Cattlemen’s Classic Judging Contest Results

At the 2015 Nebraska Cattlemen’s Classic Beef Judging Contest on Feb. 21 in Kearney, the Lancaster County 4-H senior livestock judging team earned 9th place high team. Team members included Renee Sieck, Sheridan Swetek and Ashlyn Cooper. Individual results included Renee Sieck placing 8th in placings, 2nd in feed lot cattle, 3rd in reasons and 3rd high individual. Junior division participants included Rachel Lange and Anastacia Paiz. Rachel was 4th in placings, 1st in questions and 2nd high individual. Anastacia was 5th in placings, 9th in questions and 4th high individual. Congratulations to all who competed!

New Livestock Quality Assurance Requirements

New this year, Quality Assurance training is NOT required for the Lancaster County Super Fair. ONLY 4-H/FFA members showing market beef, market sheep, market swine, meat and dairy goats, dairy cattle, poultry and rabbits at State Fair or the Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Stock Show must complete the Quality Assurance training. Livestock exhibitors showing only breeding animals and horse exhibitors do not have to complete it. The Quality Assurance certification is online and must be done by June 15. This year, there is a $5 per youth charge. Instructions are online at http://4h.unl.edu/qualityassurance. If you have any questions, contact Cole at cmeador2@unl.edu or 402-441-7180.

4-H Interview Judging Regional Contest, May 21

4-H youth ages 11 and up are invited to participate in the Interview Judging Contest. This contest will give youth the opportunity to practice the real-life skill of applying for a job. Youth will use their 4-H and life experiences to write a resume and cover letter for one of three job descriptions and participate in a live interview. This regional contest will be held Thursday, May 21, 1–7 p.m. at UNL East Campus. Registrations are due to the Lancaster Extension office by May 1. The $5 registration fee will be paid by 4-H Council. Contact Tracy at 402-441-7180 or tracy.anderson@unl.edu to learn more about the contest. More details at http://4h.unl.edu/interviewjudgingcontest.

4-H & FFA Entry Pass Hangtags — New Policy

4-H/FFA exhibitors can get free 4-H/FFA entry pass hang tags for their immediate families at the extension office (available July 1–29). These entry passes allow one vehicle and its occupants to enter the fairgrounds each day Thursday, July 30–Sunday, Aug. 2, 11 a.m. and park in designated areas. 4-H/FFA families are asked to enter Gate 3 (second Haddock driveway) where there will be an exhibitor lane when possible to speed entry — except when unloading/loading static exhibits, use 84th street entrance and temporarily un load/load by the Lincoln Room and park in Lot K if staying longer. Every 4-H/FFA vehicle needs an entry pass hangtag — NO EXCEPTIONS — so be sure to get a hangtag for every vehicle used during the fair (e.g. mom, dad, teen exhibitors that drive). General parking without the entry pass will be $5 daily except Monday–Wednesday will be free parking.

This year 4-H/FFA exhibitors will not need gate admission passes for occupants of vehicles with a 4-H/FFA entry pass hangtag Thursday, July 30–Monday, Aug. 3, 11 a.m. After the 4-H/FFA days of the fair, each 4-H/FFA exhibitor and family member will need to bring a gate admission ticket picked up from a ticket sponsor or pay $2 per person to enter.

These hangtag passes are for 4-H/FFA members and their immediate families only. Please do not abuse this privilege.

Shavings — New Procedure

Absolutely no outside shavings or straw is allowed. All exhibitors must use shavings provided by Event Center ($7 per bag with sales tax included). All exhibitors must pay for and pick up shavings at the shavings office (located on the east end of Pavilion 2) when it is open during peak check-in hours. Otherwise, shavings are available through the Quick Stop Café located between Pav. 1 and 4 anytime it is open. Cash, check or credit card accepted.

Pavilion 2 Shavings Office hours:
- Sunday, July 26, Noon–8 p.m.
- Monday, July 27, Noon–8 p.m.
- Thursday, July 30, 7 a.m.–Noon

Shavings available through the Quick Stop Café between Pav. 1 and 4:
- Monday–Sunday, July 26, August 2, 7 a.m. – 10 p.m.

4-H & FFA Exhibits — Beyond the Needle

See the Fair Book for detailed information about each of the following:

- **Style Revue Contest and Clothing Exhibits:** There are significant changes to many classes to reflect the new STEAM Clothing 1, 2, and 3 Beyond the Needle curriculum. These manuals are available for purchase at the Extension office.
- **Theme Exhibits:** some exhibits use the Super Fair theme. The new theme is “Let the good times grow.”
- **Presentations Contest:** 4-H FilmFest (Digital Video) replaces Teaching Presentation.
- **Shooting Sports Static Exhibits:** all new classes.
- **Citizenship:** classes for the new curriculum, Seeing 2ic, Adventures in Diversity and Cultural Awareness.
- **Human Development:** new name for Child Development. Classes remain the same.
- **Home Environment:** Design Decisions has new classes, “Furniture – recycled/removed” and “Accessory – outdoor living.”
- **Food & Nutrition:** Two new general classes: “Foods and Nutrition Poster, Scrapbook, or Photo Display” and “Physical Activity and Health Poster, Scrapbook, or Photo Display.” Youth in Motion is no longer a State Fair exhibit area.
- **Photography:** New rules for “Field Trip.” Career exhibit print Explore a career as an editorial photographer; Unit III – Career exhibit print - Explore a career as a commercial photographer.
- **Geospatial (GPS):** 4-H History Map
- **Conservation & Wildlife:** new rules for “Build a Fishing Rod.” New class, “Inventing Wildlife/Fish Harvesting Equipment, Aid or Accessory.”
- **Agronomy:** several new classes.
- **Meat Goat Show:** “Performance Class” and “Bottle Goat Class.”
- **Dog Show:** Theme “Food Fun” for Creative Kennel Contest and Costume Contest.
- **Horse Show:** Starts Sunday, July 26 before the fair and ends Sunday, Aug. 2. Show order has switched to Dressage, Jumping, English, Western. New special awards to be presented at 4-H Horse Awards Night: Nebraska Dressage Association High Score Dressage Rider, Lowell Boomer High Point Jumping Award and Bluestem All-Around Miniature Horse Award. Costume Contest added.