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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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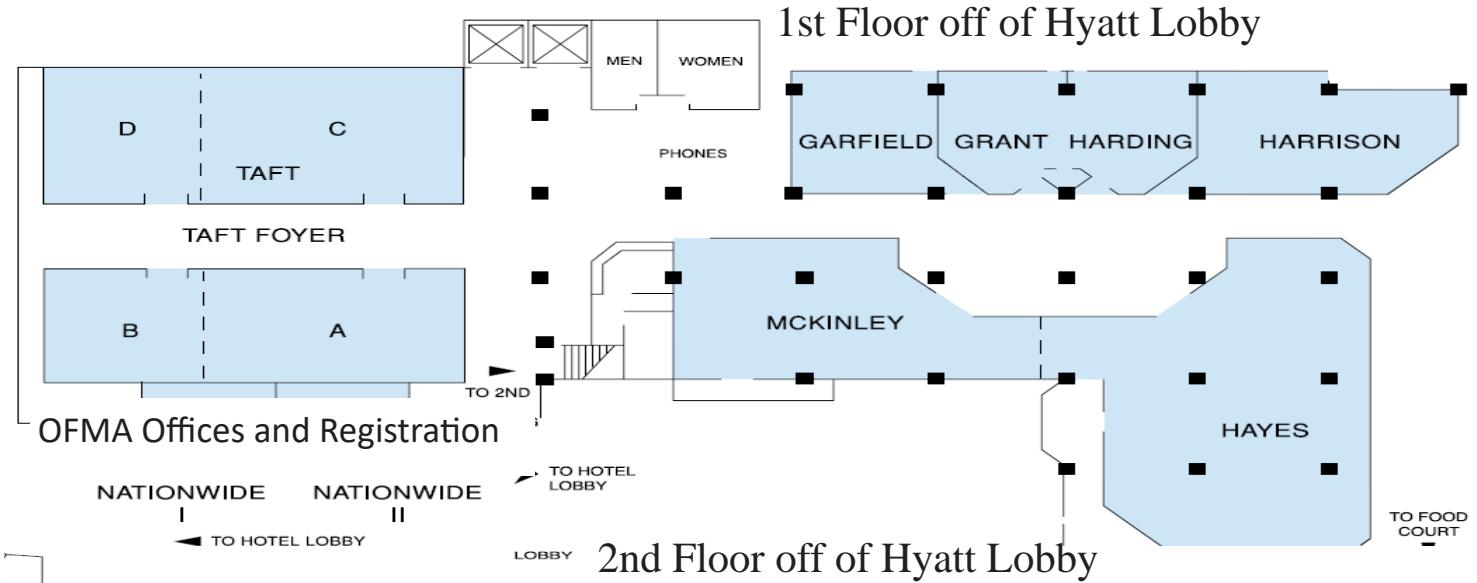
