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LEFT: Although on the fence about participating at first, Layne Hauger and Dillon Barger could not resist testing to see who could eat the most watermelon at the watermelon eating contest.

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RIGHT: Verna Boyd and her feathered friend greet their young audience during Saturday afternoon's program entitled "Teeth, Jaws and Claws" and "Skin and Scales." Boyd's appearance was arranged through the South Dakota Humanities Council.



Yankton County 4-H Brings In The Community For A Day Of Farm Fun

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This year's Yankton County 4-H Achievement Days presented quite a puzzle.

The theme was "4-H: Where All of the Pieces Come Together." This represents the six characteristics of citizenship, respect, trustworthiness, caring, responsibility and fairness.

4-Hers wore t-shirts with the puzzle pieces. One of the cakes for the silent auction featured a puzzle piece made from frosting.

And true to this year's theme, all the pieces came together as Achievement Days took on a new look, according to Yankton County 4-H Youth Development assistant Stephanie Siebrandt.

"We did a lot of new things this year," she said. "Our goal was to get more of the community members to come to Achievement Days and see what we're doing. We wanted to have plenty of activities for youth in and out of 4-H."

The change succeeded, she said. "From what I heard, they really enjoyed it and learned a lot. Overall, it was a great experience," she said.

The biggest scheduling changes came with the decision to hold the ice cream social and 4-H supper on Friday, Siebrandt said. "Those two events were usually held on Saturday, but they seemed like a better fit for Friday," she said.

Friday's schedule featured the swine show, livestock skill-a-thon, rabbit show, poultry and egg judging and dog agility demonstration. The evening featured the 4-H supper, ice cream social, 4-H beef show and Barnyard Olympics.

Saturday was dedicated to youth events and drawing both 4-H members and young people from the general community, Siebrandt said. "We were offering games, prizes and a lot of fun things," she said.

Saturday's schedule included the sheep and goat show, youth carnival, photo booth, small animal round robin champion showmanship, fashion revue and the cake, cupcake and cookie auction.

During the afternoon, Verna Boyd with the South Dakota Humanities Council presented a program on "Teeth, Jaws and Claws" and "Skin and Scales." The evening featured the celebrity round robin, in which contestants showed a cow and pig. The night closed with laser tag.

In the celebrity round robin competition, Adam Goeken, an ag financing specialist at First Dakota National Bank, won as grand champion. Don Wolf, store manager at Fred Haar Company in Yankton, was named the reserve champion.

Other participants included Jake Hoffner, Yankton City Commissioner; Debra



ABOVE: In between livestock shows, what's better than taking a quick picture at the photo booth to truly remember Achievement Days. The Petrik family members, Allison, Olivia, Sharon and Jim did just that.

BELOW: Getting animals ready for the show ring takes time. Dawson Vellek gets his beef animal ready by washing, drying, and cleaning its hide



showmanship and talked about the kind of bird and its features. They provided all that information they went through as if they had the real bird and not the picture."

The competition went

smoothly despite the inability to display the live bird, Siebrandt said.

"Our judge, Reynold Loecker, had just been to

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