Cochise County Fair announces changes, news for 2019

The Cochise County Fair Association (CCFA) has announced that the livestock auction at the 2019 Cochise County Fair will take place on Saturday, Sept. 28 at the fairgrounds in Douglas. In previous years, the auction took place on Sunday, the last day of the fair. Specific times will be announced at a later date. Dates of the 2019 fair are Thursday, Sept. 26-Sunday, Sept. 29.

In addition, after extensive discussions and study, the fair association has elected to work in cooperation with the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension to manage exhibit entries, auctions and volunteers. In accordance with IRS rules governing the University of Arizona and non-profit organizations, it also will process auction payments, communications and associated tax forms. As a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, the association will fill this role now that the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension is no longer handling financial aspects of the exhibits and sale.

Fair board member and long-time auction volunteer Tony Fraze has been appointed to lead the auction committee. The association seeks past and potential volunteers to assist in ensuring a quality experience for youth exhibitors. Those who are interested in volunteering may contact the Cochise County Fair Association at (520) 364-3819 or cochisectyfair@qwestoffice.net.

Members of 4-H who expect to exhibit at the 2019 fair will find the 4-H Rule Book on the UA Cooperative Extension website at https://extension.arizona.edu/4h/cochise. Rules for the small and large stock auctions are being finalized in partnership with the University of Arizona and will be governed by the Cochise County Fair Association and posted on the fair association website at www.cochiscountyfair.org as soon as they become available.

The theme for the 2019 fair is "Cochise County May be a Square, but Not Our County Fair." It was proposed by Huachuca City School student Joshua Givens and chosen from entries in a contest run by the Cochise County School Superintendent's Office. The education exhibits will reflect this theme.