

LANCASTER COUNTY FAIR NEWS

2003
LANCASTER COUNTY FAIR

Discover the Fun!

JULY 30–AUGUST 3

The 2003 Lancaster County Fair Books will be mailed the FIRST WEEK OF APRIL to 4-H families and past Open Class exhibitors. They will also be available at the extension office, local banks, libraries, and surrounding towns and villages. The 4-H & FFA version will be online at lancaster.unl.edu/4H and the Open Class version will be online at www.lancastereventcenter.com/fair.html.

Static Exhibit Changes

Please carefully review the 2003 Lancaster County Fair book when you receive your copy. This year changes have been made to several static exhibit classes.

Major changes will be found in the new Sewing for Fun project. Youth enrolled in this project **MUST** use the new packet available from our office. In this project several classes have been deleted, as well as new classes introduced.

Please note the State Fair will no longer exhibit 4-H entry level projects.

If you have questions, contact Tracy via e-mail at tkulm1@unl.edu or call 441-7180.

New this Year — Livestock Auction

We are excited to announce that there will be a 2003 Lancaster County Fair Livestock Auction! We are in the process of looking for Lancaster County Boosters. If you are willing or know of anyone willing to help support the livestock auction, please call Deanna at 441-7180.

Second Year Bucket Calf Project

4-H'ers who exhibited a bucket calf last year are now eligible to bring that calf back to the fair for the new second year bucket calf project. The participants will be judged on their animals, record books and interview. Call Deanna at 441-7180 for more information.

FCS Contest Replaced with Life Challenge Event

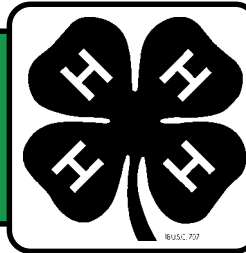
A statewide Life Challenge Event will replace the Family and The Consumer Science (FCS) Contest. This event will feature challenges, placing questions and workshops. Coinciding with the PASE Contest, this event will be held June 30–July 1, on East Campus, Lincoln. It is for youth age 12 and older. Watch upcoming NEBLINE issues for more information.

Sheep Style Review????

Did you know there is another type of style review in our county, open to all 4-H'ers? It is called the sheep lead show. The purpose of this class is to present a stylish and becoming picture to lend an air of elegance and prestige. In addition, it brings out the value of wool in sheep and the value in wool apparel.

An entrant must be an active 4-H or FFA member that owns an outfit made of at least 50 percent wool. Youth are also required to lead a breeding sheep that is being showed at the fair (yes, you can borrow one) and must write a one page narrative.

What a perfect time to decide to participate — wool outfits are on sale right now! If you would like more information on this activity, call Deanna at 441-7180.



4-H & Youth

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! "4-H Centennial" theme night at the Saltdogs last year was attended by more than 1,000 4-H'ers and family members! Ticket information will be published in upcoming NEBLINES.

Clover College June 24–27

Open to 4-H and non-4-H youth ages 5-16

Do you want to learn some new and exciting things? Do you like making projects and meeting new people? Plan to attend one or more of the workshops at the 2003 Clover College!

Look in next month's NEBLINE for more a full list of workshops, information and registration forms. Some possible workshop topics include sewing, table setting, outdoor education and nutrition. You may sign up for as many or as few of the workshops as you like.

Most workshops will consist of one to four sessions with each session lasting two hours. A small fee will be required for most workshops. Call Tracy if you have any questions or may be interested in presenting a workshop.

MARCH



Ken Majors

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

Ken has been involved with the Rabbits "R" Us and Star City Rabbit Raisers clubs for approximately five years, and he is an active member of the Rabbit VIPS Committee. He helps at various rabbit and poultry clinics and workshops. In addition, he judges rabbits and poultry at 4-H shows in approximately 10 counties each year. Ken will help at the Spring Rabbit Clinic on March 20 and judge during the Spring Rabbit Show on March 22.

Terri Bramhall, a member of the Rabbit VIPS committee, nominated Ken, saying, "Even though Ken has no kids in 4-H, he is always there for the rabbit 4-H'ers. He always comes to VIP meetings and is willing to do anything."

Ken got his start in 4-H in the 1950s, when he belonged to a Nemaha County 4-H club for nine years and exhibited beef, dairy and swine.

A member of the Nebraska Tower of the Plains Rabbit Club, American Polish Rabbit Club, American Rabbit Breeders Association and the Nebraska Poultry Association, Ken says he likes being a 4-H volunteer because, "I feel whatever I can do to help youth develop a responsibility and love for animals — no matter what animal — is very gratifying and rewarding." He says he also enjoys, "Seeing youth grow and develop into fine characters and become responsible adults."

Ken is a math resource person and computer lab supervisor for the District OR-1 Bennet/Palmyra Schools. He and his wife, Ruth, live near Hickman and have a daughter, Beth Misegadis and husband Cliff who live in Lincoln, and a son, Wade, who lives in Grand Lake, Colorado. Ken and Ruth enjoy spending time with their four granddaughters and traveling to Grand Lake often.

Ken says something most people don't know about him is that he's overcome being a very shy and quiet person.

Congratulations to Ken Majors. Volunteers like him are indeed, the heart of 4-H!



GET A "NU" LIFE

Youth won't want to miss Nebraska 4-H's **Get a "NU" Life** career exploration camps to be held this summer at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln! Participants will have opportunities to get to know faculty and youth from throughout the state, explore the UNL campus, check out a particular career field, have fun and much more!

| CAMP | DATES | AGE |
|------------------------|------------|-------|
| Biotechnology | June 4–6 | 10–12 |
| Culinology™ | June 16–20 | 9–12 |
| Golf Course Management | June 16–20 | 9–12 |
| Foreign Languages | June 18–20 | 7–10 |
| Movie-Making | July 13–19 | 10–12 |
| Music | June 15–21 | 9–12 |
| Paper-Making | June 16–20 | 9–12 |
| Textile Design | June 18–20 | 9–12 |
| Theatre | July 13–19 | 9–12 |
| Unicameral Youth | June 22–25 | 8–11 |

Early bird registration deadline with discounted entry fees is April 1. Final registration deadline is May 1. For more detailed camp descriptions, registration form or more information, visit online at <http://4h.unl.edu> or pick up a brochure at the extension office.

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.