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Leadership in Changing Times

Thursday 12:30-4pm

Ian Hill: Award-Winning Humanitarian, World Record-Setting Innovator, Professional Development Pioneer - these are some of the ways people introduce Ian Hill. Ian Hill has empowered thousands of communities across North America, including grassroots groups such as fairs, rodeos, and 4-H programs. His work mobilizes people to achieve measurable impact through taking ownership of their communities, inspiring collaboration, and groundbreaking innovation.

One of his most impactful projects was "Let Them Be Kids", which was recognized as one of the most impactful social programs in the world. Transforming thousands of lives and hundreds of communities across North America.

Ian is a Guinness World Record breaker, delivering the world's longest speech—51 hours—to raise funds for at-risk youth. He promises, we're not doing that today!

In 2023, at the age 57, Ian sent out to defy the odds again, bringing light to the alarming suicide rate amongst middle-aged men, by playing college football at Antelope Valley College in Southern California, where he was the starting long snapper, showing that age is no barrier to achieving extraordinary goals. Ian has been celebrated for his commitment positive change through numerous awards including being named Humanitarian of the Year by the National Council for Community and Justice and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission. The Stand for Children Organization named him, Child Advocate of the Year and in Canada, he was nominated for the Prime Minister of Canada's, Social Innovator of the Year Award.



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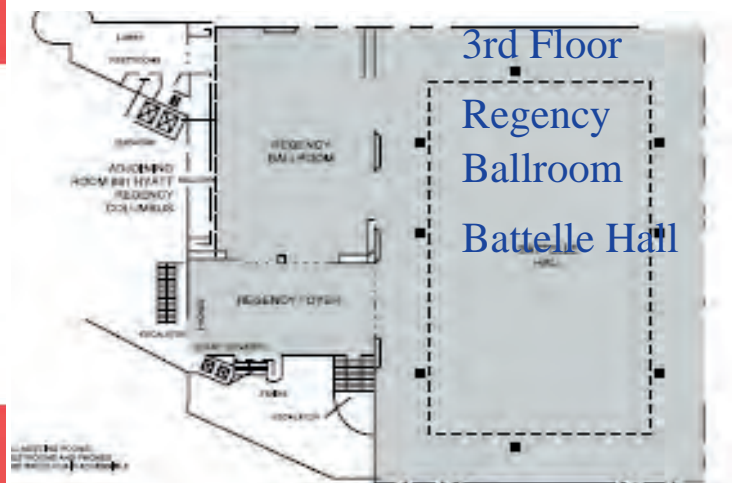
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6:00 pm Taft CD

2025 Queen informal social gathering
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Reflections on an Unforgettable Summer of Fairs

Amberly Szczerbiak 2025 Ohio Fairs' Queen

This summer has been filled with so many memorable experiences as I've toured Ohio's fairs in my role as the 2025 Ohio Fairs' Queen. As fair season wraps up, I am so blessed to be on my way to visiting all of Ohio's county and independent fairs, traveling across the state and experiencing their traditions and community spirit. Each stop has been a privilege, offering a chance to see the character that makes our fairs so special.

Every fair has showcased the dedication and hard work of youth exhibitors, volunteers, and fair board members. Along the way I've been able to experience opening ceremonies, parades, livestock shows, and royalty competitions; help with judging; and learn a variety of new skills. Meeting royalty courts and exhibitors while leading pledges, presentations and awards has been an unforgettable honor.

Traveling such a wide circuit has opened my eyes to the individuality of each fair—some with antique barns and sensory-friendly spaces, others with iconic features like Budweiser Clydesdales and historic buildings. Beyond the public events, these miles have led to connections with families, children excited to show their animals, and longtime fair supporters who keep these traditions alive.

I'm thankful to **Fairs.com** for helping me with my summer travel expenses and to the entire Ohio Fair Managers Association for everything they do to support our fairs. I'm grateful for the chance to continue serving and to experience the energy, pride, and heritage that make Ohio's fair family so extraordinary.

See you in Columbus

Amberly



Thursday January 15 8:00am–6:00pm Workshops & Meetings
2026 Convention Presenting Sponsor: Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association

TIME:	ROOM:	TOPIC:	PRESENTER & MODERATOR:
8:00-5:00	Nationwide A&B	OFMA-ODA Office	
8:00-10:00	Nationwide Foyer	Welcome to Columbus Hospitality <i>Sponsor: Adams-Endsley Concessions</i>	
8:00-12:00	Hayes Foyer	Ohio County and Independent Fairs Queen Registration <i>Presenting Sponsor: Eagle Golf Cars</i> <i>Sponsor: Bush's Fairway Concessions</i>	
8:00-12:00	Hayes	Queen Hospitality <i>Supporting Sponsor: Linville Food Services</i>	
8:00-5:00	Nationwide Foyer	Convention Registration <i>Sponsor: The Fair Publishing House</i>	
9:00-1:00	Queen Interviews	Ohio Fairs' Queen Contest Interviews	Queens will be escorted to their assigned room for interviews
9:00-6:00	Fayette	Open Meeting Room - Networking	Not assigned times
9:00-6:00	Champaign	Open Meeting Room - Networking	Not assigned times
9:00-5:00	Clark	GOSA Office	<i>Bill Sterling, GOSA President</i>
10:00-2:00	Union D	Ohio Ride Safety Meeting	<i>David Miran, ODA</i>
10:30-12:00	Fairfield	#1 Best Practices Fair/Society Secretary & Fair Managers Topic: Training Secretary & Fair Managers 101 The Basics Certificate Class <i>Sponsor: M.W. Beverage Inc. Perry, Ohio</i> <i>F&B Sponsor: Adams-Endsley Concessions</i>	<i>Presenters: Tara Sheldon Holmes County Fair, Amy Fleshman Franklin County Fair, Amanda Shenberger Medina County Fair</i> Moderator: Robert Dawson, OFMA Treasurer
10:30-12:00	Union ABC	#2 Best Practices Fair/Society Officer/ Grounds Manager Topic: Training Worksite Safety Focusing OSHA Top 10's, and Written Programs <i>Sponsor: M.W. Beverage Inc. Perry, Ohio</i> <i>F&B Sponsor: Otterbacher Brothers Concessions</i>	<i>Presenters: Gary A, David Vandergrift Safety Consultant Region 5, Office of Safety Services Columbus Office</i> Moderator: Heath Ward, OFMA District 7 Director
12:30-4:00	Taft C&D	Leadership in Changing Times Reserve a free seat in the registration system <i>Sponsor: Fairs.com</i> Beverage & Snack break at 2pm <i>Sponsor: Reithoffer Shows</i>	<i>Presenter: Ian Hill Chief Executive Officer The Changing Point</i> Moderator: Paul Lease, OFMA 2nd VP
1:00-2:00	Fairfield	Campgrounds Management, Back flows and Permanent Camping spaces possibilities discussion	<i>Presenters: Chris Sulzener Medina County Fair, Katie McCoy Columbian County Fair</i> Moderator: Kerry Taylor, OFMA Director at Large

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Thursday Programing 1:00pm–9:00pm Workshops & Events

2026 Convention Presenting Sponsor: Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association

1:00-2:45	Union ABC	#3 Best Practices Fair/Society Treasure/ Secretary Topic: Training Treasures Certificate Class Quick Books, Chart of accounts. Lets talk about using the chart of accounts all the way thru the Financil year instead of having to figure out what matches our bookkeeping categories into the annual report chart of accounts. Sponsor: <i>M.W. Beverage Inc. Perry, Ohio</i> F&B Sponsor: <i>Reithoffer Shows</i>	Presenter: <i>Bev Fisher CFE, Christy Lucas Brown County Fair Secretary, Linda Kisamore Portage County Fair</i> Moderator: Robert Dawson, OFMA Treasurer
1:00-4:00	Taft A&B	Person in Charge Training for food operations Register with GOSA Presented by GOSA	Presenter: <i>Mike Tedrick, GOSA Trustee</i>
1:00-5:30	Out Of Hotel	Guest/spouse tour Departs from Starbucks Franklin Foyer, Watershed Distillery, Ohio State stadiums VIP Tour, ticket required. 2 tours Sponsor: <i>Klein's Entertainment</i>	
2:00	Nationwide Foyer	Welcome to Columbus Hospitality F&B Sponsor: <i>Kolar Food Concessions</i>	
2:00-4:00	Union D	Annual Financial Report. An opportunity for fair boards to have their reports reviewed by ODA and ask any clarifying questions.	Presented By: <i>ODA Office Staff, David Miran, ODA</i>
2:15-3:15	Madison	Tickets Sold Here: Smarter Marketing for Fairs Description: From Meta, Google, and TikTok ads, to Email, and SMS campaigns, today's marketing toolbox is bigger than ever. In this session, we'll walk through best practices across multiple platforms, share tips for creating effective campaigns, and explain how to review your analytics with confidence. You'll leave with practical strategies to make smarter marketing decisions and sell more tickets. ETIX Vendor Ticketing Workshop	Presenter: <i>Bryant Chappell, Marketing Specialist E-Tix</i>
2:15-3:15	Fairfield	Presidents Round table	Presenters: <i>Von K. Cremeans President Pickaway County Fair, Howard Call, CFE, OFMA Past President</i>
2:30	Regency Ballroom	Queens Dress Rehearsal	Tim Massie – Chairman
3:00-9:00	McKinley	Queens storage and Changing Room Do not leave valuables in the room	Tim Massie – Chairman

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3:30	Hayes	Queen Dinner Sponsor: <i>Otters Concessions Jeff & Paulina Otterbacher & Haas Wilkerson Insurance Company</i>	Tim Massie – Chairman
3:30-4:30	Fairfield	#4 Best Practices Fair/Society Office & Officer Topic: Auditor of State what issues are we seeing and audit issues, what's coming, the future of audits and Why Sponsor: <i>M. W. Beverage Inc. Perry, Ohio</i> F&B Sponsor: <i>Ego Amusements Dan Egbert</i>	Presenters: <i>Stacie Scholl, CPA, Chief Auditor, Auditor of State Keith Faber</i> Moderator: Amanda Sines Government Advantage Group
3:30-4:30	Madison	Showing Value of your Fair to your community	Presenter: <i>Allison Bell</i> Moderator: Deb Hukill, OFMA District 8 Director
3:30-4:30	Union E	Fair Manager how do you facilitate the move from the Fair Secretary or strong President to a Fair Manager who manages the Facility and Fair	Presenter: <i>Troy Elwer Allen County Fair Manager and Promotions Operations Manager, Amy Fleshman Franklin County Fairgrounds Manager</i> Moderator: Kim Meyers, OFMA District 5 Director
3:30-4:30	Union ABC	#5 Best Practices Fair/Society OFFICER Topic: IAFE Speaker Security Public Safety: A Fair Approach This interactive workshop shares principles of how to take a 'Fair' approach to public safety at high-profile/high-occupancy events like fairs and expositions. Based on four decades of experience and training in homeland security, emergency services, and planned event emergency management, this program takes a comprehensive look at fairgrounds fear factors, organizational attitudes towards safety, and the value and importance of emergency planning, and offers a proven framework for change management and large-scale event and emergency management. (Workshop) Sponsor: <i>M.W. Beverage Inc. Perry, Ohio</i> F&B Sponsor: <i>Kolar Concessions</i>	 Presenter: <i>Tiger Schmittendorf shares more than 25 years of experience as a specialist in the field of volunteer recruitment and retention, leadership and organizational</i> Moderator: Heath Ward Director 7 District
4:45-5:30	Fayette	First Time Attendees Reception for Thursday First time Attendees Hospitality Beverages Sponsor: <i>Lisko Family Amusements</i>	Moderators: Tom Stocksdale OFMA 1st VP, Deb Hukill Convention Chairman, Rod Arter OFMA Past President

