



Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Youth Expo, Sept. 26–Oct. 1

The 79th Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Youth Livestock Exposition will be held Sept. 26–Oct. 1 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 a complete schedule, go to <http://aksarben.org/4-H>

4-H Entry in Star City Parade



Pictured is the 2005 4-H entry in the Star City Parade.

Lancaster County 4-H members are invited to promote 4-H by participating in the annual Star City Parade. This year's parade will be Saturday, Dec. 2 with the theme "Making Spirits Bright." Join this exciting event by contacting Karen at 464-4129. The Star City Llamas 4-H club is coordinating the 4-H entry. Participants (including animals) must be in costume. 4-H Council is providing the entry fee.

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 Lancaster County 4-H Top Award winners and Rainbow Ribbon Recognition recipients. Complete results are online at <http://4h.unl.edu>.



Top Awards

Tori Knoche — Most Spirited Cat
 Jasi Maahs — Best of Breed and Best Opposite Satin Rabbit
 Kyle Pedersen — Top Floriculture
 Alexis Spath — Senior Champion Holstein Dairy
 Alexis Spath — Breed Champion Holstein Dairy
 Jessica Stephenson — Best of Breed American Fuzzy Lop Rabbit
 Jessica Stephenson — Clothing 2 Outfit Chosen for the Robert Hillestad Textiles Gallery Exhibition
 Emily Taylor — Bronze — Dairy Goat Showmanship
 Emily Taylor — Alpine Jr. Res Champion Dairy Goat
 Emily Taylor — Alpine Sr. Champion Dairy Goat
 Justin Taylor — Alpine Sr. Res Champion Dairy Goat

Rainbow Ribbon Recognition

Rainbow Ribbon Recognition is given to unique which have used special details — these may or may not be top placing items.

Thomas Cheney — Horticulture: Hot (non jalapeno) peppers
 Callie Christensen — Youth in Motion Activity Book
 Karen Clinch — Quilt Quest: Level III Quilted Exhibit
 Kaley Cook — Child Development: Toy made for Preschool
 Christina Mayer — Horticulture: Roma or Sauce Type Tomatoes
 Christina Mayer — Horticulture: Salad Tomatoes
 Kyle Pedersen — Floriculture: Flowering Potted Plant
 Annaliese Saathoff — Decorate Your Duds: Garment Constructed from a Original Design
 Nathan Smith — Heirloom Treasures/Family-Article
 Hannah Spencer — Foodworks: Specialty Bread

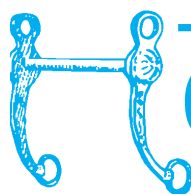
Two Horseless 4-H Clubs Invite New Members

New Club for Youth Who Love Horses But Don't Have a Horse—Organizational Meeting, Oct. 16

Join a new 4-H "Horseless" 4-H club! Open to youth ages 8–18. Have fun with friends at meetings, social activities and tours. Learn interesting facts about horses, how to groom them, feed and care for them and safety around horses. The first organizational meeting will be Monday, Oct. 16 at 7 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln. Call Linda at 464-5964 for more details.

Broomtails Club for Families Who May Own a Horse Someday

The focus of the Broomtails 4-H club will be to help families who might like to own a horse someday, learn some of the ins and outs of owning a horse before getting one. Topics will include breeds and uses, choosing a horse, colors/markings, tack/equipment, horse safety, grooming and care. The club will meet every other week from May to August 2007 at Stillwaters Ranch located south of Lincoln on 68th Street. Enrollment is limited to eight youth ages 10–14. Membership is for one year. Call Jen at 792-3073 for more details.



HORSE BITS

Final 2006 Group Testing, Sept. 30

In order to show at Districts and State 4-H Horse Shows, you must be at least 12 years of age and for everything but "in-hand" classes, you must have passed all Level II project advancement requirements. In addition, there are classes at state that do not require you to qualify for at districts, but you must have passed your Level III to enter.

The county deadline for district and state horse show entries, ID's and level tests is usually the second week in May. Many riders find it difficult to have their horses ready to take a levels test so early in the spring. (We are talking March and April!) So, while your horses are "warmed up" from being ridden all summer, you might want to consider getting your testing done this fall.

There will be one final 2006 group testing for horse levels on Saturday, Sept. 30. The testing will take place in the morning at the Lancaster Event Center. We will use the warm-up arena in Pavilion II. Anyone wishing to test, please contact Marty at the extension office as soon as possible. Cut off date for signing up is Sept. 15.

Those of you who have signed up will receive a letter the week of Sept. 18 informing you of your ride time.

4-H Horse Awards Night, Oct. 3

The annual Lancaster County 4-H Horse Awards Night will be Tuesday, Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road.

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

The evening includes a pot luck. Please bring a meat dish and either a salad or dessert and your own table service. Drinks will be provided.

Come help celebrate the outstanding accomplishments of the 2006 Lancaster County 4-H Horsemen!

4-H Horse Project Advancement Levels

Once all requirements for an advancement level have been completed, a copy of the level record sheet signed off by the leader or project leader, must be submitted to the extension office. Riders having successfully completed a new level will receive their certificate at the Horse Award's Night on Tuesday, Oct. 3. If you have any questions, please call Marty at the extension office at 441-7180.