



SPOTLIGHT ON A 4-H CLUB

Friends 4 Ever

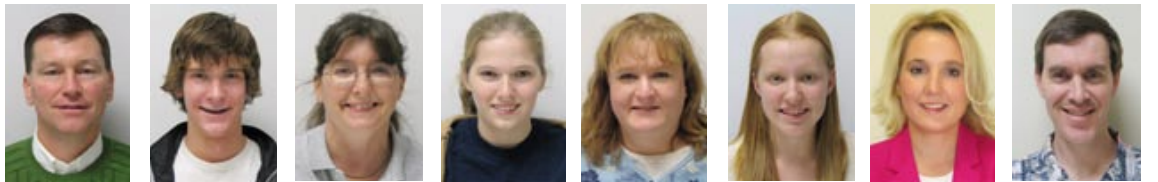


The Friends 4 Ever 4-H Club formed in November 2005 as a Clover Kids club (for youth ages 5–8). Roberta Sandhorst is organizational leader and the club's six members live in the same neighborhood. They meet every two weeks after school. At last year's Lancaster County Fair, all members entered hand sewn purses in the Clover Kids static exhibit area. One of the member's older siblings belongs to the 4 Ever Cool 4-H club, which hosted a Halloween party for the Friends 4 Ever club. The Friend 4 Ever held their own Christmas Party. Members are currently having a great time working on their cooking project. According to Roberta, "The girls love every minute of it."

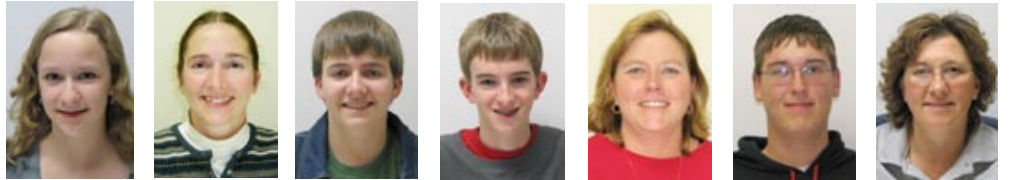
Lancaster County 4-H Clubs are encouraged to submit their club happenings to THE NEBLINE. Send to vjedlicka2@unl.edu or mail Attn: Vicki, UNL Extension in Lancaster County, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Suite A, Lincoln, NE 68528.

Meet the 2007 Lancaster County 4-H Council

Lancaster County 4-H Council represents the interests of youth, parents and leaders. 4-H Council is responsible for determining long- and short-term goals and policy for Lancaster County 4-H. They also raise funds by staffing a snack booth at the Lancaster County Fair. These funds help support 4-H programs, activities and scholarships. The following are members of this year's 4-H Council:



Chris Scow (President) Brad Morgan (Vice President) Paula Peterson (Treasurer) Marian Hanigan (Secretary) Vicky Austin Britta Doeschot Stephenie Doeschot Kirk Gunnerson



Ellen Muehling Jean Pedersen Kyle Pedersen Nathan Smith Chris Stephenson Mike Veburg Coleen Warner

Meet 4-H Teen Council

The Lancaster County 4-H Teen Council is a leadership organization for youth in grades 7–12. Members are involved in several leadership activities such as organizing the annual 4th & 5th Grade Lock-In and the Ice Cream Social at the Lancaster County Fair. Teens also participate in community service projects.

More than 40 Lancaster County 4-H youth are part of 4-H Teen Council in the 2006-07 year. Officers are:

- President — Marian Hanigan
- Vice President — Brad Morgan
- Secretary — Christina Mayer
- Treasurer — Grace Farley
- Historians — Eliza Hammond and Abbie Gabel
- Adult Advisor — Marilyn Schepers

Meetings are held the second Sunday of each month at 3 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. New members are always welcome! Contact Tracy Kulm at 441-7180 or tkulm1@unl.edu for more information or to join.

