

FAIR BOARD ATTENDS CONVENTION, WINS AWARDS, SETS SIGHTS ON 2026 FAIR



Fair board members attending the Awards Recognition breakfast included from left, front row, Patrece Beegle, Tara Roberts, Kassandra Lodwick. Secord row, from left, Chuck Parker, Brandon Werry, Debbie Watson and Paul Will.

The Meigs County Fair was recognized at the 2026 Ohio Fair Managers Convention in Columbus in January. Fair boards gather from all of Ohio to attend the annual convention. Meigs won first place in three categories for Excellence in Small Fair Web Home Page, Promoting Ag Education and Misc Use of Technology to Promote Fair for efforts in 2025. Accepting the award for the fair board was Vice President Tara Roberts. The web page is for themeigscountyfair.com site and the ag education is the livestock judging contest held during the fair. The misc. use of technology award was for a video created for the 2025 fair promotion. The fair has been working with Carrie Rose on promotions and the website for several years. This is not the first awards the fair has won. Meigs has placed or won first in multiple categories within the past several years. **For More Go to Page 4**



Jr Fair Attends Fair Convention

The Meigs County Jr Fair had strong representation at the 2026 Ohio Fair Managers Convention, check out their story on Page 2.

Rule Changes on Weights

Some rule changes have been made regarding weight guidelines for livestock, find out what they are on Page 3.

Fair Royalty Out & About

Meigs County Fair royalty has been out and about representing the fair at various events including in Columbus on Page 3.

Who is on the Board?

Who are the people that make up the Meigs Co Agricultural Society and Junior Fair Board? Find out who the officers are on Page 4.

Dates to Remember

- March 24 Horse Committee Meeting - 5pm RB
- March 24 4-H Committee Meeting - 6pm RB
- March 28 Large Animal Livestock Clinic 1-3:30 pm fairgrounds
- March 28 Equine Shot Clinic (Vaccinations & Coggins Test) at fairgrounds

Dates to Remember

- April 1 4-H Enrollments Due - Member & Volunteer
- April 5 Easter
- April 6 Fair Board Meeting - 7 pm fairgrounds
- April 16 Quality Assurance - 5pm RB
- April 16 Quality Assurance Test-out 3:15 pm Southern High School
- April 20 Horse Quality Assurance - 6:30 pm RB

JUNIOR FAIRBOARD ATTENDS OHIO FAIR MANAGERS CONVENTION

The Meigs County Junior Fair Board attended the recent Ohio Fair Managers Convention in Columbus, Ohio.

The Meigs County Junior Fair Board members enjoyed meeting other junior fair board (JFB) members from around the state at the convention. They went to learning sessions and roundtable discussions on topics such as running meetings effectively using Parliamentary Procedure, the role of JFB members, team building, leadership, managing the livestock sale, and more.

"Our JFB members really impressed me representing Meigs County at this year's convention. I loved seeing one of our own at every table during the Junior Fairboard programming events," said Meigs County Junior Fair Coordinator Amanda Faulk.

Nineteen of Meigs County's JFB members attended the convention. In total from across the state, 1,100 youth representing junior fair boards from all 88 counties attended the convention.

"This was a great opportunity for these members to connect with other counties and share ideas about the upcoming year. I am really excited about this group and their future on the board," continued Faulk.

Tyson Hupp, Meigs County JFB president, said of the experience, "The trip was a fun new experience for me. I was able to find some new ideas I hope that we can use for the JFB and shared some of the traditional things that we have at our fair."

Meigs County Junior Fair Board members work throughout the year with the Meigs County Agricultural Society directors (aka fairboard) to make the annual event possible. Countless hours of dedication and hardwork go into planning and working on the fair.



Members of the Junior Fairboard at the 2026 Ohio Fair Managers Convention in Columbus, Ohio.



RULE CHANGES ON MARKET WEIGHTS

The Meigs County Fair Board voted during the February meeting to change weights for market livestock exhibiting at the Meigs County Fair. Minimum weights have been in place, but maximum weights have been added.

