




## HORSE BITS

### Final 2007 Group Testing, Sept. 29

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 2007 group testing for horse levels on Saturday, Sept. 29. The testing will take place in the morning at the Lancaster Equestrian Center. Anyone wishing to test, please contact Marty at 441-7180 as soon as possible. Cut off date for signing up is Sept. 21.

Those of you who have signed up will receive a letter the week of Sept. 24 informing you of your ride time.



Horse Judging at Lancaster County Fair

### 4-H Horse Awards Night, Oct. 4

The annual Lancaster County 4-H Horse Awards Night will be Thursday, Oct. 4 at 7 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln. Awards presentation includes the Incentive Awards, Horsemanship Levels, Wittstruck All-Around Champion, All-Around Trail, All-Around Barrels, Herdsmanship, Top County Fair Judging and some surprise 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 2007 Lancaster County 4-H Horsemen!

## Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Youth Expo, Sept. 25-30

The 80th Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Youth Livestock Exposition will be held Sept. 25-30 at the Qwest Center in Omaha. More than 2,000 4-H families from an eight-state area participate in the Expo. Categories of this 4-H only competition are Dairy, Feeder Calf & Breeding Beef, Horse, Market Beef, Market Broilers, Meat Goats, Market Lamb and Market Swine. More information and schedule is online at <http://aksarben.org/4-H>



**HORSELAND**

Look for HorseLand and 4-H weekends on CBS  
Check local TV listings or visit [www.horseland.com](http://www.horseland.com)

Check out HorseLand—an educational cartoon about kids and their horses experiencing adventures with themes of compassion, honesty and cooperation. Join Sarah, Alma, Will and the rest of the gang as they learn how best to train, groom and ride their horses for competition.

[www.fourhouncil.edu](http://www.fourhouncil.edu)

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## Nebraska 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

**Champion Dairy Supreme County Team:** Mitch Klein, Tessa Klein, Brandon Schlautman, Nathan Schlautman, Emily Loos, Adam Hill, Makinsey Douglas-Hill

**Reserve Champion Small Group - Swine Herdsmanship:** Rick & Dillon Wolf, Trevor Spath and Andrea Yaninek

Miranda Gunnerson — Champion Netherland Dwarf Rabbit  
Kourtney Kempkes — Senior Reserve Champion Ayrshire; Junior Champion Ayrshire; Ayrshire Breed Reserve Champion

Mitch Klein — Holstein Senior Reserve Champion; Holstein Reserve Breed Champion; Champion Dairy Showman

Tessa Klein — Holstein Junior Reserve Champion  
Jasi Maahs — Reserve Champion New Zealand Rabbit  
Levi Meyer — Reserve Champion Dairy Showman

Chase Peterson — Champion Dairy Production Award - Milk Production; Champion Dairy Production Award - Protein Production; Senior Champion Ayrshire; Junior Reserve Champion Ayrshire; Ayrshire Breed Champion

Brandon Schlautman — Champion Senior Brown Swiss; Reserve Champion Senior Brown Swiss; Reserve Champion Dairy Premiere Exhibitor; Brown Swiss Breed Champion; Brown Swiss Breed Reserve Champion

Nathan Schlautman — Junior Champion Brown Swiss; Junior Reserve Champion Brown Swiss

Jaime Stephenson — Reserve Champion American Fuzzy Lop Rabbit  
Jessica Stephenson — Champion American Fuzzy Lop Rabbit  
Katie Wilkinson — Reserve Champion Breeding Sheep

### Rainbow Ribbon Recognition

Rainbow Ribbon Recognition is used to draw attention to the unique items. These may or may not be top placing items, but have used special details.

Carly Belz — Wall Hanging  
Liza Christensen — Foam Cake  
Carmen Claesson — Teach an Adult - Unit 2  
Helen Dowd — Leaf Display  
John Dowd — Leaf Display  
Grace Farley — Leaf Display  
Marian Hanigan — Toy made for Preschooler  
Holly Hunt — Specialty Rolls  
Evan Kucera — Original Drawing/painting  
Trevor White — White Onions

### Photos Selected for the Office of the Deans - Extension/College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources

Nathan Smith — Lily in water  
Kyle Pedersen — Dolphin  
Kyle Pedersen — Older couple's wedding on beach

### Photos Selected for the 4-H Foundation Note Cards

Chera Brown — Corn/Wood/Flower