

# Gearing Up for 2002 Lancaster County Fair

**2002 Lancaster County Fair**  
**Wednesday, July 31–Sunday, Aug. 4**  
**Lancaster Event Center, 84th & Havelock**

**“4-H Centennial Celebration”**



This year's Lancaster County Fair Books have been mailed to 4-H families and past Open Class exhibitors. They are available at the Lancaster County Extension office during business hours. A limited supply is also available at local banks, libraries and post offices throughout the community.

The 4-H & FFA version is available online at [lancaster.unl.edu/4H](http://lancaster.unl.edu/4H)

The Open Class version is available online at [www.lancastereventcenter.com/fair.html](http://www.lancastereventcenter.com/fair.html)

The July issue of THE NEBLINE will feature the fair schedule and highlights.

## Volunteers Needed!

Volunteer helpers (ages 12 and over) are needed to help at the County Fair in the following capacities:

- check in exhibits on entry day (July 29)
- assist judges on judging day (July 30)
- put up project displays (July 30)
- help at the Fair Fun Day (Aug. 2)
- help in the information booth (July 31–Aug. 4)

Call 441-7180 to sign up. Your help is appreciated!

## 4-H Pre-Fair Schedule

- June 15 — All Animal Identification (sheep, goats, swine, breeding beef, bucket calves, dairy cattle) Due
- July 8 — All 4-H Preregistration Forms Due; All Animal Entry Deadline; Contests Registrations Due; and Parental Permission to Camp on Grounds Form Due
- July 17 — 4-H Horticulture/Tree/Grass-Weed Judging Contest; and 4-H Family and Consumer Science Judging Contest (Lancaster Extension Education Ctr.)
- July 19 — 4-H Demonstration Contest (Lancaster Extension Education Ctr.) [also Aug. 3 at Lancaster Event Center]
- July 24 — 4-H Style Revue Judging (Lancaster Event Ctr., Exhibit Hall)
- July 29 — Static Exhibit Check In (Lancaster Event Ctr., Lincoln Room)
- July 30 — Static Exhibit Judging (Lincoln Room)

## Decorate a Barrel!

Help prepare the Lancaster Event Center for the Fair by participating in the paint a trash barrel activity on **Sunday, June 30** from 1:30–3:30 p.m. at the Event Center. Bring your brush and creative ideas. All paint will be supplied.

## Food Booth Training

ALL County Fair food booth volunteers are encouraged to attend this training at the Lancaster Event Center, **Thursday, July 25**, 6–7 p.m. Learn about food safety, customer service and volunteer responsibilities. See you there!

## Lasagna Feast!

Jim Davis, creator of the comic strip, Garfield, and former 4-H'er has designed Garfield promotional items to Celebrate 100 Years of 4-H. Recognizing this and the fact that Garfield loves lasagna, we are hosting a Lasagna Feast and Lasagna Cook-off at the County Fair, **Thursday, Aug. 1**. The public is invited to enter and “pay to judge” the entries and/or eat Valentino's Lasagna beginning at 6 p.m. in the Exhibit Hall at the Lancaster Event Center. Lasagna Feast tickets sold beginning July 31, in the Lincoln Room at the Lancaster 4-H Information Booth.

- Lasagna Cook-off Rules:
1. Entries are due at 5:30 p.m., Aug. 1, at the Exhibit Hall, Lancaster Event Center. Judging at 5:45 p.m.
  2. Recipe is required with entry and must be typed or printed on 8-1/2" x 11" sheet of paper.
  3. Entry must consist of 9" x 13" pan of lasagna.
  4. Classes: (1) traditional, (2) nontraditional (each class must have 2 or more entries for competition).
  5. 1st and 2nd place prizes in each category.
  6. Preregister by July 26 by calling 441-7180.

## Interview Judging

4-H'ers have the opportunity to talk to judges about their fair exhibits and share the trials and lessons they learned. 4-H'ers also learn what the judge looks for and how to improve skills. This year 4-H'ers may interview judge **ONE** exhibit from each project area (for example: one item from Celebrate Art, one item from Design Decisions and one item from Tasty Tidbits). Refer to page 5 of the 4-H/FFA Fair Book for project areas that have interview judging. Call the office at 441-7180 to sign up for a five-minute time slot. Interview judging is **Tuesday, July 30**, in the Lincoln Room.

