

FAIR NEWS



Fair Books to be Mailed Mid-March

In an effort to save money, the Lancaster County 4-H/FFA and Open Class Fair Books will be combined into one newsprint publication. Fair Books will be mailed mid-March to all 4-H'ers and previous Open Class exhibitors. The 4-H/FFA portions of the Fair Book will also be posted online at lancaster.unl.edu. Note: there are substantial changes in the Fair Book again this year, so please look over carefully.

New this Year — Horse Static Exhibits

Please note that two Horse Poster Classes have been added. One is "Create a Virtual Horse" and one should feature some aspect of the horse (history of the horse, breeds, care, parts, safety, etc.) These are county only exhibits with no state fair entry.

New this Year — Rabbit Breed ID Class

A new Breed Identification Class has been added to the County Fair. This class is designed for 4-H'ers to improve their knowledge on different breeds of rabbits. Each exhibitor must correctly identify ten breeds, including variety (color), during the scheduled time. Points are awarded for each correctly answered ID. Resource material is the ARBA Standard of Perfection.

Seeking Table Setting Contest Superintendents

Do you appreciate creativity and do you like to work with youth? Two volunteers are needed to join one veteran superintendent to help facilitate the Table Setting Contest held during the Lancaster County Fair. If interested, please call Tracy at 441-7180 or e-mail her at tkulm1@unl.edu. (TK)

Swine Superintendent Still Needed

A swine superintendent is still needed for this year's Lancaster County Fair. If interested or have any suggestions, call Deanna Karmazin at 441-7180.

Spring Rabbit Clinic & Open House March 4

A 4-H Rabbit Clinic and Open House will be held Thursday, March 4 from 6:30–9 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln.

Sessions include: Judging, showmanship, quiz bowl, breed ID contest and static exhibits.

This clinic is provided free for anyone interested in learning more about the 4-H Rabbit program. For more information, call Marty at 441-7180.

Spring Rabbit Show March 6

The 4-H Spring Rabbit Show will be held Saturday, March 6 at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. Registration is 7:30–8:30 a.m. and the show begins at 9 a.m.

Show is open to all youth. There will be a Pee Wee Class for youth age 7 and under to show any breed/any age rabbit.

New is a Rabbit ID Contest! Show will also include Showmanship and a Quiz Bowl. Registration fees are \$2.5 per rabbit or cavy and \$1.50 for showmanship. Trophies and ribbons will be awarded! For more information, call Rodney at 782-2186 or Marty at 441-7180.

4-H Speech Contest March 14

The 4-H Speech Contest will be Sunday, March 14 at 1:30 p.m. at the State Capitol. (Note: date and location is confirmed!)

Contest is open to 4-H'ers 8 and up, irrespective of project enrollment. In addition to speeches, youth may give Public Service Announcements (PSA's). Entries are due March 5.

For more information, call Deanna at 441-7180. (DK)

Leather Tooling Workshop March 16

A Leather Tooling workshop will be held Tuesday, March 16, 7 p.m. You'll learn how to use basic leather tools, the principles of good design and go home with a simple leather project. To RSVP, call 441-7180 by March 12. (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)

Upcoming 4-H Trap Team Practices

4-H Shooting Sports trap team practices will be Mondays and Wednesday's at Ikes Range, South of Hwy 2 on 134 Street from 3:30 p.m. to dusk.

The State Trap Meet is at Doniphan: Juniors — April 29; Seniors — April 30; Handicap — May 2.

Contact Dick Marshall at 423-5719 for more information.

Upcoming BB Shooting Sport Practices

BB Shooting Sports 4-H members will have practices at 7 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, on the following days: Tuesday, Feb. 24, Thursday, March 11 and Tuesday, March 16. If you have questions, contact Gene Veburg at 421-1274. (TK)

Corrections to 2004 4-H Calendar

Please note the following corrected dates/times to the 2004 4-H Calendar printed in the February Nebline, especially the Aug. 2 County Fair Static Exhibit Entry Day

April 18	Teen Council	3 p.m.
June 28–29	PASE/Life Challenge, UNL East Campus	
July 28	County Fair 4-H Style Revue Judging, Event Center	8 a.m.
July 16	County Fair Demonstration Contest	1 p.m.
Aug. 2	Entry Day for County Fair Static Exhibits, Event Center	4-8 p.m.

2003 Outstanding 4-H Club Awards

The Lincoln Center Kiwanis Club presents Outstanding 4-H Club Awards to the top 4-H clubs participating in the Lancaster County Fair. There are three categories based on number of club members. One category winner is awarded the Wayne C. Farmer memorial cup as the overall Outstanding 4-H Club for the year.

Clubs receive points based on all members' total county fair exhibit and contest placings. Clubs receiving the highest total points in their respective category are recognized as category winners. The overall Outstanding 4-H Club is determined by averaging the score of each category winner.

The following clubs are the winners for the 2003 Lancaster County Fair: Shimmering Shamrocks, Sunshine Clover Kitties and Happy Go Lucky (see below).

The clubs were recognized at a recent Lincoln Center Kiwanis meeting as well as at 4-H Achievement Night. (See next NEBLINE for full Achievement Night coverage.) Congratulations to the 2003 Outstanding 4-H Clubs!



The Shimmering Shamrocks 4-H Club of Lincoln is the Category I winner (clubs with seven members or less). They are also winners of the Wayne C. Farmer trophy as overall Outstanding 4-H Club for the year. This is the club's fourth year. Becky McHenry is the leader and there are four assistant leaders.

The seven members were enrolled in 25 projects and had 90 exhibits in the areas of foods, clothing, home environment, aerospace, woodworking, child care, small animals and financial management. Members participated in style revue and demonstration contests.

The club is winning this award for the first time.



The Sunshine Clover Kitties 4-H Club of Lincoln is the Category II winner (clubs with 8–12 members). Julie Thomson is the leader and Leah Spencer is the assistant leader.

The eight members were enrolled in 25 projects and had 58 exhibits in the areas of foods, clothing, bicycle, rabbit, photography, child care, safety, entomology and home environment. The members participated in judging, table setting, style revue, showmanship and speech contests.

This club is winning the award for this category for the first time. They were winners in Category I in 2001 and 2002.



The Happy Go Lucky 4-H club of Bennet is the Category III winner (clubs with 13 or more members). This club completed its 62nd year. John & Lori Bruss are the leaders and Ron Dowding is the assistant leader.

The 39 members had 26 projects and had 219 exhibits. Members are involved in mainly livestock projects such as sheep, swine, and beef, but are also in a variety of other projects including aerospace, foods, small engines, photography, electricity, leather, clothing, welding, poultry, goats, gardening and shooting sports. The members participated in judging, showmanship, herdsmanship and carcass contests.

This club has won the award 14 times in this category since 1989.