p.m.
- 7 **Spring Fling Horse Dressage Schooling Show, Lancaster Event Center - Pav. 3**
- 9 **Stepping On Workshop**.....1–3 p.m.
- 10 **4-H Leader Training**9 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
- 10 **4-H Horsemanship Level Testing, Lancaster Event Center - Amy Countryman Arena** 5:30 p.m.
- 10 **Safe With You Part 1 Class, Peace Lutheran Church, Waverly ...** 6:15–8:15 p.m.
- 12 **Co-Parenting for Successful Kids Class** 9 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
- 13 **Extension Board Meeting** 8 a.m.
- 13 **Lancaster County Deadline for 4-H District/State Horse Show Entries, ID, Level Tests**
- 16 **Stepping On Workshop**.....1–3 p.m.
- 17 **4-H/FFA Sheep/Goat Weigh-In & Tag Day, Lancaster Event Center - Pav. 2..** 6–8 p.m.
- 19 **Safe With You Part 1 Class, Peace Lutheran Church, Waverly ...** 6:15–8:15 p.m.
- 21 **Composting Demonstration, Pioneers Park Nature Center's Backyard Composting Demonstration Area**2 p.m.
- 23 **Stepping On Workshop**.....1–3 p.m.

5th Graders Learn About Environment at Earth Wellness Festival

Over 3,500 Lancaster County fifth graders from 50 schools attended the 22nd annual Earth Wellness Festival (EWF) on March 22 and 23 at Southeast Community College. Students rotated among 25-minute sessions and then attended a culminating activity with featured presenters, World Bird Sanctuary from St. Louis. Classrooms attending the festival received pre-festival learning kits in October. Students discover and explore the relationships and interdependency of land, water, air and living resources through hands-on activities.

The festival is organized by eight local agencies, including Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County. More photos are online at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/ewf>.



Extension Assistant Cole Meador presented "Wildlife CSI." In the session, students looked at mock wildlife scenes and used clues such as tracks, feathers and nests to deduce what happened.



Extension Educator Tracy Anderson presented a session about "Scat." Students learned what various wildlife eats affects their scat (feces). Students recreated animal scat using Tootsie Rolls and other edible foods.



Extension Master Gardeners presented "Do the Rot Thing" which explored the process of composting. Students examined compost samples for critters which aid in the decomposition of organic materials and are commonly found in a compost pile.

Lancaster County 4-H'er Part of Student Night Runway Show at Omaha Fashion Week



Omaha Fashion Week kicked off with a Student Night on March 15. The runway show included collections from top 4-H members, the Joslyn Art Museum's Kent Bellows Studio, Omaha's Central High School and Omaha South High School. This year, 4-H members applied to participate in the 4-H collection. In order to be considered, garments must have been exhibited at the Nebraska State Fair. Garment entries were fashion forward, runway appropriate and displayed high quality construction.

Lancaster County 4-H member Emma Lanik modeled one of 12 garments in the 4-H collection. She constructed her dress from woven VHS tape.

EXTENSION NEWS

New Urban Entomologist, Jody Green

In March, Jody Green joined Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County as an urban entomology extension educator. Her primary focus will be programs related to structural and health-related pests such as bed bugs, ants, termites, cockroaches, mosquitoes and ticks. Jody has an extensive background in integrated pest management (IPM) in urban areas, and has worked in the pest control industry as a sales inspector, technician and consultant.



Jody is originally from Kitchener, Ontario, Canada where she earned a bachelor's degree in Gerontology from the University of Guelph and an associate's degree in Environmental Pest Management from Sir Sandford Fleming College. She earned her master's and doctorate's degrees in Entomology from Purdue University. At Purdue, Jody assisted in organizing the annual Purdue Pest Management Conference for five years.

In 2008, Jody moved to Omaha to work as the quality assurance lab manager at a ConAgra Foods flour mill. Recently, she worked for University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Pesticide Safety Education Program on East Campus, providing pesticide safety training to certified applicators. Commercial applicators may recognize her from some of the training videos.

Jody appreciates insects and arthropods for the role they play in nature, but understands there is a time when they cross into "pest" status. She is eager to assist residents and professionals solving pest problems. You can contact Jody at 402-441-7180. Follow Jody on Twitter @JodyBugsMeUNL. She will contribute to Extension's "Home Wise! Family Smart!" blog at <https://homewisefamilysmart.wordpress.com>.

Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County offers free diagnostic service of insects and pests. Lancaster County residents can bring in samples for identification and control recommendations. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

New "Learning Child" Educator, Jaci Foged

In March, Jaci Foged joined Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County as a "Learning Child" educator and will serve Lancaster, Otoe and Cass counties. She has worked at the Seward County Extension office since July 2014 with a focus on early childhood development as part of "The Learning Child" team. Jaci specializes in training early childhood educators and parents as they work with children ages newborn to 8 years. She is part of two statewide Extension teams: Increasing The Quality and Frequency of Learning Experiences For Young Children and Healthy Lifestyles.



Originally from Morrill, Nebr, Jaci graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a bachelor's degree in Human Resources and Family Sciences with an emphasis in child development/early childhood education. She earned her master's degree in curriculum and instruction from Doane College in Crete.

Prior to joining Extension, Jaci was the director of the UNL Children's Center on city campus. Jaci has also directed an Intergenerational program, assisted with before and after school age care, and was the lead teacher for a toddler classroom.

Jaci is excited about working with early childhood educators and parents in Lancaster, Otoe and Cass counties, so please stop in and say "hello." Follow Jaci on a variety of social media outlets including Twitter @JaciUNLChild and The Learning Child team on Pinterest and Facebook. She also contributes to Extension's "The Learning Child" website at <http://child.unl.edu>.