

### Charter Club Applications Due Oct. 31

Leaders: don't forget to complete your 4-H Charter Club application! All leaders received an application form in their September reorganization packet. Initially, all clubs meeting the requirements and sending in the application form will be recognized at Achievement Night and receive a Charter Certificate. Seals will be awarded in subsequent years. Applications are due to the office by Friday, Oct. 31. Contact the office if you have questions. (TK)

### Last Chance! Award Nominations Due

Nominations are needed for the following awards. Application forms are available at the extension office. Deadline is Oct. 31.

**4-H Meritorious Service** — presented to individuals or organizations which have exhibited consistent and strong support of the 4-H program. 4-H members are not eligible.

**Outstanding 4-H Member** — presented to an individual who has excelled in their involvement with the 4-H program and are 14 years of age or older. The basis for selection appraises the variety and depth of 4-H activities.

**I Dare You Youth Leadership Award** — presented to junior or senior high school 4-H members who have demonstrated personal integrity, lead well-rounded lives and possess a willingness to assume responsibility. They do not need to currently hold leadership positions, but should be recognized by their peers and adults who work with them as emerging leaders. Two 4-H members will be selected from Lancaster County. (TK)

### Last Chance! 4-H Scholarships Due

The Lancaster County 4-H program offers a variety of scholarships to active senior 4-H members in Lancaster County. The following scholarships are available for the 2004–2005 school year. To obtain an application for any of these scholarships, please contact the Lancaster County Extension office, call Deanna Karmazin at 441-7180, or go to [lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Programs/award.htm](http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Programs/award.htm). Deadline is Oct. 31.

**4-H Council** — awards six \$500 scholarships to any active Lancaster County 4-H'er.

**Amy Countryman Memorial** — scholarship to a senior at Waverly High School currently enrolled in 4-H. Amy Countryman was active in the 4-H horse program and this scholarship is given in her memory.

**Lincoln Center Kiwanis** — awards two \$1,000 scholarships to a current high school senior who is active in 4-H.

**Teen Council** — two scholarships to a current 4-H'er who is active in Teen Council and helps with at least one major fundraiser during their senior year.

**Lane Scholarship** — one \$200 scholarship is awarded to a current 4-H'er who attends Raymond Central High School.

## Ak-Sar-Ben Youth Expo Winners

Twenty-four Lancaster 4-H'ers participated in the 2003 Ak-Sar-Ben Youth Exposition which was held Sept. 20-28 at the new Omaha Convention Center and Arena.

Here are the ribbon placings:

**Breeding Beef** — Jeana Bulling B, R; Whitney Davis P; William Davis B; Steve Landon P, B; Dalton Ringland P

**Feeder Calf** — Daniel Bulling B; Jeana Bulling B; Paige Moser R

**Sheep** — Bradley Cheney P, B; Darin Cheney P, B, B; Ryan Cheney P, P; Hannah Scow B, B; Jack Vaughn P, B; Katie Wilkinson B, B; Megan Wilkinson B, P

**Swine** — Kris Muhlbach P; Steven Muhlbach B, B, B

**Horse** — Cari Billesbach B (SR W PL), B (SR W HS), B (JR E PL); B (JR E EQ); Katy Cockerill B (PN Y PL); Martina Dye B (SR E PL), B (AD W HS), P (SR REIN); Amanda Essink B (JR POLE), P (JR BRRL); Jessica Fitl B (SR BRRL); Cherie Ronhovde B (JR POLE), B (JR BRRL); Cassie Sell B (SR E PL), P (SR E EQ)

(Right) Martina Dye, 17, of Roca, won the **championship in senior reining**. Her winning score was 71.5. Martina, daughter of Martin and Marilyn, rode Powder N Sugar, a 7-year-old Quarter Horse mare, for the win.

(Below Right) Cassie Sell, 16, of Lincoln, won the **reserve championship in English Equitation**. Cassie, daughter of Gayle, rode Lethal Heritage (Buddy), an 8-year-old Paint Horse gelding, for the win. She received a plaque from the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben.

(Below) Steve Landon, 19, of Greenwood, exhibited the **reserve champion Chianina breeding heifer**. In his eighth year of showing at Ak-Sar-Ben, Steve, son of Bill & Cheryl, showed his Feb. 15, 2002 heifer, Lucky. He was awarded a plaque donated by the American Chianina Association for his win. Photo (L to R): Deanna Karmazin (Lancaster County extension associate) holding plaque and Steven Landon.



Photos courtesy of Ak-Sar-Ben



## Help Make Ornaments for 4-H Trees at "Holiday of Trees"

Over the past 31 years, Heritage League of Lincoln's *Holiday of Trees* has contributed nearly \$600,000 to various community projects. The success of *Holiday of Trees* is due to the support of individuals and organizations who decorate trees and to the public who attend the event.

4-H is invited to decorate three trees at this year's *Holiday of Trees* which will be on display Thursday and Friday, Dec. 4 and 5 at the Unitarian Church, 6300 A St. from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. each day. Cost to attend is \$1 per person.

During this holiday season, Lancaster County 4-H staff is encouraging 4-H leaders and their club members to respond to this wonderful opportunity to serve our community by helping others who are less fortunate.

The 4-H staff requests each club prepare and donate one or more ornaments to two trees. (4-H Pet Pals Club is decorating the third tree.) **Ornaments are due in the extension office no later than Nov. 21.**

Please join us in this special community service opportunity. What a great way to promote 4-H and its excellent projects. Thank you! (ALH)



### 4-H TREE #1

#### "4-H is Alive at the County Fair!"

The cookie tree is decorated with animal cookies that identify any and all living exhibits at the Lancaster County Fair. Cutout cookies should be:

- Up to 5" in width and at least 1/4" thick.
- Made from your favorite gingerbread or sugar cookie dough. Bake longer...the stronger or harder the cookie, the better for us.
- Decorated with or without frosting.
- Embellished to the max. Use feathers, beads, sequins, rope, whatever!
- Be creative! Use bright colors. The brighter, the more interesting, the better!
- Before you bake, make a hole at the top of the cookie for ribbon or hanger.

This can be done by placing a straw in the dough to make a hole.

Cookies will NOT be returned.



### 4-H TREE #2

#### "4-H Memories"

This tree is filled with ornaments made in honor of or in memory of current or past 4-H'ers. Ornaments can be made from any material. They should be:

- No wider than 5".
- Designed to include photo and name of person honored. Be sure writing is large enough to read from 3 feet away.
- Decorated with items of interest to the honored person.
- Embellished to make the ornament unusual. Can use fabrics, buttons, furs, tassels, knick-knacks, recyclables. Again, be creative!

Ornaments will be returned to the extension office. Must be claimed by December 15, 2003.



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