



April

## Stephenie Doeschot

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

Ten years ago, Stephenie started as a project leader for Creative Kids 4-H club. Now she is treasurer of 4-H Council and a County Fair co-superintendent of the 4-H Style Revue.

She also has helped with Food Booth at the County Fair and Fair Fun Day tours for daycare groups.

"I like being a 4-H volunteer because it is so much fun!" says Stephenie. "Not only fun, but it is such a great opportunity to teach practical skills for life that also build character. 4-H develops poise, confidence and helps build the leaders of tomorrow — who wouldn't want to be a part of that? Every time I see a child learn a new skill or accomplish a seemingly hard task, I am so proud to be a part of 4-H!"

She and her husband Clayton operate a family farm near Hickman with their four children (who are 4-H members). In addition to volunteering for 4-H, Stephenie is director of Primary Camp at Maranatha Bible Camp and a crew leader of Dare 2 Share youth conference.

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

*Nominate your favorite 4-H volunteer by submitting the form available online at <http://lanaster.unl.edu/4h> or at the extension office. Nominations of co-volunteers welcome.*



## Jammie Jamboree, April 12

Sew jammie bottoms on Saturday, April 12, 9 a.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln. 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.

## Scrapbooking Workshop, April 19

Make a 4-H or personal scrapbook by attending a workshop on Saturday, April 19 from 10 a.m. to 12 Noon at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln. Open to all youth ages 10-18 (need not be in 4-H). Tools and supplies will be provided. Cost is \$37 for an 8" x 8" album that comes with real pages and page protectors or \$15 for a six page paper album kit and tape runner. Pay at the door. Optional supplies will be available for purchase. Bring related memorabilia and 25-45 pictures for large album, 10-20 for small album. Must RSVP by April 10 by calling 441-7180. Scrapbooks may be entered at the county fair (see Fair Book p. 44, under Heritage).

## 4-H Speech Contest, April 20

The 2008 4-H Speech Contest will be held Sunday, April 20 at 1:30 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln. The Speech Contest provides 4-H'ers the opportunity to learn to express themselves clearly, organize their ideas and have confidence. This year we have added a new age division for our Clover Kids. Any youth ages 5-7 enrolled in 4-H can participate in the speech contest. Register by April 14 by calling 441-7180 or e-mailing [dkarmazin2@unl.edu](mailto:dkarmazin2@unl.edu) with name, speech title and age division. For speech resources, go to <http://lanaster.unl.edu/4h/Contest/speech.shtml>

## New Public Service Announcement Guidelines

This year the 4-H Public Service Announcement (PSA) Contest will not be held face to face. The contest will be held via audio only. Any 4-H member ages 8-18 can submit a PSA via cassette tape or CD playable on any standard stereo equipment to Deanna by April 14. If you do not have the capabilities to record a PSA, contact Deanna to set up a recording time. State 4-H asks for PSA's to be non-county specific so winning PSA's can be aired on radios statewide (for example, say "call your local extension office"). Additional information and examples are online at <http://lanaster.unl.edu/4h/Contest/speech.shtml>

## Camp Scholarships Deadline Extended to May 1

Deadline for the following 4-H Camp scholarships have been extended to May 1:

- Windstream 4-H Camp Scholarship
- Joyce Vahle Memorial Scholarship

Applications are available at the extension office and at <http://lanaster.unl.edu/4h/Programs/award.shtml>

## .22 Silhouette Shooting Sports Meeting, May 5

A new .22 silhouette shooting sports discipline will be available to 4-H youth! Plan to attend the first organizational meeting on Monday, May 5, 7 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln. Interested youth must currently be in grades 6-12 and between ages 11-18. More information will be in the May Nebline.

## Livestock Quality Assurance Training, May 15

If you will be showing market animals this year, you will once again be required to be Quality Assurance Certified to be eligible to show. If you have not been QA certified yet through your 4-H club meetings or FFA Chapter, please plan on attending a training on Thursday, May 15 at 7 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. Please RSVP by May 12 by calling Deanna at 441-7180.

## HORSE BITS

### Level Testings April 22 & May 6

Upcoming riding skills level group tests at the Lancaster Event Center Warm-Up Arena: Tuesday, April 22 at 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m. Call Marty at 441-7180.

### District & State Entries Due May 9

District and state horse show entries are due to UNL Extension in Lancaster County, 444 Cherrycreek Road in Lincoln by May 9. *No late entries will be excepted!* Anyone planning on going to state must also have their horse IDs turned in and all parts of their horsemanship level tests passed by that date. Entry forms, entry guidelines, entry procedures and the 2 and 3 year old western pleasure affidavits are available at <http://animalscience.unl.edu/horse/horse4h.htm> and at the extension office.

### Free 4-H Roping/Ranch Clinic, May 3

A free roping and ranch 4-H clinic will be held Saturday, May 3 at the Salt Creek Wranglers Arena. All Lancaster horse 4-H'ers, their parents and leaders are welcome and encouraged to attend. The clinic is intended for those who have never tried to rope but think it might be fun to try and for advanced ropers who would like to polish their skills.

Areas covered will be: Dummy roping, Dummy roping from horse, Beginning working ranch skills, Roping demonstrations, Heading and Healing, and Antique Bit Display.

Please RSVP to Marty by calling 441-7180 or by e-mailing [mcruickshank2@unl.edu](mailto:mcruickshank2@unl.edu) — give your name, whether you have or have not roped before, and what areas you would most want to take part in. More detailed information will be in the next Nebline.



## Stampede Results

The 4-H Horse Stampede was held March 8 at the Animal Science Building on UNL East Campus. The stampede consists of the statewide 4-H art, public speaking, demonstration and horse bowl competitions. Congratulations to ALL Lancaster County 4-H'ers who participated! Complete county results (as well as additional photos) are online at <http://lanaster.unl.edu/4h>

In the ART CONTEST, Spencer Peters (above left) earned Junior Division Reserve Champion.



In the DEMONSTRATION CONTEST, Cory Peters and Ian Schuster (at left) earned Senior Division Grand Champion with "What Knot to Do."

Ellie Dearmont and Hannah Ronnau (below) earned Junior Division Grand Champion with "The ABCs of PRTs."

