

JUNE 2024

# FAIR NEWS

## HANCOCK COUNTY AG SOCIETY

### 70 DAYS UNTIL THE FAIR!!!

We're in the double digits and getting serious! The Hancock County Fair kicks off this year on TUESDAY, August 27th. Opening ceremonies will be MONDAY, August 26th.

### RED, WHITE AND BOOM FIREWORKS EVENT JULY 3RD

Watch for event postings and schedule release for the fireworks festivities on July 3rd. FREE kids events all day thanks to the generosity of The Community Foundation!

5K - Car Show - Bounce Houses - Train Rides - Pony Rides - Beer Garden - Concert - Food - Fireworks



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### JUNIOR FAIR BUILDING NEARING COMPLETION

The Junior Fair Building is so close to being finished! We cannot thank our generous donors enough for helping bring this building to fruition- individuals, businesses, 4H clubs, we appreciate each and every one of you. This building will house the Junior Fair Board and will also be available for 4H, FFA and youth organizations to use in the off-season free of charge. An announcement will be released as soon as the building is available.

### COUNTING DOWN

There are count downs here, count downs there, there are literally countdowns everywhere- Red, White and Boom Fireworks on July 3rd, weekend livestock shows, flea markets, and other events, the Junior Fair Building has just a few finishing touches before it's ready to go, fall fundraising events, the county fair (of course!) and 2025 projects! There are so many things to look forward to and be excited about.

If you haven't visited the fairgrounds lately, I encourage you to do so! Flowers are blooming in the new flowerbeds and landscaping, buildings have been painted, a new patio relaxation area is in the works, the paging booth has been relocated, a new mural is soon to be unveiled, the Junior Fair Building is stunning, restroom 4 is getting a much-needed facelift, the list goes on and on. I am so proud to see the fairgrounds transform and be a place everyone can enjoy, and I hope you're just as proud to call Hancock County your home.

In other exciting news, the Hancock County Agricultural Society will receive \$106,831.54 as part of the 2024-2025 state operating budget (Ohio House Bill 33). This budget established the County & Independent Fairs Grant Program to provide \$10 million in grants to Ohio county and independent fairs. The program will be used to increase fair access and economic impact and is administered by the Ohio Department of Development. This money was distributed evenly to county fairs across the state. This funding we received will be directly applied to the new shower house project that will begin immediately following the 2024 fair.

### GRANDSTAND AND SHOW ARENA ADVERTISING

Only a few spots left! Grab your spot today before we sell out.

Call the office at 419-429-7344 for more information.

I know I've used the word "excited" several times within this letter, but truly, I am so incredibly excited to work on behalf of the Agricultural Society each and every day and be a part of the Hancock County fair and its events.



*Haley Reese*

Fair and Events Manager

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### 2024 FAIR AUGUST 27 - SEPTEMBER 2

We've officially entered double digits in the count down to the 2024 county fair! Make sure to check out the Facebook page, as the daily schedules were released this week.

Below are a few reminders from earlier in the year:

#### When is move-in day?

Monday, August 26th will be move-in day, along with weigh-ins.

#### When do junior fair livestock shows start?

Tuesday, August 27th, all junior fair livestock shows will begin.

#### When is the opening ceremony?

The opening ceremony will take place the evening of Monday, August 26th.

#### When will exhibits and vendors be released?

Animals not going through the livestock auction, Grange exhibits, Merchant Building vendors and concessionaires will all be released Monday, September 2nd at 12pm noon.

#### Tuesday

**Day Sponsor:** South Branch Solar

**Gate special:** In for Free by 3pm

#### Grandstand Entertainment:

A-Bar Rodero - FREE ADMISSION - North Grandstand

Band Show - FREE ADMISSION - South Grandstand

#### Wednesday

**Day Sponsor:** Hancock County Veterans Service Office

**Gate special:** Veterans Day

#### Grandstand Entertainment:

Calf Scramble - FREE ADMISSION - North Grandstand

Sponsored By: JB Spray Foam Insulation and Broken Arrow Boot Co.

Harness Racing - FREE ADMISSION - South Grandstand

#### Thursday

**Day Sponsor:** Ferris Senior Insurance LLC

**Gate Special:** Senior Day

#### Grandstand Entertainment:

Travis Denning Concert - FREE ADMISSION - North Grandstand

Concert Sponsored By: Millstream Area Credit Union and

Stage Sponsored By: Hancock County Cattlemen's Association

Harness Racing - FREE ADMISSION - South Grandstand

#### Friday

**Day Sponsor:** Xfinity

**Gate Special:** In By 5pm for \$5

#### Grandstand Entertainment:

Barrel Battle - FREE ADMISSION - North Grandstand

KOI Drag Race - FREE ADMISSION - South Grandstand

### STORAGE REMINDER

Storage information for the 2024-2025 storage season will be released immediately following the county fair. Pre-registration and payment forms will be available online.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

#### June 22-23rd

Flea Market

Youth Pavilion and Grange Building

#### June 22nd

PAS Horse Show

#### June 25th

Household Hazardous Waste & Paint

Disposal

#### June 29th

OWHA Speed Show

#### July 3rd

Red, White and Boom Fireworks

Kids Zone Sponsored by The

Community Foundation

#### July 6th

Extreme Motor Madness

Monster Trucks, Tough Trucks, UTVs,

ATVs, Family Activities

#### July 9th

4H Project Judging Day 1

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**Saturday**

Day Sponsor: Broken Arrow Boot Co.

Gate Special: None

Grandstand Entertainment:

Draft Horse Pulls - FREE ADMISSION - North Grandstand

Sponsored By: Nutrien

Demolition Derby - FREE ADMISSION - South Grandstand

**Sunday**

Day Sponsor: Hancock County Convention and Visitors Bureau

Gate Special: None

Grandstand Entertainment:

Allen Kramp Dodgeball tournament - Old Mill Stream Centre

Biggest Little Pull - South Grandstand

Sponsored By: Fenstermaker Racing Engines

NTPA Track Pulls - South Grandstand

**Monday**

Day Sponsor: Arcadia Auto Service

Gate Special: Free Admission

Grandstand Entertainment:

Figure 8 Demolition Derby - South Grandstand

\*\*\* Junior Fair Livestock Auction in the NWO Show Arena \*\*\*

*Junior Fair*

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**July 9th and 11th**

4H Project Judging - Old Mill Stream Centre

**July 9th**

Goat Council and Showmanship Clinic - NWO Show Arena

**July 11th**

Chick Order Distribution - NWO Show Arena

**July 18th**

Rabbit Clinic - Rabbit/ Dairy Barn

**July 23rd, 5:30-8:30 PM**

Poultry Pollorum Testing- Buckeye Building

**July 25th, 6:00-9:00 PM**

Poultry Clinic- NWO Show Arena



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