March

Shelly Everett

Lancaster County 4-H is proud to announce Shelly Everett as winner of March's "Heart of 4-H Award" in recognition of outstanding volunteer service. Shelly has been the organizational leader of The Malcolm Clovers 4-H club for four years.

Michelle Bice (a 4-H parent) and The Malcolm Clovers nominated Shelly, saying, "Shelly has encouraged each member to participate in the county fair and has gone out of her way to help anyone who needed it. Shelly has been an inspiration to my daughter as well as others. She has also seen to it that all the girls have had the opportunity to be an officer and know how to successfully run that office."

"I like being a 4-H volunteer because I love working with young children," says Shelly. "Our group has learned so much through the years and they really enjoy showing their projects off at the county fair. I remember that 'fun' when I was in 4-H in Clay County. I also love working along side such wonderful parents as my project leaders for our club."

In addition to volunteering for 4-H, Shelly is also in the Malcolm Parent/Teacher Organization, coaches her daughters' soccer and volleyball teams, and helps with C.C.D. classes at Saints Mary & Joseph in Valparaiso. She lives in Malcolm with her husband Craig and daughters Payton and Maddy.

Congratulations to Shelly! 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.

COMMUNITY SERVICE CORNER

Cookies for City Impact

Two weeks before Christmas, the Extreme Green 4-H club wasn't at the mall shopping for gifts. Instead they spent their time baking and decorating cookies — not for themselves, but for those who wouldn't usually get Christmas goodies. They donated at least 10 plates of cookies to City Impact for use in their mission work. The goodies made included rosettes, sugar, peanut butter blossoms and lollipop cookies.

—Submitted by Amanda, club news reporter

Pet Pals Participate in "Holiday of Trees"

For the second year in a row, the Pet Pals 4-H Club created homemade ornaments and decorated a tree for Heritage League of Lincoln's "Holiday of Trees" which raises funds for various community projects. Club members had great fun making the ornaments, and the tree received many compliments

Star City Llamas in Star City Parade

For the 7th year in a row, the Star City Llamas 4-H Club participated in Lincoln's Star City Holiday Festival parade. Their entry theme was sledding. Club members dressed up as mittens and club parents dressed up as ski hats. The llamas were costumed as snowy hills with small sleds slung on their backs. The manure wagon (a four wheeler pulling a garden trailer) was disguised as a giant mug of hot cocoa — complete with marshmallows and "steam" created by a fog machine.

Submit your 4-H news to Vicki at the extension office or vjedlicka2@unl.edu

Unicameral Youth Conference

The 2005 Unicameral Youth Conference will be held June 12-15. Youth gain a basic understanding of civic life, politics and Nebraska government while interacting with State Senators, legislative aides, policy experts and lobbyists. **Application deadline is March 1** for returning applicants and mentors and **April 1** for first time applicants.

Leader Training, March 14

"Winter 4-H Warm-up," a satellite training for 4-H leaders and interested volunteers, will be held **Monday, March 14** at 7 p.m. Topics include: changes for 4-H record books, resources for volunteers and new 4-H projects such as the Quilt Quest, Healthy Lifestyles, Fast Food and Youth in Motion. Please register by March 11 by calling 441-7180.

New 4-H Wristbands

Green, silicone wristbands embossed with "4-H Makes a Difference" are available for sale as a fundraiser for Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF). Cost is $3 apiece. To purchase, contact a CWF member or the extension office at 441-7180.

4-H Technology Team Applications Due April 1

The Nebraska 4-H Youth Technology Team is seeking high-school-age 4-H'ers for this year's Technology Team! The Technology Team is a group of youth who serve to promote the responsible use of computer technology in the Nebraska 4-H Program. They also serve as a resource for computer-related projects. For more information or to fill out an online application, go to expo.unl.edu. Applications must be submitted by **April 1**.

Kiwanis Karnival Seeks 4-H Clubs to Host Game Booths

The annual Kiwanis Karnival is a free, family event sponsored by Lincoln Center Kiwanis. This year, it will be **Saturday, April 16**, 7–9 p.m. at the Lancaster Event Center in Pavilion 3, Exhibit Hall.

4-H clubs or families are needed to provide carnival-type game booths for the evening. Each booth will have an area 4' x 6' to use. Prizes are provided. If your club or family would like to provide a booth, please call Lorene at 441-7180 by **April 4**. (LB)

4-H Life Challenge Contest Study Guides

The statewide 4-H Family and Consumer Science (FCS) Life Challenge contest for seniors will be held **June 27–28** at UNL East Campus. The following project manuals will be used for the senior Life Challenge contest: Financial Champions "Money Moves," Book 2; Clothing Level 1; The Sitter; Youth in Motion and Fast Foods.

The county-only Life Challenge contest for juniors will be held **Wednesday, July 6** at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. Questions will be based on the following project manuals: The Road to Good Cooking, Sewing for Fun, Growing on My Own and Health A-Discovering Myself.

Start studying now! Watch future issues of The Nebline for more information. (TK)

Change in County Fair Static Exhibit Release Time

All static exhibits for the 2005 Lancaster County Fair will be released from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7. This includes both 4-H and Open Class static exhibits. (TK)

Speech & PSA Contest Registrations Due March 28

Effective communication is a valuable life skills which can use throughout one's life. The 4-H Speech and Public Service Announcement (PSA) contests teaches and allow youth to practice speaking in front of others. These contests are open to all 4-H'ers — need not be enrolled in a specific project. To register, or for more information, call Deanna Karmazin at 441-7180 by Friday, March 28 at 4:30 p.m.

PSA Contest, April 5

Due to the growing number of participants in this contest and the taping of the district winners, the PSA contest will be held at the Lancaster Extension Education Center on Tuesday, April 5 at 6:30 p.m. PSA's must be 60 seconds; topic is 4-H. Emphasis is on the presentation of a PSA for radio. Contestants must give their PSA in person, no prerecorded tapes allowed.

Speech Contest, April 10

This year's Speech Contest will be held at the State Capitol (note: date is CONFIRMED) on Sunday, April 10 at 1 p.m. Topics can be anything, but a 4-H theme should be maintained. Length depends on division:

- Novice (ages 8–9): 2 min. or less
- Junior (ages 10–11): 2–3 min.
- Intermediate (ages 12–13): 3–5 min.
- Senior (ages 14–19): 5–8 min.

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