



4-H & Youth

Help 4-H Form Its Vision for the New Century

During the past several months, nearly 2,000 Nebraskans of all ages have participated in conversations on youth development held in conjunction with the 4-H centennial year. Nebraska 4-H is using this invaluable input to create a strategic plan called "4-H Visions: A Road Map for a New Century."

A summary of the plan is available on the State 4-H Web site: 4h.unl.edu.

Please take a few minutes before July 31 to read the two-page summary and offer your comments and suggestions. You can respond to the questions online. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the Lancaster County Extension office for a hard copy. Thank you for helping Nebraska 4-H determine how to meet the needs and desires of 21st century youth!



Lincoln Journal Star will Publish a 4-H Special Section

The Lincoln Journal Star newspaper will publish and distribute a 4-H Special Section appearing in the paper on Saturday, Aug. 31 to coincide with the 4-H Alumni Reunion at the State Fair.

If you wish to purchase extra copies of this section, please call the Lincoln Journal Star's Circulation Department at 473-7300.

If your 4-H family or club is interested in purchasing space, please call the Lincoln Journal Star's advertising department at 473-7450 or 800-742-7315 before Aug. 19. This is also an opportunity for businesses to advertise that they support 4-H.

Neighborhood Kids Wants Club News!

Neighborhood Kids, published the second Saturday of the month in the Lincoln Journal Star, is getting a whole new look! They will be featuring a club news page. Editor Nancy McGill has specifically requested 4-H club news! 4-H club secretaries (or other club members) are invited to submit notes from meetings or short articles about club activities. Photos are welcome! Please send your club news by the 28th of each month to Extension Publication and Media Assistant Vicki Jedlicka, Lancaster County Extension, 444 Cherrycreek Rd., Suite A, Lincoln, NE 68528 or e-mail vjedlicka2@unl.edu.

Note: Many local publications have supported Lancaster County 4-H with coverage of 4-H and 4-H-related events throughout the years. Some of these include The Hickman Voice, The Waverly News, Star City Sports and Neighborhood Extra.

Community Service Corner

Put 4-H Volunteer Opportunities on Volunteer Match Web site

With the focus on volunteering, community service, and civic engagement from The White House, the media, and communities ... now is the time to get 4-H volunteer opportunities listed at www.volunteermatch.org.

4-H members and volunteers are encouraged to go to the site and fill in the online information using the volunteer job description that you already have. In the next few months, the White House and USA Freedom Corps will create a national volunteer job bank and migrate all the listings already posted in Volunteer Match and SearchNet to the new site.

Star City Llamas Adventures

Kacy Armstrong
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Star City Llamas 4-H Club

In 2002, the Star City Llamas 4-H club has touched the lives of many people, such as elderly people of the Alzheimer's unit at Madonna Rehabilitation Center and children from the sixth grade of both Elliott and Rousseau schools. A select few of us have also participated in the annual Llama Trek, which was hosted this year by the Little Hummers 4-H club.

On June 22 south of Lexington, is where and when the annual Llama Trek came into action this year. The hike was a short (compared to years in the past) but challenging twisting, turning tall grass "jungle," and a



Members of Star City Llamas participated in the annual Llama Trek south of Lexington last month.



short water obstacle (that most of the llamas

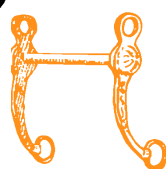
jumped over anyway). After the hike was over there was many activities to do such as, a silent auction, llama cart rides, swim-

ming in the sand pit, and of course, lunch! All in all, everyone had a great time.

On June 26, the people at Madonna sure were happy to see some fuzzy, four-legged creatures come walking through the gate of a nice courtyard they have. We stayed with them about half an hour, answering the questions they had, letting them pet and sometimes even walk the llamas. A lot of them were surprised when some of the llamas bent down and blew air in their face while they were petting them. When it was time to go, they all waved goodbye and watched us leave. Events like these are great for both the people and the llamas because the people get to know some things about a rare species of animal in Nebraska and the llamas start to like the attention of strangers. They have a calming affect on both the curious and shy.



The Star City Llamas 4-H club visited the Alzheimer's unit at Madonna Rehabilitation Center with their llamas.



HORSE BITS

District Horse Show Results

District horse shows were held in Nebraska the last two weeks of June in eight locations around the state. Fifty-five exhibitors from Lancaster County participated in the Crete and Wahoo shows. In all, they brought home 11 purple ribbons from Wahoo and another 11 from Crete. They also received 22 blue ribbons in Wahoo and the same in Crete. These blue and purple ribbon winners will go on to represent Lancaster County at the State 4-H Horse Show in Grand Island July 14-18.

Six trophies were also brought home by Lancaster County exhibitors. From Wahoo, trophy winners included Sierra Fredrick (Junior Western Pleasure), Kyle Ryan (Senior Western Horsemanship), and Jessica Frink (Senior Barrel Racing). In Crete they were Emily Morton (Junior Western Pleasure), Terra Steinhauser (Junior Western Horsemanship), and Mindy Leach (Junior Pole Bending).

Congratulations to all the exhibitors for representing Lancaster County so admirably! (EK)

4-H Summer Camps

Open to all youth,
4-H and non 4-H

Registrations are still being accepted for the remaining 4-H Summer Camps held at the Eastern NE 4-H Center. For more information call (402) 332-4496 or visit <http://4h.unl.edu>.

Clover Kids Day
July 13

Outdoor Skills
July 15-18

High Adventure
July 29-Aug 1

Scrapbook Making 4-H Camp Aug. 5 & 6

The Eastern NE 4-H Center is hosting a camp Aug. 5 & 6 for those who love to scrapbook. With workshops for adults and camp activities for youth, it will be fun for everyone! The cost of the event is \$70 for adults (both days) and \$25 for youth (per day) and includes meals, lodging and programs. You may call (402) 332-4496 or email 4hcampea@unl.edu for more details. (TK)