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First and foremost, I would like to thank all of the sponsors, volunteers, elected officials, and the entire community for coming together to host what I believe to be the finest and largest event in Brazoria County. It is such an honor to serve as your 2016 President for the Brazoria County Fair Association. I have been involved in this great association since 1985 and ever since then, I have noticed that there are three important factors that are pinnacle to this fair: Family, Friends, and Community.

My family has been involved in the BCFA for many years, and I have been fortunate enough to have been able to raise all three of my children through activities and livestock competitions through our fair.

I undoubtedly attribute and give credit to Brazoria County Fair for much of their success and the upstanding individuals they have become.

BCFA is known as a time where close friends come together to help each other out, cheer each other on, or even just to give a pat on the back for encouragement. Without a community like ours, this fair would not be what it is today.

We all come together to ensure that everything is in place each year for a successful and momentous fair.

I wholeheartedly believe that the BCFA traditions are ingrained within each of our hearts and will grow stronger in the future. I hope that you, your family, and your friends will join us October 14 – 22 for the 2016 Brazoria County Fair.

We have many great things planned, and hope you will join us in being a part of that tradition.

Greg A. Kresta
2016 BCFA President

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Each year, the Brazoria County Fair holds a drawing contest among students in the county in search for its new cover for the upcoming catalog. The winner gets a season pass to the fair and promotion items depicting the logo design and a $250 cash award.

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Scarecrow Contest

The Scarecrow Contest brings out the best of the scarecrow artists in Brazoria County. The judging this year will start at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 18, in the carnival midway area. Entries will be judged on originality, workmanship, creative theme and showmanship. It's well worth your time when you visit the fair.

On the cover

At the top left is a group photograph of the 2016 Brazoria County Fair Rodeo Queen candidates. Sitting from left, are: Emily Doiron, Sweeny High School; Joy Jacob, Angleton High School; Ashlyn Wall, Angleton High School; Cheyenne Kettler, Angleton High School; Jaelyn Devecchio, Angleton High School; Brooke Stoddard, Angleton High School; Bailey Phillips, Columbia High School; and Mallori Christian, Angleton High School.

The bottom right photo is of the Brazoria County Fair Queen candidates. From left: Alexis Wagoner, Turner High School; Hannah Holder, Pearland High School; Calli Davis, Angleton High School; Taylor Green, Brazoswood High School; Sarah Sweeny, Alvin High School; Brynna Stout, Danbury High School; Jordan Carrillo, Manvel High School; Alyssa McKinney, Sweeny High School; Samantha Perez, Brazosport High School; Samantha Barnhart, Brazosport Christian School; Marina Love, Angleton Christian School; and Dayde Copeland, Columbia High School.

Youth Talent Show

The Youth Talent Show will be held on Sunday, Oct. 16, at 6 p.m. in the auditorium. This is a presentation by young people ages 3-19 from Brazoria County. Preliminary rounds were held earlier. Everyone performing has survived elimination.

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About the Brazoria County Fair Association

The Brazoria County Fair Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing educational opportunities and scholarships to the youth of Brazoria County. Our fair is a nine-day annual event that takes place in October of every year. It is known for its old-fashioned fair atmosphere and traditional fair entertainment such as carnival rides, rodeo, concerts, concessions and livestock/agriculture displays. It attracts about a quarter million people and takes place in a 120-acre fairground with permanent buildings.

Brazoria County Fair is a planned event that provides competition, entertainment, enjoyment, and an opportunity for county residents and visitors to get together with friends. The fair provides people with a standard of excellence, which all county residents could work to achieve and to encourage the continued improvement of the equality of life in Brazoria County.

BCFA conducts several events throughout the year, including the annual Science Fair in February; Game, Farm & Ranch Expo in April; Youth Summer Series Rodeo in June; Spike & Spurs Golf Classic in August; and the Kick-off Dinner and Dance in September.

Today, the Brazoria County Fair has approximately 2,000 members. The Board of Directors totals 99 county residents and a 26-member executive board, both of which oversee the different areas of the fair. It takes more than 500 volunteers to keep the fair association operating.

24th annual CPRA Rodeo Finals

The rodeo will be in town on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 14, 15 and 16. Friday night’s action will start at 6:30 p.m.; Saturday’s at 6 p.m.; and Sunday’s at 3 p.m. Riders will compete for $110,000 added money plus bonus funds.

