ANY 4-H YOUTH choose to exhibit their project(s) and participate in contests at county and state fairs. The 2014 Lancaster County Super Fair was held July 31–Aug. 9 at the Lancaster Event Center. This was the fourth year the Lancaster County Fair was 10 days. Over 708 4-H/FFA exhibitors showcased nearly 5,500 exhibits (including static exhibits, Clover Kids, animals and contest entries). A special thank you to all the volunteers and sponsors who helped make 4-H & FFA at the fair possible! “The 2014 county fair was a great success,” said Extension Assistant Cole Meador who coordinates the 4-H livestock and dog projects. “This was the fourth fair I was a part of and I can honestly say it was by far the smoothest one yet! I think the cool, pleasant weather had a lot to do with it, but Lancaster Event Center staff, superintendents, organized families and eager youth all had a role in the successful fair! Each livestock judge told me after their respective shows that the Lancaster County Fair may not have huge numbers of livestock, but the quality is the deepest they’ve seen at any show they’ve judged. That is a testament to the hard work and dedication put forth by the parents and youth of Lancaster County.”

Extension Publication and Media Assistant Vicki Jedlicka said, “I have two favorite parts of the fair. Seeing 4-H youth share their animal projects with the public, especially the rabbit, llama and poultry exhibitors who invite kids to pet their animals. And seeing how proud 4-H’ers are of their exhibits. I was in the Lincoln Room and one boy wanted to show me his ‘Hog Wild For 4-H’ poster which had won a purple ribbon. I asked him if he had a pig and he said no, he just liked the saying. He also liked his brother’s poster saying ‘Hop Into 4-H.’”

“Volunteers are the heart of 4-H and it is especially obvious during fair time,” said Extension Associate Tracy Anderson who coordinates static exhibits, the Style Revue, Table Setting Contest and more. “It is amazing to see all the 4-H leaders, moms, dads and other volunteers all come together. Whether it is creating the display area in the Lincoln Room prior to the fair, volunteering on static judging day, volunteering in the 4-H Council Food Booth or any number of other volunteer efforts occurring during the fair — it is absolutely amazing! A person can look in nearly any direction and see volunteers giving a hand!”

There was a 71% increase in poultry exhibitors and birds from last year, reflecting a national increase in backyard flocks and in part because of the new poultry club, The Egg Basket. Now this year was a Poultry Judging Contest and Breed Identification Contest.

Nearly 2,335 4-H static exhibits were entered and displayed in the Lincoln Room.

Lancaster County has the largest 4-H county fair horse show, with 39 horse events spanning six days. This year, 176 horse exhibitors competed in 1,275 total entries.

The Dairy Goat show was the largest in several years. A new goat club for urban youth, the Go Go Goat Getters, contributed to the increase.
Avoid These Canning Practices!

Each year our Extension office receives questions about whether a canning practice is safe. Here are some of the unsafe practices still being used and why they are unsafe, based on information from the National Center for Home Food Preservation (NCHFP). For more information about canning, visit NCHFP at http://nchfp.uga.edu and the University of Nebraska–Lincoln Home Food Preservation web pages at http://food.unl.edu/preservation.

Canning a recipe you made up yourself can be unsafe.

NCHFP: Under-processed, low-acid foods run the risk of allowing survival of Clostridium botulinum and its spores, and consumption of these foods can lead to botulism, an often fatal disease, and one that involves expensive health-care costs and health complications for those that do survive. Again, there is no formula for converting a process time for one low-acid food to another food or jar size.

Too many characteristics of the particular food and processing procedures can influence the rate of heating. If you are experimenting with untested recipes for pickled products or other acidified foods such as salsas and there is not enough acid to treat them as a boiling-water canned food, you may also end up with the same risk of botulism by under-processing. Even if you have an acid food and do not process it long enough, food spoilage can result.

Using a small pressure saucepan/cooker to can foods is not recommended. NCHFP: Pressure cookers have less metal, are smaller in diameter and will use less water than pressure canners. The result is the time it takes a canner to come up to processing pressure (that is, the come-up time) and the time it takes the canner to cool naturally down to 0 pounds pressure at the end of the process (known as the cool-down time).

Using a small pressure saucepan/cooker, such as this, is NOT recommended for canning. It will be less than for the standard pressure canner. The come-up and cool-down times are part of the total processing heat used to establish USDA process times for low-acid foods. If the heat from the come-up and cool-down periods is reduced because these times are shortened, then the heat from the process time at pressure alone may not be enough to destroy targeted microorganisms for safety. That is, the food may end up under-processed. Under-processed, low-acid canned foods are unsafe and can result in foodborne illness, including botulism poisoning, if consumed.

