



HEART OF 4-H VOLUNTEER AWARD

Grace Kim

Lancaster County 4-H is proud to announce Grace Kim of Lincoln as winner of the June "Heart of 4-H Award" in recognition of outstanding volunteer service.

A 4-H volunteer for over six years, Grace has helped in a variety of roles:

- Co-leader of the Boots N' Hooves 4-H horse club.
- A superintendent at the Lancaster County Super Fair 4-H Horse Shows.
- Member of the Horse Volunteers in Program Service (VIPS) committee and helping at the Pre-District Horse Show.
- Assisted youth and families in her club and Prairie Star 4-H club in preparing for the Lancaster County Super Fair, State 4-H Horse Exposition and open horse shows.
- Organized Horsemanship Levels Testing Prep Clinics.
- Coached a Lancaster County Junior quiz bowl team which earned grand champion at the 4-H Horse Stampede.

"I like being a 4-H volunteer because I can share my passion of showing horses with the younger generation," she says. "Seeing youth grow into young adults that are successful in their careers after 4-H is what makes it worth it. My favorite experience is 'sending off' my senior girls on senior night at the county fair. A very emotional night as everyone expresses their love and support for the aging-out youth and seeing the accomplished 4-H careers the youth have had."

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



4-H/FFA Livestock Booster Club Scholarships Due July 6

Applications for Lancaster County 4-H/FFA Livestock Booster Club \$500 college scholarships are due July 6. Open to all Lancaster County 4-H/FFA seniors, but preference to those who have exhibited production livestock in 4-H or FFA. The application is at the Extension office and online at <http://go.unl.edu/5bg>. For more information, contact Calvin DeVries at 402-441-7180. Two winners will be announced at the Youth Livestock Premium Auction.

Video Companion Animal (and Cat and Pet Rabbit) Showmanship Entries Due Aug. 10

The Nebraska 4-H Video Companion Animal Showmanship Contest provides youth an opportunity to showcase their knowledge and skills they have developed in their 4-H companion animal project. From cats, pet rabbits and rodents to birds, reptiles and amphibians, 4-H youth are invited to record a 3-5 minute presentation demonstrating their knowledge about the care their companion animal requires. This statewide contest is open to youth ages 10-18 who are enrolled in a companion animal project. Video submissions will be accepted through Monday, Aug. 10. Information, rules and regulations are at <https://4h.unl.edu/companion-animal/showmanship-contest>. If you have questions, contact Lisa Karr at lisa.karr@unl.edu.

Seven Lancaster 4-H Clubs Receive Governor's Ag Excellence Awards

Congratulations to the seven Lancaster County 4-H Clubs who received 2020 Governor's Agricultural Excellence Awards: **Cornerstone Equestrian, Five Star 4-H'ers, Lancaster County 4-H Teen Council, Rabbits R Us, Sheridan Shamrocks, Tails N' Trails** and **Unified Showing**. 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 their award application.

4-H'ers Qualify for State Speech & PSA Contest

The Lancaster County 4-H Speech and Public Service Announcement (PSA) contest was held virtually this year due to COVID-19. More than 52 Lancaster County 4-H youth competed in this year's communication events. The following top winners will have the opportunity to represent Lancaster County at the state Speech & PSA virtual contest (learn more about the state contest at <https://4h.unl.edu/public-speaking>). Several speech videos and PSA recordings will be posted soon at <https://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/speech>.

SPEECH CONTEST:

- **Intermediate (11-12 years):** Sarah Lange, Micah Pracheil, Khloe Cuttlers, Emmy Sheldon, Melanie Wiggins
- **Senior (13-18 years):** Kylie Hansen, Autumn Lindsley, Gabriel Livingston, Samuel Livingston

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT (PSA) CONTEST:

- **Intermediate (11-12 years):** Cash Hance, Clara Johnson, Melanie Wiggins
- **Senior (13-18 years):** Ella Hendricksen, Riley Peterson, Eliese Schwinck

4-H Companion Animal Challenge Results

The statewide 4-H Companion Animal Challenge was held virtually the week of April 13. Youth had the opportunity to display their companion animal knowledge through four contests: art, demonstration, essay and photography. Congratulations to all Lancaster County 4-H members who participated! Below are the Lancaster County purple ribbon winners and champions. Complete results are at <https://4h.unl.edu/companion-animal/challenge>.

DEMONSTRATIONS

- **Team:** Taylor Root & Caraline Higgins (champion)

ESSAY

- **Intermediate division:** Andrew Donlan (champion)
- **Senior division:** Nathaniel Gabel (champion)

ART CONTEST

- **Junior division:** Joseph Donlan (champion)
- **Intermediate division:** Andrew Donlan, John Donlan



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Greater Lincoln Obedience Club

Lancaster County 4-H is proud to announce the Greater Lincoln Obedience Club (GLOC) as winner of the July "Heart of 4-H Award" in recognition of outstanding volunteer service. Even though they are not a 4-H club, they do so much to help 4-H'ers and their families.

4-H volunteers for over 15 years, Greater Lincoln Obedience Club is already making a big impact:

- They have helped mentor 4-H'ers and their parents in dog sports.
- They are available to answer questions the 4-H'ers may have regarding their dogs and obedience.
- They supply various equipment for the 4-H'ers to use to train their dogs for the fair. Including providing the agility equipment used at the Lancaster County Super Fair 4-H Dog Agility Show.

Teresa Barney, leader of GLOC, says, "We enjoy watching the kids compete in dog sports with their pet; it strengthens the bond between dog and handler. Being able to watch these kids year after year grow and become more confident in their ability to work and train dogs is rewarding."

Lancaster County 4-H thanks the members of GLOC for donating their time and talents. People like them are indeed the heart of 4-H!

HORSE BITS

Virtual State 4-H Horse Show — Entries Due Online July 6

Due to concerns regarding the spread of COVID-19, Nebraska 4-H has decided to cancel the in-person State 4-H Horse Expo. Instead, a modified Fun Horse Show & Stampede will be hosted allowing youth to compete virtually. Participants will record and submit videos and pictures of their entries using the rules and specifications found at <https://4h.unl.edu/state-horse-expo>. Details on the Horse Bowl contest is pending.

Horse Incentive Forms Due July 24

Any Lancaster County 4-H'er may participate in the horse incentive program and earn points by participating in horse-related activities between January 1 and July 17. The more points you earn, the more valuable the reward! The points you tracked from participating in horse-related activities must be totaled on the Horse Incentive Summary Sheet. Official sheets and Reward Request Form are due to the Extension office no later than July 24. More information can be found at <https://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/horse>.

4-H Equine Virtual Forum

Nebraska 4-H Horse has created a new Equine Virtual Forum called Evaluate My Ride. This forum uses Flipgrid to allow all equine riders the opportunity to join! Evaluate My Ride will provide members with tips, suggestions and ride evaluations from equine industry clinicians. New patterns or topics will be shared and cover a variety of disciplines related to equine riding. Participants may review materials at their own pace, try out any of the listed topics and work on the feedback they are given. Evaluate My Ride is open to all ages. Members will have the opportunity to submit videos of ranging difficulty and experience. New members may join at any time and catch up on the past weekly materials at their own pace. For more information or to sign up, visit <https://4h.unl.edu/evaluate-my-ride>.