

Some admission tickets to increase slightly

2017 Mercer County Fair: record breaking

Every year, the Mercer County Fair Board crosses their fingers for good weather the week of the fair. This year, all were blessed with perfect weather for this annual event.

“We broke several records with the 165th annual Mercer County Fair,” stated Mercer County Fair Manager Cara Muhlenkamp. “Our attendance was up 74%! This was a wonderful thing to achieve after last year’s rained out fair.” 2016’s Mercer County Fair was rained out three of the seven days which affected not only the gate admissions, but many of the events and attractions had to be cancelled.

Among other records broken were: Bear Hollow Wood Carver’s annual auction of the chain-saw carvings donated over \$6,000 back to local school athletics and charities; Pork Pavilion sold 3,000 sausage sandwiches and the Mercer County Cattlemen sold 11,800 hamburgers.



Fr. Leo Patalinghug presented a cooking demonstration in front of a large crowd at the 2017 Mercer County Fair.

New events and attractions also drew crowds to the fair. Cooking demonstration and inspirational presentation by Fr. Leo Patalinghug, was well received, as were the live bears of Bearadise Ranch, live concert by Granger Smith and Brothers Osborne, the Lil Tikes Tent, Moo U Tours and W.A.R. Wrestling.

Planning for the 2018 Mercer County Fair started before the 2017 fair was in the books. Already scheduled will be Mobile Glass Blowing.

Also in 2018, there will be an increase in some of the pricing. Daily gate admission will remain the same price of \$6 per person. The following have not increased in almost ten years. New pricing will be: Weekly Exhibitors \$25, Weekly Ride \$40, Daily Ride \$12.

In order to save money, the fair board encourages everyone to be a fair sponsor. Depending on the amount you donate towards the fairgrounds, entitles you to ticket bundles. See the sponsorship form on the back page of this newsletter or contact the fairground office at 419-586-3239 for all of the information on how to save.

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# Upcoming events slated

Time to get our the 2018 calendar and mark these dates at the fairgrounds. Keep in mind, final details are being worked out at this time, so information may change at a later date.

## Look for additional Improvements

There's always something to be spruced up or improved upon at the fairgrounds. The next project will be some fine tuning in the Kenn-Feld Community Center. Thanks to the Pie Auction Committee, who will be purchasing new counter tops, and the office staff for giving it a fresh coat of paint, the kitchen will get the much needed face lift.

These additions combined with last year's new flooring throughout the building will make it another asset to the fairgrounds for rentals.

• ANNUAL CRAFT BEER & WINE TASTING - set for Saturday, January 20, the annual event will take place at the Cooper Farms' Junior Fair Building.

Once again feature the Bedazzled Bra auction with all proceeds going toward the Cancer Society of Mercer County.

• REVERSE RAFFLE - doors will open at 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 24, at the Cooper Farms' Junior Fair Building. Dinner, drawings and live/silent auctions will follow.

Tickets are \$100 each which include a

meal for two and one ticket in the reverse raffle.

Proceeds will go toward the renovation of the east lot restrooms.

• FOOD TRUCK RALLY - May 18 and 19 will bring food trucks/trailers to the fairgrounds for a variety of menus.

The band Sawcreek will be performing May 19.

• CANVAS-N-CORK - dates for these events will be coming soon. Stay tuned to Facebook for any updates.

## Save money by being a sponsor

Believe it or not, it's that time of year again to become a sponsor of the 2018 Mercer County Fair! By doing this, you receive ticket bundles that save your family in the long run.

You don't have to be a business to be a sponsor. Many families and individuals return every year as a sponsor. Not only are they avid supporters of the fairgrounds, but it saves them money on their weekly admissions.

Depending on the level of sponsorship you choose, you will also get your name read over the loud speaker during fair week, a banner on the grandstands and your name in the fair book.

Be looking in the mail for your form starting November 1. If you don't receive one in the mail, call the office at 419-586-3239 to get all of the information. You can also download a form from the website [www.mercercountyohiofair.com](http://www.mercercountyohiofair.com).

There is also a sponsorship form on the back page of this news letter.

## Have you paid your 2018 Fair Camping Fees?

**DEADLINE  
IS  
FRIDAY,  
DECEMBER 15**

***If Not Paid By  
December 15,  
YOU WILL FORFEIT  
Your Parking Space  
& The Next Person  
On The Waiting List  
Will Acquire It.***

**You Can Pay At  
The Fair Office,  
Mail It Or Drop It  
In The  
Office Door Slot!**



# Halloween Family-Fest & Campout



Halloween Family-Fest & Campout is upon us with camping sites just about sold out! Don't wait till the last minute, as Friday, October 27, is right around the corner! When you see this, call 419-586-3239 to see if there are any sites left!

**HAUNTED  
GRANDSTAND**

*The Ghouls Are On The Move From The Barn To The Grandstand!*

**1 BIG Fright Nite • Saturday, October 28**  
**7:30-10:30PM • Mercer County Fairgrounds**

**\$5 EACH PERSON TO ENTER**

**NEW!  
GHOULISH  
SCENES!**

# SAVE \$\$\$ BY BECOMING A SPONSOR!



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**EARLY BIRD SPECIAL!**

**7 WEEKLY PASSES FOR EVERY \$100 OF SPONSORSHIP**  
IF PAID BY JANUARY 12, 2018

AFTER JANUARY 12, 2018 ~ YOU RECEIVE 6 WEEKLY PASSES

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Supports Events All Year Long At The Mercer County Fairgrounds!

MAKE SPONSORSHIP CHECKS PAYABLE TO MERCER COUNTY FAIR BOARD • P.O. BOX 301 • CELINA, OHIO 45822

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#### YEAR-ROUND SPONSOR • \$2,000 & UP

Included As Sponsor & Promotional Items For  
Craft Beer & Wine Tasting, Dueling Pianos,  
Comedy Nite & Ribfest Events!!!

PLUS...

- Gate Passes • Grandstand Banner With Your Name
- Your Logo/Link To Your Business On Our Website's Sponsor Page & Brief Description Read Over PA During Fair Week!
- 1/4 Page Ad In Fair Book (If Received By February 23, 2018)
- Certificate Of Appreciation
- Recognition In Fair Book (If Sponsored By February 23, 2018)
- Announced As A Sponsor Over PA System Every Hour

AMOUNT PLEDGED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAME BELOW - AS IT WOULD APPEAR ON BANNER:

\_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

(✓) PLEASE BILL ME FOR MY PLEDGE AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

#### HOW DO YOU WANT YOUR TICKETS?

(✓) All Weekly Passes       (✓) All Daily Passes

#### DIVIDE MY TOTAL TICKETS AS FOLLOWS:

Number of Weekly Passes \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Daily Passes (1 Weekly Pass = 4 Daily Passes) \_\_\_\_\_

### CORPORATE SPONSOR • \$1,000 - \$1,999

Gate Passes • Grandstand Banner With Your Name

Your Logo/Link To Your Business On Our Website's Sponsor Page  
& Brief Description Read Over PA During Fair Week!

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### ASSOCIATE SPONSOR • \$500 - \$999

Gate Passes • Grandstand Banner With Your Name

Name On Website

1/8 Page Ad In Fair Book (If Received By February 23, 2018)

Certificate Of Appreciation

Recognition In Fair Book (If Sponsored By February 23, 2018)

Announced As A Sponsor Over PA System Every Two Hours

AMOUNT PLEDGED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### GENERAL SPONSOR • \$100 - \$499

Gate Passes

Recognition In The Fair Book (If Received By February 23, 2018)

AMOUNT PLEDGED \$ \_\_\_\_\_