

You've Got Mail: E-mail Announcements

Lancaster County 4-H is now communicating announcements by e-mail in addition to THE NEBLINE, the Web site (at lancaster.unl.edu/4h) and select mailings.

If you provided your e-mail address during enrollment or re-enrollment, you will receive these e-mail announcements. If you haven't provided your e-mail and would like to receive Lancaster County 4-H e-mail announcements, please send your e-mail address to kevasco2@unl.edu.

FAIR NEWS

2004

LANCASTER COUNTY FAIR*Discover More in '04!***AUGUST 4-8****Fair Books are Now Available**

This year, the Lancaster County 4-H/FFA and Open Class Fair Books are combined into one newsprint publication which have been mailed to all 4-H'ers and previous Open Class exhibitors.

The 4-H/FFA portions of the Fair Book are online at lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Fair and the Open Class portions will be at www.lancastereventcenter.com/fair.html

Fair Books are available at various distribution locations including all Russ's, SuperSavers, HyVee's, Bag N Save, Save Mart and Osco Drugs.

Static Exhibit Changes

This year there are several static exhibit changes for the Lancaster County Fair including, but not limited to, new exhibits for woodworking, electricity, engineering and health. Several other areas have new exhibits, suggestions, expectations, etc. We strongly encourage you to carefully review the 2004 Lancaster County Fair book for details. (TK)

New Demonstration Contest Classes

To keep pace with technology, there are several changes in the 2004 Presentations (formerly Demonstration) contest.

This year Presentations contest classes will change from subject matter to method of presentation. Method of presentations include 1) Demonstration using LCD, slide, video or overhead projector 2) Demonstration using posters, 3) Multimedia demonstration.

Each class will be either individual or team. The individual time limit is 10 minutes and the team time limit is 15 minutes.

The multimedia demonstration will allow 4-H youth an opportunity to show off their computer and technology skills. Utilizing power point software, the 4-H'er will create a fully automated demonstration on any subject of their choosing. The demonstration is to be free standing, requiring only a brief introduction by the participant, and should be no more than 6-10 minutes in length. The participants will be judged on the various aspects of the visual presentation such as its originality and creativity as well as the presentation's content and uniqueness.

In addition to the class changes, each county will name a Premier Presenter from their demonstration contest who will compete in the Premier Presenter Contest at State Fair. The county Premier Presenters will each receive a \$50 savings bond if they participate in the state contest. Four winners will be named at the state contest and they will receive a \$100 savings bond. Nebraskaland National Bank of North Platte, Nebraska is sponsoring the Premier Presenter contest.

If the information above isn't enough incentive to give a demonstration, then consider the fact that recent impact studies conducted in Nebraska found that over 90 percent of 4-H'ers who participated in Presentations contests said it helped them develop self confidence and improved their communication skills. (TK)

**Nebraska State Fair
Aug. 27-Sept. 6**

The 2004 Nebraska State Fair will run August 27-September 6. 4-H entry day for static exhibits will be Thursday, August 26.

State Fair Age Changes

Based on input from several groups, the decision has been made to lower the age for in-person participation at the State Fair to 10 years of age (as of Jan. 1, 2004) for the 2004 State Fair. This change will effect all areas where a person must be physically present. This includes Style Revue and Presentation contests and livestock areas. In addition, some static areas will allow entry-level exhibits. (TK)

**4-H Leader Training
April 13**

Want to learn some new and innovative ideas for your 4-H club? Then plan to attend the 4-H Leader Training Tuesday, April 13, 9:30 a.m. or 7 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. Please bring your questions, concerns and success stories. To RSVP, call 441-7180 by Friday, April 9. (TK)

**4-H Club Officer
Training April 19**

Mark your calendars now for the upcoming April 19, 6:30 p.m. 4-H Club Officer Training. All 4-H members are encouraged to attend! Everyone will discover how to conduct a meeting and use parliamentary procedure. 4-H members will also have an opportunity to participate in a mock meeting. (TK/DK)

**Muzzleloading
Shooting Sports Club**

If you are interested in joining the shooting sports discipline Muzzleloading, also known as black powder, please contact Tracy at 441-7180. Participants will need to be at least 12 years old and have completed their hunter's safety course.

