4-H & Youth

**Heart of 4-H Volunteer Award**

Jill Hattan
Lancaster County 4-H is proud to announce Jill Hattan as winner of June’s “Heart of 4-H” Award in recognition of outstanding volunteer service. Jill has helped with the 4-H home environment areas at the Lancaster County Super Fair for eight years—five years as a superintendent. She has also helped with the furniture painting workshops and 4-H Clover College tie dye classes.

“Being a 4-H volunteer gives me a chance to share with kids things that I love to do,” says Jill. “I have always enjoyed arts and crafts and working with kids. My favorite experience as a 4-H volunteer is working one-on-one at the furniture painting workshops, teaching the kids a new painting technique and then watching them perfect it. I love how proud the kids are of their finished product and excited to have something to take to the fair. I have enjoyed teaching and watching these kids grow over the years.”

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

**JUNE 15 DEADLINE**

**4-H Member Online Enrollment**

Nebraska 4-H has introduced a new online enrollment system, called “4-H Online.” Paper enrollment is no longer an option. The basic information to enroll is https://ne.4honline.com. The process is easy and only takes a few minutes per member. The health information is optional!

NOTES: only parents/guardians may enroll 4-H members. Each 4-H household will need to set up a profile in which the 4-H youth for the household will be added.

A step-by-step instruction guide with pictures is online at http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/StepstoEnroll.pdf. If you have questions about the process or need access to a computer, call Karen Evavos at 402-441-7180.

**4-H Projects Updated**

4-H members’ projects must be updated by June 15 using “4-H Online” (see enrollment information above). These are project area(s) each exhibitor needs to enter at the Super Fair (specific classes within each project area not needed). NOTE: only 4-H members or their parents/guardians may update projects.

**4-H Volunteer Enrollment Forms**

For those who do not want to enroll online, the form is available at http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/ and in the Extension office.

**Markets Animal Quality Assurance Training**

4-H/FFA members showing market beef, market sheep, market swine, goats, dairy cattle, poultry and rabbits at the Lancaster County Super Fair, State Fair and/or Ak-Sar-Ben must complete quality assurance training by June 15. NOTE: if you are an experienced exhibitor, you must still complete a quality assurance training. All animals which will be exhibited at the 2015 Nebraska State Fair and/or Ak-Sar-Ben must be done online—this year, there is a $5 per youth charge. Instructions are online at http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/ and in the Extension office. If you have any questions, contact Cole at cmeador2@unl.edu or 402-441-7180.

**4-H Bicycle Contest, June 13**

The 4-H Bicycle Safety Contest will be held Saturday, June 13, 8 a.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherry creek Road. The contest is open to all 4-H youth ages 8 and up. Participants must provide their own bicycle and must wear a helmet. Register by June 8 by calling 402-441-7180. (there is no entry form). There are two parts of the contest. In the bicycle skill events, 4-H’ers maneuver through several designated courses to test their riding skills and safety. 4-H’ers also take a multiple choice quiz. A bicycle inspection reinforces the importance of bicycle maintenance and safety features.

**Premier Animal Science Events, June 29–30**

The statewide Premier Animal Science Events (PASE) will be held Thursday, June 25 and Friday, June 26 at the Lancaster County Extension Education Center, 444 Cherry creek Road. The event is open to 4-H’ers ages 12 and up. PASE consists of a variety of contests:

- Livestock: feedlot calves, feeder calves, dairy cattle, llamas, Alpacas and rabbits (exhibitors must appear at Super Fair, State Fair and/or Ak-Sar-Ben)
- Market Sheep: must have identification/Ownership Affidavit submitted by June 15. Paper forms (the forms that have been used previously) must be submitted for each animal. Paper forms are available online at http://livestockaffidavit.unl.edu. If you plan on showing swine market, swine market show, market goats or feeder calves at State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben, you will need to have DNA collected by this deadline also. If you have any questions, contact Cole at 402-441-7180.