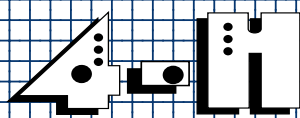


## 4-H & Youth



### BULLETIN BOARD

- ⇒ Saturday, February 21—PAK 10 Rabbit Judging Clinic and Contest at the Douglas County Extension Office. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. (EK)
- ⇒ Also, Saturday, February 21 is the Eighth Annual Otoe County 4-H Rabbit Show at the Fair Center in Syracuse. Registration is at 8:00 a.m. (EK)
- ⇒ Registration deadline for Horsin' Around Clinic is Friday, February 27. The clinic is Saturday, March 7 and Sunday, March 8 at the Animal Science Complex, UNL. Call Ellen, 441-7180 for more information. (EK)
- ⇒ Monday, March 2—CWF sponsor applications due. (DL)
- ⇒ Sunday, March 8—Teen Council meeting, 3:00-5:00 p.m. All interested teens are invited. (TK)
- ⇒ Eastern Nebraska 4-H Camp Staff in Training (SIT) applications are due March 15. Applications for SIT and camp counselors are available at the Extension Office. (LB)
- ⇒ Friday, March 20—Speech contest entries due. (LB)
- ⇒ The new state and county photography themes have been announced: **4-H Is...** and **What Do You See in a Fence Post?** Keep these in mind as you begin taking photographs for your 1998 photography exhibits. (TK)
- ⇒ Remember—All 4-H clubs have their own mailbox at the Extension office. 4-H leaders will want to check them from time to time for information and materials. If time is an issue, another parent or member from the club is welcome to check the 4-H mailbox too. (TK)
- ⇒ If you have material or information that needs to be dropped off at the office after hours, please use our drop box. It is located in front of the building. (TK)
- ⇒ Be a Better Gardener 4-H program - see Horticulture section (page 2) for more information. Applications due March 30, 1998 (MJM)
- ⇒ 4-H Music Contest is Sunday, April 26, at 2:00 p.m. at Dawes Middle School. Rules can be found in last year's fair book. Stop by the office or call Tracy to get a registration form. All registrations are due to the office by April 17. (TK)

## 4-H leader training

New and newly reorganizing leaders are invited to attend this 4-H leader training to assist you in 4-H club management, activities and projects. Please bring your questions, comments, concerns, success stories and frustrations!

**Tuesday, March 3**  
9:30 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. (TK)

## Calling all leaders and parents interested in program planning and sharing ideas for 4-H clubs

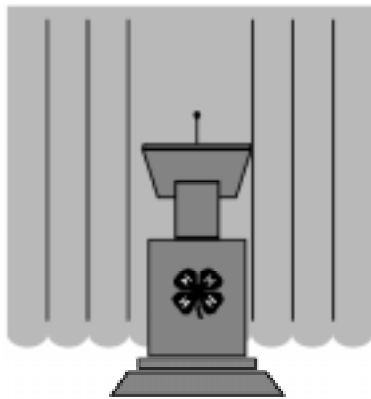
A 4-H Idea Share is scheduled for Thursday, March 5, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Ideas for club meetings, workshops, leader training, community service, Key Leader and Character Counts! programs will be covered. This is an opportunity for experienced leaders, new leaders and parents to share techniques that have been successful. For more information, call Lorene. (LB)

## 4-H club officer training

All 4-H members are encouraged to attend officer training. Everyone will discover how to conduct a meeting and how to use parliamentary procedure. 4-H members will also have an opportunity to participate in a mock meeting. (DL)(TK)

**Saturday, February 21**  
9:30-11:30 a.m.  
444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln

# Speech and PSA Contest scheduled for March



The 1998 Lancaster County 4-H Speech and PSA Contest will be Sunday, March 29, 2:00 p.m. at the State Capitol Building. This contest is an opportunity for youth to develop or improve communication skills.

Youth will compete in one of three divisions. Novice division speakers (8 and 9 years old) present a speech of up to 2 minutes in length. Junior division speakers (10 and 11

years old) present for 2-3 minutes. Intermediate division speakers (12 and 13 years old) present for 3-5 minutes and the senior division speakers (14 to 19 years old) present for 5-8 minutes. Youth can also prepare a 45 second Public Service Announcement for the contest.

More information on the speech contest can be obtained

by attending the 4-H speech and PSA workshop Sunday, February 22, 6:00-7:30 p.m., or by calling Deanna or Tracy at 441-7180.

