

## Dunk Tank is Fundraiser for Landscaping at Event Center

The Rabbits-R-Us 4-H club is involved in a beautification project at the Lancaster Event Center. The club is landscaping a plot on the southeast corner of the event center grounds. The plot is a few feet northeast of the exhibit hall (Pavilion 3).

The club began the project in the spring of 2003 by planting two trees and a variety of flowers. The flowers were carefully arranged to form 4-H. Mulch was spread around the flowers and trees. The club held several working meetings at the event center to take care of the flowers and trees. One tree died and was replaced and one new tree was planted. The trees are growing and the flowers are blooming.

Most recently, the club laid sod on the remaining area of the plot. The club plans to obtain and place picnic tables on the plot. The plot will contain picnic tables, trees, grass, and flowers.

The planting, laying sod, and maintaining of the plot involved club members, brothers and sisters of club members, and parents of club members. The project will be ongoing for the club in order to maintain the flowers, trees, and grass.



Again this year, Rabbits-R-Us 4-H club will sponsor a dunking booth at the county fair. The club will have a duck pond or fishpond for younger persons. Several "dignitaries" have agreed to sit on the dunking booth plank. Some of the proceeds from the dunking booth will support the club's landscaping project on the event center grounds. Fair goers are invited and encouraged to stop at the dunking booth to attempt to submerge whoever is sitting on the plank.

Sara Morton, Rabbits-R-Us 4-H leader, has worked with the Lancaster Event Center to arrange and coordinate the beautification project.

—Erin Dresser, reporter  
Rabbits-R-Us 4-H Club

### Fair Livestock Review Aug. 16

All livestock exhibitors, parents and volunteers are invited to the 4-H/FFA After Fair Livestock Review on Monday, Aug. 16, 7 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln. At this meeting we will discuss changes and corrections to the Fair Book. This is the time for everyone to voice opinions. For more information, contact Deanna Karmazin.

### "Fair's Over, Now What?" Parent/Leader Training Sept. 23

Leaders, parents, and interested volunteers are invited to attend this 4-H training Thursday, Sept. 23, 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Discover how to complete 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. Bring your questions and ideas! MUST call 441-7180 by Monday, Sept. 20 to RSVP. (TK)

### Volunteers Needed at State Fair

Hundreds of volunteers help make the 4-H section at the Nebraska State Fair incredibly successful. Volunteers are needed to assist as Exhibit Hall Host/Hostesses, Discovery Center Volunteers, and as Contest/Event Assistants. Volunteers receive a complimentary parking pass and gate entrance. For more information, please contact Kristin Warner at 472-9008 or [kwarn2@unl.edu](mailto:kwarn2@unl.edu) by Monday, Aug. 2.

### Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Livestock Expo Entries Due Aug. 8

The 77th Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Youth Livestock Exposition will be Sept. 21-26 at the Qwest Center. More than 2,000 4-H families from an eight-state area participate in this 4-H-only competition for exhibitors ages ten to 19. Categories are: Dairy, Feeder Calf & Breeding Beef, Horse, Market Beef, Market Broilers, Meat Goats, Market Lamb and Market Swine.

Entries are due to Deanna or Marty by noon on Sunday, Aug. 8. Please make sure to include all entry fees for your livestock, chutes and parking. Ak-Sar-Ben rule books and forms can be picked up at the extension office or at county fair. Information is also online at [www.aksarben.org/4h](http://www.aksarben.org/4h). Please give Deanna Karmazin a call if you have any questions. (DK)

### 4-H Scholarships Available

More than \$5,000 total in scholarships is available to seniors active in Lancaster County 4-H. Scholarships offered for the 2005-06 school year are: 4-H Council, Lincoln Center Kiwanis, 4-H Teen Council, Lane Scholarship and Joyce Vahle Memorial Scholarship. Information and applications are available at the extension office or online at [lancaster.unl.edu/4h](http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h). Deadline for scholarships for the 2005-06 school year is Oct. 31, 2004. If you have questions, contact Deanna Karmazin at 441-7180.

## LANCASTER COUNTY FAIR 4-H/FFA NEWS

# 2004 LANCASTER COUNTY FAIR

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## AUGUST 4-8

### Food Booth Training July 29

ALL County Fair food booth volunteers are encouraged to attend this training at the Lancaster Event Center, Thursday, July 29, 6-7 p.m. Learn about food safety, customer service and volunteer responsibilities. See you there! (TK)

### 4-H/FFA Livestock Set Up Days July 25 and Aug. 1

4-H and FFA members and families are requested and expected to help during the first annual Fair Set Up Days. Please plan to attend either (or both!) Sunday, July 25 or Sunday, Aug. 1. Meet Deanna in Pavilion 1 at the Lancaster Event Center at 2 p.m. During this time we will set up all livestock pens and arenas. Everyone's help will be greatly appreciated. Feel free to bring a friend or neighbor! Contact Deanna at 441-7180 if you have any questions.

