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## LORAIN COUNTY FAIR CHECKING OUT THE ACTION

A goat takes a peek over its stall to see what's going on at last year's Lorain County Fair. There will be plenty of animals to see at this year's edition of the fair.

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#### LORAIN COUNTY FAIR

# That's entertainment Grandstand events will offer something for everyone

#### **By Keith Reynolds** kreynolds@ morningjournal.com

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Fair opens Aug. 22 and many people will be flooding in to see the attrac- things," he said. "We could tions held at the grandstand which acts as a central hub to all of the other down to what schedules attractions.

According to Tim Buthis year's lineup will fearock band .38 Special on grandstand.

RATING

Aug. 22 and singer-songwriter Frankie Ballard on Aug. 23.

list of who we feel are good The 2016 Lorain County candidates, and it just comes down to routing and schedules and that type of get anywhere from 10 to 20 names, and it just comes will permit."

Buchs said that while fair, he thinks that some

"Every year we make a list of who we feel are good candidates, and "Every year we make a it just comes down to routing and schedules and that type of things,. We could get anywhere from 10 to 20 names, and it just comes down to what schedules will permit."

- Tim Buchs, Lorain County Fair director

chs, a director of the fair, many spend all day at the would make them consider ment going on constantly. president, said that he's coming, but a lot of people But yeah, I'm sure the excited for a grandstand ture some exciting acts people come out just to come to the fair and make shows are a draw and that event that may fly under and attractions including catch the shows at the a day of it," he said. "Go people come that particu- most people's radars: The to the shows, or just walk lar day just for the show. horse pull on Aug. 25.

Yes. I don't for sure know a percentage rate."

Tickets to see the grandstand concerts are \$25 as is 'old school'." well as the \$5 price of adin free.

Senior citizens and military personnel also get in put together a fair, it was free on Aug. 25, according to Buchs.

Brian Twining, Lorain "We would hope that around. There's entertain- County senior fair board

"A lot of people don't know about it," he said. "I guess a better word for it

He said that horse pulls mission to the fair. Chil- are reminiscent of the kind dren under 9 years old get of activities that fairs were created to showcase.

"Back when they would 'my horse is better than yours' or 'my wife can cook a better pie than yours and we'll get Jill our neighbor to come down and figure out who has the better pie," he said.

"That's how the original fairs came together."



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### LORAIN COUNTY FAIR LINE 'EN 'EN UP

Participants of the Lorain County Fair 4-H Miniature Horse judging competition's 14 and older age division eagerly wait for the winners' names to be called, at last year's Fair.

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#### LORAIN COUNTY FAIR

# Something new

### Fair to feature new Veterans and EMT Building

#### **By Keith Revnolds**

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The 2016 Lorain County Fair is preparing to get underway, and with this year's fair there are a number of new features to the fairground, according to Brian Twining, the Lorain County senior fair board president.

The main improvement of the grounds is the new Veterans and EMS building, which sits behind the Fairgrounds Road in Wel- raisers going on, and we

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lington.

The veterans held a special place for John Emerich, who served on the board for cutting ceremony at 11 a.m. 44 years until his death in Aug. 22 which will feature 2013.

The board took up that to Twining. passion by replacing the barn that formerly housed John's widow, Judy, to come the veterans.

"When John passed away, the board kind of took it upon themselves to say, 'this is something he really wanted," he said. "We kind of dug in, and the VFW donated some money Fair Board Office, 23000 and we had some fund-

decided this late fall, early winter, to put this up." There will be a ribbon

a special guest, according

"We actually asked up and cut the ribbon," he said.

"It'll be kind of neat to have her up there. It'll be kind of like closure for us board members."

Also new this year will be general grounds improvements such as lights SOMETHING » PAGE 7

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Callie Finnegan, of Florence Township, gives her mini-horse "Cinnamon" a kiss for good luck before showing her at last year's Fair.

