



# OHIO FAIR MANAGERS ASSOCIATION

## *Post Convention Newsletter*

### *March 2023*



## 98th Annual Gathering of Ohio's Member Fairs, Service Members is a Wrap

Over 3300 Fair members, Junior Fair Members, Service Members and Tradeshow Participants gathered January 12-15 for Fun, Education, renewing old friendships, networking, buying in the tradeshow and more Fun.

The OFMA Board of Directors welcomes Alan Aichholz, District 1 Director and Ron Llewellyn, District 7 Director and their introductions are in this publication. President Paul Harris has reappointed At Large Directors Tracey Koszalka, Portage County Fair President; Von Cremeans, Pickaway County Fair President and Virgil Strickler, CFE General Manager Ohio State Fair and Expo Center. The officers and committee chairs have their reports in this newsletter for your review. 2024 Convention Dates; January 4-7, 2024, 99th Annual

## Introducing Rebekah Hardacre 2023 Ohio Fairs' Queen

The Ohio Fair Managers are pleased to announce the selection and crowning of the 2023 Ohio Fairs' Queen **Rebekah Hardacre**, New Carlisle, Ohio, representing the Clark County Fair. **Rebekah** was selected from a field of 73 county and independent fair queens and crowned on Saturday, January 14th during the combined Senior and Junior Fair Board member general session. There were more than 2200 Senior and Junior Fair Board members in the Battelle Ballroom, Columbus, Ohio.

**Rebekah** is joined on her court with - **Josey Richard**, Coshocton Co Fair - **Bailey Barnette**, Gallia Co Fair - **Gyllien Anderson** Portage Co Fair - **Madison Jeffries**, Shelby Co Fair.

Rebekah participates in the Clark County Junior Fair, Global Impact FFA Club and many more county, school and club activities.

Rebekah is the daughter of Jennifer Hardacre, New Carlisle, Ohio and is enrolled at the University of Findlay in the Bachelor of Animal Science School.



Please contact Rebekah via her e-mail at: [ohiofairsqueen2023@gmail.com](mailto:ohiofairsqueen2023@gmail.com)

### Upcoming Dates: 2023 Spring Meetings

#### Each Fair is required to attend one of the spring meetings

(Their choice— doesn't have to be your district)

District 7-8 Saturday April 1 Muskingum Co Fairgrounds

District 3-4-6 Sunday April 2 Fayette Co Fairgrounds

District 1-2 Saturday April 15 Hancock Co Fairgrounds

District 5-9 Sunday April 16 The Lodge of New Russia

*IAFE Zone 3 Meeting at the Holmes County Fairgrounds*

*Thursday April 27-29, 2023.*

*Open to all fairs regardless of membership in the IAFE*

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# 2023 OFMA Convention Program Report

Paul Harris, President

As we put the 2022 fair season to rest and come busting out of the gates for 2023 with our heads on fire and our backsides catching . . . I wish to:

THANK ALL OF YOU who worked on the convention this year, from the topic presenters, volunteers, directors, staff, attendees and associate members. All of you embraced the theme of “Communication” meeting the challenges throughout the year and strengthening the bonds within our industry.

Please take the time to complete the survey on convention this year <https://forms.gle/1eTF5QHgeKtiMUPk6> Your feedback will help us program for next year to meet your needs.

I want to thank the OFMA District Directors, At-Large Directors, Officers and Past Presidents as well as Howard and Theresa Call. All of you met every challenge throughout the year and responded to my requests. It was appreciated and paid dividends to our member fairs.

I would like to wish retiring District Directors Richard King and Bruce Gillogly the best. Their commitment and dedication to our member fairs was priceless. On that note we welcome Alan Aichholz, District 1 Director and Ron Llewellyn, District 4 Director. They have big shoes to fill however, I am confident they will succeed.

The three Directors At-Large positions will remain the same this year: Von Cremeans of Pickaway County, Tracy Kozelka of Portage County and Virgil Strickler of Ohio Expositions. We have an extremely strong board and will continue to work for all our member fairs. It is important that we all stay together and united as group and we can withstand any storm.

As we enter 2023, I ask all of you to embrace this year's theme of “Change”. I know it is often like a 4-letter word, and it is often difficult. It is important to change to keep things moving forward. It doesn't always work and when it doesn't, we change again. District 6 Director Roger Smith shared a quote with me . . . “If you are to change the future you must disturb the present.”

Since January we have had a new Director of Agriculture appointed. Director Brian Baldrige is now at the helm. We had an extremely positive meeting with him. His commitment and understanding of fairs, as well as agriculture, combined with the outstanding individuals in the fair division at ODA will continue to elevate our fairs to the next level.