Open-kettle canning and the processing of freshly filled jars in conventional ovens, microwave ovens and dishwashers are not recommended. NCHFP: These practices do not prevent all risks of spoilage. Steam canners are not recommended because processing times for use with current models have not been adequately researched. Because steam canners do not heat foods in the same manner as boiling-water canners, their use with boiling-water process times may result in spoilage. It is not recommended processing high-acid foods in excess of 15 PSI be applied when using new pressure canning equipment. So-called saucepan pressure cookers are useless as preservatives and do not replace the need for proper heat processing. Jars with wire bands and glass caps make attractive antiques or storage containers for dry food ingredients, but are not recommended for use in canning. One-piece zinc porcelain-lined caps are also no longer recommended. Both glass and zinc caps use flat rubber rings for sealing jars, but too often fail to seal properly.

Green beans must be canned in a pressure canner.

NCHFP: Canning low-acid vegetables, meats, fish and poultry requires the use of a pressure canner. SPORES of Clostridium botulinum bacteria, as well as in soils, are very, very heat resistant. Even hours in the boiling water canner may not be enough heat to kill them as they are inside your jars of beans. Left alive after canning, they will eventually germinate into actively-growing bacterial cells that will produce a deadly human toxin when consumed. The bacteria like the conditions inside closed jars of low-acid foods (such as vegetables and meats) sitting at room temperature, so they must be killed during the canning process for safe storage. Jars of improperly canned vegetables and meats can contain the deadly botulism toxin without showing signs of spoilage. People who see their beans spoiling after under-processing them (not using enough heat when canning them) may also have jars that contain botulism toxin because they are showing signs of under-processing by other spoilage that might include cloudy, bubbling liquid and jars that pop open after initially sealing.
National Preparedness Month is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Ready Campaign to encourage Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and communities. It is never too early or too late to prepare for a disaster. September is the month set aside to encourage everyone to get READY — be prepared.

To start, follow these four steps:
- **be informed.** Know the hazards and risks in your area. Learn what you need to do to get ready for them.
- **Make a family emergency plan,** so you know how you would communicate with one another and find your loved ones if a disaster hit. For example, think about how you would reach your kids at school; your spouse at work. If you had to evacuate, where would you go. Plan your family’s escape routes in advance. What is your family’s emergency kit, what you need to use computer software, large electronics & computers, large propane cylinders, tires, used oil, batteries, thermostats containing mercury, solvents, oil-based paint, paint thinner, etc. Only residents of Lincoln and Lancaster County can bring items to collections. These collections are for households only. Only residents of Lincoln and Lancaster County can bring items to collections. This is especially important for dealing with icy roads and snowstorms this winter. For more information on how to prepare your family, find a list of suggested supplies.
- **Get involved.** Be an advocate and educator for safety and emergency preparedness within your community. Contact your local Citizen Corps.
- Each family should have a plan for communicating during a disaster. FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) gives these tips for good family communication in time of disaster:
  1. **Identify a contact**, such as a friend or relative, who lives out of-state or a city near your home. Be sure these family members notify you if they are safe or separated or if they have been injured. If you are in an accident, emergency personnel will check your ICE listings in order to get in touch with family members you name as contacts.
  2. **Be sure every member of your family knows the phone number and area code for your local Office of Emergency Management website.**
  3. **Teach family members how to use text messaging (also known as SMS or Short Message Service).** Text messages can often get around network disruptions when a phone call might not be able to get through.
  4. **Subscribe to alert services.** Many communities now have systems that will send instant text alerts or e-mails to let you know about bad weather, road closings, local emergencies, etc. Sign up by visiting your local Office of Emergency Management website.

Good family communication is important at all times, but it is especially important during emergencies as all family members may not be at the same location. Start now to develop an emergency plan for your family. For additional information on being prepared for a disaster, go to [http://ready.gov](http://ready.gov).

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### Activities to Help Me Grow!

**Lisa Poppe**  
UNL Extension Educator

I want to help my child learn and be ready for school, but sometimes I feel like the day is so busy I can’t fit in one more thing! Do you have ideas for activities we can do together that won’t take extra time?

