



4-H & Youth

4-H Scholarships Available

The Lancaster County 4-H program offers a variety of scholarships to active senior 4-H members in Lancaster County. The following lists the scholarships available for the 2003 school year. To obtain an application for any of these scholarships, please contact the Lancaster County Extension office or call Deanna Karmazin at 441-7180. (DK)

4-H Council — awards eight \$300 scholarships to any active Lancaster County 4-H'er.

Amy Countryman Memorial — \$1,000 to a senior at Waverly High School currently enrolled in 4-H. Amy Countryman was active in the 4-H horse program and this scholarship is given in her memory.

Lincoln Center Kiwanis — awards two \$500 scholarships to a current high school senior who is active in 4-H.

Teen Council — two scholarships to a current 4-H'er who is active in Teen Council and helps with at least one major fund raiser during their senior year.

Lane Scholarship — one \$200 scholarship is awarded to a current 4-H'er who attends Raymond Central High School.

Livestock Exhibitors — After Fair Review Meeting

All 4-H and FFA livestock exhibitors are encouraged to attend the after fair review meeting on Sunday, Aug. 18, 7 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road. This is your chance to voice your opinions and make changes to the fair book. If you are unable to attend and would like to share your opinions, please call Deanna at 441-7180. (DK)

Fair's Over, Now What? — Parent and Leader Training

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 Tuesday, Sept. 24, 9:30 a.m. or 7 p.m. (TK)

LOST during the Household Pets Show at the County Fair: a white tote bag with red lettering. If found please call Mary at 435-3414!

4-H Friends Sing at Saltdogs

Julie Thomson
4-H Parent

Hannah Spencer and Terra Thomson met in first grade at a school chess club and discovered their mothers were 4-H alumni. Terra invited Hannah to be a Clover Kid, and Hannah invited Terra to her church choir. Since then they have performed together in two 4-H Song Contest groups and in many choir performances at Trinity Methodist Church. Their audition to sing the national anthem for the 4-H Centennial Night at the Saltdogs was their first duet.

They are also musicians. Both girls play violin; Hannah has been taking Suzuki violin lessons for several years, and Terra started a year ago. Hannah also plays the flute, and Terra plays piano.

They share many 4-H interests as well. This will be the third year that they've done a team demonstration for the



Terra Thomson (left) and Hannah Spencer (right) sang the national anthem during 4-H Centennial Theme Night at the Lincoln Saltdogs in July.

county fair. Their first was on chess, and they are both members of the Checkmates 4-H Chess Club. They are also founding members of the Sunshine Clover Kitties Club. Their interest in art, and in the Celebrate Art project, brought about their pottery and origami demonstrations.

Many of their 4-H projects are the same, including Entomology, Citizen Safety, and Tennis, as well as sewing and cooking projects.

They are also active in their schools and community. They perform in their school choirs and orchestras. Every year they enter the School Science Fair. They volunteer in the community, sometimes as 4-H representatives, and are library volunteers for the summer reading program.

They hope to go into business together, selling beaded jewelry and other crafts items they have made.

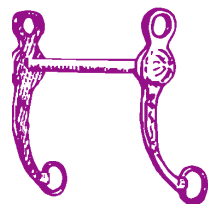
4-H has given Terra and Hannah many opportunities to further their education and their character, and to become close friends. They plan to continue their friendship and 4-H involvement for many years.



Celebrate 25 Years of 4-H Camp in Gretna

The Eastern Nebraska 4-H Center is celebrating its 25th year of providing kids with lasting memories and life skills. As part of the celebration, campers and other supporting organizations and individuals have raised several thousand dollars toward the purchase of a much needed camp lawnmower. The Camp Board is now asking

4-H clubs and other individuals to contribute the last \$2,000 toward the purchase. If your 4-H club or if you as an individual can contribute to this effort, please send your contribution to Nebraska 4-H Foundation — 25th Anniversary Fund, Attention: Kelly Krambeck, 21520 W. Hwy 31, Gretna, NE 68028. (LJ)



HORSE BITS

Time to Re-Organize

When the county fair ends, we clean up and begin to think about what we'll do differently next year for our 4-H horse program. After working at the 4-H Horse Exposition in Grand Island last month, my thoughts are of how nice it would be to have Lancaster County represented at next year's Expo with judging, horse bowl and hippology teams. So expect to hear from me in the near future as I begin soliciting names of interested exhibitors from club leaders.

My other initial thought is we need to increase participation of adults and youth at our monthly Horse VIPS Committee meetings. As we get busy in the spring we tend to assume everything in 4-H will be taken care of as usual. We have expanded the fair by at least one set of classes in each of the past three years, while at the same time the number of people attending and volunteering at the Horse VIPS Committee meetings has steadily declined. If the

attendance trend continues, one of our first priorities will be to noticeably decrease the size of the county fair horse show in the future so it can be planned and managed by a smaller number of volunteers. All interested persons are invited and encouraged to attend these meetings. They are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center (unless the location is otherwise posted). We strongly encourage club leaders and/or at least one representative of each club to be present monthly. We also love seeing all those people who have helped and run the show for years with no connection to a particular club; just a sincere interest in the 4-H horse program.

Lastly, please go out of your way to notice and sincerely thank those youth and adults who have been active and involved in coordinating and planning 4-H horse activities for so many years. We couldn't present such a wonderful program without them.

2002 4-H State Horse Exposition

The 2002 State 4-H Horse Exposition in Grand Island is behind us and I think most exhibitors and their families would agree it was a great experience, as usual.

Lancaster County Hippology Team, which consisted of Terra Steinhauser, Victoria Kirilloff and Kalie Larson, were reserve champions in the Hippology Contest.

Lancaster County had 34 exhibitors who brought back 16 purple ribbons, 34 blue, 26 red and six white. Purple ribbon winners were Rachel Braunsroth (Advanced Western Horsemanship); Sierra Fredrick (Junior Western Pleasure, Junior Western Horsemanship and Junior Showmanship); Jessica Frink (Senior Pole Bending and Senior Showmanship); Mindy Leach (Junior Barrel Racing); Morgan Marshall (Junior English Pleasure and Junior Western Horsemanship); Micah Messick (Junior Western Horsemanship and Halter); Jacob Messick (Senior Pole Bending); Kyle Ryan (Senior Western Horsemanship); Amberlee Schoneweis (Junior Barrel Racing); Ashley Schoneweis (Senior Barrel Racing); and Michela Winters (Senior Showmanship).
Congratulations to all exhibitors!