



4-H & Youth

Holiday Gifts

Holiday gifts needed. There is always a need for helping the less fortunate, especially around the holiday season. Lincoln Public School Headstart Program is in need of over 300 gifts for three and four year old children. New, handmade, or purchased items such as books, stuffed toys, dolls, cars, trucks, markers, puzzles, etc., are needed.

If gifts are wrapped, please

indicate what the item is, the cost (\$3 to \$4 recommended) and if the gift is for a boy or girl. Bring gifts to the extension office by Dec. 1.

For more information, contact Lorene at 441-7180. This is an excellent community service program for 4-H, FCE, and other community clubs. Individuals are welcome to participate. (LB)

4-H CAN Fight Hunger

In an effort to fight hunger, Nebraska 4-H will be conducting a 4-H CAN Fight Hunger Campaign. The goal is collecting 4000 pounds of

food. Collect donated food now until Jan. 5, 2002 and donate it to a charity of your 4-H club's choice. You can also bring it to the extension office and we will donate it to the food pantry.



Please report to Tracy the total weight of food collected, the number of youth and adult volunteers, the number of total volunteer hours, the agencies and/or groups who

benefitted from the food drive, and any publicity the project received. Call Tracy at 441-7180 for more information and for 4-H CAN Fight hunger promotional material. (TK)

4-H Horticulture Team Wins 2nd Place

Congratulations to the Lancaster County 4-H Intermediate Horticulture Team who won second place at the 2001 State 4-H Horticulture Contest. Team members include Noelle Badeer, Ian Badeer, Nicole Pedersen and Kristin Malone. The contest was held Saturday, Sept. 1 at the East Campus Union.

Team members did well

individually at the contest. The individual results are: Noelle Badeer placed 5th, Nicole Pedersen placed 13th, Ian Badeer placed 17th and Kristin Malone placed 22nd.

The contest is made up of three parts, identification, judging and a written test. This was the first State Horticulture contest for each of the team members. (MJF)

Quality Assurance Training

This year all youth in the Lancaster County 4-H livestock program exhibiting beef, sheep, swine, goats or dairy are required to attend a quality assurance training. This certification program will teach all 4-H'ers proper care techniques of their animals, including the following: daily care and management, prevention, handling, carcass quality and medication. This certification is to ensure each 4-H'er, as a consumer, is producing a safe, high quality meat or dairy product. These trainings will take place this winter and spring. Please check you mail and THE NEBLINE for upcoming training dates. (DK)



4-H Volunteer Forum

The 2002 Nebraska State 4-H Volunteer Forum will be held Feb. 15-16 in Grand Island. This forum is a conference developed by a committee of 4-H volunteers from across the state.

Network with other 4-H leaders, exchange successful 4-H programs among 4-H leaders and be introduced to new area and projects. There will be numerous workshops offering hands-on learning experiences and new ideas and programs designed to enhance your club.

Anyone interested in 4-H is welcome to attend. Applications for scholarships from the State 4-H Office are due Dec. 15. Applications for scholarships from the 4-H Council are also available.

Contact Tracy at 441-7180 for more information. (TK)

Volunteer Profile

The Lancaster County 4-H Council has endorsed the state mandated 4-H Leader/Volunteer Qualification process, coordinated through the State 4-H Office. 4-H leaders and volunteers are required to complete the Personnel Information Sheet in the Volunteer Profile booklet and are covered by \$1 million of liability coverage through the University of Nebraska. If you're working with youth in the 4-H program and haven't already filled out the form, please fill it out and return it to the extension office. As new leaders are designated this year, they also

need to complete the form. Forms are available at the extension office.

The Personnel Information Sheets are sent to the State 4-H Office. The background checks will be conducted by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. This same procedure is being used by numerous youth-serving groups across the state. On the extremely rare chance that the background check is red flagged, persons will be contacted by Dr. Gary Heusel, State 4-H Leader. **THANKS** for your participation and cooperation! (LB)

4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training

A Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop has been scheduled for Dec. 8-9 at the Custer County Fairgrounds in Broken Bow. Registration deadline is Nov. 21.

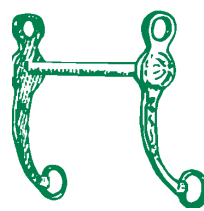
Adult volunteers can choose one of seven disciplines to become certified. Muzzle loading, wildlife, archery, rifles, shotgun, pistol and re-loading will be offered.

Participants will learn under expert instruction as well as shoot in state of the art indoor and outdoor shooting facilities. Participants may also acquire certification as a National Rifle Association Instructor in Pistols and Rifles if they choose.

Due to the financial support of the National Wild Turkey Federation and Federal Cartridge the registration fee is very reasonable. Registration fee is

\$45 per person, the fee includes meals, program and range fees. Lodging is available at many local Broken Bow motels. Registration will begin Saturday, 8-9 a.m. and departure will be Sunday, 3:30 p.m.

For more information and registration materials contact Lorene at 441-7180. (LB)



HORSE BITS

The new 4-H year has begun. Lancaster County has 15 active 4-H Horse Clubs and approximately 250 horse project members total. Our clubs range in size from five members to over twenty members. The 4-H horse show schedule has slowed to a standstill for the rest of the calendar year, that makes this is a good time to concentrate on the "finer" aspects of 4-H!

Start looking over those record books. Each 4-H exhibitor should start the new year with a new record book. 4-H leaders can help you learn how to use these to record the time and money

commitments made each year by someone who trains and cares for a horse. They encourage a child to learn good record keeping skills. If you

have never seen or used these before, come in to the extension office and ask for one. At 35 cents, they're the cheapest book on the shelves!

Get started studying for your next horsemanship level. Every horsemanship level requires at least a demonstration, written test and skills test. This is a great time of year to work on the demonstration and study for (and take if you're ready) the written test. If these are turned in and signed off by your leader, you'll be way ahead of the game in the spring when it's crunch time and you have to have the testing turned in to the extension office.

Most of all, this is an excellent time to do some community service work.

Celebrate a job well done, another year gone by, and acknowledge your club's or child's accomplishments. Welcome new members into your club and help them learn about the typical 4-H year. If you need help, call our office at 441-7180 and ask for Ellen Kraft. We would love to help you make this new year even better. (EK)

