

MONTGOMERY COUNTY AGRICULTURAL CENTER, INC

**NEWSLETTER**

**“BARNYARD BOOGIE”**

**August 13-21, 2010**

June 2010

**62<sup>nd</sup> Montgomery County Fair**

The 62<sup>nd</sup> Montgomery County Fair, “Barnyard Boogie” will be held August 13-21, 2010.

**Volunteer Work Days**

Fair preparation work days will be held July 17, July 24, July 31, and August 7, 2010 beginning at 8:00 a.m. Meal tickets must be picked up when signing in on the computer at the office or at the Heritage **before** 9:00 a.m. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m, please do not line up prior to 12:30. Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult to participate in work days at the fair. In the event of inclement weather there is still plenty of work to be accomplished. Ask the office staff if you need a place to volunteer.

**Superintendents and Chairpersons**

There will be **only** one Superintendent and Chairman meeting for the 2010 fair. It will be held on Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am in the Heritage and should last approximately 1 hour. There will be a buffet breakfast prepared by our off season food committee. The menu includes: pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, fruit, juice, and coffee.

We hope that you will be able to attend this meeting to pick up your department packets, and get answers to any questions that you might have. An invitation will be mailed to you, please RSVP so that we can plan accordingly.

**Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers are always needed for Information/Guest Relations during the

week of the fair. If you can help, please contact Sue Sullivan at [suesowline@aol.com](mailto:suesowline@aol.com) or call 301-926-5858. 4-H clubs may want to do this as a group for one or more days.

**Membership Information**

Our Membership committee is continuously working to make sure the membership database is accurate. If you have questions or changes regarding your address, member hours, transfer of hours or other membership related concerns, please e-mail [Membership@mcagfair.com](mailto:Membership@mcagfair.com).

**2010 Royalty Court**

Congratulation’s to the following young adults that have been selected as the 2010 Fair Royalty Court. Michael Buscemi, Michael Cropp, Abbey Linthicum, Larry Ryba, Sophia Reaves, Collin Shay, Colleen Gannon, Kelsey Watkins, Samantha Brown, and Robert “Tucky” Burton. This year, we had 13 qualified applicants for the Royalty Court, making the judge’s decision very difficult. We would like to thank Deborah Murphy, Matt Koerner, and Elizabeth Benitez, who did an excellent job interviewing each candidate.

On Sunday, August 15, 2010 the 4-H parade starts at 6:00 p.m. The Coronation of the King and Queen is at 7:00 p.m., on the Racing Park stage. Come see who will be our new King and Queen!

**Office Report**

The office would like to welcome our seasonal staff members: Lorelei Irons, Stephanie Hilton and Lynn Strachan will be

working the front office. Brittany Hilton, will return as an intern working on a variety of different projects to support fair operations and Veronica Ward will be working in data processing. As always, the Board of Directors, Executive Director, and office staff are available for questions, concerns or general information regarding Ag. Center topics.

### Entry Office

Online entries will be accepted starting on June 21, 2010. For more information and to download your department and entry form go to [www.mcagfair.com](http://www.mcagfair.com). Click on fair information, then fair catalog, next pick either 4-H departments or Open class departments you will then see your entry form choices listed separately. Entry deadline will be July 10, 2010. Late entries will be accepted until July 20, 2010 with a \$25.00 penalty fee per exhibitor. Please remember animal health papers must be in the office by August 1, 2010. Catalogs are here and can be picked up in the office.

### Life & Associate Member Passes For 2010

As we did last year, passes for life member spouses, children, and associate members will be available for pick-up at the fair office weekdays from July 1<sup>st</sup> until August 12<sup>th</sup> during normal business hours 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Passes can also be picked up on fair work days from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Life members can pick up passes through August 21<sup>st</sup>. To pick up your passes be sure to bring your life member photo ID card. If you would like your passes mailed please send us a self addressed stamped envelope with your name and member number by August 7, 2010. To pick up passes for life members other than yourself, you must have their life members photo ID.

### New Ticket Prices

For the 2010 Fair, the Board of Directors has voted to make changes to the gate

admission policy and price. General admission to the fair is now \$10.00. Children 11 and under receive FREE admission each day of the fair. We have added two new family days with reduced mega pass ride wristbands available from Powers Great American Midways for \$15.00 when purchased before 5:00 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday.

