

## Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Livestock Expo

The 76th Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Livestock Exposition will be held in the new Omaha Convention Center and Arena Sept. 20–28. The Livestock Expo, River City Roundup and Ak-Sar-Ben Rodeo will be the first public events in this state-of-the-art facility. (DK)

### Schedule of Events

**Saturday, Sept. 20:** 10 a.m.–5 p.m. — Horse Show, Main arena  
**Sunday, Sept. 21:** 10 a.m.–5 p.m. — Horse Show, Main Arena  
**Wednesday, Sept. 24:** 7 p.m. — Ak-Sar-Ben Rodeo, Xtreme Bulls  
**Thursday, Sept. 25:** 7 p.m. — Ak-Sar-Ben Rodeo (1st Round)  
**Friday, Sept. 26:** 9 a.m. — Judging of Feeder Calves  
 4 p.m. — Market Beef Blow and Go Showmanship  
 7:30 p.m. — Ak-Sar-Ben Rodeo (2nd Round)  
**Saturday, Sept. 27:** 8 a.m. — Market Beef Show  
 8 a.m. — Judging of Market Lambs followed by showmanship  
 3 p.m. — Judging of Market Broilers  
 7 p.m. — Market Swine Showmanship following lamb show  
 7:30 p.m. — Ak-Sar-Ben Rodeo (3rd Round)  
**Sunday, Sept. 28:** 7 a.m. — Judging of Market Swine  
 8 a.m. — Judging of Breeding Beef  
 8 a.m. — Judging of 4-H Dairy followed by Showmanship  
 6 p.m. — Purple Ribbon Auction, Ball Room

### Directions to the Omaha Convention Center & Arena

- From the I-80/I-480/H75 interchange, follow the signs to I-480/H75 North—Downtown.
- Exit off of I-480 at Exit 3A-14 Street.
- Travel southbound on 14th Street one-half block to Capitol Avenue.
- Turn left onto Capitol Avenue and travel eastbound on Capitol Avenue to 10th Street.
- Turn left on 10th Street and travel northbound on 10th Street.
- The Omaha Convention Center & Arena is on your right. Drop-off access is at the front of the building in the driveway on your left, which is the east side of 10th Street.
- Omaha Convention Center & Arena surface parking lots are located on both the east and west side of 10th Street, across from and north of the Convention Center. Access is from 10th Street and Abbott Drive.

(Total travel distance is 3.6 miles from the I-80/I-480/H75 interchange.)

### Reminder to Pick Up Fair Projects

There are still county and state fair projects, comment sheets and ribbons that need to be picked up at the Lancaster County Extension Office. If you have not done so yet, please pick up your items. (TK)

### Award Nominations Due Oct. 31

Nominations are needed for the following awards. Application forms are available at the extension office.

**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)

### 4-H Scholarships Due Oct. 31

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 or call Deanna Karmazin at 441-7180.

**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.

## Swine Show Superintendent of 20 Years Hangs Up His Hat

One October evening in the early 1980's, Ron Snover decided to sign his son, Jason, up for 4-H in Dodge County. Together as a family they went to a 4-H club meeting — Jason left as a new 4-H member in Dodge County and Ron left somehow as the new club leader of the livestock club. From there it is all history.

When Ron became the 4-H leader he felt it was important to be involved, so he joined the Dodge County 4-H Council. He served his term on the Council for one year and then resigned to move to Lincoln.

Once Ron and Donna moved to Lincoln, they joined a 4-H club as soon as possible to keep involved. They joined Gordon and Ellen Chapelle's 4-H club. Their club was an active 4-H club for many years in this county. They had a lot of fun and they learned a lot from the club involvement.

While his children, Jason and Jessie, were growing up Ron became more and more involved in the 4-H program. He was the swine leader for the 4-H club, represented swine on the Production Livestock Booster club, served on the 4-H Council and even chaired the food booth committee for three years.

As most people know — Ron has also been the 4-H/FFA Swine Show Superintendent for the past 20 years. This year Ron decided to hang up his hat to



Ron and Donna Snover give their retiring remarks at a special recognition ceremony at this year's Lancaster County Fair.

spend more time with his family and to leave while he was still having fun. He said when he started he brought in fresh, new ideas. He hopes someone will take over and enhance what he has started. It is always good to

keep things fresh. He is excited to see what ideas the new superintendent will bring.

Ron really enjoys watching all the 4-H kids grow up into responsible, successful adults. It

is neat to see the kids become active adults in their communities. He is so proud of all the kids and what they have become. The greatest rewards he

received were all the smiles and simple thank you's. He said a kid saying thank you goes a long way.

Ron ran the show in a fun and positive matter. His goal was to make sure everyone was treated equally. He always stressed to kids, it did not matter if you have one hog on your farm or 100 you can have just as much fun at the fair. He also stressed to kids, you don't have to spend a lot of money on hogs to become active and have fun in 4-H.

Ron would like to thank everyone, especially his family for all the years of support! The staff at the Lancaster County 4-H office wants to thank Ron for all his years of dedicated support to this county. (DK)



## HOW COOL IS IT To be in 4-H Teen Council?

Ask anyone who's part of it!

The Lancaster 4-H Teen Council is a leadership organization for youth in grades 7-12. Meetings are held the second

Sunday of each month at 3 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center.

4-H Teen Council members:

- participate in several community service activities
- organize the Ice Cream Social, Cookie Eating Contest and Teen Dance at the Lancaster County Fair
- plan, set up and facilitate the annual 5th & 6th grade Lock-In
- are involved in other leadership activities

**NEW MEMBERS INVITED!**  
 Call Tracy at 441-7180  
 for more info or to join!

"You act as a role model and the kids look up to you. It's a good feeling!"

"I can organize, compose and react to many situations calmly and comfortably."

In a survey of 4-H Teen Council members taken after the 2001 5th & 6th Grade Lock In:

- 100% of the teens reported learning at least one new leadership skill such as responsibility, organization, patience, being a good listener, thinking off the top of one's head, and how to maintain self-control in all situations.
- 100% of the teens felt more comfortable being in a leadership role.