One note of disappointment I need to mention. After working to update the reporting forms this past year, we currently have 50% of fairs in the state with either incomplete or incorrect annual reports. This has to change. We will continue to work with ODA to provide education sessions to help. However, we need your commitment to correct this problem.

On a personal note, this past year has been nothing short of amazing. I can't thank you enough for the calls, text and emails of support. I welcome your comments, both positive and negative. (LOL there were a few)

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Spring Meetings. Let's all get together and make 2023 a season to remember.

Paul Harris, OFMA President *Paul*





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# Reporting on the Auction and Extravaganza Evening 2023

Stanley Strode, 1st Vice President

WOW! Our 2023 Convention is now in the history books as a great success. The Saturday night Extravaganza and Auction was another success as we had 60 tables sold. There were 38 items for the live auction and 34 items for the silent auction for a net proceed of over \$21,700.00. Thank you to all our buyers and the back up bidders for a great show of support for the OFMA and GOSA.

A big thank you to **Roger Hunker and the staff of Breeders World** for clerking the auction, they were very efficient. Also, to our sponsors **Variety Attractions, Greater Ohio Showman, Bates Brothers Amusements and Dippin Dots/ Otter's Concessions** **THANK YOU**. It would be difficult to put on these events without our sponsors so if you have the opportunity, please use their services.



This past summer I had asked each district to pool some resources together and come up with a few large items for the auction. We then used the service of Roger Hunker and Breeders World to list these items on line and start an online auction. The online auction was carried into the live auction resulting in some of the auction items having a bid before the auction began of over \$3500. Thanks to everyone for the items that were donated for the auctions, we had a very successful auction because of you. The money raised from our Gala is used to help support the Advertising Fair Flyers promoting Ohio's County, Independent and Ohio State Fairs.

Thank you to the auction committee and remember, we start planning for next year in March.

*See you at the Spring Meetings*  
*Stanley*



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## Showcase makes big change and gets laughed at!

by Bob Dawson, Talent Chairman

Your talent committee made a big change to this year's showcase and got laughed out of the house. The committee brought in Florida farmer and nationally known comedian "**Tim the Dairy Farmer**" as this year's opening act. Tim did not disappoint and entertained a full house with his stand-up 'Git-R-Done' humor while attendees took advantage of a dessert and coffee buffet provided with the financial sponsorship support of the **Burnham & Flower Insurance Group**.

The traditional music line-up did not disappoint either with six groups. **Cody Clayton Eagle, Fleetwood Gold, Outlaw Apostles, Chase McDaniel, Direct Energy and Ashley Baron** all performed to the packed house. **LiveTech!** supplied sound, lights and video for the event and **Steve Cover from the Entertainment Resources Group** did an excellent job with the stage production

The **Union County Fair** won the evening's Table Game and generously donated their 50% winnings back to the OFMA. All funds raised for the evening will be used to fund the OFMA's 100th year Celebration set for the 2025 Convention.



*See you at the Spring Meetings Bob-*

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## 2023 MARKET PLACE TRADESHOW

Paul Lease, Chairman

Trade Shows are very important to the future of Ohio County Fairs. It is an opportunity for a presentation to create a lasting, memorable impression for all involved.

The sold out, 2023 OFMA Trade Show was a great success. One hundred thirty four vendors filled the booths in the Delaware and Franklin rooms, and also filled the hallways, giving them the opportunity to promote, demonstrate, and discuss their services and products. The OFMA Trade Show remains a vital communication technique to develop relationships between Ohio county fairs and vendors.

I would like to extend my gratitude to all our vendors for their commitment and support to the OFMA Trade Show. Please support these vendors when moving forward in the planning of your future fairs.

Congratulations to all the winners of the Trade Show drawings. Also thank you to the entire Trade Show committee, including Howard and Theresa Call for their support and hard work, and thank you to the OFMA Board for working together to make this years convention a success. Congratulations to our 2023 Ohio Fairs' Queen, Rebekah Hardacre, who represents Clark County Fair.



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## Guest Activities Report Tom Stocksdale, 2nd VP Chairman Guest Activities

What a grand time we had this year at the special spouses' events with sell outs at each. The enthusiasm was unmatched from prior years and the anticipation for next years, events are even greater.

Our Bourbon Tasting event was a total sell out and we added a second event and it too was totally sold out. Dan Bullen, OFMA Past President was the instructor of the bourbon tasting & education on the distilling of this wonderful beverage. All guests received 5 tastings and were educated on each of them as they tried them. During the sessions the OFMA team discussed some options for next year's events and we anticipate doing a New Riff Single Barrow Select for next year and the purpose is to not only start our own special production but we will be producing approximately 200-220 specially marked bottles with the special OFMA 99<sup>th</sup> Anniversary marked on them to be sold at next year's convention. But even more special is the preparation and anticipation of the OFMA 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary where plans are in effect now for the production of a Newford Reserve Single Barrow Select to also be distributed in special OFMA 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary bottles....so watch when the event gets fully put together so you can make your rsvp and be one of 80 people to get a spot.

