

Sparkling weather brings out County Fair fans

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WAUKESHA — The 172nd Waukesha County Fair saw the best 5-day attendance in the last few years, with over 133,000 attendees over July 16 to July 20.

The high attendance comes as great news after last year's heat advisory, humid weather, and thunderstorms brought only around 88,000 people to the fair, the lowest attendance in the last five years.

County Fair Executive Director Shari Black cited this past weekend's weather, — sunny and in the 70's — as a large contributor to the fair's success.

“We had an amazing fair this year; finally the weather cooperated with us,” said Black.

Headliners, such as The Spinners who canceled last year's fair performance due to storms, brought many people to the fair this year.

Black believes that the new gator show was a large attraction, but the traditional 4-H animal exhibits were still the biggest part of the fair.

Black was also pleased to report that even with the boost in attendance, the fair remained safe and ran smoothly.

“We are just so pleased with this year's work,” she said.

The schedule is now set for next year's fair on July 15 through July 19, 2015.

The Waukesha CountyFair Association encourages everyone who attended to go online and complete a survey at <http://www.WaukeshaCounty-Fair.com>.

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