



RAIN, MUD, & RIBBONS – 163RD MEIGS COUNTY FAIR IS IN THE BOOKS

The 2026 Meigs County Fair started with a downpour for opening ceremonies and ended with a bang with fireworks on Saturday, Aug. 22.

Throughout the week rain and mud were dealt with in true fair goer style with muck boots and grinning through the grime. The rodeo was cancelled on Aug. 17 due to a down pour, but the rest of the fair was able to go on.

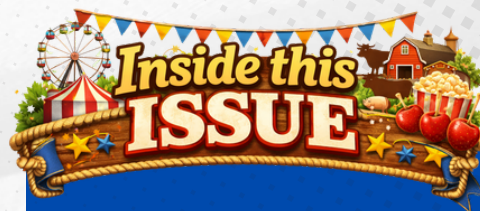
“Despite weather being extremely challenging only one event was cancelled for the week,” Wes Karr, president of the Meigs County Agricultural Society said.

Kids Day had an opening in the weather with a great turnout. Senior Day was busy with a full room for Senior Bingo. Added vendors including free hearing screenings were busy with seniors too. The rest of week had improvements in weather and the county’s largest event was in full swing. Livestock shows were busy despite the weather and as usual the Junior Fair exhibitors showed off their projects with many bringing home ribbons.

“Friday and Saturday had near record crowds for the truck pulls and demolition derby! A lot of livestock shows in the Ridenour Arena this week showcased a summer of hard work,” Karr said.

The week would not happen without a lot of hands on deck to help.

“I would like to thank all of the volunteers, Junior Fair Board and Senior Fair Board for a fantastic week,” Karr added.



Opening Ceremonies Soggy, Enthusiasm High

Opening Ceremonies may have been soggy, but excitement won out on Page 2.

Grand/Reserve Livestock Champions

Livestock Shows and Judging were a big part of the 163rd Meigs County Fair. Check out the Champions on Page 3.

Fair Royalty Crowned

Despite the conditions, royalty candidates weathered the storm for crowning on Page 5.

FFA Holds Livestock Judging Contest

FFA groups came together to host a Livestock Judging Contest at the fair. Find out the winners on Page 6.

Kiddie Tractor Pull of Champions Win Big

The Pull of Champions bring home big trophies and prizes for their pulling effort on Page 7.

Remembering

Remembering those that contributed to the Meigs County Fair in memorial on Page 8.

Many Sponsors Make the Fair Possible

Family fun is all part of Kids Day at the fair. Details on the schedule and shining stars at the fair on Page 9.

SOGGY OPENING CEREMONIES DID NOT DAMPEN ENTHUSIASM

Opening ceremonies were held on Mark Porter Auto Group Day on August 16. Despite it being soggy and muddy enthusiasm was not dampened by the weather.

Garrett Parry led the invocation followed by the flag raising and ribbon cutting. In recognition of the 80th anniversary of the Meigs County Junior Fair Board, current JFB President Tyson Hupp and Meigs County Agricultural Society President Wes Karr, cut the ribbon to officially open the 163rd Meigs County Fair.



The parade was led by Meigs County Sheriff Scott Fitch. The Rough Riders 4-H Club rode their horses. Walking units in the parade included Boy Scout Troop 299 (Scouting America) and Big Bend Girl Scouts. With floats were the following 4-H Clubs: Country Pioneers; Cowboy Boots & Country Roots; Grow Em & Show Em; Next Generation; Meigs County Better Livestock Dairy Club; Busy Beavers; Go Big or Go Home; Country Clovers; Woolly Bully's & More; 4Fun; and Hillbilly Hay Bales.

Winners of the parade were: Walking, first Boy Scout Troop 299, second Big Bend Girl Scouts; Riding, first Cowboy Boots & Country Roots, second Grow Em & Show Em, third Meigs County Dairy Club; Float, first Country Clovers, second Busy Beavers, third 4 Fun; Animal, first Rough Riders.

Recognized in memorial were Janie Fitch, F. Karen Werry, Donna Jean Smith, and Larry Life. (For more on their dedication to the fair see Page 8.)

Veterans were also recognized with Quilts of Valor.

The previous night at the horse show, Tinzley Smith was crowned Horse Princess.

