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Big-time fun at Ashtabula County Fair

BY SHELLEY TERRY

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JEFFERSON — It's time to get your fair face on!

The 173rd Ashtabula County Fair will be packed with shows, food, music, exhibits and contests during its six-day run, Aug. 6-11 at the fairgrounds on North Elm and North Poplar streets.

While the fair offers the agricultural community a chance to showcase its best animals, goods and talents, there also will be two demolition derbies, two days of harness racing, as well as a youth parade, six-horse hitch show, monster truck racing, a rodeo and modified tractor and truck pulls.

Fair Board President Brian Edelman said he's especially looking forward to showing off the newly refurbished Grandstand, as well as two new shows — the six-horse hitch Tuesday

night and the monster truck races Thursday night.

"Those are two big things, new shows to bring in the crowds," he said. "There's a lot of talk about the monster truck show in the community. I think it will be a hit."

After successfully adding a second day of harness racing two years ago, the fair board decided to go with it again.

"We'll have harness racing Thursday and Friday, post time 11:30 A.m.," said Sue Stockwell, fair board member. "There will be 10 to 12 races a day, and pari-mutuel wagering."

Fair board secretary/treasurer Darla Varago said the fair board was so impressed with last year's K-9s in Flight show, they booked them again. The dogs perform many tricks, including jumping into a swimming



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The newly refurbished Grandstand will shine at the Ashtabula County Fair, Aug. 6-11 in Jefferson.

pool and catching flying discs, she said.

Other fair attractions will include a rooster crowing contest, a frog jump, a 4-H fashion show, contests for children, horse shows and hundreds of 4-H animal projects — horses, miniature horses, rabbits, goats, chickens, ducks, pigs, steers, dairy cows and more.

A market animal auction will be held at

1 P.m. Saturday where hundreds of bidders are expected to buy the livestock projects.

Members of the Ashtabula County Holstein Club will serve the club's signature milkshakes, ice cream and cheese sandwiches.

Members of the Plymouth Grange will offer homemade pies and the Jefferson Grange will have its famous roast beef, gravy and mashed

potatoes dinners. Both granges will be open for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Fresh made lemonade, doughnuts, steak on a stick, French Fries, pizza, peanuts, popcorn, homemade fudge, candy apples, barbecue chicken, pierogies and lots more will be on sale from vendors.

Regular admission is \$8, children ages 4 and younger get in free

every day. Rides by Lisko Amusements are free with the daily \$8 admission ticket.

With any passes or special admissions, a wristband is needed to ride the rides and are \$5.

The rides will be open 1-5 p.m. and 6-11 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 6-11 p.m. Wednesday; 1-5 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. and 6-10 p.m. Sunday.

Senior citizens, ages 62 and older, get in for \$1 on Tuesday and Friday.

Veterans get in free on Thursday with proper identification.

On Family Day (Wednesday) children ages 14 and younger get in free all day.

An all-day ride pass is \$5.

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9 A.M.	
FLAG RAISING	Grandstand
JR. FAIR SADDLE HORSE/JUMPING AND DRESSAGE	Saddle Horse Arena
JR. FAIR EXHIBITION POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP	Kaszar Show Barn
JR. FAIR DAIRY STEER SHOW followed by JR. FAIR DAIRY BEEF FEEDER SHOW	Kaszar Show Barn
10 A.M.	
JR. FAIR MARKET GOAT SHOW	MAC Arena
11 A.M.	
BICYCLE DECORATING, BICYCLE RACES, SACK RACES	Grandstand
NOON	
JR. FAIR EQUINE FLAG CEREMONY & CROWNING OF EQUINE ROYALTY	Saddle Horse Complex
1 P.M.	
JR. FAIR EQUINE PROJECT JUDGING/ SHOWMANSHIP	Saddle Horse Arena
ASHTABULA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING	Expo Center
FROG JUMPING CONTEST	by Grange Building
JR. FAIR SHEEP SHOW	MAC Arena
2:30 P.M.	
JR. FAIR LLAMA/ ALPACA SHOW	Draft Horse Ring
4 P.M.	
DRAFT HORSE DRIVING COMPETITION	Saddle Horse Complex
5 P.M.	
JR. FAIR YOUTH PARADE AND ROYAL COURT CROWNING	Grandstand
7 P.M.	
PV JAZZ BAND	Barnard Pavilion
4-H SEWING, FOOD AND NUTRITION AND GENERAL PROJECT AWARDS	Expo Center
7 P.M.	
SIX-HORSE HITCH CLASSIC SERIES	Grandstand, Free admission

7:30 P.M.	
4-H STYLE REVIEW	Expo Center Stage
<u>WEDNESDAY, Aug. 7</u> FAMILY DAY Kids 14 and younger admitted free to grounds all day All-day ride pass \$5 <i>Sponsor of the Day:</i> The Star Beacon	
9 A.M.	
JR. FAIR LARGE EQUINE PROJECT JUDGING AND RIDING CLASSES	Saddle Horse Arena
JR. FAIR MARKET POULTRY SHOW AND SHOWMANSHIP	MAC Arena
JR. FAIR DAIRY JUDGING BY BREED followed by JR. FAIR DAIRY SHOWMANSHIP	Kaszar Show Barn
10 A.M.	
DRAFT HORSE HALTER CLASSES	Draft Horse Ring
FIND PENNIES IN THE SAWDUST	by Grange Building
11 A.M. to NOON	
KIDS DRAWING CONTEST	Entries through Noon Expo Center
1 P.M.	
KIDS' DRAWING CONTEST AWARDS	Expo Center
EGG AND SPOON RACE	by Grange Building
2 P.M.	
BALLOON TOSS	by Grange Building
EQUINE GROOM AND CLEAN CONTEST	Saddle Horse Arena
4 P.M.	
WATERMELON EATING CONTEST	by Grange Building
JR. FAIR SWINE WEIGHT CLASSES	MAC Arena
6 P.M.	
JR. FAIR RABBIT AND CAVY SHOWMANSHIP	Kaszar Show Barn
BICYCLE DRAWING	Registration Tent
LOST SHEEP BAND	Barnard Pavilion
6:30 P.M.	
POULTRY AWARDS	Expo Center
POWER WHEELS	Grandstand
7:30 P.M.	
DEMOLITION DERBY	\$5 Grandstand admission \$10 admission to pit area
<u>THURSDAY, Aug. 8</u> VETERANS APPRECIATION DAY Veterans admitted free to grounds all day with I.D. <i>Sponsor of the Day:</i> Gazette Newspapers	
9 A.M.	
JR. FAIR SADDLE HORSE JUDGING/ GAMING TRAIL, EXTREME COWBOY AND EXTRA CLASSES	Saddle Horse Complex
10 A.M.	
DRAFT HORSE FARM TEAM HITCH CLASS AND LOG PULL	Draft Horse Ring