Mutton Bustin’

You have to start somewhere, so why not with the fair’s Mutton Bustin’ event during rodeo performances on Oct. 14, 15 and 16 at Entertainment Hall? Participants must be 55 pounds or less and be between 4-8 years old. Helmets will be provided, but contestants can also bring their own bicycle helmets. Phillips 66 is sponsoring this popular event.

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This year, the fair has several ways you can enjoy the carnival without breaking the bank, by offering discounts on certain nights. Check the schedule page for details. Keep in mind that on those days, the lines may be longer, so please be patient.

**Chicken Scramble**

The popular Chicken Scramble is back again this year, sponsored by Chick-Fil-A. It will be held from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 22, in the Livestock Show Arena. Entry deadline is 2 p.m. on Oct. 22, and there is no entry fee.

Participants who catch a chicken will be awarded Chicken Scramble T-shirts. The event is designed to give youngsters a chance to participate and have fun in a livestock department event.

The event is open to Brazoria County children only, and to their parents’ relief, they cannot keep the captured chickens.

**Pet Parade**

The Pet Parade this year will take place on Monday, Oct. 17, starting at 6:30 p.m. Registration is from 5:30-6:15 p.m. It will be held in the auditorium, and the entry fee is $5.

The Pet Parade is an amateur show designed to give any child 16 years and under the opportunity to display and show their pets. This show is in no way meant to be a professional show, but is designed primarily to give the children of Brazoria County a chance to participate in the Fair festivities.
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Special Children’s Day

This day is designated to honor the “Special Children” of Brazoria County and provide them with a fun-filled day of entertainment, which includes a special rodeo, Children’s Barnyard and food and beverages. It will be held Oct. 19 in the auditorium 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sponsors of this event are Gulf Coast Auto Park, Ineos Q&P and Pearl Snaps.

Festival of Lights 2016

Saturday, November 19

Civic Center Area, Lake Jackson

Festivities to kick off at 10 a.m.
Children’s activities, synthetic ice rink, Magic Show, Exotic Bird Show, Stage Entertainment, Snow Land, Santa Claus, Craft & Food Booths, Holiday Chef Market, Wagner’s Carnival and a lighted parade to end the day at 7 p.m.
All Brazoria County senior citizens are invited to join us for Senior Citizens Day Tuesday, Oct. 18

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Senior Citizens Day at the fair

Dow Chemical Company is sponsoring this annual event, which enables many senior citizens to enjoy the fair on Oct. 18. There will be doughnuts and coffee, entertainment, contests, games, fair exhibits and lunch. The public event will be held in the Brazoria County Fair Auditorium and is for ages 55 and over. Admission is free.

Hometown Heroes Day honors military, first responders

The Brazoria County Fair is again honoring our Hometown Heroes with a ceremony in the auditorium 7-8:30 p.m., Oct. 18. Honored will be military personnel and first responders who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to make our lives better. Recipients were nominated for recognition by friends or family and reside in Brazoria County. The nominations were submitted by email and were essays of 300 words or less about the candidate. The event is sponsored by MSC (Metal Supply Co. LTD).

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The fair parade participants will march, walk and ride through downtown Angleton along Hwy. 288-Business and proceed east on Hwy. 35 starting at 10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 15. This year’s parade chairman is James Clawson. The entries will be reflecting this year’s theme: “Family, Friends, & Community … Building the Future.” No political campaigning will be allowed, but just about anyone who wants to be involved can enter the parade for a small fee. All entries must conform to the standards of the fair association. This event is often an indicator of when it might rain in Angleton – right at parade time, so umbrellas or rainwear may come in handy. County residents line up early before the start to get a good spot. For those who just want to get there at the start, there are plenty of good spots left, so come out and enjoy a good old-fashioned, small-town parade. This year’s sponsor is MSR Houston.
By Marie Beth Jones

Back in 1910, several of Brazoria County’s civic leaders decided the area needed a forum for educating farmers and homemakers by recognizing those who were most outstanding in each area of endeavor.

They visualized an event that would provide competition, entertainment, enjoyment, and an opportunity to get together with friends. They wanted to provide a standard of excellence toward which county residents could work, to encourage continued improvement of the equality of life in the area. Thus was born the first Brazoria County Fair.

