



HORSE BITS

District Horse Shows Results

District Horse Shows were held in Nebraska June 15–26. 4-H'ers representing Lancaster County were present at shows in McCook, West Point, Beatrice and Columbus.

Lancaster County exhibitors did well in the shows. At least two Lancaster County exhibitors took home championship trophies: Christi Vidlak (shown in picture) in English



Christi Vidlak won a championship trophy in English Horsemanship at the District Horse Shows.

Horsemanship, and Taylor Holliday in Pole Bending. Complete results are posted online at 4h.unl.edu/disthorseresults.htm

The State Horse Show in Grand Island will be held July 11–15.

New F.A.I.R. Livestock Incentive Program

This year, a livestock incentive program will begin for 4-H and FFA members in Lancaster County called Future Agriculturist Incentive and Rewards (F.A.I.R.). Youth in the program participate in livestock-related educational activities throughout the year to earn points towards cash awards and college scholarships.

Funds will come from Alumni Showmanship contests held at the County Fair (judges can be bribed with cash!). In addition, donations by local families and businesses will help make the program possible. If you would like to make a donation to F.A.I.R., please contact Deanna Karmazin at 441-7180 or Harry Muhlbach at 785-3815.

2002 State Fair Clothing Pins Are In

At the 2002 Nebraska State Fair, clothing pins were awarded to all 4-H'ers receiving purple ribbons. Some 4-H'ers, however, did not receive the pins at that time. If you met the criteria for a pin but did not receive one, they are now available at our office. (TK)

Pick Up Your Volunteer Pins

Volunteer pins are available from our office for all 4-H leaders who have completed the "Volunteer Profile." If you have not completed the profile yet, please do so as this is a requirement for all 4-H leaders. (TK)

Regional Volunteer Forum Nov. 13–16

Information is now available for this year's North Central Regional Volunteer Forum. This year's forum will be Nov. 13–16 in Peoria, Illinois. Share ideas with other volunteers, share experiences, challenges and successes. You can also participate in educational sessions and activities designed to increase your effectiveness and competencies. Some educational sessions include:

- Electrifying Your 4-H Program
- How to Impact Teens
- Kids & Clubs: Make the Most of 4-H Meetings

Volunteers also will have the opportunity to go on a variety of tours to places such as a River City Tour and Tanner's Orchard. Early-bird, full-time registration is \$200 and is due Sept. 15. Please contact the office to receive additional information. A limited number of scholarships are available from the 4-H Council. (TK)

COUNTY FAIR 4-H NEWS

2003

LANCASTER COUNTY FAIR

Discover the Fun!

JULY 30–AUGUST 3

The 2003 Lancaster County Fair Books have been mailed to 4-H families and past Open Class exhibitors. Copies of the 4-H/FFA and Open Class Fair Books are available at the Extension office and Lancaster Event Center during business hours. A limited supply is also available at local banks, libraries and post offices throughout the community. A list of locations, as well as the 4-H/FFA Fair Book, are online at lancaster.unl.edu/4H/fair.

Fair Volunteers Are Needed!

Volunteer helpers (ages 12 and over) are needed to help at the County Fair in the following capacities:

- Check in exhibits on entry day — July 28
- Assist judges on judging day — July 29
- Put up project displays — July 29
- Help in the information booth — July 30–Aug. 3

Call 441-7180 to sign up. Your help is appreciated! (TK)

Food Booth Training July 24

ALL County Fair food booth volunteers are encouraged to attend this training at the Lancaster Event Center, Thursday, July 24, 6–7 p.m. Learn about food safety, customer service and volunteer responsibilities. See you there! (TK)

Show & Tell for Clover Kids

All Clover Kids, youth age 5-7 by January 1, 2003, are invited to show & tell their 4-H exhibits at the Lancaster County Fair, Saturday, Aug. 2, starting at 1 p.m. Clover Kids Show & Tell is held in the Lincoln Room at the Lancaster Event Center. Youth are also invited to do a skit or song at this time. See page 11 of the 4-H/FFA Fair Book for more information. To register, call 441-7180 by Friday, July 25, or sign up at the static exhibit area Monday, July 28, 4-8 p.m. (TK)

Interview Judging

4-H'ers have the opportunity to talk to judges about their fair exhibits and share their trials and lessons they learned. 4-H'ers also learn what the judge looks for and how to improve skills. This year 4-H'ers may interview judge ONE exhibit from each project area (for example: one item from Celebrate Art, one item from Design Decisions, and one item from Tasty Tidbits). Refer to page 21 of the 4-H/FFA Fair Book for project areas that have interview judging. Call the office at 441-7180 to sign up for a five-minute time slot. Interview judging is Tuesday, July 29, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. in the Lincoln Room. (TK)

Celebrate Arts Class Number Changes

Please note the following changes in class numbers for "Celebrate Arts" in the Home Environment (p. 42 of the 2003 Lancaster County 4-H/FFA Fair Book). Please use these numbers on the Static Exhibit Entry Tags.

C260001 Fiber	C260009 Chalk
C260002 Clay	C260010 Carbon/Ink
C260003 Textiles	C260011 Pigment/Water Color
C260004 Wood	C260012 Nature Materials
C260005 Glass	C260013 Mixed Media
C260006 Ceramic	C260014 Portfolio
C260007 Paper	
C260008 Metal	

Horse Show Reminders

Here are some quick reminders about the 2003 Lancaster County Fair 4-H Horse Show:

- The Horse Pre-Fair briefing will be 2 p.m., Sunday, July 27 in Pavilion II. Exhibitors may pick up their packets and decorate their stalls at that time.
- Horse check-in will begin at noon on Tuesday, July 29.
- Animals are released at 10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2.
- The Horse Awards Night will be 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 5.

Alumni Showmanship Contests

Following the 4-H/FFA livestock shows (beef, dairy, sheep, swine, goat), Alumni Showmanship contests will be held. Alumni and all community members are invited to show off their showmanship skills. *Note: judges can be bribed with cash!* An animal will be provided the day of the show. Registration will be taken during each 4-H/FFA show.

4-H/FFA Livestock Exhibitor T-Shirts Available

County fair livestock exhibitor T-shirts are available for \$6.50 at the extension office and the county fair. The shirts have both 4-H and FFA logos displayed on the front. The 50/50 cotton/polyester shirts are stone (tan) with burgundy design. Adult sizes available are S, M, X & XL.



Livestock Photos

This year, each exhibitor is responsible for their own photos, if desired. The Armstrongs from Vantage Imaging will be available during the fair. Please see Joel or Karen to make arrangements to schedule photos.

Prettiest Cow Contest

In the Prettiest Cow Contest, teams of three 4-H'ers or FFA members dress up a calf, steer or heifer. Only animals shown in the Lancaster County 4-H/FFA Dairy, Beef or Bucket Calf shows can be used. Prizes will be awarded for: Prettiest Cow, Most Original, Most Unusual and others may be added day of show. Contact Julia French at 441-7180 for any questions.