



“Fair’s Over, Now What?” Volunteer Training, Sept. 26

Leaders, parents and interested volunteers are invited to attend this 4-H training Tuesday, Sept. 26, 9:30 a.m. or 7 p.m. Discover how to complete the current 4-H year and how to prepare for the next 4-H year. Awards, project completion/selection and club reorganization will be covered. Bring your questions and ideas! You must RSVP by calling 441-7180 prior to Monday, Sept. 25.

Chess Club Seeks New Members, 1st Meeting Oct. 8

Join the Checkmates 4-H club and learn basic tactics of chess and the secrets of good positional play, improve your game and learn new strategies. Players of all levels are welcome. Checkmates leader is James Walla. Both current 4-H members and those interested in joining 4-H are invited to attend. The club’s first meeting for the 2006–07 4-H year is Sunday, Oct. 8, 3–5 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln. For more information, call 441-7180.

Shooting Sports Reorganizational Meeting, Oct. 12

The Lancaster County Shooting Sports 4-H club reorganizational meeting will be Thursday, Oct. 12, 7 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln. This meeting will focus on the BB/air rifle and trap disciplines as well as the possibility of starting an archery program. Both current 4-H members and those interested in joining 4-H are invited to attend. Total registration fee to join 4-H Shooting Sports 4-H club is \$8, insurance included.

The Lancaster County Shooting Sports Trap Teams are planning on shooting SCTP this year. The teams are still recruiting for this season of high school trap shoot and the SCTP competitions. If you are in grades 6–12 and interested in shooting trap for Lancaster County 4-H, call Gene Veburg at 421-1274.

Make a Difference Day is Oct. 28

Make A Difference Day, Oct. 28, is an opportunity for 4-H’ers to lend their hands in service. For more information, go to <http://www.usaweekend.com/diffday>

4-H Teen Council Invites New Members!

The Lancaster County 4-H Teen Council is a leadership organization for youth in grades 7–12. Meetings are held the second Sunday of each month at 3 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. 4-H Teen Council members are involved in several leadership activities such as organizing the 4th & 5th Grade Lock In and the Ice Cream Social at the Lancaster County Fair. Call Tracy at 441-7180 for more information or to join!

Lancaster County 4-H Seeks New 4-H Council Members

The 4-H Council is composed of youth and adults working together in the interest of promoting activities of Lancaster County 4-H. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. Individuals interested in serving on the 4-H Council are encouraged to contact Tracy at 441-7180 for more information and an application. Terms are three years for adults and two years for youth.

Career Portfolio Training, Oct. 10

There will be a 4-H Career Portfolio training on Tuesday, Oct. 10, 7 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. As you may know, last year the 4-H Career Portfolios replaced the old 4-H Awards Book and by January 1, 2008 all 4-H’ers applying for awards will have to be converted to the new system. We encourage everyone to attend. We have many talented people in our county that should be recognized on the State and National level.



If you have any questions regarding the new Career Portfolio or the training contact Deanna or Tracy at 441-7180.

Statewide Volunteer Training, Dec. 2

Save the date for the upcoming Volunteer R & R. This all day statewide volunteer training will be held Saturday, Dec. 2 in Grand Island. Consider attending this statewide volunteer training as it will help “retool and refuel” volunteer leaders. See next month’s Neblin for more information.

Award Nominations Due Jan. 1

Nominations are needed for the following 4-H awards. Deadline is Jan. 1. Application forms are available at the extension office or online at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h>

4-H Meritorious Service — presented to individuals or organizations which have exhibited consistent and strong support of the 4-H program. 4-H members are not eligible.

Outstanding 4-H Member — presented to an individual who has excelled in their involvement with the 4-H program and are 14 years of age or older. The basis for selection appraises the variety and depth of 4-H activities.

I Dare You Youth Leadership Award — awarded on behalf of the American Youth Foundation (AYF) to high school juniors or seniors who strive to achieve their personal best and make a positive difference in their community. Two 4-H members will be selected from Lancaster County. Lancaster County 4-H Council provides award recipients with a hardbound copy of William H. Danforth’s book, *I Dare You!*

4-H Scholarships Due Jan. 1

The Lancaster County 4-H program offers a variety of scholarships. Deadline is Jan. 1. Applications are available at the extension office or online at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h>.

COLLEGE

The following college scholarships are available to high school seniors active in 4-H:

4-H Council—awards six \$500 scholarships.
Lincoln Center Kiwanis—awards two \$1,000 scholarships.

Teen Council—awards two scholarships to 4-H’ers who are active in Teen Council and help with at least one major fundraiser.

Lane Scholarship—awards one \$200 scholarship to a 4-H’er attending Raymond Central High School.

Note: two statewide scholarships—Martha & Don Romeo Scholarship and Staats Custom Awards—have a deadline of Dec. 1.

4-H CAMP

The following scholarship goes toward attending 4-H summer camp(s):

Joyce Vahle Memorial Scholarship—awards one \$100 scholarship to a youth age 8–14. Applicants should currently be, or have been, enrolled in at least one sewing project.

October

Sheila Scheideler



Lancaster County 4-H is proud to announce Sheila Scheideler as winner of October’s “Heart of 4-H Award” in recognition of outstanding volunteer service.



Sheila has been a 4-H volunteer for six years in many capacities:

- Leader of the Blazing Saddles 4-H club
- Co-leader of the Hunters Pride 4-H club
- Assistant superintendant of the County Fair 4-H Horse Jumping Show
- Active member of the Horse VIPs Committee
- Coach for Horse Bowl teams and Hippology teams

She was nominated for the award by Susan Frobish, who wrote, “Sheila epitomizes the heart of 4-H character. She is a kind, nurturing adult who is a wonderful 4-H role model and involves her club in all aspects of the 4-H horse program. Any parent would appreciate her as an adult mentor in their children’s lives.”

“I like being a 4-H volunteer because I enjoy watching 4-H members mature with their projects, learn responsibility and gain important values through their 4-H project experiences,” says Sheila. “My favorite experience was watching our members practice their quadrille pattern this summer to music.”

Sheila’s two boys, Will and Alex are both active 4-H members. Sheila works at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln in Animal Science as Extension Poultry Specialist. She also volunteers with the Cornhusker Pony Club.

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

Nominate Your Favorite 4-H Volunteer!

A “Heart of 4-H Award” is awarded to a Lancaster County 4-H volunteer each month! Nominate your favorite 4-H volunteer or leader by submitting the following form (also available online at lancaster.unl.edu). *Nominations of co-volunteers accepted.*



I, _____, nominate _____.

Please explain why you are nominating person(s) (use additional paper if needed)