JR. FAIR GOAT SHOW/ HARNESS AND PACK GOAT	MAC Arena
OPEN CLASS BEEF SHOW	Kaszar Show Barn
ROOSTER CROWING CONTEST	Barnard Pavilion
11:30 A.M.	
HARNESS RACING PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING	FREE at Grandstand
1 P.M.	
JR. FAIR BEEF BREEDING SHOW	Kaszar Show Barn
2 P.M.	
JR. FAIR BEEF FEEDER SHOWMANSHIP AND WEIGHT CLASS	Kaszar Show Barn
4 P.M.	
JR. FAIR BEEF SHOWMANSHIP	Kaszar Show Barn
JR. FAIR MINIATURE HORSE SHOW	Draft Horse Ring
5 P.M.	
SPECIAL SALUTE TO VETERANS	Grandstand
6 P.M.	
JR. FAIR STEER SHOW	Kaszar Show Barn
JR. FAIR RABBIT AND CAVY SHOW	MAC Arena
THUNDER CREEK BAND	Barnard Pavilion
7 P.M.	
PARENT/ADVISOR HORSE SHOW	Saddle Horse Arena
7:30 P.M.	
MONSTER TRUCK RACING LEAGUE	\$5 Grandstand admission
<u>FRIDAY, Aug. 9</u> SENIOR CITIZENS DAY 62 years and older \$1 admission all day <i>Sponsor of the Day</i> University Hospitals Geneva and Conneaut	
8 A.M.	
JR. FAIR EQUINE PLEASURE SHOW	Saddle Horse Arena
9:30 A.M.	
DAIRY PEE WEE SHOW	Kaszar Show Barn
10 A.M.	
DAIRY ALL BREEDS OPEN CLASS SHOW	Kaszar Show Barn
11:30 A.M.	
HARNESS RACING PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING	FREE at Grandstand
1 P.M.	
SMALL ANIMAL COSTUME CONTEST	MAC Arena
3 P.M.	
JR. FAIR SWINE SHOWMANSHIP	MAC Arena
4:30 P.M.	
DRAFT HORSE HITCH CLASS NO. 1-10	Saddle Horse Complex

5 P.M.
JR. FAIR OLYMPICS Kaszar Show Barn
7 P.M.
HIGH HORSE BAND Barnard Pavilion

7:30 P.M.
RODEO BULLS BRONCS AND BARRELS
 \$5 Grandstand admission

8 P.M.
CANTER GAMING Saddle Horse Arena

SATURDAY, Aug. 10
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9 A.M.
CANTER VERSATILITY Saddle Horse Arena
PIE AND BAKING CONTEST ENTRIES Expo Center

10 A.M.
OPEN CLASS GOAT SHOW Kaszar Show Barn

11 A.M.
PIE AND BAKING CONTEST AUCTION Expo Center
WALK, TROT GAMING Saddle Horse Arena

Noon
MINI-HORSE PULL Grandstand

1 P.M.
MARKET LIVESTOCK SALE MAC Arena

4 P.M.
JR. FAIR DOG AWARDS Expo Center

4:30 P.M.
DRAFT HORSE HITCH CLASSES NO. 11—20 Saddle Horse Arena
6:30 P.M. Grandstand
 Power Wheels

7:30 P.M.
DEMOLITION DERBY
 \$5 Admission to Grandstand \$10 admission to pit area

9 P.M.
EQUINE GROUP COSTUME CONTEST Saddle Horse Arena

SUNDAY, Aug. 11
Sponsor of the Day
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10 A.M. to 5 P.M.

TRUCK SHOW Racetrack

11 A.M.
STOCK TRACTOR/STOCK 4X4 PULLS Grandstand
MAC AWARDS MAC Arena

NOON
JR. FAIR EQUINE AWARDS Horse Pavilion

NOON to 4 P.M.
AGRICULTURE ADVENTURE SCAVENGER HUNT Jr. Fair Board Office

1 P.M.
4-H CLOVERBUD GRADUATION MAC Arena

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2 P.M.
GARDEN TRACTOR PULL Grandstand
NKTPA, KIDDIE TRACTOR PULL by Grange Building
JR. FAIR SUPER SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST Kaszar Show Barn and MAC Arena

JR. FAIR EQUINE EVENT Saddle Horse Arena
DEE'S COUNTRY KICKERS Barnard Pavilion

4:30 P.M.
BACK WHEN BAND Barnard Pavilion

6 P.M.
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 \$10 admission to pit area

10 P.M. Fair closes



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Readers share memories of the county fair

BY SHELLEY TERRY
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Summertime brings with it the annual Ashtabula County Fair. From 4-H livestock exhibits to the thrill of carnival rides, many wonderful childhood memories are made at the fairgrounds.

Several Star Beacon readers were kind enough to share their memories and county fair experiences.

Marty Miller, of Jefferson said he has many great fair memories: working in the Jefferson Grange dining hall next to the grandstand, being a 4-H member, Junior Leader and Junior Fair Board member. Miller also worked the Holstein Club's dairy stand and acted as emcee for the 4-H Fashion Show in the late 1950s.

He also fondly remembers George Garman, who served as 4-H Agent from 1951 to 1966.

Jefferson resident **Lisa Marie Wessell**, 55, of New Lyme, said the pig shows were always fun.

"I also liked seeing my friends and walking the midway," she said. "4-H was a really good experience."

Former Lenox Township resident, **Paul Diemer**, always loved the Ashtabula County Fair, but it's been 61



PHOTOS BY SHELLEY TERRY | STAR BEACON

Reed Sungren, 6, of Roaming Shores, competes in the watermelon contest at the 2018 Ashtabula County Fair. The contest is a favorite fair memory for participants.

years since he's been in town during fair week — something that makes him a bit sad.

"In the last couple of years I lived there my uncle Art and I stocked my Moms cupboards with glass ware, dishes, water glasses and wine glasses from the booth where you tossed nickels at the glassware and you got whatever your nickle stuck in," he said. "I moved to Arizona after high school graduation. They have county fairs out here but they don't really know how to do a fair like I remember."

Diemer always enjoyed watching the harness racing with his Dad.

"He knew most of the

local sulky racers. They don't have that out here in Arizona," he said. "I remember the first time I saw the daredevil motorcycle riders. You don't see that except in a circus anymore."

Jefferson native Lisa Dietrich, 56, said she has lots of good fair memories.

"I love the food," she said.

As a teenager, **Evelyn Hines Peters**, 84, of Saybrook, enjoyed the animals and the rides.

Julie Harchek, 22, of Ashtabula, fondly remembers entering many of the fair's contests, especially the watermelon eating contest.

"What a mess!" she said. "But as a kid, I

loved it."

Cindy Webb Au, 62, of Kingsville, said there are too many great memories to list, but she tried — "Walking the midway for hours just hanging with friends, seeing all of the Ashtabula County's 'finest dressed' come out for a good time and, oh yes, the rides."

