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Board for Recreation, Arts & Cultural Activities announces cancellation of Annual Youth Fishing Derby

Xenia, Ohio (September 14, 2020) - The Board for Recreation, Arts & Cultural Activities (BRACA) regrets to announce that the beloved Annual Youth Fishing Derby has been canceled.

The board made the decision earlier in the year to postpone the event, which typically takes place in June. Members hoped to hold the fishing derby during the fall, however, due to several factors resulting from the ongoing COVID-19 situation, the board made the difficult decision to cancel the event.

Children who normally participate in the event are in close contact with judges and volunteers, and the fishing derby typically draws a large crowd. In the interest of public safety for the participants and volunteers, BRACA members do not feel the event would be viable. The restrictions on large gatherings also remain in place in the state of Ohio.

In the past, our local business community has generously contributed donations to the fishing derby. Considering the economic hardships COVID-19 has placed on businesses across the country, BRACA members did not want to burden them with the request.

While the decision was not easy, BRACA members' priority is the health and well-being of our community. They look forward to planning the event for 2021.

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