

Trap Team Completes Successful Season

The Lancaster County 4-H Trap Team coached by Gene Veburg, Gordon Todd and Alan Oliva ended the seven-meet season with second place in State competition held in Doniphan on May 7.

The senior Gold team took home the trophy for 16 yard team event for the 4-H division.

Members of the Gold Team are Nathan Thompson (Capt.), Nick Hartmann, Michael Veburg, Seth Davison, and Tyler Thompson. Members of the Green team are Dan Bulling (Capt.), Nick Winter, Zach Ross, David Freece and Andy Squires. Junior shooters are Ted Turbett, Ryan Knapp and Breck Doeschot.

The Trap team is looking for new members from 6th grade to 12th grade. If you are interested, contact Gene Veburg at 421-1274 for more information.



4-H Senior (Gold) Trap Team: (L-R) coach Gordon Todd, Tyler Thompson, Nick Hartmann, Michael Veburg, Seth Davison, Nathan Thompson and coach Gene Veburg

Lancaster 4-H'ers at District Speech & PSA Contest

Seventeen Lancaster County 4-H'ers participated in the District Speech & Public Service Announcement contest held in Seward on May 31. The following youth earned purple ribbons — the top five in each division received medals:

- **Novice Speech:** Abigail Swanson (medal) and Jaime Stephenson (medal)
 - **Junior Speech:** Erica Peterson and Lisa Keys
 - **Intermediate Speech:** Carmen Claesson and Ryan Keys
 - **Junior PSA:** Spencer Farley (medal) and Amy Keys (medal)
 - **Intermediate PSA:** Hannah Spencer (medal)
 - **Senior PSA:** Nicole Pedersen (medal) and Amanda Peterson (medal)
- Nicole Pedersen and Amanda Peterson move on to the state PSA contest at the State Fair. Congratulations!

Wildlife Habitat Junior Team Places First



A team of three Lancaster County 4-H'ers placed first in the Junior Division Team at the Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program held in June at the Nebraska State 4-H camp near Halsey. Team members were (pictured, L-R) Kaylee Nelson, Terra Garay and Hannah Spencer. Leah Spencer coached the team. The contest consists of identifying wildlife foods, interpreting wildlife habitat and other components.

COUNTY FAIR 4-H & FFA NEWS



Animal (Including Horse) Entries Due July 8

All county and state fair 4-H/FFA livestock entries are due into the office or postmarked by Friday, July 8. Please remember to include entry fees. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Changes to Rabbit Form Entries

Please note changes made on the 2005 rabbit entry form. Enter only Breed and Pet classes on the front of the form. Showmanship, Fur, Quizbowl, Judging, Breeder's Choice (rabbit has to be registered ID breed class also) and Breed ID classes should all be entered on the back of the form. Please fill out completely. Make sure you have entered the correct class number. All rabbit entries are due to extension by July 8. Any questions, call Marty at 441-7180.

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

Volunteer helpers (ages 12 and over) 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 — Saturday, July 30, beginning at 8 a.m.
- Check-in exhibits on entry day — Monday, Aug. 1, 4-8 p.m.
- Assist judges on judging day — Tuesday, Aug. 2, beginning at 8 a.m.
- Put up project displays — Tuesday, Aug. 2, beginning at 2 p.m.

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

Volunteers teens are needed Friday, Aug. 5 to serve as tour guides for Fair Fun Day. Fair Fun Day give child care groups (First through Fourth 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.

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 (for example: one item from Celebrate Art, one item from Design Decisions and one item from Tasty Tidbits). Refer to page 30 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. 2 starting at 9 a.m. in the Lincoln Room.

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, August 6, 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 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.

Contest Information

Registration forms for Table Setting, Bicycle Safety, Presentations and Style Revue Contests are available at the extension office or may be downloaded at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h>. Call the office at 441-7180 by July 8 to register for these contests. Contact Tracy for more information.

Horticulture Judging Contest, July 6

The 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest will be held Wednesday, July 6, 10 a.m.–noon at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. Open to all 4-H'ers ages 8-19 — need not be enrolled in a horticulture project. Preregistration not required — enter day of contest.

The contest consists of three events: tree identification, grass/weed identification and horticulture judging. 4-H'ers choose which event(s) they want to participate in. Study material is available at the extension office.

Junior Life Challenge Contest, July 6

The junior division Life Challenge will be held Wednesday, July 6 at 1:30 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. 4-H'ers apply what they've learned in their Family & Consumer Science 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 the contest. Information packets are available at the extension office. This year's topics and resources for the contest:

- Discovering Myself (p. 6-7, 26-27, 28-29, 30-31, 36-37, 52-53)
- Sewing for Fun (p. 5-7, 13, 17-18)
- Growing on My Own (p. 1-7, 8, 14-15, 16-20)
- The Road to Good Cooking (p. 8-9, 12, 15, 18, 22, 28)

Presentations Contest, July 15 or Aug. 6

Choose between three classes, all based on method of presentation. Method of presentations include 1) presentation using LCD, slide, video or overhead projector; 2) presentation using posters; 3) multimedia presentation. You choose which date works for you: Friday, July 15 starting at 1 p.m. (held at the Lancaster Extension Education Center) or Saturday, Aug. 6 starting at 8 a.m. (held at the Lancaster Event Center, Pavilion 3 – Room 2). See page 28 of the Fair Book for details.

Style Revue Judging, July 27 Public Style Revue, Aug. 3

Style Revue judging will be Wednesday, July 27 starting at 8:30 a.m. The public Style Revue is Wednesday, Aug. 3, 7 p.m. at which time everyone is invited to see 4-H members style their outfits (both revues will be held at the Lancaster Event Center, Pavilion 3–Exhibit Hall). See Fair Book for rules.

Table Setting Contest, Aug. 4

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 or online at <http://lancaster.unl.edu>. Contest will be Thursday, Aug. 4, 5 p.m. (held at Lancaster Event Center, Pavilion 3 – Exhibit Hall).

Bicycle Safety Contest, Aug. 6

4-H members do not need to be enrolled in the bicycle project to enter this contest. See Fair Book page 27 for rules. Pre-register by July 8, contest is Saturday, Aug. 6, 10 a.m.

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.