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Madison County Fairgrounds Facility Improvements and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
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Improvements to the Madison County fairgrounds facility have been underway, with a grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony planned for the new covered arena at the facility. Facility upgrades include the addition of the new cover for the arena, upgraded arena surface, bleachers, restrooms, lighting, concrete walkways, and utility access point. These enhancements significantly improve the infrastructure of the facility, visitor experience, and access for users of the facility.

The addition was provided by funding allocated by the North Carolina State Legislature as well as the Madison County Tourism Development Authority, alleviating any unnecessary burden on taxpayers to fund the upgrade to the facility. The County partnered with The Construction Management Company, LLC to provide services for engineering and construction of improvements with construction beginning in the winter of 2025. The covered arena provides comfortable spectator areas with 1,500 seats and affords audience members and participants alike the opportunity to be under cover, out of the elements allowing the facility to hold programming during a multitude of weather conditions.

With the completion of the covered arena addition and facility enhancements, the County anticipates greater opportunities for equal access by a wide range of users seeking to hold programs, concerts, and events with programming already having begun through several veterinary vaccine clinics being held over the past several weeks at the fairgrounds. Rental of the facilities can be requested by visiting the Madison County Agriculture and Event Center online at https://madisoncofairgroundnc.org/.

As we celebrate the 250th Anniversary of our Nation, residents and visitors are invited to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, July 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. officially opening the covered arena. The event will include the ribbon cutting ceremony with remarks from speakers including members of the Madison County Board of Commissioners, Madison County Tourism Development Authority, and Madison County Fairgrounds Board as well as Representative Mark Pless.

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