

May



## Denise Farley

Lancaster County 4-H is proud to announce Denise Farley as winner of May's "Heart of 4-H Award" in recognition of outstanding volunteer service. She has been involved in 4-H since her daughter joined 10 years ago.

Denise is organizational leader of Star City Explorers 4-H club (her husband, Quentin, is co-leader). She has assisted as a parent and volunteer with the Creative Clovers, Extreme Green and Shooting Sports 4-H clubs, and the Citizenship Washington Focus group. Denise has also assisted with Clover College (as co-presenter), Kiwanis Carnival, Lancaster County Fair (in the 4-H food booth) and Nebraska State Fair (as a 4-H judging assistant). A member of the Nebraska 4-H state marketing committee, Denise helped develop the 4-H/Library partnership.

"I like to see kids learn and experience new skills," she says. "I am a strong believer in exposing youth to as many career experiences as possible. I think 4-H can really prepare youth for life by teaching life skills and leadership, as well as creating a desire for life-long learning."

Denise lives in Lincoln with Quentin and their two children, Grace and Spencer. She also volunteers for Messiah Lutheran Church and School, the Lincoln Iris Society, and for many years has co-sponsored a toy benefit for Friendship home.

Many people might not know Denise was 4-H Queen in Keith County. Her mother and grandmother were also 4-H leaders. Congratulations to Denise! 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](http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h). Nominations of co-volunteers welcome.



## Quality Assurance Training, May 4

Quality Assurance (QA) certification is required for all 4-H or FFA youth wanting to exhibit market livestock. There will be a QA training on Wednesday, May 4 at 6 p.m. at Waverly High School. Exhibitors who have not yet been certified need to call Deanna at 441-7180 to get certified.

## Sheep Tagging Days, Week of May 16

4-H members who will be exhibiting sheep at this year's county fair need to have their animals tagged by June 15. Deanna Karmazin will be visiting farms the week of May 16. Contact her at 441-7180 to set up a tagging time. All lambs which might go on to the Ak-Sar-Ben Youth Livestock Exposition need be DNA tested — cost is \$5 per head.

## CWF Reorganizational Meeting, May 19

Lancaster County 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is now taking applicants for the June 2008 trip to Washington D.C.! If you will be the age of 15-18 as of June 1, 2008 and are interested in joining an adventure of a lifetime, please call Deanna Karmazin at 441-7180. A reorganizational meeting will be held Thursday, May 19 at 7 p.m., held at the Lancaster Extension Education Center.

## Pre-Fair Leader Training, May 24

New leaders, experienced leaders, 4-H members and parents are invited to this leader training on Tuesday, May 24, 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. Come and receive information on how to fill out the new entry tags, the in's and out's of interview judging, Life Challenge information, the Presentations Contest and other valuable county fair information. Preregister by May 20 by calling 441-7180.

## Senior Life Challenge Contest May 25

A county-level Senior Life Challenge (for ages 12 and up) is scheduled for Wednesday, May 25, 7 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. Preregistration is not needed. Contest questions will be based on the following 4-H manuals: Financial Champions "Money Moves" Book 2, Clothing Level 1, The Sitter, Youth in Motion and Fast Foods. Books may be checked out prior to the contest for studying purposes.

The statewide FCS Life Challenge (for ages 12 and up) will be held Monday, June 27 and Tuesday, June 28 on UNL East Campus. To participate, please call Tracy at 441-7180 by May 27. Information is online at [4h.unl.edu/programs/pascl](http://4h.unl.edu/programs/pascl)

## 4H Sewing Fun Class, June 22

The Bernina shop at Hancock Fabrics will teach a Crazy Quilt Block class Wednesday, June 22. There will be two sessions: 1-4 p.m. or 5:30-8:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 for the class and \$5 for materials. Participants must be 4-H members enrolled in Clothing Level II or higher.

Learn about foundation piecing, decorative stitching, couching and decorative threads. The block you will work on could be used as part of a wall hanging or pillow for home environment or a Decorate Your Duds project.

Register by June 17 by calling 464-0505. Please indicate at registration if you will bring your own machine or will use one provided by Bernina. Special arrangements could be made for a club. (TK)

## Clothing Level 1 Patterns Available

The 2005 pattern selection for 4-H Clothing Level 1 has been developed. Contact Tracy at 441-7180 for pattern brands and numbers.

## Seeking Style Revue Superintendents

Volunteers are needed to help facilitate the 4-H Style Revue Contest. If interested, please contact Tracy Kulm at 441-7180.

## HORSE BITS

### 2005 4-H Incentive Program Starts May 1

Back by popular demand! The Lancaster Horse VIPS Committee will again be sponsoring an incentive program for 4-H members enrolled in a horse project. The incentive program will run from May 1 to June 30. Participants need to log the hours spent doing horse activities during that time period.

The more hours invested, the more valuable the reward.

Participants logging:

- 40 hours will receive a T-shirt.
- 80 hours will receive either an embroidered bridle/halter bag or an embroidered folding event chair.
- 160 hours will receive an embroidered hoodie or embroidered English pad.

For complete information and log sheet, go to <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/news.htm> or stop at the extension office.

### District/State Entries Due May 13

Entry forms for 4-H Horse District competitions and State 4-H Horse Exposition are due to the extension office by Friday, May 13. No late entries or changes will be excepted!

Anyone planning on going to state must also have their horse ID's turned in and level tests passed by May 13. In order to qualify for state, you must be 12 years of age before January 1 and must have passed all level two requirements.

Entry forms, entry guidelines, entry procedures and the 2 & 3 year old western

pleasure affidavits are available online at [animalscience.unl.edu/horse/page2.htm](http://animalscience.unl.edu/horse/page2.htm) or at the extension office.

This year, a saddle will be awarded at the State 4-H Horse Expo to the high-point 4-H'er in the following categories: junior performance division, junior working division, senior performance division and senior working division. To be eligible for one of these awards, a 4-H'er must compete in either the horse judging or hippology contest, or have competed in one of the contests at this year's 4-H Horse Stampede.

For more information, call Marty at 441-7180.

### Salt Creek Wranglers Hold Pre-Districts Practice for 4-H'ers, April 24 and June 12

Because district horse shows follow a different format than "regular" horse shows, the Salt Creek Wranglers are providing a chance to practice for districts within their 4-H Silver Dollar Series. In the Sunday, April 24 show, all English Equitation and English Pleasure classes will follow the district format. The show being held on Sunday, June 12, will highlight the Western Pleasure and Horsemanship classes using the district format. Registration for both shows start at 8 a.m. on the Wranglers grounds. For more information, call Tausha Dybdal at 761-2070. Showbills on these and other horse shows are online at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/news.htm>.

### 4-H Stampede Results

Approximately 125 4-H youth from across the state participated in the third annual 4-H Horse Stampede held March 12. The Stampede consists of the 4-H state horse-related competitions: Horse Bowl, Public Speaking, Demonstration and Art contests. This was the first year it was held at the Animal Science Building on University of Nebraska East Campus, and the UNL Equestrian Team offered tours of the building in conjunction with the Stampede.

Lancaster County participants and their placings were:

- Rachael Pflug earned a purple ribbon in the Art Contest for her "Untitled" colored pencil drawing in the Art Contest.
- Gabby Warner earned a blue ribbon in the Demonstration Contest for her presentation, "Competing on a Budget."
- This year's Lancaster County Quiz Bowl Team (competing for their first time) made it into the quarterfinals, earning a blue ribbon. Team members were: Frances Anderson, Alex and Will Scheider and Gabby Warner.



Untitled colored pencil drawing by Rachael Pflug