Our Wine & Paint party was just as exciting with another sellout. Our special guest instructor, Lauren McFarland, from Dayton and each of the participants were given from 3-4 canvas options to paint. All took their time and had a great time and we were treated with a special interview from our OFMA Executive Director Howard Call and Lincolnway Vineyard winery owner Jim Borton who shared some comments on wine production as the participants painted. Wine was donated by the OFMA and Troutman Vineyards.

Next year we are possibly looking at a tour of our Ohio Department of Agriculture located at Reynoldsburg and some other options like BINGO. We do appreciate your ideas and suggestions... so please forward them to me at [stocks1977@hotmail.com](mailto:stocks1977@hotmail.com) or call the OFMA office. A special thanks goes out to our Spouses' Activities Committee for all the extended time and dedication to these projects.

*See you at the Spring Meetings*

**Governor Mike DeWine, wife Fran,  
Ohio Fair Managers President Paul  
Harris and Deputy Director of ODA  
Tracy Intihar Friday January 13, 2023**







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# Ohio Fairs' Queen Report

Rebekah Hardacre [ohiofairsqueen2023@gmail.com](mailto:ohiofairsqueen2023@gmail.com)

Hello!

My name is Rebekah Hardacre and I am the 2023 Ohio Fairs' Queen. I am so excited to be representing not only Clark county, but all of the other counties and independent fairs of Ohio!

My experiences that I had from Wednesday to Sunday of the OFMA convention and the Ohio Fairs' Queen competition were very memorable and have impacted me in a positive and significant way. I met so many amazing young ladies representing 71 other fairs, some of whom I made really great friendships with. It was a pleasure to meet all of the board members and put faces with names and I can't wait to continue to work with everyone involved with the OFMA organization.

The week was enlightening on all of the hard work that goes into the planning and preparation of the convention and competition. One thing that I found more challenging than I anticipated was the interview. The judges were amazing and I really like how they structured and took the event seriously by challenging all of us, not only in the interview but also on stage.

Coming into this amazing leadership position, especially while being the first Ohio Fairs' Queen to be a member of the Army National Guard while doing my year of service, I can't wait to see how much of a positive impact I can make on others as well as the next generation of the youth of agriculture!

I look forward to visiting fairs this summer, see all of you at the Spring Meetings.



**Rebekah** is joined on her court with - Josey Richard, Coshocton Co Fair - Bailey Barnette, Gallia Co Fair - Gyllien Anderson, Portage Co Fair - Madison Jeffries, Shelby Co Fair. 2022 Ohio Fairs' Queen Maya Kidd (left) announced the judges decisions in front of over 2300 Senior and Junior Fair board attendee's Saturday January 14 in Battelle Hall at the Combined General Session.



# Introducing Ohio Department of Agriculture Director Baldrige

Hi, I'm Brian Baldrige. I'm proud to have been appointed 40<sup>th</sup> Director of Agriculture by Governor DeWine in February.

I have strong Ohio and agricultural roots. I was raised on my family's seventh generation family farm, and I was active in 4-H and FFA.

I have served on the Adams Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors, and have served two terms in Ohio House of Representatives, where I represented the 90<sup>th</sup> House District, encompassing all of Adams and Scioto counties, as well as the eastern part of Brown County.

Early in my life, I had a calling to be a first responder. During high school, I was a firefighter and paramedic volunteering for the Wayne Township Fire Department, and later became a career member for the Anderson Township Fire Department. In 2020, I retired from Anderson Township after 25 years of service, but I still serve my local community as a volunteer for the Wayne Township Fire Department in Adams County.

I live in Winchester, Ohio with my wife of 31 years, Lori. We are members of the Bethlehem Church of Christ. Together we have two grown children, one grandchild and two more on the way. I'm looking forward to watching my grandkids show animals at the fair!

My personal philosophy is that we are "for the people, by the people." We are here for YOU and to provide services to the best of our ability.

This administration understands the value of our fairs and how they are not only a part of our history, but also an important part of our future. I can't wait to meet many of you in person, as I make plans to visit as many fairs as possible this season. Going forward, please know that you have our ear and our support. We are going to continue to keep our lines of communication open and strong.

Thank you for all that you do on behalf of your fairs, which supports and reflects well on Ohio's agriculture industry. I can't wait to meet you this year!

