



Fair Chatter

July 2023 Edition

Extension Office Move at Fair Time

We will be making our temporary move to the fairgrounds on **Wednesday, July 5.**

Moving the office is an adventure and due to computers being down and things in transit please plan ahead if needing items from the Extension Office.

Visit the **Decatur Office** prior to **4PM on July 3**

Visit the **4-H Fair Office** in **Monroe July 6 - 20**

4-H Fair Office Located:
4-H Expo Hall Conference Room

4-H Fair Office Phone Number:
260-724-5322

Fair Takes Many Volunteers...



Consider This YOUR CALL TO DUTY

Pre Fair...Fair Set Up

Monday, July 10 at 6PM

Join the Adams County 4-H Livestock Committees, 4-H Council, Fair Board and Purdue Extension Staff to help clean up and set up the fairgrounds. I understand this doesn't sound super exciting and that everyone is busy, but this is a great way to spend time with others preparing for and getting excited about the 4-H Fair. If you want a clean barn or your projects to be displayed on a clean surface in the Expo Hall, you might as well help us make that happen !

4-H Dining Hall and Clover Center

Food sales at the Adams County 4-H Fair is the main fundraiser we use to maintain and improve the fairgrounds yearly. We ask all 4-H families work at least one shift in the Dining Hall or Clover Center.

To see available shifts and to sign up go online to:

- Dining Hall bit.ly/DiningHallSignUp
- Clover Center bit.ly/CloverCenterSignUp

Post Fair... Fair Clean Up

Friday, July 21 at 9AM

I know that after fair everyone is very tired and ready to run off to the lakes, head back to work or tackle that huge "To Do" list that you have allowed to pile up as you got busy with the fair hustle and bustle. But please know that we expect our 4-H families to come back and help.

When you arrive, please check in at the West End of the 4-H Expo Hall (between Dining Hall and Expo Hall) before reporting anywhere else to help clean up. The check in crew will only be at the check-in table till 9:15, so don't be late!

Reminder to those Livestock youth selling in the auction, you must attend and actively participate at the Fair Clean Up to avoid a \$50 fee taken from your auction check.

**KEEP
CALM
it's almost
FAIR TIME!**

Pre-Fair Judging Schedule

Wednesday, July 5

4-H Office Moves to Fairgrounds

Sunday, July 9

2 PM 4-H Dog Show

Monday, July 10

6 PM Fair Set-Up 4-H Expo Hall, Dining Hall, Barns, etc.

Tuesday, July 11

5-7 PM Project Check-In for **Wednesday Judging** (see list below)

6-6:15 PM Poultry Frozen Broilers Check-In

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Wednesday, July 12

8-9 AM Project Check-In

9 AM 4-H Exhibit Judging

Animal Poster	Barbecue	Child Development
Consumer Clothing	Entomology	Forestry
Geology	Health	Home Environment
Photography	Sewing	Sewing Fashion Revue
Shooting Sports Education	Sportfishing	Veterinary Science
Weather & Climate Science	Wildlife	

5-7 PM Mini 4-H Exhibit Check-In

Project Check-In for **Thursday Judging** (see list below)

Thursday, July 13

8-9 AM Project Check-In

9 AM 4-H Exhibit Judging

Aerospace	Alfalfa & Mixed Hay	Aquatic Science
Arts and Crafts	Cake Decorating	Collections
Construction Set	Do Your Own Thing	Electric
Foods	Genealogy	Gift Wrapping
Microwave Cooking	Models	Recycling
Scrapbooking	Sheep—Fleece	Woodworking

Friday, July 14

6-8PM Horse and Pony Check-in

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COUNTY 4-H FAIR INFORMATION PAGE



Pre-Fair Schedule

Saturday, July 15

Livestock Check-in Schedule

6-8 AM	Beef
7-8 AM	Sheep
8-10 AM	Rabbit
8-11 AM	Swine
12-2 PM	Goat
12-2 PM	Starter Calf
1-6 PM	Dairy
4-6:30 PM	Poultry

Livestock Check-In Line Up and Traffic Flow

Please see below the entrance you will take to get lined up/
report to the barn of your specific species:

Poultry and Rabbits: Enter Fairgrounds near Corner Deli
Park in grass near Small Animals barn

All Other Livestock: Enter Adams Central school parking
lot, proceed to back of school for staging.

