

## HORSE BITS

### Ak-Sar-Ben Youth Expo Results

Seven Lancaster County 4-H members participated in the 78th Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Youth Livestock Exposition held Sept. 27-Oct. 2 at the Qwest Center in Omaha. Congratulations to all! Complete results are online at <http://www.aksarben.org>.



Melissa Raisch was named the Champion 3 yr. old Snaffle Bit Western Pleasure Horse Exhibitor as well as Reserve Champion Premier Horse Exhibitor.



Dusty Ehrlich was named Reserve Champion Junior Pole Bending Horse Exhibitor.

Photo courtesy of Ak-Sar-Ben

### 2005 Horse Awards Night

The 2005 Horse Awards Night was held Oct. 4. The evening recognized top achievements at the 2005 Lancaster County Fair and other events throughout the past year. Congratulations to the Lancaster County Horse 4-H'ers, parents, leaders and teachers — what an awesome year you all had! A complete list of youth recognized and additional photos are online at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h>.

#### 2005 Horse Incentive Awards

4-H'ers logged the hours they spent working with or learning about their horses. Feeding, grooming, riding, 4-H meetings and watching educational videos would be examples of activities you could do to count toward the program. Some activities counted for double hours such as giving demonstrations, giving speeches, being on the hippology team and coming to the Knowledge Club meetings. The more hours invested, the more valuable the award!

**40 to 79 hours** — Skyler Kinney, Betha Grace Prange, McKenzie Beach and Ben Cruickshank.

**80 to 159 hours** — Kaitlyn Chubbuck, Jamie Whisler, Courtney Goering, Molly Shrader, Jenni Shrader, Hannah Coffman, Lee Kreimer Chelsea Beach, Rebecca Ward, Hannah Ronnau, Ashley Anderson, Cassi Billesbach, Samantha Johnson, Erin Fitl, Jessica Fitl, Cara Peters, Bailey Peterson, Danielle Fenster, Clint Gregory, Elizabeth Gregg, Mattison Merritt, McKenzie Merritt, Madison Lee, Josie Ang, Will Scheideler, Rachael Flug, Dustin Erlich, Alex Scheideler, Alexis Christen and Ryan Zulke.

**160 hours or more** — Kate Rawlinson, Melissa Ebeling, Alison Daharsh, Cassie Sell, Ashley Densberger, Robyn Shannon, Hannah Sass, Camille Sass, Samantha White, Gabby Warner, Hope Ellen Wehling, Rebecca Wehling, Ashley Wiegand, Allison Densberger, Lisa Booton, Jessica Harris, Sara Novotny, Elizabeth Harris, Nicole Zuhlke and Shelby Chubbuck.

#### Herdsmanship Award

The Herdsmanship award is presented to the 4-H Horse club who collectively keeps their stall areas, alleys and animals clean, neat and attractive at the Lancaster County Fair. This year's winner, The Flying Hoofs, has won this award 12 out of the past 13 years. Best County Fair Decorations was awarded to The Young Riders 4-H club.

#### Judging Awards

The Horse Judging Contest emphasizes how much 4-H members know about horses as they judge four or more classes of horses. Senior division participants also give oral reasons.

**Top Ten Judging Elementary Division** — Josh Krueger as Champion, Maggie Moore, Kelsey Wolf, Ryan Zulke, Chelsea Beach, Alexis Christen, Bailey Peterson, Ashley Densberger, Sammy Moore and Taylor Wilhelm.

**Top Ten Judging Junior Division** — Hannah Coffman as Champion, Camille Sass, Anna Denell, Paige Alvarado, Danielle Urban, Shelby Chubbuck, Danielle Hardesty, Becky Hutchins, Molly Shrader and Will Scheideler.

**Top Ten Judging Senior Division** — Cassie Krueger as Champion, Joanna Duhachek, Mindy Leach, Morgan Marshall, Anna Russell, Jenni Shrader, Jessica Fitl, Amy Tice, Maria Cammack and Lisa Booton.

#### All-Around Trail

The 2005 Lancaster County Fair All-Around Trail Award winner is Ben Leach.

#### All-Around Barrels

The 2005 Lancaster County Fair All-Around Barrels Award winner is Amanda Essink.

#### Wittstruck Award

The Wittstruck Award is awarded to the All-Around Champion at the Lancaster County Fair. To get this award, the rider must ride in classes from at least three of the four following categories. Showmanship (which is mandatory), speed events, performance events, and pleasure events. Before the fair takes place, riders must designate six events that they want counted toward this award. Points are awarded based on ribbon placing. The 2005 Wittstruck All-Around Award winner is Gabby Warner.

Gabby not only got purples in all six events, but had either Grand or Reserve Champion placings in all six!



Top three Horse Judging winners (L-R): Cassie Krueger (senior), Hannah Coffman (junior) and Josh Krueger (elementary).



The Flying Hoofs 4-H Club won the Horse Herdsmanship Award.



Trophy sponsor Dick Confer (left) presented the All-Around Trail Award to Ben Leach.



Trophy sponsor Franklyn Manning presented the All-Around Barrels Award to Amanda Essink.



Trophy sponsor Dwayne Wittstruck presented the All-Around Champion Award to Gabby Warner.

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