



4-H/FFA COUNTY FAIR NEWS

Fair Books Due to be Mailed by Mid-March



2006 Lancaster County Fair Books will be mailed to all 4-H families by mid-March.

New in the 4-H areas this year are:

- Youth in Motion
- Model Cars
- Fast Foods
- Special County Theme, "A Slice of the Good Life," exhibits
- Cattle Fitting Contest (replaces the Pretty Cow Contest)

There are many changes in the static exhibit classes, please be sure to read descriptions thoroughly.

Also new this year, poultry exhibitors will be expected to participate in herdsman duties (helping keep alleys clean and keep animals clean, neat and attractive). Exhibitors will be asked to sign up for a two-hour block of time to keep watch over the poultry area.

Deadline for all 4-H/FFA animal entries and 4-H contest registrations is July 7.

The 4-H portions of the Fair Book will be online at <http://lanaster.unl.edu/4h/Fair>

March

Barb and Ron Suing



Lancaster County 4-H is proud to announce Barb and Ron Suing as co-winners of March's "Heart of 4-H Award" in recognition of outstanding volunteer service.

Married for 37 years, the Suings began volunteering for 4-H when their three children joined 4-H.

Barb was leader of the Creative Towngirls 4-H club for 16 years, was a 4-H Recruiter, has been 4-H Food Superintendent at the Lancaster County Fair for 25 years and has been a longtime volunteer at the Nebraska State Fair.

Ron was leader of the Hills Heroes 4-H club for 6 years, has taught Rocketry at Clover College for 10 years, has been 4-H Engineering Superintendent at the County Fair for 20 years, was Aerospace Superintendent at the State Fair for many years, and has taught and judged Rocketry throughout the state.

The couple also sponsors plaques at the County Fair. "I like watching our youth grow up and maybe be something more than they may have been without your support and/or advice," says Barb. Ron says he likes to keep busy — right now he has enough to do he will have to live to 135 years old. Barb adds, "Our favorite 4-H experience is attempting to stay young with the children and watching our own eight grandchildren participate."

The Suing live in Lincoln. Ron has been a teacher at Lincoln High for 17 years. Barb has been an RN in Coronary Care at Bryan LGH East for 27 years. Barb regularly babysits their grandchildren. Ron volunteers with youth through their church. He is also a Southeast Community College advisor and president of the Southwood Neighborhood Association.

Congratulations to the Suings! Volunteers like them are indeed the heart of 4-H!

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



Kiwanis Carnival, April 22

The annual Kiwanis Carnival, a FREE family event is sponsored by the Lincoln Center Kiwanis. This year, it will be held Saturday, April 22, 7-9 p.m. at Elliott Elementary School, 225 S. 26 Street, Lincoln.

The Carnival features carnival type games for the kids, bingo for adults, prizes, snacks, fun and fellowship. Kiwanis provides prizes and snacks.

4-H clubs are needed to provide carnival-type booths. This is a great community service and leadership activity for clubs. If your 4-H club or family would like to have a booth or for more information, call Lorene at 441-7180.

Jammie Jamboree, June 17

Mark your calendar for the upcoming "Jammie Jamboree" hands-on workshop to be held Saturday, June 17 at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. Make your own jammie bottoms to enter in the fair and wear at the Style Revue. More details will be in the April Nebline.

4-H Strategic Plan Survey

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 a survey online at <http://4h.unl.edu>.

UNL Online Training Resource for 4-H Volunteers

An online leader training is available to help volunteers become better 4-H leaders. Volunteers can receive information, tips and ideas on various aspects of the 4-H program at their own pace.

To gain access to the site, users must have an e-mail address and access to the internet. Sign up by e-mailing Lisa Kaslon at lkaslon2@unl.edu. Instructions and a password will be sent to you on how to utilize this site.

Lone Star 4-H Club Assists With Cleanup After Chapelles' Barn Fire

Last August, lightning hit Gordon and Ellen Chapelles' barn and started a fire which burned the building down. (Luckily, the Chapelles herefords made it out of the barn safely.)

The Chapelles have been involved with Lancaster County 4-H for more than 35 years. They are former club leaders and hosted the Pioneer Livestock Show each spring to give 4-H'ers experience showing their animals in public. Ellen was named the Heart of 4-H Award winner in July 2004. The Chapelles have long sponsored livestock trophies at the Lancaster County Fair.

After the fire, several Lone Star 4-H Club members and their families who live near the Chapelles helped Gordon and



Members of the Lone Star 4-H Club pose for a photo with Gordon and Ellen Chapelle (far right in first and second rows) after helping the Chapelles clean up after their barn fire.

Ellen clean up debris.

"My wife and I would like to express our most sincere 'Thank You' to everyone for all the great help you gave in the cleanup effort after our big

barn fire," says Gordon. "All the hard work was greatly appreciated and was a much needed high point after the devastation of the fire loss."

HORSE BITS

Scholarship Applications Due March 1

Get your applications filled out! The R.B. Warren 4-H Horse Scholarship has one \$500 scholarship available. The Grand Island Saddle Club has four \$1,000 scholarships available. You must be currently enrolled and active in the 4-H horse program. You must be planning on attending a college in the University of Nebraska system.

You may apply while in your sophomore year of high school through your sophomore year in college. For complete directions and applications go to the State 4-H Web site at <http://4h.unl.edu/kids/scholarships.htm>.

Horse Judging Certification Seminar, March 10

The 4-H Horse Judging Certification Seminar will again be offered the evening before the 4-H Horse Stampede, Friday, March 10 in the Animal Science Building. For more information or a registration form, go to <http://animalscience.unl.edu/horse/judges.htm>.

Upcoming Spring 4-H Clinics

The Horse VIPS Committee is planning two clinics for 4-H members this spring. There will be a trail clinic and a dressage clinic, one at the end of March and one in April. Details have not yet been worked out, watch for further announcements. For more information, please e-mail Joyce Agena at [memaгенера@wmconnect.co](mailto:memaгена@wmconnect.co)

Horse Leaders' Workshop, April 1

The 2006 4-H Horse Project Leaders' Workshop will be held Saturday, April 1 at the Hall County Extension office in Grand Island. The workshop will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Topics may include: What's new in the "new" rule book, dress code updates, bridging the gap between 4-H and breed shows, UNL's new equine science option and how to teach ration formulations for advancement level III. Cost is \$25 per person which includes lunch, breaks and a packet of materials. Registration forms can be picked up at the extension office or online at <http://animalscience.unl.edu/horse>.