Non-Livestock Related

7 AM-9 PM	Clover Center Open
8:30-10:30 AM	Ag Hort Project Check-In and Judging Bees, Garden, Herbs, Potatoes and Floriculture
3 PM	4-H Horse and Pony Show (Driving, Halter, Showmanship, Mini)
3:45 PM	Tractor Operators Contest Contestants check-in at Dining Hall
7 PM	Battle of the Barns

Dining Hall

Horse & Pony Arena

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Fair Parking and Parade Line Up

Parking

Parking on the fairgrounds as always is limited, please be respectful of posted signs and be mindful of where and how you are parking. Please remember that the businesses of Monroe will all be open during the fair and we need to be good neighbors and respect their property and realize their facilities are not to be used for fair parking during business hours.



Parking behind and in front of Adams Central Schools will be available during fair week.

Parade

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

All **4-H related parade units** will line up in front of Adams Central.

You may enter this lot beginning Tuesday AM from Park Street (road just west of Farmers & Merchants)

Commercial Units wishing to be in the parade will enter off of Polk Street and will follow the drive around past the baseball diamond over to the tennis court area.

Line up is on a first come - first serve basis; however Commercial Units can not starting lining up till after 3:30PM on Tuesday.

Battle of Barns Sign-Up

You won't want to miss the fun Battle of the Barns event that is being planned:

**Saturday, July 15 at 7PM
Horse and Pony Arena**

Sign-up online to participate:
bit.ly/BattleofBarnsSignUp



Project Information

Livestock Project

Auction Picture Needed (at Unloading)

All 4-H members that will be selling an animal through the Adams County 4-H Auction must turn in a photo of the 4-H'er and the animal they intend to sell.

This **4x6 landscape photo** is due to the respective Livestock Committee on **Saturday during livestock check-in**. On the back of the picture make sure to include the members name and animal ID. (ear notch, tag/tattoo)

Auction Animals

All 4-H Members must notify the livestock committee if they plan to sell an animal in the auction and the animal ID (Tag Number/Ear Notch) of the intended auction animal. This needs to be done at the Announcer's Stand the day of each livestock show you are exhibiting in.

If undetermined due to showing multiple species, please understand 4-H'ers must inform the livestock committee which animal will sell within 30 minutes of the last livestock show exhibited in.

Exhibitor Back Tags

Exhibitor Back Tags will be available for pick up in the Livestock Show Arena Saturday during Livestock Check-In.

Livestock Release

Thursday, July 20 after Auction Set-Up

Static Project

Project Check-In

Purdue Extension Staff, 4-H Junior Leaders and some Rock Star Volunteers will be meeting 4-H'ers at the East end of the Expo Hall to collect 4-H projects on the designated project check-in times.

Projects will be dropped at table, then taken to another station by volunteers to be labeled, checked-in and delivered to its designated judging station.

Those 4-H'ers that have large projects that need a "team lift" and require set-up will need to check-in at the table and will be directed to the appropriate area to deliver/set-up large items.

Open Judging at Fair

In Adams County, we practice open judging which means that 4-H members, have the opportunity to have an open conversation with the judge of all static (non animal) project. Open judging is a great learning experience in which youth can ask questions and obtain constructive criticism and genuine praise regarding your project and your efforts.

Parents/guardians are not permitted to speak with judges during open judging as it is a prime time for youth to shine on their very own, explaining what they learned and how they accomplished their goals.

Project Release

Static 4-H Projects will be released at the conclusion of the fair on Thursday, July 20 after Auction Set-Up till 5PM.

Mini 4-H Donation Request

Mini 4-H'ers are asked to provide donations of food items for the 4-H Fair.

Based on your Mini 4-H Club enrollment, please see the list below and bring in the appropriate item to Mini 4-H Project Check-in at fair.

Mini 4-H Club

Adams Central
North Adams
South Adams
St. Joe
St. Peter/Immanuel
Wyneken

Donation Items

2 lb. box of Macaroni Noodles
1 large jar of Applesauce
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1 large jar of Applesauce
2 lb. bag of Short Cut Carrots
1 large jar of Applesauce



Trash Pick-Up

It is important to keep the fairgrounds lean at all times; especially during the Adams County 4-H Fair. We rely on the 4-H members, parents and volunteers in each township club to assist with trash pickup.

Based on your Township 4-H Club enrollment, please see the below schedule and meet your leaders at the 4-H Clover Center. Trash Pick-Up Instruction Sheet, Map and Trash Bags will be supplied and available in the janitorial closet in the Clover Center hallway.