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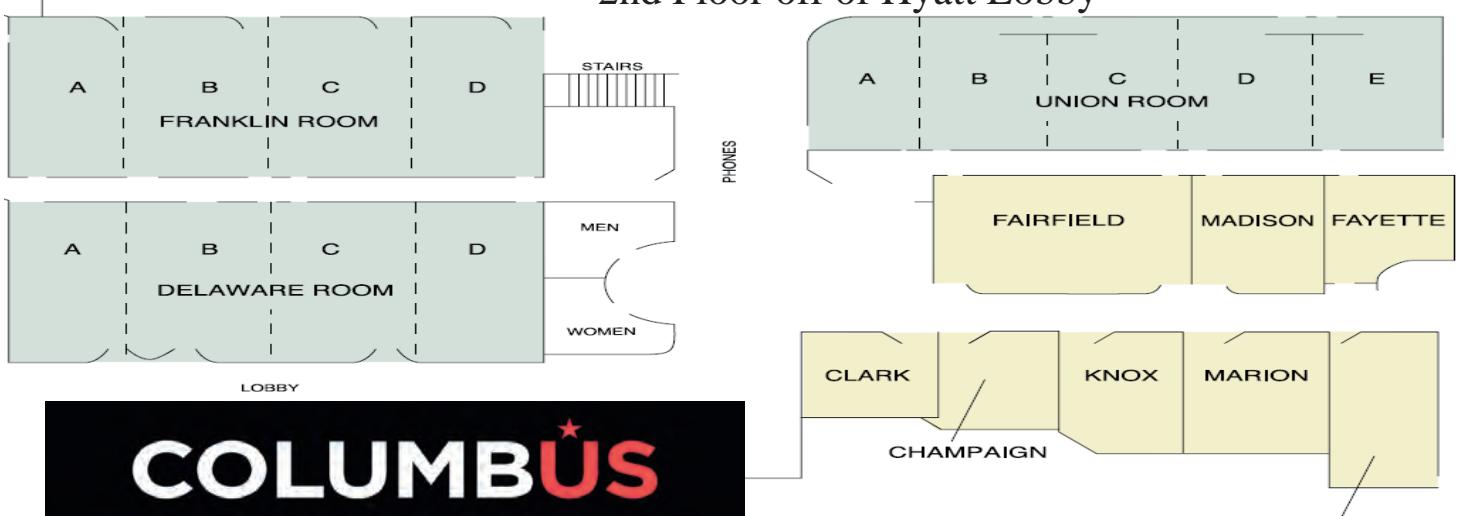
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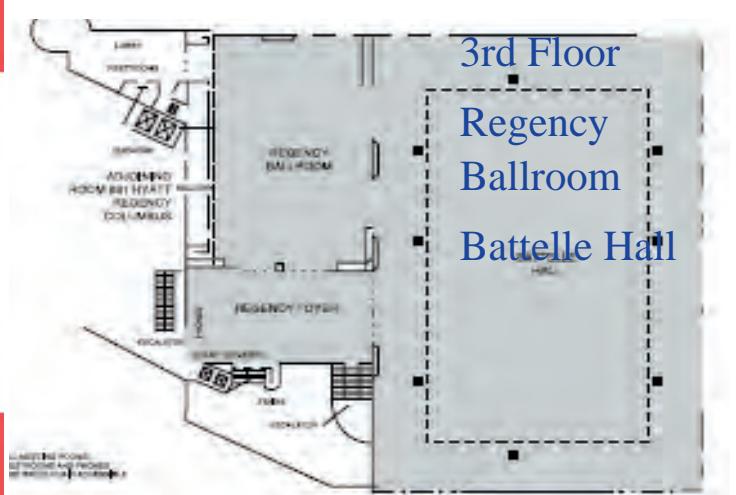