Other royalty were crowned despite the muck and the inability to use the stage. Meigs County Little Miss Avery Otworth and Little Mister Braxtyn Bailey received their sashes. Crowned were: Jr Livestock Prince Tucker Hupp; Sr Livestock Prince Blake Smith; Jr Livestock Princess Kendall Jenkins; Sr Livestock Princess Paige Smith; First Attendant Nevada Johnson; and Queen Kendall Schagel. (More can be found on Page 6.)



GRAND & RESERVE CHAMPIONS NAMED AT MEIGS COUNTY FAIR

Champions were named in Judging and Showmanship throughout the week.

Dairy. Dairy Breeding Showmanship: Champion Showman Opal Huggins; Reserve Showman Emelyn Stewart; Jr. Showman Wyatt Teafor; Intermediate Showman Emelyn Stewart; Beginner Showman Jada Webb; Sr. Novice Showman Opal Huggins; Jr. Novice Showman Kymber Stewart. **Open Dairy Show:** Supreme Champion Lynn Yost with Brown Swiss 4 Year Old; Reserve Champion Porter Webb with Holstein 4 Year Old; Grand Champion Cow Lynn Yost with Brown Swiss 4 Year Old; Reserve Champion Cow Porter Webb with Holstein 4 Year Old; Grand Champion Heifer Kymber Stewart with Holstein Spring Heifer Calf; Reserve Champion Heifer Emelyn Stewart with Brown Swiss Heifer Calf.

Sheep. Sheep: Junior Breeding Sheep Grand Champion Kensley Karr with Reserve Champion Paislee Mahoney; **Open Sheep Show** Grand Champion Kensley Karr with Reserve Champion Emersen Russell. Sheep Showmanship results: Champion Showman Kensley Karr; Reserve Showman Reagan Burke; Champion Sr. Showman Luke Enright; Jr. Showman Reagan Burke; Intermediate Showman Kensley Karr; Beginner Showman Jackson Gillian; Jr. Nov. Showman Cheyenne Lackey. Market Lamb Grand Champion is Kensley Karr with Reserve Champion Peyton Bailey.

Poultry Turkey: Champion Showman Autumn Bishop; Reserve Showman Peyton Richmond; Sr. Showman Wyatt Smith; Jr. Showman Peyton Richmond; Inter. Showman, Alana Ridenour; Beginner Showman James Peckham; Sr. Nov. Showman Cody Stewart; Jr. Nov. Showman Autumn Bishop. Market Turkey Grand Champion Broghan Short with Reserve Champion Wyatt Jenne. **Duck:** Champion Showman Hannah Jackson; Reserve Showman Ruby Lechler; Sr. Showman Hannah Jackson; Jr. Showman James Smith; Inter. Showman Alana Ridenour; Beginner Showman Marshall Butcher; Sr. Nov. Showman Cody Stewart; Jr. Nov. Showman Lynn Yost. Market Duck Grand Champion Gabriel Folmer with Reserve Champion Gannon Murphy. **Chicken:** Champion Showman Kendall Schagel; Reserve Showman Gradey Murphy; Sr. Showman Brice Butcher; Jr. Showman Kendall Schagel; Inter. Showman Hazel Lechler; Beg. Showman Eli Hudson; Sr. Nov. Showman Natalie Goode; Jr. Nov. Showman Wyatt Jenne. Market Chicken Grand Champion Claire Ohlinger with Reserve Champion Landon Lockhart.

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Poultry Breeding Show: Grand Champion Chase Moore, Bantam; Reserve Champion Marshall Butcher, Ducks; Best of Breed Large Fowl Hunter Butcher; Reserve Best of Breed Large Fowl Chase Moore; Best of Breed Bantams Chase Moore; Reserve Best of Breed Bantams Hunter Butcher; Best of Breed Geese Ivy McClain; Best of Breed Ducks Marshall Butcher; Reserve Best of Breed Ducks and Best of Breed Bantam Ducks Ivy McClain; Reserve Best Breed Bantam Ducks Chase Moore. **Open Poultry Show:** Grand Champion Sammi Butcher, Bantam; Reserve Champion Tinzley Smith, Turkey; Best of Breed Large Fowl Kimber Butcher; Best of Breed Bantams Sammi Butcher; Reserve Best of Breed Bantams Kimber Butcher; Best of Breed Turkeys Tinzley Smith.

