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Lincoln, NE – July 21, 2011- The Fantastic 4-H'ers 4-H Club (Platte County) has been selected as the 4-H Club of the Month for the month of July by the Nebraska 4-H Ambassadors and Nebraska 4-H Foundation. 4-H clubs from throughout the state of Nebraska nominated themselves by explaining why their club should be Club of the Month. Stories about community service projects, trips to museums and other fun and educational activities were shared.

The July 4-H Club of the Month, Fantastic 4-H'ers, participates in a wide range of activities and projects, from livestock, such as poultry and goats, to the talent contest and Nebraska State Fair. To start the year, the club made sewing kits, which are given to people who visit the hospital for medical attention, for their leader's medical mission in Nicaragua. Next, the club designed and made homemade Valentine's Day cards for Platte County service men and women abroad serving in Afghanistan. Other community service projects the club participated in were highway trash pickup, donating to the Food Pantry and setting up luminaries for the Relay for Life cancer survivor event. Beautifying Ag Park for the Platte County fair is another project the Fantastic 4-H'ers takes on each year. Last year, the club built large planters and cared for flowers during the summer at Ag Park, and this year they planted flowers once again. Fantastic 4-H'ers 4-H Club is an active club that participates in numerous projects and community service opportunities, and the Nebraska 4-H Ambassadors and Nebraska 4-H Foundation are proud to award them the Club of the Month award for the month of July.

The Nebraska 4-H Ambassadors together with the Nebraska 4-H Foundation provide the 4-H Club of the Month program to all Nebraska 4-H clubs throughout the state. Clubs can nominate themselves by sharing why their club should be chosen as Club of the Month. A different club will be chosen each month and will be awarded with a certificate and \$50. For more information go to the Nebraska 4-H Foundation website at <http://www.ne4hfoundation.org/events/4-h-club-of-the-month> or e-mail ne4hambassadors@unl.edu.

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