

4-H Spring Chess Tournament Results

The Check-mates 4-H club hosted the 4-H Spring Chess Tournament in April at Southeast Community College in Lincoln. Fifty-four 4-H'ers and non-4-H'ers participated. The event was a joint venture with the Nebraska State Chess Association

(NSCA) and held in conjunction with the NSCA Class/Amateur (CLAM) tournament.

Below are the top winners of the 4-H tournament. Full results are online at lancaster.unl.edu/4h.



Photo courtesy of Vicki Peterson

K-3 Division

1st place: John Hurdle. 2nd place: Derek Lahm. 3rd place (5-way tie): Claire Rhee, Caleb Melvin, Arthur Fuog, Joel Bricker, Daniel Parr. 1st place 4-H (2-way tie): Quentin Shafer, Dakota Morgal

K-6 Division

1st place (2-way tie): Garrett Wirka, Chung-Geon Rhee. 2nd place (6-way tie): Darrin Lim, Eric Rock, Alex Fuog, Royce Wilson, Michael Liou, Nathan Hunt. 3rd place: Jon Duerschner.

1st place 4-H: (3-way tie) Andrew Peterson, Justin Minchow, Ben Melcher.

K-9 Round Robin

1st place: Ben Nabity. 2nd place: Brandon Thomson. 3rd place: Johnathan Rivera.

Lancaster 4-H'ers Part of Winning Jr. Team at WHEP

The 2004 Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program (WHEP) was held at the Eastern Nebraska 4-H camp at Gretna in early June.

Lancaster 4-H'ers Hannah Spencer and Grace Farley were part of the winning Junior team. Other team members were Sarah Dierking from Custer and Chris Reimers from Cuming counties. 4-H leader Leah Spencer coached the team.

The contest consisted of identifying wildlife foods, interpretation of aerial photos for habitat, designing an urban plan for benefit of wildlife, evaluating a field site for the best management practices for specific wildlife, and writing a wildlife plan for a tract of land to meet land owners objectives.

WHEP is a 4-H youth natural resource program. Senior state winners go on to compete in the National Contest. Next year's contest will be at the State 4-H camp in Halsey. Non-4-H'ers may also participate in the event. For more information, go to www.wherp.org.

LANCASTER COUNTY FAIR 4-H/FFA NEWS

2004 LANCASTER COUNTY FAIR

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Animal Entries Due July 9

All county and state fair livestock entries are due into the office or postmarked by Friday, July 9. Please remember to include entry fees. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

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 Day Aug. 1

4-H and FFA members and families are requested and expected to attend the first annual Fair Set Up Day on Sunday, Aug. 1. Participants are asked to 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. The more people we have attend, the faster the set up. 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 Guide Volunteers 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.

"Cut and Tie" Blankets and Pillows

Recent information regarding "cut and tie" blanket and pillows have come forth from the State Fair home environment superintendents. Because these projects are made by only cutting and tying the edges of fabric, these items will not be eligible for the state fair. They still will be accepted, however, at the Lancaster County Fair.

Attention Livestock Spectators and Exhibitors

Save your money! You'll have your chance to throw your favorite 4-H member, volunteer or parent into jail! All proceeds go to the livestock showmanship incentive program. More details to come.

New Premium Payout Policy

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

Contest Information

Registration forms for Presentations Contest, Style Revue and Table Setting Contest are available at the extension office or may be downloaded at lancaster.unl.edu/4h. Call the office at 441-7180 by July 9 to register for these contests. Contact Tracy for more information.

Horticulture Contest July 8

The 4-H Horticulture Judging/Tree Identification/Grass-Weed Identification Contest will be held Thursday, July 8, from 10 a.m. to Noon at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. Open to all 4-H'ers ages 8-19 (need not be enrolled in a horticulture project). Pre-registration not required, enter day of contest. Study material for the contest is available at the extension office.

Junior Life Challenge Contest July 8

Note: the senior level Life Challenge contest will be June 28-June 29 at East Campus. The junior division Life Challenge will be held Thursday, July 8

at 1:30 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. 4-H'ers apply what they've learned in their Family & Consumer Science (FCS) projects to real-life situations. Open to all 4-H'ers ages 8-11 (need not be enrolled in an FCS project). Pre-registration not required, enter day of contest. Information packets are available at the extension office. This year's topics and resources for the contest:

- Becoming Money Wise - Levels I and II (p. 11, 15-16, 21, 26, 30)
- Attention Shoppers (p. 3, 7-8, 15, 25, 27)
- Meals (pg. 4, 16, 19, 39, 44)
- Health B - Fun With Friends (p. 14, 20, 22, 32, 46)
- The Preschooler (p. 8, 9, 11, 12, 15-16)

Style Revue July 28 & Aug. 4

Style Revue judging will be Wednesday, July 28 starting at 8:30 a.m. The public Style Revue is Wednesday, Aug. 4, 7 p.m. at which time everyone is invited to see 4-H members style their outfits (both revues will be held at Lancaster Event Center, Pavilion 3 - Exhibit Hall). See Fair Book for rules.

Presentations July 16 & Aug. 7

To keep pace with technology, there are several changes for this year's Presentations (formerly Demonstrations) contest. Classes have changed 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. You choose which date works for you: Friday, July 16 starting at 1 p.m. (held at Lancaster Extension Education Center) or Aug. 7 starting at 8 a.m. (held at Lancaster Event Center, Pavilion 3 - Room 2).

Table Setting Contest Aug. 5

Choose a theme category (birthday, casual, formal, picnic) and plan a menu, design a centerpiece and a place setting to compliment the theme. A handout is available from the extension office. Contest will be Thursday, Aug. 5, 5 p.m. (held at Lancaster Event Center, Pavilion 3 - Exhibit Hall).

Bicycle Safety Contest Aug. 7

4-H members do not need to be enrolled in the bicycle project to enter this contest. See Fair Book for rules. Contest is Saturday, Aug. 7, 10 a.m.