Beef. Junior Breeding Beef: Grand Champion Reagan Burke, Chiana; Reserve Champion Isaac Little, Crossbreed. **Open Beef Show** Grand Champion Reagan Burke with Reserve Champion Isaac Little. Beef Showmanship: Champion Showman McKayla Nelson; Reserve Showman Tyler Miller; Sr. Showman McKayla Nelson; Jr. Showman Regan Burke; Inter. Showman Kensley Karr; Beg. Showman Kaebreyne Rankin; Sr. Nov. Showman Tyler Miller; Jr. Nov. Showman Hunter Buckley. Market Beef Grand Champion Kensley Karr with Reserve Champion Marcy Evans. Market Beef Feeder Grand Champion Cade Newland with Reserve Champion McKayla Nelson.

Swine. Swine Showmanship: Champion Showman Ella Bailey; Reserve Showman Alana Buckley; Jr. Showman Clay Buckley; Inter. Showman Ella Bailey; Beg. Showman Janie Jordan; Sr. Nov. Showman Jozalynn Tucker; Jr. Nov. Showman Lucas Roush. Market Hog Grand Champion Grace Parry with Reserve Champion Mariahlyn Monroe.

Goat. Dairy Goat Showmanship: Grand Champion Nina Blackhurst; Reserve Champion Ivy McClain; Inter. Showman Nina Blackhurst; Nov. Showman Landry Brannon. Junior Breeding Dairy Goat: Grand Champion Landry Brannon, Saanen; Reserve Champion Nina Blackhurst, Alpine; Best of Breed Alpine, Nina Blackhurst; Best of Breed Nigerian Dwarf, Ivy McClain; Reserve Best of Breed Nigerian Dwarf, Ivy McClain; Best of Breed Nubian, Victoria Bailey; Reserve Best of Breed Nubian, Victoria Bailey; Best of Breed Saanen, Landry Brannon; Reserve Best of Breed Saanen, Morgan Durst; Best of Breed Sable, Morgan Durst; Best of Breed Crossbred, Landry Brannon. Meat Goat Breeding Champion Janell Lemler with Reserve Champion Emma Leachman. Goat Showmanship: Champion Showman Kensley Karr; Reserve Showman Bryant Mohler; Sr. Showman Bryant Mohler; Jr. Showman Mackenzie Arms; Inter. Showman Kensley Karr; Beginner Showman Paisley Stethem; Sr. Nov. Showman Garrett Beasley; and Jr. Nov. Showman Grace Buckley. Market Goat Grand Champion Kensley Karr with Reserve Champion Mackenzie Robertson.

FAIR ROYALTY CROWNED

Following a down pour, the candidates for fair royalty lined up in front of the Grandstand to see who would be crowned.

Kendall Schagel was crowned 2026 Meigs County Fair Queen with Nevada Johnson the First Attendant. Senior Livestock Princess is Paige Smith with Kendall Jenkins being crowned the Junior Livestock Princess. Senior Livestock Prince is Blake Smith with Jr. Livestock Prince Tucker Hupp.

Queen candidates this year were Isabella Johnson, Nevada Johnson, Kendall Schagel, and Isabella Runyon. Livestock Princess candidates were Victoria Bailey, Lyla Beasley, Laura Huggins, Kendall Jenkins, Grace Parry, Paige Smith, and Paisley Stethem. Livestock Prince candidates were Tucker Hupp and Blake Smith. No candidate filed for King.

The 2026 Horse Princess is Tinzley Smith.

The Meigs County Fair Royalty are sponsored by Home National Bank.

Little Miss Meigs County is Avery Otworth with Little Mister Braxtyn Bailey. The Little Miss & Mister contest is sponsored by the Rutland Fire Department Auxiliary.

In the coming year the royalty will represent the county in parades and events throughout the region. Royalty attend other fairs and festivals promoting the Meigs County Fair.



Candidates lined up along the track as the stage was unusable due to the weather.



Kendall Schagel is crowned by 2025 Queen Opal Huggins.



From left, Home National Bank Executive Vice President Randy Pierce, Queen Kendall Schagel, and Keaghan Wolfe.



