



4-H & Youth

LANCASTER COUNTY FAIR NEWS

2003

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Discover the Fun!

JULY 30–AUGUST 3

The 2003 Lancaster County Fair Books have been mailed (or will be shortly) to 4-H families and past Open Class exhibitors. The 4-H & FFA version is online at lancaster.unl.edu/4H.

County Fair Plaques

Every year plaques are given to the "Top Exhibits" in the static exhibit areas. For example, plaques are given to the top poster exhibit, top baking exhibit (three levels), top child development exhibit, top safety exhibit, top woodworking exhibit, etc. 4-H'ers have expressed how much they look forward to seeing who receives these plaques, and it has become a highlight of the fair for them. This year, funding is no longer secured and in order for plaques to be presented at this year's fair, we need sponsors to fund them. Please contact Tracy if you are willing to be on a committee to secure monies or if you are willing to help sponsor these plaques. Sponsors will be recognized on plaques and via signage. If monies are not secured, plaques will not be presented. Thanks. (TK)

APRIL

Ruth Lantis

Lancaster County 4-H and 4-H Council are proud to announce Ruth Lantis as the winner of the April "Heart of 4-H Award" in recognition of outstanding volunteer service.

Ruth has been the organizational leader of the Star City Kids since it formed six years ago. Star City Kids is Lancaster County's largest 4-H club with 65 members. All of the members are homeschoolers. The mothers of the members are all very involved as project leaders and try to attend all the meetings. Ruth coordinates the meetings and project leaders.

Cathy Hurdle, a Star City Kids parent and project leader, nominated Ruth, saying, "Ruth is the 'heart' of our 4-H group. Even though the group has grown to 22 families, she has managed to maintain order and a freshness to the group."

"I love watching the kids learn and grow," Ruth says of being a 4-H volunteer. "I also enjoy working with all the moms in our club."

Her favorite experience as a 4-H volunteer was watching club members develop, practice and perform skits for last year's Music Contest which they took to the State Fair.

She attends the State 4-H Volunteer Leader Forum whenever possible. She says, "It is a wonderful experience and opens my eyes to all the opportunities within 4-H."

Ruth and her husband Tom homeschool their children: Julie (age 16), Katherine (age 15), Jordan (age 14), Tommy (age 13) and Josh (age 11).

Ruth also helps out at the annual 4-H Clover College (last year, Katherine, Jordan and Tommy also assisted).

She works at Martin Luther Homes and is active in her church. Ruth and her children deliver Meals on Wheels.

Congratulations to Ruth Lantis. Volunteers like her are indeed, the heart of 4-H!



To nominate your favorite 4-H volunteer for the "Heart of 4-H Award", visit online at lancaster.unl.edu/4h/club or visit the extension office for a registration form.

Speech Contest Winners

The 2003 Lancaster County Speech Contest was held March 16 at the State Capitol. More than 50 youth participated! Public speaking is an important skill that people use throughout their lifetime. Congratulations to the winners who will go on to the District Speech Contest, held April 12 at the UNL East Campus Union! New this year, Junior Division winners are able to advance to the District competition.

Speech Contest

Senior Division: Ian Badeer, Connie Lemke and Allison Hurdle. Alternate: Elizabeth Kalisch.

Intermediate Division: Sean Badeer, Karis Parker and Will Fox.

Junior Division: Preston Badeer, Ryan Keys and Terra Thompson. Alternate: Sarah Hurdle.



(Back row, L-R) Connie Lemke, Allison Hurdle, Sarah Hurdle, Karis Parker, Ian Badeer; (Front row, L-R) Sean Badeer and Preston Badeer.

Public Service Announcements (PSA's) Contest

Senior Division: Alyssa Fiala, Karen Clinch and Ian Badeer. Alternate: Nicole Pedersen.

Intermediate Division: Sean Badeer, Samantha Brandt and Will Fox. Alternate: Mary Hubbard.

Junior Division: Terra Thompson, Hannah Spencer and Ryan Keys. Alternate: Michelle Fry.



(L-R) Alyssa Fiala, Hannah Spencer, Karen Clinch, Sean Badeer and Ian Badeer.

Lancaster County 4-H Rabbit Clinic & Show

The Lancaster County 4-H Rabbit VIPS Committee held their annual Spring Rabbit Clinic on Thursday, March 20 and show on Saturday, March 22.

Presentations at the Thursday clinic were done by 4-H parents and current and former 4-H'ers. Thanks to Lindsay Brinson, Dawn Eggert, Desiree Bramhall, Kirstin Liljestrand and the Maahs and Cudaback families who all participated in presenting at the clinic. Also, a huge thank you to the members of the 4-H Rabbit VIPS Committee who spend so much of their time and energy providing these free educational clinics. (EK)

4-H Theme Night at Saltdogs June 20

Lancaster 4-H Council is sponsoring "Discover 4-H, Discover You" theme night at the Lincoln Saltdogs baseball home game on Friday, June 20! Ticket information will be published in upcoming NEBLINES.



Historical Society Opens Virtual 4-H Exhibit

You may remember the Nebraska State Historical Society planned to open a 4-H Centennial exhibit in 2002. Unfortunately, it could not be completed because of a museum air conditioning failure. Instead, the Society has put together a virtual exhibit entitled "One Hundred Years of 4-H in Nebraska" on its Web site at www.nebraskahistory.org/sites/mnh/4-H/index.htm.

It's an interesting and well-done site with lots of information and pictures about Nebraska 4-H from across the entire state! Please visit when you have a chance! Thanks to the many of you who contributed items and made the site possible!

HORSE BITS

2003 4-H State Horse Contests

The 2003 4-H State Horse Contests were held during the Nebraska Horse Expo at the Lancaster Event Center on Saturday, March 15. Contests held were Horse Bowl, Demonstration and Speech contests. The Lancaster County Horse Bowl team consisted of Victoria Kirilloff, Lindsay Kerns, Katy Cockerill and Melissa Raisch. The team came in fourth out of 18 teams. Congratulations and thank you for representing Lancaster County so well Victoria, Lindsay, Katy and Melissa.

2003 Pre-District Horse Show June 7

The Lancaster County 4-H Horse VIPS Committee will be sponsoring this year's Pre-District Horse Show at 9 a.m., Saturday, June 7 at Capital City Horse and Pony Club, 12900 N. 14 Street. The show will be run in district format and will include the eight district classes which consist of Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, Western Pony Pleasure, English Pleasure, English Equitation, Reining, Pole Bending and Barrels. Any 4-H'er can participate.

Capital City Horse and Pony Club Clinics

Capital City Horse and Pony Club will be hosting a free clinic for any rider, including beginning adult rider, at 9 a.m., Saturday, May 3. Topics covered will be basic horsemanship, equitation, western pleasure, trail, barrels and poles.

For the more experienced rider, there will be a reining clinic at 10 a.m., Saturday, May 17. There will be a small fee, the amount depends on the number of riders registered (if 20 exhibitors, the fee will be \$5 per rider).

Capital City is located at 12900 N. 14 Street. For information or to RSVP, call Joyce at 486-0335.