Extension 2014 Highlights

NEBRASKA EXTENSION is your local connection to university research-based information. We extend knowledge, provide solutions and change lives. Here’s a look at some of Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County’s 2014 accomplishments.

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Extension Nutritional Education Program coordinator Mardel Meinke is pictured, teaching a lesson about food safety at the Lancaster County 4-H Fair. The national Cooperative Extension Service was created in 1914 and 2014 marks the centennial of the Smith-Lever Act which created the national Cooperative Extension Service. Today, every state has a land-grant university and public mission of teaching, research and extension service. University of Nebraska–Lincoln is our state’s land-grant university.

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