

FCAS Newsletter

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Issue 2



President's Corner

Happy 2019 and welcome to Issue 2 of your Franklin County Agricultural Society Newsletter. A few things to mention as we finished 2018. The FCAS' Annual Dinner was well attended and lots of good information was shared with the attendees. This year's 2019 Annual Dinner and Meeting will be November 12, 6:00 pm in the Ganyard Building. Please save the date.

The Board approved an additional contract with Stephanie Rauschenbach of Simply Put PR to help us update and manage our website. This time last year our website was not very functional. Since we have a good site now, we created a new Communications Committee to manage it and make sure that the information shared on the website is accurate, appropriate, and conveys positive information about FCAS and the fair.

Dave Fleshman, a couple of years ago, proposed a long-range planning committee to develop future ideas and plans for the fairgrounds and the fair. We will begin that process this February 25, 2019 at 4:00 pm. Architect Robert Apel has agreed to lead our discussions. Bob is donating his expertise. The committee will be comprised of five to seven FCAS Directors (volunteers and/or Executive Board appointed) and six prominent members from Franklin County. Our Fair Manager will also serve on this committee. Nothing will be implemented without fair board vote.

We continue to work on maintenance and upgrading of our facilities. Currently the Flea Market Building is getting new siding and we hope to get pricing soon to replace the roof. The frame of the building is structurally sound, and we are in desperate need for additional inside storage. We hope to have this project completed first quarter of 2019.

The heating units failed, or are failing, in the Ganyard Building. As they do not make parts for these units any longer, we obtained three bids for updating. The lowest was from Capital City Mechanical. We accepted the bids from fair supporters. Also, as a part of this project, the Ganyard Building will be air conditioned making it more comfortable and desirable for renting. Consequently, we can charge more to rent this space.

If you know anyone that could help with refurbishing the Burke Building and/or the Annex Building with donation of money and/or services for this, it would be very beneficial to the grounds' appearance. The Annex Building needs to be sand-blasted, painted and sealed. It would be great if we raise the Annex Building to a more useable height. The Annex Building could be raised by a crane and placed upon new piers. The Burke Building needs cleaned, sealing of the interior walls to remove the graffiti, as well as the

2019 FRANKLIN COUNTY FAIR

****SNEAK PEEK****

MTRL's Monster Truck Thrill Show



Kids  who's coming back!

That's right, **BUCKSHOT** and his friends will be back on the opening Saturday of the 2019 Franklin County Fair! Mark your calendar now for Saturday, July 13 so you don't miss any of the action.

outside walls. Man doors and garage doors were repaired and painted in 2018.

I encourage you to purchase your 2019 membership ticket in the fair board office during regular business hours beginning January 7, 2019.

We accepted the resignation of Kelly Willis regretfully from the Board of Directors and appointed Penelope Mishne to serve out Kelly's term. Thank you, Kelly, for your service and welcome Penelope!

Looks to be another exciting year and it will be with your help!

Chuck Buck

2019 Junior Fair Board



Junior Fair Board is busy planning 2019 events and opportunities for youth at the fair

This Issue's Recognition!

The Franklin County Agricultural Society nominated Neil Distelhorst, Cornell Robertson, and Ken Jewell as Outstanding Fair Supporters of the Franklin County Fair for 2018. Ken Jewell, owner of ASE Feed and Supply in Plain City, was chosen by the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) as one of six recipients statewide to receive the Director's Award for Innovation and Excellence at the ODA luncheon during the Ohio Fair Managers Convention in downtown Columbus. Ken's longtime support of the Franklin County Fair and our youth by providing Quality Assurance programs and pizza for hundreds of youth, his expertise for feeding livestock, and his financial support at our Livestock and Creative Baking Auctions is greatly appreciated. We want to thank these three men and all of the people who support our youth and our fair for their continued loyalty and support!



SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES

Would you like to know more about the many sponsorship opportunities for the

2019 Franklin County Fair?

See attached 2019 Sponsorship Sheet

Contact:

Steve Rohrer - 614-506-5693

Andy Rice - 614-332-8823

Below are just a few of the many areas to support and to be a partner of the fair:

Official Program Signage
Home & Fine Arts Grandstand
Horse Shows
Junior Fair
Open Shows Entertainment Show Ring

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Reviewing our Constitution

FCAS' Board of Directors is currently in the process of creating a committee to review and make recommendations on its constitution. Any members with input or interest should email emilygabriel@netzero.com.

On Sale Now! and available at the Fair Office during regular Winter Office Hours:
9:00 am to Noon and 1:00 pm to 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 [on sale May 1]

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

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2019 Sponsorship Sheet

Did you Know?

Besides our amazing, small staff, everything throughout the year and our annual eight-day fair is handled by our volunteer Board of Directors. We would not be able to continually grow the entertainment and the exhibits at the Franklin County Fair without the generous support of our Sponsors. Whether through financial sponsorships or in-kind services, their support allows us to grow the fair each and every year and, for that, we are incredibly grateful! We encourage you to support our sponsors whenever you can and let them know it's due in part to their commitment to our fair!

Interested in becoming a Sponsor?

There are many ways to support the fair. Below is a listing of just some of the opportunities available. If you would like to discuss sponsorship of something listed below or perhaps a personalized sponsorship, please contact Steve Rohrer at 614-506-5693 or Andy Rice at 614-332-8823.

Signage

This is a great value as events are held on the fairgrounds every weekend and throughout the year outside of fair week. In total, approximately 140,000 people visit the Franklin County Fairgrounds annually.

3' x 4' sign displayed for 1 year	\$300
3' x 4' sign displayed for 2 years	\$500
4' x 6' sign displayed at the peak of a barn for 1 year	\$3,000

Fair Open-Show Sponsorships

Includes signage during the show(s) and sponsorship announced a minimum of 3 times on the grounds the day of the show.

Home and Fine Arts



Sampling of Daily Shows
 Quilts & Needle Arts
 Baking/Food
 Flowers and Horticulture
 Antiques
 Art & Photography
 Scrapbooking/Crafts/Collections
 Fruits/Vegetables/Farm Products

\$4,500



Open Lamb Show



\$2,500

Show Ring Sponsorship

Burke Building Show Ring [all 8 days of fair including the Junior Fair Livestock Sale] **\$3,000**

Hog Barn Building Show Ring **\$1,500**



Other Livestock-Related Sponsorship

Hog Barn Sponsorship—to support purchase of fan(s) that are \$6,000 each & big show ring. **\$1,000**

For a donation of \$1,000 or more, Sponsor is entitled to a 4' x 6' multi-year sign located inside the Hog Barn. Signage will be on display during the life of the fan(s).

Entertainment Sponsorship Opportunities



MTRL's Monster Truck Thrill Show

Contact Us—Custom Package

UTV Competition

Contact Us—Custom Package

Motocross Races

Contact Us—Custom Package

Buckeye Rodeo

\$5,000

Includes signage during the show and sponsorship announced a minimum of 3 times on the grounds the day of the show.

Brews, Bites & Bids

\$1,000

Concert

Contact Us—Custom Package

Dirt Drag

Contact Us—Custom Package

Demolition Derby

Contact Us—Custom Package

NOTE—for each \$100 sponsored, Sponsor will receive a single-day pass to the 2019 Franklin County Fair! *For example, someone sponsoring the Hog Barn Show Ring would receive 15 day passes to use any day(s) of the 2019 Franklin County Fair!*