

## November

## Sandi Kroll

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

Eight years ago, Sandi helped found Star City Kids, which has become one of the largest 4-H clubs in Lancaster County. Sandi is organizational

leader and has helped teach many classes and club projects.

Sandi was nominated for the Heart of 4-H Award by Susan Frobish, a project leader for Star City Kids, saying, "Sandi helped start Star City Kids and has been active for many years. She is very enthusiastic."

"I love seeing the children grow and learn new things and skills that will benefit them for the rest of their lives," says Sandi. "I also enjoy watching the kids grow up and seeing the friendships develop and grow from year to year. I also enjoy learning from the other moms and watching them teach classes. We have always had an outstanding group of moms working with our kids."

Sandi lives in Lincoln with husband Nathan and their three children. Jacob, Emily and Sarah are all members of Star City Kids. Sandi homeschools the two youngest. She is also on the leadership team of a homeschool support group and teaches a 6th-grade girls class at her church.

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



## Career Portfolios Replace Awards Books

### Training on Oct. 27

As many of you know the old 4-H awards book has been replaced by a new 4-H Career Portfolio. By January 1, 2008 all 4-H'ers applying for awards will have to be converted to the new system. The due date for this year's submissions has been extended to Dec. 1.

We are offering a training to teach youth how and why to fill out the Career Portfolio. This training will take place Thursday, Oct. 27 at 7 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. We have many talented people in our county that should be recognized on the state and national level. If you have any questions regarding the new 4-H Career Portfolio or the training, contact Deanna or Tracy at 441-7180.



### Livestock County Fair Review, Oct. 25

Everyone involved in the beef, sheep, swine, goat, dairy, llama and dog project areas at the Lancaster County Fair are invited to the 2005 Livestock County Fair Review meeting held Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center.

At this meeting we will make corrections and additions to the Fair Book and schedule. Hot topics will be discussed in the swine area — we need to determine if the show should be terminal or non-terminal.

If you have any questions, please call Deanna at 441-7180.

### Charter Club Applications Due Oct. 31

Leaders: don't forget to complete your 4-H Charter Club application! All leaders received an application form in their September reorganization packet. All clubs meeting the requirements and sending in the application form will be recognized at Achievement Night. Applications are due to the office by Monday, Oct. 31. Call 441-7180 if you have questions.

### Chess Club Seeking New Members

The Checkmates 4-H club is seeking new members. Meetings are held the second Sunday of each month from 3–5 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. Next meeting is Sunday, Nov. 13. Meetings usually include 15–20 minutes of instruction and then members divide up for informal chess matches. For more information, contact club leader James Walla at 476-2094.

### 4-H Entry in Star City Parade

Lancaster County 4-H'ers are invited to help form a 4-H entry in the annual Star City Parade. This year's parade will be Saturday, Dec. 3 with the theme "Unwrap the Joy." Participants (including animals) must be in costume.

Star City Llamas 4-H club is coordinating the 4-H entry. 4-H'ers must attend planning meetings Sunday, Nov. 6 and Sunday, Nov. 20 at 2 p.m. There are only 15 openings available — so respond now by calling Karen Armstrong at 464-4129. Club leaders are asked to coordinate club requests.

### Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop, Dec. 3–4

A Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop will be held Dec. 3–4, 2005, at the Eastern Nebraska 4-H Center near Gretna. Registration deadline is Nov. 23.

Adult volunteers and junior leaders can choose one of seven disciplines to become certified. Muzzle-loading, wildlife, archery, rifle, shotgun, pistol and re-loading will be offered.

Registration fee is \$60 per person and includes meals. For more information and registration materials, see the 4-H Shooting Sports Web page at <http://4h.unl.edu/programs/environment/shootingsports>, or contact Tracy at 441-7180.

### 4-H and FFA Beef Weigh-In, Jan. 13

The Lancaster County 4-H and FFA beef weigh-in is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 13 from 5:30–7:30 p.m. in Pavilion 2 at the Lancaster Event Center. All market animals will need to be weighed, tagged and noseprinted at this time. If you have any questions, please call Deanna at 441-7180.

## December

## Kirk Gunnerson

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

Kirk has volunteered for 4-H for 2-1/2 years. He currently serves on 4-H Council and Rabbit VIPS Committee. He is also the leader for BB/Air rifle portion of the Lancaster Shooting Sports program.

"I like being a 4-H volunteer because it allows me to continue working with my kids in a setting outside of school," says Kirk. "My favorite experiences have been putting on the County Fair Shooting Sports contest, my involvement with 4-H Council, and helping get other individuals involved as volunteers."

"Even though Kirk is a relatively new volunteer, he has taken a leadership role in many 4-H duties," says 4-H staff member Tracy Kulm. "He has stepped up and is willing to go the extra mile."

Kirk lives in Lincoln with his wife Brandy and their children Koral, Miranda and Bailee, who are all members of 4-H. He also volunteers with the National Wild Turkey Federation as the Crete Chapter President and with Ducks Unlimited as Lancaster County Chapter Treasurer.

Congratulations to Kirk! Volunteers like him 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://lanaster.unl.edu/4h/>. Nominations of co-volunteers welcome.



### 4-H Scholarships Due Oct. 31

The Lancaster County 4-H program offers a variety of scholarships. Deadline is Oct. 31. Information and applications are available at the extension office or online at <http://lanaster.unl.edu/4h/>. If you have questions, contact Deanna at 441-7180.

#### COLLEGE

The following college scholarships for the 2006–07 school year are available to high school seniors active in 4-H:

**4-H Council**—awards six \$500 scholarships.  
**Lincoln Center Kiwanis**—awards two \$2,000 scholarships.

**Teen Council**—awards two scholarships to 4-H'ers who are active in Teen Council and help with at least one major fundraiser.

**Lane Scholarship**—awards one \$200 scholarship to a 4-H'er attending Raymond Central High School.

#### 4-H CAMP

The following scholarship goes toward attending 4-H summer camp(s):

**Joyce Vahle Memorial Scholarship**—awards one \$100 scholarship to a youth age 8–14. Applicants should currently be, or have been, enrolled in at least one sewing project.

Last Call!

### Award Nominations Due Oct. 31

Nominations are needed for the following awards. Application forms are available at the extension office.

**4-H Meritorious Service** — presented to individuals or organizations which have exhibited consistent and strong support of the 4-H program. 4-H members are not eligible.

**Outstanding 4-H Member** — presented to an individual who has excelled in their involvement with the 4-H program and are 14 years of age or older. The basis for selection appraises the variety and depth of 4-H activities.

**I Dare You Youth Leadership Award** — awarded on behalf of the American Youth Foundation (AYF) to high school juniors or seniors who strive to achieve their personal best and make a positive difference in their community. Two 4-H members will be selected from Lancaster County. Lancaster County 4-H Council provides award recipients with a hardbound copy of William H. Danforth's book, *I Dare You!* Winners also receive a \$300 scholarship to attend one of AYF's national 7-day Leadership Conferences.