Front row from left, Little Mister Braxtyn Bailey, Little Miss Avery Otworth. Back row from left, Jr Livestock Prince Tucker Hupp, Horse Princess Tinzley Smith, First Attendant Nevada Johnson, Queen Kendall Schagel, Jr Livestock Princess Kendall Jenkins, Sr Livestock Princess Paige Smith, and Sr Livestock Prince Blake Smith.

SOUTHERN & MEIGS FFA CO-HOST LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Meigs and Southern FFA Chapters joined together to co-host the annual Meigs County Fair Livestock Judging Contest on Aug. 20 at the Ridenour Livestock Arena.

This year 60 kids and 30 adults participated. The contest was open to anyone with three age divisions: Junior 13 & under; Senior 14-19; Adult 20 & up. Prizes were awarded. Species included for judging were steers, lambs, goats and hogs.

The top five in each category from first to fifth are: Junior, Jerika Hupp, Ava Eblin, Grace Parry, Harper Kelley, and Bryce Casto; Senior, Jack Burke, Davion Moran, Hannah Jackson, Lakin Ridenour, and Taylor Cook; Adult, Natalie Brown, Heather Burke, Jason Jordan, Cynthia Enright, and Angel Mohler.

The contest has become an annual feature of the Meigs County Fair with both FFA Chapters.

Sponsors included Athenian Wrapsody/Fulton Concessions, Ben Holter, Bryer Holley, Bridgeport Equipment, Clary Farms, Dean & Robin Harris, Farm Credit & Rural 1st, Garret Beasley & family, KL Livestock, M&R Contracting, Meigs/Athens Farm Bureau, MeMe's, Inc., Pomeroy Fabric Shop, R&R Farms, Riverbend Treasurers, Route 7 Feed & Supplies, Shade River Ag, Tyson Hupp, Valley View Farms, Windy Hill Farms, Amanda Eblin, Eddie Casto, Ashley Casto, Jennifer Dunn, Jenna Meeks, Natalie Brown, Jo Dunn, Tim Dunn, Maxine Rose, Rachel Hupp, Kristin McKay, Jake Barber, Natasha Beasley, Colton Erwin, and Sydney Rogers.



Top Five Senior winners.



Top Five Junior winners.



Various prizes were awarded to winners.



Steers were among judging species.

KIDDIE TRACTOR PULL OF CHAMPIONS BRING HOME BIG WINS



Throughout the week Kiddie Tractor Pulls are held daily with the Pull of Champions on Friday of the fair. The daily champions are brought back on Friday to compete in the Pull of Champions. Every year big trophies and cash prizes are awarded to the winners. This year was no different as the refurbished "Lil' Red" was unveiled. The pedal tractor and custom made sled have been used at the fair for 40 years.

Pull of Champion winners for senior weight class are Jason Van Fossen, Layton Van Ness, Carly Van Fossen and Aubrey Hendrix.

Pull of Champion winners for junior weight class are from first to fourth Paisley Manuel, Evelyn Kennedy, Kalum Barringer and Liam Hupp.

Another generation of winners took home trophies and cash prizes thanks to Hupp Landscaping, Sherry Wagner in memory of Huck Wagner, R&R Farms and Home National Bank.

COMPETITION WINNERS FOR LANDSCAPING, BOOTHS, & TRASH CANS

Prior to the fair kicking off, 4-H Clubs work on projects for their booths along with landscaping areas of the fair and decorating trash cans. The Junior Fair theme this year was "Stars, Stripes & Summer Nights at the 2026 Meigs County Fair." The theme was used for the various projects.

The winners of the large booth were: first, Cowboy Boots & Country Roots; second, Meigs County Dairy Club; third, Busy Beavers. Small booth winners were: first, Country Pioneers; second, Next Generation; third, Kid Konnection.

Landscaping winners were: first, Country Pioneers; second, Cowboy Boots & Country Roots; third, Meigs Creek.

Trash can decorating winners were: first, Next Generation; second, Woolly Bully's & More; third, Country Pioneers.



Next Generation won first place in the trash can competition.



Cowboy Boots & Country Roots won first place for their large booth.

REMEMBERING THOSE THAT GAVE SO MUCH TO THE FAIR

The Meigs County Fair happens because of countless hours of volunteering from members of the Meigs County Agricultural Society, their spouses and others. Without the dedication of these individuals, the largest event annually in the county would not be possible. Through the years individuals have and will continue to be recognized for their service to the fair.

