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Public Notice:

Due to Covid-19 restrictions and keeping our mission in mind, the Bay County Fair Board of Directors has decided to make changes to the 2020 Bay County Fair. In order to have large gatherings such as our traditional fair, Bay County must be in Phase 6 of the MI Safe Start Plan. Phase 6 will not be realized until a Covid-19 treatment is available and the number of infected individuals falls to nearly zero. Based upon guidance received from the Bay County Health Department, Bay County will most likely only be in Phase 5 of the MI Safe Start Plan during the Bay County Fair, August 11-15, 2020.

With the projection of being in Phase 5 and the restrictions and guidelines that come with that, the Bay County Fair Board of Directors feels that we cannot plan, organize, and execute a traditional fair. The Board of Directors has decided to cancel the carnival, grounds entertainment, grandstand events, merchants building, and still project exhibits for this year. The decision was heartbreaking and was not taken lightly.

Although many parts of the traditional fair will be missing, we do feel that we will be able to plan, organize, and execute the Livestock Shows, Horse Shows, and Youth Livestock Auction. We are proud to be able to continue to host these events and to provide the participants an opportunity to showcase their projects. Our Board of Directors is committed to providing a safe venue for the volunteers, participants, and spectators by monitoring and following guidelines and restrictions provided by state and local authorities. We will be working with a committee of youth and adults to plan and schedule the 2020 Fair Events. We hope to have the 2020 Bay County Fair schedule and details finalized by June 15. Future notices and events will be posted on our website www.baycountyfair.com and our Facebook page.

We wish everyone good health, especially during these trying times.

Thank you for your continued support of the Bay County Fair and Youth Exposition.

Sincerely,

Mary Jo Brandt

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