



## State Fair Results

Congratulations to the Lancaster County 4-H members who showcased their talents at the Nebraska State Fair this year! Below are the Top Award winners and Rainbow Ribbon Recognition recipients. Rainbow Ribbon Recognition is given to unique which have used special details — these may or may not be top placing items. Complete results are online at <http://4h.unl.edu>.

### Top Awards

#### FLORICULTURE

Kyle Pedersen — Top Rose

#### DOGS

Renaef Reifschneider — Beginning Dog Showmanship Champion

#### DAIRY CATTLE

Alexis Spath — Special Dairy Production Award - Milk and Protein

#### DAIRY GOATS

Emily Henshaw — Alpine Junior Champion; Oberhasli Senior Champion; Saanen Junior Champion

### Rainbow Ribbon Recognition

Ian Badeer — Photography Unit III - Formal Portrait  
 Hannah Beiermann — Child Development - Toy made for Preschooler  
 Chelsie Bellinger — Foodworks - Double Crust Fruit Pie  
 Laura Cassel — Celebrate Arts - Mixed Media  
 Grace Farley — Aerospace - Rocket-Skill level 2  
 Spencer Farley — Aerospace - Rocket-Skill level 2  
 Emily Henshaw — Floriculture - Sedum  
 Andrew Keralis — Photography Unit II - Framing & Leading Line  
 Kyle Pedersen — Floriculture - Rose  
 Erica Peterson — Heritage - Other Family Exhibits  
 Abbey Spencer — Fast Foods - Coffee Cake

### Horticulture Contest

#### TREE IDENTIFICATION Lancaster County Team

— 2nd place

#### Individual Placings

Elizabeth Grimes — 3rd place  
 Carmen Claesson — 5th place  
 Kyle Pedersen — 10th place

#### HORTICULTURE JUDGING Intermediate Division

Kyle Pedersen — 4th place  
 Britni Waller — 10th place

### Presentations Contest

Abigail Gabel — Outstanding Presentation Award

Andrew Burson — Excellence Award

## Make the 4-H Connection October 2-8



National 4-H Week  
2005

## 4-H Strategic Plan Survey Share Your Opinion!

Nebraska 4-H is in the process of developing goals for the next five years. Please give your feedback about what's important to you by filling out an online survey. Lancaster County 4-H'ers are encouraged to share their input at <http://4h.unl.edu>. The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete. If you have questions, call State 4-H at 472-2805.

## HORSE BITS

### 4-H Horse Awards Night, Oct. 4

The annual Lancaster County 4-H Horse Awards Night will be Tuesday, Oct. 4 at 7 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road in Lincoln. Evening includes a potluck dinner.

Awards presentation includes the Wittstruck All-Around Champion, All-Around Trail, All-Around Barrels, Herdsmanship, top County Fair Judging and Incentive Awards.

Please bring a meat dish and either a salad or dessert and your own table service. Drinks will be provided. Join us as we reflect on the accomplishments of the 2005 Lancaster 4-H Horse Program through a slide show, awards, entertainment, good food and great company.



Maria Cammack bore the American flag during the Grand Entry prior to the Horse Games show at the Lancaster County Fair.

### Combined Training Event, Oct. 22

#### Sevillians 4-H Club Helps Bring New Event to Area

The Sevillians 4-H Club and Legacy Equestrian Center are hosting a "Fling Into Fall" Combined Training event at Wranglers showground, 4300 S. Coddington Ave., Lincoln. The event will take place on Saturday, Oct. 22 beginning at 8 a.m. This event is intended to provide a good, safe, fun

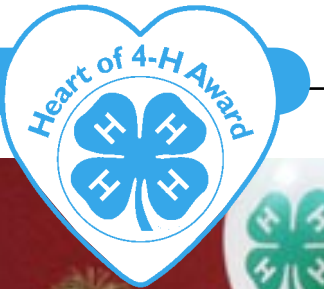
introduction to the Combined Training format.

Think 3-day eventing, only in a one-day format — there is a dressage phase, a cross-country jumping phase and then show jumping (these will be very baby jumps, although you can expect some pumpkins and flowers along the way). There will be a Tadpole, Baby-Green and Pre-Novice

division with riders further divided into juniors and adults.

Come on out and show support for Combined Training in Nebraska. For more information or entry forms, contact Sherry Parsons at [sherry@neb.rr.com](mailto:sherry@neb.rr.com). Entry forms can also be obtained from the extension office. Closing date on entries is Oct. 12.

## October



### Karen Rutt

Lancaster County 4-H is proud to announce Karen Rutt as winners of October's "Heart of 4-H Award" in recognition of outstanding volunteer service.

Karen was nominated for the award by Jo Fujan who said, "Karen has been a strong supporter of 4-H in Lancaster County for many years. She truly exhibits the 'heart of 4-H.'"

Karen has volunteered for Lancaster County 4-H in many capacities over the past 12 years:

- Organizational leader of the Fantastic 4-H Club for five years
- 4-H Council member and treasurer for six years, serving on food booth and budget committees.
- Co-superintendent of Clothing areas at County Fair
- Co-superintendent of Table Setting Contest at County Fair
- Co-superintendent of Style Revue Contest at County Fair
- Helped with 4-H Teen Council and annual Teen Dance
- Sponsor on 2005 Citizenship Washington Focus trip to D.C.

In addition, Karen has volunteered in the 4-H areas at the Nebraska State Fair for seven years.

"I like being a 4-H volunteer because I get to work with children of all ages and I get to work with other great volunteers," said Karen. "My favorite experience is seeing the faces of the children when they talk to the judges or just showing off what they made to their friends and family. I also enjoy seeing kids from different schools all becoming friends."

Karen lives in Lincoln with her husband Robert. Their daughters, Jami and Jaci, are 4-H alumni (Jami was a 4-H intern this summer). Karen grew up in a 4-H family in Scottsbluff showing sheep, hogs, beef, clothing, food and craft projects. Her parents were 4-H leaders and served on 4-H Council and local Fair Board.

Congratulations to Karen! 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 <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/>. Nominations of co-volunteers welcome.

