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The first Carroll County Fair information we have at the present time is a copy of the **1959 Fair** Information taken from the Carroll County Chronicles – *this copy is courtesy of Ruthie Griggs*



BEST WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL CARROLL COUNTY FAIR

W. Howlett,	County Treas.
N.E. Semones,	Com. Of Rev.
Brooks Montgomery,	Clerk of Court
G.W. Duncan,	Sheriff
John Alderman,	Comm. Atty.

SUPERVISORS

Lloyd H. Hawks,	Fancy Gap
R.E. Branscome,	Pipers Gap
Alonzo Quesinberry,	Pine Creek
Rush Bowman,	Laurel Fork
H.H. Honeycutt,	Sulphur Springs

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES
For Election On
NOVEMBER 3, 1959

Carroll County FARMERS' FAIR

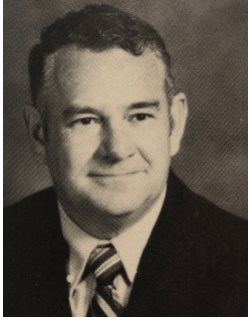


FRIDAY
SATURDAY
September 18th-19th
1959

Hillsville, Virginia

Rules and Regulations of the CARROLL COUNTY FAIR

1. The Chairman of each Committee will have charge of his or her department.
2. Each Chairman will be furnished with a blank for his or her records.
3. Each Chairman will be required to keep records of each award in his or her department and record them with the Fair.
4. Each Chairman will be responsible for care of room in which exhibits are placed, and leave room in orderly condition.
5. Exhibits may be entered Thursday afternoon, September 17, after 2:00 p.m., and until 9:30 a.m., Friday, September 18. Classes of livestock must remain in place until 2:00 p.m., and be removed by 5:00 p.m., Saturday, September 19. All exhibits must be in their respective places where they are to be judged at 10:00 Friday morning.
6. Ribbons will be awarded for first, second and third place. In case of one entry, ribbons will be awarded at the discretion of the judges. Grand champion and reserve champion rosettes will be awarded.
7. Any article not listed in the catalog will be exhibited under its department and ribbons awarded.
8. Only judges, Chairman of Committees and persons showing animals are allowed in ring at time of judging.
9. Lunch will be served on the grounds at a reasonable price by the Vocational Agriculture department.
10. Every article or animal for exhibition must be placed entirely under the direction of the association, but the association will in no case be responsible for losses, damages, or injuries that may occur while under their care. Livestock covered by insurance.
11. No entry charge will be charged for exhibits entered in any case.
12. All exhibitors are requested to have their name on exhibits, when brought in.
13. The officials at the Fair Association reserve the right of full control of the fair.
14. Each group will exhibit in their respective section.
15. Not responsible for return of exhibits after 5:00 p.m. Saturday, September 19.
16. Have all other animals other than sheep and hogs haltered.
17. Any farm organization or individual may give prizes or prizes in any section of this catalogue if such prize or prizes are announced 48 hours prior to 10:00 a.m. Friday, September 18.



After 1959, we are unsure of the exact year this era of the County Fair ended.

In 1979 Leroy McGrady (shown to the left), along with Wayne Combs (shown to the right), led a group of people to start the Carroll County Fair back up at the Carroll County High School.

Included in this group were Marvin Huff, Dean Sutphin, Gary Cockram, Joe Stillwell, and Mike Hylton, among other FFA Alumni.

This Fair was held at the Carroll County High School Junior Parking Lot with Exhibits being displayed in the cafeteria. **The Fair was held in early September after Labor Day from 1979 until September of 1985.**

All proceeds of this era of the County Fair went back to the CCHS Ag Classes.

Major events included a Farm Pull, Horse Show, Forestry Events, and Exhibits.

In late 2003 and early 2004, an idea to renew the County Fair started taking form once again. This effort was started with various county employees studying other local and regional county fairs. A Fair committee was formed within a couple of years consisting of county employees and local citizens.

The committee planned out and held the first county fair of this new era.

This Carroll County Fair was held September 14th – 17th, 2005; it was called the Carroll County Expo for the first year then changed the name to the Carroll County Agricultural Fair.

This Fair was held at the VFW Grover King Post 1115 in Hillsville, Virginia. Many county employees and various citizens helped make the first year of this Fair a success.

The Carroll County Agricultural Fair moved from its location at the VFW to the Fairgrounds at the Southwest Virginia Farmers Market in Hillsville after the fourth year.

Since 2005, this fair has grown into an annual event for our area to be proud of!!!

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