



Spring Rabbit Show Saturday, March 29, 9 a.m.

Lancaster Event Center, Pavilion 3 Exhibit Hall
84th & Havelock, Lincoln,
Registrations 7:30–9:00 a.m.

Open to all
youth 8–18

Trophies & ribbons will be awarded!

CLASSES: Fancy Rabbits, Commercial Rabbits, Pet Class
and Pee Wee Class. **REGISTRATION FEES:** \$2.50 per
rabbit or cavy, \$1 fur class, \$1.50 Showmanship.
FREE CONTESTS: Rabbit Quiz & Rabbit Breed ID

Excellent time
to learn and
practice your
showmanship!

All rabbits must be tattooed in the left ear
and brought in solid bottom cages.

For more information, call Rodney
at 782-2186 or Teri at 441-7180

Sponsored by Lancaster County 4-H Rabbit VIP5 Committee

Ak-Sar-Ben Livestock Expo Changes

There have been several changes to the Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Youth Livestock Exposition rule book. Here are a few of the highlighted changes.

- All feeder calves planning to be exhibited at Ak-Sar-Ben must be DNA tested by June 15.
- Any calf that gets loose in the show ring more than 3 times will be excused from the ring.
- Market beef will no longer be mouthed.
- The stock show will be offering a breeding gilt class. Additional information will be available this spring.
- Any market hog over 325 pounds will not be eligible to show but will be taken to harvest. (Animals at these weights may be subject to packer discounts.)
- No clipping, fitting or blocking will be allowed at the show due to health reasons.
- Light weight lambs (under 115 pounds) will not be released or shown but will be retained for sale to the packer.
- Any exhibitor not providing waterers or feeders for their pen of birds will not receive premium payout.
- Ak-Sar-Ben will be offering a 4-H youth and collegiate judging contest during the livestock exposition.

March

Kendra Ronnau

Lancaster County 4-H is proud to announce Kendra Ronnau as winner of March's "Heart of 4-H Award" in recognition of outstanding volunteer service.

Kendra has volunteered with 4-H for nearly 20 years, coaching horse judging and taking two Lancaster County teams to national contests. She also helped with the Riding Wranglers horse club. In 2004, she became leader of the South Prairie 4-H Club, large club with more than 30 members who work on a wide variety of projects. She helps with the Horse Judging Contest at the Lancaster County Fair.

Kendra says, "I like being a 4-H volunteer because I love the kids. It's so wonderful to see our youth learning new talents. It's especially fun to watch children learn to give of themselves. My favorite experiences was watching the kids interact with elderly at an assistant-living facility. The kids did a fantastic job bringing some joy to our amazing elderly."

She lives in Hickman with her husband Bruce and three children, who are members of the South Prairie club. Kendra is active in the Norris School Parent Teacher Organization and has served as its president.

Congratulations to Kendra. 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.



4-H Clubs Needed to Help Provide Booths at Kiwanis Carnival, April 12

The annual Kiwanis Carnival, a FREE family event is sponsored by the Lincoln Center Kiwanis. This year, it will be held Saturday, April 12, 7–9 p.m. at Elliott Elementary School, 225 S. 26 Street, Lincoln. Elliott school students and their families will be invited to share the fun.

The Carnival features carnival type games for the kids, bingo for adults, prizes, snacks, fun and fellowship. Lincoln Center Kiwanis has sponsored this event for over 50 years providing prizes and snacks.

4-H clubs are needed to provide carnival-type booths. This is a great community service and leadership activity for clubs. If your 4-H club or family would like to have a booth or for more information, call Lorene at 441-7180. Come join the fun!

4-H Speech Contest

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 with name, speech title and age division. For speech resources, go to <http://lanaster.unl.edu/4h/Contest/speech.shtml>

New Public Service Announcement Contest 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>

2010 CWF Group Forming Now!

Take your 4-H experience to another level through Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF), a summer citizenship program for youth ages 14–19. The experience culminates in a nine-day, intensive trip to Washington D.C. in June 2010. CWF delegates learn about the democratic process and their role as citizens. Get the inside scoop about how government really works from prominent guest speakers and from Senators and Congressman themselves. We will also take a few more days to discover the wonders of New York City. Youth who sign up now are able to start earning funds through organized fund-raising. A \$100 deposit is needed to reserve your spot. For more information, contact Deanna at dkarmazin2@unl.edu or 441-7180.

2007 Outstanding 4-H Club Awards

The Lincoln Center Kiwanis Club presents Outstanding 4-H Club Awards to the top 4-H clubs participating in the Lancaster County Fair. There are three categories based on number of club members. One category winner is awarded the Wayne C. Farmer memorial cup as the overall Outstanding 4-H Club for the year. Clubs receive points based on all members' total county fair exhibit and contest placings. The following clubs were recognized at a recent Lincoln Center Kiwanis meeting and at 4-H Achievement Night:



Shimmering Shamrocks 4-H Club of Lincoln is winner of Category I (7 members or less) — and winner of the Wayne C. Farmer trophy as overall Outstanding 4-H Club for the year. At the 2007 Lancaster County Fair, the club's five members were enrolled in approximately 30 projects and entered 115 total exhibits. The club is winning this award for the fifth time. Becky McHenry is club leader and there are five assistant leaders.



Cool Clovers 4-H Club of Lincoln is winner of Category II (8–12 members). The club's 9 members were enrolled in approximately 35 projects and entered 140 total exhibits at the County Fair. The club is winning this award for the third time. Jean Pedersen is club leader.



Rabbits R Us 4-H Club of Lincoln is winner of Category III (13 or more members). The club's 22 members were enrolled in approximately 35 projects and entered 320 total exhibits at the Lancaster County Fair. The club keeps flower garden at the Lancaster Event Center as a community service project. Kirk Gunnerson is club leader and Gordon Maahs serves as assistant leader.