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2013 Tooele County Fair Cancelled

After a lengthy debate, the Tooele County Fair Board voted to cancel this year's Tooele County Fair at its meeting last night. The voting was unanimous in favor of cancelling the fair due to the county's current financial crisis and lack of county employees to help run the fair.

Fair Board Chair Mark McKendrick says he and the commissioners feel terrible about the need to cancel this year's county fair. They say the county employees recently laid off played an immense role in conducting the county fair each year. The fair can't be held without those resources. The fair board will re-evaluate the situation again next year before determining the status of the 2014 Tooele County Fair.

Certain elements of the fair will still occur with full support of the fair board. Those events are the Junior Livestock Show, the 4-H Exhibits, and possibly the Search and Rescue Demolition Derby.

The fair board recognizes that the Junior Livestock Show and 4-H Exhibit are about the youth in our community. They want to continue to provide the much needed support for our youth.

The Livestock Show will occur at the traditional time, the first weekend in August. The youth participants are already working hard with their animals and rely on the opportunity to show and sell their livestock. The Livestock show has its own board.

The 4-H Exhibits are run by the Utah State University Extension Service. USU Extension representatives say they still need to determine the date and location for the 4-H Exhibits, which will be open for youth and adult entries. USU Extension employees are contacting local 4-H leaders to inform them of the situation.

Tooele County Sheriff's Search and Rescue will determine if they hold their annual Demolition Derby fundraiser. If it is held, the fair board will support this event as well, as much as they can.

Volunteers will be needed to run each of these events.

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