Bob Mann, 58, said he loves the fair food.

Jefferson native, Jenni Holik Stansbury, now of Colorado, recalls sitting on the porch roof and listening to the sounds and seeing the fireworks.

"We lived a couple of blocks over from the fairgrounds," she said. "I'm 62 years old now and have been living in



Kendra Kolman, 4, of Ashtabula, didn't mind the rain at the 2018 Ashtabula County Fair. She wore her rain boots.

Colorado about half of those years."

Pat Kedzerski, 61, who now lives in Columbus, fondly remembers 4-H projects, steak-on-a-stick and three days of harness racing.

Mary Grose Dietrich, 66, of Montrose, Colorado, grew up in Jefferson and recalls 4-H projects, carnival rides, her dad playing the games and her mom waiting at the cabin for her exhausted family.

"Cotton candy and the red candy apples, yum!" she said. "Does anyone remember the little building with the psychedelic lights and loud music (maybe around 1968 or 1969)? Those were fun times and fond memories of my all-time favorite fair, Ashtabula County."

Jefferson native, **Mike Hawkins**, 66, liked riding on the tilt-a-whirl, eating candy apples and winning quarts of Pepsi at the carnival games.

Family Day offers rides, contests and prizes

Children 14 and younger get in free; All-day ride passes \$5

BY SHELLEY TERRY
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JEFFERSON — Candy apples, cotton candy, the roar of carnival rides, the pops of balloons and the screams of children all mean only one thing at fair time — Family Day!

Children ages 14 and younger are admitted free to the Ashtabula County fairgrounds all day Wednesday, Family Day. An all-day ride pass costs \$5.

Lisko Amusements will open the rides from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Family Day will be kicked off with a Pennies in the Sawdust contest at 10 a.m. at the east end of the fairgrounds by the Grange Building. Then, from 11 a.m. to noon, there will be a Kids Drawing Contest at the Expo Center. Prizes will be awarded

at 1 p.m.

More family events are planned for the afternoon, including an Egg and Spoon Race at 1 p.m.; a Balloon Toss at 2 p.m., and a Watermelon Eating Contest at 4 p.m. — all taking place by the Grange Building.

Sign-up for a drawing

for six bicycles to be held from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in front of race horse barn No. 14, with the drawing at 6 p.m.

There will be plenty of free activities for children all day long, including balloon creations by Swiftly the

Clown; a K-9s in Flight show, a butterfly display and Jungle Terry and his animal show.

The first of two demolition derbys will be held at 7:30 p.m. in front of the grandstand. Cost is \$5 for a grandstand seat, \$10 for admission to the pit area.



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Floriculture contest features separate category for roses

BY DEVASTASHA BEAVER

For the Star Beacon

JEFFERSON — Ashtabula County Fair will feature a separate category for roses in its floriculture contest this year, said Rose Society of Ashtabula County President Ed Zasadzinski.

"We're trying to get more in line with the American Rose Society," he said. "There are 17 classifications of roses, and, until now, the fair was only judging by color. As a rose lover, it isn't quite right."

This year, participants can enter roses in Class 1: Specimen Cut Flowers; Class 3: Parade of Blooms; or Class 2: Roses, which is the new category.

Flowers submitted to the rose class will be judged on form, color, substance, stem and foliage, size, and balance and proportion, according to the fair guide book.

"In the past, you could only bring one red rose," Zasadzinski said. "How would you decide which red rose to bring (with all of the different varieties)?"

The different classifications of rose species include: Old Garden; Floribunda; Grandiflora; Polyantha; Miniature; Shrubs; Climbers; Hybrid Tea; Tree Rose; and



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Two large rose blossoms are just a fraction of the flowers in Ed Zasadzinski's gardens.

Mini-Floria.

Fair entries may be of Zasadzinski, whose home gardens feature more than 200 different roses, said he hopes to encourage more people to grow the national flower, even if they are just a casual backyard grower.

His passion for roses started with a couple of rose bushes, he said. "A friend of ours, back in '83, suggested I join a rose society," Zasadzinski said. "A couple of thorns got me pretty good. I went to the doctor, and he said, 'You've got rose addiction.'"

The Rose Society of Ashtabula County meets 6 p.m. the second Tuesday each month at the First Congregational Church United Church

of Christ, 41 E. Jefferson St., Jefferson. There will not be a meeting in August.

For more information, contact Zasadzinski at (440) 624-4192.

Entries for the fair will be accepted until 5 p.m. Aug. 5 in the secretary's office under the grandstand of the Ashtabula County Fairgrounds.

There will be two shows for floriculture. The first judging will be 9 a.m. Aug. 6, and entries tagged with an "A" will be judged for the second show noon Aug. 9.

For complete entry guidelines, contact the secretary's office at (440) 576-7626, email ashtabulafair@yahoo.com, or visit www.ashtabulafair.com.

Harness racing a fair tradition

BY SHELLEY TERRY

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JEFFERSON — Everyone knows there are racinos in Cleveland, but if you want to bet on some real horses, come out to the Ashtabula County Fair.

Post times is 11:30 a.m. Thursday and Friday on the racetrack in front of the newly renovated grandstand.

There will be free admission to the grandstand, so pick a horse, then pony up for some parimutuel betting.

There will be between 10 and 12 races each day, said Sue Stockwell, a fair board member, and speed superintendent.

"Fair time is fun time," she said.

So long as the track is safe for racing, it is a rain or shine event.

Harness racing has been a fair tradition for about 70 years.

Former Jefferson resident Clair Umholtz, 62, now of Sagamore Hills, is always a hometown favorite in the sulky.

Three years in a row,

he's taken first place in at least one race.

Umholtz started more horses at Northfield Park than any trainer in the track's history, averaging 450 starts per year for the past 20 years.

He's a member of Northfield's Wall of Fame

Race fans can look for Umholtz wearing blue and gold.

"The fans always look forward to Clair coming to the fair," Stockwell said. "He's our hometown boy."