Brian Baldrige, Director  
Ohio Department of Agriculture



## Meet Ron Llewellyn District 7 Director

My job right out of high school was as a heavy equipment operator for multiple companies in Ohio where I specialized in crane operation through the Ohio Operating Engineers Local 18. I was a member of the District 3 Advisory Board for three years and a member of the Local 18 Executive Board for ten years. In 1988 I became the first crane training operator in Ohio. I then became the Business Representative for the Ohio Operating Engineers Local 18 covering twelve counties in southeast and central Ohio until I retired in 2007.

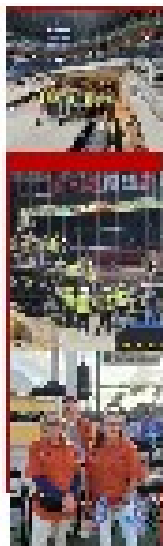
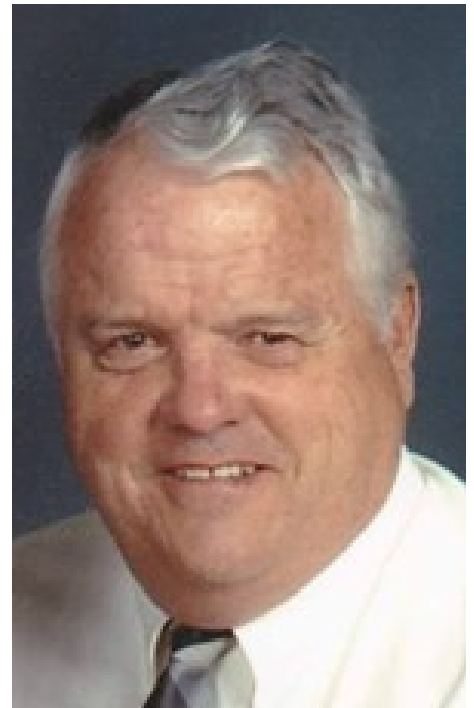
I have many years of community service including being a volunteer firefighter, Athens County Sheriff's Mounted Posse charter member, President and Treasurer, over 50 years as Special Deputy with the Athens County Sheriff's Office where I continue to complete annual training and certifications.

I am a member of Constitution Lodge #426 Masonic Temple where I served as Master in 1976, Aladdin Shrine Club member and Athens Church of Christ member and past deacon.

I have been a board member of the Athens County Agricultural Society for 44 years holding the office of President, Vice President, and Secretary. I was chair of several committees: Concessions and Vendors, Safety and Security, Horse Pull and Human Power Pull and for over 20 years of the Ohio University student Move-Out that collects, sorts, boxes and holds a free giveaway of departing student dry goods, clothing, household items, furniture, carpets, etc. each spring. I also served on several other committees: Camping, Entertainment, Building and Grounds, Junior Fair Board and Junior Fair Committee as Senior Fair Board Representative, as well as various track, grandstand, and non-fair events.

My wife and I were both 4-H members and have raised four children who all participated in 4-H and the fair, showing horses and rabbits and many, many projects. Our daughters and one son were State Fair participants. Eventually our sons preferred to play sports rather than clean stalls. Our grandchildren were active in 4-H and showed at the fair also. Now we are enjoying watching our great-grandchildren show and participate in the fair.

Upon retirement my wife and I began traveling in our Class A motorhome, became Newmar Kountry Klub members, chapter Vice President and President, Region 6 Directors, Members-at-Large and International Directors providing services and events to close to four thousand unit members. I feel my background places me in an ideal position to help guide the members of District 7 to further successes.



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## Introducing New District 1 Director Alan Aichholz


- ♦ District 1 Director
- ♦ 33 years on the Attica Independent Fairboard
- ♦ 13 as President
- ♦ 12 as Treasurer
- ♦ Married to Aimee (Chemo Infusion Nurse) for 26 years
- ♦ No children but 5 dogs
- ♦ Works full time at Lakeside Book Company as a Prelim Tech
- ♦ Owns and operates Aichholz Farms, which consists of 500 acres of corn, soybeans, wheat, barley, hay and 80 - 100 head of bottle to finish dairy beef steers




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# Nostalgia

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to a place where we know are loved.”

*“Mad Men Don Draper”*





## Thursday Sessions Provided Excellent Training

By Bob Dawson, OFMA Treasurer

The OFMA offered two continuing education sessions at this year's convention.

**Larry Berry** was the guest speaker for both sessions. Larry is the President of Wizardry Enterprises based in Kissimmee, Florida. He has been a professional speaker and trainer for more than 25 years and his background includes general management positions at the Kissimmee Valley Livestock Show and the Osceola County Fair. He worked for Walt Disney Parks and Resorts in senior leadership positions for several years.



