

More in '04 at the Lancaster County Fair!

Thousands of Lancaster County residents "Discovered More in '04" at the Lancaster County Fair! Ron Snover, president of the Lancaster County Agricultural Society, estimates total attendance at 60,000 — up from last year's total of 45,000. New this year was a Kids Ag Discovery Zone which featured hands-on agriculture activities for youth of all ages to see, touch and smell.

A total of 4,262 4-H exhibits were entered. 4-H staff member Tracy Kulm stated, "I saw a lot of talent showcased in the static exhibits this year. Our county is sending very impressive exhibits on to the State Fair." She added, "The teens on the 4-H Teen Council were amazing and showed great leadership. They set up everything for the Ice Cream Social, Cookie Eating Contest and Teen Dance." Deanna Karmazin, 4-H staff member and Lancaster County Ag Society board member, said "I'm very proud of all the 4-H'ers and their families for their dedication and follow through on their projects. A hand goes out to all the volunteers who made it all come together."

More than 400 youth from 19 child care groups participated in Fair Fun Day, up 33 percent from last year. In this event, child care groups are given an interactive tour of the fair.

Extension staff organized Fair Fun Day and 4-H teen volunteers served as tour guides.

Members of the Lancaster County Extension Board were involved in the fair. Many helped serve watermelon at the free Watermelon Feed. Kendra Penrod had the "pleasure" of participating in the Celebrity Swine Show.

Complete 4-H county fair results, as well as photos, are online at lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Fair.



Lancaster County 4-H and Waverly FFA members put on farm safety demonstrations and a puppet show during the Kids Ag Discovery Zone Kick Off.



The relationship between animal and exhibitor was on display in every animal show, including the 4-H Dairy Show.



Cathy Blythe from KFOR was celebrity judge for the 4-H Rabbit Speciality Show. Here she steps back after one of the rabbits had an accident had an accident on its 4-H owner.



4-H members modeled their sewing skills on clothing ranging from costumes to elegant dresses at the 4-H Style Revue.

SPECIAL TRIBUTE

Dedication of 4-H & FFA Veteran's Memorial



Lancaster County Agricultural Society board members Ron Snover (front left) and Roger Powell (front right), along with members of the VFW Post #131 Color Guard. Snover and Powell are 4-H alumni as well as veterans.

The Lancaster County Agricultural Society dedicated a 4-H and FFA Veteran's Memorial on the first day of the Lancaster County Fair. The memorial is located near the front entrance of the Lancaster Event Center. The dedication ceremony was led by members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post #131.

The memorial features two flags poles placed in concrete which is in the shape of a "V". A brass plaque will commemorate the local 4-H and FFA alumni who went on to serve in the armed forces of the United States.

According to Scott Nichelson, member of the Lancaster County Agricultural Society board of directors, "We just wanted to honor 4-H and FFA kids who went on into the service, because 4-H and FFA taught them a lot and that learning continued on in the military."



During Fair Fun Day, 17 4-H teen volunteers gave child care groups interactive tours of the fair.



Ribbons and trophies are only some of the rewards 4-H'ers get from their projects—more important is what the youth learn about themselves and what they are capable of.



This young 4-H'er explained that baking soda and vinegar "don't get along" as she created a volcano during Clover Kids Show and Tell.



Lancaster County Extension Board member Kendra Penrod attempted to guide a pig through an obstacle course during the Celebrity Swine Show.

In the next issue of THE NEBLINE: results of the People's Choice 4-H Awards!