Thursday Ohio Fairs' Queen Pageant Evening

Introduction of Candidates and Selection of 5 semi finalists

Doors Open 6:00pm Hyatt Regency Ballroom

Entertainment by: **MICHAEL GRIFFIN, MAGICIAN AND THE ULTIMATE ESCAPE ARTIST** Market Place #47

6:30 pm Welcome and Blessing Thomas Stocksdales OFMA Interim President

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Athens Co Fair	Macie Hubbard	Marion Co Fair	Rebecca Baldinger
Attica Independent Fair	Addison Dawson	Medina Co Fair	Aubrey Reuter
Auglaize Co Fair	Chloe Ott	Meigs Co Fair	Opal Huggins
Belmont Co Fair	Paisley Secrest	Mercer Co Fair	Emma Lochtefeld
Brown Co Fair	Sayde Rhoten	Miami Co Fair	Alexa Deaton
Butler Co Fair	Adalynn Schwegmann	Monroe Co Fair	Carlee Loch
Carroll Co Fair	Aspen Ujcich	Montgomery Co Fair	Audrie Hoops
Champaign Co Fair	Myah Bandy	Morgan Co Fair	Jillian Holland
Clark Co Fair	Kylie Corbitt	Morrow Co Fair	Reagan Zeger
Clermont Co Fair	Lizzie Derflinger	Muskingum Co Fair	Braylee Chambers
Columbiana Co Fair	Allison Irwin	Noble Co Fair	Sophia Marshall
Coshocton Co Fair	Haley Marie Balo	Ottawa Co Fair	Jaylin Smith
Darke Co Fair	Grace Borchers	Paulding Co Fair	Brooklyn Schlatter
Defiance Co Fair	Irelyn Mueller	Perry Co Fair	Audrey Davis
Delaware Co Fair	Kylie Simpson	Pickaway Co Fair	Kaitlyn Ball
Erie Co Fair	Edy Solet	Pike Co Fair	Raegan Swango
Fairfield Co Fair	Isabella Busey	Preble Co Fair	Emma Lynn Berghigler
Fayette Co Fair	Hannah Houck	Putnam Co Fair	Keelie Langhals
Franklin Co Fair	Kate Acklin	Richwood Independent Fair	Chloe Dickey
Fulton Co Fair	Ava Genter	Ross Co Fair	Phoebe Cydrus
Gallia Co Fair	Maggie Davis	Sandusky Co Fair	Breanna Norwalk-Anderson
Geauga Co Fair	Campbell Reese	Seneca Co Fair	Addison Horner
Greene Co Fair	Sydney Hawkins	Shelby Co Fair	Grace Poeppelman
Guernsey Co Fair	Grace Kackley	Stark Co Fair	Kelli Brenner
Hancock Co Fair	Sarah Rider	Summit Co Fair	Rylie Baldwin
Hardin Co Fair	Olivia Newland	Trumbull Co Fair	Katie Viets
Hartford Independent Fair	Kylie Mae Holman	Tuscarawas Co Fair	Maggie Hamilton
Henry Co Fair	Janelle Sattler	Union Co Fair	Julie Headings
Highland Co Fair	Hanna West	Van Wert Co Fair	Elyssa Renner
Hocking Co Fair	Kaylee Cox	Vinton Co Fair	Allison Champion
Huron Co Fair	Jenna Shepherd	Warren Co Fair	Grace Schatzel
Jackson Co Fair	Katie-Alaine Ross	Washington Co Fair	Katelynn Valandingham
Jefferson Co Fair	Natalie Lucas	Wayne Co Fair	Emma West
Lake Co Fair	Leigh-Ann Milo	Williams Co Fair	Mackenzie Frame
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520 Durant Amusements



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528 Auglaize County Fair

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107 | Delaware Hallway

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115 | County Hallway

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214 | County Hallway

All-Win Electric
108 | Delaware Hallway

American Fireworks
206 | County Hallway

Arestov's Acrobatic Extravaganza
34 | Delaware Room

Artists & Attractions
69-70-71 73-74 | Franklin Room

Artists & Attractions - Julia Neville
72 | Franklin Room

Attaboy
38 | Delaware Room

Audio Innovators
105 | Delaware Hallway

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49 | Franklin Room

Bigtop Magic Midways
101 | Delaware Hallway

Bishop Entertainment
63 | Franklin Room

Bleachers On Demand
202 | County Hallway

Bleachers on the Go LLC
67 | Franklin Room

Bluegrass Shows
429 | 1st Floor Nationwide & Taft Hallway

Breeders World
116 | County Hallway

Buck I Guy
106 | Delaware Hallway

Buckeye Rodeo
302 | Franklin Hallway

Buckeye State Sanctioned Kiddie/Adult Pedal Pullers
57 | Franklin Room

Carrie'd Away - Long Live
428 | 1st Floor Nationwide & Taft Hallway

Casey's Rides Inc
409 | 1st Floor Nationwide & Taft Hallway

Cashmans Supply
312 | Franklin Hallway

Central Ohio Tractor Pullers Association
204 | County Hallway

Cincinnati Circus Company
313-314 | Franklin Hallway

Cracker Jack & Company
75 | Franklin Room

Creative Club Global
322 | Union Hallway

CS Pulling Promotions
304 | Franklin Hallway

CTM Productions LLC
404 | 1st Floor Nationwide & Taft Hallway

Darke County Tractor Pullers Association
7 | Delaware Room

Derby Dog Inc
212 | County Hallway

Devin Henry Music
13 | Delaware Room

Dialed Action Sports
310-311 | Franklin Hallway

Diamond J Rodeo Co
217 | County Hallway

Dinoroar
48 | Franklin Room

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37 | Delaware Room

Eagle Golf Cars
118-119-120 | County Hallway

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117 | County Hallway

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23 | Delaware Room

ESL Technologies LLC
430-431-432-433 | 1st Floor Nationwide & Taft Hallway

ETIX
104 | Delaware Hallway

Evan Brown - Evan Brown Band
320 | Union Hallway

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82-83 | Franklin Room

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309 | Franklin Hallway

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416-417 | 1st Floor Nationwide & Taft Hallway

Fenix Medical Transportation
64 | Franklin Room

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14 | Delaware Room

Firstbite Fishing
35 | Delaware Room

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50 | Franklin Room

Frisbee Enterprise
62 | Franklin Room

Full Pull Productions
20 | Delaware Room

Full Send Derby Promotions
2 | Delaware Room

Full Throttle Monster Trucks
301 | Franklin Hallway

Goat Island Petting Zoo
52 | Franklin Room

Grab That Axe LLC
78 | Franklin Room

Grand Illusions by the Blooms
76 | Franklin Room

Granite Industries
407 | 1st Floor Nationwide & Taft Hallway

Great Lakes Fireworks LLC - Morgan Ayers
401 | 1st Floor Nationwide & Taft Hallway

Greater Ohio Showmen's Association
113 | Delaware Hallway

Gregory Peck Sound
213 | County Hallway

Grizzly Encounter
68 | Franklin Room

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306 | Franklin Hallway

High Steel Rodeo Productions LLC
66 | Franklin Room

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406 | 1st Floor Nationwide & Taft Hallway

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81 | Franklin Room

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77 | Franklin Room

Jonathon LaChance - Comedy Magician
325 | Union Hallway



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40-41 | Delaware Room

Kountry K-9 Show
27 | Delaware Room

Laser Bounce Inflatables
1 | Delaware Room

Lee Andrews Productions LLC
315-316 | Franklin Hallway

Lil Plunkett Circus
410 | 1st Floor Nationwide & Taft Hallway

Michael Christopher Band
44 | Franklin Room

Michael Felks Tinsmithing
26 | Delaware Room

Michael Griffin
47 | Franklin Room

Michael Rose Entertainment Enterprises LLC
5 | Delaware Room

Mobile Arts
31 | Delaware Room

Momentum Refresh Operations LLC
36 | Delaware Room

Moto Motion Entertainment
402 | 1st Floor Nationwide & Taft Hallway

MPE
12 | Delaware Room

National Tractor Pullers Association
59 | Franklin Room

Nationwide Demolition Derby
65 | Franklin Room

Ninja Nation
414 | 1st Floor Nationwide & Taft Hallway

Nordic Tent Rental
405 | 1st Floor Nationwide & Taft Hallway

 Nutrien Ag Solutions
215-216 | County Hallway

O.M.P.T.A.
18 | Delaware Room

Ohio Department of Agriculture
61 | Franklin Room

 Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association
319 | Franklin Hallway

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102 | Delaware Hallway

Olde Wrestling
8 | Delaware Room

 Otter's Concessions
11 | Delaware Room

Patriot Games Laser Tag
28 | Delaware Room

Power Equipment Solutions LLC
303 | Franklin Hallway

Pugsley Audio
17 | Delaware Room

Queen City Stunt Circus
45-46 | Franklin Room

Radatz Magic
58 | Franklin Room

RB Powers Co.
318 | Franklin Hallway

Redbeard Services LLC
415 | 1st Floor Nationwide & Taft Hallway

Revenge Roughstock Company
326 | Union Hallway

RMA Presents Chuck Lipps
15 | Delaware Room

Robert Smith Presents LLC
10 | Delaware Room

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110-111 | Delaware Hallway

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201 | County Hallway

Rufus the Dufus Entertainment
408 | 1st Floor Nationwide & Taft Hallway

 Saffire Ticketing Company
30 | Delaware Room

Seventy80
42 | Delaware Room

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16 | Delaware Room

Singer Sled Rental
205 | County Hallway

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80 | Franklin Room

Smash It Demo Derby
109 | Delaware Hallway

Sorelle
6 | Delaware Room

Southeast Pulling Series
24 | Delaware Room

Spark City
412 | 1st Floor Nationwide & Taft Hallway

Stone Age Show
39 | Delaware Room

Sugar Mountain
3-4 | Delaware Room

Supafun Band
112 | Delaware Hallway


Tactical Force Laser Tag
56 | Franklin Room

Tatum Poff Photography and Design
60 | Franklin Room

Team Zoom Canine Entertainment
413 | 1st Floor Nationwide & Taft Hallway

Tege Holt LLC
43 | Franklin Room

The Cup Guy
54 | Franklin Room

 The Fair Publishing House
21-22 | Delaware Room

The Magic Nate Show LLC
55 | Franklin Room

The Mascot Organization
412A | 1st Floor Nationwide & Taft Hallway

The Steamers Thrill Show
9 | Delaware Room

The Wonderdog Show LLC
114 | Delaware Hallway

Third Fret Entertainment
51 | Franklin Room

Toadstool Shadow
411 | 1st Floor Nationwide & Taft Hallway


Toby May
403 | 1st Floor Nationwide & Taft Hallway

Track Boss
29 | Delaware Room

Triple Play Entertainment
317 | Franklin Hallway

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19 | Delaware Room

United Business Supply
103 | Delaware Hallway

Variety Attractions
 32-33 | Delaware Room

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305 | Franklin Hallway

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208-209-210 | County Hallway

