



ANNOUNCING!

The Mower County Agricultural Society has formed a foundation!

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Mower County Agricultural Society Annual Meeting

The annual meeting for the Mower County Agricultural Society was held on November 3, 2014. We had 67 out of 185 members attend.

After approving Secretary's report and the Treasurer's report, President Neal Anderson discussed current topics of the fairboard. The fairboard is looking into grants that would be available to the Ag Society for use toward infrastructure as well as fair and offseason needs. A report was given detailing offseason events and another on a review of fair week. These reports were followed by elections and then the meeting was adjourned.

Review of the fair week. We had great weather for the fair. The new carnival, Goldstar

Amusements, established a base line in their first year at the Mower County Fair. Overall reviews were positive and of course with anything new there are a few things to be adjusted. For the second year in a row, live music was offered in the grandstand. Bull riding attendance has grown for the past few years and was a sell out crowd in 2014. This year we were able to get the road black-topped from the new gazebo to the 4-H garden. That area was quickly adopted by area farm equipment dealers. The daily parades continue to prove very popular as did of course the many livestock shows and non-livestock displays and contests.

Other Business. Members expressed their desire to have a newsletter. Members voted to

raise the membership fee to \$10 per person for the year. Ag Society membership must be purchased by September 30 and may be purchased at the fair office.

Elections. There were three director's positions to be voted upon. Those were the positions held by Justin Bickler, Kevin Finley, and John Mueller. Seats were voted on alphabetically. Elections resulted in Justin Bickler and John Mueller being re-elected and Renee Wangen being newly elected.

Members are encouraged to attend the next annual meeting which will be held November 2, 2015.

If you have any questions about the annual meeting please contact the fair office at 433-1868 or send an email to info@mowercountyfair.com

Reorganization Meeting

Every year after the annual elections meeting in November, the fairboard has a reorganization meeting to nominate the new executive committee, which includes the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. The new President for this year is John Mueller, and the Vice President is Neal Anderson. The Treasurer is Justin Bickler and the Secretary is Jerry Risius.

After the reorganization meeting, two long-term fairboard members, Larry Rasch and Peter Marx, resigned from the

fairboard for personal reasons. This opened up two new spots on the fairboard. The board members discussed names of people that have previously expressed interest in being on the board and unanimously appointed Tony Hill and Rick Loucks to the board. Those individuals will serve until the next annual meeting at which time those positions will be filled by vote of the membership to complete the terms that were vacated. As a result, we will have 5 director positions up for election at the next annual meeting.

Current fairboard members include: John Mueller, Neal Anderson, Justin Bickler, Jerry Risius, Bruce Stundahl, Gary Ulland, Doug Jax (4-H Rep), Renee Wangen, Tony Hill, and Rick Loucks. Current staff members are Denise Schneider, Millie Weness, Doug Burton, Tim Brady, Burton Ruhter, Marv Ryks and Dave Moffiit.



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At recent Ag Society meetings there has been requests that we produce and distribute a newsletter. We hope you find this newsletter informative. If you have ideas for content or are interested in contributing to the newsletter, please contact the fair office.

Welcome to the first newsletter of the Mower County Agricultural Society!

Offseason Events

On February 8th we held the Smashing Cancer Demolition Derby at 2 pm at the MCF Grandstand and donated the proceeds to the Hormel Institute.

The Minnesota Junior Spring Classic show returned on May 1-May 3rd this year.

On June 19th we had the Northern Reg. Simmental Jr. Show.

June 21, Ameriprise held their annual picnic in the Plager building.

Events in July will include the Chamber Ag Appreciation Cookout on the 21st and new this year, Relay for Life will be held on the fairgrounds.

The National Barrow Show will be returning September 13-16th.

Also in September, the grounds will be host to the Hormel Foods employee appreciation picnic.

In October the Scottish Highland Cattle show will be coming back on the 3rd.

Other events that were held at the fairgrounds were the Soil and Water Tree Distribution, 3 Rivers Flea Market, and the Electronics Recycling.

At the end of September we will begin to take in winter storage items again.

These are just a few of the events that occur on the grounds in addition to the fair. Keep the fairgrounds in mind for your next special event. Contact the office for rental information.

Entertainment at the Fair!

New this year we will have two nights of music. On Wednesday night will be "Elvis-the Las Vegas Experience" and on Thursday night fresh off her tour with Blake Shelton, we are excited to present country music entertainer Gwen Sebastian! Saturday night, crowd favorite Great Frontier Bull Riding will return to the grandstand!

Grab your favorite food and beverage and stop by Fair Square for some great free entertainment! You can catch Johnny Bird and the Dueling Piano's, Tina and Lena's farewell tour, the return of Six Appeal vocal band, and Richie Lee & the Fabulous 50's, just to name a few.

On the grounds, you will find some great new entertainment with yo-yo artist Dazzling Dave and Strong Man John Beatty, as

well as long time favorites such as the Game and Fish Building, America's Original Children's Farm Yard, and the Classic Car and Motorcycle Show.

The Beer Garden will have some great music again this year! Catch local bands Ventura Highway and Severe Logic, as well as the Inside Out Band and the return of Chris Brooks & The Silver City Boys. Come support your local Fire Departments as they serve each night.

As always, we will have your favorite food vendors returning and some new vendors.

Celebrate our agricultural roots as you take in 4-H, FFA and open livestock shows. For a complete schedule of all events check out our website www.mowercountyfair.com.