June
23 Guardian/Conservator Training ........................................... 1:30–4:30 p.m.
25 Co-Parenting for Successful Kids Class ................................ 9:30 a.m.–1 p.m.
29–30 4-H Premiere Animal Science Events (PASE)/FCS Life Challenge, Extension Cass County

July
1 All 4-H/FFA Lancaster County Super Fair Animal Entries Due to Extension
5 4-H/FFA Livestock Booster Club Scholarship Forms Due to Extension
10 Extension Board Meeting ...................................................... 8 a.m.
10 4-H ”Fun with Healthy Food!” Workshop .................................. 8:30 a.m–4:30 p.m.
12–16 State 4-H Horse Show, Farmer Park, Grand Island
14 Guardian/Conservator Training ............................................. 1:30–4:30 p.m.
15 4-H Horse Incentive Program Forms Due to Extension
16 4-H Presentations Contest ..................................................... 9 a.m.
18 4-H Rabbit Tattoo Opportunity ............................................. 10 a.m.–Noon
21 4-H Style Revue Judging ...................................................... 8 a.m.
23 4-H Food Booth Training, Lancaster Event Center - Lincoln Room ... 6–7 p.m.
28 4-H & FFA Static Exhibit Check-In for Lancaster County Super Fair, Lancaster Event Center - Lincoln Room ............................ 9 a.m.
29 4-H Interview Judging for Static Exhibits at Super Fair, Lancaster Event Center - Lincoln Room ........................................... 9 a.m.

July 30–Aug. 8 Lancaster County Super Fair (4-H/FFA Exhibits & Events July 30–Aug. 2; 4-H Horse Show July 26–Aug. 2), Lancaster Event Center (see complete schedule at http://superfair.org)
July 31 Fair Fun Day for Child Care Groups at Super Fair, Lancaster Event Center .......................................................... 9:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.

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The grants were sponsored by Youth Service America with support from State Farm for Global Youth Service Day (GYSD) which celebrates and mobilizes millions of youth in more than 100 countries to improve their communities through service.

In Nebraska, the grants were awarded in conjunction with Serve Nebraska Week, April 11–18.

Teen Council Donated Tie Blankets

Teen Council members made tie blankets to donate to the Friendship Home. During Lancaster County 4-H Teen Council’s April 12 meeting, 17 youth members made 10 tie blankets to donate to the Friendship Home in Lincoln. The club used the GYSD grant money to purchase the fleece material.

Teen Council member Hanna Brandt said, “My mom and I went to the fabric store with a 4-H leader and some other teens — it was interesting to think about what would comfort someone at the Friendship Home. It felt wonderful to know that we were doing something to make someone’s life better. I will always cherish this experience.”

Fantastic 4 Hosted a May Day Celebration

On April 19, the Fantastic 4 club hosted a May Day celebration for girls who live at the People’s City Mission or attend Lakeview Elementary School.

The club provided several May poles and taught traditional May Day dances. Attendees made and decorated May Day baskets and filled them with popcorn and candy. The girls also made flower crowns, flower/candy wands and other craft projects.

Healthy snacks of sandwiches and fresh veggies were provided. The girls reported they had a lot of fun, and wanted to stay to learn more dances and make more crafts.

Each attendee left with a gift bag of full size shampoo/conditioner, shower gel, body spray, chapstick, fingernail polish, nail file, bubbles, several bead necklaces and a flower bouquet. The GYSD grant was used to purchase items for 40 gift bags. Leftover gift bags were donated to the Friendship Home in Lincoln.

4-H Teen Council members make tie blankets to donate to the Friendship Home.

Joe’s Clover Knights Assisted Refugees

The Joe’s Clover Knights club decided to assist 14 refugee families (86 people total) through Catholic Social Services in Lincoln.

With the GYSD grant money, and an additional $500 from a donor, the club decided to purchase each family: crayons, markers, colored pencils, paper, scissors, glue, pencil sharpener, soccer ball, a cross, books and prayer cards.

4-H’ers then looked in their own homes for gently used items to donate such as clothing, books, games, scooters, balls, art supplies and much more. A few purchased new items. Nearly 55 club members filled the back of a pickup with donations.

During the club meeting on April 15, 4-H’ers packed the donations into care packages for each of the refugee families. They then delivered the items to Catholic Social Services.

Club member Monica Hanus said, “Doing this service project proved that I do make a difference in other people’s lives, and that even if you are one person, we can join together like Joe’s Clover Knights did and make a big difference.”

Super Fair Volunteer Opportunities

The Lancaster County Super Fair will be held July 30–Aug. 8 at the Lancaster Event Center, 84th & Havelock in Lincoln. Volunteers ages 16 and up are needed to help with a variety of roles during the fair, including new theme day activities daily. Shifts are two or more hours. Volunteers receive a free T-shirt and discounted meals. For more information, call Trudy Pedley or Mike Wulf at 402-441-6545.

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