

Community Focus

Lancaster Event Center update



Civic and community groups, 4-H clubs and FFA chapters interested in knowing more about the Lancaster Event Center project are encouraged to invite a presentation team to upcoming group gatherings. The team will prepare an informational presentation according to individual needs. Content for presentations may include a videotape of the Lancaster County Fair, overview of the Lancaster Event Center, a slide presentation and adequate time for a question and answer session.

The Lancaster Event Center will be a public, year-round, multipurpose facility designed to promote the interest of agriculture, youth and community. Design Associates of Lincoln, Inc. has been selected for architectural/engineering and consulting services. The design will feature a country style to fit into a surrounding rural landscape. The building project is under the board leadership of the Lancaster County Agricultural Society, Inc. The mission of the Lancaster Event Center will be to:

- Promote positive youth development through educational programs.
- Enhance opportunities for multi-generational family interaction.
- Facilitate increased understanding of rural and urban economic interdependence.
- Broaden the range of recreational and cultural programming available in Lancaster County.
- Promote Lancaster County's economic development through regional events that attract visitors to the area from outside Lancaster County.

With a shortage of existing large facilities and a substantial population growth for the area, the Event Center building committee foresees this project bringing tremendous value to the community.

According to a study published by the University of Nebraska-Bureau of Business Research in the February 1997 edition of Business in Nebraska, our area's population growth (Cass, Douglas, Lancaster and Washington) is expected to increase 20.3 percent from 1990-2010. (GB)

To schedule a presentation for your upcoming meeting, please contact the following individuals:

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Lancaster County Fair to celebrate 120th year

The Lancaster County Agricultural Society, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization founded in 1878 to promote agriculture, youth and community in Lancaster County. (GB)



IANR celebrating 25th Anniversary

Nebraska Legislature recognizes IANR contributions

Legislative Resolution 479 April 7, 1998

WHEREAS the University of Nebraska Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources (IANR) was established by the Nebraska Legislature in 1973 to replace what had been known since 1909 as the College of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources is the primary provider of research, education and outreach programs in Nebraska for the areas of food, agriculture, agribusiness, natural resources, environment and human resources; and

WHEREAS programs of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources contribute directly to improving the economic, social, and environmental well-being of all Nebraskans through programs ranging from farm production to parenting and from nutrition to environmental health; and

WHEREAS the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources operates statewide with extension programs in all counties, five district research and extension centers, and strategically located facilities across Nebraska; and

WHEREAS the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources works cooperatively and in partnership with state and federal agencies, the state colleges, community colleges, the private sector, and others; and

WHEREAS the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources provides focus to programs essential for shaping Nebraska as a leader in the 21st Century in the areas of food, agricultural, agribusiness systems, natural resources, and

human resources; and

WHEREAS the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources is dedicated to providing the highest quality programs that are ecologically sound, economically viable, socially responsible, and scientifically appropriate; and

WHEREAS the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources is now celebrating its 25th Anniversary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the State of Nebraska hereby recognizes the many contributions of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources has made to the economic, social, and environmental well-being of Nebraska during these 25 years.

2. That the Legislature commends the personnel of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources for being responsive and effective in serving Nebraskans throughout the state and encourages the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources to continue to provide strong leadership into the 21st Century. (GB)

Significant IANR contributions to Nebraska:

- IANR's reach is truly statewide. Besides UNL's East Campus, IANR faculty work at NU's five research and extension centers across the state; at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis; at NU affiliated sites at Grand Island, Norfolk and Omaha, and in most Nebraska counties.
- Undergraduate enrollment in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources increased 43 percent since 1990. Graduate enrollment jumped 30 percent. More than 70 percent of CASNR grads remain in Nebraska to work.
- The \$20.6 million in grants and contracts that Agricultural Research Division faculty obtained during fiscal '97 represents nearly 51 percent of all grants and contracts the University of Nebraska-Lincoln received for that period.
- The 4-H program reaches over 108,000 Nebraska youth annually.
- NU Cooperative Extension reaches more than 400,000 Nebraskans annually with direct educational contacts.
- IANR research, extension and teaching programs support a \$9 billion annual Nebraska agricultural industry and its land, water and wildlife natural resource base.
- IANR's research and education efforts in human resources and nutrition programs reach Nebraska communities, families and children.
- The Nebraska Forest Service, part of IANR, helps Nebraskans plant at least 2 million trees annually, aids community forestry projects and offers specialized training for volunteer firefighters statewide.
- In 1983, NU became the first U.S. university to establish a Food Processing Center offering both technical and marketing/business development assistance to entrepreneurs and established Nebraska food processing firms.
- NU Cooperative Extension specialists are helping Nebraska meat processors adopt Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP), the new food safety plan. (GB)

Some 1998 Lancaster County Fair highlights:

Saturday, July 25

Cattle Team Penning, East Arena, 11 a.m.

Sunday, July 26

Open Class Horse Show, East Arena, 8 a.m.

Monday, July 27

4-H Horse Shows begin, East Arena, 8 a.m.

Tuesday, July 28

4-H Horse Shows, East Arena, all day

Wednesday, July 29

4-H Horse Show Continues

4-H Shooting Sports, Ag Hall, 2 p.m.

FAIR OFFICIALLY OPENS, 6 p.m.

4-H Style Revue,

4-H Building, 7 p.m.

Carnival Opens (evening)

Thursday, July 30

4-H and Open Class Pigeon and Poultry Shows, 9:30 a.m., Lancaster Building

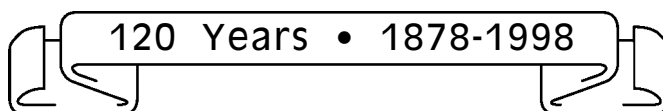
4-H Dog Show, 4-H

Building Arena, 4 p.m.

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July 29 - August 2