Weights for **Market Livestock** are: Feeders (Dairy & Beef) 400-650 lbs; Beef 1,000-1,650 lbs; Chickens (Pen of 2) 5-10 lbs (each); Dairy Steer 1,000-1,650 lbs; Ducks (Pen of 2) 4.08-9.08 lbs/oz (each); Hog 220-310 lbs; Goat 60-120 lbs; Lamb 95-160 lbs; Rabbits (Pen of 2) 3.08-5.08 lbs/oz (each); Turkey 20-45 lbs.



FAIR ROYALTY OUT & ABOUT

The 2025 Meigs County Fair Queen Opal Huggins and First Runner-up Ruby Lechler have been busy representing the fair.

They attended and the Ohio Fair Managers Convention in Columbus in January. Opal competed for the Ohio Fairs crown.

Rutland Village held a Valentine's Royalty event. Opal and Ruby crowned Rutland's Valentine Royalty.

Fair royalty work throughout the year to promote the Meigs County Fair in the county and the region.

The 2025 Meigs County Fair Royalty is proudly sponsored by Home National Bank.

Be a Sponsor!

If you would like information about being a sponsor, or having an ad in the upcoming 2026 Fair Book contact

Tara Roberts
via email at
vicepresident@themeigscountyfair.com

**Meigs County Trade Days
Spring Craft Show**

Meigs County Fairgrounds, Pomeroy, Ohio

March 28, 2026 From 9 am - 3 pm

Over 70 heated spaces indoors!!
Free parking, Free admission!

Vendors:
Indoor spaces \$25, outside \$15, Table rental \$5
Accepting: Tools, Antiques, Collectables, etc
New Items: Spring decor •Holiday items •Art
Apparel •Specialty items •Florals •Woodwork
Crafts •Toys •Pet items •Bags/Wallets
Handmade items •Bakery •Sweets
Direct Sales welcome! And More!!!

Contact us to reserve your space:
Tara Roberts 740-416-5506
Wendi Miller 740-416-4015

**Winter Storage
TAKE OUT DAY**

April 25, 2026
9-10 AM

Get the latest fair info at
themeigscountyfair.com

WHO IS ON THE BOARD? MEET YOUR SR & JR BOARDS

The Meigs County Agricultural Society more commonly known as the Fair Board are volunteers elected to serve three year terms. Currently officers are President Wes Karr, Vice President Tara Roberts, Treasurer Brandon Werry, Secretary Debbie Watson. Board members are Sam Evans, David Watson, Danny Davis, Tom Pullins, Robbie Calaway, Chris Lambert, Chuck Parker, Patrece Beegle, Paul Will, Buddy Ervin, Shaun Seth, Ron Hensley, Joe Dillon, Brian Windon and Kassandra Lodwick.

The Junior Fair Board are youth from one of the following organizations 4-H, Girl Scouts, Scouting America, Junior Grange and FFA. Junior Fair Board officers for 2026 are President Tyson Hupp, Vice President Paige Smith, Secretary Ellie Howell, Treasurer Garrett Parry, Historian Bryant Mohler. Members are Zoey Barnhart, Garrett Beasley, Serenity Bishop, Ashlyn Bradford, Elijah Circle, Hannah Circle, Laurel Huggins, Opal Huggins, Hannah Jackson, Bella Johnson, Nevada Johnson, Hunter Lackey, John Lechler, Grace Lee, Taylor Lewis, Ivy McClain, Colton McKnight, Zachariah McKnight, Jeremiah Mohler, Hunter Parry, Peyton Richmond, Kendall Schagel, Sophia Shaw and Braelynn Sims. The Junior Fair Board Coordinator is Amanda Faulk.

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In addition to recognition, fair board members attended sessions throughout the convention. Those sessions help in sharing ideas, creating important contacts and learning something new to bring to the Meigs Fair. Sessions included best practices, concessions management, fair promotion, round table discussions, safety, policies, emergency planning and more.

During the convention, fair board members have the opportunity to discuss contracts and finalize some of the decisions for the upcoming fair. Some of those topics were discussed at the February meeting of the fair board and included a contract with Lisko Amusements for a three year contract to provide rides to the Meigs County Fair. Additionally, it was voted on to have fireworks to celebrate the 250th of the United States of America. More information about the 2026 fair will be forthcoming as more decisions are made. Check the Meigs County Fair Facebook page and website for the latest information and updates.



2026 Meigs County Jr Fair Theme -
*Stars, Stripes & Summer Nights at the
2026 Meigs County Fair*