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Wednesday January 14 6:00pm Queen Meetings

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| 6:00 pm | Taft AB | 2025 Queen Parents Social Sponsor: <i>Eagle Golf Car, Hacker Livestock</i> | Tim Massie – Chairman |
| 6:00 pm | Taft CD | 2025 Queen informal social gathering Queen Gift Bag Sponsor: <i>Eagle Golf Car & Hacker Livestock</i> | Tim Massie – Chairman |



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: |
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| 8:00-5:00 | Nationwide A&B | OFMA-ODA Office | |
| 8:00-10:00 | Nationwide Foyer | Welcome to Columbus Hospitality Sponsor: Adams-Endsley Concessions | |
| 8:00-12:00 | Hayes Foyer | Ohio County and Independent Fairs Queen Registration Presenting Sponsor: Eagle Golf Cars Sponsor: Bush's Fairway Concessions | |
| 8:00-12:00 | Hayes | Queen Hospitality Supporting Sponsor: Linville Food Services | |
| 8:00-5:00 | Nationwide Foyer | Convention Registration Sponsor: The Fair Publishing House | |
| 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- | Fairfield | #1 Best Practices Fair/Society Secretary & Fair Managers Topic: Training Secretary & Fair Managers 101 The Basics Certificate Class | Presenters: Tara Sheldon Holmes County Fair, Amy Fleshman Franklin County Fair, Amanda Shenberger Medina County Fair Moderator: Robert Dawson, OFMA Treasurer |
| 12:00 | | Sponsor: M.W. Beverage Inc. Perry, Ohio F&B Sponsor: Adams-Endsley Concessions | |
| 10:30- | Union ABC | #2 Best Practices Fair/Society Officer/ Grounds Manager Topic: Training Worksite Safety Focusing OSHA Top 10's, and Written Programs | Presenters: Gary A, David Vandergrift Safety Consultant Region 5, Office of Safety Services Columbus Office Moderator: Heath Ward, OFMA District 7 Director |
| 12:00 | | Sponsor: M.W. Beverage Inc. Perry, Ohio F&B Sponsor: Otterbacher Brothers Concessions | |
| 12:30-4:00 | Taft C&D | Leadership in Changing Times Reserve a free seat in the registration system Sponsor: Fairs.com Beverage & Snack break at 2pm Sponsor: Reithoffer Shows | Presenter: Ian Hill Chief Executive Officer The Changing Point Moderator: Paul Lease, OFMA 2nd VP |
| 1:00-2:00 | Fairfield | Campgrounds Management, Back flows and Permanent Camping spaces possibilities discussion | Presenters: Chris Sulzener Medina County Fair, Katie McCoy Columbian County Fair Moderator: Kerry Taylor, OFMA Director at Large |

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

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| 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 Financial year instead of having to figure out what matches our bookkeeping categories into the annual report chart of accounts. | <i>Presenter: Bev Fisher CFE, Christy Lucas Brown County Fair Secretary, Linda Kisamore Portage County Fair</i> Sponsor: M.W. Beverage Inc. Perry, Ohio F&B Sponsor: Reithoffer Shows |
| 1:00-4:00 Taft A&B | Person in Charge Training for food operations Register with GOSA | <i>Presenter: Mike Tedrick, GOSA Trustee</i> Presented by GOSA |
| 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: Klein's Entertainment |
| 2:00 Nationwide Foyer | Welcome to Columbus Hospitality | |
| | F&B Sponsor: Kolar Food Concessions | |
| 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. | <i>Presented By: ODA Office Staff, David Miran, ODA</i> |
| 2:15-3:15 Madison | Tickets Sold Here: Smarter Marketing for Fairs | <i>Presenter: Bryant Chappell, Marketing Specialist E-Tix</i> |
| | Description: From Meta, Google, and Tik Tok 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 | |
| 2:15-3:15 Fairfield | Presidents Round table | <i>Presenters: 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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Thursday Programming 3:30pm–5:30pm Workshops & Events

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| 3:30 | Hayes | Queen Dinner Sponsor: <i>Oters 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
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6:30 pm Welcome and Blessing Thomas Stocksdale OFMA Interim President

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Evening 2026 Ohio Fairs Queen Hosts Amberly Szczerbiak & Tim Massie

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2026 Ohio Fairs' Queen Candidates

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| Ashtabula Co Fair | Miley Edelman | Mahoning Co Fair | Evelyn Collier |
| 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 Secretst | 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 |
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| 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 |
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| Guernsey Co Fair | Grace Kackley | Stark Co Fair | Kelli Brenner |
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| 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 |
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509 Holmes County Fair

515 Primetime Shows

520 Durant Amusements



Convention Sponsor:
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523 Bates Brothers Amusements



