

Community Service Opportunities

Make a Difference Day

Saturday, Oct. 27 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 www.usaweekend.com/diffday 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)

Kiwanis Pancake Festival

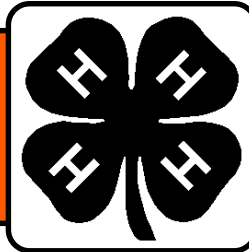
Lincoln Center Kiwanis, a strong supporter of the 4-H program, is looking for help at their Pancake Festival, Thursday, Nov. 1, 4-8 p.m. For more information on helping anytime during those hours, call Lorene at (402) 441-7180.

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 3- and 4-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-\$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 (402) 441-7180. This is an excellent community service program for 4-H, Family Community Education (FCE) and other community clubs. Individuals may also participate. (LB)



4-H & Youth

It's Time to Reorganize

Leaders, you should have received your reorganization packet for the upcoming 4-H year. Please return the needed information to the extension office. Thanks!! (TK)

2001 Teen Council Officers

President Jami Rutt
Vice President Bryce Lemke
Secretary Connie Lemke
Treasurer Emily Schroeder
Historian Rachel Rentschler
 Megan Fry

Scholarships Available

Several scholarships are available to 4-H members graduating in 2002. Application forms can be obtained at the extension office. Application deadline is Oct. 31. For more information, call Lorene at (402) 441-7180. (LB)

Award Nominations

Nominations are needed for the following awards by Oct. 31. 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 high school 4-H members who have demonstrated personal integrity, lead well-rounded lives, and possess a willingness to assume responsibility. They do not need to currently hold leadership positions, 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)

Join Pet Pals!



Want to learn more about your small pet or get acquainted with new ones? The Pet Pals 4-H Club is inviting new members to join — very small animals and their owners are welcome! Hamsters, gerbils, guinea pigs, and mice! Any animal small enough to put in your pocket is invited. Snakes, turtles, fish! Reptiles and amphibians of any kind can make the trip. And ... caged birds of all kinds can join the group.

Make new friends and have lots and lots of fun!!
 Next meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 13, at 6:45 p.m. in the Lancaster Extension Education Center. (ALH)

Fall Rabbit Clinic

The Lancaster County 4-H Rabbit VIPS Committee will be having a Fall Rabbit Clinic on Saturday, Nov. 10 from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center.

We will cover care, feeding, and housing of rabbits. There will be breeders available to discuss the different breeds and what to look for when purchasing a rabbit, and we'll go over the 4-H rabbit project and fair possibilities.

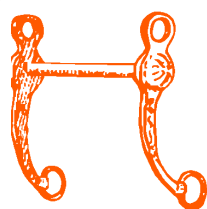
Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, call (402) 441-7180 and ask for Ellen. (EK)

Leather Crafts

Have you ever wanted to learn the basics of leather tooling so you could make items such as a coin purse, key fob, watch band, coasters, bookmarks, wallets, and belts? Due to increased interest in leather projects, the leather craft 4-H project is being reintroduced in Lancaster County at the county level only. After the first of the year, workshops to explain and instruct the skills and tools used in leather crafting will be held at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. Future NEBLINE articles will provide more information or contact Tracy at (402) 441-7180. (TK)

BB/Air Rifle Team Competition Jan. 25

The BB/Air Rifle Division of the Lancaster County 4-H Shooting Sports Club in association with the Lincoln City Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a **teams only** competition on Jan. 25, 2002 at the Lancaster Building, State Fair Park. Teams will be three person and one alternate for BB. This is a non-sanctioned event. USA shooting rules with modifications. Number of teams will be limited, with preference given to Southeast Nebraska entries. Deadline for registration is **absolutely** Jan. 10, 2002. Medals will be given for the top three teams in each junior and senior divisions, medals for top scorers in each position for junior and senior divisions. Register or questions to Gene Vebug email EVebug@msn.com or gene@fortoutpost.com. Watch for details on the Lancaster County 4-H website, www.lancaster.unl.edu/4h. (LB)



HORSE BITS

AkSarBen Horse Show



The AkSarBen Horse Show was held on Sept. 19 and 20 in Omaha. Participant numbers were down overall, but it was a great way to end the 4-H year. The 2002 AkSarBen Horse Show will again be at the current site, but will be the last on those grounds. The following year, 2003, the show will be at a new location.

Lancaster County came out on top with two winners. Megan Miller (above left), 17 year old daughter of Randy and Janet Miller of Adams, won the Senior Western Pleasure class and Kyle Ryan (above right), 18 year old son of John and Kim Ryan of Bennet, was fourth in the Senior Western Horsemanship class. Congratulations Megan and Kyle. (EK)