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Mainly I wanted to write because I think the Fair is an important part of our community that would not exist if the community didn't get involved.

In short: Go to your local State and County Fair.

Unlike social media, a Fair cannot be enjoyed on a mobile device. Smell the food, interact with real people from your community, see the baby piglets, appreciate the arts, crafts, music and foods that inspired and motivated your neighbors to make and share something.

The Fair is about finding out what makes us all alike in some way. Despite the name, social media has evolved into a device to easily define the things that make us different from one another. Community events like your local fair are a chance to do something that actually IS social.

When you see a piece of artwork you like, it doesn't matter who the artist voted for in an election. The same goes for watching baby goats play or a child squeal with joy on a kiddie ride.

I worry that a day will come when folks won't think we need community events like the state and county fairs, so don't take them for granted.

Get involved. Go look at the array of competitions and all of the things that folks have entered. The people that entered are the same as you. The only difference is that they got involved. Pick a category that you like and then make plans to enter next year, even if just to participate and to set an example for your kids.