



April

## Kitt Saathoff

Lancaster County 4-H is proud to announce Kitt Saathoff as winner of April's "Heart of 4-H Award" in recognition of outstanding volunteer service.

Kitt has been a 4-H volunteer for 6 years and is organizational leader of two 4-H clubs, The American Gals and Crazy Clovers. Members in both clubs complete a wide variety of projects, including clothing, food, celebrate art and photography. She has also been an instructor at Clover College for several years.

"I have enjoyed being a leader and watching my daughters and their friends having fun doing the things I remember enjoying as a 4-H'er," says Kitt. "I enjoy spending time with kids. 4-H provides activities for my daughters and I to enjoy together. Most of the activities I enjoy as an adult, I learned from 4-H."

A Lancaster County 4-H alumnus, Kitt was a 4-H Ambassador and camp counselor. Her mother, Linda Dempsey, was leader of Kitt's club. Linda still volunteers for 4-H, assisting with Kitt's 4-H clubs and Clover College classes.

Kitt lives in Lincoln with her husband Steve and their daughters Elle and Annaliese. She is owner of A Page In Time scrapbooking store. Kitt also volunteers at their church and their daughters' schools.

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

Nominate your favorite 4-H volunteer by submitting the form online at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h> or available at the extension office. Nominations of co-volunteers welcome.



## Speech & PSA Contest

The 4-H Speech and Public Service Announcement (PSA) contests are open to all 4-H members — need not be enrolled in a specific project. Register by Friday, April 7 by calling extension at 441-7180. For more information, contact Deanna Karmazin.

### PSA Contest, April 20

The PSA contest will be held at the Lancaster Extension Education Center on Thursday, April 20 at 6:30 p.m. PSA's must be 60 seconds; topic is 4-H. Emphasis is on the presentation of a PSA for radio. Contestants must give their PSA in person, no prerecorded tapes allowed. After the contest, youth qualifying for districts will record their PSA's on tape with the help of extension staff. Tips for writing successful PSA's can also be found online at <http://4h.unl.edu/programs/communication/psa.htm>.

### Speech Contest, April 23

This year's Speech Contest will be held at the Lancaster Extension Education Center on Sunday, April 23 at 1 p.m. Please note the contest location has changed from past years. Topics can be anything, but a 4-H theme should be maintained. Length depends on division:

- Novice (ages 8–9): 2 min. or less
- Junior (ages 10–11): 2–3 min.
- Intermediate (ages 12–13): 3–5 min.
- Senior (ages 14–19): 5–8 min.

More information is online at <http://4h.unl.edu/programs/communication/speech.htm> and click on "As You Speak, 4-H Public Speaking Guidelines." When registering please know what age division you are in and the title of your speech.



## 4-H Partners with Lincoln City Libraries



The Lancaster County 4-H program will be working with the Lincoln City Libraries, this summer, to spread the word about 4-H and to promote reading.

### Volunteer for Summer Reading Program

Middle-school-age 4-H'ers are invited to spend time at a library as a Summer Reading Program volunteer, helping other children participate in summer reading by signing them up, explaining the program and handing out stickers. 4-H'ers are encouraged to wear their 4-H T-shirts and answer questions about the 4-H program. Scheduling is flexible and interested individuals should contact his or her branch library directly, starting April 1. Each branch will have a limited number of volunteer slots for 4-H'ers, so call early.

### 4-H Workshops: Crafty Critters

Another way 4-H'ers and/or 4-H clubs can volunteer at the Lincoln City Libraries is by helping with one of the "Crafty Critters" workshops. These workshops will be held at Bennett Martin Library, Monday, July 10 at 2:30 p.m. and at Arnold Heights Branch Library on Wednesday, July 12, 2:30 p.m. Call Tracy, 441-7180 if you are interested in this opportunity.

### Reserve Room Space

Did you know your club can reserve community room space for club meetings and activities? Bennett Martin Public Library, Anderson Branch Library, Gere Branch Library, Eiseley Branch Library and Walt Branch Library have community rooms available. To reserve a community room, call Arlene at 441-8503 or go to <http://www.lcl.lib.ne.us> and click on Library Information.