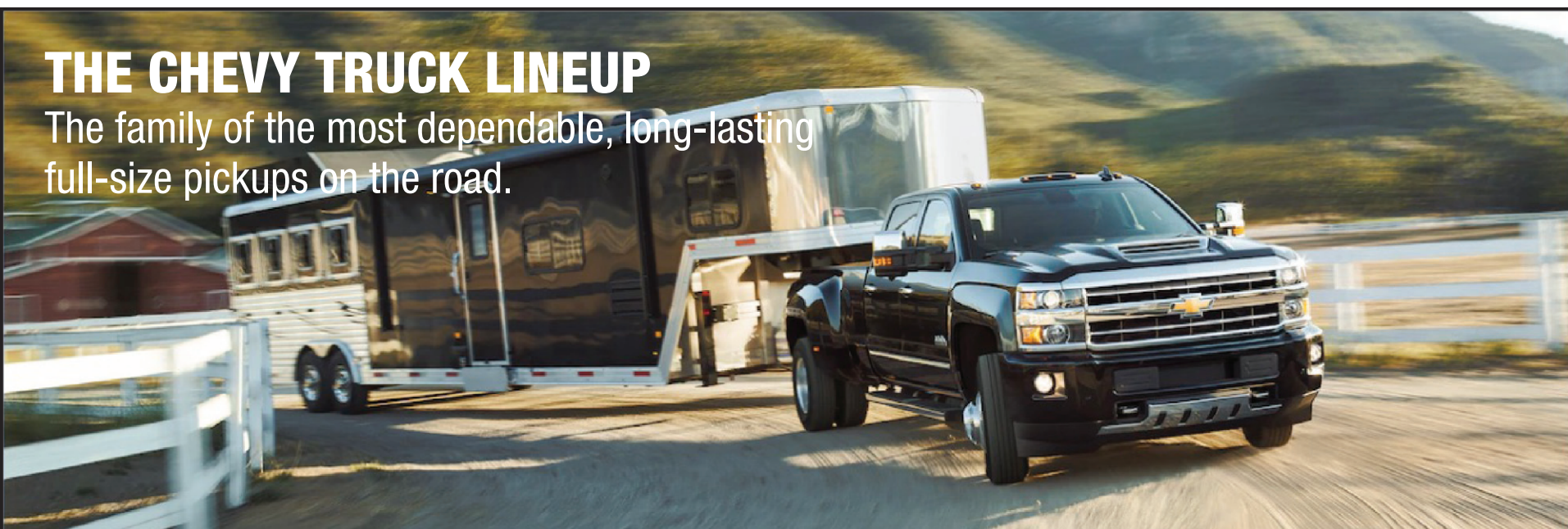


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Jefferson native Clair Umholtz, who trains and races pacers in Northeast Ohio, always returns to his hometown to race at the fair.

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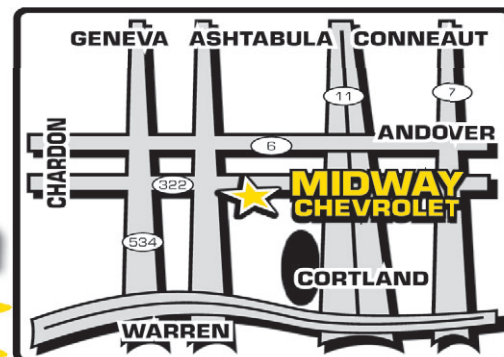
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Fair rides a tradition

BY JON WYSOCHANSKI

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JEFFERSON — Whether you're a merry-go-round or Ferris wheel enthusiast, or more of a tilt-a-whirl lover, the Ashtabula County Fair is the place to be.

The fair has contracted with Lisko Family Midway Amusements for 15 rides this year, according to Fair Board Director Brian Edelman. This includes three or four larger rides and a number of smaller and kiddie rides.

The \$8 admission costs gets fairgoers a wristband to get on rides, Edelman said.

On Family Day, which is Wednesday this year, entry is free and wristbands can be purchased for \$5.

So what's the Fair

Board director's favorite ride?

"I don't really get a chance to ride them anymore but I wish I could," Edelman said. "I used to like the spinning rides, but now that I'm older I can't do those anymore either."

Rides will be set up and operated this year amid potential changes to amusement ride safety standards at the state level.

House Bill 189 aims to increase Ohio amusement ride safety and inspection standards. It cleared the Ohio House of Representatives in June and is currently in the Senate committee on agriculture and natural resources.

Known as Tyler's Law, the bill is named after Tyler Jarrell, who died in an amusement ride accident at the Ohio State Fair two years ago. The bill was sponsored by State Reps. John Patterson, D-Ashtabula, and Louis Blessing, R-Colerain Township, who have both applauded the House passage.

Fairgoers need not worry, Edelman said. Lisko Family Midway Amusements has a long history of providing rides at the Ashtabula County Fair, he said.

"They've always gone

above and beyond what they have to do here," Edelman said. "People should come out, enjoy the rides and feel safe. All the rides will be inspected."

A representative from Lisko Family Midway Amusements said they are keeping an eye on the progress of Tyler's law.

Lisko Family Midway Amusements started in the carnival business in 1961 with a single cotton candy trailer, according to a company website.

In 1975 game concessions were added and by 1980 Lisko Family Midway Amusements transformed into a full carnival with a selection of rides traveling through Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

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House Bill 189: Tyler's Law

Tyler's Law increases communication among state inspectors, ride manufacturers, ride owners and the Ohio Department of Agriculture (which is responsible for ride inspections in Ohio to better assess amusement ride inspections and repairs. It includes an "enhanced classification system" to identify rides that might need more comprehensive or internal inspection, requires safety and maintenance communications from the ride manufacturer to be forwarded to ODA, tracks previous locations of temporary amusement rides prior to their operation in Ohio and requires photographic documentation of major repairs before and after they are completed.

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BY SHELLEY TERRY
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Rettinger's Percherons grace the cover of the fair booklets

BY SHELLEY TERRY

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KINGSVILLE TOWNSHIP — Sam and Kellie Rettinger, owners of Whispery Pines Percherons, have been involved with horses their entire lives.

Sam Rettinger grew up with draft horses and his wife, Kellie, grew up riding and showing American Quarter Horses.

"We met at the Ashtabula County Fair as children children ages ago, both there for the love of horses," she said. "That is one of the reasons our hometown

fair is so special to us, not only do we love our community and people, but we would have never met if the fair did not bring us together."

The Rettingers have been together for 15 years and married for five years.

Six years ago — again at the fair — the Rettingers met Dylan Loomis, also of Kingsville, who now plays a major role at Whispery Pines Percherons.

"We are so proud to grace the cover of this year's fair booklet," Kellie said. "I owe that beautiful picture to northeast Ohio's very

own Lori Spellman, who is an fantastic photographer and even more of a wonderful friend to us."

The picture was taken at this year's Equine Affaire in Columbus during the Fantasia show which is the musical celebration of the horse.

"Our horses are our pride and joy and also how we make a living," she said. "They are not just animals to us, they are partners who work very hard alongside us."

The Rettingers show their horses in hitch and riding classes at the

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Sam and Kellie Rettinger's Percherons grace the cover of the 2019 Ashtabula County Fair booklet. Kellie is pictured here driving the stage coach with two of the black beauties.



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RETTINGER'S: Look for these horses in Six-Horse Hitch Classic Series

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Ashtabula County Fair and other events each year, such as the Equine Affaire. They also provide carriage rides for a variety of events.

Their farm is about 40 acres and they make all of their own hay.

Daily routines consist of chores, working horses and upkeep of the farm. Sam owns his own logging company, where Loomis works along side of him. The company is Whispery Pines Horse Logging.