## Show & Tell for Clover Kids

All Clover Kids, youth age 5–7 by January 1, 2002, are invited to show & tell their 4-H exhibits at the County Fair, **Saturday, Aug. 3**, starting at 1 p.m. Clover Kids Show & Tell is held in the Lincoln Room at the Lancaster Event Center. Youth are also invited to do a skit or song at this time. See page 7 of the 4-H/FFA Fair book for more information. To register, call 441-7180 by July 26, or sign up at the stationary exhibit area July 29, 4–8 p.m.

## Public Speaking for Clover Kids

4-H Clover Kids are invited to attend a public speaking workshop at the County Fair. This fun, educational workshop will provide an opportunity to create a PSA (public service announcement) and record it on tape. An adult or older teen partner is strongly encouraged to join in the fun with their youth. This workshop is **Saturday, Aug. 3**, in the Exhibit Hall at the Lancaster Event Center. Workshops are held at 1 and 2 p.m. To register, call 441-7180 by July 26, or sign up at the stationary exhibit area July 29, 4–8 p.m.

## County Fair Contests

Registration forms for Demonstration Contest and Style Revue are available at the extension office or may be downloaded at [www.lancaster.unl.edu](http://www.lancaster.unl.edu).

Call the office at 441-7180 by Monday, July 8 to register for all contests except Family & Consumer Science Judging Contest as no preregistration is needed for that contest. New information for Table Setting Contest is available from the office or is located at the above Web site.

All events will be held at the Lancaster Event Center, except for the Family & Consumer Science Judging Contest, the Horticulture Contest and one Demonstration Contest which are held at the Lancaster Extension Educational Center.

### Horticulture Contest

Horticulture Contest is **Wednesday, July 17**, 10 a.m. Study material for the contest is available at the extension office.

### Family & Consumer Science Judging Contest

**Wednesday, July 17**, 1 p.m. 4-H members will use their decision making skills in the junior division (8–11 years old) or senior division (12 years old and older as of January 1, 2002). Information packets are available at the office. This year's topics and resources for the contest:

**JUNIOR DIVISION**  
 Nutrition Fitness & Youth Web site [<http://deal.unl.edu/NFY>]

- Growth Spurts—Food Guide Pyramid
- Consumer U—Nutrition Food Panel

Home Environment—Create Your Corner (4-H 153)

- Cleaning (p. 8–13)
- Color (p. 14, 22–25)

Consumer Management—Attention Shoppers! (4-H 449)

- Selecting Jeans (p. 17–22)
- Clothing Care (p. 25–27)
- Sewing on a Button (p. 28)

Clothing & Textiles—Sewing for Fun (4-H 167)

- Sewing Tools (p. 5–11)

**SENIOR DIVISION**  
 Food and Nutrition—Nutrition Fitness & Youth Web site (<http://deal.unl.edu/NFY>)

- Growth Spurts—Nutrients
- Consumer U—Dietary Guidelines

Home Environment—Design Decisions (4-H 440)

- Wall Covering
- Flooring
- Design Principles

Clothing & Textiles—Clothing 2 (4-H 224)

- Fibers & Fabric Selection
- Sewing Basics

Entrepreneurship—Business Sense (4-H 457)

- Analyzing Customer Needs
- Record Keeping

### Demonstration Contest

The Demonstration Contest is one of the best ways to share your expertise and ideas with others. Demonstrations can be done as an individual or as a team. There will be two demonstration contests: **Friday, July 19**, 1 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center and **Saturday, Aug. 3**, 8:30 a.m. at the Lancaster Event Center. See page eight of the 4-H/FFA Fair Book for categories.

### Style Revue

Style Revue Judging is **Wednesday, July 24**, at the Exhibit Hall, Lancaster Event Center, starting at 8:30 a.m. The public Style Revue is **Wednesday, July 31**, 7 p.m. The public is invited to see 4-H members style their outfits.

### Table Setting Contest

Choose a theme category (birthday, casual, formal, picnic) and plan a menu, design a centerpiece and place setting to compliment the theme. A new handout is available from the office. Contest is **Thursday, Aug. 1**, 5:30 p.m.

### Public is Invited to Share Their Culture

The focus of the County Fair 4-H Table Setting Contest is “Celebrating Diversity.” This year we are inviting the public to share their cultures with contestants and attendees. Exhibit an example of a family celebration table setting and menu card. Bring own card table for display. Table must be set up from 5:30–8 p.m. To register/questions, call 441-7180.

### Bicycle Safety Contest

4-H members do not need to be enrolled in the bicycle project to enter this contest. See 4-H/FFA Fair Book for rules. Contest is **Saturday, Aug. 3**, 9 a.m.