

AUGUST



## Myron & Barb Smith

Lancaster County 4-H is proud to announce Myron and Barb Smith as co-winners of August's "Heart of 4-H Award" in recognition of outstanding volunteer service.

Barb has been a 4-H volunteer for nine years and Myron for four years. When their son Nathan joined 4-H in 1996, Barb organized and led the Middle Creek Munchkins 4-H club (now known as Creative Clovers). Myron has assisted as a project leader. Three years ago, the couple started a second club, Classic Cars R Us (Myron is organizational leader and Barb is assistant leader). Both have volunteered at the 4-H food booth at county fair, and presented Clover College classes (including "Antique Autos" and "Mousetrap Cars"). Barb has also helped with 4-H workshops presented at Lincoln City Libraries.

"We like being 4-H volunteers because it helps youth expand their interests and skills," said Barb. She adds, "My favorite experience is our traditional end of 4-H year achievement celebration with Creative Clovers. We have a family bicycle ride on one of the area trails." Myron's favorite experience, is developing automotive-related activities for the Classic Cars R Us club.

Myron and Barb also volunteer for several other organizations, including: Boy Scout Troop 290-Milford, Zion Lutheran, Milford Fine Arts Boosters, Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA), AACA's CHIP youth program and several local antique car clubs.

Congratulations to Myron and Barb! Volunteers like them 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 <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h>. Nominations of co-volunteers welcome.*



## 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, Discover 4-H Volunteers and as Contest/Event Assistants. Volunteers receive a complimentary parking pass and gate entrance. For more information, please contact Lisa Spilker at 472-2805 or [lspilker2@unl.edu](mailto:lspilker2@unl.edu) by Monday, Aug 1.

## "Fair's Over, Now What?" Volunteer Training, Sept. 29

Leaders, parents and interested volunteers are invited to attend this 4-H training Thursday, Sept. 29, 9:30 a.m. or 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! You must RSVP by calling 441-7180 prior to Monday, Sept. 26.

## Lancaster County 4-H Seeks New 4-H Council Members

Serving on the Lancaster 4-H Council is an excellent opportunity to contribute to the youth development of local 4-H members. The 4-H Council is composed of youth and adults working together in the interest of promoting activities of Lancaster County 4-H.

Council membership terms are three years for adults and two years for youth. Council members are limited to two consecutive terms. The council consists of volunteer 4-H leaders, sponsors, community leaders, school, church and civic officials. Interest in extension education and youth is essential.

Individuals interested in serving on the 4-H Council are encouraged to contact Tracy at 441-7180 for more information and an application.

## 4-H Strategic Plan Survey — Share Your Opinion!

Nebraska 4-H is now in the process of developing goals for the next five years. Please give your feedback about what's important to you by filling out an online survey. Lancaster County 4-H'ers are encouraged to share their input at <http://4h.unl.edu>. The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete. If you have questions, please call the State 4-H Office at 472-2805, or e-mail: [klodl@unl.edu](mailto:klodl@unl.edu).

## Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Youth Expo, Sept. 27–Oct. 2

The 78th Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Youth Livestock Exposition will be held Sept. 27-Oct. 2 at the Qwest Center in Omaha. More than 2,000 4-H families from an eight-state area participate in the Expo. Categories of this 4-H only competition are Dairy, Feeder Calf & Breeding Beef, Horse, Market Beef, Market Broilers, Meat Goats, Market Lamb and Market Swine. For more information, entry forms and tentative schedule, go to <http://www.aksarben.org>.

### Entries Due Aug. 7

Entries from Lancaster 4-H members are due to extension staff by Sunday, Aug. 7. Please make sure to include all entry fees, chutes and parking. Ak-Sar-Ben rule books and forms can be picked up in the office or obtained at county fair. Please give Deanna or Marty a call if you have any questions.

### Change to Health Certificates

Please note this year Ak-Sar-Ben will require 15-day health certificates for all animals!

