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## leads fairgrounds bench project

Leading up to the fair, the many Lincoln County 4-H clubs and affiliated groups were not only preparing for the fair, but also working to make the fair experience even better for everyone who attended.

Many people worked at decorating benches that were placed around the fairgrounds to increase the amount of available seating across the grounds. Each group was given an identical bench that they then stained, painted, etc., and placed their group



Display board thanks people and organizations that helped build and decorate benches See Benches on Page 2 for the Lincoln County Fairgrounds. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

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name on as recognition of their importance to many youths and adults from around Lincoln County and beyond.

This project was made possible by many people. It would not have been possible without the cooperation of all 25 groups participating.

Sandy Thurs and Stevie Roets wrote a grant to secure part of the funding from the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation, with the rest being contributed by the Lincoln County 4-H Leaders' Association, Inc. Also, Brandon and Dan Thurs spent many hours to build the benches, making the project a reality.

Without the many participants in this project, it could have never come together. The Lincoln County Bench to Bench Project is a good example of what can be done cooperation with across a community and with the support of organizations such as the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation and the Lincoln County 4-H Leaders' Association.

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