Larry's first session was entitled "Leadership and Communications" where he did an outstanding job of providing attendees with the key steps to successful leadership through effective communications.

In the afternoon session entitled "Selling a Budget", Larry offered the basics of successful budgeting for the benefit of your organization. Attendees of both sessions received Continuing Education Certificates provided by the OFMA for the benefit of their professional portfolios.

*See you at the Spring Meetings*

*Bob-*



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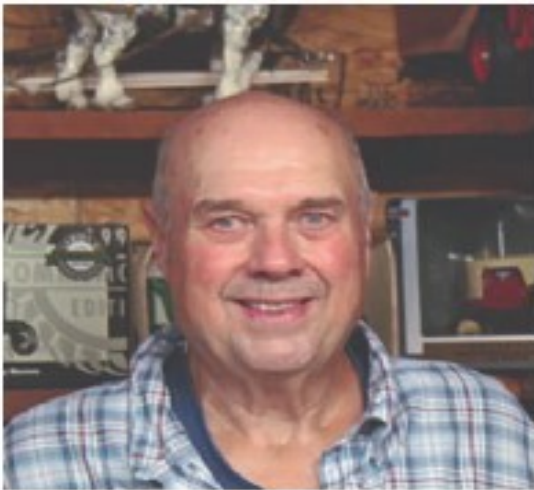
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**Wayne Arnold Fayette County Fair**



**Dave Niley Darke County Fair**





## 2023 OFMA Junior Fair Conference January 13-14, 2023

Roger Smith, Chairman

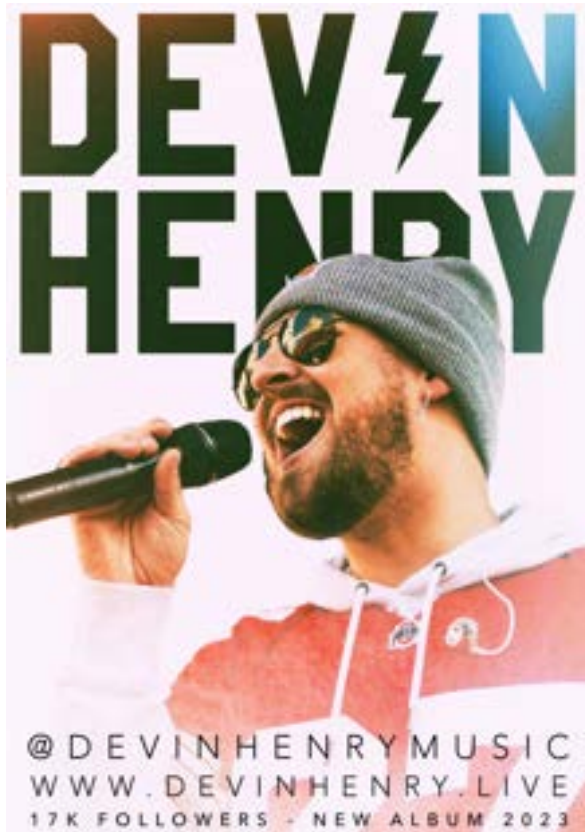
Junior Fair Boards from county fairs around the state gathered in Columbus for the Junior Fair Conference. The weekend started with a reception on Friday evening for Junior Fair Boards traveling to Columbus on Friday in preparation for Saturday's activities. Those in attendance were treated to entertainment by **Mr. Puppet and by The Magic of Eli** as well as all the pizza they could eat. After the entertainment, Extension staff in attendance led the members in some mixers to allow them to connect with others from around the state.

Saturday morning, kicked off with a General Session with **Judson Laipply** as the keynote speaker. His presentation was followed by the crowning of the **2023 Ohio Fairs' Queen, Rebekah Hardacre** from Clark County. The general session was followed by educational sessions for the junior fair attendees. Throughout the day, there were nearly 30 sessions for them to attend, all of them offering practical advice on dealing with their roles as junior fair board members and some of the situations that they will likely encounter. Sessions were facilitated by extension personnel. There were nearly 1000 junior fair board members and advisors in attendance from county fairs around the state of Ohio.



**Junior Fair Conference Chairman  
Roger Smith, OFMA District 6**

*ROGER*





### **Baldridge Selected as Agriculture Director**

Governor Mike DeWine has selected Adams County State Representative Brian Baldridge to be the next Director of the Department of Agriculture. According to the announcement: Baldridge has served four terms as Adams County Commissioner, and was also elected to the Ohio County Commissioners' Association Board of Directors. He has also served two terms as a Wayne Township Trustee, where he was elected to serve on the Ohio Township Association Board of Directors. He has been a member of the Ohio House of Representatives for the last four years. Outside of public office, Baldridge has strong roots in Ohio. He was raised on the seventh generation family farm, and is still active in the family's farming operation.

