



**Jennifer Cusick-Rawlinson** has served on the Lancaster County Agricultural Society board for two terms and is an active member of multiple committees. She has been Lincoln sporting goods manufacturer Bison, Inc.'s Marketing & Communication Manager since 2006 and has prior professional experience in the non-profit and investment industries.

As an active volunteer, she has leadership experience on several boards and committees including Lancaster County 4-H including the Council, Horse VIPs, and Esprit de Corps 4-H Club, receiving a Heart of 4-H Award for her efforts. Additional equine volunteer activities over the past 10 years include Salt Creek Wranglers President, Nebraska Dressage Association Competitions Manager, Missouri Valley Morgan Horse Club Membership Chair, and Pine Lake Stables Treasurer. She has also been involved in the community through Junior Achievement of Lincoln, Lincoln Literacy, Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska Council, and her neighborhood association and is a member of Lincoln Downtown Rotary Club #14, US Equestrian and United States Dressage Federation.

She completed her M.B.A. in 1996 at UNL and lives in Lincoln with her husband Jeff and a very small herd of backyard horses, dogs, and cats. Her daughter Kate is a veterinarian in Lincoln after completing her DVM at Iowa State University.

"If we all give a little, no one's job is too big to handle," says Cusick-Rawlinson. A strong believer that everyone should pitch in for worthy causes, she is willing to serve the many beneficiaries of the Lancaster Event Center to ensure the continuation of quality programming that supports the organization's mission as well as the financial success needed to help it thrive.

"As a volunteer show manager myself for multiple organizations, I have a deep respect for the board, staff and volunteers that make the Lancaster Event Center the professionally managed facility that it has become. I would be honored to support them in any way possible."



**Lynn Hagan**

I have just completed my first three-year term on the Lancaster County Ag Society board. I would like to continue serving on the board as I feel that the mission of the Ag Society is extremely important to the community and the county.

I have become active on the board's Rodeo Committee helping the fairgrounds prepare for the National HS Finals Rodeo in 2021 and its return in 2026 & 2027. During the fair, I have focused on hosting a great experience for visitors in our Attraction Zone and Pepsi Free Music Series. We are proud to have grown the popular Hispanic Cultural Festival over the last few years and are looking at other local ethnic groups that might enjoy sharing their culture at the fair.

My wife Justy and I have been married for 38 years and we have 2 sons. We live south of Hickman on an acreage.

I have been involved in ag all of my life in some form or another. I grew up on a farm/ranch in Dawson county and was involved in 4-H for 10 years.

I am currently employed by the Nebraska State Patrol in the Executive Protection detail. Prior to that I was a marketing rep/legislative liaison for U.S. Smokeless Tobacco. Justy and I have also been the coaches for the UNL Rodeo Team. I am also a horse show announcer and currently do shows in Nebraska, South Dakota and Kansas.

Working at all of the other venues in several states I think that I would bring a unique and experienced perspective to the board.

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My name is **Mitch Sump** and I have lived in Lancaster County since 1988 when I moved here to complete my college education. I graduated from UNL in 1991 with a bachelor's degree in Agriculture/Natural Resources. I liked the Lincoln community and was fortunate to find a job so ended up staying. I have a varied background of work experience including sales, fundraising, program development, and working with both youth and seniors, so I feel I can bring a lot to the table.

Prior to moving to Nebraska, I grew up in southwest Iowa. My family farmed and we always looked forward to the county and state fairs. I was never in 4-H as my focus as a kid was more inclined towards fishing, camping, and other nature-based interests.

I became involved with the Lancaster County Fair when my children, Anna and John, joined 4-H. During their time in 4-H, I served two terms on the Lancaster County 4-H Council, serving as President for 2.5 years, and represented the Council on the Lancaster County Extension Board while President. I am currently serving my second term on N.A.C.E.B and I also continue to help the Pick-A-Pig 4-H Club, with maintenance, and assisting new members and the hog show.

My wife Kathy, who is a former 4-Her, and I believe in giving back to the community and the organization which has given our family so many experiences and memories over the years. I have enjoyed my first year on the board fulfilling the last year of long-time board member Tom Messick's term after he moved out of state. I hope to be able to serve my first full 3-year term with your support.