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79 | Franklin Room

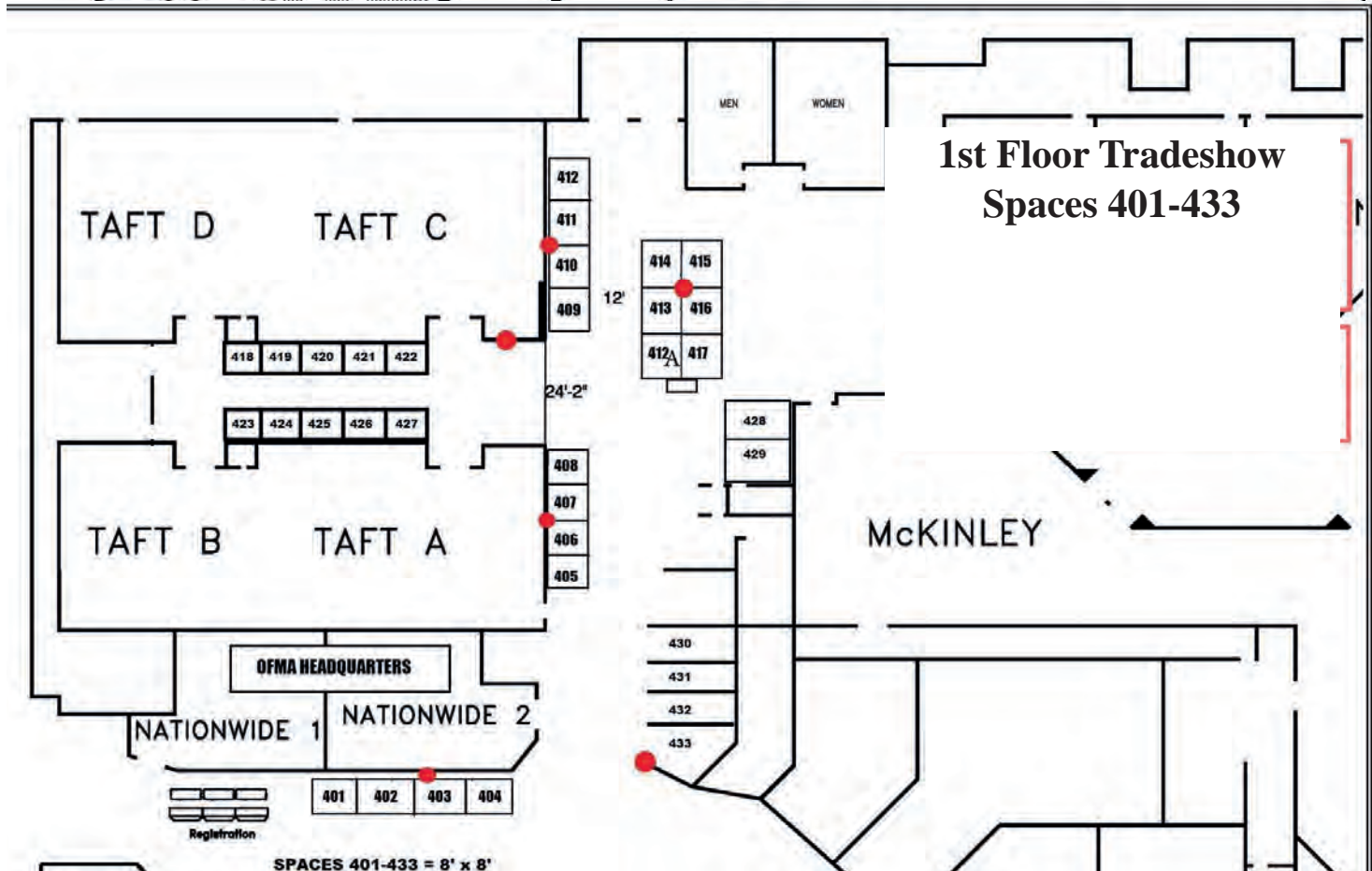
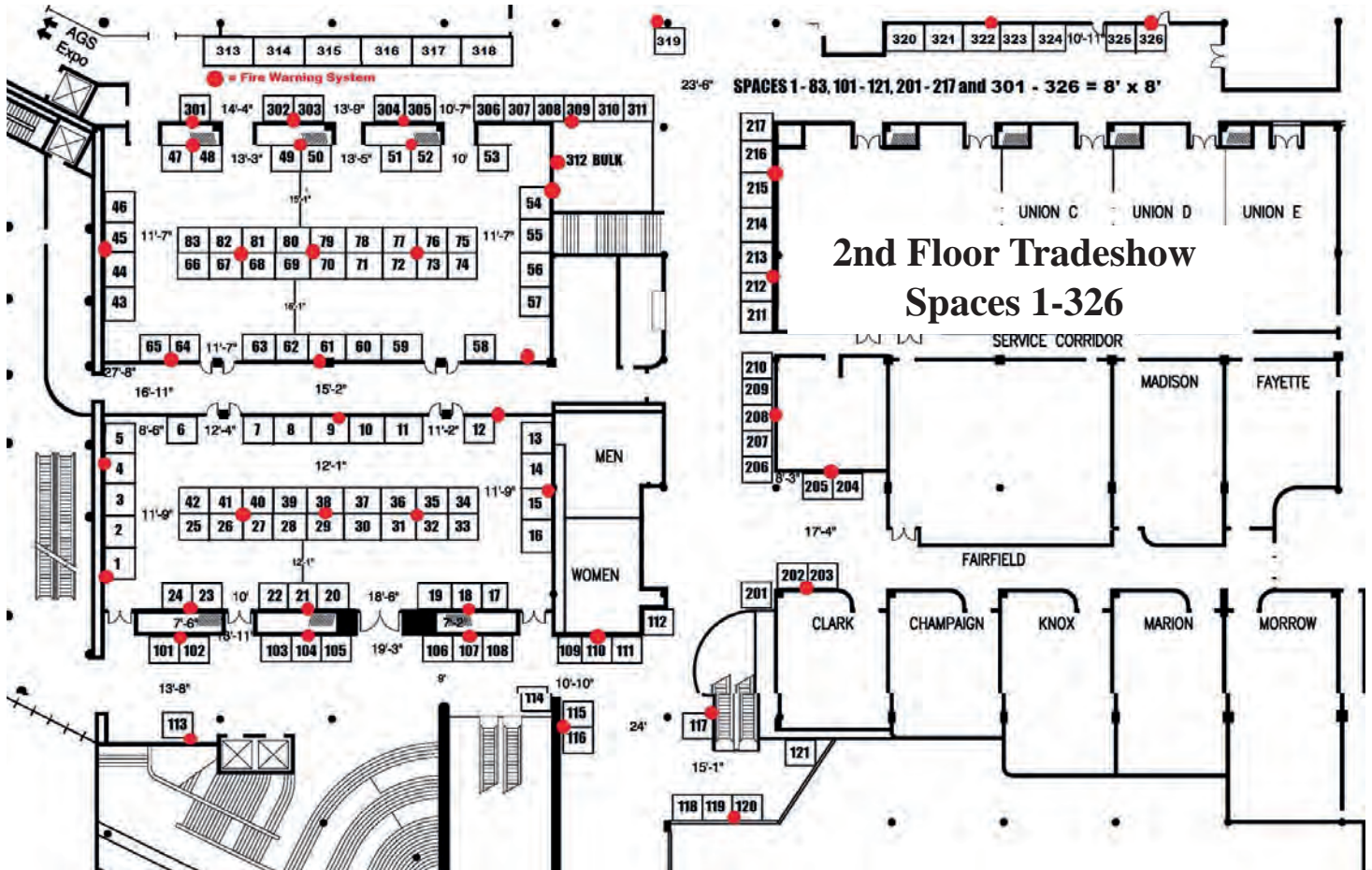
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211 | County Hallway

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Friday Programing 7:00am Workshops & Meetings

2026 Convention Presenting Sponsor: Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association

- 7:00-5:00 Nationwide Foyer **Convention Registration**
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- 7:00 Nationwide Foyer **Welcome to Columbus Hospitality**
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- 8:00-5:00 Nationwide **OFMA-ODA Office**



Director of Agriculture Breakfast Meeting
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7:45 Doors Open Hyatt Regency Ball Room
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8:15 OFMA Intern President **Thomas Stocksdales** Presiding
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Friday Programing 10:00am-12:00pm Workshops & Meetings

10-5pm Grand Opening of the Market Place Tradeshow

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Ohio Fairs District Meetings 10:45 to Noon

10:45-12:00	Taft A&B	District 1 Meeting	<i>Alan Aichholz Presiding</i>
10:45-12:00	Morrow	District 2 Meeting	<i>Thomas Higbie Presiding Election Moderator Rod Arter</i>
10:45-12:00	Fayette	District 3 Meeting	<i>Wade Flory Presiding</i>
10:45-12:00	McKinley	District 4 Meeting	<i>Doug Marine Presiding</i>
10:45-12:00	Union A,B,C	District 5 Meeting	<i>Kim Meyers Presiding Election Moderator Bob Buxton</i>
10:45-12:00	Hayes	District 6 Meeting	<i>Roger Smith Presiding</i>
10:45-12:00	Union D	District 7 Meeting	<i>Heath Ward Presiding Election Moderator Dan Bullen</i>
10:45-12:00	TAFT C&D	District 8 Meeting	<i>Deb Hukill Presiding Election Moderator Dan Martin</i>
10:45-12:00	Fairfield Room	District 9 Meeting	<i>Tracey Koszalka Presiding Election Moderator Dan Kimmet</i>



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Friday continued 1:00pm-2:00pm Workshops and Presentations

1:00-2:00 Union ABC	ODA Vetenerarian Meeting A-K Fairs	<i>Presenter: Dr. Dennis Summers</i> <i>Chief of the Division of Animal Health ODA</i> Moderator: Tim Massie, OFMA Past President
1:00-2:00 Champaign	Growth Strategies for Fairs Backed by Ticketing & Marketing Analytics Fairs.com , the fastest-growing marketing and ticketing company in the fair industry, for a data-driven look at what really fuels fair success. With over 150 fairs and fairground events on the platform, Fairs.com has gathered insights from ticketing transactions, social media marketing performance, and direct customer surveys. This session will dig into the questions fair leaders ask most often: What really draws the crowds in? How do we stretch our marketing budget in smart ways? How can we get the most out of limited staff and resources? Fairs.com Vendor Presentation	<i>Presenter: Scott Hillyer</i> CEO of Fairs.com
1:00-2:00 Morrow	#6 Best Practices Fair/Society Office & Officer Topic: HB 96 Cyber Security Requirements Ohio House Bill 96, Operating Budget established Ohio Rev. Code § 9.64, which sets new standards for how political subdivisions handle cybersecurity and ransomware incidents. Each political subdivision will be required to adopt a cybersecurity program that safeguards the entity's data. Sponsor: M.W. Beverage Inc. Perry, Ohio	<i>Presenters: Torri Sholl from the Ohio Auditor of State's Office, and Lexie Meade from CyberOhio</i> Moderators: Amanda Sines Government Advantage Group, Greta Gray, OFMA Director at Large
1:00-2:00 Marion	Planning and Implementing Social Media In this session, Allen County Fair officials will share an inside look at how they planned and executed their remarkable 175th anniversary celebration. From producing a 5 year- full-length documentary, a fair history museum, to showcasing special events throughout the fair, the team embraced every opportunity to honor the fair's rich heritage. Attendees will learn how commemorative promotional items, year-long storytelling, and intentional milestone recognition helped elevate community pride and engagement. Discover how "celebrating everything"—from the biggest achievements to the smallest moments—can strengthen your fair's identity, deepen connections with your audience, and create memorable experiences that last well beyond fair week.	<i>Presenters: Troy Elwer Allen County General Manager, Chad Hughes Marketing and Publicity Specialist Allen County Fair</i> Moderator: Tom Higbie, OFMA District 2 Director
1:00-2:00 Union E	Benefits of joining International Association of Fairs & Expos. New impact study of the Fairs Industry And especially with the zone meeting, Upcoming IAFE Convention Kentucky November 2026	<i>Presenters: Kate Turner CMP Vice President of Member Engagement</i> Moderator: Doug Marine, OFMA District 4 Director
1:00-2:00 Union D	Small Fair Round Table	Moderator: Heath Ward OFMA District 7 Director

