



Fair Chatter

July 2024 Edition

Extension Office Move at Fair Time

We will be making our temporary move to the fairgrounds on **Wednesday, July 10.**

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 9**

Visit the **4-H Fair Office** in **Monroe** **July 11 - 25**

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 15 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 26 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!



Adams County 4-H Pre-Fair Schedule

Tuesday, July 9

6 PM 4-H Bicycle Rodeo

Wednesday, July 10

Office Moves to Fairgrounds

Sunday, July 14

2 PM 4-H Dog Show

Monday, July 15

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

Tuesday, July 16

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 17

8 - 9 AM Project Check-In

9 AM 4-H Exhibit Judging

Animal Poster

Consumer Clothing

Geology

Photography

Shooting Sports Education

Weather & Climate Science Wildlife

Barbecue

Entomology

Health

Sewing

Sportfishing

Wildlife

Child Development

Forestry

Home Environment

Sewing Fashion Revue

Veterinary Science

5 - 7PM

Mini 4-H Exhibit Check-In

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

Thursday, July 18

8 - 9 AM Project Check-In

9 AM 4-H Exhibit Judging

Aerospace

Arts and Crafts

Construction Set

Foods

Microwave Cooking

Scrapbooking

Alfalfa & Mixed Hay

Cake Decorating

Do Your Own Thing

Genealogy

Models

Sheep—Fleece

Aquatic Science

Collections

Electric

Gift Wrapping

Recycling

Woodworking

Friday, July 19

6 - 8PM Horse and Pony Check-in





Saturday, July 20

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:

Beef and Starter Calf Dairy, Goats, Swine	Enter Adams Central school parking lot, proceed to back of school for staging.
Sheep	Enter Fairgrounds near Corner Deli, Trucks/Trailers must stay to the left
Rabbit & Poultry:	Enter Fairgrounds near Corner Deli Park in grass near Small Animals barn

Non-Livestock Related

10:30 AM-9 PM	Clover Center Open	
8:30-10:30 AM	Ag Hort Project Check-In and Judging Bees, Garden, Herbs, Potatoes and Floriculture	Expo Hall (West End)
3 PM	4-H Horse and Pony Show (Halter, Showmanship, Mini, Versatility)	Horse & Pony Arena
3:30 PM	Tractor Operators Contest	Check in at Dining
Hall	Lawn and Garden Contest - Near Stage Tractor Contest - Near Polk Street	
7 PM	Battle of the Barns	Horse & Pony Arena

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 23, 2024

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 20 at 7PM
Horse and Pony Arena**

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

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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 25 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 Thursday, July 25 9AM to 5PM. Please make sure to pick up all of your projects and ribbons on this date.

Dining Hall Donations

The Dining Hall Committee requests that any 4-H clubs or families that are able to make a monetary donation to help purchase pies/food/etc. please do so by submitting funds to the Extension Office or Fair Board Treasurer. This money will go towards purchasing pies, etc. to sell during the 4-H Fair and is similar to what they had asked for in donations prior to COVID.

Shooting Sports Member Donation Request

Shooting Sports 4-H'ers are asked to provide donations of food items for the 4-H Fair. Thank you to those that have already turned in your donation. If you haven't yet turned in your donation, please make sure to see the list below and bring in the appropriate during pre-fair.

Shooting Sports Club

Archery and BB Gun
Muzzleloading, Pistol, Rifle and Shotgun

Donation Items

1 bag of Inn Maid Noodles—Medium
1 large jar of Applesauce



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. (Wednesday, July 17, 5-7PM)

Mini 4-H Club

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

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



Trash Pick-Up

It is important to keep the fairgrounds clean 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 20	Sunday July 21	Monday July 22	Tuesday July 23	Wednesday July 24	Thursday July 25
8 PM Washington Sequoias & Commodore Clovers	4 PM Union Working Pals 8 PM Blue Creek Sodbusters	2 PM French Peppy Peppers 8 PM Jefferson Go Getters & St Mary's Happy Hustlers	1 PM Preble Pathfinders 5 PM French Happy Hoosers 9 PM Blue Creek Up & At It	2 PM Wabash Cloverleaf 8 PM Wabash Workers	2 PM Monroe Country Kids

Welcome Summer Assistants

Maggie Bluhm

Maggie Bluhm is the daughter of Jim and Amanda Bluhm and is a 10 year 4-Her who is excited to join the Extension Office this summer. Maggie is attending Indiana State University majoring in Criminology and minoring in Forensic Investigations. While at school Maggie participates in her sorority, Gamma Phi Beta, where she is currently the Financial Vice President

Meagan Baczynski

Megan is extremely excited to join the team this year. She is currently studying Elementary Education with a minor in Aquatics at Ball State University. Megan loves helping in Adams County and now part of the 4-H community. Her Parents are Myles and Jennifer Baczynski.

Jared Ehlerding

We are so excited to have Jared back with us for his 4th summer !! Jared attended Purdue University and served as a Summer Assistant during those summers and answered the call again last year after he began teaching full time having summers "free". He is a 3rd grade teacher at Belmont Elementary and is happy to be a part of the 4-H Office during his summer months. Jared also serve as a 4-H volunteer assisting with the Goat Club Committee and still raises a small herd of dairy goats. He enjoys a good cup of coffee, spending the weekends outside and occasionally baking cupcakes for whatever reason!



ADAMS COUNTY 4-H

Fight the Hunger

STOCK THE TRAILER

YOUTH-DRIVEN NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DRIVE BENEFITING LOCAL FOOD BANKS AND COMMUNITIES



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HELP US FIGHT HUNGER BY DONATING:

FINANCIAL DONATIONS

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NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DONATIONS

Bring your items to the
fairgrounds July 15-26

**ITEMS COLLECTED BEFORE AND DURING
THE ADAMS COUNTY 4-H FAIR WILL BE
DISTRIBUTED TO LOCAL FOOD BANKS.**



Adams County 4-H Junior Leaders are excited to partner with Farm Credit Mid-America and Rural 1st to bring awareness and support to food insecurities in Adams County.

Help us support our community by bringing non-perishable food items to the marked trailer at the Adams County 4-H Fair.

All donations and earnings will benefit local Adams County food pantries.

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Parade Line Up

Fair Parking

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Adams Central Field House

Fair Parking
Sat/Sun - All Day
~~M/Tue~~ - 4-11PM

Polk Street

Handicap Park

Fair Parking

Parade Line Up – 4-H Units

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