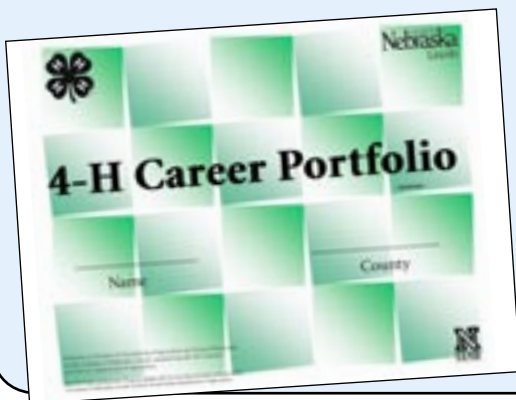


## Career Portfolios Replace Awards Books Training on Oct. 27

As many of you know the old 4-H awards book has been replaced by a new 4-H Career Portfolio.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. To aid in this process, we are offering a training to teach you 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 encourage everyone to attend. 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.



## 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. Initially, all clubs meeting the requirements and sending in the application form will be recognized at Achievement Night and will receive a Charter Certificate. Seals will be awarded in subsequent years. Applications are due to the office by Monday, Oct. 31. Contact the office if you have questions.

## Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Youth Expo, Sept. 27–Oct. 2

The 78th Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Youth Livestock Exposition will be held Sept. 27–Oct. 2 at the Qwest Center in Omaha. More than 2,000 4-H families from an eight-state area participate in the Expo. For more information and complete schedule, go to <http://www.aksarben.org>.

### Partial Schedule

Sep. 27	8:30 a.m.–10 p.m.	Horse Show
Sep. 28	8:30 a.m.–Noon	Horse Show
Sep. 30	7:30 a.m.	Dairy Show
	12:00 Noon	Meat Goat Show
	12:30 pm (following Dairy Show)	Feeder Calf Show
Oct. 1	8 a.m.	Market Beef Show
		Market Lamb Show
	3 p.m.	Market Broiler Show
	4 p.m.	First Round of Quiz Bowl Competition
	7 p.m. (Following Lamb Show)	Market Swine Showmanship
Oct. 2	7:30 a.m.	Market Swine Show
	8:00 a.m.	Breeding Heifer Show
		Catch-a-Calf Catching Phase
	9 p.m.	Continue Quiz Bowl Competition

## Community Service Corner

### Garden Plants and Volunteers Requested

Are you interested in gardening? 4-H member Spencer Farley is heading up a service opportunity to install a new garden to beautify a new playground. Volunteers and plant donations will be needed in October. If you can help, please call Spencer or Denise Farley at 488-7457 for more information.

—Submitted by Spencer Farley

### Hurricane Katrina Letters of Caring

4-H members from around the country who are searching for ways to help Mississippi 4-H members affected by Hurricane Katrina, Mississippi State University Extension is asking for "Letters of Caring and Hope" offering encouragement. The letters can be mailed to: Mississippi 4-H - Letters of Caring, Box 9601, MS State, MS 39762. The letters will be distributed through our 4-H agents and 4-H youth and adult volunteers to young people affected by the hurricane.

For other ideas on how to help fellow 4-H members and citizens, go to <http://www.4husa.org>.

## 4-H Trap Team Wins 1st Place in Senior–Novice Class at SCTP Nationals

The Lancaster County 4-H Trap Team competed in the National Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) shoot in Vandalia, Ohio on Aug. 9. The team placed 1st in the Senior Novice category — breaking 1,089 clays out of 1,125 total. The team consists of Nathan Thompson (Captain), Seth Davison, Justin Davison, Tyler Thompson, and Mike Veburg. This was Lancaster County's first team to shoot at the SCTP competitions. Next year the team will be in the Senior Advanced category.

In June, the team qualified for the national shoot by placing 1st in the Novice category at the State SCTP shoot in Doniphan, Neb.

—Submitted by Mike Veburg



### “Fair’s Over, Now What?” Volunteer Training, Sept. 29

Leaders, parents and interested volunteers are invited to attend this 4-H training Thursday, Sept. 29, 9:30 a.m. or 7 p.m. Discover how to complete the current 4-H year and how to prepare for the next 4-H year. Awards, project completion/selection and club reorganization will be covered. Bring your questions and ideas! You must RSVP by calling 441-7180 prior to Monday, Sept. 26.

### 4-H Teen Council Invites New Members, Next Meeting Oct. 9

The Lancaster County 4-H Teen Council is a leadership organization for youth in grades 7–12. Meetings are held the second Sunday of each month at 3 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. The next meeting is Oct. 9. Call Tracy at 441-7180 for more information or to join!

### Shooting Sports Reorganizational Meeting Oct. 13

Mark your calendars for a Lancaster County Shooting Sports 4-H club reorganizational meeting on Thursday, Oct. 13, 7 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Rd in Lincoln. This meeting will focus on the BB/Air rifle and Trap disciplines.

Both current members and those interested in joining are invited to attend. Total registration fee to join 4-H Shooting Sports 4-H club is \$8, insurance included.

The Lancaster County Shooting Sports Trap Teams are planning on shooting SCTP next year. The teams are still recruiting for the next season of high school trap shoot and the SCTP competitions. If you are in grades 6th–12th and interested in shooting trap for Lancaster County 4-H, call Gene Veburg at 421-1274.

### 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.

### Reminder to Pick Up Fair Projects

There are still county and state fair projects, comment sheets and ribbons that need to be picked up at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. If you have not done so yet, please pick up your projects.

## 4-H 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.

## 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 Karmazin 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.