Those early leaders would probably be astounded at the evolution of the fair since that first one in 1910. They could hardly have envisioned a 120-acre fairgrounds dotted with permanent buildings, including a huge covered arena, the site of a multi-faceted, six-day annual event attracting almost a quarter of a million people.

History of the “modern” Brazoria County Fair begins in 1938, when Angleton Jaycees took over operation of several of the annual events. Although no fair organization officially existed that year, Jack Phillips of West Columbia recalls that “a little exhibition of livestock was held…and the ladies showed their jams and jellies” on the courthouse lot.

Phillips missed only one Brazoria County Fair since 1938 during his lifetime. He was attending the Olympics in Mexico City during the 1968 fair. He served as president of the fair in 1957, 1967, and 1968.

After formation of the Brazoria County Fat Stock and Fair Association, the group bought a 20-acre fig orchard south of Angleton for use as fairgrounds. By 1947, another 30 acres had been added to the site, and throughout the years, more land has been bought and paid out as it became available.

The fair was canceled for three years during World War II, and the property was leased to the U.S. government as the site for a U.S. Signal Corps radar unit. After a little more than a year, however, the government decided to utilize the facilities as a prisoner of war camp.

A high fence topped with rows of barbed wire was placed around the property, with guard towers built at the corners. German war prisoners were moved to the site.

At one time, 200 of Rommel’s crack North African Troops were among the prisoners housed there. Those who wanted to work for small wages helped area farmers in cotton or rice harvesting and other chores. Several of these former prisoners have visited Angleton in recent years, bringing their families to see where they were incarcerated and where they waded through muddy rice fields or stooped for hours to pick cotton.

With the war’s end, the grounds were returned to the fair association for use, and in the years since, in good times and bad, in economic slumps and following devastating hurricanes, the fair has grown and expanded to the point that it is now the largest county fair in Texas. But despite its tremendous growth and changes, the Brazoria County Fair is still a place where residents from various parts of the county gather to compete in agricultural and home-making and leisure-time pursuits, to recognize and encourage excellence, to visit friends, and to enjoy themselves in a family atmosphere.

Who is going to be this year’s Fair Mom?

Pictured in the middle is the 2015 BCFA Fair Mom, Suzan Noe of Angleton. This year’s contest will culminate on Oct. 14 in the auditorium starting at 8 p.m.

The “Kim Kresta Memorial Award” will be given to the Brazoria County Fair Mom in loving memory of Kim Kresta, the 2002 Fair Mom, by her family and friends. Kim was a woman who was a prime example of how to appreciate and live life to the fullest. She was also a hard-working supporter and volunteer of the fair association.

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Brazoria County Fair events schedule

**Friday, Oct. 14**
8:00 AM  
Junior Breeding Beef - Jr. Breeding Beef - Arrival Time
3:00 PM  
Junior Market Swine - Jr. Market Swine Weigh In
5:00 PM  
Junior Breeding Beef - Jr. Breeding Beef Check-In Time
Commercial Heifer - Jr. Commercial Heifer Check-In Time
6:30 PM  
24th Annual CPRA Rodeo Finals - 2016 Weekend General Admission Ticket - Adult
4H & FFA Calf Scramble
Little Mr. and Miss Contest
Mutton Bustin’
8:00 PM  
Fair Mom - Fair Mom Contest
W.F. Gonzales Pavilion (Beer Garden) Concerts - 2016 Weekend General Admission Ticket - Adult

**Saturday, Oct. 15**
Jr Market Broiler - Sift
Junior Market Sales
Rabbit Judging Contest
Our PickBucket Calf Show
9:00 AM  
Jr Market Turkey - Jr Market Turkey Show
Jr Market Rabbit
Junior Carcass Contest
10:00 AM
Jr Breeding Rabbit - Jr Breeding Rabbit Check-In
Parade
11:00 AM
Jr Breeding Rabbit - Jr Breeding Rabbit Show
Jr Market Turkey - Early Release
12:00 PM
Tricycle Races
6:00 PM
24th Annual CPRA Rodeo Finals - 2016 Weekend General Admission Ticket - Youth
3:00 PM
24th Annual CPRA Rodeo Finals - 2016 Weekend General Admission Ticket - Adult
4H & FFA Calf Scramble
Mutton Bustin’
7:00 PM  
Fair Queen - FAIR QUEEN CORONATION

