4-H Youth Showcase Their Achievements at Super Fair

Many 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 700 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 ‘Hop 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!”

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

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. This year was a Poultry Judging Contest and Breed Identification Contest.

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.

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.

See 4-H Super Fair top exhibits on page 7 of this issue. Complete 4-H/FFA ribbon results and many photographs are at http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h.

4-H Clover Kids ages 5–7 talked about their exhibits during Show & Tell.
Avoid These Canning Practices!

Alice Henneman, MS, RDN
UNL Extension Educator

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).

Green beans must be canner in a pressure cooker. NCHFP: Canning low-acid vegetables, meats, fish and poultry requires the use of a pressure cooker. Spores of Clostridium botulinum bacteria, as found naturally in soils, are very, very heat resistant. Even hours in the boiling water bath of a steam canner cannot warm them up enough to kill them. If the canning procedure is not performed properly, the bacteria can multiply and grow rapidly, producing the deadly botulinum toxin that can cause a paralyzing or lethal illness in a person who consumes the product.

Making up your own canning recipe is dangerous!

NCHFP: The making of your own canning recipes and an extensive handout for making quick, delicious and nutritious 5-ingredient dishes. At UNL Extension, Alice Henneman, registered dietitian nutritionist and UNL Extension Educator, will share tips, photos and recipes for making 5-ingredient dishes. After an overview of the canning process, attendees will have the opportunity to taste the dishes and take home the recipe.

Tues., Oct. 28, 6:30–8 p.m. Plaza Conference Center, 1600 S. 48th St.

This is a free event and reservations are encouraged.

If you have questions, contact Alice Henneman at 402-441-7180.

The Nebline is published monthly (except December). Mailed to more than 11,000 households in Lancaster County and can be read online at http://lancaster.unl.edu/nebline.

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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 you 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 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. What contact number would each family member have to reach in advance will make a big difference.

• Build an emergency supply kit both at home and in the car — that includes water, food and first aid supplies to help you survive if you lose power or get stranded in your car. This is especially important for dealing with icy roads and snowstorms this winter. FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Association) give these tips for good family communication in the time of disaster:

1. Identify a contact, such as a friend or relative, who lives out of state or in a different area, and have your household members notify them you are safe. It may be easier to make a long-distance phone call and talk across town, so an out-of-town contact may be in a better position to communicate among separated family members.

2. Be sure every member of your family knows the phone number for your cell phone, coins or a prepaid phone card to call the emergency contact. If you have a cell phone, program a person’s (as) a “ICE” (In Case of Emergency) in your phone. If you are in an accident, emergency personnel will often check your ICE listings in order to get in touch with someone you know. Make sure to tell your family and friends you’ve listed them as emergency contacts.

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 with your zip code.

Good family communication is important at all times, but it is especially important during disasters 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.

Step on Worksheet to Reduce Falls, Sept. 8–Oct. 20

What is Stepping On? Stepping On is a program that has been researched and proven to prevent falls in older people. It consists of a workshop that meets for two hours a week for seven weeks. Workshops are led by a health professional and a peer leader — someone who, just like you, is concerned about falls. In addition, local guest experts provide information on exercise, vision, safety and medications.

Aging Partners and University of Nebraska–Lincoln Extension will present 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 or 402-441-7551 to register. $3 per class suggested contribution. You’ll learn exercises and strategies to help prevent you from falling.

Q: Do I need to clean my dishwasher? A: Every appliance we use needs to be cleaned to keep it in good working condition. The dishwasher is no different. Cleaning the dishwasher should be done several times a year. The American Cleaning Institute suggests the following steps to keeping your dishwasher in good working order.

Read the manufacturer’s use and care manual for cleaning recommendations. If you have lost the manual, contact the manufacturer.

Scrub the rubber gasket with a toothbrush and wipe the residual crumbs off with a damp cloth.

Pull out the racks and check the drain. Be sure to remove any objects that may block the drain.

• You can place a dishwasher-safe cup filled with white vinegar on the top rack of the dishwasher and run the dishwasher to remove unpleasant odors.

• Use a soft cleanser or baking soda to scrub away any remaining stains.

• There are also appliance cleaners available to consumers who don’t want to go it alone. Be sure to read the product label prior to use.

For more information or if you have questions how to recycle or dispose of items not accepted, call the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department at 402-441-8021 or go to www.lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: household).

