



May

Chris Scow

Lancaster County 4-H is proud to announce Chris Scow as winner of May's "Heart of 4-H Award" in recognition of outstanding volunteer service.

Seven years ago, Chris started as a parent volunteer for his daughters' club, Boot Scootin' 4-Hers (his wife Tracy and her sister Lisa Preston are leaders of the club). Four years ago, Chris became a member of 4-H Council and has served on the scholarship and food booth committees. As current 4-H Council president, Chris represents 4-H on the Lancaster County Extension Board. He is also active on the Horse VIPS Committee. Chris and his wife Tracy have helped extensively with the 4-H Miniature Horse Show at the Lancaster County Fair.

"I like being a 4-H volunteer because of the positive influence you can have on the lives of our youth through this program," says Chris. "My favorite experience as a 4-H volunteer was helping and observing some of our youngest members as they work on and take pride in their projects. Then, on the other end of the spectrum, watching our seniors exhibit the confidence and poise they have gained through their 4-H years. It's easy to observe the value this program offers.

In addition to volunteering for 4-H, Chris coaches YMCA Spirit Soccer and Softball, and is active at his church. He is past president of the Nebraska Agribusiness Club.

Congratulations to Chris. Volunteers like him 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.

**Live Animal Training Session**

Tuesday, May 8, 6–9 p.m.

Lancaster Event Center, Multipurpose Arena

Lancaster County 4-H, in cooperation with ADM Alliance Nutrition and MoorMan's ShowTec, is presenting a FREE animal training session – topics include showing, fitting, nutrition and management of beef, sheep, swine and goats. A light meal will be served.

For more information, contact Deanna Karmazin. **Please RSVP by May 1 by calling 441-7180.**

Open to anyone interested!

Windstream 4-H Camp Scholarship Applications Due May 1

Thanks to the generosity of Windstream Communications, two Lancaster County 4-H'ers will receive full scholarships to attend a 4-H summer camp at the Eastern Nebraska 4-H Camp. 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://lanaster.unl.edu/4h>

Sheep Tagging Days, May 15–17

4-H'ers who will exhibit sheep at this year's county fair need to have their animals tagged by June 15. Deanna Karmazin will be visiting farms May 15–17. Contact her at 441-7180 to set up a tagging time that works for your family or 4-H club.

Pre-Fair Leader Training, May 24

New leaders, experienced leaders, 4-H members and parents are invited to this leader training on Thursday, May 24, 9:30 a.m. or 7 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. Come and receive information on how to fill out the entry tags, the in's and out's of interview judging, Life Challenge, presentations contest and other important county fair information. Preregister by May 23 by calling 441-7180.

Animal ID's Due June 15

All identifications for 4-H/FFA sheep, goats, swine, breeding beef, bucket calves, dairy cattle and rabbits which will be entered in the Lancaster County Fair are due to extension by Friday, June 15. Note: animal ID forms are not available online because they are carbon copy triplicates. Pick up forms at extension office.

Teen Council Won't Meet in May or June

Teen Council will not meet in May or June. The next meeting will be Sunday, July 8 at 3 p.m.

Life Challenge Contests

4-H Life Challenge judging contests help youth learn more about issues related to family and consumer science (FCS). Contests are open to all 4-H'ers, need not be enrolled in a specific project. Preregistration is not needed for the county-level contests. Contact Tracy at 441-7180 for more information.

County-level Senior Life Challenge (for ages 12 and up) is scheduled for Friday, June 8, 1:30 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. Contest questions will be based on the following 4-H manuals: Fast Foods; You're the Chef; Foodworks; Growing All Together 1, 2, and 3; Shopping in Style and Design Decisions. They may be checked out prior to the contest for studying.

The statewide FCS Life Challenge (for ages 12 and up) will be held Monday, June 25 and Tuesday, June 26 on UNL East Campus. To participate, please contact Tracy at 441-7180 by June 4. Information is online at <http://4h.unl.edu/programs>

The county-level Junior Life Challenge (ages 8–11) will be held Thursday, July 12 at 1:30 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. Contact Tracy for study packet.

**HORSE BITS****Elementary Dressage Clinic Rescheduled for May 3**

The Felice Rose Elementary Dressage Clinic has been rescheduled for Thursday, May 3 at the Lancaster Event Center in the warm-up arena. Session one will start at 6 p.m. and session two will start at 7 p.m. Both sessions are full, but anyone is welcome to come watch and learn!

County Fair Horse IDs Due June 1

Horse ID forms are due in the 4-H office on Friday, June 1. Late ID forms will not be accepted. Please take the time to fill them out completely and thoroughly. Be sure to draw your horse's markings on the picture as accurately as you can. Also, be sure and indicate the horse's color on the drawing. ID forms can be picked up at the extension office.

District/State Entry Forms Due May 11

District and state horse show entry forms are now available and can be found at <http://lanaster.unl.edu/4h> under Horse News. You can also pick them up at the office. All district/state entries are due to the county office by Friday, May 11. No late entries will be accepted! (Make checks payable to Lancaster County Extension.)

You must be 12 years of age as of January 1 to be eligible for district and state. Junior age group is 12–14; senior age group is 15 & up.

If you are going to district or state:

- All horse IDs must be in the office by Friday, May 11.
- You must have filled out a 4-H enrollment form for the year 2007.
- You must have passed all parts of the Horsemen Level II test.
- You do NOT need to qualify at a district show to enter the state Roping, Hunter Hack, Elementary Dressage, Advanced Western and English Pleasure, Advanced Western Horsemanship, Advanced English Equitation, 2 year old Snaffle Bit, 3 year old Western Pleasure, Trail and Working Ranch Horse. You must, however, have passed all parts of the level III test.
- You must have passed the level IV to enter the state Western Riding.
- No minimum skills level is required to enter state in-hand classes.

Any questions, call Marty at 441-7180.

All Riding Skills Level Tests Must be Done in Group Testings

Attention all Lancaster County 4-H horse riders: all riding skills level tests must be done in group testings! The dates and locations for the 2007 Advancement Level Testing are as follows:

- April 24 6:30 p.m. Lancaster Event Center Warm-Up Arena
- May 8 6:30 p.m. Lancaster Event Center Warm-Up Arena
- June 9 9:00 a.m. Location TBA
- June 26 6:30 p.m. Lancaster Event Center Warm-Up Arena
- July 2 6:30 p.m. Lancaster Event Center Warm-Up Arena
- Sept. 29 9:00 a.m. Location TBA

Please RSVP at least one week in advance of the test date to Marty at mcruckshank2@unl.edu or 441-7180. Riders wishing to complete their level IV in 2007 should contact Marty as soon as possible. Anyone wishing to complete their levels II and III in order to compete at the state show must get their testing done before the May 11 date.

4-H Horse Judging Contests

There are two upcoming horse judging contests:

- Pitzer Ranch, Ericson NE, Wednesday, May 30, registration 8:30 a.m.
- Pine Ridge Stables, Ashland, NE, Wednesday, June 27, registration 8:30 a.m.

Club and county teams will consist of three or four individuals with top three scores. Please have teams formed before registration. Register only once. Team members will automatically be entered as individuals. For more info, call Marty at 441-7180 or go to <http://lanaster.unl.edu/4h>

Horse Course Testing Party

The second e-mail horse course testing party was held March 24. Winning for the second time were Elizabeth Boender in the senior division and Elli Dearmont in the elementary division. Congratulations to both of you!

