



4-H & Youth

Beef Weigh-In Jan. 18

Beef Weigh-in will be Saturday, Jan. 18, 7:30-10 a.m. at the Lancaster Event Center. We will set up the scale and panels at 7:30 a.m. and begin weighing as soon as we are done setting up. If you need your breeding heifers tattooed, please bring them at this time also. If you have any questions or if this date doesn't work for you, call Deanna Karmazin at 441-7180.

4-H Horse Leader Training Feb. 10

There will be no 4-H Horse VIPS Committee meeting in February. In its place, on Monday, Feb. 10, 7 p.m., we will present a 4-H Horse Leader Training at the Lancaster Event Center, 84th & Havelock. We will have useful information for all club leaders and parents regarding the upcoming 4-H calendar year, but also general club information. This training is mandatory for all Lancaster County 4-H horse clubs. If the club leader is unable to attend, another parent from that club will be expected to attend and assist the leader in getting the information. This training will make available techniques for running a club with the least amount of stress, and will provide an opportunity to meet parents and leaders from other clubs with the same interests. Expect your invitation soon! If you have questions, call Ellen Kraft at 441-7180.

4-H Unicameral Youth Conference

The 4-H Unicameral Youth Conference 2003, held June 22-25, will introduce youth to the legislative process and highlight their speaking and debate skills. Youth will spend four days at the Capitol Building interacting with legislative aides, policy experts and other young people from throughout the state.

The event is open to all youth ages 13 to 16. Attendees will be housed on East Campus.

Registration cost is \$100. A limited number of scholarships are available. Register early — last year's conference filled up fast!

- First-timer registrations are due April 1.
- Applications for returning youth are due March 1.
- Applications for teen mentors are due March 1.

For applications or more information, visit 4h.unl.edu or call Janet Fox at 472-9582.

Community Service Corner

4-H CAN Fight Hunger a Success

Four Lancaster County 4-H clubs collected food for the Food Bank of Lincoln as part of Nebraska 4-H's annual 4-H CAN Fight Hunger drive. Malcolm Clovers collected 48 pounds, Kids of the Future collected 41 pounds, Shimmering Shamrocks collected 21 pounds and Friends in 4-H collected 20 pounds. Thanks to these clubs for their efforts!



Kids of the Future also volunteered their time and sorted more than 1,000 pounds of food during the Food Bank's Holiday Food Drive. Pictured above are Kids of the Future club members: (row 1—left to right) Hannah Beiermann, Miranda Raatz, Ben Johnson, Alex Embree; (row 2) Paige Beiermann, Hayley Raatz, Beth Embree, Emily Hartman, Lauren Johnson, Ellie Beiermann; (row 3) Jill Johnson, Denise Embree, Beth Hartman, Pam Beiermann; (row 4) Brandon Raatz and Chase Hartman.

Star City Explorers Members Explore Variety of Skills

Denise and Quentin Farley
4-H Leaders and Parents

The Star City Explorers 4-H Club started out five years ago as a boys' Clover Kids group with plans to be a long-term club. Currently the club is in its fifth year.

Strong parental involvement has been key from the beginning. A parent attends the monthly meetings with each child. Parents have also rotated the responsibility of leading meetings, which has brought a lot of diversity. We have even had grandparents step in to help.

For the first two years of Clover Kids many meetings highlighted parents careers or hobbies. The really neat part of this is kids get to see exactly



Star City Explorers staffed a booth at last year's Kiwanis Carnival. Pictured are: (back row, L-R) Barb Walters, Judy Spiehs; (middle row) Joel Spiehs, Spencer Farley, Grace Farley, Trevor Craig, Taylor Katt, Taylor Walters, Trenten Craig; (front) Roger Spiehs



what their parents really do and other kids understand more of

what that career or hobby has to offer. Part of the goal of the group is to expose the children to many skills and show them how they apply to careers.

From year to year our meeting focus has changed to accommodate the children's changing age and interests. So in the third year of Clover Kids we decided to learn about cooking because it is essential to everyday life and good health. It's also fun!

With training and assistance, kids can learn to cook many things at an early age. We made many things that would be in the first cooking project and supplemented our meetings with speakers on specialized topics. Our speakers covered food science, table setting, dietetics,

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At Star City Explorers last meeting, Junior Leader Grace Farley taught members how to make clay pens. Pictured are: (L-R) Barb Walters, Taylor Walters, Grace Farley, Judy Spiehs, Joel Spiehs

Kiwanis Presents Outstanding 4-H Club Awards

The Lincoln Center Kiwanis Club sponsors Outstanding 4-H Club Awards as an incentive for 4-H clubs participating in the Lancaster County Fair. Clubs receive points based on all county fair entries. Three awards are given based on number of club members. Clubs receiving the highest total points in their respective category are recognized as category winners. The following clubs were presented awards at a recent Lincoln Center Kiwanis meeting for the 2002 Lancaster County Fair. Congratulations to the winners!



Category I (4-H clubs with membership of seven or less) winner: Sunshine Clover Kitties



Category II (4-H clubs with membership of eight-12) winner: Clovers & Company



Category III (4-H clubs with membership of 13 or more) winner: Happy Go Lucky