

Press Release April 9, 2020

Re:4-H Community Fair update

The Dearborn County Community Fair Board (DCFB) and the Dearborn County 4-H Board of Directors (BOD) have made many tough decisions as to this year's Dearborn County 4-H & Community Fair. In these uncharted times. The 4-H Fair Board has faced challenges due to the coronavirus pandemic, when thinking about how it will affect plans for the local fair. We sadly decided to cancel major entertainment at this year's Dearborn County 4-H & Community Fair planned June 21-27, 2020".

Doug Bischoff, treasurer of the organization shared these thoughts "At this time with the stay-at-home order and social distancing guidelines in effect at the time of this press release (April 9,) we're just too close to the event date to keep worrying if the fair is going to be allowed to happen. There are too many "what if's" involved. It's not fair to our sponsors, vendors, or our organization to keep putting time and money into an event that may not be allowed to happen". While canceling the entertainment two and a half months beforehand may seem premature to some, it is the financially responsible thing to do. Cancellation of entertainment dates were time sensitive, and had to be exercised soon. It is much harder to relay info to attendees and vendors of a last-minute cancellation, after it has been advertised through various media across the Tri-State area.

The decision was made to **currently move forward only with the 4-H portion of the fair** as planned June 21-27, you will still be able to see the livestock shows and exhibit hall projects. What you will not see is the major events- Cincinnati Circus, Rodeo, Lion Shows, and Midway Attractions. Because of the uncertainties of the current and future health and safety guidelines, the Boards will review the situation over the next several weeks to see if future steps need to be taken for the safety of all. The boards are already working on plans if the circumstances don't allow us to have a face to face 4-H fair that may include virtual options.

We hope that with these changes the community will continue to support the 4-H program and come see the great accomplishments of our 4-H youth at the fair. This support will allow us to weather through these uncertain times and allow for the future of 4-H in Dearborn County.

We look forward to seeing you **June 21-27, 2021.**

Thanks,

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