2014 Household Hazardous Waste Collections

These collections are for households only. Only residents of Lincoln and Lancaster County can bring items to collections.

SOME ITEMS YOU CAN BRING FOR DISPOSAL:

Thermometers, thermostats containing mercury, solvents, oil-based paint, paint remover, stripper, stain, old gasoline, transmission fluid, pesticides, small propane cylinders. You can dispose of compact fluorescent light bulbs at these waste collections.

DO NOT BRING latex paint, fertilizers, medicines/pharmaceuticals, electronics & computers, large propane cylinders, tires, used oil, batteries, antifreeze or ammunition.

For more information or if you have questions how to recycle or dispose of items not accepted, call the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department at 402-441-8021 or go to www.lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: household).

Saturday, Aug. 23 • 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

Veyance Technologies: 4021 North 56th 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

Latex paint is not accepted at Household Hazardous Waste Collections. Usable latex paint can be taken to Edison Belgium on exchange on Sept. 13, 9 a.m.–2 p.m. at 530 W. P. St., 402-477-3606.
The winter and spring rain and snow yields while leaving the soil fairly dry. Annual weeds like crabgrass, shepherds purse, tansy mustard, the mustards (field pennycress, field mustard), and tall fescue is Aug. 15–Sept. most years. These weeds only live for one season and naturally die in the fall. In fall, it’s best to focus on tough perennial weeds including musk thistle, Canada thistle, field bindweed, poison ivy, curly dock and cattails.

Weeds are opportunistic, taking advantage of thin areas in a lawn to grow and thrive. So the best way to prevent future weed problems is to Overseed and thin草 turfgrass stands. The best time for Overseeding Kentucky bluegrass and tall fescue is Aug. 15–Sept. 15. With good preparation and application, young grass plants can grow well even while weeds are present. Use caution with herbicide applications on new seedings.

If chemical control is needed spot treatments, or spraying individual weeds, saves money on chemicals. Broadcast applications are a waste of money if only a few weeds are present. Many products are available for broadleaf weed control and can contain 2, 4-D, glufosinate, or glyphosate. These products are selective and won’t damage grass, but use them with caution in landscape beds since accidental spray or spray drift can damage shrubs and ornamental plants. Quinclorac is particularly effective at controlling difficult weeds like wild violets.

**Pastures**

Fall is an excellent time to control perennial weeds in pastures and waste areas. The post-emergent herbicides mentioned above are effective against thistles, early dock and poison ivy. There is an extended window to apply herbicides from mid-September through late October. Best control will be achieved when daytime temperatures are above 60°F, but good control can be obtained even when temps are in the 50’s most years.

**Ponds**

Cattails are one of the most common weeds on acreages with ponds. Most seeds germinate in the fall but some may germinate during warm spells in winter and early spring. Plants produce a seed head in June, then mature and die in July. In warm season pastures and CRP, take advantage of the winter annual growth habit to control downy brome using glyphosate. Glyphosate applied in late fall or early spring when warm season grasses are completely dormant will kill downy brome plants without harming the dormant species. Allow 8 weeks for the herbicide to completely kill the downy brome before grazing or harvesting.

**Note:** With all chemical applications, be sure to read and follow all directions and precautions on labels and use the recommended personal protective equipment.

**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 recomendations, 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 rate).

To use the CornWater program, a user must register (for free) for an account at https://brc3.unl.edu/cornwater//. The user can then add their fields to the program._Notes: A user must be a UNL faculty member to register with a user account. The user must first decide if their program can find a weather station within 20 miles of their crop fields.
Flowers That Tower

Mary Jane Frogge
UNL Extension Educator

Tall perennial herbs in your flower beds can bring a sense of drama to your landscape. If you have the space, consider a few of these giants.

**Compass plant, Silphium laciniatum**
This native perennial attracts butterflies. A tall, sturdy plant that grows to 9 feet tall. Features sunflower-like flowers that are 5 inches wide with yellow rays and yellow centers. Basal leaves usually orient themselves on a north-south axis so as to minimize intense overhead sun exposure, thus giving rise to the common name. Slow to establish and may not flower until the second or third year.

**Joe-Pye weed, 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.

**Boltonia, Boltonia asteroides**
This plant has showy, 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.

**Common sneezeweed or False sunflower, Helianthemum autumnale**
Showy, yellow flowers in late summer. This plant is 3–5 feet tall. Very adaptable, but prefers moist soil and full sun.