Saturday July 15	Sunday July 16	Monday July 17	Tuesday July 18	Wednesday July 19	Thursday July 20
8 PM Union Working Pals	4 PM Blue Creek Sodbusters 8PM French Pepper Peppers	2 PM Jefferson Go Getters 8PM Preble Pathfinders	1 PM French Happy Hoosiers 5PM Blue Creek Up & At It 9PM Wabash Cloverleaf	2 PM Wabash Workers 8PM Monroe Country Kids	2 PM Washington Sequoias and Commodore Clovers

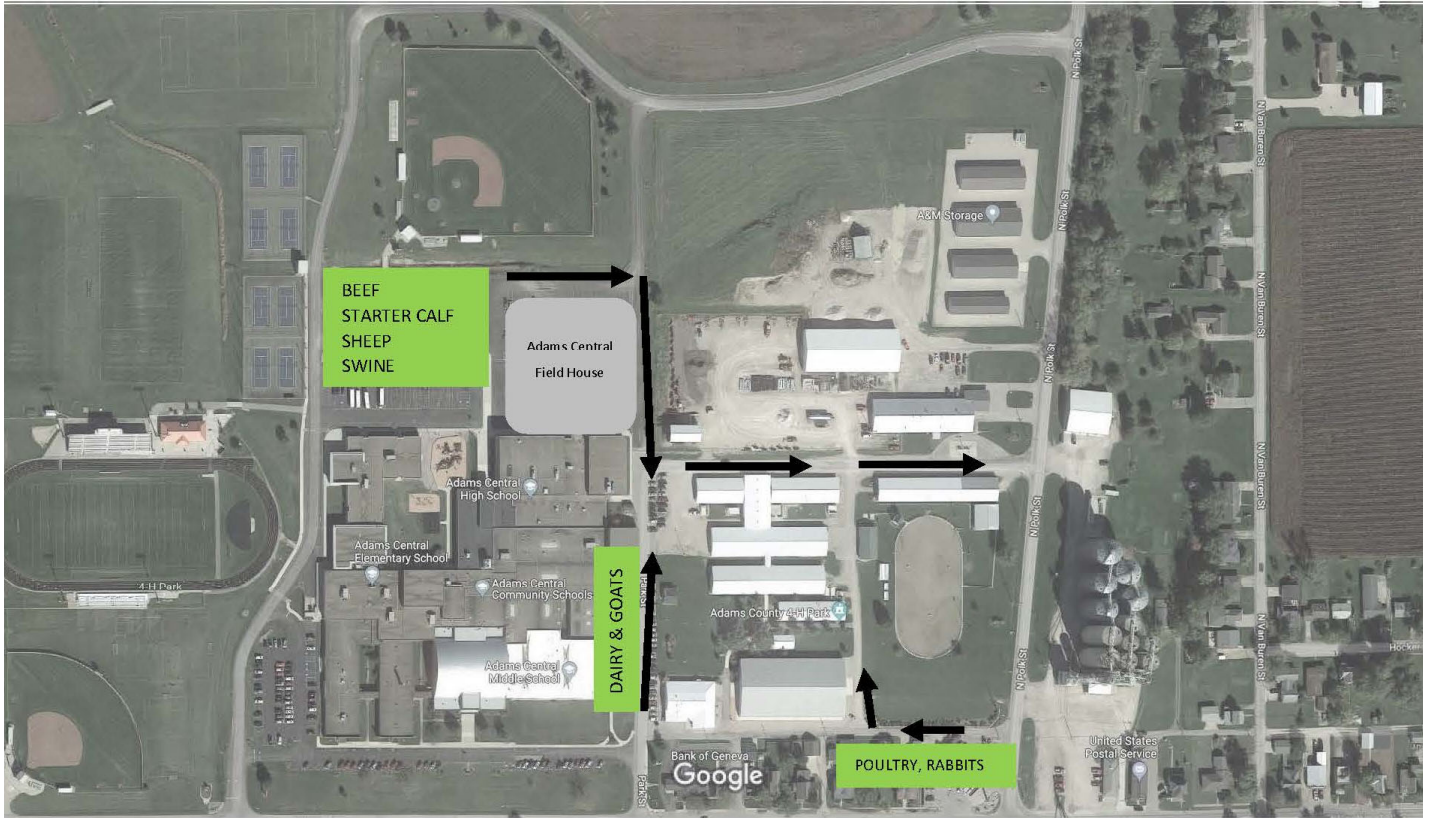
Tents on Fairgrounds

Per the Adams County 4-H Fair Board, the only tents which can be set-up on the fairgrounds by 4-H families may be “pop up” style tents that are self supporting and do not require being staked into ground.

The Adams County 4-H Fair Board will provide commercial tents with tables and chairs near the Dining Hall and Clover Center for fairgoers to eat under.



Adams County 4-H Livestock Check In Map



Adams County 4-H Fair Parking and Parade Line Up Map