**Photography
Workshop April 29**

Everything you wanted to know about exhibiting photographs at the fair. This introductory workshop will concentrate on the basics of photography including how to take a good picture, how to take a photo story, how to mount pictures and composition. It will be held Thursday, April 29, 6:30 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. Bring your camera and film. See you there! (TK)

**Nebraska Youth Beef
Leadership Symposium
April 18-20**

The Nebraska Beef Council and UNL are hosting the first annual Nebraska Beef Leadership Symposium on April 18-20 at UNL. The targeted audience is high school juniors and seniors and community college students. The purpose of this event is to enhance your capabilities of becoming future leaders in the beef industry through leadership development and industry education that focuses on current industry issues. The cost of this event is \$50. If you are interested in attending, contact Deanna at 441-7180. (DK)

**Life Challenge Event
June 28-29**

The 2004 Life Challenge event for the senior division, youth 12 and over, will be Monday, June 28 and Tuesday, June 29 in Lincoln on East Campus of UNL. Participants will compete as a team in one of the five possible challenge areas and individually in placing classes. Topics for the senior division challenges include Foodworks, Shopping in Style, Design Decisions, Piecing it All Together (Health D) and Child Development: The Preschooler. Workshops of interest will be held throughout the 2-day event not as a part of the competition, but for educational enjoyment. Ribbons will be awarded. If anyone is interested in being a coach for 4-H'ers participating in this event, let Tracy know as soon as possible. A separate junior division contest for youth 11 and under will be held **Thursday, July 8, 1:30 p.m.** at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. More information on this junior division contest will be in future NEBLINE articles. If you are interested in participating in either contest, please contact Tracy by May 14 for more information. (TK)

4-H 2003 Achievement Awards

Lancaster County 4-H Achievement Night was held Feb. 19 at the University of Nebraska East Campus Union in Lincoln as part of Nebraska State 4-H Week. The evening was sponsored by 4-H Council with partial support from University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

4-H'ers, 4-H clubs and 4-H leaders were recognized for their 2003 achievements. Lancaster County 4-H congratulates these youth who work throughout the year on their 4-H projects and commit themselves to excellence! We also thank the 4-H leaders who volunteer their time and talents to invest in our community's youth!

For a complete list of award, scholarship and pin recipients (as well as additional photos) visit online at lancaster.unl.edu/4H.



(L-R) 4-H Council member Chris Scow and Connie Lemke.

Connie Lemke was awarded **OUTSTANDING 4-H MEMBER**. She has been a 4-H'er for 11 years, is secretary of 4-H Council and president of 4-H Teen Council.

Dick Earl, retired president of Hill Hatchery Feed & Farm Supply, received the **4-H MERITORIOUS SERVICE** award for support of the 4-H School Enrichment Embryology program.



Dick Earl

Julie Lantis and Jaci Rutt were presented American Youth Foundation **IDARE YOU** awards for their growth in leadership.



(L-R) Jaci Rutt and Julie Lantis

CHARTER CLUBS:

Clovers and Company, Cool Clovers, Creative Clovers, Happy Go Lucky, Kids of the Future, Malcolm Clovers, Priceless Jewels, Rokeby Ramblers, Shimmering Shamrocks, Silver Spurs, Snack Pack, Star City Explorers, Star City Kids, Sunshine Clover Kitties, Super Shamrocks



(L-R) 4-H Council member Cindy Fiala and Nicole Pedersen

**AWARDS BOOKS
County winners**

Consumer & Family Science: Laura Cassel
Animal Science: Nicole Pedersen
Citizenship & Civic Education: Nicole Pedersen
Communication & Expressive Arts: Nicole Pedersen
Consumer & Family Science: Grace Farley
Environmental Education & Earth Sciences: Nicole Pedersen
Healthy Lifestyles: Nicole Pedersen
Personal Development & Leadership: Nicole Pedersen

**Nominated to represent Lancaster County
at District competition**

Communications and Expressive Arts: Alyssa Fiala
Consumer & Family Science: Laura Cassel and Nicole Pedersen
Personal Development and Leadership: Karen Clinch
Plant Science: Nicole Pedersen

SCHOLARSHIPS

4-H Council: Jessica Fittl, Julie Lantis, Connie Lemke, Jaci Rutt, Emily Vebug and Megan Wilkinson
Amy Countryman Memorial: Melissa Eberling
Lincoln Center Kiwanis: Melissa Raisch and Emily Vebug
4-H Teen Council: Connie Lemke and Emily Vebug
Lane Community: Jessica Fittl