

Monroe Wins Regional and International Cat Show Awards!

Bailey Monroe, a Lancaster County 4-H'er, received First Best in the Senior Division of Junior Showmanship at the Cat Fanciers' Association (CFA) Mid-west Regional Show held in May in St. Louis. She showed her cat DeEar, a smoked-oriental short-hair. This award earned \$300. CFA is the world's largest registry of pedigreed cats. CFA's Midwest region includes North and South Dakota, Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa and parts of Canada.

Last year, Bailey won the same regional award with her cat Bakara, a blue ebasinion. This award earned her a trip to the CFA International Show held in November in Houston Texas. There, she placed Second Best in the Junior Division of Junior Showmanship.



Bailey Monroe discussed cat care with Clover Campers at last year's Clover College (above). Bailey showed DeEar at the 2001 County Fair Cat Show.

learned to take care of her cats and participate in competitions. Now as a senior at Southeast High school, she is concentrating on learning about new breeds and how to judge a cat show. In fact, Bailey has judged several cat shows this year.

"I wouldn't have been able to do any of this without 4-H. It has helped me a lot. 4-H has encouraged me to continue working with cats and learning as much as I can about them. I encourage anyone interested in 4-H to join the Cat Club. It intensifies your self-confidence and makes you capable of anything," said Bailey.

When asked what her further plans are, Bailey responded, "I want to continue to work with cats. Maybe as a CFA judge or maybe I'll go to veterinary school." (ALH)

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She is also the youngest CFA clerk in the nation. Clerks keep score for the judges. In 1995, as a beginning 4-H member, Bailey liked showing cats and meeting other kids who loved their pets. "I was really nervous about getting up in front of a big group of people but I did it and it turned out OK," said Bailey. "Now, showmanship is my favorite part of a cat show."

Through 4-H, Bailey has



SPOTLIGHT ON A 4-H'ER

Shooting Sports Reorganizational Meeting Sept. 23

Mark your calendars for a reorganizational meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 23, 7 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Rd, for the entire Lancaster County Shooting Sports 4-H club. Both current members and those interested in joining are invited to attend. There will be a short presentation by each discipline leader including BB/Air Rifle, Small Bore and Trap. Pizza and soda will be served. Total registration fee to join 4-H Shooting Sports 4-H club is \$8, insurance included. (TK)

Fair's Over, Now What? — Parent and Leader Training

Leaders, parents and interested volunteers are invited to attend this 4-H training. Discover how to finish the current 4-H year and how to prepare for the next 4-H year. Awards, project completion/selection and club reorganization will be covered. See you Tuesday, Sept. 30, 9:30 a.m. or 7 p.m. You *must* call 441-7180 to RSVP by Friday, Sept. 26. (TK)

2004 4-H Unicameral Day Set

4-H Foundation's 2004 Unicameral Day is Tuesday, Feb. 17. 4-H'ers from across the state will have the opportunity to visit the state capitol for the day to learn more about the legislative process, discuss current events and perhaps interact with their state senator at a luncheon. Two youth age 12 to 19 will be chosen from each legislative district. Applications are available at the extension office or online at 4h.unl.edu/programs/citizenship/civics/uyc. 4-H Council will provide scholarships for the \$20 registration fee.

SEPTEMBER



Paula Peterson

Lancaster County 4-H and 4-H Council are proud to announce Paula Peterson as winner of September's "Heart of 4-H Award" in recognition of outstanding volunteer service.



Paula began volunteering seven years ago when her oldest daughter, Amanda, joined 4-H. She is now club leader of Rock Creek Ranchers, a member of 4-H Council and the 4-H Bucket Calf superintendent at County Fair.

Paula's husband, Tom, is a farmer and their younger daughter, Erica, is also a 4-H'er. The Petersons live in Waverly.

Shayna Truax, a member of Rock Creek Ranchers, and her mother Cheri nominated Paula and said, "Paula is one of the most caring and helpful people we know. She is a tremendous person with tremendous heart and is always there to volunteer for anything with a smile."

Paula said she likes being a 4-H volunteer because it allows her to be a positive part of her children's lives, as well as the lives of the other youth she interacts with through her club and the Bucket Calf program. "My favorite experiences volunteering at the County Fair come from watching my '4-H kids' do well in their shows, whether it is swine, cattle, rabbits or dairy," she said.

She also enjoys her club's photo day in which, with the help of 4-H volunteer Pat Heather, club members go wild with their cameras and imaginations.

An employee at Crete Carrier Corporation, Paula has spent her last seven vacations at the Lancaster County Fair.

Paula says it might surprise people to know as active as she is in 4-H, she was not in 4-H as a youth. She was, however, involved in UNL Collegiate 4-H during college.

In addition to her 4-H volunteer duties, Paula also volunteers as a Sunday school teacher at Bethlehem Covenant Church.

Congratulations to Paula. Volunteers like her are indeed the heart of 4-H!

National 4-H Week Oct. 5-11, 2003

Ideas for Clubs and 4-H members

- Wear your 4-H garb to school.
- Bake treats to teachers such as clover-shaped cookies or mints. Attached note could say: "4-H is a Sweet Idea."
- Have local 4-H'ers decorate storefronts using the "Discover 4-H" theme.
- Serve cookies after local worship services on Saturdays and Sundays. Ask local houses of worship to place an announcement about 4-H in their bulletin.
- Hold a bake sale.
- If clubs are meeting, ask them to host a "bring a friend" night.
- Ask current volunteers and members to ask friends, grandparents, etc. to be 4-H volunteers.
- Have 4-H'ers write thank you notes to local volunteers and businesses.
- Donate a book to the public library.
- Plan an annual community service project for your 4-H Club. Community service projects can range from adopting and cleaning up a highway or road in an area where your 4-H Club members live to putting on a show at the local retirement home. This project should be done annually and could take place during National 4-H Week. Invite community members to participate with you. Remember to use safety precautions and proper tools. For example, make sure you have gloves and orange vests if you are adopting a highway.

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/4h). Nominations of co-volunteers accepted.



I, _____, nominate _____

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

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

Mail to: UNL Lancaster County Extension, 444 Cherrycreek Rd, Ste. A, Lincoln, NE 68528.