OFMA looks forward to working with Director Baldridge.

### **State Budget Process Begins**

The first half of odd numbered years are dominated by debate on the state's biennial budget bill. The process starts with the Governor's proposal, which has been introduced as [House Bill 33](#). The House is the first chamber to consider the proposal and is expected to make significant changes before passing the bill to the Senate for consideration. The process will culminate with a conference committee in June to craft a final bill for enactment.

In the Governor's State of the State address January 31, 2023, DeWine highlighted his priorities for the budget. These continue and expand upon his priorities during his first term as Governor. Those priorities include children's initiatives like his student wellness and success funds and a fair school funding formula. He is also continuing his priorities regarding water quality through the H2Ohio programs and funds.

Below are items of interest to OFMA

GRF 700501 County Agricultural Societies	\$ 379,673	\$ 379,673
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The Ohio Fair Managers Association is advocating for a substantial increase in the Ohio Department of Agriculture budget line Item GRF 700501 that is used to reimburse county and independent agricultural societies for their Junior Fair activities. Currently the funding level is roughly 29% of the actual cost to fairs. If you haven't done so yet, please reach out to your State Representative requesting they support an increase in this line item.

GRF 700511 Ride Inspection	\$ 716,600	\$ 749,200
5780 700620 Ride Inspection	\$ 1,355,000	\$ 1,417,000

While the bill doesn't propose any specific fee increases for amusement rides, it does propose allowing ODA to charge a reinspection fee if the reinspection is required under the minimum inspections laws and rules of Tyler's law. I

In addition to the traditional appropriations for the Ohio Exposition Commission, the bill includes \$95 million per fiscal year for EXPO 2050. This will be used for the renovations to the State Fairgrounds, a priority project for the Governor.

### **New Cabinet Directors**

As Governor Mike DeWine has been sworn in to his second term, there have been some changes in his cabinet. A number of agency Directors have resigned and/or retired, and their replacements have been appointed. These will need to be confirmed by the Ohio Senate. They are as follows:

Ohio Department of Agriculture – Representative Brian Baldridge replaces Dorothy Pelanda (see related story)  
Ohio EPA – DeWine's policy advisor Anne Vogel replaces Laurie Stevenson  
Tax Commissioner – BWC COO Patricia Harris replaces Jeff McClain  
Ohio Department of Public Safety – DeWine's policy advisor Andy Wilson replaces Tom Stickrath



### **Retail Cash Option Bill**

Senator Bill Blessing has introduced [Senate Bill 38](#) regarding retail establishments. This legislation would require retailers who complete in person transactions to allow customers to pay with cash. The bill does provide for some exemptions including entertainment venues with a seating capacity of 10,000 or more

### **Youth Employment Bill Re-Introduced**

Senator Tim Schaffer (R) has reintroduced [Senate Bill 30](#) regarding youth employment. The bill would allow those under 16 to be employed after 7pm during school year. It would state that with parent or guardian's permission, those under 16 could work until 9pm. This bill will be considered by the Senate Workforce and Higher Education Committee.

### **Charitable Ohio Launched**

**Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost has launched [Charitable Ohio](#). This on-line tool will be a resource for those that run and operate charitable organizations. As all fairs will need their own 501(c)(3), this could be a good tool for county agricultural societies. Participation is not required. The website includes these FAQs:**

#### **How do I register for these trainings?**

The [Charitable University User Guide](#) provides instructions for becoming a registered user and using the learning platform. The training programs are only available for those who register in the system.

#### **What are the requirements for completing Charitable University?**

Once you register as a student, you will be able to access multiple training webinars. Trainings are organized under four pillars: Board Governance; Financial Operations; Fundraising; and Government Filings and Recordkeeping. In order to complete the Charitable University curriculum, students must complete at least one training under each of these four pillars. Those who complete the training will be listed on our web page and will also receive a certificate of completion, both of which can be used to demonstrate your successful completion of the program in case participation is required by funders or others.

#### **How long is my Charitable University completion certificate valid?**

Participants should complete the training every 36 months. The certificates will expire three years after the completion date and names will be dropped from the AGO web page listing after three years. Participants are welcome to re-register and take the courses again.

