

Fair attendance expectation high

Hopes are high for another record-breaking attendance at the 75th annual Nebraska State Fair which opened its doors Thursday afternoon.

State Fair Manager Henry Brandt said that he hopes to top the 600,000 attendance mark this year. Last year 577,000 visited the 10-day event.

Brandt said that advanced sales for the nightly grandstand shows now top 30,000, which he said is the largest advanced ticket sale in fair history. The record number of advanced sales is one indicator of a possible attendance record, Brandt said.

Big name entertainment highlights the grandstand show. The Captain and Tennill's will perform tonight at 7:45. Jack Albertson and Freddie Prinze, from NBC television's Chico and the Man, will perform Sunday. Country-western singer Roy Clark performs on Monday and Tuesday, the Osmond Brothers perform on Friday, Sept. 5; Lynn Anderson and Roger Miller sing Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 6-7.

All grandstand shows begin at 7:45 p.m. Reserved admission to all the shows, except the Osmonds, is \$4 while general admission is \$2.

Reserved admission to the Osmond's show is \$6, while general admission will be \$4.

The gates to the fair open at 8 a.m. starting today until the fair closes Sept. 7. The Murphy Brothers rides and side shows begin at 10 a.m. except Tuesday through Thursday when the midway opens at noon.

Admission to the fair will be \$1.50 per person, up 50 cents from last year. Parking on the fairgrounds the same as last year. Children under 12 are admitted free.

Veterans will be admitted free on Sunday, and citizens over 60 will be admitted free Wednesday.

Prices for midway rides will range from 50 to 75 cents.



Photo by Kevin Higley

Three youths caught up in the excitement of the Nebraska State Fair and a Daily Nebraskan photographer.

Fairgoers also may purchase books of tickets worth \$6 for \$5 and tickets worth \$3.50 for \$3.

This year's fair will feature several new buildings including a remodeled industrial arts building, a new horse barn, a new children's barn and Heritage Village, which includes a one-room school house which originally stood in Saunders County and has been restored by the Lincoln

Public Schools, the State Fair Board, the State Historical Society and the Junior League of Lincoln.

Entrances to the fair parking lots are at 14th, 17th and 27th streets. The fairgrounds has capacity for 20,000 cars, but as usual, fairgoers who arrive late, especially on weekends and in the evenings will have to find parking away from the fairgrounds, Brandt said.

Lincoln students to taste rural school atmosphere

During the next two years, Lincoln public school students will have an opportunity to attend classes in a one-room schoolhouse.

Originally the Cunningham School in Saunders County, the rural schoolhouse is part of the new Heritage Village on the Nebraska State Fairgrounds. Heritage Village is a joint project of the State Fair Board and the State Historical Society.

The interior of the schoolhouse has been furnished by the Historical Society to represent the late 19th century. During the next two years, fourth and seventh grade students will attend class at the school in a bicentennial program through a joint effort of the Nebraska Department of Education, Junior League of Lincoln, Lincoln Public

Schools, the Fair Board and the State Historical Society.

According to Marvin Kivett, director of the State Historical Society, it is not unusual for students to still attend a one-room school in some parts of the state. He called the project a real learning experience for urban children.

Cabin added

Next to the schoolhouse is the reconstructed Hudson Cabin, which was built in Lincoln about 1863.

The cabin was founded in 1964 inside the structure of a house workmen were razing at 2239 S. 9th St. in Lincoln.

Kivett said the Society and the Fair Board plan to expand Heritage Village, which will be a permanent exhibit on the State Fairgrounds.

He said the next building to be added probably will be a blacksmith's shop.

Planning for Heritage Village began last January. The initial financing for the village come when the Legislature passed a bill to give the State Historical Society \$60,000 for construction of the village, Kivett said.

He added that the \$60,000 does not provide all the money needed for the Heritage Village, and the rest is coming from other sources.

Thursday, the State Historical Society was given a overland trails covered wagon by Gov. J. James Exon to display at the village.

The schoolhouse, cabin and wagon will be open for display during the State Fair which began Thursday.

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