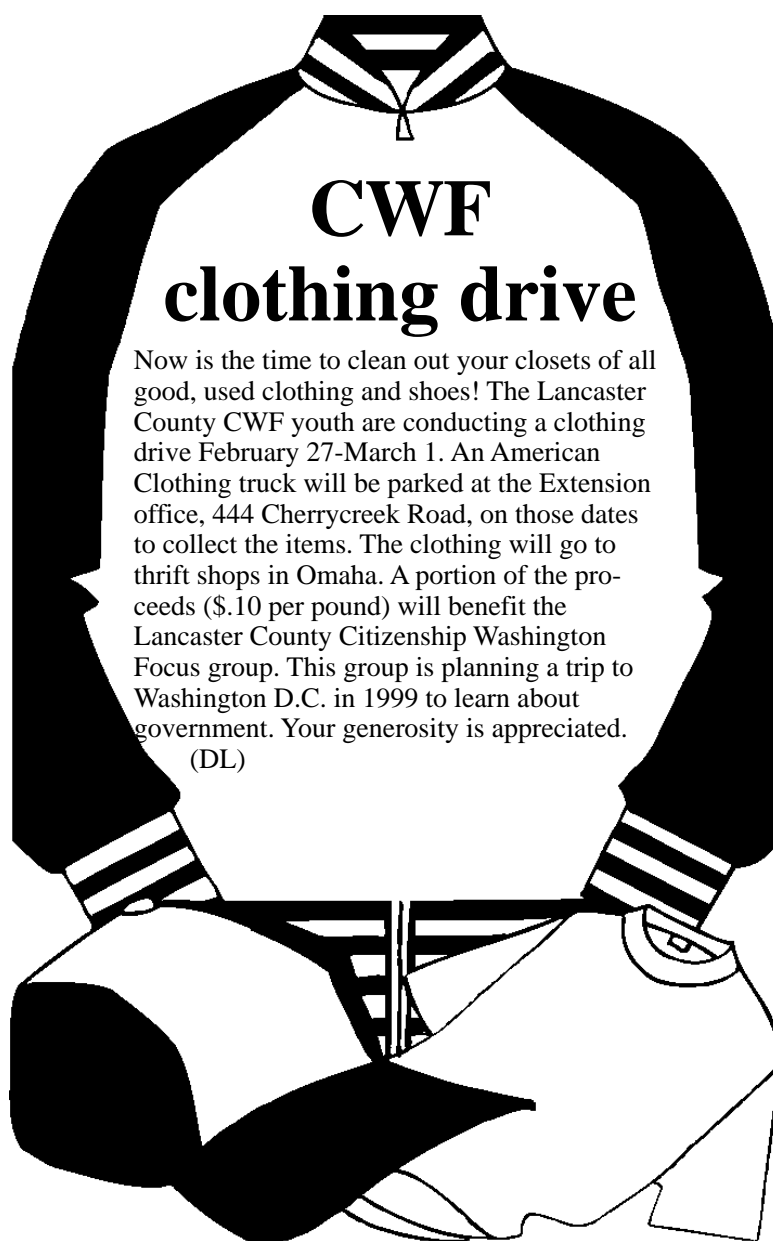
To register for the speech and PSA contest, call the Lancaster County Extension Office by Friday, March 20. Please include your 4-H age (as of January 1, 1998) and the title of your speech. (DL)

## Speech workshop

Sunday, February 22, 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
Lancaster Extension Education Center  
444 Cherrycreek Road

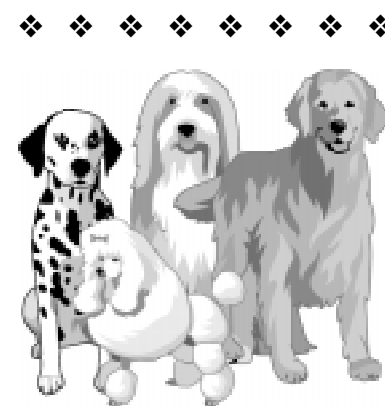
This workshop will give you valuable tips on how to write and give speeches. Remember, the 4-H speech contest is March 29.

All ages welcome! (DL)



## CWF clothing drive

Now is the time to clean out your closets of all good, used clothing and shoes! The Lancaster County CWF youth are conducting a clothing drive February 27-March 1. An American Clothing truck will be parked at the Extension office, 444 Cherrycreek Road, on those dates to collect the items. The clothing will go to thrift shops in Omaha. A portion of the proceeds (\$.10 per pound) will benefit the Lancaster County Citizenship Washington Focus group. This group is planning a trip to Washington D.C. in 1999 to learn about government. Your generosity is appreciated. (DL)

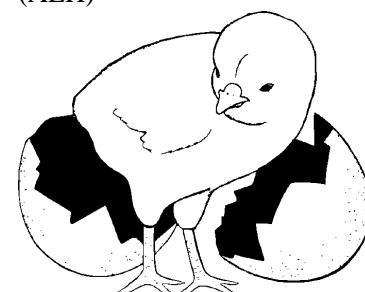


## Dog information workshop

Anyone interested in dogs is invited to attend this informational workshop. The workshop is Wednesday, February 18 at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Fran Savage will present *Dog Health Care*. Look in the NEBLINE each month for more information on upcoming workshops. Everyone is invited to attend! (DL)

## Free baby chicks

Baby chicks are hatching around February 6, March 20 and May 8 as a result of Embryology, a 4-H school enrichment program. If you live on a farm or acreage and wish to receive free chicks, please call Ellen at 441-7180 to arrange for your pick-up of chicks. They are available near the above mentioned dates. (ALH)



## Youth in agriculture loans

Farm Credit Services has allocated \$10,000 for 4-H and FFA loan projects for production livestock in 1998. All 4-H and FFA participants, age 12 and older, can apply for a loan for their project animals. The program is a combination loan program and educational program about agricultural financing. A maximum of \$1000 is available per participant. The loan must be repaid by November 1, including 6.5% simple interest charge. Applications will be taken through April 15. Obtain applications from Kelly Lenner at Farm Credit Services at 423-6642. (DL)