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Friday continued 1:00pm-3:00pm Workshops and Presentations

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1:00-2:00	Fairfield	#7 Best Practices Fair/Society Treasure/Secretary Topic: Chart of accounts Auditor of State what's coming, the future of audits and Why Sponsor: <i>M.W. Beverage Inc. Perry, Ohio</i>	Presenters: <i>Richard Cunningham, Quality Assurance Ohio from State of Ohio Auditor,</i> Moderator: Bev Fisher CFE, OFMA Education Director
1:00-2:00	McKinley	Large Fair Round Table	Moderator: Kim Meyers, OFMA District 5 Director
1:00-2:00	Harrison	Concessions Management, Software, contracts and what is the correct ratio. Certification Program	Presenter: <i>Judy Conley, Hardin County Fair, Jeff Cole Fairs.com, Kelsey Sedlak Summit County Fair</i> Moderator: Dan Kimmet, OFMA Past President
1:00-2:00	Hayes	Medium Fair Round Table	Presenters: <i>Stephen Heppe, Todd Neff, Dave Kentzman Portage County Fair Directors</i> Moderator: Tracey Koszalka, OFMA District 9 Director
1:00-2:00	Fayette	Policies Constitution and By Laws	Presenters: <i>Chuck Stiver Medina County Fair, Conrad Haneberg Medina County Fair</i> Moderator: Deb Hukill OFMA District 8 Director
1:00-2:00	Madison	Fair Manager Position: how do you facilitate the move from the Fair Secretary or strong President to a Fair Manager who manages the Facility and Fair	Presenters: <i>Roger Boring Holmes County Fair, Cathy Cunningham Summit County Fair</i> Moderator: Kerry Taylor, OFMA Director at Large
1:00-2:15	Drury Hotel Atrium	Bourbon Production and the Agricultural Impacts with Educational Session Ticket Must have a 2026 OFMA Registration Badge Sponsor: <i>Klein's Entertainment, LLC.</i>	Stephan Fante Brand Ambassador, Limestone Branch Distillery Tom Stocksdale and Dan Bullen will be your hosts
1:00-3:00	Taft A&B	Greater Ohio Showman Annual Meeting Clover/GOSA Partnership - Benefits for GOSA members using the Clover payment system. Lower fees and more!	Bill Sterling, GOSA President
1:00-3:00	Taft C&D	Ohio Harness Horseman Meeting with Ohio's Racing Fairs	Presenters: <i>Frank Fraus Executive Director OHHA, Susan Schroeder, Ashley Dailey, Jessica Schroeder, Elwood Woolman, Lisa Schwartz, Tim VanHorn, Bill Peters, Tanya Boulmetis, Kim Poma</i> Moderator: Wade Flory, OFMA District 3 Director
2:15	Market Place Rooms: Delaware, Franklin, & 1st Floor Hallway	Keg Beer, and Snacks- Attendee must have 2026 OFMA Convention Name Tag to be served. Servers reserve the right to verify legal age for alcoholic service Sponsors: <i>The Cincinnati Circus Company, Poor Jacks Amusements</i>	

Friday continued 2:15-3:15pm Workshops and Presentations

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2:15-3:15 Union ABC	ODA Veterenarian Meeting L-W Fairs	Presenter: Dr. Dennis Summers, Chief of the Division of Animal Health Ohio Department of Agriculture Moderator: Tim Massie, OFMA Past President
2:15-3:15 McKinley	Junior Fair Coordinator Why, Scope, Compensation?? Supporting the senior Fair Boards vision on ensuring the Junior Fair exhibits and exhibitors have the tools and showplaces to showcase our Youth	Presenters: Gywen Young The Great Geauga County Fair, Kate Wise Portage County Fair Moderator: Tom Stocksdales 1st Vice President OFMA
2:15-3:15 Marion	From Corn Dogs to Reels– Turning Fair Fun into Viral Buzz : A fun Fast Paced look at the quirky social trends that turn fair moments into viral magic . Grab your coffee and get ready for a fast-paced, idea-packed session all about turning festival fun into social media go. We'll look at some of the quirkiest, most creative trends that have taken events from local favorites to viral sensations. Then we'll put our heads together to dream up ideas of our own. This isn't your typical sit-and-listen session; it's interactive, energetic, and full of inspiration. Whether your event is big or small, you'll leave buzzing with fresh, share-worthy ways to get your event noticed (and maybe even trending!	Presenter: Jodi Buresh, CFE, IFMG Saffire Senior Director of Client Growth and Retention
2:15-3:15 Hayes	Fairs, Agritourism & business entities. Competition or Collaboration	Presenter: Attorney Susan McDonald Moderator: Kim Meyers OFMA District 5 Director
2:15-3:15 Harrison	Fund Raising and Sponsorships. What events can be legally held in Ohio and is the balance of cash in to the perks is it right, fair and more	Presenters: Crystal Ott, Director, Ohio 4-H Foundation, Amy Jo Baughman, Executive Director, Ohio FFA Foundation, Kelly Burns, Executive Director, Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation Moderator: Greta Gray, OFMA Director at Large
2:15-3:15 Morrow	Maintain the Fairgrounds, what equipment is necessary, what is the breakpoint in using a 72 inch zero turn verses a large deck mower, Skid steers verses tractors, what's the mix	Presenter: Tom Warren Hancock County Fair, Joe Farwell Portage County Fair Moderator: Tom Higbie, OFMA District 2 Director
2:15-3:15 Fairfield	#8 Best Practices Fair/Society Treasure/ Secretary Topic: Annual Reports, biggest stumbling blocks and what can we do to comply with the Ohio Law Consider brining in Richard from State Auditor office to explain chart of accounts. Sponsor: M.W. Beverage Inc. Perry, Ohio	Presenters: Bev Fisher CFE, OFMA Education Director, David Miran, ODA Moderator: Heath Ward, OFMA Director 7 Director

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2:15 Union D County Fair Auction Best Practices: A Roundtable Discussion

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- How to handle exhibitor requirements and thank you note policies
- What works (and what doesn't!) for buyer appreciation and recognition

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Friday continued 2:30 pm-4:30pm Workshops & Evening Activities

2026 Convention Presenting Sponsor: Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association

2:30	Nationwide Foyer 1st Floor Hyatt Lobby	Welcome to Columbus Hospitality F&B Sponsor: Otterbacher Brothers Concessions	
2:30-3:45	Drury Hotel Atrium	Bourbon Production and the Agricultural Impacts with Educational Session Ticket Must have a 2026 OFMA Registration Badge Sponsor: Klein's Entertainment, LLC.	Stephan Fante Brand Ambassador, Limestone Branch Distillery Tom Stocksdales and Dan Bullen will be your hosts
3:30-4:30	Union ABC	Time Management for Fair Directors: Maximizing Efficiency During the Fair Season	Presenter: Heather Merkel, Jefferson County Board Director Moderator: Deb Hukill, OFMA District 8 Director
3:30-4:30	Union D	Director Orientation- The laws; the does and don'ts Duties and Requirements to Qualify	Presenters: Christy Lucas Brown County Fair, Tom Stocksdales Wayne County Fair Moderator: Kerry Taylor OFMA Director at Large
3:30-4:30	Union E	How do you motivate or eliminate non-working board directors Engage or eliminate Directors, Backing up Board Decisions	Presenter: Heath Ward, OFMA Director At Large
3:30-4:30	Fayette	"Master Planning For Growth & Business opportunities"	Presenter: Adam Heffron, General Manager Ohio State Fair & Expo Center
3:30-4:30	Fairfield	#9 Best Practices Fair/Society Treasure/Secretary Topic: Redbook Provisions on Selling Memberships Election Notifications, Petitions, testing of the Signed Petition, Running Elections, Sponsor: M.W. Beverage Inc. Perry, Ohio	Presenter: David Miran, ODA Moderator: Doug Marine, OFMA District 4 Director
3:30-4:30	McKinley	Panel Discussion: Price Increases What's Right, what's the cost include IS "POP" still viable Discussions When you add Insurance, Security, Fire, EMS, Gates, Parking, Trash, Water, Electric Costs: DON'T BE AFRAID YOUR SURVIVAL IS AT RISK	Presenters: Meg Noah Secretary Great Geauga County Fair, Cara Muhlenkamp Fair Manager Mercer County Fair & Team Members Moderator: Tom Higbie, OFMA District 2 Director
3:30-4:30	Champaign	Event safety and emergency planning template introduction. Review of event safety issues involving large crowds, grandstand events and emergency planning best practices. This session will also review and provide a fair specific emergency planning template for use.	Presenter: Acrisure Risk Control team Diana Woolf OFE, FSI, CPSI Senior Risk Services Consultant Public Entities Pool of Ohio Moderator: Roger Smith, OFMA District 6 Director
3:30-4:30	Harrison	Working Together Across Generations: Communication, Collaboration, and Respect	Presenters: Janessa R Hill Extension Agricultural and Natural Resources Educator, Holmes County, Travis West Youth Development

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3:30-4:30 Taft C&D "How to make your Fair more inclusive"

*Presenters: Paul Perry Wood
County Fair President, Laura
Westgate Wood County Fair Man-
ager, Amanda Barndt Coordinator
Wood County Fair Ring of
Dreams Show*

*Moderator: Alan Aichholz, OFMA
District 1 Director*

3:30-4:30 Hayes

#10 Best Practices Fair/Society OFFICER Topic:
The Sunshine Laws Manual – also known as the
“Yellow Book” – is a guidebook to Ohio’s Public
Records and Open Meetings laws. Focus on your
Agricultural Society's responsibility under the law
and the items you can stumble over and be in viola-
tion

Sponsor: *M.W. Beverage Inc. Perry, Ohio*

*Presenter: Brian Malachowsky
Director of Open Government Of-
fice of Ohio Attorney General
Dave Yost*

*Moderator: Tracey Koszalka,
OFMA District 9 Director*

4:00-5:00 Marion

**First Time Attendees Reception and meeting for
Friday arrival attendees Hospitality**

F&B Sponsor: *EGO Amusements - Dan Egbert*

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Ohio Fair Managers Officers Welcome Evening

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7:30pm Master of Ceremonies Robert Dawson OFMA Treasurer Introduces

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8pm Showcase of Acts

Michael Christopher, Michael Christopher Band *Market Place Booth: 44*

Ian Harrison, Klein's Entertainment Suite 1244 *Market Place Booth: 25*

Tege Holt & Lonesome Pines Tege Holt & Lonesome Pines *Market Place Booth: 43*

Silver Stallion A Country Legend Tribute To The Highwaymen, Erg Talent, *Market Place Booth: 23*

Julia Neville, Artist & Attractions *Market Place Booth: 69-70*

Karissa Ella, Variety Attractions Suite 1938 Market Place Booths: 32-33

Cash Bars available, no carry in alcohol Food is allowed to be brought in to the Ballroom

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7:30-10:00 Hayes McKinley 1st Floor Near the Food Court

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7:30 – 8:30 p.m. Gather: Food and Fun – Networking Refreshments: Pizza, Chips, Dips, Ice Tea & Lemonade and (gluten free items included).