### **Trainings Offered from the Auditor's Office**

County Agricultural societies are required to comply with Ohio's open meeting and public records laws. Training on complying with these requirements are available through the Ohio Auditor of State's office. Specific inquiries regarding training can be sent here: [AOSTraining@ohioauditor.gov](mailto:AOSTraining@ohioauditor.gov)

The State Auditor's office also posts training opportunities on their website. Many of these are available on-line and can be taken at your convenience. <https://ohioauditor.gov/trainings/publicrecords.html>

All trainings offered by the Auditor's office can be found here: <https://ohioauditor.gov/trainings/default.html>

### **Lame Duck Spending Approved**

In the final week of legislative activity, the legislature approved a significant spending package to the tune of over \$6 billion via [House Bill 45](#). These funds were a combination of ARPA funds and general revenue funds. Spending approved included another \$4.5 million to support county agricultural societies. These funds will be distributed through the Ohio Department of Agriculture. How this money will be allocated is not yet known. But since the funds are GRF, there should be wide flexibility on how the money is used by the fairs. The Ohio Expo Commission was also appropriated \$50 million to go towards their planned improvements on the State Fairgrounds.

These latest funds continue to build upon Ohio's historic investments in the Ohio fair industry. The OFMA is grateful for the much-needed support. We look forward to working with the Department of Agriculture on how to distribute the funds most effectively.

### **4-H legislation**

Legislation was introduced in 2022 to require schools to provide students with excused absences for participating in 4-H activities. [House Bill 643](#) is sponsored by Representatives Thomas Hall and Rodney Creech. The bill does not allow these excused absences to occur during scheduled state testing. The legislation did not gain much traction, but OFMA representatives have spoken with the sponsors, and it is expected to be reintroduced in 2023.

### **How to Contact Your Lobbyist**

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## — OSHA & PERRP Recordkeeping

**OSHA and PERRP recordkeeping logs, summary and online reporting are due soon, if you are required to do so.**

Recordkeeping may seem like a daunting task, but it can be simplified by breaking it down into the following steps:

- 1) Private employers must determine if they're exempt from keeping the OSHA Log. All public employers must maintain the PERRP log.
- 2) Download the Recordkeeping forms and instructions and log all injuries for the calendar year that fall under the criteria of 'recordable'. Not all injury claims will be recordable.
- 3) Submit your summary information annually unless your organization is exempt.

Now, let's take a look at each step in a little more detail.

### Exemptions

**OSHA** - There are two exemptions from keeping the OSHA 300 Log.

- Companies with 10 or fewer employees at all times during the calendar year. The only exception to this is if you are specifically requested by OSHA, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) or another agency to keep a log. If you receive a request, do not ignore it.
- The other exemption is for establishments classified in certain low-hazard industries. You will need your NAICS number and check it against the list of "Partially Exempt Industries" at: <https://www.osha.gov/recordkeeping/presentations/exempttable>.

**PERRP** - There are no exemptions for public employers for keeping and maintaining the PERRP Log. All public employers are required to keep the Log.

**\*Remember whether you are a private or public employer you must report to OSHA or PERRP, as applicable, any workplace incident that results in a fatality, in-patient hospitalization, amputation or loss of an eye.**

### Reporting Links

- OSHA REPORTING LINK - [Severe Injury Reporting](#)
- PERRP REPORTING LINK - [Severe Injury Reporting](#)

### Recordkeeping Logs and Summary Forms

**OSHA** - If you are required to keep the log, download the Recordkeeping Forms and instructions by clicking on the link: <https://www.osha.gov/sites/default/files/OSHA-RK-Forms-Package.pdf>.

**PERRP** - Download the recordkeeping instructions by clicking on the link: <https://www.bwc.ohio.gov/downloads/blankpdf/PERRPRecordkeepingforms.pdf>. The log can be downloaded from: <https://www.bwc.ohio.gov/downloads/blankpdf/perrprecordkeepingpackage.xls>.

When your PERRP or OSHA log is complete for the 2022 calendar you will need to have the summary form signed and posted in a conspicuous place for employees to see. Summaries must be posted from February 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**\*Remember only post the PERRP 300AP Summary or the OSHA 300A Summary and not the injury log.**

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### Online Submission

The final step in the process is to determine if you must file online.

**OSHA** - To determine if your organization is required to do so, review the information on OSHA's Injury Tracking Application (ITA) by going to: <https://www.osha.gov/injuryreporting/> and clicking on the "**Who is covered by this reporting requirement?**" box towards the bottom of the page. If your establishment is required to submit online, then you must create a secure account at: login.gov. Once you have successfully set up an account, then you can submit your OSHA 300A Summary information. The online submission is a fairly straight forward process, just be sure to have your NAICS number, average number of employees and total work hours entered on your OSHA 300A Summary report.

**PERRP** –All public employers are required to submit to the BWC except those with five or fewer employees and that also have had no recordable injuries in the calendar year. PERRP 300AP Summary form information is submitted through the Ohio BWC link found here:

<https://www.bwc.ohio.gov/employer/forms/InjuryIllnessSummary/default.aspx>.

