



August

Laura Hardesty

Lancaster County 4-H is proud to announce Laura Hardesty as winner of August's "Heart of 4-H Award" in recognition of outstanding volunteer service.

A 4-H volunteer for eight years, Laura is the organizational leader of the Silver Spurs club, a member of the Horse VIPS Committee, and Superintendent of the Western Horse Show – 3 (Working Pleasure, Western Riding, and Reining) at the Lancaster County Super Fair. She helps with horsemanship level testing, show coordination, and ring practice. She has also been involved with the EquiRiders club.

"I love kids and I love horses," Laura says. "My favorite experience as a 4-H volunteer is watching 4-H kids improve skills and gain knowledge each year."

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



4-H'ers Test Family and Consumer Sciences Skills at Life Challenge



Lancaster County participants at state 4-H Life Challenge.

The 4-H Life Challenge contests focus on Family and Consumer Science project areas. Youth answer written questions and give an oral presentation applying what they have learned in their 4-H projects to a real-life situation.

- The **county senior Life Challenge** contest was held May 22. Dylan Hoover was awarded the Grand Champion rosette.
- The **county junior Life Challenge** contest was held July 10 and Valerie Griess was awarded the Grand Champion rosette.

- The **state Life Challenge** contest for seniors was held at UNL East Campus on June 28–29. Four Lancaster County Teams participated. Angelica Hoover, Dylan Hoover, and Jessica Stephenson received 5th place out of 26 teams in the Design Challenge. Helen Dowd, Angelica Hoover, Dylan Hoover, and Jessica Stephenson received 3rd place out of 27 teams in the Food and Nutrition Challenge. Other participants were Ceirra Austin, Charles Dowd, Mary Dowd, Maddie Gabel, Victoria Garza, Anne Greff, Antonio Hoover, Joshua Hoover, Molly Noel, Paige Roach, Jaime Stephenson, and Sheridan Swotek.

4-H'ers Test Animal Science Skills at PASE

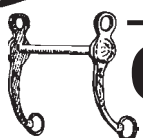
Congratulations to the two Lancaster County senior teams who competed in the Livestock Judging contest during the state Premiere Animal Science Events (PASE) held at UNL East Campus on June 28–29. Team 1 (Matthew Grimes, Rachel Johnson, Taylor Johnson, and Chandler Kramer) placed 4th overall, 3rd overall in beef, 3rd overall in sheep, 13th overall in swine, and 4th overall in reasons! Other participants were: Cody DeWald, Justine Nelson, Erica Peterson, and Trevor Spath. Roger Bell coached both teams. There were 45 senior teams from across the state.



Lancaster County participants at Livestock Judging during the Premiere Animal Science Events (PASE).

4-H Produce Market on Saturdays

This summer, a 4-H produce market will open on Saturdays from 12–2 p.m. at the parking lot of Tractor Supply Company (TSC) located at 9000 Amber Hill Ct., Lincoln. If you are a 4-H member and have fresh produce to sell, contact Leia Noel at 435-0857 or Tracy Kulm at 441-7180 for more information.



HORSE BITS

County Fair 4-H Horse Judging Contest, July 24

The Lancaster County Super Fair 4-H Horse Judging Contest will be held on Saturday, July 24, 9 a.m. at the Salt Creek Wranglers Arena, 4300 S. Coddington Ave., Lincoln. Open to all 4-H'ers — need not be enrolled in a horse project. May enter day of contest. The horse judging contest may consist of four classes of four horses, two halter and two performance, to be judged by 4-H members in the elementary, junior, and senior age divisions. Top entry in each age division wins a belt buckle to be presented at Horse Awards night!

In the afternoon, there will be a family fun afternoon with wacky and fun horse games. 4-H'ers must participate in the judging to be able to take part in the family fun events. Parents, leaders — everyone can participate! Bring your horse, however, not all games will be done on a horse, so there will be opportunities for all! For more information, go to <http://lanaster.unl.edu/4h>.

Horse Course Challenge, July 27

For a second year, the 4-H Horse Course Hippology Challenge will be a part of the Lancaster County Super Fair. The Challenge will be held Tuesday, July 27, 9 a.m.–Noon at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. There will be two age divisions, Elementary (ages 8–11) and Junior/Senior (12–19). All Lancaster County 4-H'ers are welcome and encouraged to participate! All test questions will come from the e-mail Horse Course. The testing will include identification stations and a written test. If you did not sign up for the e-mail course, but would like to participate in the challenge, e-mail mcrucickshank2@unl.edu to have the lessons emailed to you. No preregister required. Premiums and ribbons will be awarded at the fair. Top 10 ribbon placings, Reserve and Grand Champion trophies will be awarded at 4-H Horse Awards Night.



District Horse Results

A District 4-H Horse show was held in Lincoln at the Lancaster Event Center on June 10. Many Lancaster County 4-H'ers competed in the Lancaster County districts, and a few competed at the North Platte districts. Congratulations to all 4-H'ers who participated! Below are the Lancaster County purple ribbon, medal, and trophy winners. Complete results are online at <http://4h.unl.edu/disthorseshow>.

Senior English Pleasure
Hannah Scow (Medal), Alyssa Heusinger, Becky Hutchins

Junior English Pleasure
Katlin Luebbe, Bailee Peters, Mackenzie Wolfe

Senior English Equitation
Danielle Hardesty (1st Medal), Ashley Densberger, Alyssa Heusinger, Ashley Wiegand

Junior English Equitation
Vanessa Butterfield, Marissa Carlson, Katlin Luebbe, Bailee Peters, Hannah Ronnau, Bailee Sobotka

Senior Western Pleasure
Chelsea Beach (Trophy @ North Platte), Brooke Preston, Hannah Sass

Junior Western Pleasure

McKenzie Beach (Trophy @ North Platte), Ashley Anderson, Josie Ang, Bailey Peterson, Hannah Ronnau, Heather Welch

Senior Western Horsemanship

Blake Preston (1st Medal), Hannah Sass (2nd Medal), Elise Edgar, Abbie Heusinger, Becky Hutchins, Brooke Preston, Kelsey Wolf

Junior Western Horsemanship

McKenzie Beach (Trophy @ North Platte), Ashley Anderson, Josie Ang, Kylie Goering, Anna Heusinger, Sydney Scow

Junior Reining

Bailey Vogler

Senior Barrel Racing

Alexis Christen, Abbie Heusinger

Junior Barrel Racing

Nicole Finkner (Trophy), McKenzie Beach