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## Boone fair now under way

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**BURLINGTON** - The Boone County 4-H and Utopia Fair is under way.



The fair, which is in its 78th year, takes place on the Boone County Fairgrounds at 5819 Idlewild Road in Burlington though Saturday.

Boone County Judge-executive Gary Moore said the fair is a showcase event for the county.

"This is a great opportunity for people to come out of some of the developing communities in the area and experience all the best that Boone County has to offer," Moore said. "This is a very diverse community and this is really when the rural part and the developed parts of the community can

interact."

The fair continues to offer many of the popular activities that symbolize its long legacy as a traditional community fair.

"We think it's one of the best in the state," John Walton, president of the Fair Board Executive Council, said.

Among the traditional activities are the pageants, including the Miss Teen Pageant, the Little Mister and Miss Beauty Pageant, the Miss Sweetheart Pageant and the main Beauty Pageant, where Miss Boone County Fair will be crowned.

There are opportunities for those with a less obvious skill set to display their hidden talents in such events as the sunflower seed spitting contest, the frog costume class and the pig scramble.

Other activities include the animal shows, which will take place throughout the week in the 4-H livestock barn and the fruit and vegetable judging. There are also midway rides and live entertainment nightly on the midway stage.

The fair also hosts several motor sports events, including a truck tug-of-war, a tire burnout contest and lawn mower derby, a hot rod contest and a demolition derby.

"Those events have become very popular as have a lot of the other activities," Moore said. "Basically the highlights are the fellowship, the hospitality, the food and lots of good clean fun."

A complete list of fair activities and a schedule of events are available at [www.boonecountyfair.org](http://www.boonecountyfair.org).

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