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October 2015 Newsletter

Mower County Agricultural Society Meeting

The annual meeting for the Mower County Agricultural Society will be held on November 2, 2015 at 7:30 pm. The meeting will take place at the Liebenstein Hall (the 4-H building) on the fairgrounds. As of September 30th there are 158 Mower County Agricultural Society members. The purpose of the annual meeting is to elect Agricultural Society members to the board of directors (Fair Board) whose terms will be up in November and to conduct any legal business as described in the by-laws of the society. Every year there are elections to fill three positions. This year there are five positions open. There are the regular three-year terms and this year there are two 1-year vacancies to be filled.

PLEASE ATTEND!

If you have any questions about the annual meeting please contact the fair office at 507-433-1868 or send an email to: info@mowercountyfair.com



Game & Fish Building

The Mower County Fairboard would like to thank long-time superintendent, Dave Cole and the Izaak Walton League, for the new rain garden that was added on to the Game & Fish building this year. Thanks to all the time, labor and financial support you have given to the care of this building.

Dave Cole will be retiring this year as the superintendent of the Game and Fish Building. If anyone is interested in volunteering as a superintendent please contact the fair office at 507-433-1868.



Thank you to our Sponsors



A **big thanks** goes out to our sponsors for the 2015 Mower County Fair. We welcome several new sponsors this year as well.

Please support and thank our sponsor's. They help make the fair successful each and every year.

For a full list of sponsors please check out the website at www.mowercountyfair.com.



Mower County Fair August 9-14, 2016

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ANNOUNCING!

The Mower County Agricultural Society
has formed a foundation!

Please consider making the Mower County
Agricultural Society a part of your gift giving
and estate planning.

Storage

Winter storage is now available. The fair uses every building for storage so that we are able to accommodate several size units.

We are currently taking in RV's, boats, campers, cars, motorcycles, and trailers. Storage will be available until it is full. The buildings usually are full by November 15 so come early as we do not reserve spots. It is first come, first served!

For information on storage please call the fair office at 507-433-1868 or the caretakers office at 507-433-3376.



Offseason Events

The 2016 season has begun. The first event starts off with the Smashing Cancer Demo Derby at the grandstand on February 14th. On May 6-8th the MN Junior Spring Classic returns and don't forget the National Barrow show will be September 10-14th.



Several weddings have been booked for next year along with company picnics. We will be working on contracts for several cattle shows, flea market, Mower County Recycling and several others.

If interested in having your event here please contact the fair office at 507-433-1868.

Superintendents Needed

We are in need of new volunteer superintendents for Creative Arts and Photography.

A brief description would include deciding classes, securing judges, and being present the Sunday before the fair to take in the entries and Monday for judging. We will also need you to be in the building during the week of the fair to supervise which these times can be split between the photography and creative arts superintendents.

if you are interested contact the fair office for complete details of the superintendents position.

Positions need to be filled by no later than April 30.

Did You Know?

The first Mower County Fair was held in 1864 in Lansing?

In early 1883 the Agriculture Society purchased the Austin Driving Park for use as a County Fairgrounds for \$1,800.00. During that year the Basford Building burned down and they were printing the premium books. All was lost and could not be replaced by fair time and the fair was cancelled that year. The Fair has been at the current location since 1884

Established by Austin FFA Advisor Don Ritland in 1944 the Mower County Fair is home to America's original children's farmyard.

There are over 100 volunteers involved during the Mower County Fair.