"What makes Sam so unique is he uses the horses to do select harvest of timber,"

Kellie said. "It is very low impact on the land and great work for the horses. Sam and Dylan both cut and skid logs with the horses. I have even worked out in the woods with them as well. Sam takes pride in his work and it definitely shows."

It's quite an operation and the Rettingers depend on a crew of six to eight people who travel with them.

"There's no way Sam

and myself would be able to do this on our own; it is truly a family affair," she said. "Our crew is the heart and soul of Whispery Pines."

Sam Rettinger's favorite event is the six-horse hitch, which will take place in front of the grandstand at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

"I love every aspect of hitching — from hitching from the cart all the way up to the six," he said. "There is something special about the six-horse hitch."

His wife's also favors the six-horse hitch, but also enjoys riding saddle seat.

The Rettingers' eight horses are all Percheron geldings and named Samson, Tony, Colt, Boomer, Candyman, Ace, Octane and Flash. The tallest horses, Boomer and Flash, are 19.1 hands and a hand is 4 inches.

"Each one most definitely has their own personality, and quirks. One thing I can say about the full entire group is they are all very loving, beautiful and truly gentle giants,"

she said. "I feel our horses have special qualities and are unique in their own ways. We have touched the lives of so many people through our horses which is an amazing feeling. I think the horses know that as well."

The Rettingers have had Ace since he was 2 years old and he is now 17.

"He is a local legend and has done it all. This is the horse that is taught me everything that I know about draft horses today, and one of the most versatile horses that I have ever met," she said. "He has been in every position of the six-horse hitch, rides, logs and is a working carriage horse. Now that he is older he does not do as much

but is still the rock of our hitch."

The Rettingers will be at the fair every day with the horses on display in the draft horse barn. They will be participating not just in the six-horse hitch, but also halter classes, obstacle courses, logging, riding, cart classes and multiples of teams.

"We are so very very excited! I encourage anyone that would like to come and meet us or our horses to please stop by and say hello," she said. "Sharing our love of horses with the world means everything to us. We at Whispery Pines want to inspire, educate, and promote the Percheron breed."

For more information, go to www.whisperypines.com.



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Sam and Kellie Rettinger's Percherons grace the cover of the 2019 Ashtabula County Fair booklet. Sam is pictured here with one of the black beauties at their farm in Kingsville.

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JR. FAIR ROYAL COURT

The Royal Court is made up of a Junior Fair King, Queen, Prince and Princess.

Entry forms can be picked up from the Ohio State University Extension office.

These forms are to be completed and returned to the Extension office by the deadline specified on the application.

Contestants will be interviewed at a scheduled time during a designated week in July.

The royal court will be crowned on the evening of the fair opening ceremonies.

This will take place at the fairground grandstands during the Youth Parade

Professional attire should be worn for the interview.

For the pageant, queen and princess contestants should wear a formal gown. The king and prince contestants should wear a suit (note: tuxedos are not necessary).

Each contestant must be a youth member of a recognized Ashtabula County youth organization; 4-H, FFA, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, FHA, Farm Bureau Youth or Grange Youth.

PRINCESS CANDIDATES



BRIELLE BOGARDUS

Age: 13
Parents: David and Sarah Bogardus
Pierpont
Mix-N-Match Pacs
Pymatuning Valley High School



JADE BROWN

Age: 14
Parents; Mauri Smith
Jefferson
Siver Stirrups
4-H Club
Jefferson Area High School



MIKENZIE BROWN

Age: 13
Parents Carrie Brown
Jefferson
Denmark Pioneers
4-H Club
Jefferson Area High School



ABIGAIL BUTCHER

Age: 12
Parents: Zeek Butcher and Samantha Brown
Madison
Silver Stirrups
4-H Club
Madison Middle School



BRIDGET DARBY

Age: 13
Parents: John and Ann Marie Darby
Jefferson
Barns and Buttons
4-H Club
Homeschooled



MACKENZIE HERRICK

Age: 13
Parents: Benjamin and Alice Colucci; Jesse Pudder
Ashtabula
Denmark Pioneer and Jefferson Junior Grange
Geneva High School



SERENITY KRANAUER

Age: 14
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Rock Creek
Silver Stir-ups
4-H Club
Geneva High School



LILLY LUCE

Age: 12
Parents: William and Melissa Luce
Andover Country
Bumpkins 4-H Club
Pymatuning Valley Middle School



BROOKE MYERS

Age: 14
Parents' Keith and Cheri Myers
Conneaut
The Cutting Edge 4-H Club, Sheffield Target
Masters, Myers Academy



GRACE STROKE

Age: 14
Jefferson
Kids N' Cows
and
Sewing Hayseeds
Pymatuning Valley High School



KAYCEE SAARI

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Barns and Buttons
4-H Club
Jefferson High School



MARIA STRINGFELLOW

Age: 14
Parents: Marc and Anita Stringfellow
Jefferson
Prime Bovine 4-H Club,
PV FFA, Pymatuning Valley High School

JR. FAIR ROYAL COURT

Each contestant must have a complete project or display exhibited at the fair.

Exceptions must be pre-approved by the Royal Court Committee.

Failure to comply will result in disqualification.

Each contestant must be a resident of Ohio.

King and Queen contestants must be between the ages of 15-21 years of age as of January 1 of the current fair year.

Prince and Princess contestants must be between the ages of 12-14 years of age as of January 1 of the current fair year.

Contestants may not be married, nor be the parent of a child.

If between the ages of 16-19 the Junior Fair Queen must enter the Ohio Fairs Queen Contest at the Ohio Fair Manager's Association Convention after being crowned.



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Taylor Cotton, 15, of Ashtabula, (left) receives help from friend Ava Contenza, 15, of Jefferson, during the Market Animal Show at the 2018 Ashtabula County Fair in Jefferson. Cotton won the duck grand champion for the second year in a row.

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4-H members raise animals for auction, education

BY BRIAN HAYTCHER

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JEFFERSON — Teenagers that are a part of 4-H have been raising animals for weeks and months, and they will get a chance to see the profits of their labor at the Market Livestock Sale, slated for 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10.

There are multiple classes of animal that members of 4-H can raise for the fair, including cows, goats, chickens and pigs.

"These kids put their heart and soul into their projects," said Jenna Hoyt, 4-H educator with the OSU Extension. "That doesn't mean just going out every morning and throwing a couple flakes of hay at your animal. That means taking them out, walking them, practicing showmanship, actually physically handling that animal

every day."

There are categories for each animal, including several for various kinds of cow.

4-H has guidance for members looking for a project animal, including the amount of water, space, and food the animal needs.

The most expensive and time intensive projects are cows, according to the Ohio 4-H.

Market beef requires 10 to 20 gallons of water per day, and 600 square feet of exercise area, and cost \$615 to feed.

However, cows at maximum weight for the fair can sell for as much as \$2,300.

