



February 12, 2021

The Fair Board and Staff are excited to bring the 2021 Virtual Livestock Show and Auction to the Community. Due to the current restrictions regarding COVID-19 it is required that we use the minimum amount of staff and volunteers to adhere to the Santa Barbara County Health Guidelines. The 2021 Livestock Show and Auction team have been designated by the Fair Board are as follows:

- Rick Tomasini, Livestock Superintendent, will facilitate the logistics of the animals.
- Katy Murphy will assist Rick as always in overseeing the coordination and load out of the animals.
- Chris Garmon was hired to administer the virtual show and auction.
- Shirley and Wendy Williams will coordinate the buyers and payments for the auction.
- Fairpark staff will continue to support the show and auction.

The Fair Board has been asked to address the status of the auction funds. The Board received direction from CDFA Fairs and Exposition's legal department that funds generated from the auction are administered by the Fairpark. The State indicated that there are no legal restrictions on how the DAA may spend the auction monies and the Fair Board voted to use all monies to sustain the Fairpark throughout the pandemic. Currently no auctions monies have been used to sustain the Fairpark. There have been many questions raised about the past and future of the Santa Barbara County Fair. With the support of our community in the recent months and in the coming year, our Fair is determined to survive through these restrictions.

The 37th DAA Fair Board and Fairpark Staff are as follows:

Cheryl McGray-President Matt Olsen-1st Vice President Brenda Estrada-2nd Vice President

Kevin Merrill – Director Randy Jones – Director Dottie Lyons-Director

Autumn Acquistapace-Interim CEO Krista Tillema-Event Coordinator

Angela Yruegas-Office Assistant Lisa Ruiz, Pete Medina, Ramiro Ruvalcaba-Maintenance

As in previous years the Fairpark values the sponsors and volunteers that make our community Fair such a success. That support is especially important this year. Santa Barbara County Fair Virtual Show and Auction exhibitor guidebook will be posted on the Fairpark website on February 19, 2021. Here are important dates to note.

- All Species DNA Available February 24, 2021
 - Steer and Heifer DNA due by March 12, 2021
 - Sheep, Goats and Swine DNA due by May 7, 2021

- Santa Barbara County Fair Virtual Livestock Show: July 5-9, 2021
- Santa Barbara County Fair Virtual Livestock Auction: July 15-16, 2021
- Fairpark staff coordination day: July 17, 2021
- Load out of animals at Fairpark: July 18, 2021

Should you have any questions please email livestock@santamariafairpark.com

Thank you,


Cheryl McGray

Board President


Kevin Merrill

Director/Livestock Committee Member



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