

2002 is 4-H Centennial

President George W. Bush joined 4-H members from Texas and the Metropolitan Washington area to officially inaugurate 4-H's 100-year anniversary at a White House meeting on Jan. 17. During the meeting, 4-H presented President Bush with its highest honor, the "Partner in 4-H" award for his support of 4-H and the Texas Cooperative Extension Service while serving as Governor of Texas.

On Feb. 5, Gov. Mike Johanns proclaimed 2002 "4-H Centennial Year in Nebraska" and City of Lincoln Mayor Don Wesely proclaimed Feb. 3-9 "4-H Centennial Week."

4-H is celebrating the Centennial on all levels: national, state, county and city. Lancaster County 4-H and 4-H Council are excited to be a part of this celebration and have planned activities throughout the year!

Note: Unfortunately, the "Lancaster Conversation on Youth Development in 21st Century" scheduled for Jan. 31 was canceled due to bad weather.



City of Lincoln Mayor Don Wesely (back row center) attended the Feb. 5 "4-H Centennial Celebration" and proclaimed Feb. 3-9 "4-H Centennial Week."

4-H'ers for lunch. Price, a 4-H alumni, shared her own 4-H experiences.

Centennial Celebration Feb. 5

Lancaster County 4-H held a "4-H Centennial Celebration" in conjunction with "4-H What's It All About/Achievement Night" on Feb. 5. Hors d'oeuvres, 4-H Clover Mint ice cream and 4-H cookies were served. On display were projects, photographs, scrapbooks and stories from more than 20 4-H alumni. Door prizes were given away.

Doris (Foster) Seivell, born in 1917, was recognized as the oldest alumni present. She went to 4-H camp when she was 12. At age 16, she was the State Fair canning champion (representing Fillmore County) and won a trip to the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago. She says she had fun learning lots of things in 4-H — useful skills she used all her life. Seivell was a 4-H leader for many years and her son,



Doris Seivell (left — pictured with daughter Sherry Hutchison) was recognized at the Feb. 5 "4-H Centennial Celebration" as the oldest alumni in attendance.

daughter and one grandchild were 4-H'ers. Throughout the evening different generations of 4-H'ers were able to share what 4-H was/is like for them.

Saltdogs 4-H Centennial Theme Night July 12



Lancaster County 4-H and 4-H Council is sponsoring 4-H Centennial Theme Night at the Lincoln Saltdogs Baseball home game on Friday, July 12.

There will be many 4-H fun activities, including 4-H giveaways such as Nebraska 4-H tattoos. It is tentatively scheduled to have all 4-H'ers march onto the field prior to the game. Game starts at 7:05 p.m.

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4-H alumni Merna Maahs' scrap book contains this 1939 photo of the 24th Annual Boys and Girls 4-H Club Week.



Representing Lancaster County at Unicameral Day were (L-R) Ashley Dreyer, Kathleen Arends, Connie Lemke, Jami Rutt, Emily Veburg, Kirstin Liljestrand, and Michael Veburg. Not pictured is Tara Thomson.

Unicameral Day

More than 100 4-H youth from Nebraska's 49 legislative districts convened at the State Capitol on Feb. 5 to visit with their state senators, attend workshops and learn about Nebraska's Unicameral system. Eleven 4-H'ers from Lancaster County attended.

Kathleen Arends said she enjoyed seeing the Unicameral in action. She also felt like the 4-H'ers were really able to have a voice in the State Conversation, which passed ideas regarding youth development onto the National Conversation (to be held Feb. 28-March 3 in Washington D.C.).


For Jami Rutt, the best part of the day was the mock hearing where the 4-H'ers got to debate a bill.

Sen. Marian Price and Sen. DiAnna Schimek joined the Lancaster

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