Other animals, like lambs, are cheaper to feed, but sell for less.

Lambs, for example, cost around \$200 to buy, and around \$130 to feed, and sell for \$380 to \$440, according to the Ohio 4-H.

"Each project is so

different. Obviously, if you have a larger animal, you're going to start earlier in the year with that animal, and if you're talking beef cattle, they're obviously going to consume more. They're going to put on more weight. Whereas, if you're raising turkeys or rabbits, you have six weeks or two months for your turnaround time," Hoyt said.

Teens raising animals have to go through a quality assurance class.

"It talks about the importance of raising a quality animal, handling your animal safely, and really puts light to these kids that they are one of the first steps in the food chain. So we talk about safety, welfare, and ethics for the animal, and being that quality producer, and then setting the stage for everybody in the food industry," Hoyt said.

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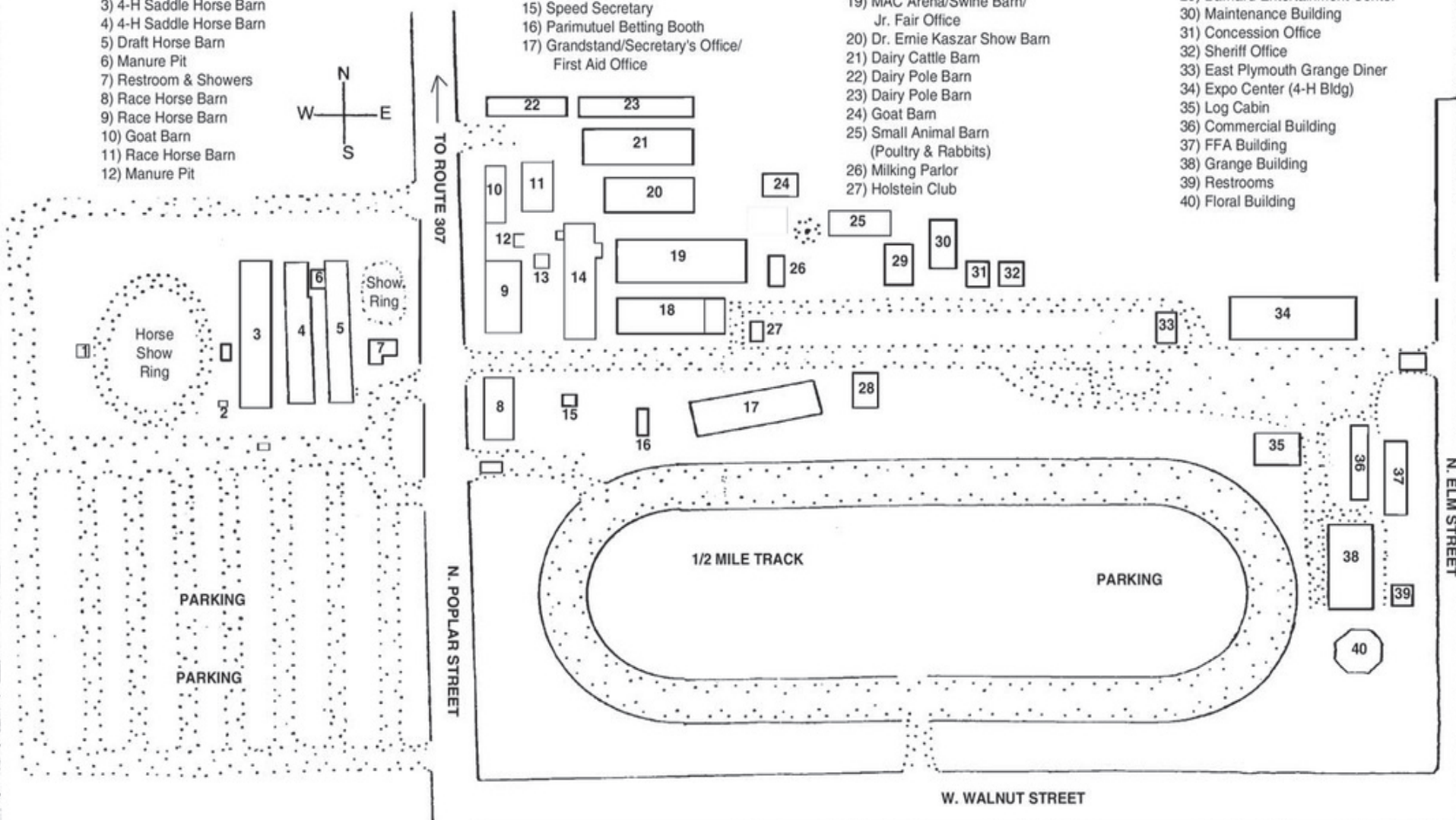
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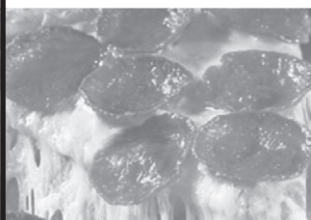
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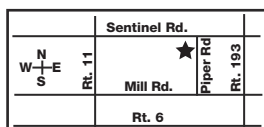
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Go frog wild at Ashtabula County Fair

BY SHELLEY TERRY

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JEFFERSON — Part frog folklore, part country fair fun, the Ashtabula County Fair's Frog Jumping Contest stands out as one of those wacky crowd-pleasers that everyone should see at least once in their lifetime.

The frog jump competition recreates Mark Twain's short story, "The Celebrated Frog of Calaveras County," which may be based on true leaping amphibians from the 1800s.

The frog jump starts at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the east end of the fairgrounds by the Grange Building.

Competitors should arrive at least 10 minutes early to sign up.

Every year, children of all ages enter their best jumpers and — with shouts and slaps —



FILE PHOTO

The frog jumping contest is always a popular attraction at the fair.

encourage their frogs to leap further than the others.

In the past, the winners usually jump about 12 feet and a few others escape their handler's hands and send the crowd into a frog frenzy.

Faithful frog jumping fans know there are some secrets to coaxing a frog to make a win-

ning jump:

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If they get too hot, they don't want to jump.

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- One frog at a time is released from their owner's hands in the center of a circle.

The first three leaps count as the jump.

Then one of the judges announces the total inches.

- Frogs either leap energetically or sit lazily; their owners frantically coax them, blow on them or slap the ground with their palms.

The rules ban touching the frogs, but a particularly stubborn frog can be poked a bit.

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Demolition Derby scheduled for two nights

BY MARK TODD

Special to the Star Beacon

JEFFERSON – Motorized mayhem has proven a worthy replacement to the music stars who once graced the grandstand at the Ashtabula County Fair, officials said.

When Fair Board members decided two years ago that big-name entertainers had become too costly, the Demolition Derby stepped up to fill the gap.

The fair hasn't missed a beat, said Brian Edelman, board president.

