

Community Service Corner

Rokeby Ramblers 4-H Club Sends Care Package to Marine



The Rokeby Ramblers 4-H Club met in November and made a care package to send to 1st Lt. Eric D. Kitt. He is the uncle of Kaitlin and Tommy Reiss who are members of the club. His home town is Wauneta, NE. Lt. Kitt is a US marine and is assigned to Camp Lejuene, NC. He was deployed to Iraq at the beginning of September. He is currently working with Iraq security forces, (Iraq army) to be their own military so the United States can eventually leave Iraq. Lt. Kitt is based at Al-Asad Airforce Base and travels to several Iraqi training camps either by helicopter or convoy. There he gathers important information then reports to the higher ranking officers back at Al-Asad Base. Each 4-H member brought goodies to send him and then they each wrote a note telling Lt. Kitt a little about themselves and what they liked to do.

—Submitted by Ruth Keys, Club Leader

Pet Pals Workshop, Jan. 10

The Pet Pals 4-H Club invites all youth ages 5–18 to attend a fun and exciting workshop on Tuesday, Jan. 10, 6:45 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln. Non-4-H members are invited also.

Workshop will focus on learning about household pets such as birds, turtles and hamsters. This is also a good way to learn about joining 4-H and about the Household Pets project. Many 4-H members exhibit their household pet(s) at the Lancaster County Fair.

All attendees will make bird treats to take home.

RSVP is appreciated but not required — call Tracy at 441-7180 or e-mail tkulm1@unl.edu.

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. All beef projects planning to go on to Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Livestock Expo this year will need to be DNA tested. Deanna will pull DNA samples at weigh-in.

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

Horse Stampede Entries Due Jan. 25

The fourth annual 4-H Horse Stampede will be held Saturday, March 11 at the Animal Science Building on UNL East Campus, Lincoln. The Stampede consists of the 4-H state horse-related competitions:

- Horse Bowl Contest (team)
- Public Speaking Contest (individual)
- Demonstration Contest (individual)
- Art Contest (individual)

These contests are tremendous learning experiences and a lot of fun!

Stampede contestants must be enrolled in a 4-H Horse project with the exception of the Art Contest. Contestants may participate in all contests. Senior division is ages 14-18, junior division is ages 12-13. Teams consist of three to five youth.

Artwork for the Art Contest may be pencil, chalk, charcoal, pen and ink or pastels. Size requirements are a minimum of 9"x12" to a maximum of 18"x24".

Stampede entry forms are due to the extension office (444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln) by Wednesday, Jan. 25. Forms are available online at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/news.htm> or at the extension office.

For more information about each individual contest, go to <http://animalscience.unl.edu/horse/horse4h.htm> or call Marty at 441-7180.

Mandatory Trap Shooting Meeting, Jan. 26

There will be a mandatory meeting for all interested trap shooters on Thursday, Jan. 26, 7 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Rd., Lincoln. Interested youth must be at least 12 years old and not older than 18 by January 1, 2006 and have a hunter safety certificate. Bring your shotgun and cleaning supplies. Contact Gene Veburg at 421-1274 if you have questions.

Leader Training, Feb. 13

"Winter 4-H Warm-up," a satellite training for 4-H leaders and interested volunteers, will be held Monday, Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center.

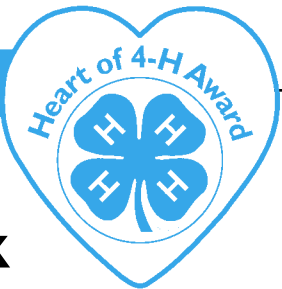
Topics include "Seize Your Day," "Heads-On, Hands-On," "Healthy Lifestyles," "Meetings in a Bag," and "Presenting 4-H Entomology Projects."

Please register by Friday, Feb. 10 by calling 441-7180.

2005-2006 Pick-A-Projects Now Available

Nebraska 4-H 2005-2006 Pick-A-Projects are now available at the extension office or online at <http://4h.unl.edu/programs/curriculum/pickaproject/>.

January



Brenda and Tom Messick

Lancaster County 4-H is proud to announce Brenda and Tom Messick as co-winners of January's "Heart of 4-H Award" in recognition of outstanding volunteer service.

The Messicks have had children in the 4-H Horse program for 15 years and have been volunteer leaders with the EquiRiders 4-H Club for 11 years. They have also helped out at numerous county, district and state 4-H horse shows. Brenda is a member and past officer of the Horse VIPS committee. Tom is a past member of the Lancaster County Extension Board, having acted as the liaison with the Lancaster County Agricultural Society (Fair Board) for two years.

"I enjoy teaching youth how to ride horses," says Brenda. "During our 4-H meetings and arena practices, I enjoy teaching safety and horse knowledge. Currently, I am helping youth age 8 to 10 learn to ride and show for their first year. I love their excitement! Tom enjoys watching the youth ride, practice and show — and how much they progress throughout each year.

The Messicks are members of the Capital City Horse & Pony Club and the Quarter Horse Association of Nebraska. Brenda was recently elected to the Nebraska Horse Council Board. Brenda has a business called Messick Quarter Horses and Messick Tack & Feed, giving riding lessons to youth and adults, training and boarding horses, and selling tack and shavings.

The Messicks live in Ceresco and all three of their children were members of 4-H. Their youngest son, Micah, is a senior in high school and planning to attend the University of Nebraska–Lincoln next fall. Tom and Brenda are also active members of the Raymond Central Booster Club and the Ceresco United Methodist Church.

Congratulations to the Messicks! Volunteers like them 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.



5th & 6th Grade Lock-In

Presented by Lancaster County 4-H Teen Council
Sponsored by University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension in Lancaster County

Pirates of the Seven Seas

Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln

Jan. 20, 8 p.m.
to
Jan. 21, 8 a.m.

Sleep Over!
Movies!
Fun Projects!
Games! Snacks!

Bring your sleeping bag, pillow, toothbrush, toothpaste, active wear, sleepwear (sweats) and a friend interested in 4-H!

Cost \$15

Registrations due by Jan. 17

For more information, call 441-7180 and ask for Tracy Kulm.

4-H Lock-In Registration Form

Make check payable (\$15/participant) to Lancaster County 4-H Teen Council and mail with registration form to: Tracy Kulm, UNL Extension in Lancaster County, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Suite A, Lincoln, NE 68528-1507

Name of participant(s) _____ Age _____

_____ Age _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Parent or Guardian _____

Special Needs or Other Information (such as food allergies) _____