

# Parents Key to Success of Liberty Bell Laborers Club



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4-H Leaders and Parents



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The Liberty Bell Laborers 4-H club was organized in the Spring of 2001. Our first meeting was held at a member's home on Liberty Bell Lane, thus the members arrived at the name Liberty Bell Laborers for their club. The Club currently consists of four 4-H members, Christian Fisher, Patrick Murphy, Jessica Albin and Monica Fujan. The club also has three Clover Kid members, Danielle Wilkerson, Joseph Murphy and Zachary Albin. Philip Murphy and Daniel Albin will be joining the club this year as Clover Kids and Derrick, Brittany and Amanda Ullman will be joining as 4-H members.

The idea of starting a 4-H club began when a few parents were discussing their experiences with 4-H activities and what a positive experience it had been for them during their youthful years. The parents had a deep desire to pass along these positive learning experiences to their children through 4-H.

One of the keys to success in our club is the involvement of the parents. All the mothers take

turns organizing and planning lessons for the meetings. We also receive assistance from our Junior Leader, Monica Fujan.

Having the 4-H members and the Clover Kids in one group has worked well for our club, for example, while the older members learn to sew on sewing machines, the younger

members learn to cross stitch, or the older members will learn to make scrambled eggs and the younger members prepare the cinnamon toast to go with it. On several occasions we have done group projects where all the members will work together on projects such as tie dye T-shirts

or coffee can ice cream.

The Liberty Bell Laborers have made it a priority for their club to do community service work each year. This past year the members spent one meeting making valentines and they delivered them to residents of a local nursing home during the next meeting. The members also sang and signed songs for the residents during their visit. Our club members also volunteered to help with the food booth at the Lancaster County Fair. All the members enjoyed the experience and were very eager to wait on the customers.

Due to the age of the club's members, it was decided that rather than electing officers for an entire year, each member would take turns at each office. At the meetings each member is assigned an office or a job for that meeting and all positions are rotated the next month. We also rotate the location for our meetings each month, so that all members get a turn at hosting a meeting.

Our club members are looking forward to another fun year of 4-H projects. We will be starting our year in October and the members will be choosing their projects at that time.



*If you would like to write a spotlight for THE NEBLINE about your 4-H club or favorite project, please call Vicki at 441-7180.*



The Liberty Bell Laborers includes three Clover Kid members, who sang and signed "God Bless America" at this year's County Fair.

## Revised & Eliminated 4-H Projects for the 2002-2003 Year

The State 4-H Office has revised the following 4-H projects:

- Clothing 1
- Clothing 2
- Sewing for Fun packet
- Wildlife Conservation
- Citizen Safety
- Flowers 2: All About Flowers
- And My World

The following 4-H projects have been eliminated:

- Baking is Fun
- More Baking is Fun
- Lifetime Sports (Bowling, Tennis, Golf)
- Fire Safety Education

## Shooting Sports Reorganizational Meeting Oct. 29

Mark your calendars for a reorganizational meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 29, 7 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Rd, for the entire Lancaster County Shooting Sports 4-H club. Both current members and those interested in joining are invited to attend. There will be a short presentation by each discipline leader including BB/Air Rifle, Small Bore and Trap. Pizza and soda will be served. Total registration fee to join 4-H Shooting Sports 4-H club is \$8, insurance included. (TK)

## 4-H Open House Rabbit Clinic Nov. 9

The Lancaster County 4-H Rabbit VIPS Committee will be hosting a Fall Open House Rabbit Clinic on Saturday, Nov. 9, 9:30 a.m.-12 noon at the Lancaster Event Center Exhibit Hall, 4100 N. 84th St. Everyone is welcome to attend.

You will learn about showmanship, care of animal, static exhibits and will be given general information about registering for 4-H. We will also have available area rabbit breeders to discuss different breeds and their special qualities and care. (EK)

## State Volunteer 4-H Leaders Forum

Mark your calendar for the Nebraska State Volunteer 4-H Leaders Forum, March 21-23, 2003, at Nebraska State 4-H Camp, Halsey, Nebraska. Watch the upcoming NEBLINE issues 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 covered by \$1 million of liability coverage through the University of Nebraska. If you're working with youth in the 4-H program and have not already filled out the form, please fill it out and return it to the State 4-H Office. Profiles are available at our office. (TK)

## National 4-H Volunteer Listserv

National 4-H hopes to develop a Web site devoted to the youth and adult volunteers who are the heart of 4-H! The site will create an interactive place where volunteers can identify themselves, share and locate valuable program resources, and most importantly, contribute ideas and energy to advancing the 4-H movement.

To begin this process, a listserv is being created through which volunteers can begin connecting to share suggestions and strategies for the Web site.

To participate in the listserv, visit <http://4hlists.org> and:

- 1) Once you have entered the site, select "National 4-H Council Listserv" from the menu.
- 2) Next, select "4-H Volunteers" as your mailing list option.
- 3) To join the listserv, select the "Join 4-H Volunteers" option, complete the subscriber data form and select "save" from the menu at the bottom of the page.

## Thanks To All Who Got Wet!!!



Rabbits R Us 4-H Club would like to thank all who volunteered their time during the fair at the dunking booth. We hope you had a good time as well as helping the club out. (TK)

## Community Service Corner

### Start Planning for Make a Difference Day

Have you started to plan you Make A Difference Day activities yet? This year, the tenth Make A Difference Day is **Saturday, Oct. 26**. Created in 1992 by USA WEEKEND in partnership with the Points of Light Foundation, Make a Difference Day challenges us to spend a Saturday "making a difference" in our communities and in the lives of others. It has become the most encompassing day of service with more than a million volunteers participating nationwide. Start planning today! You can register project plans in the databank at: [www.makeadifferenceday.com](http://www.makeadifferenceday.com).

### Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF

As autumn approaches, students nationwide can celebrate a favorite "spectacular" event on Halloween night. "Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF" is a simple, yet effective community project that carries the message of "kids helping kids" to youth throughout the United States. Young people can participate in this year's campaign by going door-to-door on **Thursday, Oct. 31** with their orange collection boxes to ask for donations, or by organizing a community event.

With your help in bringing "Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF" to your communities, you and your peers will now have the unique opportunity to be a part of the worldwide effort to finally bring an end to the devastating disease of polio. Join UNICEF in bringing the wonderful message of "kids helping kids" to your community. Order your FREE "Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF" boxes and education materials online now at [www.unicefusa.org/trickortrea](http://www.unicefusa.org/trickortrea).

## Family and Consumer Science Superintendents Needed!

Are you interested in Family and Consumer Science? At least two Family and Consumer Science Superintendents are needed for the 2003 Lancaster County Fair. Join a veteran Family and Consumer Science superintendent and help receive exhibits, work with judges on judging day and display exhibits. Please contact Tracy at 441-7180 if interested. (TK)