"The derby has been great," he said. "For several years it's been a great draw."

The popular smash-up will be held at 7:30 p.m. on two nights – Wednesday, Aug. 7 and Saturday, Aug. 10.

Cost is \$5 for a grandstand seat and \$10 for a pit pass.

Contests are held in a variety of divisions.

Rules and entry information for drivers can be found on the county fair website at



FILE

Jeremy Roper, of Greene, sends smoke flying during the Derby Dog Demolition Derby at the 2017 Ashtabula County Fair in Jefferson.

www.ashtabulafair.com.

Last year, upwards of 80 drivers competed, Edelman said.

The event attracts women and men who don't mind bumping — or bashing — into one another in front of plenty of screaming spectators.

shows in Ohio and Pennsylvania, according to its website.

Derbydog's 2019 calendar lists more than two dozen shows between July and September, most of them county fairs in the two states.

Many drivers compete in several of the events, company officials said last year.

"We do have some drivers who will go to 10 to 15 competitions," Frances Hejduk, who runs Derbydog Productions with her husband, Jeremy, said in 2018.

While many of the drivers are local residents, some log many miles to participate, Edelman said.

"They come from surrounding counties, too," he said.

The derby became one of the premier entertainment options at the fair in 2017, the same year fair board members agreed the cost of top-level music

talent had become a budget-buster.

"We were losing \$15,000 to \$20,000 a year booking bands," Edelman said at the time.

"The big name bands want \$50,000 to perform at the fair."

The derby, along with other attractions, has proved a popular replacement, Edelman said.

"People always show

up," he said.

"We've done very well."

Despite the success, don't look for a third night of demolition derby action anytime soon. The board doesn't want too much of a good thing, believing it might dilute the experience.

"If we expand, it could take away some of the fun," Edelman said.

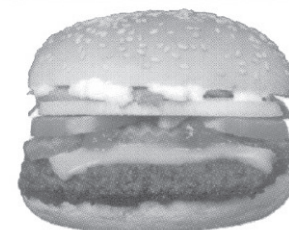
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Log cabin to feature antique trains and toys

BY SHELLEY TERRY

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JEFFERSON — Some folks yearn for the good old days of the Ashtabula County Fair.

In a village known for being the county seat with its historic courthouse, century homes and train depot, the memories aren't far off.

This year, the log cabin, the oldest building on the fairgrounds, will pay tribute to two historic attractions in Ashtabula County, said Jerry Miller, former director on the Ashtabula County Fair Board.

Tabor's Terrific Toy Museum, owned by Gary Tabor of Williamsfield, will be bringing some samples of his toy collection, which he has been amassing over 40 years. Gary receives visitors from all over the country to view his unique assemblage of old and restored toys. His oldest is an 1889 boy's carpentry set.

"I enjoy the hunt for toys as well as the restoration of them," he said. "I'm looking forward to sharing my treasures with fairgoers this year."

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Gary Tabor, of Williamsfield, will be bringing some samples of his toy collection, which he has been amassing over 40 years to display in the log cabin.

FEATURE:

Log cabin to display antique toys and trains

FROM PAGE 20

The “Dream Big” Business of 2019 also will be on display at the log cabin. Robert and Linda Callahan of Ashtabula were honored earlier this year for their efforts with the Ashtabula, Carson and Jefferson Railroad, commonly known as the AC & J Railroad in Jefferson.

The railroad was founded in 1984, and has been both an operated railroad and a tourist attraction in the past, providing rail fans young and old with local train rides. The Callahans are happy to share their love of trains with the public at the log cabin this year.

“Built in 1915, the log cabin was built in memory of early pioneers, starting a tradition of showing antiques and fair memorabilia inside,” Miller said. “Stop in to the log cabin at the county fair this year to see some exceptional examples of Ashtabula County history.”

The fair starts Tuesday and runs through Sunday, Aug. 11 at the fairgrounds in Jefferson. Daily single admission is \$8 for ages 5 and older, and includes a wrist band for free rides (except pony rides).

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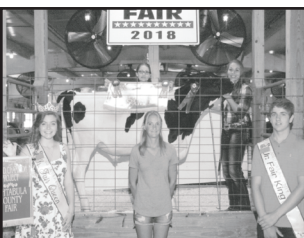
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Emily Millard
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Market Steers
Kate Cole
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Market Steers
Alaina Neczyparenko
Buyer - Oink, Moo, Cluck Farms,
Jackom & Hart Families



BEST OF SHOW
Market Steers
Devin Ray
Buyer - Lawson Trucking



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BEST OF SHOW- Dairy Beef Carcass
Allison Graves
Buyer - Chestnut Valley Farms



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BEST OF SHOW- Beef Carcass
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Trenton Ellsworth
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Buyer - Oink Moo Cluck Farms



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Hog Carcass
Preston Gibbons
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RESERVE CHAMPION EXHIBITOR
Hog Carcass
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Buyer - Westford Milling Co.



RESERVE BEST OF SHOW
Hog Carcass
Asha Hamilton
Buyer - Hamilton Farms



BEST OF SHOW
Hog Carcass
Hunter Spangler
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Meat Rabbits
Samara Newhart
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Market Lambs
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Lamb Carcass
Tyler Brown
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Cora Riggelman
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Lamb Carcass
Mckenzie Brown
Buyer - Stewart Rentals



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Megan Jacobs
Buyer - Great Lakes Crushing



GRAND CHAMPION EXHIBITOR
Market Ducks
Taylor Cotton
Buyer - Anderson View Landscape



RESERVE CHAMPION EXHIBITOR
Market Ducks
Katelyn Grim
Buyer - Dwight & Susan Bowden



BEST OF SHOW
Market Ducks
Andrew Myers
Buyer - Dwight & Susan Bowden



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Market Ducks
Mason Jacobs
Buyer - Great Lakes Crushing



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Market Chickens
Jennifer Pruden
Buyer - Judge Sezon & Richard L. Dana



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RESERVE BEST OF SHOW-
Market Chickens
Edison Cigony
Buyer - David Thomas - County Auditor



BEST OF SHOW
Market Chickens
Darian Gustafson
Buyer - Cherry Valley Processing



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RESERVE BEST OF SHOW
Market Trukeys
Christiana Crites
Buyer - Ashtabula County Recorder



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Market Turkeys
Katalyne Crouch
Buyer - Cherry Valley Processing



BEST OF SHOW
Market Turkeys
Emily Buck
Buyer - Meaney Farms



GRAND CHAMPION EXHIBITOR
Market Goats
Brooke Mattley
Buyer - Bloomfield Livestock Auction



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RESERVE BEST OF SHOW
Market Goats
Alyssa Hanna
Buyer - David & Rhonda Suzhay



BEST OF SHOW
Market Goats
Brandon Hanna
Buyer - Countryside Vet Clinic



GRAND CHAMPION EXHIBITOR
Market Goat Carcass
Darron Jones
Buyer - Newhart Plumbing



BEST OF SHOW
Dairy Goat Cheese Basket
Sara Hubbard
Buyer - Judge Sezon & Richard Dana



RESERVE BEST OF SHOW
Dairy Goat Cheese Basket
Colleen Darby
Buyer - Walter & Michal Barnes



BEST OF SHOW
Dairy Cow Cheese Basket
Teresa Palchin
Buyer - Bloomfield Livestock Auction



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Ashtabula County Fair has a long agricultural history

On October 30, 1822, a group of pioneer citizens met at the old brick court house in Jefferson to form the Ashtabula Agricultural Society.

