

## **Rattle-tag artist, mechanical bull, more at DC fair**

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### **Four-H events begin Saturday.**

A spray-paint artist, mechanical bull and kids' ranch rodeo are new events featured at the Dawson County Fair which officially kicks off Saturday.

The fair is July 10-18.

Artist Matt Sorensen of Blackfoot, ID, who is known for his "rattle tag" art with spray paint, will perform one-hour shows for the public at noon, 2:30 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday near the grandstand.

Mechanical bull rides for \$5 will also be offered by the grandstand on Friday in addition to kids' ranch events Saturday.

A carnival begins Wednesday, July 14, in the evening with family night and continues every evening through Sunday, July 18.

Dawson County Ag Society events coordinator and office manager Ann Johnson described the fair this year as "really fun with new events and great food including traditional fair food."

Johnson said 43 vendors are lined up in the commercial building who will sell merchandise such as cowgirl accessories and offer information on such agencies as the Dawson County Parent-Child Center.

A long-standing restaurant at the fair—the 4-H Cafe—will be open Saturday, July 10, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. ; Wednesday, July 14, from 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday, July 15-17, from 8:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., and Sunday, July 18, from 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

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FFA'ers will set up a petting zoo but details were not available Tuesday.

Events beginning on Friday and the rest of the week at the Dawson County Fairground in Lexington include:

Friday, July 9: 9:30 a.m.—4-H superintendent's meeting at 4-H exhibit building and 4-H building; 10:30-11 a.m.—State 4-H horse-show bound exhibitors may enter static exhibits; 1 p.m.—set up shooting sports equipment.

Saturday, July 10: 9 a.m.—4-H shooting sports; 3 p.m.—4-H dog show. Both in Stevens arena.

Monday, July 12: 1 p.m.—Livestock area set up.

Tuesday, July 13: 8 a.m.—Set up commercial displays, 6-9 p.m.—Enter open class in open-class building.

Wednesday, July 14: 8-1 p.m.—Enter open class; 9 a.m.-1 p.m.—Enter all 4-H food, miscellaneous and home environment static exhibits (except livestock & small animals); 1 p.m.—Judge all static 4-H and open class exhibits; 5 p.m.—Drill teams, flag corps, cheerleading competition at grandstand; 6-10 p.m.—Open and commercial buildings open to public; 7:30-9 p.m.—4-H exhibits open to public; 7 p.m.—Calcutta/cattle sorting, Stevens Arena.

Thursday, July 15: 8 a.m.-9 p.m.—All 4-H buildings open; 12:30 p.m.—4-H bucket calf show, Stevens Arena; 1 p.m.—4-H feeder calf show, Stevens Arena; 3-4:30 p.m.—Free root beer floats, Stevens Arena; 4-10 p.m.—Open class exhibits open and 5-9 p.m. commercial exhibits open; 7 p.m.—"Crashfest" Demo Derby, grandstand.

Friday, July 16: 8 a.m.—4-H beef show; 8 a.m.-9 p.m.—All 4-H buildings open; 2 p.m.—4-H pee

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wee lamb and goat lead; 2:15 p.m.—4-H sheep show; 3-4:30 p.m.—Free watermelon, Stevens Arena; 4 p.m.—Mechanical bull rides, near grandstand; 4-10 p.m.—Open class exhibits open; 4-9 p.m.—All commercial exhibits open; 6 p.m.—4-H sheep lead show (wool garment and lamb), west bleachers Stevens Arena; 7 p.m.—Cross Canadian Ragweed Concert, grandstand.

Saturday, July 18: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.—All 4-H buildings open; 8 a.m.—4-H swine show; 10:30 a.m.—4-H meat goat show; Noon—Interview and judge small animals, pets & poultry; 1 p.m.—4-H cat show; all events in Stevens Arena; 1-8 p.m.—Open class & commercial exhibits open; 1:30—4-H rabbit show, Stevens Arena; 2 p.m.—Mutton busting & kids ranch rodeo, Dawson County Arena; 2 p.m.—"Kids Day" with fire safety and other events near the grandstand; 4:30 p.m.—Nebraska Truck and Tractor Pullers, grandstand; 5 p.m.—Release 4-H livestock. family & consumer science, other 4-H exhibits; 8 p.m.—release all open-class exhibits & commercial displays.

Sunday, July 18: 7:30 a.m.—4-H horse show, Stevens Arena; 9-10 a.m.—release open exhibits; 9 a.m.-noon, remove commercial exhibits; 6:30 p.m.—Stock car races, grandstand.

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