

John Cooper Waverly, NE



My family and I have enjoyed participating in the Lancaster County Fair for a number of years. I think it is an important tradition that helps to make a connection between the past and the present. I also feel that the fair can be a valuable tool to educate urban citizens about Agriculture and the production of foods that fed the world. I look forward to working to provide the facilities and events that can promote those conversations.

My family and I are crop and livestock producers North of Waverly. I graduated from UNL with a BS in Mechanized Systems Management. My background includes, industrial sales, manufacturing management, purchasing, and civil construction.

We have been very involved in 4-H and FFA. Our girls have shown Livestock, Horses, and static exhibits at the county and state fair.

I have volunteered in several capacities at the fair, as well as serving as a show steward and on the grievance committee for the horse show. I have also participated in other shows and events at the Lancaster Event Center. I feel it is a valuable facility whose role grows more important to the community each year.

I am proud to have completed two 3-year terms on the Lancaster County Agricultural Society Board, where I have served as Secretary and have been active in securing donations, consulting on the LEC's construction projects and on our fund Development Committee creating LEC's first fund development plan. At the fair, I've focused on Pavilion 1 Livestock shows, the watermelon feed, head of the Ag Society Grievance Committee and ensuring and ensuring a smooth 4-H/FFA livestock move-out.



Laura Hardesty NW Lancaster, NE

Laura lives on the family farm in NW Lancaster County which has been in the family since 1881. In addition to corn and beans, some acres are in certified weed free hay.

Laura is a licensed Grade 1 Water Operator since 2001 which qualifies her to operate the largest water treatment plants in Nebraska. She has a bachelor's degree in business and Public

Administration and 15 hours in the Environmental Planning program at UNL.

Laura has been involved with Lancaster 4-H since 2004 as a parent, club leader, and the someone that shows up to help wherever needed at the Lancaster County Fair. She has received the Heart of 4-H around 2008.

Laura is First Sergeant in the NE Army National Guard and has 38 years of service. She is looking forward to serving Lancaster County, Lancaster County 4-H, and the many guest that visit the Lancaster County Fairgrounds.

Your vote would be greatly appreciated.

Ron Dowding

Bennet, NE



Ron has been an active member of the Lancaster County Agricultural Society for the past 20-23 years. He currently serves as Vice President. Ron has been actively involved in several committees throughout the years including JPA, building, executive, and county fair.

For the past 45 years Ron has served as an instrumental oar of the Lancaster County 4-H program. He has been in many roles: superintendent, club leader, member recruiter, council member, extension board, Parent, and grandparent.

Ron recently retired after 44 1/2 years at the Goodyear/Veyance Technology/Continental plant. Ron and his wife, Arlene live on an acreage near Bennet. They have two married children, Jana and Nathan, and seven grandchildren. His kids were active 4-H members in the Happy Go lucky 4-H Club and participated in many state-wide 4-H events including State Fair, Ak-Sar-Ben and national shorthorn shows. All seven of Ron's grandchildren are active in livestock, other 4-H events and FFA. Along with his son, he continues to raise show cattle and helps grandchildren begin livestock projects. Two of his granddaughters are officers in Norris FFA.

During the Fair, Ron is active as an Ag Society Board Director in the livestock shows in Pavilion 1 and across the grounds in vendor/attraction relations. Recently, Ron has been active on the Fund Development Committee to create LEC's first fund development plan. Dowding also serves an active part in his community.

Ron would like to continue his involvement with the Lancaster Agricultural Society and Lancaster County Super Fair. He wants to continue the strong relationship between 4-H, 4-H Extension staff, community groups, and the Ag Society. Your vote would be greatly appreciated.