Every day errands and chores are a great time to involve your child and help them learn and grow. Parents and caregivers often think they need to use computer software, videos or workbooks for “learning” but actually, young children learn from every day experiences and learn best when they are involved in hands-on activities. Plus, they love to help and be part of what you are doing.

Here are some ideas to help you with suggestions for different ages of children.

You can describe the actions you are doing while cooking or working in the garden. Describe what you see around you as you are driving in the car or at the grocery store. Your child is learning new words as they are learned and concepts just by hearing you talk.

2. **Read signs and words around you.** Children learn printed words carry a message from the signs and words that are in their world. Try pointing out the signs of familiar stores, traffic signs and signs with information. You might be surprised at how quickly your child learns to point out “S-T-O-P.” Through these experiences, children learn letters come together to form words and these words carry a message... key things for readers to know!

3. **Laundry time is math time!** Even toddlers can sort out all pairs of socks and all pairs of shoes from a basket of laundry. Preschoolers may be able to match the socks into pairs. Young children can fold simple things like pillow cases, washcloths and towels. Try giving your child their own little basket and asking them to sort out or fold a certain type of laundry. Or... “Can you fold the learning early math skills of classification, shapes, fractions (learning to fold in halves and quarters) and building their sense of competence as they help you.”

4. **Dusting, picking up and direction following!** Try giving your child a dust rag and asking them to dust certain surfaces. Make it a game by giving interesting directions... “Can you dust three things that are green?” or “Can you pick up all of the purple blocks and put them in the basket?” Then encourage your child to look for furniture or the toys that you have described. Being able to follow directions and use clues are both important early learning skills. Children may be motivated when you make a job a game.

5. **Let’s wash things grow together!** Your child will enjoy working by your side in the garden. They may enjoy planting seedlings or flowers with you. They can learn important aspects about their natural world when working by your side. A small child can help you water the garden and use in the fall. Children can help bag leaves, pick up sticks and dig up weeds in the garden if you show them how to identify plants that are weeds. Keep an eye on your side and they will be learning every day!

**UNL Extension has started “The Learning Child Blog” at [http://child.unl.edu/learning-child-blog](http://child.unl.edu/learning-child-blog) which provides resources, training and support for parents, teachers and caregivers of children ages 0–8. Here is a recent entry.**

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**Lorento Bartes, UNL Extension Educator**

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Aging Partners and University of Nebraska–Lincoln Extension will start the workshops on Mondays, Sept. 8–Oct. 20, 1–3 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherry Creek Road, Lincoln, Call 402-441-7575 to register, $3 per class suggested contribution. You’ll learn exercises and strategies to help prevent you from falling.

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Veyance Technologies: 4021 North 60th St.

**Saturday, Sept. 13 • 9 a.m.–1 p.m.**

Lincoln Industries: 600 West St.

**Saturday, Oct. 11 • 9 a.m.–1 p.m.**

Woods Park: South 31st & J St.

**Friday, Nov. 14 • 9 a.m.–1 p.m.**

Appointment Only: Call 402-441-8021 to schedule
Predicting Last Irrigation of the Season for Crops

The irrigation management objective near the end of the season for fully-watered crops should be to provide enough water in the root zone to carry the crop to maturity and produce top yields while leaving the soil fairly dry. The winter and spring rain and snow will hopefully refill the dry soil profile. Although this goal sounds challenging, it is achievable with thorough planning and good soil moisture management is available. The following information is necessary to predict the amount of water needed to reach the crop through to maturity: crop maturity level, predicted rainfall and soil moisture availability. Corn at the R5+ growth stage would have the soil profile 80% dry. To plant the crop through to maturity, at least 19 inches of water needs to be added to the soil profile. This is equivalent to 3 inches per week for 5 weeks. If the precipitation is less, the irrigation needs might be greater. If the soil profile is dryer, the irrigation needs might be less.

A University of Nebraska–Lincoln Extension app will help irrigators calculate the amount of water pumped for their irrigation pumping plant. The Water Meter Calculator App allows the user to store data, such as field size in acres, flow meter units and beginning and annual irrigation caps for each field. The user inputs the beginning and ending meter reading and the app calculates the amount of water pumped for the field and on a per-acre basis. The app keeps track of total water pumped for the irrigation season, the remaining allocation for future years, the annual cap remaining as well as any annual cap penalties. The developers of the Water Meter Calculator App include: Chuck Burr, Tim Lemmons and Tom Dorn, all UNL Extension Educators, and Bryan Lubbecke and Shiree Poushar, both of the Lower Republican River Natural Resources District. It was made by Jeff Abele of Move Creative, LLC.