For more information, please contact Sedgwick's Andy Sawan at 330.819.4728 or [andrew.sawan@sedgwick.com](mailto:andrew.sawan@sedgwick.com) or Craig Lanken at 330.472.1656 or [craig.lanken@sedgwick.com](mailto:craig.lanken@sedgwick.com)

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**OUTLAW APOSTLES** presented by Klein's Entertainment  
**CHASE MCDANIEL** presented by Variety Attractions  
**DIRECT ENERGY** presented by Direct Energy Band  
**ASHLEY BARRON** presented by Artists & Attractions

### Other Groups Presenting

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General Session National Anthem **Adam Calvert**

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Lot Number	Title Live Auction Listing	Top Bid
1	Milwaukee Drill & bits	\$300.00
2	"Window to the Goofy Cows" Picture	\$875.00
3	2 Tickets for Club Level Buckeye Country Superfest	\$900.00
4	2 Club Level Buckeye County Superfest & Buckeye Frame	\$875.00
5	Wood Carving Cardinal	\$450.00
6	Weber Grill	\$375.00
7	Wood Carvings OSU	\$300.00
8	2 Tickets Pro Football Hall of Fame	\$75.00
9	Wood Carvings Ohio Cardinal	\$200.00
10	RYOBIONE+ 18V Cordless 6-Tool Combo Kit	\$300.00
11	Customized 6' Bench	\$600.00
12	Flag Pole	\$300.00
13	SentrySafe Extra Large Safe	\$800.00
14	Columbus Blue Jackets Experience	\$800.00
15	\$100 Gift Card for Columbus Shopping	\$75.00
16	Stain Glass Panel	\$250.00
17	Wine Basket	\$275.00
18	Hamburg Fireworks Assortment	\$350.00
19	Bicentennial Metal Cut-out Barn	\$275.00
20	Patio Heater	\$225.00
21	Wine Basket	\$350.00
22	Assorted Bourbon Basket	\$400.00
23	Wooden Table	\$225.00
24	The Country Fest + Neon Nights Tickets	\$0.00
25	Wood Ford Reserve	\$325.00
26	Ohio Farm Basket & Glasses	\$275.00
27	Box Seats for Little Brown Jug	\$450.00
28	Milwaukee Drill	\$250.00
29	Dewalt 20 Volt Drill and Impact Driver	\$225.00
30	Certified Angus Beef & Gift Collection	\$275.00
31	2 piece hand/ laser cut metal flag & welcome sign	\$325.00
32	Hoover Dual Max Carpet Cleaner	\$225.00
33	Assorted Alcohol & Lottery Tickets	\$600.00
34	OSU Bourbon Barrel Table	\$500.00
35	Bourbon Basket & glasses	\$375.00
36	TenPoint Crossbow - Blackhawk360	\$500.00
37	OSU Fire Ring	\$1,050.00
38	LuxCraft® Poly Chairs and Table	\$1,900.00
39	Ohio State 2023 Fire Ring	\$1,200.00
101	Brutus Metal Sign - silent	\$190.00
102	Misc Gift Box - silent	\$70.00
103	31 Duffle & Cooler - silent	\$85.00



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104	Porter Cable Tools - silent	\$85.00
105	White Metal Gift Basket - silent	\$100.00
106	Industrial Site Cooler - silent	\$175.00
107	Desk Organizer w/candles - silent	\$75.00
108	2020 Centinell Ball - silent	\$35.00
109	Hancock Goodie Basket - silent	\$110.00
110	4 OSU Hockey Tickets - silent	\$85.00
111	Maple Syrup - silent	\$45.00
112	2 pc Utility Tote - silent	\$60.00
113	Pro FB HOF Cent. Stein - silent	\$10.00
114	Bee Gift Basket - silent	\$90.00
115	Carpet Cleaner - silent	\$180.00
116	Relaxation Basket - silent	\$140.00
117	Saucy Gift Basket - silent	\$25.00
118	OSF Belt Buckle - silent	\$200.00
119	Christmas Wine Basket - silent	\$85.00
120	Gost Woodford Res - silent	\$225.00
121	Red Gift Box - silent	\$45.00
122	Wooden Gift Basket - silent	\$45.00
123	Maple Syrup - silent	\$50.00
124	\$100 Tractor Supply - silent	\$95.00
125	Geauga Basket - silent	\$35.00
126	Metal Hanging Rose - silent	\$145.00
127	OSU Gift Basket - silent	\$285.00
128	Bath & Body Basket - silent	\$45.00
129	Cow Wine Basket - silent	\$180.00
130	\$50 Giant Eagle - silent	\$50.00
131	Honey Gift Basket - silent	\$70.00
132	Dewalt Tools - silent	\$210.00
133	Gurrama Ammobox - metal koozies - silent	\$180.00
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