



## April

### Roberta Sandhorst

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

Roberta has been a 4-H volunteer for seven years: five years as leader of the Sunshine club (which her daughter was a member of)

and two years as leader of the Friends 4 Ever club. Roberta has also been a Clover College instructor, assisted with horticulture exhibits at the Lancaster County Fair, and volunteered at the 4-H Food Booth at county fair.

Elise Kreikemeier, a member of Friends 4 Ever, nominated her, saying, "Roberta helps us to understand what we're working on. She is very patient with us. She does fun activities with us like passing kitchen objects under the table and guessing what they are."

Roberta says, "I like being a 4-H volunteer because I like that 4-H focuses on life skills, community service and leadership among others. My club members enjoy literally everything we do which makes being a leader so rewarding and enjoyable. My favorite experience as a 4-H volunteer was taking the club to the County Fair to see their exhibits on display. We also spent a lot of time looking at other exhibits and getting great ideas!"

In addition to volunteering for 4-H, Roberta volunteers as a University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension Master Gardener and in the Bell Choir at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

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



## Spring Rabbit Show Saturday, March 31, 9 a.m.

Lancaster Event Center, Pavilion 3 Exhibit Hall  
84th & Havelock, Lincoln,  
Registrations 7:30-9:00 a.m.

**Open to all youth 8-19**

**Trophies & ribbons will be awarded!**

**CLASSES: Fancy Rabbits, Commercial Rabbits, Pet Class and Pee Wee Class. REGISTRATION FEES: \$2.50 per rabbit or cavy, \$1 fur class, \$1.50 Showmanship. FREE CONTESTS: Quiz Bowl & Rabbit Breed ID**

**Excellent time to learn and practice your showmanship!**

All rabbits must be tattooed in the left ear and brought in solid bottom cages.

**For more information, call Rodney at 782-2186 or Marty at 441-7180**

Sponsored by Lancaster County 4-H Rabbit VIPs Committee and Rabbits R Us 4-H Club

Free exhibit space courtesy of Lancaster Event Center

### Clover Challenge Contest, April 9

The Southeast District Clover Challenge Contest will be held April 9 at 1:30 p.m. in several surrounding counties. The contest is similar to a quiz bowl. It is a competitive computer event which consists of a series of multiple choice and true/false questions based on family finance health, foods, clothing and home environment.

Clover Challenge participants compete in teams or two, three or four youth; these teams compete against each other in randomly chosen tournament-like brackets. The top two teams from each district may then compete at the State Clover Challenge Contest during the Life Challenge Contest on June 25, 2007 at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

To register, call Tracy at 441-7180.

### Jammie Jamboree, April 14

Join us at the Jammie Jamboree and make jammie bottoms on Saturday, April 14, 9 a.m. Bring your own pull-on pajama bottom pattern, prewashed flannel or 100% cotton fabric (no one-way design fabrics or plaids) and matching thread. Also bring your sewing machine, basic sewing equipment such as scissors, pins, measuring tape, etc. and a sack lunch. Open to all youth (need not be in 4-H). Adults are welcome. Sign up by April 11 by calling 441-7180. Jammie bottoms may be entered at the County Fair and styled in the Style Revue.

### Windstream 4-H Camp Scholarship Applications Due May 1

Thanks to the generosity of Windstream Communications, two Lancaster County 4-H youth will receive full scholarships to attend a 4-H summer camp at the Eastern Nebraska 4-H Camp near Gretna. The scholarship is based on need, applicants must be age 9 or older and currently enrolled in 4-H. Deadline is May 1. Applications are available at the extension office and online at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h>



### Free Kiwanis Carnival, April 14

4-H families and Elliott school students and their families are invited to the annual Kiwanis Carnival, a FREE family event sponsored by the Lincoln Center Kiwanis. This year, it will be Saturday, April 14, 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. Lincoln Center Kiwanis has sponsored this event for over 50 years providing 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.

### Three Resources for Leaders and Clubs

New: **Spotlight on 4-H newsletter** is written by extension staff for 4-H volunteers during the months of January through July. It is packed with information and resources to educate, inform and motivate 4-H members and families. This newsletter is mailed to organizational leaders and is available online at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/news.shtml#Volunteer>

**Computer CD** — A 4-H Resources CD is available for each 4-H club. The CD provides information on the 4-H career portfolio, officer guides and a 4-H video. Stop by and pick up your copy!

**Videotape** — The "Winter 4-H Warm-up" 4-H leader training was videotaped and is available for checkout. For more information, contact Tracy, 441-7180.

### Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program Teams Forming Now

All Lancaster County 4-H youth ages 8-18 who are interested in wildlife habitat conservation are encouraged to participate in this year's Nebraska Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program held June 1-2 in Nebraska City. This statewide contest is a fun and challenging outdoor adventure where youth learn about wildlife, conservation and management and then apply their knowledge in a fun, team-based competitive atmosphere.

Lancaster County novice, junior and senior level teams are forming now (novice are involved in activities but not part of the contest). For additional information, contact Kirk Gunnerson at 470-0440 by April 30.

### 4-H/FFA COUNTY FAIR NEWS

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## LANCASTER COUNTY FAIR AUGUST 2-6

**Party with the Animals!**

### Fair Books Have Been Mailed, Available Online

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

### New in 4-H This Year

See the Fair Book for detailed information about each of the following:

**Overall Best Theme Exhibit** — The Lancaster County Agricultural Society has a special category for Overall Best Theme Exhibit (includes Open Class and 4-H entries). Entry is a static exhibit which illustrates the 2007 Lancaster County Fair theme "Party with the Animals." Please be creative!

**Sketchbook Crossroads and Portfolio Pathways** — The new 4-H art projects, "Sketchbook Crossroads — Drawing, Fiber and Sculpture" and "Portfolio Pathways — Painting, Printing and Graphic Design," have many new exhibit classes in the Home Environment area. "Celebrate Art" and "Art in Your Future" exhibits are county-only entries (not eligible for state fair).

**Computer Mysteries** — The computer exhibit classes have been greatly expanded! Includes GPS/GIS classes. Note: the county-only "Geocaching exhibit" has been moved from General Area to Computers.

**Horse Special Needs Show** — Features two riding classes, "Mounted obstacle class, assisted" and "Mounted Obstacle class non-assisted." Class size is limited to eight riders, so sign up early!

## 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](http://lancaster.unl.edu)). *Nominations of co-volunteers accepted.*



I, \_\_\_\_\_, nominate \_\_\_\_\_

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

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