The Water Meter Calculator App is available for download at the Apple App Store and Google Play store for $1.99. Source: UNL News Service

UNL Releases CornWater Irrigation Management Online Tool

University of Nebraska–Lincoln researchers and educators are pleased to announce the release of the testing version of the CornWater program. CornWater is an online, real-time decision support tool to help irrigators determine when to irrigate corn fields in Nebraska. To make irrigation recommendations, CornWater evaluates, in the real-time mode, available soil water at different soil depths and possible corn-water stress based on up-to-date weather data, user-input crop information (including date of planting, hybrid maturity, plant population) and basic soil properties (including soil texture, soil water status at planting time, soil rooting depth and soil surface residue coverage).

To use the CornWater program, a user must register (for free) for an account at the program’s website (http://bpec3.unl.edu/cornsowater/cornwater/). The user can then add their fields to the program. Nebraska Extension educators will be added to a user’s account if the program can’t find a weather station within 20 miles of the field.

Source: UNL Cropwatch
Cicada Killers and Steel-Blue Cricket Hunters

Barb Ogg
UNL Extension Educator

There are several species of large wasps in Nebraska which dig burrows in the soil in the midsummer. The cicada killer wasp is alarming to some because it is huge — it can be 2 inches long! It is black with yellow and orange plumes of blossoms in early summer. Will grow in sun to part shade. Reaches heights of 4–6 feet.

**True wasps**

The steel blue cricket hunter


**False Indigo**

*False Indigo, Baptisia australis* — Stately perennial that produces creamy-white flowers that tower in early summer.ATTRACTIVE LAGE

**Common sneezeweed or False sunflower**

*Eupatorium purpureum* — Very showy with purple flower clusters in the fall. Grows to be 4–7 feet tall. Prefers moist soil and full sun to part shade.

**Queen-of-the-prairie**

*Filipendula rubra* — Tall and wind tolerant. Reaches heights of 6–8 feet tall. Flowers are large, 6–9 inch pink clusters. Prefers moist to wet conditions and full sun to part shade.

**Russian sage**

*Aruncus dioicus* — Stately perennial that produces creamy-white flowers that produce creamy-white plumes of blossoms in early summer. Will grow in sun to part shade. Reaches heights of 4–6 feet.

**Compass plant**


**Goatsbeard**

*Queen-of-the-prairie*


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**Boltonia, Boltonia asteroides** — This plant has snowy, white, aster-like flowers in late summer. It will get 5–7 feet tall and may need staking. Thrives in any garden soil and spreads rapidly in moist conditions. Prefers full sun.

**Russian sage**

*Perovskia atriplicifolia* — This sage has aromatic gray-green leaves and pale blue flowers in the summer. It prefers well-drained soil and full sun. Russian sage will grow to be 3–5 feet tall.

**White Mugwort**


**Steel-Blue Cricket Hunter**


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KayCee Wanser
Lancaster County 4-H is proud to announce KayCee Wanser as winner of September’s “Heart of 4-H Volunteer Award” in recognition of outstanding volunteer service. She has volunteered with the Fantastic 4-H club for four years, helping with their community-service projects such as Kiwanis Karnival and activities with Union Manor Apartments, a residence for senior citizens. The club’s six members have already volunteered more than 500 hours in 2014. Fantastic 4 is a Nebraska Club of Excellence and has been a Lancaster County Super Fair Outstanding 4-H Club winner for five years. KayCee has also presented and helped present workshops at 4-H Clover College.

“I enjoy the opportunity to teach the youth of our community about volunteerism by showing them just how much fun it can be,” she says. “I also enjoy the lasting relationships I have been able to create over the past few years and look forward to the new ones I am soon to create. I have particularly enjoyed the opportunity to work with youth and see them grow and develop. There is nothing better than watching kids complete projects all while gaining self-esteem, building character and maturing with the pillars of 4-H!”

Lancaster County 4-H thanks KayCee for donating her time and talents. Volunteers like her are indeed the heart of 4-H!

State Fair 4-H Tickets
Get ready for fun at the 2014 Nebraska State Fair, Friday, Aug. 22 through Monday, Sept. 1 at Fonner Park in Grand Island! For a schedule of 4-H at the state fair, results, and more, go to http://en.unl.edu/nebraska-state-fair. State Fair information is at www.statefair.org.