**False Indigo, Baptisia australis**

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

**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, wet conditions and full sun to part shade.

**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, Artemesia lactiflora**
Creamy-white flowers appear in late summer. Attractive foliage reaches 4–6 feet tall. Grows in full sun or part shade.

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**Garden Guide**
**THINGS TO DO THIS MONTH**

Mary Jane Frogge, UNL Extension Educator

Do not wait for frost warnings to move your plants indoors. Temperatures of 45°F or lower can damage many tropical house plants.

Select accent plants for your landscape that will provide autumn colors. Trees with red fall color are flowering dogwood, red maple, sugar maple, Norway maple, red oak and scarlet oak. Shrubs with red fall foliage include sumac, viburnum, winged euonymus and barberry.

Before the first frost, dig up caladiums. Allow them to dry and store them in a dry place for the winter.

Allow plants to finish the summer growth cycle in a normal manner. Never encourage growth with heavy applications of fertilizer or excessive pruning at this time. Plants will delay their dormancy process that has already begun in anticipation of winter in the months ahead. New growth can be injured by an early freeze.

Collect osra seed pods, gourds, sumac seed heads, rose hips and other suitable materials for dried arrangements. Air dry these materials in a dark, cool location.

Perennial phlox can be divided about every third or fourth year. Divide big clumps of perennial phlox into thirds. Early fall or early spring are the best times to plant or transplant them.

Divide lily-of-the-valley.

Pot up chives, parsley and other herbs to extend the growing season into the house.

Tree wound paints used after pruning are no longer recommended as they can slow healing and may promote decay.

If pesky seedlings of woody plants, such as elm, mulberry, huckleberry or maple are found growing in your yard, remove them as soon as possible. If left too long, they will take over gardens and other landscape plantings.

Fall is a good time for improving your garden soil. Add manure, compost and leaves to increase the organic matter content.

Plant peonies now, but make sure the crowns are buried only 1½–2 inches below ground level. Planting them deeper than 2 inches may keep them from blooming.

Root cuttings from annual bedding plants such as begonias, colours, geraniums and impatiens. These plants can be overwintered in a sunny window and provide plants for next year’s garden.

Pears should be picked at the hard ripe stage and allowed to finish ripening off the tree. The base color of yellow pears should change from green to yellow as the fruit approaches maturity.

Be sure to keep strawberry beds weed free. Every weed you pull now will help make weeding much easier next spring.

Rake up leaves, twigs and fruit from crabapple trees and dispose of them in the trash to help control apple scab disease. Water newly planted trees and shrubs to provide sufficient moisture and prevent winter damage. Add a 2-inch layer of organic mulch, such as shredded bark, around the base of plants to retain soil moisture and regulate soil temperature.

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**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 a steel blue color with black wings. The steel blue cricket hunter, is about 1¼ inches long and has a similar life cycle, but provisions its cells in the ground with crickets. Iridescent females are often observed on the ground, flicking their wings, keenly watching for an unguarded cricket.

Unlike yellow jackets and other social wasps, these solitary wasps are not aggressive. The females have the capability to sting (after they sting and paralyze their prey), but they don’t attack people unless they are handled. Males cannot sting and do not dig in the soil, but hang around in groups near breeding locations, aggressively protecting their available field. These wasps prefer soft soil or sand to dig their burrows and rarely dig in established areas. They choose sites with well-drained, light-textured soils in full sunlight near trees harboring cicadas.

Because these wasps rarely sting people, control is not justified, but they can be a mild nuisance in all the activity around the nesting site. If burrows are concentrated in an area, consider covering the soil with shade cloth, plastic sheeting or plastic mesh to prevent the wasps from tunnelling in the soil. Dust formulations of insecticides can be used in the burrows, but it may not completely prevent emergence of wasps the next year. Some studies have shown liquid pyrethroid insecticides, applied into the burrows can be helpful.

Being patient always works well — these wasps die after they emerge in the fall and winter in the months ahead. New growth can be injured by an early freeze.

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**Common sneezeweed or False sunflower**

**False Indigo**

**Joe-Pye weed**

**Queen-of-the-prairie**

**Russian sage**

**Cicada killer wasp (approximate size)**

**Steel-Blue Cricket Hunter (approximate size)**

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**HEART OF 4-H VOLUNTEER AWARD**

**KayCee Wanser**

Lancaster County 4-H is proud to announce KayCee Wanser as winner of September’s “Heart of 4-H 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!

