

Star City Llamas Win Two Awards at Star City Holiday Parade



Karen Armstrong
4-H Leader and Parent



dressed as holiday bakers. The 12 Llamas sported green blankets decorated in a candy cane theme. Our



Club member Becky Armstrong with her llama, Twix.

The Star City Llamas 4-H Club participated in Lincoln's Star City Holiday Festival parade in December. Our club has been in this parade for at least five years, but this is the first time we won two awards. One trophy was awarded for Best Animal Unit and the second was given for Best Costumes.

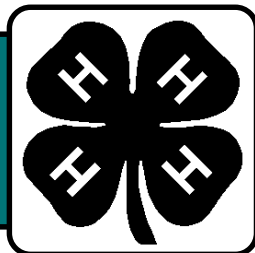
The festival had a "Stars in Action" theme this year. The 4-H members dressed up as gingerbread people (Becky Armstrong designed the costumes) and the adults accompanied them

manure wagon (a four wheeler pulling a garden trailer) was disguised as a gingerbread house.

Club members raised funds for the parade entry fee by selling cooling neckbands at the county fair.

This spring, our club will begin training weekly at the 4-H arena at the State Fair grounds. The llamas and handlers show at the county fair and exhibit at many other public venues. We

are based in Lancaster County, but many of our members live in from other counties. For information about the club, call 464-4129.



4-H & Youth

DESPERATELY Seeking Family and Consumer Science Superintendents

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)

State 4-H Volunteer Leader Forum March 21-23 at 4-H Camp in Halsey

The State 4-H Volunteer Leader Forum will be held March 21-23 at the Nebraska State 4-H Camp in Halsey. The forum is an opportunity to:

- Re-energize your 4-H spirit
- Have fun while learning
- Network with other 4-H leaders and staff across the state
- Increase your effectiveness

and competencies related to working with youth

- Exchange successful 4-H programs among leaders

All 4-H leaders, staff and volunteers are encouraged to participate in this event. For more information, visit online at 4h.unl.edu/leader.htm or contact Kathy Potthoff at 472-9021.

JANUARY



Pat Heather

Lancaster County 4-H and 4-H Council are proud to announce Pat Heather is the winner of the January 2003 "Heart of 4-H Award" in recognition of outstanding volunteer service.

Pat has been a 4-H project leader (mostly in photography) for 17 years and has been a County Fair 4-H Photography co-superintendent for many years (this year she was superintendent). Pat regularly opens her darkroom to kids from Lancaster and surrounding counties for instruction in developing and printing photos and in making photograms.

Pat says she likes being a 4-H volunteer because, "I love to teach about photography and get kids interested — maybe even to the point of photography being a career choice some day — but mostly to share some of the satisfaction that photography gives as a creative outlet — how you can capture or create a feeling or emotion with a camera." She enjoys seeing the look on a kid's face as an image begins to appear in the developer in the darkroom.

Her favorite part of the County Fair is, "seeing the finished products and wonderful creativity of so many kids." She also enjoyed designing and setting up the photography exhibit in the new Lancaster Event Center last year with co-superintendent Galen Madsen and his wife, Jan.

Paula Peterson, leader of the Rock Creek Ranchers and member of 4-H Council, nominated Pat for the award. Paula wrote, "Pat has given her time every year to help with photography in her home and on field trips. She not only helps with the club which Kelly and Cory were part of, but any clubs interested."

Pat and her husband Wayne have two children, Cory and Kelly, who are former 4-H members and currently attending UNL. Pat works at Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway as a Claim Manager. She is also active on the Waverly United Methodist Church building committee and District 145 Foundation for Education.

She says her favorite vacation spots are golf courses, preferably those in mountains. Many people don't know she was a member of the Varsity (Men's) rifle team in college — there was no "women's team" at that time — and it was a sanctioned sport (part of the Big Eight Conference).

Congratulations to Pat Heather, who is the first recipient of Lancaster County 4-H's "Heart of 4-H Award!"



Lancaster County 4-H and 4-H Council invite Lancaster 4-H'ers and their families to

4-H Achievement Night

Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 6 p.m.

Morrill Hall, 14th & U Streets, Lincoln
on University of Nebraska city campus

Please call 441-7180 to RSVP!



RSVP required — event limited to 160 people.



Evening festivities include:

- Hors d'oeuvres
- Awards presentation
- Tour of NU State Museum
- Planetarium show "Skyquest"

The Stars Are Out Tonight



Free admission and free parking during event!
Park in lots 10 or 17C north of Morrill Hall.

The 2003 State Fair Photography Nebraska Themes

Unit II: "Two's and Three's" or "Discover 4-H, Discover You"

Unit III: "Back Door/Front Door" or "Discover 4-H, Discover You"

Nominate Your Favorite 4-H Volunteer!

A "Heart of 4-H Award" is awarded to a Lancaster County 4-H volunteer each month! Nominate your favorite 4-H volunteer or leader by submitting the following form (also available online at lancaster.unl.edu).



I, _____, nominate _____

for a "Heart of 4-H Award" because _____

I can be reached at (phone) _____ or (e-mail) _____

Return form to: UNL Cooperative Extension in Lancaster County, 444 Cherrycreek Rd, Suite A, Lincoln, NE 68528.