

Make tracks to the Lincoln County 4-H Fair

Excitement is building at the Lincoln County 4-H Fair which gets underway this Wednesday, July 14 and runs through Sunday, July 18 at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Merrill.

The County Fair is a great opportunity to see an array of activities and events that local 4-H members enjoy participating in throughout Lincoln County. In all, there are 300 youth from throughout Lincoln County will be exhibiting over 400 exhibits and activities with their project work ranging from art projects to live animal

displays to make exhibits to displays about their leadership experiences. Of course, the exhibits will also include animals from projects they have in homes. In addition, over 400 open-house activities will be exhibiting over 1,500 exhibits. All of these exhibits will be displayed throughout the fairgrounds for the public to view.

Participating in a project and displaying it at the fair has been a 4-H tradition since the organization was founded in 1901 and now, participating in the county fair offers a number of benefits to young people.

Young people gain a sense of pride and accomplishment when they display their work publicly and the recognition that they have successfully completed the project.

Young people who show projects learn something about themselves and their project in the first possible way. This is a skill that will use in school, on the job, and in the life.

Participating in projects allows the local young people to display their own experiences and develop thinking skills. Showing



the project at the fair is educational, because each project is evaluated and young people can learn what they did well and what they might do better next time.

4-H leaders and staff help young people realize that completing the project is the most important achievement and winning is not the only goal. When judging is done, there is time to answer the youth all those questions about their animals and learn how the project is evaluated. Judges are encouraged to give positive feedback and suggestions for improvements.

- Interactive learning

also helps the 4-H members develop public speaking skills and the ability to talk to their fair - all skills that will help them as they advance in school and move into careers.

In addition to exhibiting at the county fair, every youth is also involved in making the fair a success. They serve as department chair people and committee members who increase various departments at the fair. Through these experiences young people are developing their leadership skills while providing the opportunity for other youth to display their project work.

- High quality, low cost

Lincoln County 4-H Fair, 2010, will be very exciting during the county fair showcasing, showcasing projects and performing 4-H. The youth will be making an impression on "4-H Young Master Piece", which will be a program for the summer with 100 youth members in the 4-H. There have been many exciting projects that will be available to purchase in the Market Place which is located in the Stocking Building near the Dairy and Stand. Through this program young people involved are learning about spending a business.

And other events will be working in the Douglas, Saturday, the 4-H - Rehabilitation Booth that will be located in the Stocking Building.

A county fair is a great opportunity to see all the positive things the youth throughout Lincoln County are doing and involved in. Adults see the youth are creative and ingenious. They can see the skills they have learned and how they are applying those skills. Please use to visit the Lincoln County 4-H Fair to see all of the great things young people in Lincoln County are accomplishing. For a complete schedule of events for this year's fair visit the Lincoln County 4-H fair website at www.4h.org and click on the link from the fair website or call the Fair Office at 526-2211.