Speech & PSA Contest Dates

The 4-H Speech and Public Service Announcement (PSA) workshop has been scheduled for Thursday, March 8, 7 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln. The PSA Contest will be Thursday, April 12, 6:30 p.m. and the Speech Contest will be Sunday, April 15, 1 p.m.—both will be held at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. Contests are open to all 4-H'ers ages 8–18, need not be enrolled in a specific project.

February



Becky McHenry

Lancaster County 4-H is proud to announce Becky McHenry as winner of February's "Heart of 4-H Award" in recognition of outstanding volunteer service.

Becky has volunteered for 4-H more than 10 years. She has been leader of the Shimmering Shamrocks 4-H club for eight years. She taught the crochet project to the Clovers & Company club. A former Lancaster County 4-H member, Becky volunteered at the Lancaster County Fair during high school and college. She also was a 4-H intern during her senior year of college. She assisted with the Ambassador program in the 1990s.

"I like being a 4-H volunteer because it is fun," says Becky. "4-H combines life skills, reasoning, learning and fun into the program. The fair is definitely a highlight of the year, but we have so much fun working on our club projects, community service work (this year we made a club quilt and donated it to the Friendship Home) and celebrating our achievements with shopping trips and potluck swimming parties. One reason I enjoy my club so much is because the parents are the BEST! Each family takes turns teaching the lesson/project and our members run the business meetings.

"I felt a sense of accomplishment last year when we (the club and me) each made a purse for the fair and I made mine all by myself! It is truly joyful to be part of helping my club learn skills and then watch them work with other people through school, Teen Council and their own families."

The Shimmering Shamrocks has received Outstanding 4-H Club award in its category (7 members or less) for four years.

Becky lives in Lincoln with her husband Martin and their daughter Lillian who is 10 months old. Martin helped the Shimmering Shamrocks with the Aerospace project.

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



Beef Weigh-In, Feb. 3

The 2007 4-H/FFA beef weigh-in will be Saturday, Feb. 3, 8-11 a.m. in Pavilion 2 at the Lancaster Event Center, 84th and Havelock, Lincoln. We will set up the weigh scale and panels at 8 a.m. and start weighing as soon as we finish the set-up. All market heifers and steers will need to be tagged, weighed and nose printed. All FFA youth are expected to bring FFA tags to weigh in for FFA livestock. If you plan on showing at Ak-Sar-Ben you will also need to have your animals DNA tested. There will be \$2 fee per tag this year due to the EID pilot program. Breeding heifers are not required to come to weigh-in, but you must have them tattooed by June 15. If you have any questions, please give Deanna a call at 441-7180.

Volunteer R&R in Norfolk, Feb. 24

A Volunteer R&R (Retool & Refuel) will be held Saturday, Feb. 24, 9:30 a.m.–3 p.m. at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln Northeast Research and Extension Center in Norfolk. The focus will be youth development, healthy lifestyles and family and consumer sciences. Each participant will be able to attend four workshops of their choice and receive hands-on ideas.

Registration for the training is \$30 and is due by Feb. 9. Lancaster County 4-H Council will reimburse all Lancaster County 4-H leaders who attend this training. The fee includes four workshops and lunch. A detailed program and registration information is available at <http://4h.unl.edu> or contact Tracy at 441-7180 for more information.

4-H Winter Warm Up Volunteer Training, Feb. 12

Nebraska 4-H volunteers have an opportunity to gain new ideas related to a variety of 4-H projects. A statewide training will be delivered via satellite at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln on Monday, Feb. 12, 7–9 p.m. Anticipated programs include hands-on ideas to use with your club in horticulture, home environment and equine. There will also be a shooting sports overview. In addition, Aaron Davis will present a motivational session stressing the importance of working with youth. Please sign up for the program by contacting Tracy by Friday, Feb. 9 at 441-7180.

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 lanaster.unl.edu). *Nominations of co-volunteers accepted.*



I, _____, nominate _____

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