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528 Auglaize County Fair

531 Lisko Family Amusements



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31 | Delaware Room

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61 | Franklin Room

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319 | Franklin Hallway

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102 | Delaware Hallway

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8 | Delaware Room

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28 | Delaware Room

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17 | Delaware Room

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6 | Delaware Room

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24 | Delaware Room

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3-4 | Delaware Room

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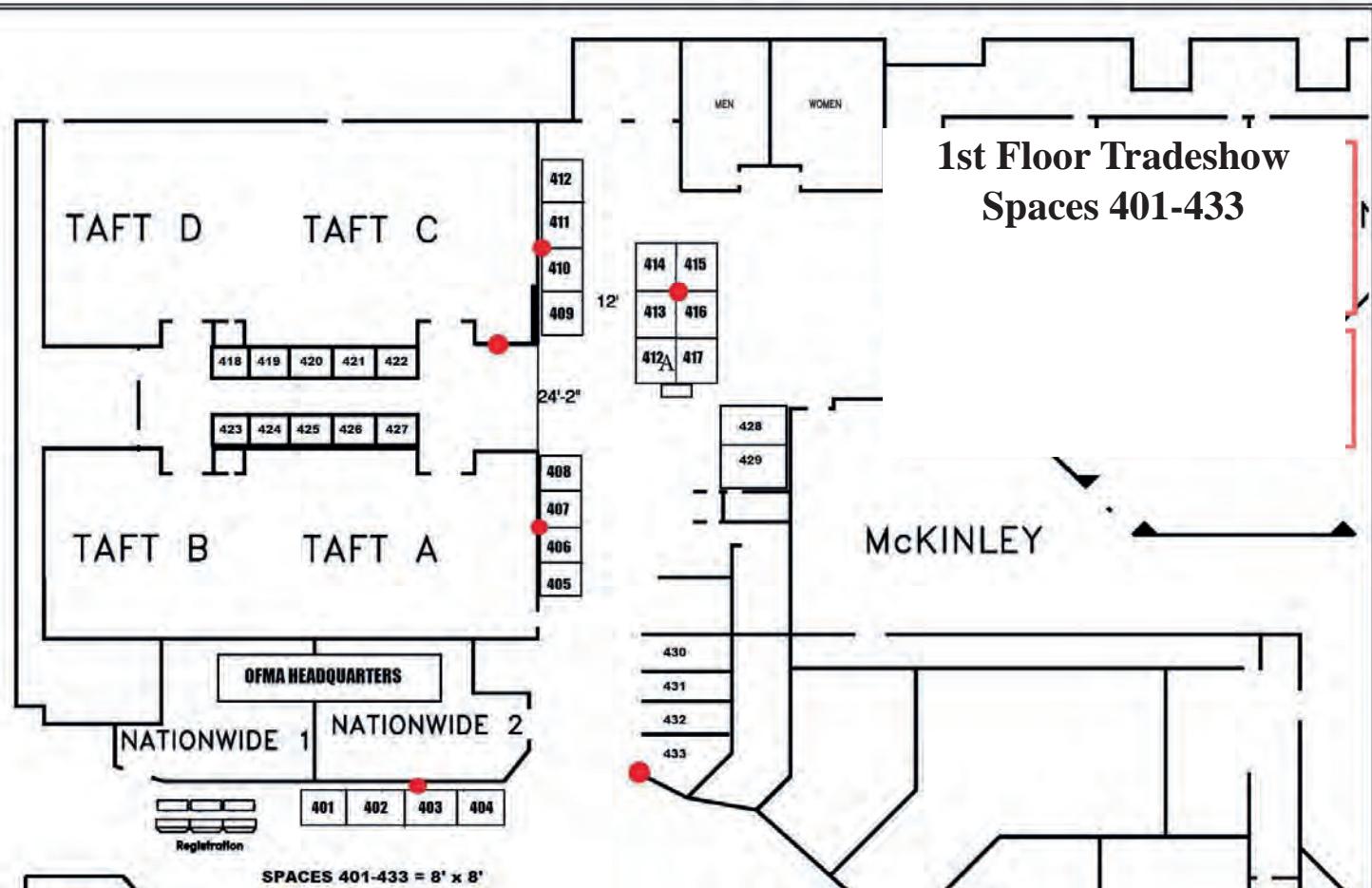
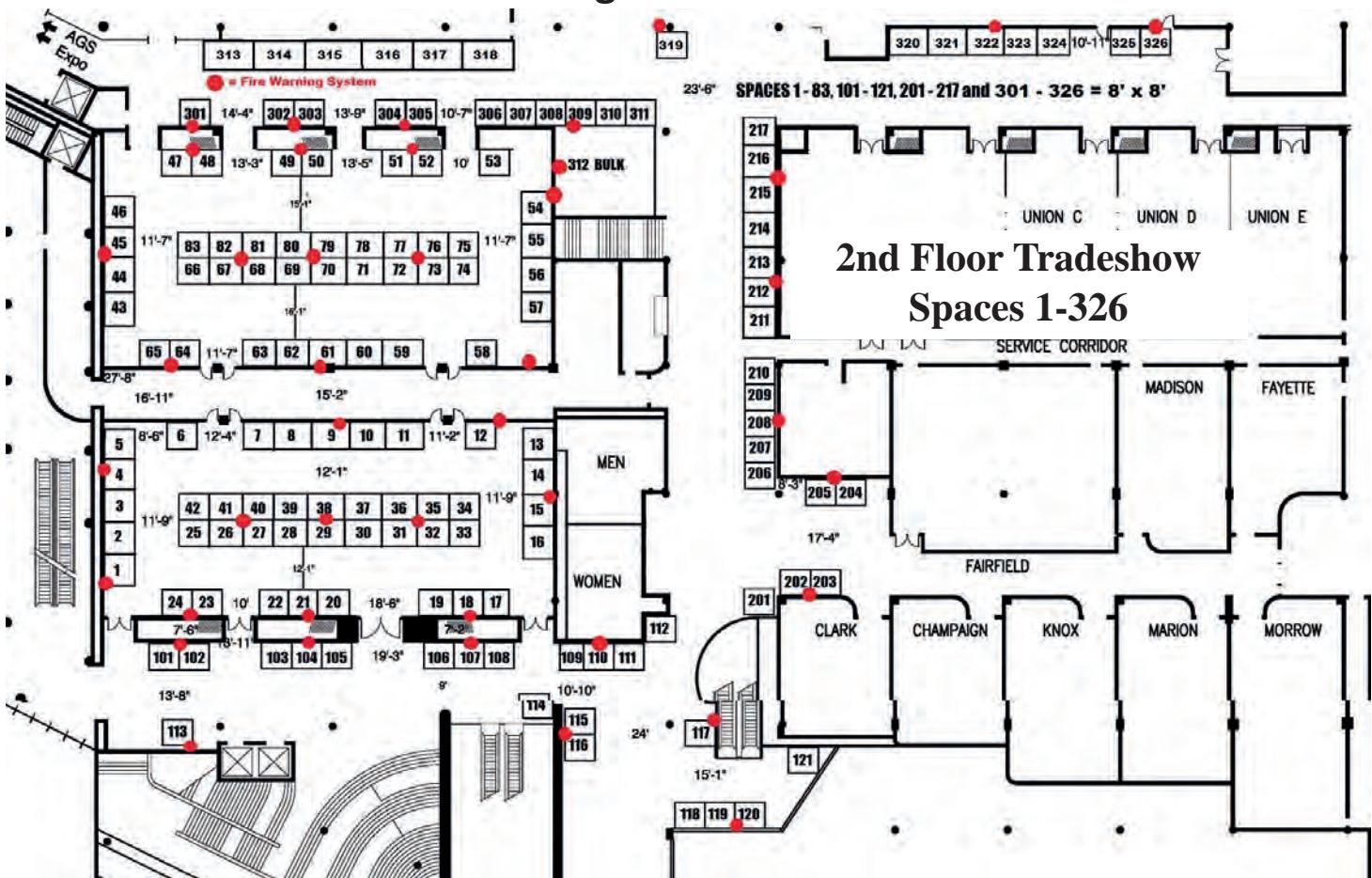
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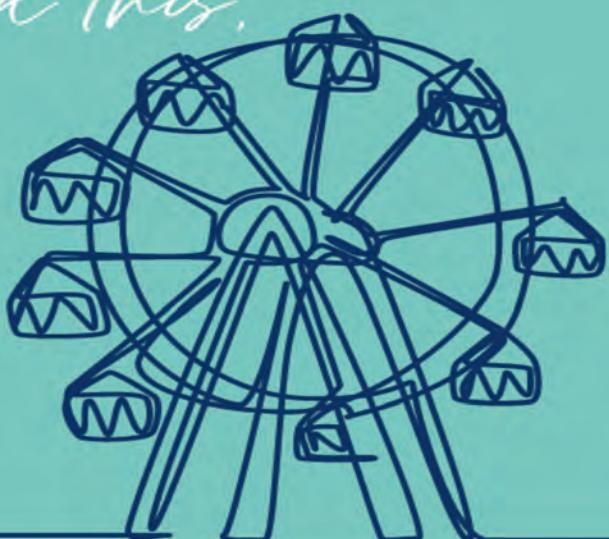
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Friday Programming 7:00am Workshops & Meetings

