

At the County Fair

Our Morgan County Fair takes shape next week.

Vacant structures and barns will metamorphose with sound and scene.

Hogs squealing, roosters crowing, cattle lowing

A food order is shouted to the eager waiting cooks.

The Merchants tent provides the annual yardstick or fly swatter

Or a new fangled gizmo to keep your gutters clean.

Shiny antique tractors on display--reminders of hard scrapple yet relished days past

Midway barkers competing with the fun house clatter.

While prides of strutting boys struggle to impress gaggles of giggling girls

Jellies, jams with prize winning cookies plus 4-H project posters and cases of speared insects

Hands waving Funeral Home fans while the showring judges justify their call.

Welcome greetings and visits with friends shared over food on benches or in just passing by

Tantalizing whiffs of elephant ears frying as the Lemon shakeups shake

or a dish of the fire department's generous cold ice cream treats.

The annual mummer, memory and maker of rural America returns.

Our heritage-- our future

I must go taste.... relish... relive... revive....

Absorb.

Don Adams, Bethel Pond, July 2019