**Sunday, Oct. 16**
Junior Market Sales
8:00 AM
Twirling Contest
9:00 AM
Junior Carcass Contest - Jr. Carcass Contest
10:00 AM
Commercial Heifer - Jr Commercial Heifer Sift - Singles
12:00 PM
Ag Mechanics Project - Ag Mechanics Show Time
2:00 PM
Student Art Auction
5:00 PM
JUNIOR MARKET STEER SHOW
6:00 PM
24th Annual CPRA Rodeo Finals - 2016 Weekend General Admission Ticket - Youth
Youth Talent Show
6:30 PM
24th Annual CPRA Rodeo Finals - 2016 Weekend General Admission Ticket - Adult
4H & FFA Calf Scramble
Mutton Bustin’

**Monday, Oct. 17**
Junior Market Sales
7:00 AM
Junior Breeding Beef
9:00 AM
Junior Carcass Contest
Junior Market Goat - Junior Market Goat Show
3:00 PM
Jr Market Lamb - Market Lamb Show
5:30 PM
Pet Parade

**Tuesday, Oct. 18**
Junior Market Sales
8:00 AM
Calf Scramble Heifer Show - 2016 Calf Scramble Heifer Show
Senior Citizen’s Day
9:00 AM
Junior Carcass Contest - Jr. Carcass Contest
11:00 AM
Scarecrow Contest
1:00 PM
Commercial Heifer - Jr. Commercial Heifer Show - Singles
7:00 PM
Hometown Hero’s Day

**Wednesday, Oct. 19**
Junior Market Sales
7:00 AM

**Commercial Heifer - Jr. Commercial Heifer Pen of Three Arrival**
8:30 AM
Special Children’s Day
9:00 AM
Junior Carcass Contest
10:00 AM
Junior Breeding Beef - Junior Breeding Beef Show
2:00 PM
Carnival Hours & Discounts - Buddy Night

**Thursday, Oct. 20**
BBQ Cook-Off Contest - BCFA World Class - BBQ Cook-Off Junior Market Sales
6:00 AM
Open Beef Cattle
7:00 AM
Open Beef Cattle - Open Beef Release
8:30 AM
Open Beef Cattle - Pee Wee Showmanship
9:30 AM
Open Beef Cattle - Open Beef Cattle Show
7:00 PM
Ranch Rodeo

**Friday, Oct. 21**
BBQ Cook-Off Contest - BCFA World Class - BBQ Cook-Off Arena Concert Series
Junior Market Sales
6:15 AM
Jr Livestock Judging - Livestock Judging Entry Deadline
7:30 AM
Jr Livestock Judging - Livestock Judging Time
10:00 AM
Carnival Hours & Discounts - Food Pantry Night
1:00 PM
Commercial Heifer - Jr. Commercial Heifer Auction
Commercial Heifer Auction
1:30 PM
Kitchen Pride Bake Show
Rice Plus Cook-Off
2:00 PM
Chicken Scramble

**Saturday, Oct. 22**
BBQ Cook-Off Contest - BCFA World Class - BBQ Cook-Off Arena Concert Series
Junior Market Sales
6:00 AM
Open Beef Cattle
7:00 AM
Open Beef Cattle - Open Beef Release
8:30 AM
Open Beef Cattle - Pee Wee Showmanship
9:30 AM
Open Beef Cattle - Open Beef Cattle Show
7:00 PM
Ranch Rodeo

**Arena concerts**


**Open-air concerts**

Friday, Oct. 14: Tracy Lawrence and Neal McCoy
Saturday, Oct. 15: The Eli Young Band with special guest Junior Gordon

**Beer Garden concerts**

Oct. 14 – Dogtown Blues. 8PM – Midnight
Oct. 15 – Michael Salgado, 9PM – 1AM
Oct. 16 – Shayne Still & The Southern Blend Band, 6PM – 10PM
Oct. 19 – DJ, 8PM – Midnight
Oct. 20 – Al White & Chaparal, 8PM – Midnight

**Carnival wristband special deals**

Wednesday, Oct. 19
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Saturday, Oct. 22
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