



## 4-H Achievement Night

Lancaster County 4-H Achievement Night was held Feb. 12 at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Animal Science Complex on East Campus. The evening was presented by 4-H Council with generous support from UNL. 4-H'ers, 4-H clubs and 4-H leaders were recognized for their 2007 achievements. The evening included two presentations by Animal Science professors and an optional behind-the-scenes tour at the animal science/vet science teaching labs, research facilities and projects. Lancaster County 4-H congratulates these youth who work throughout the year on their 4-H projects and commit themselves to excellence! We also thank the 4-H leaders who volunteer their time and talents to youth! For a complete list of award, scholarship and pin recipients (as well as additional photos) visit online at <http://lanaster.unl.edu/4h>



Nathan Smith was awarded **OUTSTANDING 4-H MEMBER**. He has been a 4-H member for 13 years and is active in two 4-H clubs, Classic Cars R Us (currently as president) and Creative Clovers. He has been in many leadership activities such as 4-H Council and Teen Council.

**4-H MERITORIOUS SERVICE** was awarded to Gene Veburg who has been a 4-H volunteer for 12 years. He has been leader and county fair superintendent of the Lancaster County Shooting Sports BB Gun/Pellet Rifle/Pellet Pistol program and coached the Trap program for several years. Gene was a co-leader of the Cool Clovers 4-H club with his wife, Sharlotte. He has served as president and treasurer of 4-H Council and represented 4-H on the Lancaster County Extension Board.



Brad Morgan and Katie Zabel were presented American Youth Foundation **I DARE YOU** awards for striving to achieve their personal best.

### NEBRASKA 4-H CLUBS OF EXCELLENCE

- All American Kids
- Classic Cars
- Cool Clovers
- Creative Clovers
- Extreme Green
- Fantastic 4
- Shimmering Shamrocks
- Silver Spurs
- Star City Explorers



### COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

Presented to 4-H'ers who have completed the most hours of community service. Award recipients receive a \$30 Activity Certificate from Lancaster County 4-H Council redeemable towards 4-H activities and supplies.

**Age 14 and over (pictured above):** Carly Belz, Kaley Cook, Ann Dearthmont, Grace Farley, Eliza Hammond, Marian Hanigan, Christina Mayer, Kyle Pedersen, Jessica Silvey, Nathan Smith, Cassandra Spellmeyer and Britni Waller

**Age 13 and under (pictured at right):** Kailee Brown, Spencer Farley, Jennifer Hoffman, John Hoffman, Jaime Stephenson and Jessica Stephenson



### CAREER PORTFOLIOS

County winners and nominated to represent Lancaster County at district competition:  
**Animal Science:** Elizabeth Boender  
**Communication & Expression:** Ann Dearthmont  
**Science & Technology:** Nathan Smith  
**Consumer Family Science:** Britni Waller



### COMMUNICATION AWARDS

District Speech & Public Service Announcement (PSA) Contest participants: Grace Farley, Anne Greff, Molly Noel, Kyle Pedersen, Erica Peterson, Jacob Pickrel, Rachel Pickrel, Jaime Stephenson, Jessica Stephenson



### COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

**Lincoln Center Kiwanis — \$1,000:** Nathan Smith  
**Lancaster County 4-H Council — \$500 (pictured above):** Britta Doeschot, Abigail Gabel, Marian Hanigan, Brad Morgan, Nathan Smith and Gabrielle Warner  
**Lancaster County Teen Council — \$250:** Marian Hanigan and Nathan Smith  
**Lane Community — \$200:** Kerry Schachenmeyer

### 4-H COUNTY FAIR NEWS

2008  
**LANCASTER COUNTY FAIR**  
AUGUST 6-10

### Fair Books Have Been Mailed, Available Online

Lancaster County Fair Books have been mailed to all 4-H families. The 4-H/FFA portion of the Fair Book, many forms and additional resources are online at <http://lanaster.unl.edu/4h/Fair>

The 2008 Lancaster County Fair will be held August 6-10 at the Lancaster Event Center. This year's theme is "Thrills, Squeals and Ferris Wheels!"

Lancaster Event Center is now in the midst of its Phase II Expansion plan. By fair time, there will be a new entrance off of Havelock Avenue, a completed Pavilion 3 with arena and more parking.

### New in 4-H This Year

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

- **Photography** — Nebraska 4-H has all new photography classes to match the new manuals: Focus on Photography – Unit I, Controlling the Image – Unit II and Mastering Photography – Unit III. There are also some county-only classes (not eligible for State Fair) such as "Photogram" and "Favorite photo."
- **Robotics** — Nebraska 4-H has robotic classes to match the new manuals: Robot Explorer—Unit 1 and Robotic Probe – Unit 2.
- **Theatre Arts** — at the request of 4-H After-school clubs, two county-only classes for clubs have been added: 4-H Club Portfolio and 4-H Club Acting Portfolio.
- **Roping/Working Ranch Horse Show** will be held in the new Pavilion 3 – Arena on Thursday, Aug. 7 at 7 p.m. Goat Tying (three age divisions) has been added this year. Also new are All-Around Cowboy/Cowgirl Awards sponsored by Lonsum Pine Farm/Myron Ang Family. An all-around cowboy/cowgirl award will be given to the Elementary, Junior and Senior age divisions.
- **Horse Novice Classes** — walk-trot classes designed for 4-H youth ages 12-18 who have just started riding and showing. All walk-trot rules apply. The following horse events have novice divisions: English Pleasure, English Equitation, Horsemanship Pairs, Western Pleasure and Western Horsemanship.

### Other Changes

- The **Bicycle Contest** will be held before county fair on Saturday, June 28, 9 a.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center.
- The **Presentation Contest** will be held one day only on Saturday, July 19, 9 a.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center (no presentations during county fair).
- The county and state **Horticulture Contest** will be plant identification only. A new plant list along with a study guide can be found at <http://www.agronomy.unl.edu/newoutreach/youth-programs.html>. The new plant list contains plants that are commonly used or sold in Nebraska.
- Due to construction of Amy Countryman Arena, there will be **no loading/unloading animals on the east side of Pavilion 1**. All loading/unloading animals (except for horses) will occur north of Pavilion 1. Animal check-in times have been staggered to ease congestion. See Fair Book for times.
- **Bucket Calf** now has only two classes: Current-year bucket calf - Junior division (ages 8-10) and Current-year bucket calf - Intermediate division (ages 11-13).
- The **Shooting Sports Contest** and **Llama Show** are on a break this year.