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7:00-5:00 Nationwide Foyer Convention Registration

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8:00-5:00 Nationwide **OFMA-ODA Office**



Director of Agriculture Breakfast Meeting
Director Brian Baldridge Ohio Department of Agriculture

7:45 Doors Open Hyatt Regency Ball Room
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8:15 OFMA Intern President **Thomas Stocksdale** Presiding

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Friday Programming 9am-Noon Workshops & Meetings

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| 9:00-12:00 Clark | GOSA Office | <i>Bill Sterling, GOSA President</i> |
| 9:00-6:00 Garfield | Open Meeting Room - Networking | |
| 9:00-6:00 Grant | Open Meeting Room - Networking | |
| 9:30-10:30 Knox | GOSA Workshop: Fire Suppression rules for food trailers – Update on the Fire Safety Code | <i>Presenter: David Drake GOSA Past President</i> |
| 10:45- 12:00 Knox | Working with your local food inspector - Food inspectors will discuss their inspection process and answer questions. GOSA Workshop | <i>Presenters: Mike Tedrick, GOSA Trustee, Rachel Moresea Fairfield County Health Dept GOSA Presentation</i> |



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Friday Programming 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

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| 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</i> Election Moderator Rod Arter |
| 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</i> Election Moderator Bob Buxton |
| 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</i> Election Moderator Dan Bullen |
| 10:45-12:00 | TAFT C&D | District 8 Meeting | <i>Deb Hukill Presiding</i> Election Moderator Dan Martin |
| 10:45-12:00 | Fairfield Room | District 9 Meeting | <i>Tracey Koszalka Presiding</i> Election Moderator Dan Kimmet |

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

1:00-2:00 Union ABC

ODA Veterinarian Meeting A-K Fairs

Presenter: Dr. Dennis Summers
Chief of the Division of Animal Health ODA 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**

Presenter: Scott Hillyer
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

Presenters: Torri Sholl from the Ohio Auditor of State's Office, and Lexie Meade from CyberOhio
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.

Presenters: Troy Elwer Allen County General Manager, Chad Hughes Marketing and Publicity Specialist Allen County Fair
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

Presenters: Kate Turner CMP Vice President of Member Engagement

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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| 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: M.W. Beverage Inc. Perry, Ohio | Presenters: Richard Cunningham, Quality Assurance Ohio from State of Ohio Auditor, 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: Judy Conley, Hardin County Fair, Jeff Cole Fairs.com, Kelsey Sedlak Summit County Fair Moderator: Dan Kimmet, OFMA Past President |
| 1:00-2:00 | Hayes | Medium Fair Round Table | Presenters: Stephen Heppe, Todd Neff, Dave Kentzman Portage County Fair Directors Moderator: Tracey Koszalka, OFMA District 9 Director |
| 1:00-2:00 | Fayette | Policies Constitution and By Laws | Presenters: Chuck Stiver Medina County Fair, Conrad Haneberg Medina County Fair 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: Roger Boring Holmes County Fair, Cathy Cunningham Summit County Fair 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: Klein's Entertainment, LLC. | 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: Frank Fraus Executive Director OHHA, Susan Schroeder, Ashley Dailey, Jessica Schroeder, Elwood Woolman, Lisa Schwartz, Tim VanHorn, Bill Peters, Tanya Boulmetis, Kim Poma 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: The Cincinnati Circus Company, Poor Jacks Amusements | |

