



# “Fair Buzz”

## Trinity County Fair Monthly Newsletter

January, 2017

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Welcome to the first ever Trinity County Fair “Fair Buzz”. This will be a monthly newsletter to the Trinity County Fair Association members dedicated to informing you of what is happening at the fairgrounds.

Just a little background to start with:

The Trinity County Fair was established in 1921. The Trinity County Fair Association was established in 1984 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit contracted by the County of Trinity (owner of the fairgrounds property) to manage the fair and fairgrounds.

### **Current staff:**

*Mike Fillette – Fair Manager/CEO*

*Jack Heard – Secretary*

*Donna Grisham – Bookkeeper*

*Ed Delisle – Maintenance Supervisor*

*Kelly Carrigan – Assistant Maintenance Supervisor*

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### **Current Trinity County Fair Association Board of Directors:**

Four board positions (4-year term-staggered) are held by Directors elected from the Trinity County Fair Association membership. Five board positions appointed by Trinity County Supervisors (one from each County District) run concurrent with the term of the County Supervisor

*Wallace Brinkley – President (District 1 appointee)*

*Jo Ehler – Vice President (District 5 appointee)*

*Billie Miller (District 2 appointee)*

*Sandy Bechtold (District 3 appointee)*

*Adam Dummer (District 4 appointee)*

*Chuck Sauer*

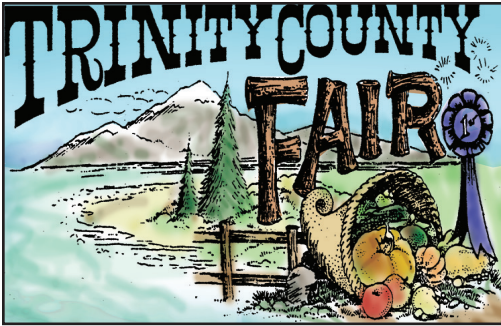
*Dixie LaFountain*

*Dennis Rourke*

*Sharon Eggelston*

Each year at the Trinity County Association Annual Meeting (January 19, 2017) a board member at large will be elected by the Association members present. For 2017, Chuck Sauer’s term ends. He can either seek to be re-elected or another Fair Association member may seek the position. Interested members must either write a letter of intent to the Fair Board or a nomination can be made on the floor at the time of the meeting. Members must be present to be elected.





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### So here is what happened in 2016:

In 2016 we were awarded a grant from the California Dept. of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) of \$475,308 from a total of \$7,000,000 dedicated to the California Fairs Network for fire, life and safety deferred maintenance projects. Our award must be spent on two projects; Abatement of asbestos siding on the Dining Hall and fire sprinklers to be installed in many of the publicly used buildings. We are in the beginning phases of these projects that must be completed by June, 2018.

Replacement of the Fair residence was completed this year. The old residence was demolished after we found the cost to refurbish it would be as much as a new manufactured house. We now have a brand new 1173 sq. ft. manufactured house that we will rent as income for the fair.

New vertical blinds for the Dining Hall windows were installed and paid for entirely by generous donations in part by using the GoFundMe fundraising website. We were able to raise donations to fund repairs of the refrigerator compressor in the Dining Hall kitchen. Don't forget about the \$10,000 in donations from individuals and businesses throughout Trinity County to pay for our 95th anniversary Fair fireworks spectacular. We are currently running a See's Candy fundraiser in order to pay for re-keying many of the fair buildings.

The 2016 Fair was a great success!! Attendance was up by over 50%, we had more and different vendors, rented ATMs and we had a new Carnival (Midway of Fun). The Junior Livestock Auction set a record \$326,000 in sales! That's an average of \$1,800 per exhibit. Amazing!

### Here is what we are planning for 2017:

- Rehab of the Dining Hall Commercial Kitchen (scheduled for 2016, but was delayed). New flooring and in-direct plumbing for the sinks.
- Continue with exterior and interior painting and roofing repairs on many of our buildings.
- Summer Concert Series to be a fundraiser for the fair, scheduled from May through September. We will be needing sponsors and vendors, so if you know anyone interested in either, please have them contact the fair office.
- Trinity County schools fair exhibits participation project. Schools will compete against one another for a chance to win \$1,000 in cash to be used at the school's discretion.
- Additional See's Candy fundraisers during Mother's Day and Valentine's Day to help with small projects needed.
- We will be expanding our Cake Bake-Off/Dessert Auction fundraiser by having it in the evening and providing a light dinner.

And of course, we are working on the 2017 fair to be bigger and better!

We hope 2017 will be a fantastic year for everyone! More news to come next month...