



## November

### Becky Grimes

Lancaster County 4-H is proud to announce Becky Grimes as winner of November's "Heart of 4-H Award" in recognition of outstanding volunteer service.

Becky has been a 4-H volunteer for 10 years as leader for Rock Creek Kids 4-H club.

"I like being a 4-H volunteer because I enjoy being with young people and getting to know them and their families," says Becky. "I enjoy seeing them develop skills and character traits they will have their entire lives. I believe it is important that 4-H'ers have opportunities to volunteer. This is stated in the 4-H pledge, 'We pledge ourselves to better living for our club, community, country and world.' Our club picks up two miles of road litter every spring. We also participate in the Kiwanis Carnival and work a shift at the 4-H Corner Stop snack booth at the Lancaster County Fair. The past three years, we have spent a Saturday afternoon at Lancaster Manor playing bingo with the residents."

She lives with husband David in the Raymond area and they have four children. Becky also volunteers for her church's Sunday School.

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



### Rabbit Clinic, Nov. 1

All youth ages 8–18 and their families are invited to attend a free 4-H Rabbit Clinic on Saturday, Nov. 1, 9:30 a.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln.

- Sessions include:
- Selection & care of the rabbit
  - Static Exhibits
  - Information on rabbit breeds
  - Quality Assurance Training (required for 2009 fair)
  - Showmanship (judges a 4-H member's ability to handle and show their animal)

This clinic will be beneficial to families considering buying a rabbit and those who have rabbits but want to learn more.

### 4-H Leader Update, Nov. 20

If representative(s) from your club did not attend the October Leader Update, it is **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** someone from your club attend the 4-H Leader Update on Thursday, Nov. 20 at 9:30 a.m. or 7 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Rd. New Nebraska 4-H Policy and Procedures will be introduced and **required** for all clubs and members. Additional information on 4-H programs and sharing of ideas will be included. You must RSVP by calling 441-7180 by Nov. 18.

### Shooting Sports 4-H Clubs Reorganizing

Youth interested in joining the **Shooting Sports Trap 4-H club** must contact Tracy by Jan. 2 at 441-7180 or [tkulm1@unl.edu](mailto:tkulm1@unl.edu). Youth must be at least 12 years old and not older than 18 by Jan. 1, 2009 and have a hunter safety certificate.

There will be a **Shooting Sports BB/Air Rifle 4-H club** starting this spring. Youth must be at least 8 years old by Jan. 1, 2009. More information will be published in upcoming NEBLINE issues.

### Application for 4-H Clubs of Excellence Due Jan. 2

Leaders: Don't forget to complete your Nebraska 4-H Club of Excellence application! All leaders received an application form in their October reorganizational packet. All clubs meeting the requirements and sending in the application form will be recognized at Achievement Night and will receive a Nebraska 4-H Club of Excellence certificate. Seals will be awarded in subsequent years. Applications are due to the office by Jan. 2. Contact Tracy at 441-7180 if you have questions.

### Market Beef Weigh-In, Feb. 7

Lancaster County 4-H/FFA members with market beef projects, please plan for next year's market beef weigh-in on Saturday, Feb. 7, 8–10 a.m. at the Lancaster Event Center.

### Project Completion Certificates Available

If a 4-H member completed a project in the 2007–2008 4-H year, please give your member a project completion certificate. Certificates are available from the extension office at no charge.

### 4-H Membership Cards Available

Lancaster County 4-H membership cards are available for all 4-H members. Stop by the extension office to pick them up.

### Sew Cool in School Web Site

Butterick and McCall's patterns launched Sew Cool in School, a program offering specially priced patterns, free materials and other supplies. Go to [www.sewcoolinschool.com](http://www.sewcoolinschool.com), enter code (211505), the zip code (68528) and make your selections.

## December

### Leia Noel

Lancaster County 4-H is proud to announce Leia Noel as winner of December's "Heart of 4-H Award" in recognition of outstanding volunteer service.

Leia has volunteered for 4-H for four years. She is organizational leader of the Happy Hearts 4-H club, helps at 4-H Clover College and volunteers at the 4-H Corner Stop snack booth (along with her club) at the Lancaster County Fair.

"I enjoy helping the children learn life skills that they will take with them into their adult life," says Leia. "My favorite experience as a 4-H volunteer is seeing my 4-H members learn and yet have fun. This year we made some sponge balls during club time for our child development project and then they had to come up with games that were age-appropriate. It was great to see them be creative, work in teams, problem solve and develop leadership skills."

She lives in Lincoln with husband Bill and their three girls who are in 4-H. In addition to Leia's volunteer work with 4-H, she also volunteers at her church and coordinates Food Net for Zion Church.

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



## 4-H Award & Scholarship Forms Due Jan. 2

Lancaster County 4-H award forms and college scholarship applications are due by Jan. 2. Recipients will be announced at Lancaster County Achievement Night on Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2009. Forms are available at <http://lanaster.unl.edu/4h> and the extension office. The online forms are provided as fill-in pdfs, which anyone with Adobe Reader 7 or 8 can fill in, save and print.

### Awards

**Community Service Awards** — all Lancaster County 4-H members are eligible to apply for this award which is based on the number of hours of community service through 4-H. There will be two categories: Five winners in the 14 years of age and over category and 10 winners in the 13 and under.

**I Dare You Leadership Award** — The award recognizes youth who strive to be their personal best and make a positive difference in their schools, youth groups, 4-H clubs and communities. Anyone can make nominations.

**Outstanding 4-H Member Award** — presented to an individual 14 years of age or older who has excelled in their involvement with the 4-H program. The basis for selection appraises the variety and depth of 4-H activities. Anyone can make nominations.

**Meritorious Service Award** — presented to individuals or organizations who have exhibited consistent and strong support of the Lancaster County 4-H program. 4-H members are not eligible. Anyone can make nominations.

**Nebraska 4-H Diamond Clover Program** — recognizes the accomplishments of 4-H'ers ages 8–18. Youth can progress from Level 1 up to Level 6. At the beginning of the 4-H year, youth choose goals from a provided list and at the end of the 4-H year, fill out a report which documents their accomplishments.\*

**Nebraska 4-H Career Portfolios** — are a record of a 4-H'ers career. Portfolios include a listing of personal growth and leadership experiences related to the knowledge learned, skills gained and community service/volunteer activities experienced through 4-H.\*

\*Lancaster County deadline for these statewide awards is Jan. 2

### College Scholarships

For graduating high school seniors enrolled in the Lancaster County 4-H program

**4-H Council** — six \$500 scholarships to active Lancaster County 4-H members who have excelled in their involvement with the 4-H program.

**4-H Teen Council** — two \$250 scholarships to 4-H'ers who are active in 4-H Teen Council.

**Lincoln Center Kiwanis** — two \$1,000 scholarships to active Lancaster County 4-H'ers.

**Lane Community 4-H Scholarship** — one \$200 scholarship to a Lancaster County 4-H member attending Raymond Central High School.

**Nebraska Association of Fair Managers** — \$500 statewide scholarships: **Martha & Don Romeo Scholarship** to two 4-H'ers and **Staats Custom Awards** to one 4-H and/or FFA senior. Each applicant must have exhibited his/her projects in a County Fair or at the State Fair within the last four years. Lancaster County 4-H selects county finalists. *Note: Deadline is Dec. 1.*

**Nebraska 4-H Scholarships** — there are several statewide Nebraska 4-H scholarships. Go to <http://4h.unl.edu> for more information. *Deadline is March 1.*

**Deadline for Lancaster County 4-H camp scholarships is May 1.**

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