Lancaster County Extension office has a limited number of $4 exhibitor tickets for 4-H exhibitors and their immediate family only. These can be purchased at the office at 444 Cherry Creek Road (cash or check only, no credit cards).

Public gate admission will be $10, with $5 days Aug. 25 & 27. Children 6–12 will be $3 every day and children 5 and under will be free every day. Preferred parking on the fairgrounds is free. Preferred parking is $10.

4-H Teen Council Invites New Members
4-H Teen Council members had the 4th & 5th Grade Lock In.

Livestock Booster Club Scholarships
The Lancaster County 4-H Livestock Booster Club awards two $500 college scholarships each year. The Husker Auto Group sponsored one of the scholarships this year. Brandon Sieck and Justine Nelson were presented the scholarships at the Lancaster County Super Fair 4-H/IFA Livestock Premium Auction.

State 4-H Horse Expo Results
The 2014 Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Exposition was held July 13–17 at Grand Island. 424 exhibitors from over 50 counties participated in 1,214 total entries. Here are the Lancaster County 4-H or purple ribbon winners. Complete results are at http://animalscience.unl.edu/statefairstate4-hshowresults.

Senior Judging Contest
Lancaster 2 team (1st place): Kate Rawlinson (1st place individual), Cantin Davis (4th place individual), Hailey Hulse (6th place individual), Nicole McCannell (7th place individual), coached by Roger Bell

Junior Judging Contest
Lancaster 2 team (2nd Place): Madison Sobottka (1st place individual), Elke Bueh (7th place individual), Katherine Cooper (8th place individual), coached by Roger Bell

Junior Hippology Contest
Lancaster 2 team (Second Place): Ashley Clegg, Katherine Moyer, coached by Andy DeArmont

4 & 5 year old Mares
Grace Kim

Junior Showmanship
Audrey Hayes, Madison Sobottka

Senior Showmanship
Marissa Carlson, Morgan Chippewa, Anna Heusinger, Grace Kim, Sierra Nelson, Bailey Peters, Bailey Peterson, Bailey Sobottka

Senior Western Horsemanship
Anna Heusinger, Grace Kim, Bailey Peters, Bailey Peterson

Junior Western Horsemanship
Olivia Wernstedt

Senior Western Pleasure
Bailey Peterson (Champion), Audrey Heusinger, Sierra Nelson, Sydney Swan

Trail Horse
Haylie Pointer

Ranch Horse Pleasure
Ashley Bradbury (Reserve Champion)

Hunter Hack
Haylie Pointer (Champion)

Senior Hunter Under Saddle
Anna Heusinger (Reserve Champion), Grace Kim, Bailey Peters

Advanced Hunter Under Saddle
Marissa Carlson (Champion), Megan Luedtke, Bailey Sobottka

Advanced Hunt Seat Equitation
Marissa Carlson (Champion), Bailey Sobottka (Reserve Champion)

Elementary Dressage
Katie Rawlinson (Champion), Bailey Sobottka (Reserve Champion), Marissa Carlson, Megan Luedtke

Senior Pole Bender
Anna Heusinger

Senior Barrels
Nicole Edkiser (Reserve Champion), Marissa Carlson, Megan Luedtke

Working Ranch Horse
Dylan Schmidt, Jadyn Vogler

Break-Away
Dylan Schmidt, McKenzie Wolfe

Daily Team Roping-Header
McKenzie Mayer

Horse Awards Night, Oct. 2
Come one and all! The annual Lancaster County 4-H Horse Awards Night will be Thursday, Oct. 2, 6:30 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherry Creek Rd., Lincoln. The Horse VIPs Committee will provide snacks. Awards presentation includes Incentive Awards, Horsemanship Levels, Horse Court Challenge, All-Around Awards, Herdsmanship, Top County Fair Judging buckles and ribbons, and a few surprise awards! Come help celebrate the outstanding accomplishments of the 2014 Lancaster County 4-H horsemen! More details to follow.
Top Static Exhibits

GENERAL AREAS
Poster: Kyle Harenski
Club Banner: Rabbits R Us
Quilt: Eliona Babcock
Top Dog Static Exhibit: Jali Brown

SCIENCE, ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY
Animal Science: Zaylak Walbrecht
Woodworking: Steven Weitz
Safety: Riley Weitz
Overall Science, Engineering & Technology: Chloe Hammond