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**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://dlr.unl.edu/nebraskastatefair. State Fair information is at www.statefair.org.

The 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.

**4-H Teen Council Invites New Members**

4-H Teen Council is a leadership organization for youth in grades 7–12. Meets are held the second Sunday of each month at 3 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherry Creek Road, Lincoln. The next meeting will be Sunday, Sept. 14 at 3 p.m.

4-H Teen Council members: • participate in several community service activities • plan, set up and facilitate the annual 4th & 5th grade Lock-In • are involved in other leadership activities

For more information or to join, contact Tracy at tracy.anderson@unl.edu or 402-441-7180.

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**State Fair 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/annecdistrictequestrianresults.

- **Senior Judging Contest**
  - Lancaster 2 team (1st place): Kate Rawlinson (1st place individual), Caitlin Davis (4th place individual), Hailey Hulse (6th place individual), Nicole McCallen (7th place individual), coached by Roger Bell.
  - Junior Judging Contest
  - Lancaster 2 team (2nd Place): Madison Sobotska (1st place individual), Elise Buehler (7th place individual), Katherine Cooper (8th place individual), coached by Roger Bell.
  - Junior Hippology Contest
  - Lancaster 2 team (2nd Place): Ashley Clegg, Katherine Moyer, coached by Andy Diermont.

- **4 & 5 year old Mares**
  - Grace Kim.

- **Junior Showmanship**
  - Audrey Hayes, Madison Sobotska.

- **Senior Showmanship**
  - Marissa Carlson, Morgan Chippas, Anna Heusinger, Grace Kim, Sierra Nelson, Bailey Peters, Bailey Peterson, Bailee Sobotska.

- **Senior Western Horsemanship**
  - Anna Heusinger, Grace Kim, Bailey Peters, Bailey Peterson, Bailee Sobotska.

- **Senior Western Horse Pleasure**
  - Bailey Peterson (Champion), Audrey Heusinger, Sierra Nelson, Sydney Sow.

- **Reservation Champion Team in Senior Horse Judging**

- **Junior Western Horse Pleasure**
  - Anna Heusinger (Reserve Champion), Grace Kim, Marissa Carlson, Morgen Chippas, Anna Heusinger, Grace Kim, Sierra Nelson, Bailey Peters, Bailey Peterson, Bailee Sobotska.

- **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 Sow.

- **State Fair 4-H Tickets**

- **Trail Horse**
  - Haylie Pointer.

- **Ranch Horse Pleasure**
  - Ashley Bradbury (Reserve Champion).

- **Hunters**
  - Haylie Pointer (Champion).

- **Senior Hunter Under Saddle**
  - Anna Heusinger (Reserve Champion), Grace Kim, Bailee Peters.

- **Advanced Hunter Under Saddle**
  - Marissa Carlson (Champion), Megan Luedtke (7th place individual), Hailey Hulse (6th place individual).

- **Advanced Hunt Seat Equitation**
  - Marissa Carlson (Champion), Bailee Sobotska (Reserve Champion).

- **Elementary Dressage**
  - Kate Rawlinson (Champion), Bailee Sobotska (Reserve Champion), Marissa Carlson (Champion), Megan Luedtke (7th place individual).

- **Senior Pole Bending**
  - Anna Heusinger (Champion).

- **Senior Barrels**
  - Nicole Emmick (Reserve Champion), Anna Heusinger, Grace Kim (Champion).

- **Working Ranch Horse**
  - Dylan Schmidt (Champion), Jadin Vogler (6th place individual).

- **Break Away**
  - Dylan Schmidt, Mackenzie Wolfe.

- **Daily Team Roping-Header**
  - McKenzee Mayer.

