



April

Cheri Truax

Lancaster County 4-H is proud to announce Cheri Truax as winner of April's "Heart of 4-H Award" in recognition of outstanding volunteer service.

Cheri has been Assistant Superintendent of the 4-H Bucket Calf Show at the Lancaster County Fair for more than 10 years. Bucket calves are orphaned baby calves bottle-fed by the 4-H'ers.

She says, "I love kids and cows! Taking on the responsibility of a calf is huge, and seeing the kids do that and succeed is amazing. I sometimes wish every kid could have that opportunity because it teaches them so much. 4-H is such a positive influence in the lives of children. My favorite experience as a 4-H volunteer occurred a couple of years ago. There was this little gal who was having such a time getting her calf to go. Watching her determination in walking with that calf is something I'll carry for a long time. She left the ring with such a big smile on her face."

In addition to volunteering with 4-H, Cheri also helps with FFA and other activities at Waverly High School.

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

Nominate your favorite 4-H volunteer by submitting the form available at <http://lanaster.unl.edu/4h> or at the extension office.



Jammie Jamboree, April 2

Learn basic sewing skills as part of the 4-H Clothing Level 1 project and make jammie bottoms on Saturday, April 2, 9 a.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln. Open to all youth (need not be in 4-H). Adults are welcome to attend with youth. Bring your sewing machine, basic sewing equipment (scissors, pins, measuring tape, etc.), pull-on pajama bottom pattern (one simple pattern is Simplicity 3553), prewashed flannel or 100% cotton fabric (no one-way design fabrics or plaids) and matching thread. Also bring a sack lunch. Sign up by March 31 by calling (402) 441-7180. Jammie bottoms may be entered at the county fair and styled in the Style Revue under Clothing Level 1.

4-H Quilts of Valor Challenge

The Quilts of Valor Foundation has donated over 36,000 quilts to service men and women who are protecting our country and are "touched by war." Nebraska 4-H'ers are encouraged to join this endeavor by creating and donating quilts to this cause. These quilts can also be entered in the Lancaster County Super Fair. Contact Tracy at (402) 441-7180, for more information.

Additional Diamond Clover Recipients

Several more Lancaster County 4-H'ers earned Nebraska Diamond Clover awards for 2010. These are in addition to the listing published in the March NEBLINE. Complete Achievement Night award, scholarship, and pin recipients are at online <http://lanaster.unl.edu/4h/programs/achievementnight.shtml>.

Level 1 – Amethyst: Brianna Gable, Dalton Hellwege, Sydney Miller, Isabella Villalobos

Level 2 – Aquamarine: Madison Walters, Ashlynn Devall

Level 3 – Ruby: Adriana Miller

Special 4-H Garden Project – Striped Armenian Cucumbers

4-H'ers are invited to participate in an unusual garden project — growing striped Armenian Cucumbers. Thirty seed packets will be available April 4 on a first-come, first-served basis. The project will give youth the opportunity to learn about growing, harvesting, and exhibiting these unique cucumbers at county fair. Each participating family will receive a packet of seeds, along with a newsletter of growing tips. Youth may choose from several different project areas for exhibiting their project at fair. One seed packet per family. The cost to participate is \$2 per family. For more information, contact Sarah or Mary Jane at the extension office, (402) 441-7180.

4-H Paws-On Dog Clinic, April 23

Lancaster County 4-H will host a statewide Dog Clinic on Saturday, April 23, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. at the Lancaster Event Center – Exhibit Hall. Anyone may attend. Dogs may attend — bring a leash and portable carrier. If you have an interest in learning about dogs or want to better your show skills, plan on attending. This workshop will cover obedience, showmanship, agility, grooming, health care, and much more. Fee is \$15 per person and includes lunch. Space is limited, so register early. Must pre-register by April 16. Registration forms are at <http://go.unl.edu/s8d> and at the extension office. For more information, call Lisa Karr-Lilienthal at (402) 472-6458.

HORSE BITS

State Stampede Results

The 2011 State Horse Stampede was held in February at UNL East Campus. Congratulations to all Lancaster County 4-H members who participated! Below are the purple ribbon winners.

ART CONTEST

Senior Division: Elli Dearthmont (Reserve Champion), Chelsea Beach, Ian Schuster, Erika Warner, Kenzie Wolfe

Junior Division: Sarinia Kyhn (Reserve Champion), Ashley Clegg, Ivy Dearthmont, Mia Hermanson, Madison Humphrey, Madeleine Polk, Sam Schuster, Jenna Wolfe, Lexi Wolfe

DEMONSTRATION CONTEST

Junior Division, Individual: Justine Gall (Reserve Champion)

Senior Division, Individual: Kenzie Wolfe (Champion), Hannah Ronnau

Junior Division, Team: Ivy Dearthmont and Lexi Wolfe (Champions)

Senior Division, Team: Megan and Ben Luedtke (Reserve Champions)

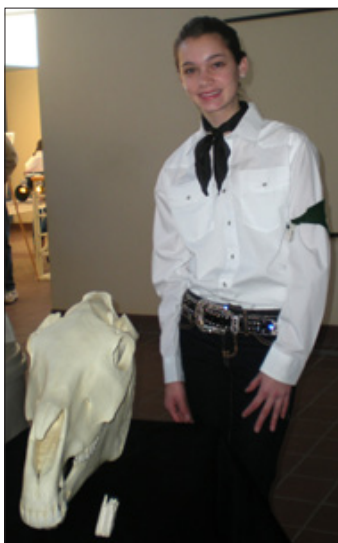
PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Senior Division: Elli Dearthmont (Champion)

QUIZ BOWL

South Prairie Wranglers 4-H Club: Megan Luedtke, Cory Peters, Ian Schuster, Erika Warner, coach Kendra Ronnau (Champion)

Flying Hoofs 4-H Club: Brooke Bennett, Elizabeth Boender, Elizabeth Frobish, Reagan Myers, Kate Rawlinson, coach Nicole Moss (3rd place)



Riding Skills Level Testing on April 19 and May 3

The first 2011 riding skills level testing will be held on Tuesday, April 19, 6 p.m. at the Lancaster Event Center in Pavilion 3. Anyone wishing to be tested must sign-up by April 12. Call or email Marty at (402) 441-7180 or mrcruick-shank2@unl.edu.

A second testing is scheduled for Tuesday, May 3, 6 p.m. at the Lancaster Event Center in Pavilion 3. Sign-up deadline for the May 3 testing is April 26.