From the small group assembled, a committee was appointed to draft a Constitution for the Society, whose purpose it was to promote the interest of agriculture in the forest covered land of Ashtabula County.

FIRST MEETING

At the first annual meeting held January 16, 1823, Nehemiah King was elected president; Eliphalet Austin, first vice-president; Edward Fifield, second vice-president; Matthew Hubbard, corresponding secretary; Jacob Austin, auditor, and Timothy R. Hawley, treasurer.

FIRST CATTLE SHOW

The first annual cattle show and fair was held in Austinburg on the first Tuesday in October, 1823 featuring a total of \$40 in premiums.

The top prize of \$10 was awarded to Jonathan Warner for the best improved farm of 50 acres.

Cybelia St. John won the first prize for the best grass bonnet in imitation leghorn.

The cattle show and fair was repeated the next year in Austinburg and in 1825 moved to Ashtabula, in hopes of

attracting greater interest; but the response was not successful and in 1826, the Fourth Annual Cattle Show and Fair was held in Jefferson.

JEFFERSON TOWN SQUARE

The first fair in Jefferson was held on the town square with livestock displays tied to the hitching posts in front of the court house.

The people of Jefferson failed to support the project and the fifth fair was planned, but never held. The Society's activities ceased for the next 15 years.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

On March 7, 1842, the Ashtabula County Agricultural Society was organized under the leadership of R. W. Griswold.

The First Annual Fair was held at the court house on October 15, 1842.

"While public attention in our day is so divided and directed to so many different objects, each claiming such a share of time, means and energies of individuals as to prevent any one being fully attended to, this Society presents a common platform where the whole community can rally as a citizen of common course and as a friend," Griswold said.

A special meeting was called on June 25,



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The first race track, a third of a mile oval, was built in the early 1870s.

1846, and the Society, as formed in 1842, was dissolved "for want of interest taken by the citizens of the county."

On September 12, 1846, in answer to an appeal made by the Ashtabula Sentinel, a second organization was formed under the new regulations of the State Department of Agriculture.

FIRST ANNUAL FAIR

The First Annual Fair of the re-born Society was held at the court house on October 16, 1846. The present fairgrounds was acquired in the early 1850s.

The records show in 1854 the Society expended \$2,500 to erect an Agricultural Hall and other improvements to the fairgrounds. The fair of 1858 drew a total of 5,000 people.

FAIRGROUNDS TURNED INTO ARMY CAMP

In 1861 the fairgrounds was turned into an Army Camp,

known as Camp Giddings, where 1,500 men from Northeastern Ohio were camped.

On Christmas Day they marched from Jefferson to Ashtabula where they were entrained for Columbus and were mustered into the Union Army.

The 29th Ohio Volunteers were engaged in some of the most severe fighting of the Civil War.

RACETRACK BUILT

The first race track, a third of a mile oval, was built in the early 1870s.

In 1914 a balloon ascension was the highlight of the fair.

LOG CABIN BUILT

In 1915 the newly built log cabin was dedicated. The logs for the structure were given by or in memory of local pioneers who had been born in a log cabin.

Expansion and improvements proved impossible as a private concern, so sometime in the 1920s, the county

took title to the property, but left it under the control of the Agricultural Society.

The 1945 Fair featured a display of 2,000 German and Japanese mementos in the Octagon Building, souvenirs of local servicemen returned from World War II. VJ Day in 1945 brought one of the largest single day attendance records when 14,000 people jammed the midway.

"CENTENNIAL FAIR"

The "Centennial Fair" in 1946 brought many improvements to the fairgrounds including the first paved midway.

The 100th Ashtabula County Fair featured a historical parade with every township represented and a pioneer exhibit in the Octagon Building displaying relics of early settlers and a photographic display of the county's history presented by the Historical Society.

NEW GRANDSTAND

In June 1956 the new grandstand was completed by Southern Bleachers Construction Co. of Graham, Texas.

BURST OF GROWTH

The 1980s saw a burst of growth at the fairgrounds with many new facilities added including the small animal building, Concession Office, Sheriff Patrol's Office, 4-H Saddlehorse and Draft Horse Barns, Entertainment Pavilion and Market Animal Barn.

The years have seen a lot of changes for the Ashtabula County Agricultural Society, but the goals of the Society remain constant: "to promote the encouragement of agriculture, horticulture, and the rearing of better livestock, improvement of domestic science and art, promote general community betterment, together with all other commercial and educational interests of the county."

With the support and dedication of local citizens the society has been able to continue their work to attain these goals as well as to provide a fun and exciting annual event for the community to enjoy.

This History includes information from articles by Arlie Keel and Catherine Ellsworth.

Rooster crowing contest slated for Thursday



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"Bossy," owned by Julia Fallon, of Geneva, crows away on Thursday afternoon during the rooster crowing contest at the Ashtabula County Fair in Jefferson.

BY SHELLEY TERRY

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JEFFERSON — There will be a lot to crow about Thursday at the Ashtabula County Fair as contestants participate in the rooster crowing contest.

Last year, Ericka Beinhardt, 14, of Geauga County, was all smiles after her white and black speckled rooster, Prince, crowed 40 times to win the 2018 Crowing Champion title and \$5 "fairbucks" to spend at the fair.

Ericka said Prince had no special training and she was "shocked" he crowed his little heart out to win.

"We didn't prepare at all," she said.

By tradition, roosters crow at sunrise but the crowing contest will start 10 a.m. this year in the Barnard Entertainment Center on the back midway.

Organizers are hoping Mother Nature cooperates and brings

sunny skies, which traditionally means a large group of die-hard crowing fans, as well as entries to the contest.

The contest rules are as follows:

- Only one rooster will be permitted in each cage.
- Limit of two roosters per contestant.
- All roosters must comply with state of Ohio Poultry and Fowl Exhibition rules.
- Roosters may be from any breed, any age from teenagers to geriatrics.
- Cages should be covered at 9:30 a.m. and the covers removed at the start of the contest.
- A judge will tally each rooster's crow for 30 minutes.
- Awards will be given to the bird that crows the most during that time period.
- \$5 will be awarded to any rooster that crows more than 130 times, established in 2004 by James Mathews' rooster, General Lee.



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