



Van Meter softball stays on top, baseball moves on

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Dallas County Fair set to return July 12-16

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The Dallas County Fair will run through Sunday with a full slate of activities, including 4-H/FFA shows, a carnival, mutton busting, live music, truck pulls and more.

Jordan Travis, fair board member, said the board has been working hard to get the fairgrounds ready. A new wash rack was added near the livestock building, the sunshades between the livestock arena and building were updated and additional power was added to the horse buildings.

"The fair board altogether has been busting their butts and really trying to make this year better and taking in everyone's feedback on what needed improvements," Travis said. "We're really ready to get the ball rolling and have a good experience for everybody."

Anne Kujac-Schlieman, summer

county youth coordinator, said around 385 static exhibits will be on display in the community building. 4-H/FFA shows will also be held throughout the fair, with members bringing:

- 180 beef
- 148 poultry
- 95 swine
- 76 sheep
- 72 rabbits
- 54 horses
- 51 dairy goats
- 51 meat goats
- 16 pets
- 10 dogs
- 2 cats

"What I'm looking forward to is just seeing everybody's hard work in getting the fair ready, and seeing everything the kids have put into the animals and static exhibits since the end of last year's fair," Kujac-Schlieman said.

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Sawyer Taylor, of Adel and a member of Adams Arrows, participates in the beef show at the Dallas County Fair on Saturday, July 16, 2022, in Adel.

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ADM student wins national award for fire safety invention

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A Des Moines metro student has an invention that could help people escape a burning building faster, and he's won a national award for it that should help him get a patent.

The "Fire Safety Light" invented by Roen Lenz, 14, of Clive, uses a radio transmitter to activate a flashing light strip under an exit door when a smoke detector it's connected to goes off. The lighting strip guides people to the way out.

Roen, who will be a freshman at Adel DeSoto Minburn High School this fall, won a Patent Application Award at the Raytheon Technologies Invention Convention U.S. Nationals. The gathering was held at the Henry Ford Museum complex in Dearborn, Michigan.

He said he may contact some of the larger companies that sell fire alarms and try to sell his invention to them.

Roen said he intends the safety light for everyone, not just people who may have difficulty hearing a smoke detector, though he added, "I think it

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Roen Lenz, 14, of Clive, stands in front of a display for his "Fire Safety Light" invention at the Invention Convention on June 8 at the Henry Ford museum in Dearborn, Michigan. He won a Patent Application Award for his invention that will support him in filing a patent for it.

REBECCA LENZ/SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

Tigers punch ticket to state



ADM players celebrate after a Class 4A regional final softball game against DCG on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, in Dallas Center. ADM won, 3-1. PHOTOS BY SEAN CORDY/FOR DALLAS COUNTY NEWS



ADM players celebrate with their state qualifier banner after a Class 4A regional final softball game against DCG on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, in Dallas Center.



ADM players pose for a photo with their state qualifier banner after a Class 4A regional final softball game against DCG on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, in Dallas Center.



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