**4-H & Youth**

**Rhonda Griess**

Lancaster County 4-H is proud to announce Rhonda Griess as winner of May’s “Heart of 4-H Award” in recognition of outstanding volunteer service. A volunteer for nearly eight years, Rhonda helps with several 4-H clubs: 4-H Explorers, Pick-a-Pig and NBots Robotics. She is a regular instructor at 4-H Clover College. At the Lancaster County Super Fair, Rhonda has helped with static exhibit setup, the 4-H/FFA swine show and at 4-H Council’s food booth. In addition, she has helped with Earth Wellness Festival for 5th graders and Nebraska 4-H’s statewide Premier Animal Science Event (PASE).

“I enjoy sharing my enthusiasm and skills with the young people of our community,” says Rhonda. “My favorite experience as a 4-H volunteer is teaching classes at Clover College in June. No matter what I’m teaching, each class is unique because of the students who attend. Everyone can bring something wonderful and unique to the class, which can be shared with others so that we all benefit from each other.”

Lancaster County 4-H thanks Rhonda for donating her time and talents. Volunteers like her are indeed the heart of 4-H!

Volunteers are needed to help lead 4-H clubs. If you would like to learn more about 4-H volunteer opportunities, call 402-441-7180.

**TSC Paper Clover Fundraiser, April 22–May 3**

Shoppers at Tractor Supply Co. stores will have the opportunity April 22–May 3 to support 4-H by purchasing paper clovers for just $1 at checkout. All funds raised will be donated to 4-H.

**4-H/FFA Sheep & Meat Goat Weigh-In and Tag Day, May 19**

If 4-H/FFA members planning to exhibit market sheep and meat goats need to have their lambs and goats officially tagged and weighed on Tuesday, May 19, 6–8 p.m. at the Lancaster Event Center – Pavilion 2. For more information, call Cole at 402-441-7180.

**4-H Festival for 5th graders and Nebraska 4-H’s statewide Premier Judo Tournament at Middle Cross Stables Saturday, May 2. For information, call Cole at 402-441-7180.”

**4-H Horse Judging Contest, June 5**

The Pre-District 4-H Horse Judging Contest is set for Saturday, June 5 at the Lancaster Event Center – Pavilion 3. Ag-education and life experiences to write a resume and cover letter for one of three job descriptions and participate in a live interview. Regional contest will be held Thursday, May 21, 1–7 p.m. at UNL East Campus.

Lancaster County 4-H registra
tions are due to the Extension office by May 1. The registration fee will be paid by 4-H Council. To learn more about the contest, contact Tracy at 402-441-7180 or tracy.anderson@unl.edu. More details at http://4h.unl.edu/4h/judgingcontest. **4-H Life Challenge Contests**

4-H Life Challenge Judging Contests help youth learn more about issues related to family and consumer science and entrepreneurship. Contests are open to all 4-Hers. For more information, contact Tracy at 402-441-7180.

- **Junior Livestock:** 4-H members must be enrolled in at least one livestock project.
- **County-level Junior (ages 6–11):** Junior Livestock/Sheep Life Challenge (for ages 12 and up) will be held Saturday, May 30, 9 a.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. Preregister by May 28 by calling 402-441-7180 (there is no entry form). Contact Tracy for a study packet for the Junior Life Challenge.
- **Statewide Life Challenge** (for ages 12 and up) will be held June 29–30 at UNL East Campus. To participate, contact Tracy at 402-441-7180 by June 1. Information will be online at http://4h.unl.edu.

**GIVE TO LINCOLN DAY, MAY 28**

Lancaster County 4-H Council has registered to be one of the nonprofits the community can give donations to during “Give to Lincoln Day” hosted by Lincoln Community Foundation on Thursday, May 28 (12:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m.). Every donation you make on May 28 helps your favorite charities even more because they will also receive a proportional share of a $300,000 challenge match pool! For more information or to make an online donation, go to http://give.lincolnaz.com.

**CLOVER COLLEGE**

Registration opens May 4 for currently enrolled 4-H members. Registration opens May 11 for non-4-H members.

**CLOVER COLLEGE REGISTRATION FORM**

To register, complete the registration form (one person per form) and return with payment (make check payable to Lancaster County Extension). Registration forms must be filled out completely and returned no later than May 1. Registration forms will not be accepted upon receipt of fees. No telephone or online registration. All registration forms must be filled out completely. No refunds unless class is already filled or canceled. Photocopy or print form for your reference.

**confirmation letter and schedules will not be sent. Assume your registration is confirmed unless you contact us about filled classes.**

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