



EXTENSION CALENDAR

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

July

- 25 **4-H Fashion Show Judging**..... 9 a.m.
- 27 **4-H Food Stand Training for Super Fair, Lancaster Event Center - Lincoln Room**.....6-9 p.m.
- 27 **4-H Static Exhibit Set-Up, Lancaster Event Center - Lincoln Room** . 6:30 p.m.
- 29 **4-H Static Exhibit Set-Up, Lancaster Event Center - Lincoln Room**8 a.m.
- 31 **Lancaster County Super Fair 4-H Horse Shows Begin, Lancaster Event Center**

August

- 1 **4-H & FFA Static Exhibit Check-In for Lancaster County Super Fair, Lancaster Event Center - Lincoln Room**..... 4-8 p.m.
 - 3-12 **Lancaster County Super Fair (4-H/FFA Exhibits & Events Aug 3-6; 4-H Horse Show July 31-Aug. 6), Lancaster Event Center**
 - 7 **Super Fair 4-H Premium Payouts and Static Exhibit Release, Lancaster Event Center, Lincoln Room**..... 7-11 a.m.
 - 7 **Ag Land Management: Back to Basics Workshop**..... 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
 - 9 **Opportunities for Growing and Grazing Cover Crops Conference, Lancaster Event Center, Exhibit Hall** 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
 - 10 **Co-Parenting for Successful Kids Class**.....9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
 - 14 **Pesticide Applicator NDA Walk-in "Testing Only" Session** 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
 - 17 **Quick & Healthy No-Recipe Meals, Bryan East Campus, Plaza Conference Center, 1500 S. 48th St.**..... 6:30-8 p.m.
- Aug. 25-Sept. 4 Nebraska State Fair, Fonner Park, Grand Island**

4-H Clover College: 55 Workshops of Hands-On Learning!

Held each June, 4-H Clover College is a four-day series of hands-on workshops for youth presented by Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County. Emphasis is on science, agricultural literacy, healthy living, career development and citizenship/leadership.

This year, Clover College was held June 20-23 and featured 55 workshops. 153 youth participated (varying from 1 to 15 classes each), with a total 960 class registrations! A special thank you to the nearly 75 instructors and assistants!

More photos are online at www.flickr.com/photos/unextlanco/sets. Several workshops were livestreamed and are archived at www.youtube.com/user/4HLancasterNE.



In "Playing in the Dirt" and in "Clover Kids Day Camp," youth engineered farm planters using hex bugs, tested them for speed, ground covered and least soil disturbed.



In "Picture This!" taught by Extension Board member Pat Heather, youth made pinhole cameras from oatmeal containers and developed their photos in a make-shift darkroom.



Members of the Go Go Goat Getters 4-H Club helped teach "Giddy Goats."

Seeking Lancaster County Fair 100-Year or Older Photos/Artifacts

As part of Nebraska's 150th statehood anniversary celebration, the Lancaster County Fair will be celebrating its more than 140-year history. In fact, the first year the fair was held is not exactly known — the Ag Society is researching this information.

A display at the 2017 Lancaster County Super Fair — held Aug. 3-12 at the Lancaster Event Center, 84th & Havelock, Lincoln — will

feature 100-year and older Lancaster County Fair photos and artifacts. The historical display will be in the Business Center entryway.

The public is asked to share their Lancaster County Fair photos and artifacts from 1917 or older. Bring to Lancaster Event Center office by Monday, July 31, attention Amy. Mark the back with original owner name, year and current submitter name,

address, phone number. Bonus points for written description/origin/story/history to explain the photo/artifact.

All entrants will receive \$5 to spend at a Lancaster Event Center cafe during the Super Fair. If sufficient entries are received, prize ribbons and premiums up to \$50 will be awarded. For more information, contact Amy at 402-441-6545.

EXTENSION NEWS

Kristin Geisert Promoted



Kristin Geisert at Clover College

Kristin Geisert was recently promoted from Extension Assistant to Extension Associate. She has worked for the Lancaster County 4-H program since August 2016. Previous Extension experience included working at the Phelps and Buffalo County offices since 2008.

Kristin's responsibilities will continue to include leading all static exhibit project areas, clubs, volunteers and Clover Kids. She organizes workshops, contests, Clover College and Lancaster County Super Fair events.

Her emphasis is on positive youth development in the areas of:

- Citizenship and leadership.
- Science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM)
- Career development.
- Healthy living.

Congratulations Kristin!

Winners of NEBLINE Survey Drawing

Thank you to everyone who completed the recent NEBLINE Reader Survey. Completed survey submissions were eligible for a random drawing. Congratulations to the following five winners, who received \$20 gift cards*:

- Janice B. from Lincoln.
- Mary D. from Eagle.
- Rick G. from Raymond.
- Dan P. from Seward.
- Lisa V. from Lincoln.

* Not funded by tax dollars. Winners have been contacted.

Pollinator Talks and Tours, Aug. 3

The Nebraska Statewide Arboretum is sponsoring free "Pollinator Talks and Tours" on Thursday, Aug. 3, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at UNL East Campus. All events except the 2 p.m. tour begin from the Backyard Farmer garden east of UNL Keim Hall at 1825 N. 38th Street. The 2 p.m. tour of Union Plaza will begin at 228 N. 21st Street. Activities for kids include face-painting, make-your-own antennae and other pollinator activities. For a complete schedule and pollinator resources, go to <https://plantnebraska.org>.

AKSARBEN 4-H Show Entries Due Aug. 10

More than 2,000 4-H families from a 10-state area participate in the AKSARBEN 4-H Show.

The AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show will be held Sept. 28-Oct. 1 at the Nebraska State Fair Grounds (Fonner Park) in Grand Island. Categories of this 4-H-only competition are dairy, feeder calf & breeding beef, market beef, market broilers, meat goats, market lamb, market swine and dairy steer. Exhibitors must be 10 years of age by Jan. 1.

The AKSARBEN 4-H Horse Show will be held Sept. 23-24 at the Nebraska State Fair Grounds - Thompson Foods 4-H Arena (Fonner Park) in Grand Island. Horse exhibitors must be 12 years of age by Jan. 1.

New for 2017: AKSARBEN will be utilizing an all online entry process. More information regarding the entry process will be communicated as it becomes available.

Extension staff will NOT be accepting entries at the Super Fair as in previous years. Online entries will be due Thursday, Aug. 10. For more information and tentative schedule, go to www.aksarbenstockshow.com.