During the opening ceremonies Janie Fitch, F. Karen Werry, Donna Jean Smith, and Larry Life were recognized in memorial for their contributions to the fair.

The families of each person were given a plaque with the following inscription, "The Meigs County Fair remembers and honors the memory of (the person's name) for dedication to the highest ideals exhibited through the celebration of our county and the youth therein at the Meigs County Fair. In honor of outstanding commitment and distinguished service."

Janie, Karen, Donna Jean and Larry exhibited such ideals and served the fair faithfully for many years.

Janie Fitch – For more than two decades, Janie dedicated her time, energy, and heart to the Meigs County Fair. As a longtime member of the fair board and Superintendent of the Domestic Arts Department, she played an important role in preserving the traditions that make the fair a cherished part of our community.

F. Karen Werry – Karen served as a member of the fair board for several years and was a dedicated supporter of the fair. Throughout her time of service, she could often be found organizing flower shows, photography, exhibits, art displays, and many other activities. She was a former 4-H advisor, generously sharing her time and knowledge with others.

Donna Jean Smith – Donna Jean was much more than the wife of former Fair Board President Dan Smith—she was part of the heart of our fair family. Wherever Dan was, Donna Jean was close beside, always willing to lend a helping hand, offer encouragement, or do whatever needed to be done. One of her favorite ways of helping was preparing countless meals for board members. She worked quietly behind the scenes, and gave so much of herself without ever asking for recognition.

Larry Life – Larry was a member of the fair board and proudly served on several committees. Some of his favorite times were spent with livestock shows and truck and tractor pulls. If there was a pull going on, chances are Larry was on the track, rolling it with a grin after every pass. Larry leaves a legacy of hard work, kindness, laughter, and unwavering support for our community.



2026 Fair Sponsors

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- Baum Lumber
- Big Dogs Trash Service
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MEIGS CLEANUP DAY

SEPTEMBER 12, 2026

9:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.

GET RID OF HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, JUNK, SCRAP METAL AND OLD ELECTRONICS FOR FREE

SCRAP TIRE DISPOSAL ONLY \$0.50 PER TIRE

Meigs County Fairgrounds

41850 Fairgrounds Road, Pomeroy, OH 45769

Open to Meigs County residents only:

- Proof of residence required such as driver's license or utility bill.
- No industrial or commercial customers.

WE WILL NOT ACCEPT: General household trash, household hazardous waste (paint, chemicals, cleaners, pool chemicals, and used oil), fluorescent lamps, pesticides, herbicides and fertilizer, medical, infectious, or biohazard waste.

Funding and support provided by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, the Meigs Soil and Water Conservation District, Meigs County Health Department, and the Meigs County Commissioners.



WHAT YOU CAN BRING

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS: May include furniture, toys, appliances (including air conditioners, freezers, and refrigerators) tools, box springs/mattresses, carpet, lawn furniture

SCRAP TIRES:

Passenger and truck tires only
\$0.50 per tire disposal fee
—CASH ONLY—

No checks or credit/debit cards
Must be able to pay at the event

Limit **10** tires per vehicle

NO FARM TRACTOR TIRES
NO RIMS

REUSEABLE/DONATION

ITEMS: May include working appliances, medical equipment, arts & crafts, office equipment & supplies, unused lumber & building materials, unused electrical & plumbing fixtures, electronics, collectibles, antiques. *All donations are accepted or rejected at the discretion of the organizer.*

RECYCLABLES:

Scrap metal & electronics
Lawn mowers, car batteries, appliances, air conditioners, computers, servers, copiers, scanners, UPS and battery back-up systems, microwaves and toasters.

For more information contact the Meigs County Health Department at 740-992-6626

Meigs Trade Days

Currently taking vendors:
Produce, arts, crafts, baking,
housewares, direct sales, apparel,
accessories, pet items, toys,
hobbies.... Also: fundraising,
tools, antiques, informational...

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Meigs County Fairgrounds

Pomeroy, Ohio

Oct 03, 2026

9am-3 pm



Inside spaces, porch spaces, outside
\$25 inside/ \$15 outside

free parking~free admission~free fun!!



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HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW

NOVEMBER 28, 2026

AT THE FAIRGROUNDS