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

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| 2:15-3:15 Union ABC | ODA Veterinarian Meeting L-W Fairs | <i>Presenter: Dr. Dennis Summers, Chief of the Division of Animal Health Ohio Department of Agriculture</i> 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 | <i>Presenters: Gywen Young The Great Geauga County Fair, Kate Wise Portage County Fair</i> Moderator: Tom Stocksdale 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!) | <i>Presenter: Jodi Buresh, CFE, IFMG Saffire Senior Director of Client Growth and Retention</i> |
| 2:15-3:15 Hayes | Fairs, Agritourism & business entities. Competition or Collaboration | <i>Presenter: Attorney Susan McDonald</i> 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 | <i>Presenters: Crystal Ott, Director, Ohio 4-H Foundation, Amy Jo Baughman, Executive Director, Ohio FFA Foundation, Kelly Burns, Executive Director, Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation</i> 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 | <i>Presenter: Tom Warren Hancock County Fair, Joe Farwell Portage County Fair</i> 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 bringing in Richard from State Auditor office to explain chart of accounts. <i>Sponsor: M.W. Beverage Inc. Perry, Ohio</i> | <i>Presenters: Bev Fisher CFE, OFMA Education Director, David Miran, ODA</i> Moderator: Heath Ward, OFMA Director 7 Director |

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

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

Is your fair struggling with the length of your auction, buyer retention, or choosing the right technology? Wondering if add-ons could increase revenue or if multiple buyer sheets are causing you headaches? Join us for an engaging 60-minute roundtable where Ohio Fair Managers share real solutions to real challenges. This isn't a sales pitch—it's a practical peer-to-peer discussion featuring fairs using different auction formats, from traditional live auctions to champions-only to add-on models. You'll discover:

- What auction format might work best for YOUR fair's size and community
- How fairs are managing multiple buyers, jump-ons, and day-of add-ons without chaos
- Realistic payment collection timelines and exhibitor payout strategies
- Technology options from simple Excel to comprehensive platforms
- Proven strategies for attracting and retaining buyers (including out-of-state participants)
- How to handle exhibitor requirements and thank you note policies
- What works (and what doesn't!) for buyer appreciation and recognition

Featuring roundtable participants from Greene County, Clinton County, Union County, and Geauga County—each with different approaches and valuable lessons learned.

Presenter: Roger Hunker, BW Final Drive *Featuring roundtable participants from Greene County, Clinton County, Union County, and Geauga County—each with different approaches and valuable lessons learned*

Moderator: Roger Smith OFMA District 6 Director

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

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| 2:30 | Nationwide Foyer 1st Floor Hyatt Lobby | Welcome to Columbus Hospitality F&B Sponsor: <i>Otterbacher Brothers Concessions</i> | |
| 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 Stocksdale 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 Stocksdale 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 Treasurer/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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Friday continued 3:30pm-5:00pm Workshops & Evening Activities

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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 Manager
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 violation

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*Presenter: Brian Malachowsky
Director of Open Government Office
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

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Moderators: Tom Stocksdale, Deb
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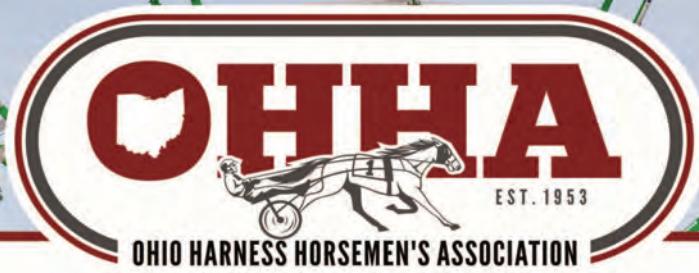
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Friday Evening 7:00pm-11:00pm Evening Activities

