

Future County Fair Dates

The Lancaster County Agricultural Society (also known as the Fair Board) has set the dates of the Lancaster County Fair for the next three years:

- 2005 — Aug. 3-7
- 2006 — Aug. 2-6
- 2007 — Aug. 1-5

Change to Rocketry Exhibit Rules

The 4-H Rocketry project now requires only **three** launches to earn the maximum number of launching points on the Lancaster County Fair and Nebraska State Fair score sheets.

Horse Stampede Art Contest Coming Up

As you are working in your art classes or doodling at home during the coming winter months, hang on to your better horse art work (pencil, chalk, charcoal, pen and ink or pastels) for the Nebraska 4-H Horse Stampede Art Contest. This art contest is open to any 4-H'er age 8 or up. Artwork must be a minimum size of 9" x 12" up to a maximum of 18" x 24". More information will be published in upcoming NEBLINES — entries are usually due around the first of February. (MC)

Submit your 4-H news, community service projects or club/project spotlights to Vicki at the extension office or vjedlicka2@unl.edu.

November

Kala Ball

Lancaster County 4-H is proud to announce Kala Ball as winner of November's "Heart of 4-H Award" in recognition of outstanding volunteer service.

Kala has been leader of the Young Riders 4-H club for three years, leader of the Wee Amigos club for two years, Horse Judging coach for seven years, Hippology and Horse Bowl coach for three years, County Fair 4-H Horse Judging superintendent for two years, and has coached many speeches and demonstrations.

Four 4-H members and one parent nominated Kala:

- Frances Anderson said, "I nominate Kala because she has taught me many skills I can use my whole life."
- Schyler Kerns said, "Kala has helped me become a better rider and really understands me."
- Lindsay Kerns said, "She has been an incredible 4-H leader because she really puts her whole heart into the job."
- Kelli Kerns (parent) said, "She also has encouraged them to try other experiences in 4-H to have a well-rounded experience."
- Katy Cockerill said, "She is more than a leader, she is our close friend and mentor."

Kala said, "I like being a 4-H volunteer as I have been surrounded with the most amazing 4-H families — they make all of the time and effort that I put into the clubs seem effortless. Kids will amaze you if you challenge them to learn. They absorb so much knowledge so quickly, it is often a challenge for myself to keep them learning."

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



December

Jo Fujan

Lancaster County 4-H is proud to announce Jo Fujan as winner of December's "Heart of 4-H Award" in recognition of outstanding volunteer service.

Jo has held many roles during her nine years as a 4-H volunteer: organizational leader of the Shining Shamrocks 4-H club; project leader for Liberty Bell Laborers club; member of 4-H Council; and County Fair 4-H superintendent in the areas of Clover Kids, Clothing and Life Challenge.

"I like being a 4-H volunteer because it's a great way of working with youth of all ages," says Jo. "My favorite experience volunteering at the County Fair was helping as co-superintendent of clothing and working the Spudfest and concession stand. I always enjoy working with the Clover Kids Show and Tell."

Jo lives in Lincoln with her husband, of whom she says, "Bill has been very supportive of my 4-H work — he was a great help with the first Spudfest!" They have three adult sons and a daughter, Monica, who is currently a 4-H member.

In addition to volunteering for 4-H, Jo is on the Booster Board for Pius X High School, is an active band and theatre parent, is an active member of St. Patrick Parish, volunteers at the Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach, and is a past Cub Scout leader. Her favorite way to relax is baking, reading and "loafing."

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

Nominate your favorite 4-H volunteer by submitting the form available at the extension office or online at lancaster.unl.edu/4h. Nominations of co-volunteers welcome.



HORSE BITS

Awards Night Honors

The recent 4-H Horse Awards Night honored 4-H'ers who participated in the Horse Incentive Program and overall winners of the Lancaster County Fair. The Incentive Program encourages members to be involved in different types of horse-related activities as well as community service — youth track their hours.

The Horse VIPS Committee presented a special "True Grit" award to Justy Hagan, "For perseverance in the face of adversity. After, the May 22 tornado took out Justy's house, barn and school, she still headed up her 4-H club (the Riding Wranglers), led the Horse VIPS Committee to another very successful year and put in countless hours as the overall superintendent of the Lancaster County Fair 4-H Horse Show."

LANCASTER COUNTY 2003-2004 4-H HORSE INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Level 1 (80 hours) — Kahdijah Green, Anna Kokrda, Claire Kraft, Lee Kreimer, Becky Ward

Level 2 (200 hours) — Elizabeth Gregg, Natalie Anderson, Clint Gregory, Abbie Heusinger, Alyssa Heusinger, Lindsay Kerns, Lyndsy Larson, Andrea McLain, Sara Novotney, Natalie Petersen, Staci Petersen, Nicole Seier, Alex Scheideler, Will Scheideler, Allison Weber, Meredith Weber

Level 3 (400 hours) — Francis Anderson, Cassie Billesbach, Lisa Booton, Samantha Cajka, Katy Cockerill, Shelby Chubbuck, Ben Cruickshank, Alison Daharsh, Daniell Fenster, Danielle Hardesty, Elizabeth Harris, Jessica Harris, Madison Lee, Bailee Peters, Cara Peters, Cassie Sell, Hope Wehling, Rebecca Wehling, Jamie Whisler, Ashley Wiegand, Ryan Zuhlke

Level 4 (600 hours) — Martina Dye, Melissa Ebeling, Elise Edgar, Taylor Holliday, Melissa Raisch, Camille Sass, Hannah Sass, Jessie Smith, Gabby Warner, Nicole Zuhlke

2004 LANCASTER COUNTY FAIR OVERALL AWARDS

Herdsmanship Awards — The Young Riders 4-H Club, winning both herdsmanship and best decorations

Horse Judging: Elementary Division — Kelsey Wolf

Junior Division — Brook Preston

Senior Division — Katy Cockerill

The Dick Confer All Around Trail Award — Mindy Leach

The Franklyn Manning All Around Barrel Racing Award — Peyton Holliday

The Wittstruck Award: All Around Lancaster County Fair Champion — Ben Leach



Ben Leach received the Wittstruck Award: All-Around Lancaster County Fair Champion



Mindy Leach received the Dick Confer All-Around Trail Award



Peyton Holliday received the Franklyn Manning All-Around Barrel Racing Award

4-H Horse Bowl Team Forming

Brenda Messick is starting up a Senior Horse Bowl Team this fall. Anyone, ages 14-18 years of age interested in learning more about horses while being a part of a competitive team, please give Brenda a call at 785-7005. The team would need to get started soon in order to be ready to compete at the State Horse Contest held in March.