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8:00 am	Gates Open
8:00 am	Junior Fair Dog Show - Show Barn 4
8:30 am	Junior Fair Fowl Show - Barn 9
9:00 am	Judging of Culinary Arts - Books 705-709 and 717-718
9:00 am	Judging of Needlework
9:00 am	Honey Judging
9:00 am	Open Class Judging - Hobbies & Collectibles
9:00 am	Open Class Judging - Vegetables & Fruits
10:00 am	Open Class Judging - Grange
10:00 am	Open Class Judging - Reg. Haflingers, Draft Horses &
10.00 am	Draft Ponies - Pony Ring
10:30 am	Ohio Ladies pace - Meet the Drivers - East Side of Grandstand
11:00 am	
11:00 am	Open Class Judging - Photography HTCS Harness Racing
12 noon	Flag Raising Ceremony - Senior Fair Office Area, Official
	Opening with 4-H Band, Crowning of Junior Fair King and Queen
12 noon	Junior Fair Draft Horse Show - Pony Ring
1:00-7:00 pm	Voting for Directors of Lor. Co. Agriculture Society - Senior Fair Office
1:00 pm	Open Class Judging - Pigeons - Barn 38
4:00 pm	4-H Special Awards - Building 14
4:30 pm	Junior Fair Sheep Show, followed by Alpaca Show - Show Barn 4
5:00 pm	Culinary Arts Bake Sale - Pavilion 2
5:30 pm	Junior Éair Boer Goat Show - Barn 9
6:30 pm	Miniature Horse Prince and Princess Contest - Ring A
7:00 pm	Horesmanship King and Queen Contest - Ring A
7:30 pm	38 SPECIAL
10:00 pm	FIREWORKS

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2016

8:00 am	Open Class Judging - Rabbit & Cavy - Barn 39
8:30 am	Junior Fair Cat Judging - Rabbit Show Area - Barn 15
8:30 am	Junior Fair Swine Show - Barn 9
9:00 am	Junior Fair Miniature Horse Judging - Ring A
9:00 am	Open Class Judging - Dairy Cattle - Show Barn 4

- 10:00 am Open Class Judging - Poultry - Barn 38 Junior Fair Judging - Small Ánimals/Cats Barn 15 10:00 am 11:00 am HTCS Harness Racing Junior Fair Cavy Judging - Barn 15 Junior Fair Dog Agility - Show Barn 4 2:30 pm 6:00 pm FRANKIE BALLARD 7:30 pm WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2016 8:00 am Gates Open Junior Fair Beef Breeding Show - Show Barn 4 8:30 am 9:00 am
  - Junior Fair Dairy Goat/Market Dairy Goat Barn 9
- 9:00 am Junior Fair Saddle Horse Judging - Ring A
- 9:00 am Open Class Ponies and Stalled Hitch Classes - Pony Ring
- 11:00 am HTCS Harness Racing
- 11:00 am Junior Fair Market Beef Show - Show Barn 4
- 12:30 pm Open Class Judging - Flowers 1:00 pm
  - Junior Fair Judging Rabbit Breed Barn 15
- Junior Fair Harness/Pack Goat Show Barn 4 5:30 pm
- **SMOKEOUT DIESEL TRUCK PULL & 5 COUNTY PULL OFF** 7:00 pm

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2016

8:00 am Gates Open - Senior Citizens (65 and older) - free all day Veterans and Military Personnel with ID - free all day Junior Fair - Rabbit Śhowmanship - Barn 15 8:30 pm 9:00 am Junior Fair Judging - Beef Showmanship - Barn 15 9:00 am Pony Pull - Grandstand 9:00 am 4-H Open Mini-Horse Fun Show - Ring A 9:00-11:00 am County Fair Kids Fun Show - Barn 9 11:30 am Senior Citizen King & Queen Contest - Pavilion 1 Open to the World Draft Horse & Pony Hitch - Grandstand 12 noon Junior Fair Auction - Market Goats, Turkeys, Market Lambs, 1:00 pm Meat Rabbits, Meat Chickens 6:30 pm Junior Fair Night - Parade and Program - Ring A HORSE PULL - Grandstand 7:00 pm

