



Franklin County Agricultural Society (FCAS) Newsletter

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President's Corner

As you can see, the Franklin County Agricultural Society has a new newsletter. This is thanks to the talents of board members Shirley Russell, Denise Buergel and Abby Bates. Among our goals is to publish this newsletter at least three times per year and to keep you informed about what is happening and what will be taking place at the 2019 fair. Before we write about the future, we need to talk about new things that have happened so far this year. We have a new FCAS website that became active April 1st. It has many tabs that you can interact with to learn about what is happening including several links to 4-H and other sites relevant to our purpose. It also has a calendar of upcoming events scheduled for our buildings and grounds. You can view it at www.fcfair.org.

We also introduced a new fair logo with the launching of the website. In partnership with Franklin County Farm Bureau we added a new event at the fair called Farm to Table. This event included tastings of local restaurants' food and beer from local breweries. Attendees voted for their favorites. Congratulations to Red Hook Grill and Wolf's Ridge Brewing as our 2018 winners! Denise Buergel, Rachel Bausch, and Steve Rohrer, in cooperation with Mid-Ohio Food Bank, started a new program to help buyers at our Livestock Auction purchase animals and then donate the meat to the Food Bank to help provide much needed protein to Food Bank clients.

The Monster Truck show was a big hit in the grandstand as well as Demolition Derby. A new event this year was our First Responders Challenge that was both entertaining for the participants as well as the audience. This year the Hilliard Division of Police walked away with the bragging rights. We had a successful 2018 fair and are already working hard planning for the 2019 Fair.

We also want to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors and tireless volunteers for a successful 2018 Fair!

The fairgrounds are operational year-round. This past year, with fair manager Rod Garnett's leadership, we hosted 210 events on the grounds in addition to the fair. The revenue we receive from these events provide funds for building and grounds improvements and pay utilities and other ground expenses.

Finally, please save the date of November 13th for our annual FCAS meeting at 6:00 PM in the Ganyard Building. Supper will be provided thanks to Gary Fellure and David Hickman. Please let us know you're attending by emailing fcfairvolunteer@gmail.com.

Chuck Buck



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Congratulations!

2018 Cream of the Crop recipients are:

- Neil Distelhorst
- James Krebs
- Destination Hilliard

Thank you for your years of dedication and support!

Did you know?

The Franklin County Fairgrounds is home to many events throughout the entire year. Check out the Events Calendar at www.fcfair.org for event details as well as rental information.

Indoor parking begins Nov 3, 2018 and runs through April 15, 2019. If interested, contact mail@fcfair.org for details.



Coming up



Franklin County Junior Fair is sponsoring a Craft Show, December 15, from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, in the Ganyard Building. This is a chance to do last minute shopping and purchase homemade cookie trays. They are currently accepting

applications for vendors.

Contact franklincountyjuniorfair@gmail.com for more information.

What's New?

Have you had a chance to check out our brand-new website? Go to www.fcfair.org and see what you think!



Board Meetings

Board meetings are open to the public. Meetings are held at the Fair Board Office on the third Tuesday of each month, 7:00 pm. Should you like to address the board, please send an email to mail@fcfair.org at least a week in advance to be considered for the agenda.

In the Spot Light

Little Hands Exploring the Fair Daycare programming just celebrated its 4th year at the Franklin County Fair. In partnership with Nationwide Children's Hospital, over 200 kids explored the fair this year. They visited Cow Town USA, Nationwide Children's Healthy Weight, Franklin County Sheriff's Department, OSU Master Gardeners, Red Cross, Norwich Township Fire Department and more! If you have a group in mind to visit the fair, please email abbybates93@gmail.com for more information.

How to Volunteer

Are you a volunteer at heart or have a desire to give back to the community? Are you creative? Do you enjoy event planning or getting your hands dirty in planting or painting? If so, FCAS just may be what you're looking for. Besides our amazing, small staff, everything throughout the year and our annual 8-day fair is handled by our volunteer board and volunteers. If you think you may be interested in joining this great group of people as a volunteer, please contact fcfairvolunteer@gmail.com to learn more. Looking forward to hearing from you!