FOOD & NUTRITION
Yeast Bread: Elizabeth Norton
Quick Bread: Jodi Brown
Food Preservation: Anne Greff
Cake/Pie: Anna Sump
Cookie: Cadence Watson

HOME ENVIRONMENT
Home Environment: David Swatek
Home Environment: Rose Ingracia
Home Environment: Anna Sump

CHILD DEVELOPMENT
Child Development: Rose Ingracia

PHOTOGRAPHY
Unit 1: Addison Hershaw
Unit 2: Sophie Polk
Unit 3: Natalie Meckel
Career Exhibit: Mariana Tinas

CLOTHING
Clothing Level 1: Eliese Schwick
Decorative Textiles: Eliese Schwick
Knitting: Harper Lawson
Crochet: Elise Swatow
Clothing Level 2: Chloe Hammond
Clothing: Livia & Renee Sieck

HORTICULTURE
Vegetable Exhibit: Colin Henshaw
Herb Exhibit: Laurel Fragge
Annual Flower Exhibit: Zachary Pittman
Perennial Flower Exhibit: Laurel Fragge
Rose Exhibit: Bailee Gunnerson
Specimen Plant: Jared Nielsen

CONSERVATION & WILDLIFE & FORESTRY
Conservation & Wildlife Exhibition: Sophie Polk
Forestry Exhibit: Keren Carlson

Top Contest Awards

PLANT SCIENCE
Horticulture Contest: Abigail Babcock
Tree Identification: Stan White
Contest: Grace Dowd

PRESENTATION
Ch Sr Presenters & Premiere Presenters: Nate Becker & Taylor Nielsen
Res Ch Sr Presenters: Abigail Babcock & Katie Borcherding
Ch Inter Presenter: Rose Ingracia
Res Ch Inter Presenter: Nathaniel Gabel
Ch Jr Presenter: Halsten Hutchings
Res Ch Jr Presenter: Toby Jordan

STYLE REVUE
Ch Style Revue: Haley Zabel
Res Ch Style Revue: Kylee Plager
Ch Shopping in Style: Chloe Hammond
Res Ch Shopping in Style: Sheridan Swanson
Clothing: Carman Kinkaid
Decorate Your Duds: Boilee Gunnerson
Make One Buy One: Kylee Plager
Upcycled Garment: Emily Pillard
Apron: Karter Knudsen

TABLE SETTING
Jr Picnic: Grace Spaulding
Jr Casual: Livya Swanson
Jr Birthday: Julia Cooper
Inter Picnic: Emily Pillard
Hilborn Woodle
Inter Casual: Katie Borcherding
Inter Birthday: Emma Lonik
Inter Formal: Elise Babcock
Sr Picnic: Lydia Clarke
Sr Casual: Sarah Swatow
Sr Formal: Paige Borcherding

LIVESTOCK JUDGING
Sr Inter: Ch: Renae Sieck
Inter & Jr: Ch: Stasha Paitz

ELITE SHOWMANSHIP
1st Place: Madilyn Scott
2nd Place: Kylee Plager
3rd Place: Allston Docter
4th Place: Taylor Lienemann
5th Place: Cassie Meyer

Top Animal Exhibits

BEEF
Ch Supreme Breeding Heifer: Lauren Robertson
Res Ch Supreme Breeding Heifer: Renee Sieck
Ch Supreme Feeder: Brett Heinrich
Res Ch Supreme Feeder: Peyton Garza
Grand Ch Market Heifer: Ashlyn Cooper
Res Grand Ch Market Heifer: Caitlyn Tietjen
Grand Ch Market Steer: Brett Heinrich
Res Grand Ch Market Steer: Brandon Sieck
Senior Ch Showmanship: Brett Heinrich
Ch Sr Showmanship: Taylor Lienemann
Ch Inter Showmanship: Skylar Lienemann
Ch Jr Showmanship: Brett Heinrich

DAIRY CATTLE
Overall Ch Showmanship: Cassie Meyer
Sr Ch Showmanship: Yahamin Gory
Ch Inter Showmanship: Cassie Meyer
Ch Jr Showmanship: Isabella Hytrek
Sr Ch Halstein Heifer: Cassie Meyer
Jr Ch Halstein Heifer: Cassie Meyer
Ch Jr Cross Breed Heifer: Cassie Meyer
Jr Ch Cross Breed Heifer: Cassie Meyer
Ch Jr Jersey Heifer: Catherine Hytrek
Jr Ch Chilling Shorthorn Heifer: Benjamin Meyer

