



The Lyon County Fair

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As I write this, we are 4 weeks from the beginning of the 2024 Lyon County Fair. Yesterday while driving to the fairgrounds to inspect the damage from the flooding of the Rock River, board members were hopeful that the efforts to raise everything to higher ground on Friday morning was successful. We would just move into a massive cleaning of the fairgrounds and replace things to their rightful place.

The pictures posted last evening to Facebook do not fully convey the damage that has been done to the infrastructure. The force of the water has damaged the structural integrity of some of the buildings, especially on the east end of the fairgrounds. The river has scoured the earth leaving huge holes, and has damaged or displaced concrete and our electrical transformers. It has exposed underground electric, sewer and fiber-optic lines.

For your safety, DO NOT enter the fairgrounds to inspect the damage. We need to have these items professionally inspected and repaired before we can begin any sort of cleanup. These professionals are currently busy with restoring services to the residents of Lyon County who have had their homes and businesses damaged or destroyed.

The damage and limited time will require the 2024 Lyon County Fair to experience a major modification. For our 4-H and FFA youth, we are planning to have a format similar to the 2020 fair. Livestock exhibitors will have opportunities to show-and-go, and static exhibitors will have an opportunity to exhibit as well. More information on this will be coming in the days ahead from the Lyon County Extension. We will not be able to host commercial exhibitors this year, and other details are currently being worked on. We hope to have more information finalized and available to the public by July 4. Please watch for updates.

The members of the Lyon County Fair Association Board take great pride in our fairgrounds and our fair. Even though we are dismayed by the damage, most of us can return to our homes with little or no permanent damage. For this we are thankful and are thinking of our friends and neighbors of Lyon County.