**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/FFA Livestock Premium Auction.

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**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 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**

**CATEGORY**

- **General Areas**
  - Poster: Kylee Brown
  - Club Banner: Rabbits R Us
  - Quilt: Eliana Buback

- **Top Dog Static Exhibit**
  - Jori Brown

**SCIENCE, ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY**

- Animal Science: Yolek
  - Woodworking: Steven Weitz
  - Safety: Riley Weitz
  - Overall Science, Engineering & Technology: Greshaw

**FOOD & NUTRITION**

- Yeast Bread: Elizabeth Norton
  - Quick Bread: Jori Brown
  - Food Preservation: Anne Greff
  - Cake: Anna Sump
  - Cookie: Cadence Watson

**HOME ENVIRONMENT**

- Home Environment: David Swotek
  - Home Environment: Rose Ingracia
  - Home Environment: Anna Sump

**CHILD DEVELOPMENT**

- Child Development: Rose Ingracia

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

- Unit 1: Addison Henshaw
  - Unit 2: Sophie Polk
  - Unit 3: Natalie Meckel
  - Career Exhibit: Mariana Tines

**CLOTHING**

- Clothing Level 1: Elise Schwick
  - Decorating: Taylor Tietjen
  - Knitting: Harper Lawson
  - Crochet: Elise Schwick
  - Clothing Level 2: Chloe Hammond
  - Clothing Level 3: Renae Sieck
  - HORTICULTURE
  - Vegetable Exhibit: Calvin Henshaw
  - Herb Exhibit: Laurel Fragge
  - Annual Flower Exhibit: Zachary Pittman
  - Perennial Flower Exhibit: Laurel Fragge
  - Rose Exhibit: Baiselle Gunner
  - Specimen Plant: Jared Nielsen

**CONSERVATION & WILDLIFE & FORESTRY**

- Conservation & Wildlife Exhibit: Sophie Polk
  - Forestry Exhibit: Keren Carlson

**TOP CONTEST AWARES**

**PLANT SCIENCE**

- Horticulture Contest: Abigail Buback
  - Tree Identification: Sean McGann
  - Contest: Grace Dowd
  - PRESENTATION
    - Ch Sr Presenters & Premiere Presenters: Nate Becker & Taylor Nielsen
    - Res Ch Sr Presenters: Abigail Buback & Karter Kincaid

**STYLE REVUE**

- Ch Style Revue: Haley Zabel
  - Res Ch Style Revue: Kylee Plager
  - Ch Shopping in Style: Chloe Hammond
  - Ch Shopping in Style: Stylen

**CLOTHING**

- Clothing 1: Carman Kinkaid
  - Decorating: Yolek
  - Knitting: Harper Lawson
  - Decorating: Yolek
  - Decorating: Rose Ingracia

**BUCKET CALF**

- Ch Bucket Jr Division: Morgan Lange
  - Res Ch Bucket Jr Division: Heather Lange
  - Ch Bucket Calf Jr Division: Cassie Meyer
  - Res Ch Bucket Calf Jr Division: Cassie Meyer

**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
  - Supreme Ch Breeding Ewe: Riley Scott
  - Ch Sr Showmanship: Allision Dayer
  - Ch Inter Showmanship: Cole Cooper
  - Ch Jr Showmanship: Kira Jordan

**SWINE**

- Ch Overall Market Swine: Madalyn Scott
  - Res Ch Overall Market Swine: Jordan Robertson
  - Ch Jr Showmanship: Jaidyn Heinrich
  - Res Ch Overall Market Swine: Jordan Robertson

**DAIRY/PIGMY GOAT**

- Ch Sr Showmanship: Sheridan Swotek
  - Ch Overall Alpine Goat: Corinna Kubicek
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**POULTRY**

- Best of 4-H Poultry Show: Evon Merril
  - Ch Sr Showmanship: Stella Uttewaull
  - Ch Jr Showmanship: Linara Carlson
  - Ch Large Fowl: Evon Merril
  - Res Ch Large Fowl: Judson Tietjen
  - Ch Water Fowl: Kristen Benes
  - Res Ch Water Fowl: Izac Martin
  - Ch Bantam: Sophia Bonifant
  - 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 Buback
  - Breeding Contest Sr Ch: Elana Babcock
  - Breed ID Contest Sr Ch: Christine Cooper
  - Breed ID Contest Ch Jr Ch: Zachary Pittman

**RABBIT**

- All-Round Showman Award: Alyssa Zimmie
  - All-Around Showman Award: Cody Jamison
  - Best Ch: Abigail Scatell
  - 2nd Place: Ianno Simms
  - 3rd Place: Innis McCall
  - 4th Place: Allie Simon

