



February

Eunice Cernohlavek

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

She has volunteered with 4-H for more than 12 years. For many years, she was leader of the Star City Llama 4-H club and superintendent for the Lancaster County Fair 4-H llama show. She continues to be an all-around helper. She also volunteers with Polk County 4-H because several llama families live in that area.

"I like being a 4-H volunteer because it gives me an opportunity to be involved with today's youth, who are our future," says Eunice. "My favorite experience as a 4-H volunteer was the very first 4-H llama show at the Lancaster County Fair. My 'kids'—as I affectionately call all my 4-H'ers—did so well with their llamas and I was so proud of them and their accomplishments that I was moved to tears. Also at that function, I received my very own 4-H T-shirt—a coveted item because I always wanted to be a 4-H'er."

Eunice is also a member of the Nebraska Llama Association (she served on the board for several years) and has been superintendent of the Nebraska State Fair open class llama show for ten years. She volunteers for many llama functions throughout the year. In addition to her llama-related volunteer work, Eunice has served as secretary for the Lincoln Iris Society for about ten years.

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



Scholarships Due March 1

Several 4-H college and camp scholarship applications are due March 1. For a complete list, further information and applications, go to <http://lanaster.unl.edu/4h/Programs/award.shtml>

Statewide Opportunities for Nebraska 4-H Youth

Applications are now being accepted for the following statewide opportunities for 4-H youth age 14 and older:

- Youth Curriculum Committee will give youth a voice in 4-H Curriculum decisions such as selecting new project manuals. Deadline is March 1.
- Youth Multimedia Team is seeking 4-H'ers who are interested in technology and communication. Youth will serve communities by completing projects and showcasing emerging technologies. Deadline April 1.

If you are interested, contact Tracy at 441-7180.

4-H Volunteer Training Available to Check Out on DVD

This year's "Winter Warm-Up" 4-H volunteer training will be available via DVD. Topics include: "Hot New Topics in 4-H," "Choosing Patterns and Fabrics," "Meat Goats," "Picture Perfect: Tips for Taking Better Photos," "Rabbit Showmanship" and "Leading with Purpose." View one or all topics. Contact Tracy at 441-7180 to check out a DVD.

Introducing the 4-H Diamond Clover Program — Meeting March 15

Nebraska 4-H is excited to introduce the Nebraska 4-H Diamond Clover Program. This new, exciting and noncompetitive program recognizes the accomplishments of 4-H members from 8–18 years of age. This program is self-paced with six levels, designed to encourage youth to participate in a variety of projects, activities, leadership and citizenship. Each of the levels, with age designations, provides a list of accomplishments and recognition upon completion. Complete information is at <http://4h.unl.edu/kids/diamond> 4-H volunteers and members are encouraged to attend a meeting on Saturday, March 15, 9:30 a.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center to introduce the Nebraska 4-H Diamond Clover Program and to discuss the 4-H Career Portfolio (formerly called record books). RSVP by calling 441-7180 by March 13.

22 Silhouette Shooting Sports Meeting, May 5

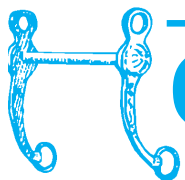
A new 22 silhouette shooting sports discipline will be available to 4-H youth! Plan to attend the first organizational meeting on Monday, May 5, 7 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln. Interested youth must be 12–18. More information will be in upcoming Neblines.

Sign up for New Virtual 4-H "Food" Club by March 15

Join the new, virtual 4-H club offered by the State 4-H office focusing on the "Discovery of Food." Participants will discover the scientific principles of food preparation, explore biscuits, cakes, yeast breads, french fries, ice cream, mayonnaise and others. Through the use of technology, club members and volunteer leaders from across Nebraska will participate in club meetings from their home, community or school using a computer and a phone line. A UNL Extension Foods Specialist will present information on topics. Contact Tracy at 441-7180 for more information about membership and volunteering. Members will be accepted until March 15.

Jammie Jamboree, April 12

Join us at the Jammie Jamboree and make 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 Lancaster County Fair.



HORSE BITS



4-H'ers Mix Fun and Learning at Hippology Clinic

Twenty three youth attended an Introduction to Hippology Clinic presented in December by Lancaster County 4-H. The primary objective of the 4-H hippology contest is to provide an opportunity for 4-H'ers to demonstrate their knowledge of equine-related subject matter in a competitive setting.

Hippology is made up of four phases: judging, written exam, stations and team problem.

4-H Horse Incentive Program Begins

The 2008 Incentive Program began Feb. 15 and runs through June 30. 4-H'ers can log hours they spend doing horse related activities and win awesome prizes. Forms are available online at <http://lanaster.unl.edu/4h> or at the extension office. New this year is being able to include hours spent at Teen Council meetings and activities. One can earn bonus hours by being an active junior leader, completing a record book, serving as a club officer and entering a static entry at the fair. Remember, you must use the log sheets provided by the 4-H office. If you have any questions, call Jessie at 441-7180.

4-H Horse Stampede, March 8

The 2008 4-H Horse Stampede will be held on Saturday, March 8 at the Animal Science Building on UNL East Campus. The stampede is the State 4-H art, public speaking, demonstration and horse bowl competitions. If you didn't sign up to participate this year, please come and watch. Support the competing Lancaster County 4-H'ers and see if the competitions are something you might want to do next year. No cost to attend. For more information, go to www.animalscience.unl.edu/extension/equine/4H/stampede.html or call Marty at 441-7180.

Horse Expo, March 7–9

Nebraska's largest equine tradeshow and educational extravaganza, featuring some of the top clinicians in the country, will be held March 7–9 at the Lancaster Event Center. For more information and schedule, go to www.nebraskahorsecouncil.org/2008Expo.htm

4-H Roping and Ranch Horse Clinic

A free 4-H Roping and Ranch Horse clinic is being planned for late spring. Details have not been worked out yet. Watch for further announcements or call Marty at 441-7180.