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## She Found her Lifelong love in 4-H

The Foundation loves reading the wonderful stories you've submitted about the impacts of 4-H in your homes and communities. The common theme among them is easy to interpret: 4-H provides a means of making lasting friendships and a set of lifelong skills.

"My most memorable story about 4-H is that I met my husband through 4-H and school," writes Barbara Nilson of Springview. Nilson remembers that fateful night after one 4-H meeting when a game of Hide-and-Seek in the dark turned treacherous. "He ran into the clothesline and practically hung himself! I guess it was a good catch, since we celebrated our 45th wedding anniversary this year."

Barbara and her husband passed their love of 4-H to their five sons. "To this day, they will tell you that giving speeches, presentations and showing livestock in 4-H has made them the good parents and community leaders they are today."

Do you have a story like Barbara's? [Tell us yours HERE!](#)

## Remember Your 4-H Days at the State Fair

Food, Fun and Friends! The Nebraska 4-H

## Pulling for 4-H Charity Shoot

**Join us as a team or compete as an individual for a great day of shooting and prizes to benefit Nebraska 4-H!**



Thursday,  
September 22, 2011

Oak Creek Sporting Club  
Brainard, Nebraska

For more information  
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## Save The Date!

**Join us for the 13th Annual  
Trail Ride**

Foundation is excited to see you at the 2011 Nebraska State Fair, August 26 through September 5 in Grand Island!

Nebraska 4-H Alumni can tell stories about their time in 4-H on camera, check out decade boards which will reconnect 4-H'ers from different decades, and enjoy cake and ice cream at the 4-H alumni reception Saturday, September 3rd from 3-5 p.m.

Alumni who share their experiences in 4-H will be entered to win \$1000 for the county 4-H program of their choice! The drawing of the winner will take place at the Nebraska State Fair!

"This is our largest initiative yet to pay tribute to the positive impact our alumni have had on Nebraska 4-H," said Stuart Shepherd, Executive Director of the Nebraska 4-H Foundation. "Now that's worth celebrating!"

Can't join us?

[Submit your story here to be entered!](#)

## Beyond Animals to Science and Robotics



A Nebraska 4-H robotics team was one of 84 teams from across the U.S., Canada and Mexico to compete in the FIRST LEGO League North

American Open Tournament in California in May.

Time Warner Cable sponsored "Team Extreme", a group of 4-H'ers from Lincoln, in the tournament.

Nebraska's 4-H robotics program is growing, as the importance of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) is being brought to the forefront. Many youth are getting involved in these programs, like the members of Team Extreme.



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Brandy Johnson, a spokesperson for Time Warner Cable, said, "Participating in 4-H Robotics and the FIRST LEGO League is a fun hands-on way for Nebraska's youth to learn the skills they



need to take on the problems of tomorrow." Time Warner Cable is focused on helping kids learn about opportunities in the sciences through their [Connect A Million Minds](#) program.

To learn more about 4-H robotics and other science programs, check out the Nebraska State 4-H [website](#).

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