

# Extension Horse Program News

by Kathy Anderson, UNL Extension Horse Specialist, Associate Professor

Numerous UNL Horse Extension 4-H Program events take place all over the state. Extension 4-H faculty spend most of the summer organizing and conducting educational workshops and the District and State 4-H Horse Shows. The 4-H Horse Advisory Committee also works to continuously improve the 4-H Horse program, answer questions, and develop new learning opportunities for 4-H Horse Project members and leaders. The Horse Advisory Committee is made up of the Kathy Anderson, extension horse specialist, extension staff, volunteers and youth members. This group meets three times a year and is always open to new suggestions.

A list of committee members can be found at <http://www.animalscience.unl.edu/extension/equine/4H/advisorycommittee.html>.

Committee appointments are made through the four extension districts

in the state. Individuals interested in serving on the committee should either contact a local extension office, or their local extension youth specialist. Following are some accomplishments by the 4-H Horse Advisory Committee:

**Horse Show Management Team** – This team was developed in 2006 as a means to seek volunteers willing to help with a segment the State 4-H Horse Show. These valuable volunteers organize the people necessary to help run the arena/events for which they are responsible. The Horse Show Management Team provides the superintendents a pool of individuals willing to help. If you plan to attend the 2008 state 4-H horse show July 14-17, in Grand Island and would kindly be willing to help, please fill out the form (<http://www.animalscience.unl.edu/extension/equine/4H/mgmtteam1.pdf>) and you can be assured you will get a call.

The 2007 state 4-H horse show had

500 exhibitors registered with 1,253 entries. There were entries from 66 counties. The all-around winners were:

**Senior Performance:** Erica Lechtenberg, Oakland, riding Blue Chip Advantage

**Junior Performance:** Alex Micek, Osceola, riding Decker By Investor

**Senior Working:** Sarah Bamesberger, Indianola, riding Jess Nudder Moon

**Junior Working:** Carrie Coats, Hastings, riding Uno

The 2007 Aksarben 4-H Horse Show at Omaha had over 134 exhibitors with 311 entries. Special award belt buckles were awarded from Wolfe Brothers to the following:

**Senior English Equitation Buckle**

**Winners:**

Brette Manthe, Merrill, Iowa  
Amanda Neujahr, Osceola

**Senior Western Horsemanship Buckle**

**Winners:**

Kelsey Horner, Kearney  
Jordan Anderson, Burwell

## Web Sites Of Interest

**UNL Department of Animal Science**

<http://www.animalscience.unl.edu/index.html>

**Youth Animal Science Programs**

<http://www.animalscience.unl.edu/extension/youth.html>

**4-H Horse Program**

<http://www.animalscience.unl.edu/extension/equine/4H.html>

**HorseQuest eXtension**

<http://www.extension.org/>

**Nebraska Horse Council**

<http://www.nebraskahorsecouncil.org/>

**UNL Equine News**

<http://4h.unl.edu/equine/>

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### Did You Know?

Did you know that there are 3,994 Nebraska 4-H members enrolled in horse projects (Horse and Horseless)? There are 570 volunteer leaders working with the 4-H Program.



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