



HORSE BITS

County fair

Although the Lancaster County Fair and achievement night are over, I must say one more time how much I appreciate the people who serve as superintendents and assistants at the county fair. The endless hours you donate cannot be compensated for except in the knowledge of how much you have helped countless exhibitors again this year. It was fun and for your help, I am grateful. (EK)

Miniature horse driving classes new at this year's county fair

Four horse classes were added to this year's county fair—two miniature horse driving pleasure classes and two roadster classes. It was a great spectator event. There were five exhibitors in each of the classes. Exhibitors were not divided by age group, but by horse size.

It is hoped that this event will continue to grow and be a constant attraction at upcoming Lancaster County Fairs. For anyone interested in becoming a member of a miniature horse driving 4-H club, call our office at 441-7180 and ask for information. (EK)



4-H & Youth



Make a Difference Day

October 23 is Make a Difference Day. A small act of kindness can make a difference to a person, family or community in need. 4-H clubs can create and participate in activities that benefit their communities. Check out the Make a Difference Day website at <http://www.usaweekend.com/diffday/index.html> and find funding sources and ideas for projects. Remember to keep a record of your activity (with photos and quotes from participants). Please share your finished projects and activities with us. (TK)

Character Counts! training for all interested persons

A Character Counts! workshop to qualify people to use the Character Counts! curriculum or to find out more about the program has been scheduled.

When? October 28, 1999
Time? 6-9 p.m.
Where? Lancaster Extension Education Center
Cost? \$5 per person
Call 441-7180 to register. Can pay evening of workshop. For more information, ask for LaDeane or Lorene. (LJ)



2002 CWF registration begins

Reservations are now being accepted for the 2002 Citizen Washington Focus program. To be eligible you must be 14 years of age by the time of the trip. To reserve a seat, send a \$100 deposit to the Lancaster County 4-H Council, attention: Deanna, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln, NE 68528-1507. Applications will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. We are limited to 42 youth. What better way to learn about government, meet new friends and travel the east coast? Join today! (DK)



Prudential Spirit of Community Awards



The search is on to find our top 4-H community volunteer. Each state selects one middle school and one high school individual. If you are selected, you could receive \$1,000, an impressive silver medallion and a trip to Washington, D.C. If you feel you've made a positive difference through a volunteer activity during the past year. This award recognizes individuals in grades 5-12 solely on the basis of their volunteer activities. Volunteer activities should have occurred after September 1, 1998. Applications are available at the Lancaster County Extension, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln, NE 68528, 441-7180 or on the Internet at www.prudential.com or at www.nassp.org. They are due October 29, 1999. (LB)

Award nominations

Nominations are needed for the following awards by October 15. Application forms are available at the extension office.

4-H Meritorious Service—presented to individuals or organizations which have exhibited consistent and strong support of the 4-H program. 4-H members are not eligible.

Outstanding 4-H Member—presented to an individual who has excelled in their involvement with the 4-H program and are 14 years of age or older. The basis for selection appraises the variety and depth of 4-H activities.

I Dare You Youth Leadership Award—presented to junior or senior 4-H members who have demonstrated personal integrity, lead well-rounded lives and possess a willingness to assume responsibility. They do not need to hold leadership positions currently, but should be recognized by their peers and adults who work with them as emerging leaders. Two 4-H members will be selected from Lancaster County. (LB)

Awards

4-H awards books are due in the extension office October 15. The awards competition will remain as it has in the past for county and district competition. All 4-H members 12 years old and older are eligible to submit books for county awards. If you have questions, call 441-7180. (LB)

Thank you trophy sponsors!

Lancaster County youth thank all businesses and families who made donations towards the county fair awards and trophies. Your dedication to 4-H is greatly appreciated! (DK)



Fair's over, now what? Parent and leader meeting

Leaders, parents and interested volunteers are invited to attend this 4-H training. Discover how to finish the current 4-H year and how to prepare for the next 4-H year. Awards, project completion/selection and club reorganization will be covered. See you there September 21 at 9:30 a.m. or 7 p.m. (TK/LB)