

# FRANKLIN COUNTY FAIR

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## FCAS Newsletter

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### President's Corner

After what has seemed like a very long, cold and snowy winter, we have finally made it to April. That means the 2019 Franklin County Fair is not too far away. In spite of the weather, your Franklin County Agricultural Society Board Members and volunteers have been working on plans for this year's fair. I think you and fair attendees will have many things to see and ways to participate. We are excited for new entertainment this year and the return of some of your favorites from the past.

I will highlight a few of the Grandstand shows this year including the Monster Truck Racing League's Monster Truck Show and opportunity of riding in a real Monster Truck, Harness Racing for two days and the return of Motocross Racing. Autocross Racing will be a brand new event this year. Buckeye Rodeo will return with expanded events, Fisher's Shop Drag Racing, Central Ohio Truck Pull Circuit and the finale of Smash It Demolition Derby to close out the fair.

We have more FREE ground shows than ever before. Ham Bone Express 3 Pig Racing will return as well as an act featured at many state fairs known as the Great Lakes Timber Show. David Anthony, with his magic and hypnosis shows, will perform daily shows and how-did-he-do-that street magic. And, finally, you cannot miss the high wire thrill show known as the Pirates of the Colombian Caribbean. It will have you sitting on the edge of your seat. And, if you haven't checked it out before, be sure to visit Nationwide Children's Hospital Kids' Tent KIDZONE that is open daily and a favorite stop for all ages!

In addition, many other opportunities are being planned for 2019 including Brews, Bites and Bids, a food and beer tasting event where you get to vote on your favorite food and brew. Also there will be a celebrity Hog Showing event in the Pig Barn.

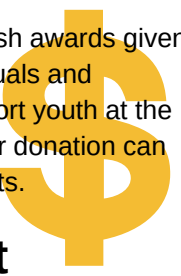
Be sure to check out the new outdoor pavilion that is being built in Weaver Park as well as the Hilliard Ohio Historical Society's site for other shows throughout the fair. With the assistance of Franklin County Commissioners John O'Grady, Marilyn Brown and Kevin L. Boyce along with the help of Franklin County Engineer, Cornell Robertson, safety improvements and other infrastructure upgrades are being made to the grounds. Please say thank you to these people because they have been great Franklin County Agricultural Society supporters for several years.

Finally, fairgrounds usage is more than the week of the fair. Last year there were over 215 events held on the fairgrounds not counting fair week. People attend events from all over the country bringing economic development and tax dollars to Franklin County. The fairgrounds certainly have become a dynamic place. See you at the 2019 fair!

*Chuck Buck*

### Junior Fair Sponsorship

Did you know that all trophies, banners and cash awards given to Junior Fair participants are provided by individuals and businesses? For as little as \$25 you can support youth at the 2019 fair. See the attached sheet for ways your donation can benefit youth in 4-H, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts.



### Free Daily Entertainment

with fair admission



**Magic of David Anthony**



**Pirates of the Colombian Caribbean**



**Ham Bone Express**



**Great Lakes Timber Show**

# Do you Quilt?

Each year at the fair, the Home and Fine Arts Department has a wonderful Quilt Show. As part of the show, we have a class called "Community Service Quilt". A new organization is chosen each year for the quilts to be donated to. This year we have Nationwide Children's Hospital Hilliard Close To Home Center as our community service group. Urgent Care Hilliard will be using the quilts for children that may come in during the cold winter months that do not have adequate warm clothing to keep them warm. The quilts will also be given to the children who have to be transported to the main hospital to be admitted. It is helpful for the children to have a comfort item to hold onto during their stay at the hospital, since this can be a very scary time in their lives. So, if you are a quilter or would like to try out quilting, this would be a great opportunity to help out the kids and our community service organization this year. To enter your quilt go to [www.fcfair.org](http://www.fcfair.org) and look for the open class entries and instructions. Also, please remember that we have many other opportunities to enter in the Home and Fine Arts Department.

# In the Spotlight!

Have you heard about the 4-H Horse Golden Boot Award? It has been around since 2012 and is a way to recognize our senior horse project kids that participate in 4-H to the very last minute even while mixing in college, work and mentoring other 4-Hers. This award came about because of the realization that these equestrians who typically spend many years competing and participating in 4-H at the fair were just quietly packing up their tack and anxiously waiting with their horse until the magical hour of being able to load out one last time.

The Golden Boot Award is a way to highlight their past participation as well as a we-will-miss-you send off. After grading and at the mandatory meeting on the first Saturday of fair, eligible riders for this award receive a horse neck ribbon that they will display on their stall door during fair and a golden tee shirt with "get the boot" on it. Then, on the last day of the fair, after the very last class of the very last horse show, these riders will enter the Bob Evans horse arena wearing their Golden Boot tee shirt with their mount supporting the neck ribbon for their very last 4-H ride around the arena while being cheered on by, quite often, emotional family, friends, advisors and 4-clubs. This event is sponsored by the Franklin County 4-H Horse Advisory Committee and is worth checking out!



**On Sale Now!** and available at the Fair Office Monday-Friday during the hours of 9:00 am-Noon and 1:00 pm-3:30 pm.

## 2019 FCAS Membership Tickets -- \$30.00

(Must be a resident of Franklin County)

Entitles members to:

- Daily admission to all 8 days of the 2019 Franklin County Fair
- Vote in FCAS' Board of Directors election on July 20, 2019
- An invitation to FCAS' 2019 Annual Dinner Meeting, November 12, 2019
- Receive quarterly issue of FCAS' Newsletter
- Meet a partial requirement to run as a candidate for FCAS Director (contact Fair Office for all requirements)

## 2019 Season Tickets -- \$25.00

- Daily admission to all 8 days of the 2019 Franklin County Fair

## 2019 Pre-Fair Ticket Sale

- Admission tickets may be purchased for \$5.00 (\$2.00 discount) from April 1 through July 12 at 9:00 pm

## Senior Event Pre-Sale Tickets -- \$6.00

- Two Days available - Mon. July 15 and Tues. July 16
- \$6.00 pre-sale tickets available through July 12 at 9:00 pm
- If seats are still available the morning of the events, tickets will be \$7.00

## Winter Parking - Season ends April 13

Check out [www.fcfair.org](http://www.fcfair.org) for April-June upcoming events!



# Sponsorship Opportunities

Would you like to know more about the many sponsorship opportunities for the 2019 Franklin County Fair?

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