**TOURISM**

- Club Banner: Rabbits R Us
  - Poster: Kylie Hansen

**DOS**

- Ch Trophy Showmanship: Ivy Dearmont
  - Ch Jr Showmanship: Eliza Cooper
  - Ch Overall Agged Hunter: Bethany Wachter
  - Ch Beginning Jr Showmanship: Maleah Jamison
  - Pre-beginning Agility A - Level 1: Ch Wabnial
  - Pre-beginning Agility B - Level 1: Ch Bethany Wachter
  - Beginning Agility A - Level 2: Ch Jacob Chupp
  - Inter Agility - Level 3: Ch Spencer Peters
  - Inter Agility - Level 4: Ch Ivy Dearmont
  - Obesedence Team Ch: Spencer Peters

**HOUSEHOLD PETS**

- Couch: Abigail Babcock
  - Ch: Ivy Dearmont
  - Fish, Reptiles/Amphibians: Maleah Jamison

**HORSE**

- Ch Western Sr Showmanship: Eliza Cooper
  - Ch Western Jr Showmanship: Madison Sorge
  - Ch Western Elementary Showmanship: Clara Bradbury
  - Ch English Sr Showmanship: Grace Kim
  - Ch English Jr Showmanship: Madison Sorge
  - Ch English Elementary Showmanship: Clara Bradbury
  - Ch Groom & Care: Harper Rosenthal
  - Grand Ch Halter Pony: Ashley Bradbury
  - Res Grand Ch Halter Pony: Kori Rawlinson
  - Grand Ch Stock Horse ages 4 & up: Bailey Petersen
  - Res Grand Ch Stock Horse ages 4 & up: Audrey Heusinger
  - Ch Grand Aged Horse Ages 15 & up: Morgan Chupp
  - Res Grand Ch 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 Horse Ages 15 & up: Kenzy Hayes
  - Res Grand Ch Hunter/Saddleseat Horse Ages 15 & up: Alexia Stamer

**RECOGNITION**

- Top Contest Awards will be announced at 4-H Horse Awards Night.
Barb Ogg Retires

Public Invited to Reception Sept. 3

Barb Ogg has been with University Nebraska–Lincoln Extension in Lancaster County for 22 years. Barb will retire on Aug. 31. The public is invited to Barb's retirement reception on Wednesday, Sept. 3, 3:30–6 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherry creek Road, Lincoln.

If you would like to submit a letter or materials and programs which have been used locally and globally.

Major workshops she helped develop and present included "Cockroach Control" "Everything Homeowners Need to Know about Termites and Termite Control" and "Termites Hands-on Trainings for Professionals." Since 2007, she has conducted more than 125 educational programs about bed bugs for the public, agencies, medical personnel, pest management professionals and other groups in Nebraska and surrounding states.

Many of these educational resources are available on UNL Extension in Lancaster County Extension's website at http://lancaster.unl.edu. The “Insects, Spiders, Mice and More” portion of the website attracts almost 2 million users annually. She was a guest on KFOR 1240's "Problems and Solutions" many times over the years.

Barb was recognized in 2006 with UNL Extension's Distinguished Extension Educator Award and in 2007 with the UNL Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources Holling Family Award for Teaching Excellence. This November, she will receive a Lincoln-Lancaster County Environmental Leadership Award in the government category for her efforts to improve our environment and protect public health.

Harry Heifer, Environmental Health Specialist says, "Barb has provided an immense service to me and co-workers here at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, helping us learn more about the intricacies of various insect pests so we can better respond to the public. We direct citizens to Barb to identify insects, bugs and spiders. She has also kept me updated on some of the latest research on the best practices for pest control of roaches and bed bugs. Barb is an invaluable resource and will be greatly missed."

On behalf of the Extension office, we will miss Barb's dedication and passion for helping those in the community. She epitomizes the ideals and excellence of the Extension staff at UNL. We are proud to call Barb our colleague and friend. Best wishes and happy retirement, Barb!

EXTENSION CALENDAR

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

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-Sor-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-Sor-Ben 4-H Stock Show, CenturyLink Center
27 Composting Demonstration, Pioneers Park Nature Center's backyard composting demonstration area .................. 10 a.m.
29 Stepping On Workshop ........................................... 1–3 p.m.

4-H Kick Off
Thursday, Oct. 9 • 6 p.m.
Lancaster Extension Education Center
444 Cherry creek Rd., Lincoln

Find Out How Youths Ages 5–18 Can Join 4-H!

Experience the Power of the Red
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
• Learn more about how we prepare students for careers in everything from animals to plants, soil to climate, golf to business, extension to leadership, food to forensic science
• 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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