## COUNTY FAIR 4-H & FFA NEWS

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**LANCASTER COUNTY FAIR**  
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### Fair Book Age Correction

Please note there is an error in the 2005 Lancaster County Fair Book regarding eligible age of 4-H members. It should read, "4-H is open to all youth 5 to 18 years old (age as of January 1 of the current year). The last year of eligibility to exhibit in a 4-H or 4-H/FFA show is the calendar year the member becomes 19." This is a State 4-H rule. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

### 4-H Food Booth Training, July 28

ALL county fair food booth volunteers are encouraged to attend this training at the Lancaster Event Center, Thursday, July 28, 6–7 p.m. Learn about food safety, customer service and volunteer responsibilities. See you there!

### Static Exhibit Volunteers Needed

Volunteers (age 12 and up) are needed to help at the county fair in the following capacities. Call Tracy at 441-7180 to sign up. Your help is appreciated!

- Static exhibits set-up day — July 30, begins 8 a.m.
- Check-in exhibits on entry day — Aug. 1, 4-8 p.m.
- Assist judges on judging day — Aug. 2, beginning at 8 a.m.
- Put up project displays — Aug. 2, begins 2 p.m.

### Livestock Set-Up Day, July 31

4-H and FFA livestock exhibitors and families are asked to assist with setting up livestock pens and arenas on Sunday, July 31 at 2 p.m. in Pavilion 1 at the Lancaster Event Center. Please bring pliers, post drivers and any wire you may have sitting around. Everyone's help will be greatly appreciated. The

more people we have attend, the faster the set up. If you have questions, contact Deanna at 441-7180.

### Horse Dressage Check-In, Aug. 1

4-H'ers showing in the Horse Dressage show Tuesday, Aug. 2 may check-in their horses Monday, Aug. 1 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The farrier office will be open during that time so bedding can be purchased. There will be an opportunity for warm up time in the show arena on Tuesday, Aug. 2 from 8:30 a.m.–12 noon. You must sign up for the 10-minute warm-up blocks during the 4-H horse pre-fair briefing held Sunday, July 31 at 2 p.m. at the Event Center 4-H Office.

### Interview Judging, Aug. 2

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. Refer to page 30 of the Fair Book for project areas that have interview judging. Call the office at 441-7180 to sign up for a five-minute time slot. Interview judging is Tuesday, Aug. 2 starting at 9 a.m. in the Lincoln Room.

### Herdsmanship Judges Needed

Volunteer judges are needed to help determine the top club deserving herdsmanship honors at the county fair. Judges check animal stalls twice a day between the hours of 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. Judges look

## Premium Payouts MUST Be Picked Up During Fair, Sunday, Aug. 7

Premium payouts to 4-H & FFA exhibitors will be paid in cash on Sunday, Aug. 7, Noon–4 p.m. at the Lancaster Event Center Fair Board Office. Subject to identification, parents, guardians, 4-H club leaders, FFA chapter advisors will be permitted to pick up and sign for exhibitor premiums. **NO CHECKS WILL BE ISSUED THIS YEAR!** No changes or corrections will be made on premium amounts after 60 days.

for cleanliness of both the animals and stalls. 4-H and FFA members are also judged on courtesy and conduct. If you are interested, please contact Deanna at 441-7180 or e-mail [dkarmazin2@unl.edu](mailto:dkarmazin2@unl.edu).

### Teen Tour Guides Needed for Fair Fun Day, Aug. 5

Volunteer teens are needed Friday, Aug. 5 to serve as tour guides for Fair Fun Day. Fair Fun Day gives child care groups (1st through 4th grades) an interactive, hands-on experiential tour of the fair. Volunteers are needed from 9–11:30 a.m. and/or 12:30–3 p.m. Call Lorene at 441-7180 to sign up.

### Show & Tell for Clover Kids, Aug. 6

All Clover Kids, youth age 5-7 by January 1, 2005, are invited to show & tell their 4-H exhibits at the Lancaster County Fair, Saturday, Aug. 6, starting at 1 p.m. Clover Kids Show & Tell is held in the Lincoln Room at the Lancaster Event Center. See page 26 of the Fair Book for more information. To register, call 441-7180 by Friday, July 29, or sign up at the static exhibit area Monday, Aug. 1, 4-8 p.m.

### Static Exhibits Released Sunday, Noon–2 p.m.

Please note — this year Static Exhibits will be released **ONLY** on Sunday, Aug. 7 between Noon and 2 p.m. Exhibits **MUST** be picked up during this time!