

# Communication & Expressive Arts Opportunities

## Dodge County 4-H Public Speaking Contest

Fifty-one 4-Her's were awarded ribbons in the 2008 Dodge County 4-H Public Speaking Contest, held April 12, 2008 at Logan View High School. Top Senior Division honors in the Speech Contest went to Alicia Freese of Fremont, her speech was entitled, "Six Character Traits". The Silver medal was awarded to Chelsea Klepper of Fremont with "New Beginnings". Ambryn Keslar of Fremont took home the Bronze medal, with a speech entitled "From Nothing to Something".

The Gold medal in the Intermediate Division went to Ariona Hargan of Fremont, her speech was entitled, "Me as a Teacher". April Giesebrecht, of Fremont took home the Silver Medal with "Changes in Me".

The Junior Division Gold medal was given to Hallie Babcock of Fremont with her speech "Fun at 4-H Camp". Jamie Poppe of Scribner was awarded the Silver Medal with her speech "The 4-H Pledge". The Bronze Medal went to Justin Niewohner for "All About Rocketry."

The Novice Division Gold Medal was received by Jenae Mallette of Hooper, her poem was entitled, "Classic Spooky Stories". Emily Franzluebbbers of Dodge received the Silver Medal, her speech was "My First Bucket Calf". The Bronze medal was awarded to Elizabeth Franzluebbbers of Dodge with her story entitled, "My Bucket Calf Buddy."

In the Public Service Announcement Contest a Gold medal was given to Tessa Harms of Dodge, in the Senior Division. In the Junior Division, Hallie Babcock of Fremont took home the Gold medal. The Silver Medal was awarded to Taylor Harms of Dodge and the Bronze Medal was given to Troy Ebel of Scribner.

**Senior Division Speech:** Purple ribbons: Rachel Doehling, Quirstin Gross, Amber Coan, Kimberly Tracy, Amber Salemo, Ariel Davis, Chelsea Klepper, Ambryn Keslar, Alicia Freese and Brittny Warren all of Fremont. Blue ribbons: Caleb Sabatka, Cassandra Miller, Candy Perry, Alyson Bowers, Ashley McNeff, Grace Gordon, Cassie Craig, Dallas Laible, Cody Pettigrew, and Mikayla Vollmer all of Fremont.

**Intermediate Division Speech:** Purple ribbons: Ariona Hargan and April Giesebrecht both of Fremont.

Blue ribbons: Mallory Boyle of Scribner, Kaleb Luther and Brady Domeier both of Fremont.

**Junior Division Speech:** Purple ribbons: Jessica Dobias of Fremont, Justin Niewohner of Scribner, Hallie Babcock of Fremont, Jamie Poppe of Scribner and Josh Scheader-Wentz of Fremont. Blue ribbons: Corey Niewohner of Scribner.

**Novice Division Speech:** Purple ribbons: Jenae Mallette of Hooper, Elizabeth Franzluebbbers and Emily Franzluebbbers both of Dodge, Karly Niewohner of Scribner, Matthew Ortmeier and Taylor Harms both of Dodge. Blue ribbons: Kaylee Boyle and Nicole Boyle both of Scribner and Zach Lund of Dodge.

**Clover Bud Division:** Clover Bud ribbons: Kalli Meyer of Snyder, Kaylin Niewohner of Scribner and Alisen Niewohner of Snyder.

**PSA:** Purple ribbons: Troy Ebel of Scribner, Hallie Babcock of Fremont, Taylor Harms of Dodge and Tessa Harms of Dodge.

## Ak-Sar-Ben 7<sup>th</sup> Agricultural Art Competition

The Ak-Sar-Ben Buyers Club is now accepting entries for the seventh agricultural art competition held in conjunction with the Purple Ribbon Auction of the Ak-Sar-Ben Livestock Exposition. The deadline for submission is Friday May 30<sup>th</sup>. Three age divisions will be open to freehand artists. They are:

8 to 10

11 to 14

15 to 18

A first and second place winner will be chosen from each division. First place division winners will go on to compete for grand champion. The artwork must reflect "agriculture" or "youth in agriculture" and include cattle, swine, sheep and/or chickens. Entries should be created on standard 8 1/2" x 11" paper and should include the artist's name, address, age and phone number on the back. Images should be placed vertically on the page. All winners will be notified by phone on or by July 15. Mail entries to the Ak-Sar-Ben Buyers Club Art Contest at 302 South 36<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 800, Omaha, NE 68131. For more information, call 402/554-9600.

### **4-H Presentation Contest Set, June 26**

All youth five to 18 years old (on January 1, 2008) are encouraged to take part in this year's Myrna Powell Memorial 4-H Presentations Contest. The contest is scheduled for Thursday June 26 at Christensen Field in Fremont. This year's event will serve as county contests for Butler, Colfax, Dodge, Saunders Douglas/Sarpy counties. The event will include five divisions:

- Clover Kids/Cloverbuds
- (5 to 7 year olds/noncompetitive)
- Junior Individual (8 to 11 year olds)
- Junior Team (both members 8 to 11 years old)
- Senior Individual (12 to 18 year old)
- Senior Team
- (one or both members 12 to 18 years old).

In addition, there are 3 classes that the participants may choose from for their presentation method. To register, contact the Dodge County Extension Office at 402-727-2775 by the Friday June 18 deadline. It's your chance to learn an important life skill, communicating. If you plan on creating a multimedia presentation, come to the Digital Storytelling Workshop on May 29 at the UNL Extension Office.

### **4-H Council Meeting**

**May 5, 2008 7:00 p.m.**

**UNL Extension Office**

### **2008 Photography Themes**

#### UNIT I, UNIT II, UNIT III County Theme

"Add a 'lil green to your life"\*

#### UNIT II

"Celebrating Citizenship"/ Nebraska Theme Print

#### UNIT III

"Go For Gold"/Nebraska Theme Exhibit Print

(In celebration of the Nebraska 4-H Foundation's 50th Anniversary.

\* County theme is NOT eligible for State Fair.

## **Outdoor Opportunities**

### **2008 State 4-H Horticulture Contest**

There have been a few changes/additions to the horticulture contest for 2008.

1. The contest along with the tree and grass/weed contests will be moved back to the state fair. They will be on Saturday, August 30th in the Bob Devaney Sports Center. Specific location and time details will follow once they are finalized.
2. The horticulture contest will be plant identification only. A new plant list along with a study guide can be found at <http://www.agronomy.unl.edu/newoutreach/youthprograms.html>. The new plant list contains plants that are commonly used/sold in Nebraska. Eighty plants will be selected from this list.
3. Top four place winners in the horticulture contest will have the opportunity to participate in a proposed horticultural education trip during the summer of 2009.

This trip is tentatively replacing the late fall trip that has been taken in past years.

4. A new on-line horticulture contest will be available. This is just an extra contest and will have no impact on the state horticulture contest. The plant list will be the same for this contest. Counties may use this as a qualifier for state, as a way to encourage students to get their feet wet in horticulture, or as a practice session for those students competing in the state contest. This contest will be open from July 7-13th. Watch the next newsletter for the link to the online contest.

### **Horticulture and Floriculture Help**

Do you have a 4-H'er that wants to exhibit something from a garden this year, but you don't know where to start? Do you need help with a problem with your vegetables or flower? Sarah Browning and her team of Master Gardeners are here to help, simply stop in or call the UNL Extension Office in Dodge County.