



At the 94th Austin County Fair!!

So, it looks like the newsletter will be more of a quarterly occurrence than monthly. And that's probably OK with you, I'm sure. 😊

We are so excited about some of the things that have been going on at the fair and things that are coming up. So here goes!

First, events have started back here on the fairgrounds, in the Expo Building, and under the Entertainment Center! Since the beginning of the year, we have hosted the Ducks Unlimited fundraiser, a chili cook-off, the Ready2Roll cycling club, the Circus Funtastic, the Schlumberger cycling club, St. Mary's Day School fundraiser, the Austin County CCA banquet, Area FFA Contests and the Go Texan Crawfish Boil, as well as numerous drive-thru dinners for various organizations and kids' parties. Having everyone back on the grounds and in the buildings is so exciting and truly feels like we've turned the corner on this thing!

Regarding this year's fair: The dates will be **October 8th through 17th**. Some of the livestock shows have moved around a bit and that's causing some changes in the Home Economics departments, but we should have all of that worked out soon and posted on the website ASAP. Livestock rules are posted on the website now and we hope to have the books by the end of the month with the Home Economics books soon afterward. The online entry system will continue this year for the livestock exhibitors. **Online entries will open July 12th and close August 20th**. More information will be coming out to the exhibitors through the website, our Face Book page, 4H and FFA.

The entertainment line-up will be announced at our annual **Shrimp Boil on Friday, July 16th**. Be sure to get your Shrimp Boil tickets once they go on sale, which will be in June. Concert nights will be **Saturday, October 9th**, and then **Thursday, October 14th through 16th** so go ahead and reserve your babysitters now! Then, the Queens contestants will start selling Advanced Season Passes and Passports to Fun in July. Remember, if you bought a ticket or passport last year, it will be honored this year.

Finally, if you were able to sponsor the Austin County Fair Livestock Shows and Youth Auction Sale last year, thank you! Thank you so very much! As you are probably aware, we cannot do for the youth

of Austin County what we do without the support of our sponsors. And at no other time was that more evident than last year. So again, thank you if you could sponsor last year.

However, we need sponsors just as much if not even more this year! Due to the cancellation of events on the grounds, in the Expo Building and the full 93rd Austin County Fair, income for the fair association is down approximately 75%.

We are excited to produce a **full** Austin County Fair this year with the quality experience for which the Austin County Fair is known. Our entertainment committee has worked diligently to safely bring in the caliber of entertainers Austin County expects. The rodeo committee is raring to go with championship quality cowboys and cowgirls and stock. And of course, our youth already have many of their projects and are working with them to bring the very best to our livestock shows and youth auction sale.

So, please go to our website at www.austincountyfair.com, look over the sponsorship packet and see what would be the best fit for you. If you don't find exactly what you're looking for, give me a call at 979-865-5995 and we'll find you the perfect spot. **EVERY** sponsorship helps!!

Here's what's coming up in the next quarter out at the fairgrounds. Please come by:

May 7 th	Bellville Chamber of Commerce Banquet
May 14 th & 15 th	Area FFA Convention
May 16 th	Waller County Showmanship Clinic
May 19 th	4H Safety Day
May 22 nd	Austin County Livestock Project Fundraiser
May 29 th	In It To Win It Livestock Shows
June 4 th	Bellville Volunteer Fire Department Station #3 BBQ Cook-Off
June 12 th	San Bernard Annual Meeting
June 18 th	HOA – Meals on Wheels Fundraiser Distribution
June 19 th	ACFA's "Beat the Heat" Shopping Day
June 27 th	Waller County Showmanship Clinic
July 10 th	Fair Info Meeting
July 12 th	Online Entries Open
July 16 th	Shrimp Boil
July 18 th	Waller County Showmanship Clinic
July 24 th	Train Like A Champion livestock shows

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