Ohio Fair Managers Officers Welcome Evening

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Doors Open 7 pm for early arrivals, each entry will receive a drawing ticket until 7:30
Drawing at 7:55 for 4 \$100 gift certificates & reserved table ticket holder drawing

Regency Foyer: 7 pm Complimentary Desserts with lemonade & ice tea
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

Production Coordinator: Steve Cover ERG Talent

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Early Arriving Junior Fair Board Social Evening
7:30-10:00 Hayes McKinley 1st Floor Near the Food Court

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Details for Friday night:

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

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Saturday Programming 8:00am-9:00am

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Welcome Junior Fair Boards from our Ohio Agricultural Fairs

| TIME: | ROOM: | TOPIC: | PRESENTERS & MODERATORS: |
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| 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 F&B Sponsor: Adams-Endsley Concessions | |
| 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, Deb Hukill-Vice Chairman</i> |
| 8:00-9:30 | Hyatt Regency Ballroom Foyer 3rd Floor | Hospitality Coffee break Provided by: Hyatt Regency Staff | <i>Roger Smith-Chairman, Deb Hukill-Vice Chairman</i> |
| 8:00-8:45 | Taft A&B | Secretary and Treasurer Round Table | <i>Presenter: Bev Fisher CFE, OFMA Education Director</i> Moderator: Dan Kimmet, OFMA Past President |
| 8:00-8:45 | Taft C&D | Grant Applications | <i>Presenter: Cara Muhlenkamp Mercer County Fair Manager, John Wolfe Columbiana County 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 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 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- dependent Fair, Jarrod Snell Fair 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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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
Coffee & Juices Sponsor: Hyatt Regency Hotel
Junior/Senior Fair General Session**



**Presenting Sponsors: Ohio State Fair, Ohio Soybean Council, Willandale Golf Car
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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11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. JUNIOR FAIR SESSIONS

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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 Simpson-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

Saturday Programming 12:45pm–1:45pm Workshops

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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: MOR-ROW 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 be 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 Programming 2:00-3pm Workshops & Tradeshow Hospitality
2026 Convention Presenting Sponsor: Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association

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| 2:00-3:00 | Harding | Off Season Grounds Rentals and What Can the Fairboard do to promote their own off fair events. | Presenters: Pickaway County Fair, Summit County Fair, & Medina County Fair Moderator: Doug Marine, OFMA District 4 Director |
| 2:00-3:00 | Union ABC | Is it easier to Do it yourself?? Or Delegate Power Point | Presenter: Malissa Campbell, Ed Campbell Belmont County Fair 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? | Presenter: Kerry Taylor 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. Sponsor: M.W. Beverage Inc. Perry, Ohio | Presenter: David Miran, ODA 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 | Presenter: Amanda Sines, Government Advantage Group 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 & Dobsers Must have a 2026 OFMA Registration Badge Ticket Required Sponsor: Klein's Entertainment | Dan Bullen CO-Chair Tom Stocksdale 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 Hospitality Sponsors: Poor Jacks Amusements, Otterbacher Brothers Concessions | |

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

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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 Programming Workshops & More 3:15pm-11:00pm

2026 Convention Presenting Sponsor: Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association

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| 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 Showmen, Breeders World, Otters Concessions,
Bates Brothers Amusements**

Sunday Programming 8am-Noon

2026 Convention Presenting Sponsor: Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association

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

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 Stocksdale 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





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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

| Sponsor: Nutrien Ag Solutions Von Cremeans Presenting Sunday January 18, 2026 | | | | | |
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| | 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 | | 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 | | 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

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



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