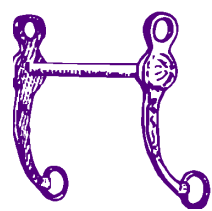
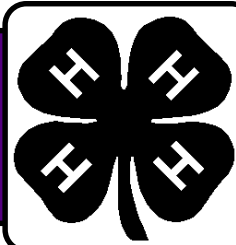


4-H & Youth



HORSE BITS

4-H Horse Achievement Night

The 4-H Horse Achievement Night dinner was held on Tuesday, August 8 to recognize the accomplishments of this year's 4-H horse exhibitors. There were 150 participants in this year's Lancaster County Fair Horse Show. Exhibitors were given awards in several different categories.

Eighty-five exhibitors participated in the horse judging contest and the winner of each age division won a belt buckle. Top ten in each category were: **Elementary** (1-10) Bethany Zimbelman, Colton Jones, Amberlee Schoneweis, Ryan Hagan, Sam Cajka, Tiffany Mockenhaupt, Jenna Taylor, Josh Taylor, Morgan Marshall, and Cat Cowell; **Junior** (1-10) Jessica Blum, Anna Wishart, Melissa Ebeling, Victoria Kirilloff, Danielle Fenster, Ashley Schoneweis, Andra Rasby, Laura Goodenkauf, Michela Winters, and Michaela Stephens; **Senior** (1-10) Pat Smith, Sara Messick, Kelly Heather, Josh Blum, Aley Vogel, Sara Morrissey, Laurissa Sabalka, Katie Cruikshank, Jessica Frink, and Teresa Perrin.

The Confer Trail Award is given each year to the exhibitor with the best trail time. This year the award went to Rachel Braunsroth, daughter of Brad and Cindy Braunsroth of Lincoln.

The Manning Barrel Trophy for the fastest barrel race time was won by Ashley Schoneweis, daughter of Rod and Connie Schoneweis of Lincoln.

The Wittstruck Memorial Trophy is given to the "all around champion individual" horse exhibitor. When registering for the fair, the rider must choose six classes to use for award points. These six classes must be from three of four categories of events; those being showmanship, speed, performance and pleasure events. For the second year in a row, the winner of this year's Wittstruck Award is Josh Blum, son of Gary and Lori Blum of Malcolm. Josh won purple ribbons in all six of his chosen events, was champion in two of those and reserve champion in three. Congratulations Josh! (EK)

Video Tapes Available



For those horse exhibitors who will soon be experiencing the winter weather blues and need something to do to stay on your toes, there are eight new video tapes available for check out from our office. These are the Horsin' Around 2000 videotapes, recorded at the annual Horsin' Around Conference, with tips from Carla Wennberg, one of the nation's top judges and premier instructors. The tapes are: *Finding the Versatile Athlete*, *Strategies for Showmanship at Halter*, *Equine Insurance 101-The Horseman's View and Equine Insurance View*, *More Showmanship at Halter*, *Developing the Western Horsemanship Horse*, *Western Horsemanship-The Horse and Rider Team*, *The Hunter Under Saddle Horse*, and *Finishing the Hunter Under Saddle Horse and Skills and Drills for Improved Hunt Seat Equitation*.

To check out any of these video tapes, please call the office and ask for Ellen. (EK)

Make a Difference Day

Saturday, October 28 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)

Awards

4-H awards books are due in the extension office October 31. 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



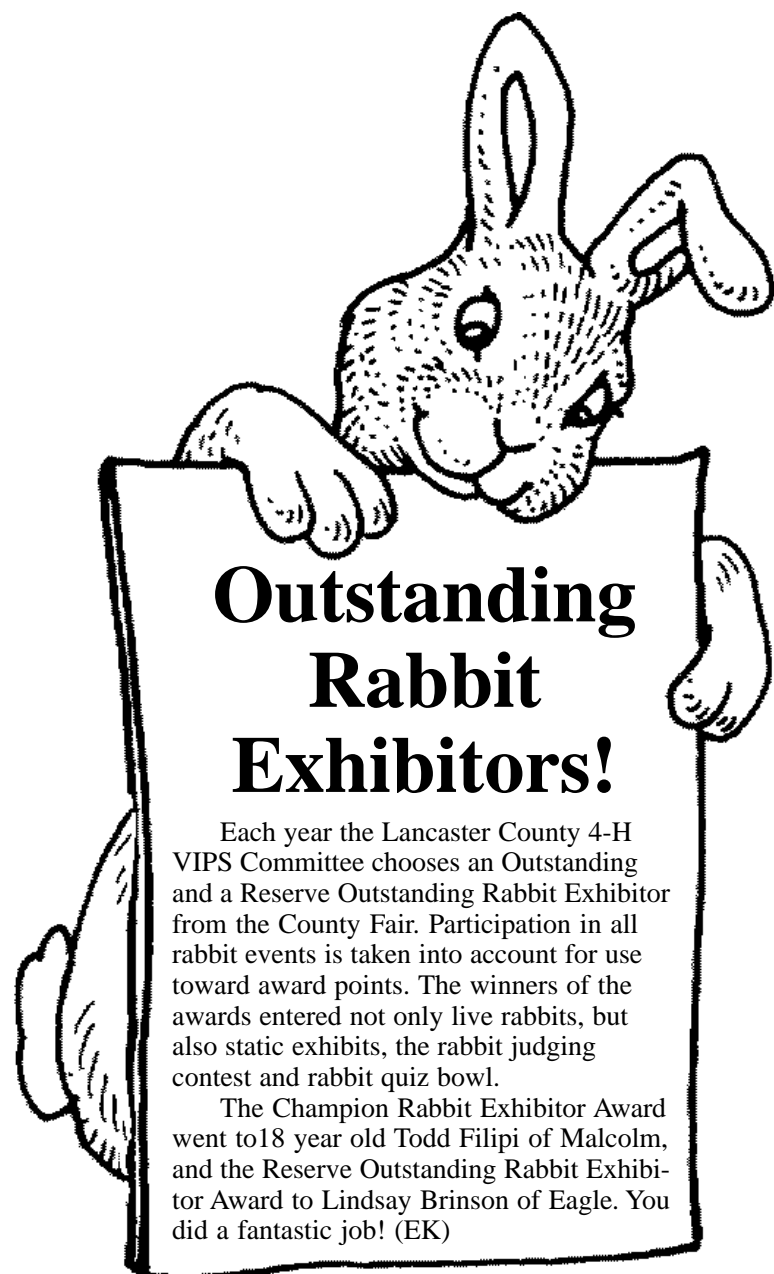
Lancaster County 4-H and FFA youths would like to thank all the businesses and families who made donations towards county fair awards and trophies. Your dedication and support towards youth programs is greatly appreciated! (DK)

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 \$1000, 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, 1999. 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 31, 2000. (LB)

Outstanding Rabbit Exhibitors!



Each year the Lancaster County 4-H VIPS Committee chooses an Outstanding and a Reserve Outstanding Rabbit Exhibitor from the County Fair. Participation in all rabbit events is taken into account for use toward award points. The winners of the awards entered not only live rabbits, but also static exhibits, the rabbit judging contest and rabbit quiz bowl.

The Champion Rabbit Exhibitor Award went to 18 year old Todd Filipi of Malcolm, and the Reserve Outstanding Rabbit Exhibitor Award to Lindsay Brinson of Eagle. You did a fantastic job! (EK)