BUCKET CALF
Ch Bucket Calf Jr Division: Megan Lange
Res Ch Bucket Calf Jr Division: Heather Lange
Ch Bucket Calf Inter Division: Cassie Mayer
Res Ch Bucket Calf Inter Division: Kaleb Sobotka

SHEEP
Grand Ch Market Lamb: Madalyn Scott
Res Grand Ch Market Lamb: Cole Cooper
Ch Exhibitor Bred & Owned Market Lamb: Trevor Spath
Res Ch Exhibitor Bred & Owned Market Lamb: Cole Cooper
Ch Supreme Breeding Ewe: Riley Scott
Ch Sr Showmanship: Allston Docter
Ch Inter Showmanship: Cole Cooper
Ch Jr Showmanship: Kila Jordan

SWINE
Ch Overall Market Swine: Jaydyn Heinrich
Res Ch Overall Market Swine: Jordan Heinrich
Ch Jr Showmanship: Madalyn Scott
Ch Inter Showmanship: Kylee Sobotka
Jr Ch Showmanship: Brett Heinrich
Ch Breeding Gift: Judson Tietjen
Res Ch Breeding Gift: Trevor Spath
Ch Pen of Three: Drew Doak
Res Ch Pen of Three: Nicolette Larsen

MEAT GOAT
Grand Ch Meat Goat: Lilian Bogle
Res Ch Meat Goat: Lilian Bogle
Ch Meat Goat Showmanship: Kylee Plager
Res Ch Meat Goat Showmanship: Cassie Meyer

DAIRY/PYMGOAT GOAT
Ch Sr Showmanship: Sheridan Swatek
Ch Jr Showmanship: Cassie Moyer
Res Ch Overall Alpine Goat: Corianna Kubicek
Ch Ch Overall Alpine Goat: Corianna Kubicek
Ch Overall Nubian Goat: Corianna Kubicek
Res Ch Overall Nubian Goat: Corianna Kubicek
Ch Overall Nubian Goat: Corianna Kubicek
Res Ch Overall Nubian Goat: Genevieve Moyer
Ch Top Peninsula Goat: Corianna Kubicek
Res Ch Overall Pygmy Goat: Genevieve Moyer
Ch Jr Pygmy Goat Showmanship: Katherine Moyer

LLAMA/ALPACA
Ch Sr Showmanship: Alyssa Jensen
Ch Inter Showmanship: Olivia Waters

POULTRY
Best of 4-H Poultry Show: Evan Merrell
Ch Sr Showmanship: Stella Uiterwool
Ch Jr Showmanship: Linara Carlson
Ch Large Fowl: Evan Merrell
Res Ch Large Fowl: Judson Tietjen
Ch Water Fowl: Kristen Benes
Res Ch Water Fowl: Izac Martin
Ch Bantam: Sophia Bonifant
Res Ch Bantam: Sophia Bonifant
Ch Guinea Fowl: Kristen Benes
Res Ch Guinea Fowl: Kristen Benes
Ch Overall Poultry Pet Class: Judson Tietjen
Res Ch Overall Poultry Pet Class: Linara Carlson
Judging Contest Sr Ch: Abigail Babcock
Judging Contest Jr Ch: Elaina Babcock
Breed ID Contest Sr Ch: Christine Cooper
Breed ID Contest Jr Ch: Zachary Pittman

RABBIT
All-Around Showman Award Ch: Alyssa Zimmern
All-Around Showman Award Res Ch: Emily Harms
Best 4 Class: Abigail Scott
Best 4 Class Res: Ian Moomoos
Best 6 Class: Emma Sondgeroth
Best 8 Class Res: Rhianne Mottauf
Ch Sr Showmanship: Austin Hunt
Ch Inter Showmanship: Boilee Gunerson
Ch Jr Showmanship: Luke Harris
Judging Contest Sr Ch: Austin Hunt
Judging Contest Jr Ch: Alyssa Zimmer
Judging Contest Ch: Alysa VanAsperen
Breed ID Contest Sr Ch: Austin Hunt
Breed ID Contest Jr Ch: Emily Harms
Breed ID Contest Ch: Rhianne Metcalf
Quiz Bowl Sr Ch: Joli Brown
Quiz Bowl Jr Ch: Carter Smith