### Interview Judging Aug. 3

4-H'ers have the opportunity to talk to judges about their fair exhibits and share their trials and lessons they learned. 4-H'ers also learn what the judge looks for and how to improve skills. 4-H'ers may interview judge ONE exhibit from each project area (for example: one item from Celebrate Art, one item from Design Decisions, and one item from Tasty Tidbits). Refer to page 25 of the Fair Book for project areas that have interview judging. Call the office after July 5 at 441-7180 to sign up for a five-minute time slot. Interview judging is Tuesday, Aug. 3 starting at 9 a.m. in the Lincoln Room. (TK)

### Static Exhibit Volunteers Needed Aug. 2 & 3!

Volunteer helpers (ages 12 and over) are needed to help at the County Fair in the following capacities:

- Check in exhibits on entry day — Monday, Aug. 2
- Assist judges on judging day — Tuesday, Aug. 3
- Put up project displays — Tuesday, Aug. 3

Call Tracy at 441-7180 to sign up. Your help is appreciated! (TK)

### Youth Tour Guides Needed Aug. 6

Volunteer teens are needed Friday, August 6 to serve as tour guides for Fair Fun Day. Fair Fun Day gives child care groups an interactive, hands-on experiential tour of the fair. Call Lorene at 441-7180 to sign up. (LB)

### Show & Tell for Clover Kids Aug. 7

All Clover Kids, youth age 5-7 by January 1, 2004, are invited to show & tell their 4-H exhibits at the Lancaster County Fair, Saturday, Aug. 7, starting at 1 p.m. Clover Kids Show & Tell is held in the Lincoln Room at the Lancaster Event Center. Youth are also invited to do a skit or song at this time. See page 22 of the Fair Book for more information. To register, call 441-7180 by Friday, July 30, or sign up at the static exhibit area Monday, Aug. 2, 4-8 p.m. (TK)

### Volunteers Needed for "Kids Ag Discovery Zone"

New this year at the Lancaster County Fair is a Kids Ag Discovery Zone which will be open all five days of the fair. Deanna Karmazin is looking for volunteers to help think of hands-on activities and exhibits. These are any activities to help urban youth to see, touch, feel and smell agriculture. Help will also be needed during the fair to maintain the area. Contact Deanna at 441-7180.

### Show Off Your Pet's Tricks

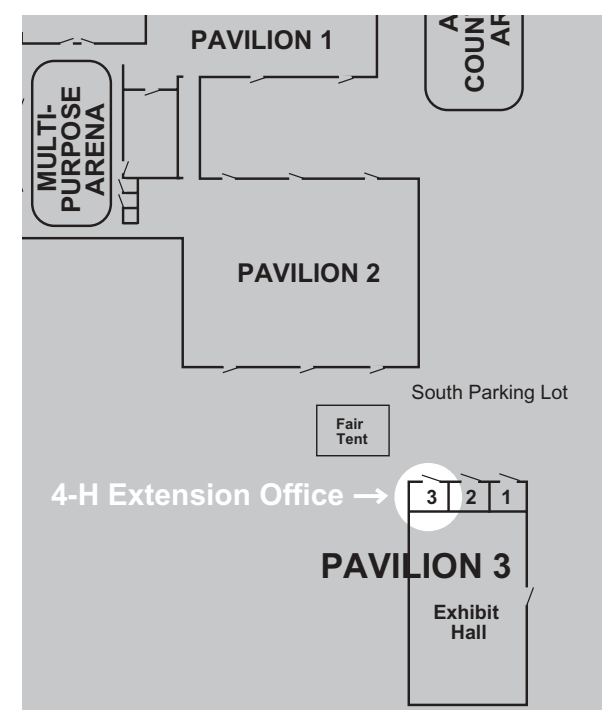
Can your dog jump through hoops? Can your goldfish swim backwards in Jello? Whatever animal, whatever talent, we want you! The Kids Ag Discovery Zone Kick Off on Wednesday, Aug. 4, 6-8 p.m. will feature a variety stage with activities such as pet tricks. If you would like to showcase yourself along with your pet, please call Deanna at 441-7180.

### 4-H Results and Photos Online

Complete 4-H County Fair results will be posted when available on the 4-H Web site at [lancaster.unl.edu/4h](http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h). Photos of 4-H events will also be posted.

### 4-H County Fair Office Location Change

Please note the 4-H Extension office at the County Fair will be located in Room 3 of Pavilion 3 (where the Fair Board office was last year).



### New Payout Policy — Pick Up Premiums on Sunday, Aug. 8

Premium payouts to 4-H & FFA exhibitors will be paid in cash on Sunday, Aug. 8, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Lancaster Event Center Office. Subject to identification, parents, guardians, 4-H club leaders, FFA chapter advisors will also be permitted to pick up and sign for exhibitor premiums. EXHIBITORS WHO HAVE EARNED PREMIUMS ARE HIGHLY ENCOURAGED TO PICK UP CASH PREMIUM PAYOUTS DURING THE FAIR.

Premium checks will be issued by the Lancaster Agricultural Society to exhibitors who do not pick up cash premium payouts during the fair. Checks will be mailed to 4-H club leaders or FFA chapter advisors for distribution to their respective club or chapter members. Premium checks will be mailed directly to independent 4-H members. It is requested that all checks be cashed within 60 days following the fair. Adherence to this request will be highly appreciated.

No changes or corrections will be made on premium amounts after 60 days.

Note: In 2005, no checks will be issued — cash payouts only.

We hope you appreciate the opportunity for more timely and convenient cash premium payouts!

—Ron Snover, president of Lancaster County Agriculture Society and Fair Manager