



Summer is Hot! Hot! Hot! at the Fairgrounds!!

People often ask if we start working on the next Fair a month or so before. The short answer is “No!” The office and the volunteers work year-round to get things together for the Fair. Not only do we have tag-ins that start in the spring and continue through summer, we meet continuously to look at how to improve, offer more to our guests and have the Fair run more efficiently. In addition, the office manages the scholarship programs and the rentals of the grounds and facilities (except for the Turnverein and American Legion Hall). And this year – this has kept us plenty busy!!

This past weekend the 4th of July Fireworks honoring David Tondera was held here & by all accounts, by the time the fireworks went off, it looked like a Fair night out here!! Congratulations to Kristin Tondera for all of her hard work and Michael Swansey for a beautiful – & safe! – show!!

This Saturday, the Fair is hosting an Informational Meeting for all exhibitor families, but especially new families. We want everything to be as smooth as possible for y’all once you get here with your animals. Then on Monday, July 11th, the online entry portal opens for exhibitors to get registered to show in the Fair. Best Advice – get registered early!! You don’t want to wait & then something comes up & now you have to pay late fees Or worse!!

The annual Shrimp Boil is Friday, July 22nd. You can scan this QR Code to buy tickets, buy from a Director, or come by the Fair office. Gather friends, business associates & family & come enjoy all you can eat boiled shrimp, potatoes, corn and draft beer!! You’ll also be the first to know what entertainers are performing at the Fair, meet our Queen contestants &

have the opportunity to bid on some great items & desserts!! Scan it now to buy your table!!



Speaking of the Queen contestants, they will be able to start selling tickets on Thursday, July 21st!! If you go to our website, you will be able to purchase your tickets directly from them online without having to arrange a time to get together!! There will also be a QR code for them, but we’ll send that out after the Shrimp Boil. Oh!! And you might want to be sure to check your email early in the morning on Saturday, July 16th. Just sayin’

The last weekend in July, the Fair along with Austin County 4H hosts the Jubilee/Sizzler heifer &

steer show!! If you plan on showing cattle during this fair season or at the majors, this is a great show for you and your animal to get some experience!!

On Saturday, August 6th, the Austin County GOP will host Dinesh D'Souza at their banquet here. Now, we aren't taking sides, but they are renting our building & we want to see everyone who supports us be successful!! So, we will definitely be sharing their info on our social media pages.

Friday, August 19th is the Bellville Volunteer Fire Department Celebration!! Everyone can get behind supporting our firefighters!! These guys & gals do a great job fighting fires, helping out the community & putting on a really fun event!! Hope you all can come!

The next day, Saturday, August 20th is our Progress Show. This is when the chairmen get a chance to see how the exhibitors are doing with their livestock projects and be sure they are hitting the appropriate benchmarks. Sunday, August 21st, is the Progress Show for the Bucket Calf exhibitors for the same purposes.

All Livestock Entries for this year's Austin County Fair must be completed online by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 26th!! Remember what I said earlier! DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE!! I promise, something will come up or break down or something. Just get it done as soon as the website is up. It'll save everyone a headache .

Friday, September 2nd, our Broiler exhibitors will pick up their chicks at the Bellville Volunteer Fire Department Meeting Room from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 3rd, the Cattlelac Show will host their own cattle show in our barns and again, this will give our cattle exhibitors a great chance to be sure they are ready for the Fair!

Monday nights after Labor Day get really busy around here! All of the committee members come up to start putting the finishing touches on everything so it is Fair-Ready when you get here!! The Expo Building will be the site of Bellville High School's Sr Serve on September 24th. We love seeing how creative all the tables are and we are glad the families chose us as the location to host their event once again!!

Then it's Fair Time with the Sr Citizen's Lunch on Saturday, October 1st!! So, it's less than 100 days until one of the best times of the year in Austin County!!

We could not do what we do without all of the sponsors. Award sponsorships are still coming in, but these are the Corporate Sponsors who have stepped up so far to help us put on this year's Fair and improve the grounds and structures. Please be sure to thank them when you see them!!

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You'll probably be getting a few more emails from us as we get closer to the Fair. We want to be sure you know everything that is going on!

If you or your business would like to be involved in this year's 95th Annual Austin County Fair, be sure to get in touch with us at 979-865-5995 or acfair@austincountyfair.com.

We can't wait to See Ya' at the Fair!!