DOG
Ch Trophy Showmanship: Ivy Dearmont
Ch Jr Showmanship: Bethany Wachter
Ch Pre-beginning Agility A: - Level 1 Ch: Wabreatha
Pre-beginning Agility B - Level 1 Ch: Bethany Wachter
Beginning Agility A - Level 2 Ch: Jacob Chaps
Inter Agility - Level 3 Ch: Spencer Peters
Inter Agility - Level 4 Ch: Ivy Dearmont
Obidelity Brace Team Ch: Spencer Peters

CAT
Best in Show: Emma Whaley,
Most Expressive Eyes: Kylee Plager
Most Attitude: Sheridan Swatek

HOUSEHOLD PETS
Ch Mammals: Abigail Babcock
Ch Bird: Ivy Stengel
Ch Fish, Reptiles/Amphibians: Maleah Jameson

HORSE
Ch Western Sr Showmanship: Elii Dearmont
Ch Western Jr Showmanship: Madison Sobata
Ch Western Elementary Showmanship: Clara Bradbury
Ch English Sr Showmanship: Grace Kim
Ch English Jr Showmanship: Madisun Sobata
Ch English Elementary Showmanship: Clara Bradbury
Ch Groom & Care: Harper Rosentel
Grand Ch Halter Pony: Ashley Bradbury
Res Grand Ch Halter Pony: Kate Rawlinson
Grand Ch Stock Horse ages 4 & up: - Bailey Peterson
Res Grand Ch Stock Horse ages 4 & up: - Audrey Heisinger
Ch Grand Aged Horse Ages 15 & up: Morgan Chaps
Res Grand Aged Horse Ages 15 & up: Aubrey Kelley
Grand Ch Hunter/ Saddleseat Horse Ages 4 & up: Grace Kim
Res Grand Ch Hunter/ Saddleseat Horse Ages 4 & up: Logan McDonald
Grand Ch Hunter/ Saddleseat Aged Horse Ages 15 & up: Kenzy Hayes
Res Grand Ch Hunter/ Saddleseat Horse Ages 15 & up: Alexia Starnier

Top horse awards will be announced on 4-H Horse Awards Night.
August
Aug. 22- Sept. 1 Nebraska State Fair, Fonner Park, Grand Island

September
2 4-H Council Meeting .................................................. 7 p.m.
3 Barb Ogg’s Retirement Reception ................................ 3:30–6 p.m.
8 Stepping On Workshop .................................................. 1–3 p.m.
11 Co-Parenting for Successful Kids Class ......................... 12:30–4 p.m.
12 Extension Board Meeting ............................................. 8 a.m.
14 4-H Teen Council Meeting ............................................ 3 p.m.
15 Stepping On Workshop .................................................. 1–3 p.m.
20–21 Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Horse Show, Lancaster Event Center
22 Stepping On Workshop .................................................. 1–3 p.m.
23 Guardian/Conservator Training .................................. 1:30–4:30 p.m.
25–26 Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Stock Show, CenturyLink Center, Omaha
27 Composting Demonstration, Pioneers Park Nature Center’s backyard composting demonstration area .................................. 10 a.m.
29 Stepping On Workshop .................................................. 1–3 p.m.

Barb Ogg Retires
Public Invited to Reception Sept. 3

Doanes Receive Ag Society Hall of Fame Award

Alice and the late Ted Doane are the 2014 recipients of the Lancaster County Agriculture Society Hall of Fame. This award, established in 2009, formally recognizes individuals who have dedicated time and effort to the Lancaster County Agriculture Society beyond the normal volunteer and who have made significant contributions to the establishment, development, advancement or improvement of the Lancaster County Fair.

Ted and Alice Doane have been lifelong supporters of the 4-H program, Lancaster County Fair and agriculture. Ted, a UNL professor in Animal Science, gave his time and talents not only to his students, but to the youth of Lancaster County. He volunteered at the Lancaster County Fair from 1953 until his passing in 2014. Ted and Alice helped in the areas of show clothing, and supported the 4-H Speech Contest. They were co-leaders of the Progressive Herdsman 4-H Club. Alice still supports the Speech Contest and sheep show.

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An open house for prospective high school, transfer students, and guests
Sponsored by the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources
Saturday, Oct. 18
9 a.m.–2 p.m. • UNL’s East Campus

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• Meet current students, faculty, and staff

To view the schedule or to register, go to http://casnr.unl.edu/openhouse
Please register by Oct. 10. No charge to attend.
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4-H Kick Off
Thursday, Oct. 9 • 6 p.m.
Lancaster Extension Education Center
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