

Lancaster Family & Consumer Science Contest Participants Win Top Awards at State Fair

Congratulations to the following individuals who were chosen to represent Lancaster County at the 2002 State Family and Consumer Sciences Contest. They exhibited knowledge and decision-making abilities in being chosen for this event.

Mary Obrist and Nina Contreras were in the Top 10 Individual in the Intermediate Division, receiving third place and fifth place respectively. There were 75 contestants participating in this division.

Lancaster County had one Intermediate Division Team. The team participants were Mary Obrist, Nina Contreras, Alyssa Fiala and Abigail Gabel. They were awarded 2nd place out of 34 teams.

Mary Conroy was a Top 10 Individual in the Senior Division, receiving third place. In this division 154 contestants participated.

This year Lancaster County had two Senior Division Teams. Team One participants were Mary Conroy, Laura Conroy, Nicole Pedersen and Emily Veburg. They placed 3rd out of 52 teams. Team Two participants were Kristin Malone, Karen Clinch and Monica Fujan. (TK)



Senior Team 1: (L-R) Nicole Pedersen, Laura Conroy, Mary Conroy and Emily Veburg



Intermediate Team: (L-R) Alyssa Fiala, Nina Contreras, Mary Obrist and Abigail Gabel



Congratulations to Winner of 4-H Garfield Cookie Jar

Congratulations to Helen Hoffman of Lincoln, winner of the 4-H Garfield Cookie Jar drawing which was held at 4-H Centennial Theme Night at the Saltdogs on July 12!

4-H Museum Exhibit Delayed Until Oct. 1

The Museum of Nebraska History in Lincoln, which was planning to run a 4-H exhibit from Aug. 1 through the end of December, has postponed the opening until Oct. 1 due to a broken air conditioner. The temperature in the museum is constantly at or above 90 degrees and a new air conditioner is not expected until the end of October.

The exhibit will contain 4-H items from throughout Nebraska and will run through 2003, which is much longer than originally planned.

The Museum is located at 15th and P Streets in Lincoln and is open 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and 1- 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Come visit this great 4-H display!

2002 Ak-Sar-Ben Livestock Exposition

The 75th Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Youth Livestock Exposition will be held at Ak-Sar-Ben from Sept. 25-29. More than 2,000 4-H families from an eight-state area participate in the annual event. For more information, visit online at www.aksarben.org. A partial schedule follows:

Friday, Sept. 27

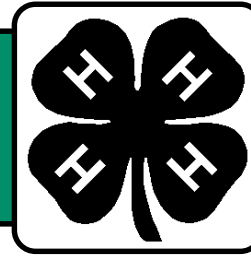
7:30 a.m. Judging of Breeding Beef followed by Breeding Showmanship
9 a.m. Judging of Feeder Calves followed by Feeder Calf Showmanship

Saturday, Sept. 28

7 a.m. Judge Three Divisions of Market Steers
8 a.m. Judging of Market Lambs followed by Showmanship
Judging of Dairy Cattle followed by Showmanship
7 p.m. Market Swine Showmanship

Sunday, Sept. 29

7 a.m. Judging of Market Steers
Judging of Market Heifers
Judging of Catch-A-Calf
Judging of Market Swine
8 a.m. Judging of Market Beef Showmanship
Judging of Market Broilers



4-H & Youth

Community Service Corner

Volunteer Work Day Sept. 25 at Eastern NE 4-H Center

The Eastern Nebraska 4-H Center in Gretna is asking for your help this fall! Volunteers are needed to help with fall projects on Sept. 25, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Some the projects lined up include:

- Staining the elements on the TRUST Course
- Picking up litter around the camp site
- Staining picnic tables
- Staining newly rebuilt decks
- Tearing down a cabin deck
- Tree trimming
- Mulching
- Arboretum Activities

Lunch and snacks will be provided and volunteers receive a free XL Blue "Camp" T-Shirt!

Please R.S.V.P. to Kelly Krambeck at (402) 332-4496 with your name and your first two choices of activities. You are welcome to bring your own work gear or use the camp's equipment. If you are unable to volunteer on Sep. 25, but would like to volunteer another day, call Kelly to arrange a time and project.

Youth In Action/Community Service Grants Available

Community service project grants of \$500 to \$1,500 are being offered to youth who take leadership roles and work with adult 4-H volunteer leaders and/or Cooperative Extension staff. Grants require youth teams to identify critical issues in their communities, develop activities to address these issues, and educate other young people and children about ways to model community service. Youth must be actively involved in writing the proposal and in program implementation. Collaborative efforts reflecting the diversity of the community are encouraged. 2003 Grant applications are now available at www.grants.n4h.org under "community service." Applications are due Sept. 23.

Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards is searching to find their top youth volunteer. This search is for youth in grades 5-12 who has engaged in a volunteer activity that occurred at least in part after Sept. 1, 2001. If selected, youth could receive \$1,000, an impressive silver medallion and a trip to Washington, D.C. next May. If you feel you've made a positive difference through a volunteer activity during the past year, please call Tracy at 441-7180 for an application or log on at <http://dsa.principals.org/awards> for application. Application *must* be received in the office by Oct. 31. (TK)

Target All-Around Scholarships for Students Committed to Community Service

Administered by the Citizens' Scholarship Foundation of America, Inc., Target All-Around Scholarships for Students will award four \$10,000 and more than 2,100 \$1,000 scholarships for higher education (two per Target store) to high school seniors and college students who are committed to community service and education. The deadline for the scholarship application is Nov. 1.

For more information, call (800) 316-6142. For rules and application forms, visit: http://www.target.com/target_group/community/community_scholarships.jhtml.

Congressional Award Gold Medal

The Congressional Award is a public-private partnership created by Congress in 1979 to provide a unique opportunity for young people ages 14-23 to set and achieve personally challenging goals that build character and foster community service, personal development and citizenship. In order to earn The Congressional Award Gold Medal, each individual must complete a minimum of 400 hours of voluntary public service, 200 hours of personal development activities, 200 hours of physical fitness, and four consecutive days and nights of an exploration or expedition. Any young person ages 14-23 may register for the program by calling (202) 226-0130 or logging onto www.congressionalaward.org.