### "4-H Discovery Bags" at Bennett Martin Public Library

Anyone with a Lincoln City Library card may check out one of the following "4-H Discovery Bags" from the Bennett Martin Public Library. The bags are a compilation of 4-H project books, library books and other resources.

- The "4-H Discovery Bag for Arts & Crafts" is a one-stop solution for your "Celebrate Art" and "Art in Your Future" project needs. Includes ideas for easy projects that only look complicated.
- The "4-H Discovery Bag for Wildlife" makes wildlife and conservation projects fun and easy. The bag includes information on birds, wildlife and fish.

### 4-H'ERS IN THE NEWS

4-H member Ian Badeer, won the State American Legion Oratorical Contest held in Grand Island in January. Ian received a \$1000 scholarship award from the American Legion and he will represent the State of Nebraska at the National Oratorical Contest in Indianapolis, Indiana on April 22-23. Ian Badeer was also the Nebraska State Oratorical Champion in 2005.

### 4-H/FFA COUNTY FAIR NEWS

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### New 4-H Projects for 2006

There are several new static exhibit projects and classes. See the Fair Book for detailed information about each of the following:

**Quilt Quest** — The Quilt Quest project now is state fair eligible. New classes have been added for this quilting project.

**Model Vehicles** — This county-only project is for youth interested in model vehicles such as cars, trains, boats and planes. There are four classes including scratch built, assembled kit, diorama and restoration.

**Fast Foods** — Exhibits for this project include coffee cake, microwaved product, cost comparison, food technology, Fast Foods menu planning and Fast Foods baked product.

**Youth in Motion** — New this year and a companion piece to the Fast Foods curriculum, exhibits include Youth in Motion poster, scrapbook or photo display, activity bag, Youth in Motion healthy snake recipe file, exercise interview and healthy snack.



### Fair Books Have Been Mailed Out, Available Online

Fair Books have been mailed to all 4-H families and previous Open Class exhibitors. Extension office has Fair Books and fair forms. The 4-H/FFA portions of the Fair Book and many forms are also online at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Fair>

### Premium Payouts MUST be Picked Up Sunday, Aug. 6, Noon-4 p.m.

Premium payouts to 4-H & FFA exhibitors will be paid in cash on Sunday, Aug. 6, Noon-4 p.m. at the Lancaster Event Center Fair Board Office. Subject to identification, parents, guardians and 4-H club leaders will also be permitted to pick up and sign for exhibitor premiums. No checks will be issued this year! No changes or corrections will be made on premium amounts after 14 days.

### Static Exhibit Release Time Sunday, Aug. 6, Noon-2 p.m.

All static exhibits for the 2006 Lancaster County Fair will be released from 12 noon-2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 6. This includes both 4-H and Open Class static exhibits.

### Animal Bedding for Sale at Fair

Absolutely no outside bedding or straw is allowed. All exhibitors must use bedding provided by Event Center (\$6 per bag). All exhibitors must purchase bedding from the farrier office (located in Pavilion 2, enter from courtyard) during office hours, which will be:

- Monday, July 31 — 4-8 p.m.
- Tuesday, Aug. 1 — 7 a.m.-Noon & 6-9 p.m.
- Wed., Aug. 2 — 7 a.m.-2 p.m. & 5-10 p.m.
- Thursday, Aug. 3 — 7-9 a.m. & 5-7 p.m.
- Friday, Aug. 4 — 7-9 a.m. & 5-7 p.m.
- Saturday, Aug. 5 — 7-9 a.m.

### What Qualifies as a Home Environment Exhibit?

"Cut and tie" blanket and pillows are not eligible for the State Fair but will be accepted at the County Fair. Following are tips to determine if a Home Environment exhibit qualifies for State Fair: Is it a quality home accessory that can be used several months throughout the year? Has the member shown creativity or learned and applied the design principles and elements in making this item?