8:30 – 10:00 p.m. – Round Table Discussion / Activities / Line Dancing

10:00 – 11:00 p.m. County Meetings / Return to Rooms

Planning Committee: Molly Avers, Jenna Hoyt and Andrea Cole.

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Saturday Programing 8:00am-9:00am

2026 Convention Presenting Sponsor: Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association **Welcome Junior Fair Boards from our Ohio Agricultural Fairs**

TIME:	ROOM:	TOPIC:	PRESENTERS & MODERATORS:
8:00-5:00	Nationwide A&B	OFMA-ODA Office	
8:00-5:00	Nationwide Foyer	Convention Registration <i>Sponsor: The Fair Publishing House</i>	Wade Flory- Chairman
7:30-10:00	Nationwide Foyer	Welcome to Columbus Hospitality <i>F&B Sponsor: Adams-Endsley Concessions</i>	
8:00-9:30	Hyatt Regency Ballroom Foyer 3rd Floor	<i>Junior Fair Registration</i> <i>Sponsor: The Fair Publishing House</i>	<i>Roger Smith-Chairman,</i> <i>Deb Hukill-Vice Chairman</i>
8:00-9:30	Hyatt Regency Ballroom Foyer 3rd Floor	Hospitality Coffee break <i>Provided by: Hyatt Regency Staff</i>	<i>Roger Smith-Chairman,</i> <i>Deb Hukill-Vice Chairman</i>
8:00-8:45	Taft A&B	Secretary and Treasurer Round Table	<i>Presenter: Bev Fisher CFE,</i> <i>OFMA Education Director</i> Moderator: Dan Kimmet, OFMA Past President
8:00-8:45	Taft C&D	Grant Applications	<i>Presenter: Cara Muhlenkamp</i> <i>Mercer County Fair Manager,</i> <i>John Wolfe Columbiana County</i> <i>Fair President</i> Moderator: Doug Marine, OFMA District 4 Director
8:00-8:45	Knox	Gates and Parking, who will do it, what is the cost	<i>Presenters: George Less & Dave</i> <i>Dickey Canfield Fair Directors</i> Moderator: Paul Lease, OFMA 2nd Vice President
8:00-8:45	Fairfield	Executive Sessions, how do we do this, what can be done in X session and more	<i>Presenter: Kim Meyers, OFMA</i> <i>District 5 Director</i>
8:00-8:45	Union ABC	The fairs After glow, Now how do we get the grounds cleaned and what about those fly's...	<i>Presenter: Mark Beats Attica In-</i> <i>dependent Fair, Jarrod Snell Fair</i> <i>Secretary Wayne Co Fair</i> Moderator: Tom Higbie, OFMA District 2 Director
9:00-5:00	Clark	GOSA Office	
9:00-12:00 & 2:00-5:00	Garfield	Open Meeting Room - Networking	

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9:30 General Session Junior/Senior Fair General Session
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Saturday Junior Fair Workshops 8:15am-9:15am
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JUNIOR FAIR SESSIONS EXPANDED TOPIC DESCRIPTION

Repping the Red Jacket | ROOM: UNION E 2ND FLOOR

Leslie Cooksey - Extension Educator (Fairfield County) & Fairfield County Junior Fair Board Members
You're on the Board, fair is coming, now what? In this session, discover roles and responsibilities for fair week as a Junior Fair Board Member. Learn how to prepare yourself as a JFB member with the expectations adults, exhibitors, and show committee members have of you in your role.

NETSMARTZ Online Safety for Teens | ROOM: MORROW 2ND FLOOR

Brian Phillips - United States Secret Service, Southern Ohio District
This session will provide a unique insight to online safety for youth. Participants will be empowered to engage online in a much safer manner.

Running Meetings Effectively using Parliamentary Procedure | ROOM: UNION D 2ND FLOOR

Jenna Hoyt - Extension Educator (Ashtabula County)
Through this interactive session, Youth Leaders will learn tips for handling officer positions and tips for officers on using time together efficiently and effectively.

Road Trip Adventures: Absolutely Priceless | ROOM: MCKINLEY 1ST FLOOR

Hartford Junior & Senior Fair Board Members & OSU Extension Staff - Licking County
Traveling together to visit other fairs in small groups or as part of an organized bus trip helps Junior and Senior Fair Boards develop stronger relationships while gathering new ideas. Learn about different formats and ways to incorporate road trips into your Fair Board experience.

Don't Forget to Say Thank You | ROOM: HAYES 1ST FLOOR

Frances Foos - Extension Educator (State 4-H Older Youth and Civic Engagement)
The value of the words "Thank You" can go a long way for donors, supporters, volunteers, and parents. Come and share ideas for the best ways to thank our people that make the county fair happen.





Saturday 9 AM Doors Open Battelle Hall
Enter from Regency Ballroom Foyer 3rd Floor
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Junior/Senior Fair General Session



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9:30 General Session

Pledge of Allegiance 2025 Ohio Fairs Queen Amberly Szczerbiak

National Anthem performed by: Simba Jordan Tradeshow space #16

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Keynote: Dan Clark
"Decisive Motivation"



Ohio Fairs Queen Amberly Szczerbiak

Presiding and Introducing 2026 Ohio Fairs' Queen & Court Announcement

Saturday General Session Key Note Address Speaker Dan Clark
Presented by: Ohio Soybean Council

"Decisive Motivation" Saturday Battelle Hall 9:30 am

Dan Clark – Educated in Sports Psychology, founder of a multi-million-dollar international communications firm, New York Times bestselling Author of 37 books - and a primary contributing author to the Chicken Soup for the Soul series, university professor, American Patriot, podcast host, gold record songwriter, film maker, and an award winning athlete who fought his way back from a paralyzing injury that cut short his football career.

Dan was inducted into the Professional Speakers Hall of Fame - named one of the Top Ten motivational speakers in the world.

As a master storyteller, Dan has been published in more than 50 million books in 40 languages worldwide, and has delivered more than 5500 speeches, to millions of people, in 77 countries, to most of the Fortune 500, Elite Associations, the United Nations, World Champion Sports Teams, and to our military combat troops around the globe.

Dan's extraordinary life includes battling throat cancer at eight years old; being named an Outstanding Young Man of America; becoming a Golden Gloves Boxing Champion; alpine ski racing champion; and motocross champion; soaring to the edge of space in a U2 reconnaissance aircraft; flying fighter jets with the Air Force Thunderbirds; racing automobiles at Nürburgring; serving on the Olympic Committee and carrying the torch in the Winter Games; and being named Utah Father of the Year!

Dan has received America's three highest civilian awards from the President of the United States and the Secretary of the Air Force - and currently serves on the U.S. Air Force Academy Board of Visitors!



Saturday Programing 10:00am–1:45pm Senior Fair Workshops

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10:00-5:00	1st and 2nd Floor of the Hyatt Hotel	Market Place TRADE SHOW Sponsor: Fairgrounds Solutions Division of ESL	Paul Lease – Chairman Alan Aichholz – Vice Chairman
11:30 - 12:30	Union ABC	Dream Building Project: Our FAIRBOARD has a dream and a need to build; what's the trips, and land mines	Presenters: Cara Muhlenkamp Mercer County Fair Manager, Howard Call CFE, Summit Co. Fair Moderator: Alan Aichholz, OFMA District 1 Director
11:30- 12:30	Marion	#11 Best Practices Fair/Society Treasure/ Secretary Topic: New Secretaries 3 years or less Round Table Sponsor: M.W. Beverage Inc. Perry, Ohio F&B Sponsor: Otterbacher Brothers Concessions	Presenter: Bev Fisher CFE, OFMA Educational Coordinator Moderator: Dan Bullen OFMA Past President
11:30- 12:30	Knox	On Line Payments beyond Ticket sales, campgrounds, concessions, Merchants, Sponsors, and more	Presenters: Kelsey Sedlak Summit County Fair, Fulton County Fair Moderator: Tracey Koszalka, OFMA District 9 Director
11:30- 12:30	Fairfield	Round table bring your Topics, Horse track Maintenance, and open Harness discussions	Presenters: Rod Arter, OFMA Past President
11:30- 12:30	Harrison	Fair Presidents Round Table	Presenter: Ray Hilderbrand President Jefferson County Fair Richie Eberhart, Harrison County Fair, Ed Campbell Belmont County Moderator: Heath Ward, OFMA District 8 Director
12:45-1:45	Grant	Amusement Ride Safety Discussion: Attendees can bring there questions and any concerns to this workshop.	Presenters: ODA Amusement Ride Staff, David Miran, Chief ODA Fairs and Rides Division
12:45-1:45	Fairfield	Facilities Management Fairs with a Race track, fairs without a race track.	Presenters: Zak Avers Ottawa County Fair, Allen County Fair Board Member Moderator: Alan Aichholz, OFMA District 1 Director
12:45-1:45	Union ABC	Employee Hiring, Management of staff and records that must be Kept How do you discipline Staff and Board Members.	Presenter: Jo Ellen Albanese, Ohio State Fair HR Director Moderator: Adam Heffron, OFMA At Large Director
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All About the Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Board | ROOM: UNION D 2ND FLOOR

Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Board Members

Serving on the Ohio State Fair Junior Fair Board (JFB) is an experience of a lifetime. It's a fun and exciting opportunity to work alongside many different people, as well as network with youth and adults from across Ohio. JFB members have a variety of responsibilities throughout the Fair that may include giving show welcomes, ushering concerts, working at ODNR Park, assisting with special events, and much more. This session will help you understand the roles and responsibilities of a JFB member, as well as the qualifications and process to become a member. We hope that YOU will be inspired to be part of the Ohio State Junior Fair Board!

Mastering the Market Sale | ROOM: UNION E 2ND FLOOR

Jenna Hoyt - Extension Educator (Ashtabula Co.) & Leslie Cooksey - Extension Educator (Fairfield County)

To better understand the preferences of individuals who support the junior fair youth at the Ashtabula County Market Animal Sale, in 2017 and 2021 the Extension Office conducted a survey of 465 buyers. Information was collected to better understand their reasons for attending the sale, as well as sale logistics, and the importance of buyer recognition. This session will focus on highlighting and sharing information from the buyer survey to be used as a part of the Mastering the Market Sale Program for Jr. Fair youth to aid them in finding and better communicating with buyers. Attendees will leave with a helpful handout to assist you with inviting buyers to your livestock sale!

Lead, Listen, Learn | ROOM: FAYETTE 2ND FLOOR

Lydia (Ulry) Thomas - Extension Educator (Fayette Co.) & Adrienne Anderson – Extension Program Assistant (Licking Co.)

Growing as a Junior Fair Board Team. Junior Fair Board members will engage in a teambuilding session focused on leadership, communication, and collaboration. Through interactive activities, they'll strengthen group dynamics, problem-solve, and build teamwork skills to support their roles and responsibilities

From Barn to Browser: Your Leadership Brand at the Fair and Beyond | ROOM: HAYES 1ST FLOOR

Frances Foos – Extension Educator (State 4-H Older Youth and Civic Engagement)

Discover how to shape your leadership identity during fair week—both in person and online. Learn to build a positive personal brand, practice responsible digital citizenship, and represent your fair with confidence and integrity.