8:00 am

9:00 am

9:00 am





Gates Open

SATURDAY	, AUGUST 27, 2016
8:00 am	Gates Open
8:30 am	Junior Fair Livestock Auction - Market Beef - Barn 9
9:00 am	4-H Open Saddle Horse Fun Show - Ring A
9:00 am	Tractor Pull - LORAIN COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY
9:00 am	Open Class Judging - Beef Cattle - Show barn 4
10:00 am	Pony Fun Show - Pony Ring
12 noon	Miniature Horse Pull - Pony Ring
12:30 pm	Junior Fair Livestock Auction - Market Hogs - Barn 9
1:30 pm	Kiddie Pedal Pull - Pavilion 2
3:00 pm	Draft Horse/Draft Pony Fun Pull (stabled entries only) - Pony Ring
4:00 pm	Fiddle Contest - Show Barn 4
7:00 pm	COMBINE DERBY AND PICK-UP TRUCK DERBY

Junior Fair Dairy Judging - Show Barn 4

Junior Fair Pygmy and Angora Goat Show - Show Ring 9

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2016

7:30 am	Catholic Mass - Father Reymann - Pavilion 1	
8:00 am	Gates Open	
8:30 am	Interdenominational Worship Service - Building 14 🔔	1
9:30 am	4-H Saddle Horse Versatility Show - Ring A	7.
10 am - 3 pm	Spinners & Weavers - Pavilion 2	1
4:00 pm	DEMOLITION DERBY	IT



SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2016

# Always entertaining

## Fair will feature free entertainment

#### By Keith Reynolds

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For many people, the allure of the Lorain County Fair is the entertainment they find while just wan-

dering around the grounds. Tom Adams, the free stage director, said that this year the fair is offering some of the best enter-

tainment you can find. New this year will be the Dock Dogs, which is an event in which dogs the last one usually con- not difficult to find people compete to see which can jump the highest and far-The competitions will be come singer Morgan Myles, held near gate three.

"They do basically a a future in country music. dog competition," he said. and grabbing various items dogs will jump higher and further to try to grab this item. I think there should be four or five demonstrations each day. Starting at like 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. and

"Because the Lorain County Fair is a pretty big venue, and people trying to gain exposure will gain it on our stages. I tell a lot of our artists, they might want to bring lots of business cards because there are lots of people looking for acts from other various fairs and festivals. Stuff like that. They'll look at the acts that we've had."

- Tom Adams, Lorain County Fair free stage director

cluding about 7 p.m."

whom Adams believes has

"I think she might be "There will be some dem- one of those up and coming onstrations and stuff like artists," he said. "She'll be that. They'll be jumping playing 1-3 p.m. She has an agent in Nashville. She has tell a lot of our artists, they off of a hanging line. The her own website and plenty might want to bring lots of videos on YouTube. She of business cards because has a really good voice; I wouldn't be surprised to looking for acts from other see her on the charts in the near future."

willing to perform as the On the afternoon of free entertainment at the thest into a body of water. Aug. 27, the fair will wel- fair, because of the amount of exposure the performers get.

"Because the Lorain County Fair is a pretty big venue, and people trying to gain exposure will gain it on our stages," he said. "I there are lots of people various fairs and festivals. Stuff like that. They'll look According to Adams, it's at the acts that we've had."

LORAIN COUNTY FAIR THAT'S A BIG DEER



Elijah Gonzalez of Sheffield Lake kicks the tires on a John Deer 8360R at last year's Lorain County Fair in Wellington.

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## Something

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outside of the grandstand, new blacktop to cut down on holes and trip areas and increased handicap parking, which Twining said was sorely needed.

problem; not enough," he said. "More and more people need access to handicap parking.

According to Twining, these improvements were paid for through fundraising, donations, and also the fair board's budget.

"We did get some grant "That's always been a veteran's building" he said. those fairgrounds better."