### New in 2010



100 Hours



200 Hours



1,000 Hours

If you never received a member pin or lost the one you had, stop by the main office to get the ones you need. We have added an "associate member" pin for those who have volunteered 100 hours of service to the fair. Life member designation recognizes 200 hours of service and honorary members have 1,000 hours of volunteerism at the Ag. Center. We thank each of you for your time, talent and continuous support for the fair.

### P.A. Announcements

P.A. announcements are due to Sue Sullivan by July 30, 2010. Announcements can be faxed to 301-926-1622 or e-mailed to [suesownline@aol.com](mailto:suesownline@aol.com).

### Animal Exhibitor Orientations

New this year will be **mandatory** Animal Exhibitor orientations. Orientation will be held on each of the four fair workdays. 4-H youth exhibiting any species of animal must attend one of these sessions. Topics addressed will be; the role of the Montgomery County Agricultural Center, exhibitor behavior while on the fairgrounds, proper ways to interact with visitors, dealing with confrontational situations, and proper care and treatment of your animal.

Orientations will be held at 1:30 p.m. in the Garden Room of the Heritage Building. Attendance will be taken, so make sure you attend an orientation if you plan on exhibiting an animal at this year's fair. If you know that you will not be able to attend any of these four sessions, you must contact David Gordon at the 4-H Office (301-590-9638 or [dgordon3@umd.edu](mailto:dgordon3@umd.edu)) by 5:00 p.m. July 16, 2010. Failure to meet this new requirement will make you ineligible to exhibit an animal at the fair.

### **Earning Volunteer Hours During the Fair**

As a reminder these are the guidelines that are used by the volunteer hours committee for recording time worked during the fair.

1. During the publicized days of the fair (9 days), individuals will be able to earn up to a maximum of 60 hours of volunteer credit toward fair membership.
2. The Membership Hours Computers in the Fair Office and the Heritage will be in operation for use in registering volunteer hours during the non-Fair times of the year including the Work Days that are scheduled in July and early August for fair preparation.
3. The Membership Hours Computers will not be in operation during the publicized dates of the fair and the Sunday after the fair closes. Department Superintendents will be provided with notebooks that contain Volunteer Sign-In sheets and Student Service Learning (SSL) sign in sheets for use by volunteers to record their hours in written format during the fair. Students cannot earn both SSL and Fair membership hours at the same time.
4. Under certain circumstances, identified exhibitors will be permitted to earn volunteer hours in departments where they exhibit if the superintendent has submitted and received approval for a duty roster that lists specific jobs that are essential to the safe and secure operation of their department during the fair.

5. Blue volunteer registration cards will continue to be used as the means to register new volunteers and update volunteer contact information. This has been a very successful program and we appreciate your support in keeping our records current.

### **Cheese Booth Orientation 2010**

- July 17, 2010 10:00 am-11:00 am
- July 24, 2010 11:00 am-12:00 pm
- July 31, 2010 11:30 am-12:30 pm
- Aug. 7, 2010 10:00 am-11:00 am

### **Information Booth Orientation 2010**

- July 17, 2010 11:15 am-12:30 pm
- July 24, 2010 9:30 am-10:45 am
- July 31, 2010 10:00 am-11:15 am
- Aug. 7, 2010 11:15 am-12:30 pm

### **Entry Dates**

- Christmas Trees  
Friday, August 13, from 1 p.m.–4 p.m.
- Home Arts  
Thursday, August 12, from 4 p.m.–8 p.m.  
Friday, August 13, from 2 p.m.–8 p.m.
- Farm & Garden & Flowers  
Friday, August 13, from 4 p.m.–8 p.m.  
Saturday, August 14, from 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
- Honey & Beeswax  
Friday, August 13, from 2 p.m.–7 p.m.  
Saturday, August 14, from 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
- Arts, Crafts, Hobbies and Photography  
Wednesday, August 11, from 3 p.m.–8 p.m.  
Thursday, August 12, from 3p.m.–8 p.m.
- 4-H Indoor Exhibits.  
Booths: Monday, August 9, from 7 p.m.–9 p.m.  
Non- Perishables and Clovers:  
Wednesday, August 11, from 3:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.  
Perishables: Saturday, August 14, from 3 p.m.–6 p.m.

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