



EXTENSION CALENDAR

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

May

25 4-H Poultry Clinic, Lancaster Event Center - Pav. 1 6-8 p.m.

June

1 Management Training Program for Childcare Directors.. 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

1 Super Fair 4-H Horse ID's Due to Extension

2 4-H Horse Judging Contest, Lancaster Event Center - Pav. 3

.....Registration 5:30-6:30 p.m./6:30 p.m.

3 4-H Life Challenge Contest - Junior & County-Level Senior

Divisions.....9 a.m.

3 4-H Pre-District Horse Show Presented by 4-H Horse VIPS/Wranglers,

Lancaster Event Center - Pav. 3

5 4-H Horsemanship Level Testing, Lancaster Event Center - Pav. 4,

Amy Countryman Arena..... 5:30 p.m.

6 4-H Council Meeting.....6 p.m.

8 Co-Parenting for Successful Kids Class.....9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

9 Extension Board Meeting8 a.m.

12-19 4-H Horse District Shows, Lexington, Taylor, Wayne, Hemingford

14 4-H Plant Science Contests: Horticulture/Tree ID/

Grass-Weed ID..... 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

15 Management Training Program for Childcare Directors ...9 a.m.-12 p.m.

15 Deadline to Enroll New 4-H Members/Volunteers and for All Members

to List Project Area(s) Planning to Enter at Super Fair. Must Use

"4-H Online" at <https://ne.4honline.com>.

15 Deadline for 4-H/FFA Sheep/Goats/Swine/Breeding Beef/Bucket

Calves/Dairy Cattle/Llamas & Alpacas/Rabbits Identification

15 Deadline for 4-H/FFA Livestock Market Animal Exhibitors to Complete

Quality Assurance Requirements

16 Pesticide Applicator NDA Walk-in "Testing Only" Session 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

17 4-H Bicycle Safety Contest.....9 a.m.

20 Lincoln 4-H Horse District Show, Lancaster Event Center - Pav. 4,

Amy Countryman Arena

20-23 4-H Clover College

24 Composting Demonstration, Pioneer Park Nature Center's Backyard

Composting Demonstration Area10 a.m.

26-27 Premiere Animal Science Events (PASE)/FCS Life Challenge,

UNL East Campus

27 Babysitting Training for 5th-7th Graders 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

27 4-H Horsemanship Level Testing, Lancaster Event Center - Pav. 4,

Amy Countryman Arena..... 5:30 p.m.

30 4-H Horse Incentive Program Ends

Teen Council Clean Up



On April 9, 24 4-H Teen Council members picked up 99 pounds of litter and 28 pounds of recycling in a large area around the Extension office on Cherrycreek Road. Karol Swotek, Teen Council volunteer, and Tracy Anderson, Extension Educator serving as a liaison to Teen Council, secured a \$200 grant from Keep Lincoln & Lancaster County Beautiful for the community service project. The clean up was timed to be part of ServeNebraska Week.

Chloe Hammond said, "Walking around the area, picking up trash around the Lancaster Extension office was eye opening in that it made me realize the quantity of litter in our community. In addition, this experience emphasized the importance of protecting the environment. In the future, I will definitely advocate for keeping our community clean!"

Phaelin Baum said, "The clean up made me realize how disrespectful people are to their community because there was so much trash and litter. After cleaning up the area, I felt really good because I did something that made my community better."

Horse Stampede Results

The statewide 4-H Horse Stampede was held April 1 at UNL East Campus. Nearly 165 youth entered in five events: horse bowl, public speaking, demonstration, art contest and photography contest. Congratulations to all Lancaster County 4-H members who participated! Below are the Lancaster County purple ribbon winners.



Horse Bowl Senior Team

HORSE BOWL

Lancaster Junior Team (Champion): Jocelyn Cobb, Cally Dorff, Alexia Harre, Chloe Stander, Alexa Starner, coach Grace Kim

Lancaster Junior Team (Reserve Champion): Emmi Dearthmont, Kyra Debuse, Kat Moyer, Sidney Schlesiger, coach Andy Dearthmont

Lancaster County Senior Team (Champion): Ashley Clegg, Kate Cooper, Aussia Stander, Jenna Wolfe, coach Kate Rawlinson

ART CONTEST

Junior Division: Olivia Wood (Champion), Elisabeth Moyer (Reserve Champion), Sidney Schlesiger

DEMONSTRATIONS

Emmi Dearthmont (Junior Champion Individual)

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Junior Division: Emmi Dearthmont (Champion)

4th Graders Gain Understanding of Agriculture at Ag Literacy Festival

More than 500 fourth graders from eight Lincoln area schools attended the Ag Literacy Festival held April 25-26 at the Lancaster Event Center. Students gained a greater understanding of agriculture and how it impacts their daily lives. They rotated between the following ten interactive stations: Beef, Dairy, Swine, Sheep, Horse, Poultry, Corn & Soybeans, Water, Farm Technology and By-products.

The Ag Awareness Coalition, led by Nebraska Extension, organizes the festival with the help of Lancaster County Farm Bureau and agriculture businesses, commodity associations and food industry companies. This is the 17th year the festival has been held in Lincoln.

Fourth-grade teacher Barbara Tremain from St. Joseph's Catholic School says, "My fourth graders loved their experience at the Ag Festival. They especially enjoyed learning about how sheep are sheared. The rotation schedule was perfect. They were at each area for just the right amount of time. There was just the right amount of information taught at each area and just perfect for fourth grade."

More photos are online at www.flickr.com/photos/unlxtlanco/collections.



Fourth graders were able to interact with several animals, including two-week old piglets. Extension Associate Cole Meador (back center) organizes the Ag Literacy Festival.



Extension Board member Paula Peterson brought a cow-calf pair to help teach students about beef production.

4-H'ers Qualify for Regional Speech & PSA Contest

The Lancaster County 4-H Speech and Public Service Announcement (PSA) contest was held on March 19. More than 51 Lancaster County 4-H youth competed in this year's communication events. The following top winners will represent Lancaster County at the Regional Speech & PSA contest on May 18 at University of Nebraska-Lincoln East Campus.

Speech contest:

- Junior (8-10 years): Sarah Lange, Avery Lockridge, Melanie Wiggins
- Intermediate (11-12 years): Autumn Brester, Kylie Hansen, Grace Spaulding
- Senior (13-18 years): Ashley Clegg, Addison Wanser

Public Service Announcement contest:

- Junior (8-10 years): Holly Bowen, Sarah Lange, Melanie Wiggins
- Intermediate (11-12 years): Ella Hendricksen, Riley Peterson, Eliese Schwinck

Congratulations to all participants!