

2002 LANCASTER COUNTY FAIR

4-H CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION 

July 31–Aug. 4

One regular fair-goer claims the Lancaster County Fair is Lincoln's "best kept secret!" With no admission fee and free parking, the fair has five full days of fun, food and entertainment for the entire family!

The 2002 Lancaster County Fair will be held Wednesday, July 31–Sunday, Aug. 4, and marks the second year at the Lancaster Event Center at 84th and Havelock in Lincoln.

4-H Centennial Celebration

In honor of 100 years of 4-H, the theme of the County Fair is "4-H Centennial Celebration." There will be 4-H exhibits, contests and livestock shows the entire five days.

4-H is Bursting Out All Over will kickoff the celebration with a big water balloon fight open to the public on Wednesday, July 31 at 8:30 p.m. People can preorder water balloons at the 4-H Information Booth. The event will also feature a frozen T-Shirt contest with prizes — sign up at the 4-H Information Booth.

In recognition of the fact that former 4-H'er Jim Davis has designed Garfield 4-H Centennial promotional items (see www.4-Hmall.org), Lancaster County 4-H is hosting a **Lasagna Cook-off & Feast** Thursday, Aug. 1 (remember, Garfield loves lasagna)! Entries are due at 5:30 p.m. The public can "pay to judge" (or eat Valentino's lasagna) beginning at 6 p.m. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for youth 12 & under. For advance tickets, visit the 4-H Information Booth.

This year's **4-H Table Setting Contest** on Thursday, Aug. 1 at 5:30 p.m. is focusing on "Celebrating Diversity." The public is invited to share their cultures by setting up an example family celebration table setting and menu card. For more information, call 441-7180.

There will be an **Alumni Showmanship** following each livestock show. If you are a Lancaster County alumni in an area of beef, sheep, swine, goat or dairy; practice up! Registration will be taken during each

show. Animals will be provided. Some of the **static exhibits** center around the centennial:

- Decorated Cookie (related to Garfield comic strip, 4-H or 4-H Centennial)
- Orange Exhibit (Garfield is orange, but don't let that limit your creativity — think outside the box in this exhibit!)
- Photography themes of "100 Years of 4-H" or "4-H Is a Family Affair."

Fair Favorites

The **carnival** at this year's County Fair is bigger and better than ever! Located southwest of the Event Center, the carnival will be open late into the evenings.

The Fair will feature several strolling acts: **Shriner clowns**, **yo-yo artist** "The Amazing Arthur" and **stiltwalker** Shawn Gregory.

Kids will also love the **Petting Zoo**, open Aug. 1–4, and the **Racing Pigs**, with shows at 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Aug. 1–4 (no 6 or 8 p.m. on Sunday). There is no charge for either of these.

Several area celebrities will participate in the 4th annual **Celebrity Swine Show** on Friday, Aug. 2 at 6 p.m.: Deputy Bartek (Lancaster County Sheriff's Department), Tom Casady (Lincoln Police Chief), Courtney Cutler (Channel 8), Rod Fanders (Goodyear Tire & Rubber), Bernie Heier (Lancaster County Commissioner), Brian Jennings (96KX) and Will E. Kroak (Froggy 98).

Other returning Fair favorites are:

- **Hay Hauling Contest** — Friday, Aug. 2 at 7 p.m.
- **Teen Dance** with music DJ'd by Complete Music — Friday, Aug. 2, 8–11 p.m. Cost is \$1/person.
- **Big Wheel Race** — Saturday, Aug. 3 at 10 a.m. For ages 3 to 8. Register at the event.
- **Pedal Tractor Pull** — Saturday, Aug. 3 at 1 p.m. For ages 4 through adult. Register at the event.
- **Car and Motorcycle Show & Shine** — Sunday, Aug. 4, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. \$5 admittance



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per vehicle. Trophies for People's Choice, Director's Choice and Kool 105 Choice.

New at the Fair

The Lancaster County Agricultural Society (Fair Board) has worked hard to expand the Fair with new and exciting events and activities.

One event not to miss is the **Backseat Drivers Contest** on Thursday, Aug. 1 at 7 p.m. In this contest, teams of two drive through an obstacle course in a golf cart. There's one catch—the driver is blindfolded and relies on verbal directions from the passenger!

Team Roping is open to the public, Saturday, Aug. 3 at 5 p.m. Top money winner of the day wins a saddle. For more information or to register, contact Kim Kohl at 526-2384.

Saturday night's main event will be a **National Barrel Horse Association (NBHA) Jackpot Barrel Race** on Aug. 3 at 7:30 p.m. Open to NBHA and non-NBHA, all ages, participants compete in cloverleaf barrel pattern for jackpot. Registration forms will be available night of the race.

The 2002 Lancaster County Fair will host the **International Pedal Tractor Pull** finals on Sunday, Aug. 4 at 1 p.m. Last year's winners from all 50 states will compete with competitors from Canada for the International Pedal Tractor Pull championship!

New also is a **Wacky Rodeo** on Sunday, Aug. 4 at 1 p.m. Open to all ages, contestants participate in outrageous activities such as a diaper race, catching a greased pig and milking a goat for prizes. For more information or to register, call Kim Soucie at 434-3620.

Fantastic Food

Not only are there the standard County Fair concessions that kids of all ages savor, but several events involve food:

- **Watermelon Feed** on Thursday, Aug. 1, 4:30 p.m., FREE!
- **Family Barbecue** on Friday, Aug. 2 5:30–7 p.m., \$3.50 per ticket.
- **Cookie Eating Contest** on Friday, Aug. 2, 5:30 p.m. Open to all ages, participation is limited — register at the 4-H Information Booth. Cookies will also be on sale.
- **4-H Teen Council Ice Cream Social** on Friday, Aug. 2, 5:30–7 p.m. 4-H Clover Mint (from the UNL Dairy Store) and vanilla ice cream for 75¢.

For more information about the fair, call the Lancaster Event Center at 441-6545. During the fair, the Fair Board will have an office in Room 1 of the Exhibit Hall.

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