2019 Fair: Record Breaking!

Everything was a record success at the 2019 Mercer County Fair. Gate attendance, concert attendance, vendor revenue, and community participation were exceptional this year that all contributed to the most attended fair that Mercer County has ever hosted. "We have a lot to be thankful for. We received many compliments about the fair as well as remarks on how to improve for next year," stated Mercer County Fair Manager, Cara Muhlenkamp.

The fair kicked off by hosting their Country Concert on Friday Night. Phil Vassar and Montgomery Gentry performed a stellar show, which also reflected in ticket sales. Ticket sales rose eleven percent from last years concert, having the grandstands being at 91% capacity.

The success continued onto Saturday night for the Contemporary Christian Concert. This year, We Are Messenger and Crowder performed. The grandstands were at 73% capacity with most ticket sales targeting the youth. We also hosted a new event after the Christian Concert called Teens Night Out. At this event, the youth groups in the area were able to meet up after the concert for food and games as well as get an extra hour to ride rides down midway. Two hundred and one youth participants partook in this event, which will lead to great success in the future as well.

“We have great volunteers that make the grandstand events a huge success. This includes Mt. Carmel Church of God that clean up the grandstands after each event as well as many organizations that helped as ushers to guide concert-goers to their seats,” explained Muhlenkamp.

The success continued throughout the week. Knights of Valour: Full Contact Jousting was a huge hit in the grandstands Sunday. The event brought an array of people to the event. Many people were intrigued as to what all goes into full-contact jousting as well as the harm behind the sport.

The fair ended with the Demo Derby. The Demo Derby was back in Mercer County after six years of not hosting the event. The Demo Derby turned out to be a huge success all around with having fifty-five cars that participated. Discussion is underway for next year’s Demo Derby.
IMPORTANT DEADLINES

If fees are not received on time, you will forfeit your place and it will go to the next person on the waiting list. Payments can be made at the fairgrounds office, by mail, or dropping it in the office door slot.

NEW! Fair Camping Raffle Ticket
Chance to have your 2020 Fair Camping paid for
Raffle Ends Friday, November 22
$5/ticket

Gate C Reserved Parking
Tuesday, October 15
$50/spot

Fair Camping Payment
Sunday, December 15
$180/spot

Reverse Raffle
The annual Reverse Raffle will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2020. The Cooper Farms Junior Fair Building doors will open at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m., and drawings/auctions to follow at 7 p.m. Grand prize winner will receive $5,000.

Previous Reverse Raffle participants should have received a mailing to pre-order their tickets. Tickets will go on sale to the public October 31, 2019. Each year, the event is sold out, so the Mercer County Fair Board urges everyone to get their tickets as soon as possible. Only 250 tickets are sold.

Tickets are $100 each and include a buffet meal for two and one ticket into the raffle. Other drawings, live/silent auctions, and 50/50 will be held throughout the evening.

Each year, the Fair Board chooses an improvement to receive the profits. The 2020 proceeds will go towards gravel pads for full hook-up camp sites, driveways in camping and parking area, and improvements to the Bull Pen.

Glen Florence says to be cool and purchase a Reverse Raffle Ticket

Community Center Rentals

The Community Center has limited number of openings available for Holiday Family Parties. The building holds 100 people. The following are dates that are still available:

- Sunday, November 3
- Saturday, November 16
- Sunday, December 8
- Friday, December 13
- Saturday, December 14
- Friday, December 20
- Friday, December 27

Call 419-586-3239 to reserve your spot today!
HALLOWEEN FAMILY-FEST & CAMPOUT
FRIDAY, SATURDAY, AND SUNDAY
OCTOBER 25-27, 2019
MERCER COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, CELINA, OHIO

SCHEDULE OF SPOOK-TACULAR EVENTS

FRIDAY

SCAVENGER HUNT FOR ALL AGES!..............................7 PM
(Meet at the Kenn-Feld Community Center)
SPOOKY MOVIE.................................................9 PM
(Kenn-Feld Community Center)

SATURDAY

CRAFT SHOW.....................................................9AM-3PM
(JUNIOR FAIR BUILDING & PBS BUILDING)
KIDS CRAFTS...................................................11AM-12:30PM
(COMMUNITY CENTER)
*FREE-WILL DONATIONS TO OFF SET THE SUPPLY COST*
LASER TAG & INFLATABLES.................................11AM
DRAG RACES....................................................12PM
(GRANDSTAND TRACK)
TUG-A-TRUCK...FOLLOWING DRAG RACES APPROX. 5:30
(GRANDSTAND TRACK)
TRICK OR TREATING..........................................2-4PM
(CAMPER TO CAMPER AREAS)
COSTUME JUDGING.............................................4 PM
(PBS BUILDING)
BUCKEYES GAME WITH CHILI & POTLUCK.....TBD
(PBS BUILDING)
HAUNTED BARN.............................................7:30-10PM
(PONY BARN #8)
Portion of the proceeds to benefit the Cancer Association of Mercer County

CALL 419-586-3239 TO RESERVE YOUR CAMPING SITE
2019 Mercer County Fair Memories...