Cloverbud Mini Project - Getting Our Youngest Members Involved in the Fair | ROOM: TAFT A/B 1ST FLOOR

Emily Masters – Extension Educator (Butler County), Erin Simplson-Sloan – Extension Program Assistant (Butler County) and Butler County Fair Royalty Members

While older siblings may have 4-H projects at the fair, Cloverbuds don't typically have a lot to do... until now! Prepared with their "mini project book" they explore a topic and bring it to the fair to share with Royalty members who interview them. There are no official placings, only interactive interviews and an opportunity to put the mini project on display. It could be Legos or flowers from the garden! It all adds up for a beneficial practice opportunity until Cloverbuds become true 4-H age. They enjoy the experience, and Royalty members do, too!

Junior and Senior Fair Boards | ROOM: MCKINLEY 1ST FLOOR

Hartford Junior & Senior Fair Board Members & Lisa McCutcheon - Extension Educator (Licking County)

Making Partnership a Priority During this session, participants will learn how building friendships and respect between the JFB and SFB can bring great benefits. Junior and Senior Fair Board members of the Hartford Independent Fair will explain the ways that they have worked together to make for a successful fair season. Through joint meetings, trainings, a bi-annual road trip and simple name games and mixers, these two boards have learned to work together so that each of them reaps rewards. If you are looking for new opportunities and are willing to make the effort to create them, this is your session

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History of the Ohio Fair Managers

Alfred Putnam Sandles was Ohio's eleventh Secretary of Agriculture. The Ohio State Fair helped organize the Ohio Fair Managers' Association around 1922 and **Myers Cooper** was the First President of the Ohio Fair Managers. In 2026 the Ohio Fair Managers celebrated their 100th annual convention with over 4000 attending and added amusement rides, games and a BBQ dinner over in the Convention Center Hall A.

During the early years the OFMA the emphasis was largely on education and agriculture expositions. Harness Racing in Ohio began its growth in the late 1930's and after World War II the Ohio Harness industry grew rapidly and in the late 1950's the Ohio Fairs Fund was developed and approved by the Legislature to establish funding for racing and fairs.

Today, the OFMA represents 95 Fairs in Ohio, and more than 240 associate members from allied fields and will hold the 101st Annual Convention in Columbus, Ohio January 15-18th, 2026. Throughout the years, the OFMA has remained true to its purpose of promoting and encouraging the development and improvement of agricultural fairs, shows, and expositions. The OFMA is actively engaged and supports the International Association of Fairs and Expositions as well as the Federation of State and Provincial Association of Fairs.

The Organization Objectives are: 1. To represent and promote the general welfare of the County, Independent and State Fairs of the State of Ohio 2. Encourage closer cooperation among the Fairs of Ohio 3. To promote Agriculture and its related fields to our fairs and their customers 4. To provide for our annual meeting or convention of all Fairs, associated groups and businesses at least once each year. 5. To promote cooperation among all agricultural related educational and commodity organizations 6. Follow the Established 990 Practice of the OFMA Board

12:45-1:45 JUNIOR FAIR SESSIONS

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Building Partnerships to Create an Accessible Livestock Show: You Belong Here! | ROOM: MORROW 2ND FLOOR

Kara Colvin - Extension Educator (Warren County), Tracie Montague - Extension Educator (Clinton County), Laura Akgerman - Ohio AgrAbility Program and Disability Services Coordinator, Angie Allison - Extension Educator (Jefferson County), Amelia Ault - Jefferson County 4-H Member, Kaytlyn Graver - Extension Program Assistant (Sandusky County) and Dee Jepsen - Director of Ohio AgrAbility Project

Start a disability-friendly, community-focused livestock show at your fair! Learn to plan, promote, and hold an inclusive event. We cover building partnerships (Extension, 4-H, Fair Board, Stakeholders) and recruiting participants and sponsors to make showing an animal accessible for all.

Running The Show | ROOM: UNION D 2ND FLOOR

Jacci Smith - Extension Educator (Delaware County)

Session covers the who, what, when, where, and why of behind the scenes at livestock shows. Topics for success include the staffing, positions, and procedural steps.

I can do that! | ROOM: UNION E 2ND FLOOR

Leslie Cooksey - Extension Educator (Fairfield County)

What do you need as a Junior Fair Board Member? Do you need to know where things are if a fairgoer stops you on the midway? Are you asked to give a radio interview on a whim? How about the last-minute fair tour when another county's JFB shows up?! In this session, learn how you can help plan and prepare your peers for the extra things outside of running shows and judging events.

Swapping Dust Collectors for WOW Getters | ROOM: FAYETTE 2ND FLOOR

Kristy Watters - Extension Educator (Adams County), Jo Williams - Extension Educator (Scioto County), and Barb Howser, Brown County 4-H Volunteer

Looking to swap out the same old trophies for more exciting Jr Fair awards? Learn how to work with your fair boards, committees, and volunteers to bring a little pizzazz to your awards table. From class winners to champions, give awards that WOW at every level.

Getting Rest to Maximize Performance Fair Week | ROOM: HAYES 1ST FLOOR

Travis West - Extension Educator (Vinton County)

County Fair can leave us exhausted and negative. Sleep is not the only type of rest that we need to recharge our batteries, come learn tips for getting all 7 types of rest needed for top performance.

Difficult People: Should I Run or Meet the Challenge? | ROOM: MCKINLEY 1ST FLOOR

Judy Villard Overocker - Extension Educator (Richland County)

After being a Junior Fair Board member for a couple of years, what more can you do? How can you contribute? How might you be able to mentor younger members? This session will help you to explore how older members can stay engaged, and how they can connect with younger members to make a difference.

Roundtable Round Up! | ROOM: TAFT A/B 1ST FLOOR

Butler County Junior Fair Board members

Using Roundtable Leadership Theory, Butler County Junior Fair Board members will facilitate roundtable discussions with other JFB members from various counties. Each table will offer insights and solutions to common challenges. Topics and questions to answer include: fundraising (how and how much?); do members do anything prior to fair for team building; do members help other departments (outside of their own) during fair; how does the JFB office run (or if there isn't an office, how does the group organize?); how do different departments collaborate; how do members recruit; how do members work with adult advisors?

Come ready to learn and share!

Let's Talk All Things Fair Royalty | ROOM: GARFIELD 1ST FLOOR

Allison Cooper - Extension Educator (Crawford County), Leah Hartschuh, Levi Hartschuh and Brianna Farnsworth

From expectations to attire, we want to share Jr. Fair Royalty experiences and everything it involves. We want to hear from you as well! Through group discussion, let's brainstorm about engaging Royalty into county programs, building up courts, and any challenges your counties have overcome.

Saturday Programing 2:00-3pm Workshops & Tradeshow Hospitality

2026 Convention Presenting Sponsor: Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association

2:00-3:00	Harding	Off Season Grounds Rentals and What Can the Fairboard do to promote their own off fair events.	<i>Presenters: Pickaway County Fair, Summit County Fair, & Medina County Fair</i> Moderator: Doug Marine, OFMA District 4 Director
2:00-3:00	Union ABC	Is it easier to Do it yourself?? Or Delegate Power Point	<i>Presenter: Malissa Campbell, Ed Campbell Belmont County Fair</i> Moderator: Deb Hukill OFMA District 8 Director
2:00-3:00	Grant	Open for your own fair board meeting	
2:00-3:00	Madison	How do we Integrate New Board members and officers in with the OLD GANG?	<i>Presenter: Kerry Taylor</i> Moderator: Heath Ward OFMA District 7 Director
2:00-3:00	Fairfield	#12 Best Practices Fair/Society Treasure/ Secretary Topic: Annual Reports, getting it together, meeting deadlines and importance of getting it done. <i>Sponsor: M.W. Beverage Inc. Perry, Ohio</i>	<i>Presenter: David Miran, ODA</i> Moderator: Roger Smith OFMA District 6 Director
2:00-3:00	Knox	Fair & Concession Communications – How fairs and concessionaires can communicate more effectively	GOSA PRESENTATION
2:00-3:00	Marion	Handling the new Marijuana Laws on your fairgrounds Hemp vs Cannabis	<i>Presenter: Amanda Sines, Government Advantage Group</i> Moderator: Robert Dawson, OFMA Treasurer
2:00-4:00	Taft C&D	Wine, Bingo and a Trail Bologna Fling, Prizes and Two glass of Wine with each ticket includes Bingo Sheets & Dobers Must have a 2026 OFMA Registration Badge Ticket Required Sponsor: Klein's Entertainment	Dan Bullen CO-Chair Tom Stocksdales Co- Chair
2:30	Tradeshow Rooms Delaware, Franklin, Hallway 1st Floor	Keg Beer, and Snacks Attendee must have 2026 OFMA Convention Name Tag to be served Servers reserve the right to verify legal age for alcoholic service <i>Hospitality Sponsors: Poor Jacks Amusements, Otterbacher Brothers Concessions</i>	

Reminder to drop your Market Place Drawing tickets for Gift Card Drawings
Today is the final drawing 5pm

Name Badge must be worn to all events & hospitality

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. JUNIOR FAIR SESSIONS DESCRIPTIONS

Junior Fair Programming Sponsored by: The Ohio State Fair, Willandale Golf Cart, & BASF Columbus

You've Won the Crown & Sash...Now What? | ROOM: MORROW 2ND FLOOR

Joy Sharp – Extension Educator (Pickaway County)

Congratulations! You have been named to your county Junior Fair Royalty. Now what? From shows, to luncheons, to county fair visits, attend this session to learn about the responsibilities of serving in a Royalty or Ambassador role. County Royalty Coordinators are also invited to learn what they should be sharing with new royalty as they represent their fair.

Your Digital Footprint | ROOM: UNION D 2ND FLOOR

Andrea Rees - Extension Educator (Knox County)

Your digital footprint shapes your future. Though not always controllable, it reflects your public image. Use it to highlight strengths, values, and professionalism, turning your online presence into a powerful tool for personal and future success.

It's Show Time! | ROOM: UNION E 2ND FLOOR

Leslie Cooksey - Extension Educator (Fairfield County)

"Now entering the ring, Market Gilts Class 1." It's time for the show to begin and you are asked to step up to the microphone. Are you ready? Learn more about you can develop skills to enhance your public speaking and recordkeeping skills to be an effective youth member of your Show Committee that adults can trust and depend upon to get the job done. Learn how to effectively coach your peers to enrich their public speaking experiences while understanding the process for announcing a Junior Fair Show.

Divide and Conquer: Sharing the Workload | ROOM: FAYETTE 2ND FLOOR

Kristy Watters – Extension Educator (Adams County) & Adams County Junior Fair Board

Fair is a monumental task that runs much smoother when we know the expectations, play to our strengths, and share the workload. Learn how our Junior Fair Board members divide duties, work within committees, and willingly take on responsibilities.

Beyond the Ring: Special Events That Build Community at Your Fair | ROOM: HARRISON 1ST FLOOR

Lindsey Gallik – Morrow County Junior Fair Coordinator and Ashley Huffine – Extension Educator (Morrow County)

Fairs are more than ribbons and shows — they're about people, stories, and connections. This session will showcase the value of special events that engage your broader community: from Adult Showman of Showmen to Pee Wee Showmanship, to inclusive shows like Breaking Boundaries for youth with disabilities.

Implementing Fun STEM Activities at Your Fair | ROOM: TAFT A/B 1ST FLOOR

Jo Williams – Extension Educator (Scioto County)

Join us to learn how to add interactive, inexpensive, and fun STEM activities at your fair. These activities can be led by teens or adults and allow junior fair participants and the general public to participate.

