



## HEART OF 4-H VOLUNTEER AWARD

### Rachel Hanigan

Lancaster County 4-H is proud to announce Rachel Hanigan as winner of July's "Heart of 4-H Award" in recognition of outstanding volunteer service.

She has been a club leader since she was a sophomore in high school 10 years ago. Rachel co-led the Heart to Heart 4-H club in Lincoln, then led the 4H Friends club in Omaha, and two years ago, started the Little Green Giants club in Lincoln.

"I love working with the kids in my club," she says. "They are a lot of fun, but I love watching them problem solve and work together. They are very creative and an incredible group of young people. My favorite experiences are working with my clubs on community-service projects. It's great to see the kids give back, and often it's a chance for them to try something new."

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



## Six Lancaster County 4-H Clubs Receive Governor's Ag Excellence Awards

Congratulations to the six Lancaster County 4-H Clubs who received 2017 Governor's Agricultural Excellence Awards: **Blazing Saddles, Boots 'N' Hooves, Go Go Goat Getters, Lancaster County 4-H Teen Council, Pick-A-Pig and Prairie Star 4-H.** The award recipients were recognized during the Premiere Animal Science Events (PASE) and Life Challenge at University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The awards are sponsored by the Nebraska 4-H Foundation and Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA). Each year, 25 Nebraska 4-H clubs are awarded \$500 to be used as described in the award application form completed by the club.



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### Megan Bauman

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

Four years ago, she started the JP2 Crew 4-H club and is the organizational leader. The club was named a Nebraska 4-H Club of Excellence in 2016, which means it met criteria such as choosing/electing youth officers and completing at least one community-service project together. Megan has also helped with the county Life Challenge contest and helped write comments for Clover Kids exhibits at the Lancaster County Super Fair.

"I enjoy seeing the kids' enthusiasm to learn something new, she says. "I started the 4-H club because I had been in 4-H when I was younger and I wanted my children to have those same positive experiences."

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



## 4-H'ers Test Family and Consumer Science and Entrepreneurship Skills at Life Challenge

The 4-H Life Challenge contests focus on Family and Consumer Science and Entrepreneurial project areas.

### County Contest

The county Life Challenge contest was held June 3. Youth demonstrated their knowledge in the areas of Foods & Nutrition, Disaster Preparedness, Becoming Money Wise, Child Development and Healthy Lifestyles.

Clare Bowman was the Junior Champion and Sarah Lange was the Junior Reserve Champion. Senior Champion was Sarah Cunningham and Anna Sump was the Senior Reserve Champion.

### State Contest

The 2017 State Life Challenge Event was held on UNL East Campus on June 26-27. Fifteen Lancaster County



4-H'ers formed four teams. Teams applied information they have learned in 4-H projects to real-life situations such as creating and marketing a new product, designing a historical quilt block and creating a distribution plan for surplus produce.

The highly successful Lancaster teams won eight top awards. UNL College of Education and Human Sciences awarded \$500 college scholarships to each member of the top three placing teams.

Ellie Babcock, Nora Clarke, Julia Stephenson and Anna Sump placed first in the Foods

and Nutrition Challenge. During the Entrepreneurship Challenge, they won; 2nd Place for Best Overall Presentation, the "Price & Finance" Award and the "Fan Favorite" Award. This team also won the "Best Use of Design

to Tell a Story" Award in the Design Challenge.

Abigail Babcock, Valerie Gabel, Emma Lanik and Emma Noel won 1st Place in the Entrepreneurship (ESI) Challenge for Best Overall Presentation and 3rd Place in the Foods & Nutrition Challenge.

Emma Timmer, John Sump, David Swotek and Eliese Schwinck won the "Best Marketing Concept" Award in the ESI Challenge.

Nathan Gabel, Bridget Clarke and Lily Noel also represented Lancaster County with high scores.

## 4-H'ers Test Animal Science Skills at PASE

Congratulations to the Lancaster County 4-H'ers who competed in the Livestock Judging Contest during the state Premiere Animal Science Events (PASE) held at UNL East Campus on June 27.

### Livestock Judging

The Livestock Judging contest consists of ranking classes of four animals from the most to least desirable. Classes include market and breeding beef, sheep, meat goats and swine. Youth also give oral reasons to the official judges to defend their reasons for ranking the animals. A big thank you to coach Roger Bell, who spent countless hours working with the Lancaster County teams.

**Senior teams** — The first team consisted of Isabela Chaffin,



Lancaster County Livestock Judging Senior First Team

Cole Cooper, Dylan Hafer and Adam Oldemeyer, which earned 5th overall team, 2nd overall in reasons, 4th overall in sheep and goats, 5th overall in swine and 5th overall in beef cattle.

The second senior team consisted of Brett Heinrich, Colter Tietjen, Reid Pretzer and Madysen Cox.

**Individual senior** results included:

- High overall reasons: Adam Oldemeyer placed 4th.
- High individual overall sheep: Dylan Hafer placed 10th.

**Intermediate team** — consisted of Tayden Bell, Allison Walbrecht, Haylee Mitchell and Judson Tietjen.

### Poultry Judging

Lina Carlson (5th place individual) and Breanna Blair competed in the poultry judging contest, comprised of two classes of judging hens for past production, oral reasons on a production hen class, grading eggs based on exterior quality, interior quality by candling, broken-out quality, grading ready-to-cook poultry and identification of ready-to-cook parts.

## HORSE BITS

### District Horse Show Results

Many Lancaster County 4-H'ers competed in district competitions held in Lincoln. All purple and blue ribbon winners qualified for the Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Show and Exposition in Grand Island. The district show in Lincoln was held on June 20 at the Lancaster Event Center. Congratulations to all who participated! Below are the Lancaster County purple ribbon and trophy winners. Complete results are online at <http://4h.unl.edu/horse/district-shows>

**SR. HUNTER UNDER SADDLE, 15 & UP**  
Madison Sobotka

**JR. HUNTER UNDER SADDLE, 10-14**  
Kali Maytum (Reserve Champion)

**SR. HUNT SEAT EQUITATION, 15 & UP**  
Madison Sobotka (Reserve Champion)

**JR. HUNT SEAT EQUITATION, 10-14**  
Cadi Wilbeck (Champion)

**WESTERN PLEASURE PONIES**  
Miya Higgins (Reserve Champion)

**SR. WESTERN PLEASURE HORSES, 15 & UP**  
Aubrey Hayes

**JR. WESTERN PLEASURE HORSES, 10-14**  
Isabella Gerlach (Reserve Champion),  
Ellie Bunz

**SR. WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP, 15 & UP**  
Aubrey Hayes, Audrey Heusinger,  
Nicole McConnell

**JR. WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP, 10-14**  
Isabella Gerlach (Champion), Lillie Beach,  
Ellie Bunz

**SR. REINING, 15 & UP**  
Jadin Vogler

**SR. POLE BENDING, 15 & UP**  
Audrey Heusinger

**JR. POLE BENDING, 10-14**  
Clara Bradbury (Champion)

**SR. BARREL RACING, 15 & UP**  
Jayme Litchfield (Champion), Cassie Meyer  
(Reserve Champion), Audrey Heusinger

**JR. BARREL RACING, 10-14**  
Clara Bradbury (Champion), Lillie Beach  
(Reserve Champion), Cadi Wilbeck