"I can't give you an exact number, but it was quite a few VFW groups that donated money. It would come out of our budget, too. We've been planning this. In November we have Night at the Races that raised some money to help with the costs. We prepare, we money, the VFW with the work year round to make



Online: For more information on the Lorain County Fair, visit its website LORAINCOUNTYFAIR.COM



## LORAIN COUNTY FAIR MAKING THEM LOOK GOOD



It's all about the animals at the Fair. Left, Parker Frey, of Wakeman, preps his steer "Tucker" for show during last year's Fair. It was Frey's first time showing at the Fair. Right, Olivia Galloway, of Berlin Heights guides her steer "Petey," back to his stall after a bath in preparation for the Market Steer Judging last year.

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#### Senior Citizens (65+):

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#### Veterans & Military:

FREE – Thursday with proper ID **Parking:** FREE

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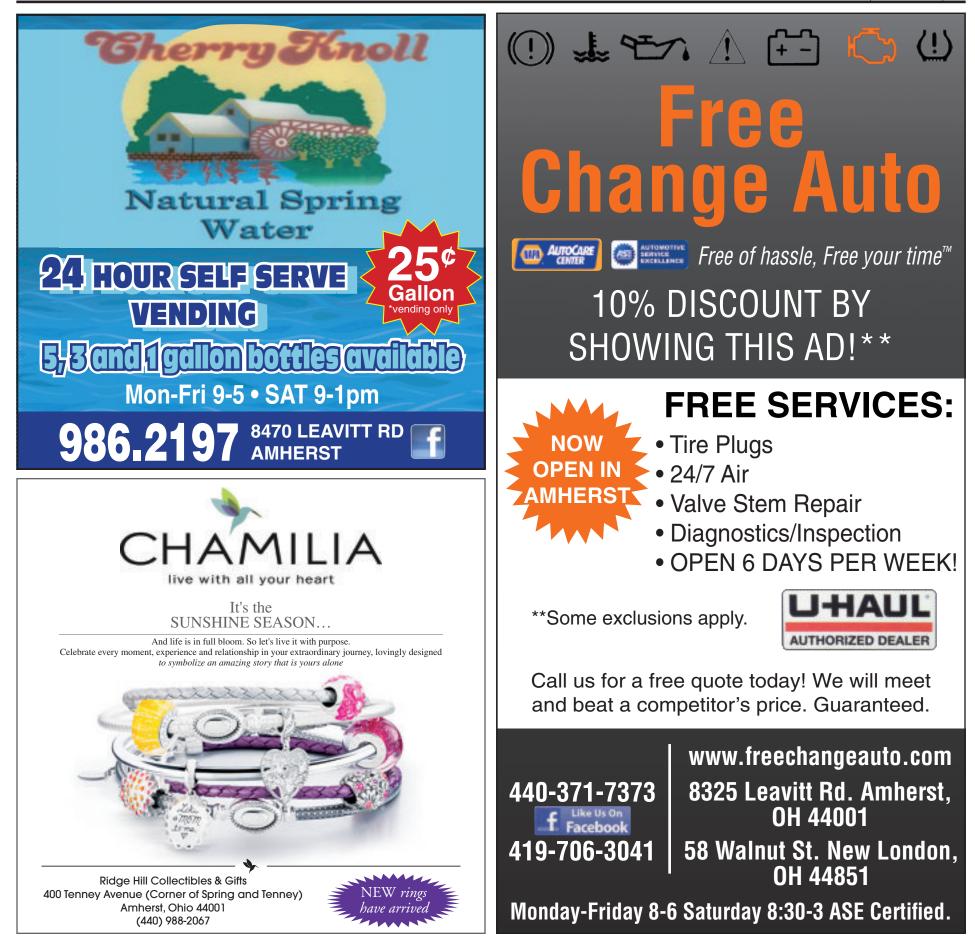


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Rita Campbell, King and Queen contest judge and executive director for the Lorain County Office on Aging, adjusts the sash of Mariann Thome Raymond Smith, who were crowned King and Queen at last year's fair.









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