Prince & Princess for a Day Program | ROOM: MCKINLEY 1ST FLOOR

Morgan (McCutcheon) Lanning – Hartford Royalty Coordinator and Hartford Junior Fair Board Members

Come learn about giving 4-H Cloverbuds the opportunity to experience a day in the life of a royalty member and shadow their role models. Our goal is to give them a way to flourish as future leaders and 4-H members, much like the Pee Wee showmanship classes!

Get Up, Get Moving, Get to Know Others! ROOM: REGENCY BALLROOM FOYER 3RD FLOOR

Hartford Junior Fair Board Members & Adrienne Anderson – Extension Program Assistant (Licking County)

Looking for a chance to get up, move around and meet Junior Fair Board members from other counties? This is your chance! Hartford Junior Fair Board members will share a few of their favorite mixers and name games for you to enjoy and then take them back to use in your county! We look forward to meeting you!

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Saturday Programing Workshops & More 3:15pm-11:00pm

2026 Convention Presenting Sponsor: Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association

3:15-4:30	Knox	Save Ohio Fairs – How carnivals, concession companies and fairs can work together to solve the labor issue.	Presenter: Nick Blois Jr, McGinnis Amusements GOSA PRESENTATION
3:15-4:30	Madison	Car Shows: ORC Rules forms 4445 form 4446	Presenter: Mike Buchholz Wayne County Fair Moderator: Roger Smith, OFMA District 6 Director
3:15-4:30	Harding	Code of Conduct Forms, Process, Policy Development	Presenter: Scott Hunter Risk Management Canfield Fair Moderator: Paul Lease OFMA 2nd VP
3:15-4:30	Fairfield	Dealing with Conflicts and Grievances at the County Fair	Presenter: Kim Meyers, OFMA District 5 Director Moderator: Kim Meyers, OFMA District 5 Director
3:15-4:30	Union A,B,C	New Fair Treasurers 3 years or less, Lets Share and Learn	Presenter: Malissa Campbell Belmont County , Regi Haire Medina County Fair Moderator: Bev Fisher CFE OFMA Director of Education
3:15-4:30	Garfield	Enticing Fair Volunteers today and the benefits, it's not 1980 now	Presenter: Robert Buxton, Coshocton County Fair
3:15-4:30	Marion	Open room	
3:15-4:30	Morrow	Convention Wrap-Up	OFMA Executive Team



Saturday 6 PM Doors Open

Regency Ballroom

Extravaganza Evening No ticket Required

Auction Silent Bidding 6pm 50/50 Drawing

GOSA & OFMA Reverse Raffle Drawing starts 7pm –10:30

Live & Online Auction, Dancing to DJ John spinning the tunes

DJ & Photo Booth Sponsor: Variety Attractions

Carry in food allowed, No carry in Alcohol Please

Evening Sponsors: Variety Attractions

Greater Ohio Showman, Breeders World, Otters Concessions,

Bates Brothers Amusements



Sunday Programing 8am-Noon

2026 Convention Presenting Sponsor: Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association

8:00-10:00	Nationwide	OFMA Office Registration Pickup Sponsor: The Fair Publishing House	
8-8:45	Delaware A-D	Church Services Rich Eichelberger, Ash-land County Jail Inmate Chaplin <i>Ripley Church Praise Team will provide Song and Music</i> A collection for the Stephany Spielman Breast Cancer Research Fund will be gathered during this service Hospitality Sponsor: Adams-Endsley Concessions	Moderated by Tom Stocksdales,

2026 Ohio Fair Managers Association Awards Breakfast



Hyatt Regency Ballroom Doors open 9 AM Ticket Required
Breakfast Served by the Hyatt Regency Staff
Awards Chairman Doug Marine, District 4 Director
Hall of Fame Awards Sponsor: **Durant Amusements**
Communication Awards Sponsor: **Nutrien Ag Solutions**



Ohio Fair Managers Annual Business Meeting of the Member Fairs Election of Officers

Presenting Sponsor: Prowant Specialty Company, Dupont, Ohio

Mandatory attendance by each fairs delegate for this Meeting
10:45 AM Delaware A-D rooms 2nd Floor Hyatt Meeting Space
Thomas Stocksdales Presiding the Business Meeting
2025 Ohio Fairs' Queen **Amberly Szczerbiak** Final Thoughts

Hospitality Sponsor:

Otterbacher Brothers Concessions

Queen Gas Gift Card

\$500 Presented by Otters Concessions.

2026 Ohio Fairs' Queen

Summer Travels Presenting Sponsor Fairs.com

The Ohio Fair Managers Board of Directors & Management Staff Thank You for Your Participation 2026

Spring Meeting Dates 2026

District 1&2 Saturday March 28 Henry County Fairgrounds
District 5&9 Sunday April 19 Lake County Fair Event Center Lunch
District 7-8 Saturday April 11 Zanesville Fairgrounds Dinner
District 3-4-6 Sunday April 12 Washington Courthouse Lunch

Future Conventions (Thurs-Sun)

January 7-10, 2027 January 5-9, 2028 January 4-7, 2029





101st Annual Ohio Fair Managers Convention

Inductee & Sponsor

1999 Class

Jack Isler, Stark Co Fair
Merle Miller, Auglaize Co Fair
William "Bill" Gibbons, Clermont Co Fair
Robert P. Hamilton, Portage Co Fair

2000 Class

Robert C. Sidley, Lake Co Fair
James D. Cramblett, Carroll Co Fair
Joseph E. Parrish, Noble Co Fair
Carl Rufener, Portage Co Fair

2001 Class

Wayne F. Cryder, Ross Co Fair
Alfred C. Rhonemus, Brown Co Fair
Past President Ohio Fair Managers Association
Willis Fravel, Hartford Independent Fair
Charles E. Call, Summit Co Fair

2002 Class

Fred L. Arnold, Allen Co Fair
Past President Ohio Fair Managers Association
Kenneth H. Albrecht, Medina Co Fair
Chester Wm. Arter, Hartford Independent Fair
Robert J. Cebula, Trumbull Co Fair

2003 Class

Carl M. Schmid, Wayne Co Fair
Nancy Levengood, Stark Co Fair

2004 Class

H.C. "Hank" Thompson, Delaware Co Fair
Past President Ohio Fair Managers Association
Doc W.C. Fields, Putnam Co Fair
Past President Ohio Fair Managers Association
James "Butter" Crawley, Ross Co Fair
Chester T. Rotroff, Fairfield Co Fair
Rotroff Cavalcade of Thrills

2005 Class

Donald Klingler CFE, Allen Co Fair
Retired Executive Secretary Ohio Fair Managers Association
Audre Blair, Great Geauga Co Fair
Jack Woods, Brown Co Fair
Woods Concessions

Inductee & Sponsor

2006 Class

Morris Van Gorden, Butler Co Fair
Eddie Kirk, Fayette Co Fair
Past President Ohio Fair Managers Association
Ray & Joanne Prowant, Allen Co Fair
Durant Amusements

2007 Class

Richard Moss, Great Geauga Co Fair
Davis McInturf, Morgan Co Fair

2008 Class

Dave Howard, Hardin Co Fair
Past President Ohio Fair Managers Association
Lawrence Walkden, Medina Co Fair
Dominic Albanese, Muskingum Co Fair
Albanese Concessions

2009 Class

Charles Swartz, Stark Co Fair
Edward Valentine, Medina Co Fair
George Moffett, Allen Co Fair
Variety Attractions

2010 Class

Mary Ann Arter, Hartford Independent Fair
James Tressel, Stark Co Fair

2011 Class

Richard Parker, Lake Co Fair
Virgil Hite, Marion Co Fair
Howard Stahl, Wayne Co Fair
Vernon & Marion Howard, Great Geauga Co Fair
Peggy Kaltenbach, Fulton Co Fair
Klein's Attractions

2012 Class

Gordon Green, Lorain Co Fair
Carl Buehrer, Fulton Co Fair
Tom Ansteatt, Clermont Co Fair

2013 Class

Robert Dawson, Lake Co Fair
John McDavid, Hartford Independent Fair
William Locker, Stark Co Fair
Yvona Stahl, Great Geauga Co Fair
Cavalcade of Thrills



Ohio Fairs Hall of Fame Roster

Inductee & Sponsor

2014 Class

Robert Toth, Medina Co Fair
 Jon Overmyer, Ottawa Co Fair
Past President Ohio Fair Managers Association
 James McClure, Coshocton Co Fair
 Howard Call CFE, Summit Co Fair
Past President Ohio Fair Managers Association

2015 Class

Keith Sheridan, Greene Co Fair
Past President Ohio Fair Managers Association
 Virgil Strickler CFE, Ohio State Fair
 William "Bill" Fulmer, Ashland Co Fair
 Paul Oechsle, Van Wert Co Fair
Past President Ohio Fair Managers Association

2016 Class

James Martin, Medina Co Fair
 Robert Bland, Carroll Co Fair
 Geary & Eric Bates, Muskingum & Jefferson Co Fairs
Bates Amusements & Bates Bros. Amusements

2017 Class

Doug Guinsler, Muskingum Co Fair
Past President Ohio Fair Managers Association
 Allan Hess, Clark Co Fair
 J. Donald Stauffer, Ashland Co Fair
 Bob Nash, Warren Co Fair
 Daniel McClelland, Great Geauga Co Fair
County Sheriff

2018 Class

James Long, Carroll Co Fair
 Ray Davis, Hardin Co Fair
 Fred Piehl, Auglaize Co Fair
 Russell "Sonny" & Barb Kissel, Greene Co Fair
Kissel Bros Shows

2019 Class

Darrell "Cubby" Cubbison, Muskingum Co Fair
Past President Ohio Fair Managers Association
 Mel Hagemeyer, Warren Co Fair
 Jack & Jackie Woods, Warren Co Fair
Woods Family Concessions

Inductee & Sponsor

2020 Class

Cathy Cunningham, Summit Co Fair
 Larry Hughes, Hartford Independent Fair
 Curtis Johnson, Fulton Co Fair
 Jerry Schaffner, Shelby Co Fair
 Dan Stone, Ashland Co Fair
 Charles "Charlie" Cox
Concessions by Cox

2021 Class

Charles "Chuck" Stiver, Medina Co Fair
 Jay Begg, Allen Co Fair
 Dr. Donald Kaeser, Ashland Co Fair

2022 Class

Bob Reidenbach, Ashland Co Fair
 James Ridenour, Meigs Co Fair

2023 Class

Harold Crowe, Montgomery Co Fair
Past President Ohio Fair Managers Association
 Ronald Grosjean, Wayne Co Fair
 Robert Dreher, Medina Co Fair
 David Niley, Darke Co Fair
 Wayne Arnold, Fayette Co Fair
 Pat Bush, Summit Co Fair
Bush Concessions

2024 Class

Bev Fisher CFE, Mahoning Co Canfield Fair
 Candy Tripp, Marion Co Fair
 Cindy Woodman, Lake Co Fair
 Bob Buxton, Coshocton Co Fair
Past President Ohio Fair Managers Association
 Dan Kimmet, Allen Co Fair
Past President Ohio Fair Managers Association

2025 Class

Paul Harris, Great Geauga Co Fair
Past President Ohio Fair Managers Association
 Conrad Haneberg, Medina Co Fair
 Charlene "Charlie" Fliger, Ashland Co Fair
 James "Jim" May, Portage Co Fair
 John T. Ricketts, Fairfield Co Fair

2025 Ohio Fairs Communication Entries Placings

<i>Sponsor: Nutrien Ag Solutions Von Cremeans Presenting Sunday January 18, 2026</i>					
	SMALL FAIR		MEDIUM FAIR		LARGE FAIR
Cat. 1	Newspaper Ad	Cat. 1	Newspaper Ad	Cat. 1	Newspaper Ad
Place	Small Fair	Place	Medium Fair	Place	Large Fair
1	Lake County Fair	1	Coshocton County Fair	1	Portage County Fair
2	Fayette County Fair	2	Trumbull County Fair	2	Wayne County Fair
Cat. 2	Promotional Ad- outdoor	Cat. 2	Promotional Ad- outdoor	Cat. 2	Promotional Ad- outdoor
Place	Small Fair	Place	Medium Fair	Place	Large Fair
1	Lake County Fair	1	Summit Co Fair	1	Wayne County Fair
2	Jefferson County Fair	2	Wood County Fair	2	Cuyahoga County Fair
Cat. 3	Printed Prom. -Brochure	Cat. 3	Printed Prom. -Brochure	Cat. 3	Printed Prom. -Brochure
Place	Small Fair	Place	Medium Fair	Place	Large Fair
1	Muskingum County Fair	1	Knox Co Fair	1	Allen County Fair
2	Fayette County Fair	2	Summit Co Fair	2	Mercer County Fair
Cat. 4	Radio Ad	Cat. 4	Radio Ad	Cat. 4	Radio Ad
	Small Fair		Medium Fair	Place	Large Fair
1	Muskingum County Fair	1	Coshocton County Fair	1	Wayne County Fair
2	Gallia County Fair	2	Stark County Fair	2	Portage County Fair
Cat. 5	Television Ad	Cat. 5	Television Ad	Cat. 5	Television Ad
	Small Fair		Medium Fair	Place	Large Fair
1	Montgomery Co Fair	1	Wood County Fair	1	Cuyahoga County Fair
2	Muskingum County Fair	2	Trumbull Co. Fair	2	Mahoning County Fair
Cat. 6	Social Media	Cat. 6	Social Media	Cat. 6	Social Media
Place	Small Fair	Place	Medium Fair	Place	Large Fair
1	Lake County Fair	1	Trumbull County Fair	1	Cuyahoga County Fair
2	Montgomery Co Fair	2	Huron County Fair	2	Mahoning County Fair
Cat. 7	Website Home Page	Cat. 7	Website Home Page	Cat. 7	Website Home Page
Place	Small Fair	Place	Medium Fair	Place	Large Fair
1	Meigs County Fair	1	Coshocton County Fair	1	Allen County Fair
2	Muskingum County Fair	2	Franklin Co. Fair	2	Mercer County Fair
Cat. 8	Fair Premium Book Cover	Cat. 8	Fair Premium Book Cover	Cat. 8	Fair Premium Book Cover
Place	Small Fair	Place	Medium Fair	Place	Large Fair
1	Fayette County Fair	1	Ross County Fair	1	Medina County Fair
2	Muskingum County Fair	2	Wood Co. Fair	2	Mercer County Fair
Cat. 9	Fair Newsletter	Cat. 9	Fair Newsletter	Cat. 9	Fair Newsletter
Place	Small Fair		Medium Fair	Place	Large Fair
1	Marion Co Fair		Knox Co Fair	1	Medina County Fair
2	Lake County Fair	Cat. 10	Fair Printed Promo Misc	2	Cuyahoga County Fair
Cat. 10	Fair Printed Promo Misc	Place	Medium Fair	Cat. 10	Fair Printed Promo Misc
Place	Small Fair	1	Fairfield County Fair	Place	Large Fair
1	Marion Co Fair	2	Summit County Fair	1	Cuyahoga County Fair
2	Lake County Fair	Cat. 11	Promoting Ag Education	2	Allen County Fair
Cat. 11	Promoting Ag Education	Place	Medium Fair	Cat. 11	Promoting Ag Education
Place	Small Fair	1	Coshocton Co. Fair	Place	Large Fair
1	Meigs County Fair	2	Stark County Fair	1	Allen County Fair
2	Marion Co Fair	Cat. 12	Misc Use of Technology	2	Cuyahoga County Fair
Cat. 12	Misc Use of Technology		to Promote Fair	Cat. 12	Misc Use of Technology
	to Promote Fair	Place	Medium Fair		to Promote Fair
Place	Small Fair	1	Stark County Fair	Place	Large Fair
1	Meigs County Fair	2	Ross County Fair	1	Cuyahoga County Fair
2	Jefferson County Fair			2	Medina County Fair
	BEST IN SHOW		BEST IN SHOW		BEST IN SHOW
	Marion Co. Fair		Trumbull County Fair		CUYAHOGA CO FAIR
	Doug Marine Chairman		11/25/2025		

2026 Ohio Agricultural Fair Chronological Schedule *Harness Racing

WEEK OF MAY 31					
Paulding County Fair (Paulding)*	June 6-June 13		Holmes County Fair (Millersburg)	August 10-August 15	
			Erie County Fair (Sandusky)	August 10-August 16	
			Attica Independent Fair (Seneca Co.)*	August 11-August 15	
WEEK OF JUNE 14			Ashtabula County Fair (Jefferson)*	August 11-August 16	
Pickaway County Fair (Circleville)*	June 20-June 27		Cuyahoga County Fair (Berea) *	August 11-August 16	
			Mercer County Fair (Celina)*	August 13-August 19	
WEEK OF JUNE 21			Henry County Fair (Napoleon)*	August 13-August 20	
Harrison County Fair (Cadiz)	June 22-June 27		Miami County Fair (Troy)*	August 14-August 20	
Putnam County Fair (Ottawa)*	June 22-June 27				
Hamilton County Fair (Carthage)	June 25-June 28				
WEEK OF JUNE 28			WEEK OF AUGUST 16		
Marion County Fair (Marion)*	June 28-July 4		Huron County Fair (Norwalk)	August 16-August 22	
			Muskingum County Fair (Zanesville)*	August 16-August 22	
WEEK OF JULY 5			Meigs County Fair (Pomeroy)*	August 17-August 22	
Clinton County Fair (Wilmington)*	July 11-July 18		Jefferson County Fair (Smithfield)	August 17-August 23	
Madison County Fair (London)	July 11-July 18		Allen County Fair (Lima)*	August 21-August 29	
			Darke County Fair (Greenville)*	August 21-August 29	
			Defiance County Fair (Hicksville)*	August 22-August 29	
WEEK OF JULY 12			WEEK OF AUGUST 23		
Adams County Fair (West Union)	July 12-July 18		Lorain County Fair (Wellington)*	August 23-August 30	
Logan County Fair (Bellefontaine)	July 12-July 18		Monroe County Fair (Woodsfield)*	August 24-August 29	
Lawrence County Fair (Proctorville)	July 13-July 18		Sandusky County Fair (Fremont)	August 24-August 30	
Lucas County Fair (Maumee)	July 13-July 19		Portage County Fair (Randolph)	August 25-August 30	
Montgomery County Fair (Dayton)*	July 14-July 19				
Trumbull County Fair (Cortland)*	July 14-July 19				
Jackson County Fair (Wellston)*	July 17-July 25				
WEEK OF JULY 19			WEEK OF AUGUST 30		
Ottawa County Fair (Oak Harbor)*	July 19-July 26		Noble County Fair (Caldwell)*	August 31-Sept. 5	
Crawford County Fair (Bucyrus)*	July 20-July 25		Morrow County Fair (Mt. Gilead)*	August 31-Sept. 7	
Fayette County Fair (Washington C.H.)*	July 20-July 25		Hancock County Fair (Findlay)*	Sept. 1-Sept. 7	
Perry County Fair (New Lexington)	July 20-July 25		Richwood Independent Fair (Union Co.)*	Sept. 1-Sept. 7	
Warren County Fair (Lebanon)*	July 20-July 25		Stark County Fair (Canton)*	Sept. 1-Sept. 7	
Franklin County Fair (Hilliard)*	July 20-July 26		Van Wert County Fair (Van Wert)*	Sept. 1-Sept. 7	
Carroll County Fair (Carrollton)*	July 21-July 26		Mahoning County Fair (Canfield)*	Sept. 2-Sept. 7	
Clark County Fair (Springfield)	July 24-July 31		Geauga County Fair (Burton)*	Sept. 3-Sept. 7	
Pike County Fair (Piketon)*	July 24-August 1		Fulton County Fair (Wauseon)*	Sept. 4-Sept. 10	
Knox County Fair (Mt. Vernon)*	July 25-August 1		Washington County Fair (Marietta)*	Sept. 5-Sept. 8	
WEEK OF JULY 26			WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6		
Butler County Fair (Hamilton)	July 26-August 1		Highland County Fair (Hillsboro)	Sept. 6-Sept. 12	
Shelby County Fair (Sidney)*	July 26-August 1		Belmont County Fair (St. Clairsville)	Sept. 7-Sept. 13	
Union County Fair (Marysville)*	July 26-August 1		Morgan County Fair (McConnelsville)*	Sept. 8-Sept. 12	
Seneca County Fair (Tiffin)*	July 26-August 2		Hardin County Fair (Kenton)*	Sept. 8-Sept. 13	
Clermont County Fair (Owensville)	July 27-August 1		Wayne County Fair (Wooster)*	Sept. 12-Sept. 17	
Vinton County Fair (McArthur)	July 27-August 1		Williams County Fair (Montpelier)*	Sept. 12-Sept. 19	
Lake County Fair (Painesville)*	July 28-August 2				
Summit County Fair (Tallmadge)*	July 28-August 2		WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13		
Ohio State Fair (Columbus)*	July 29-August 9		Guernsey County Fair (Old Washington)*	Sept. 14-Sept. 19	
Preble County Fair (Eaton)*	August 1-August 8		Hocking County Fair (Logan)	Sept. 14-Sept. 19	
			Wyandot County Fair (Upper Sandusky)*	Sept. 14-Sept. 19	
			Bellville Independent Fair (Richland Co.)	Sept. 16-Sept. 19	
			Delaware County Fair (Delaware)*	Sept. 19-Sept. 26	
WEEK OF AUGUST 2			WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20		
Auglaize County Fair (Wapakoneta)*	August 2-August 8		Ashland County Fair (Ashland)*	Sept. 20-Sept. 26	
Greene County Fair (Xenia)*	August 2-August 8		Tuscarawas County Fair (Dover)*	Sept. 21-Sept. 27	
Wood County Fair (Bowling Green)*	August 2-August 9		Albany Independent Fair (Athens Co.)	Sept. 23-Sept. 27	
Gallia County Fair (Gallipolis)	August 3-August 8				
Scioto County Fair (Lucasville)	August 3-August 8		WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27		
Columbiana County Fair (Lisbon)*	August 3-August 9		Brown County Fair (Georgetown)	Sept. 28-October 3	
Medina County Fair (Medina)	August 3-August 9		Barlow Independent Fair (Washington Co.)	Sept. 30-October 4	
Champaign County Fair (Urbana)*	August 7-August 14		Coshocton County Fair (Coshocton)*	October 2-October 8	
Athens County Fair (Athens)*	August 7-August 15				
WEEK OF AUGUST 9			WEEK OF OCTOBER 4		
Hartford Independent Fair (Licking Co.)*	August 9-August 15		Loudonville Independent Fair (Ashland Co.)	October 6-October 10	
Richland County Fair*	August 9-August 15		Fairfield County Fair (Lancaster)*	October 11-October 17	
Ross County Fair (Chillicothe)*	August 9-August 15				



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