



Otsego County Fair

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A Few Words from the President

The Fair board has been planning the 2010 Fair and non Fair events. We will host the Relay for Life, the Big Ticket Festival, plus many horse shows. Check the schedule of events for dates.

I would like to welcome Andy Falk, Pam Borowiak, Brian Beckley and Jeff Mueller to the board and thank Shirley Bates, Cyn Prusakiewicz and Bill Heska for their past service as board members. They volunteered a lot of time to the fair.

The beginning of January, eleven board members attended the Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibition convention in Grand Rapids. We attended many workshops, round table sessions and talked with other Fair board members from around the State, sharing success stories and problems that we all encounter during the year and during our annual Fairs.

The Otsego County Fair is doing well compared to some of the other Fairs we talked with. This is going to be another difficult year with the economy the way it is for some families. We will try our best to keep costs down on events and rides. We are looking for sponsors to help with this goal. If you would like to help sponsor an event or know someone or a business that would like to sponsor, please call Denise at 989-619-0156. Any amount of sponsorship will help to keep the Otsego County Fair a "cost friendly family event".

Len Ferry

2010

FAIR DATES

August 21-28

FAIR SPONSORS

THANK YOU to all who made the 2009 Otsego County Fair a SUCCESS.

Sponsorship is a very important part of the Otsego County Fair. Not all of our sponsorship is monetary; a portion of our sponsors donate labor and material to a specific job. We are asking for your help to keep prices down. If you are interested in sponsoring or would like more details on the 2010 Fair, contact Denise Gapinski at 989-619-0156.

2010 FAIR CONVENTION

The Fair Convention was held in Grand Rapids, January 7-9. The following board members and their spouses attended Tom & Waneta Cook, Jim & Dawn Mazey, Brian & Tami Techel, , Shawn & Jennifer O'Dell, Len Ferry, Steve & Lynn McMillion, Denise Gapinski, Troy & Judy Falk, Andy & Missi Falk, Pam Borowiak, Brian & Cheryl Beckley. It was a great convention. We all came home with new ideas and knowledge. We booked grandstand events and free entertainment. It is a great way for our members to talk to other Fairs.



2010 FAIRBOARD

We would like to welcome board members that were elected or re-elected to the Fair board at the annual meeting in November. They are Andy Falk, Pam Borowiak, Denise Gapinski, and Brian Beckley. They will join board members Steve McMillion, Len Ferry, Judy Falk, Jim Mazey, Brian Techel, Diana Donajkowski, Mark Maxon, Shawn O'Dell, Tom Cook, and Tom McKinley. At the January meeting Jeff Mueller was appointed to fill the position vacated by Walt Moore.

President: Len Ferry

Vice President: Shawn O'Dell

Secretary/Treasurer Exec: Denise Gapinski

The Fair board meets on the second Tuesday of every month. We meet at the Fair Office (124 Shipp St.). Everyone is welcome to attend.

You do not have to be a member to help. We are always looking for people who want to volunteer some time helping out at the fairgrounds. If you are interested in helping email or give us a call and we can add your name and address to our volunteer mailing list. You will receive information as to when work bees will be held.

PREMIUM BOOK ADS

We are working on the 2010 Fair Premium Book. You should have received a letter in December. Families and individuals can put a signature ad in the book for \$10.00. For businesses or individuals we offer business card ads for \$42.00, quarter page ads for \$67.00, half page ads for \$92.00 and a full page ad for \$132.00. By placing an ad, we can put the premium book out to the public at no charge. If you did not receive a letter and are interested in advertising in the premium book, call Denise at 989-619-0156 or the Fair Office at 989-732-3811.

2010 QUEEN'S PAGEANT

We would like to thank Kristen Payton and Amanda Cook for all the work they put into the 2009 Queen's Pageant. The Pageant was a HUGE SUCCESS!

If you know a young lady between the age of 15 and 19 (senior in High School) who would be interested in running for the 2010 Fair Queen, please contact Kristen Payton at 989-448-8089 for more information. Application deadline is May 31. Good luck to all 2010 contestants...Girls have fun!

2010 GRANDSTAND EVENTS

- Lawn Mower Races
- Rodeo & DeWayne Spaw will perform before the Rodeo
- Modified Tractor/Pickup Pulls with Semi Pulls
- Motor Cross
- Bump & Run
- Night of Destruction *(to include a Demolition Derby, Burn-Out Contest and a Quad Obstacle Course and a Derby for those that want to finish off their car)*

2010 FREE ENTERTAINMENT

Returning to this year's Fair is Barnyard Babies Petting Zoo, Dynamite the Clown, Rondini the Magician and Doc Ron's Weird Science Show.

We contracted Pedal Pullers for Kid's Day starting at 2pm, Cirque Amongus an interactive Circus for the Entertainment Stage and the Ultimate Air Dog Show on the front lawn.

Kid's Day is planned for Wednesday, August 25 from noon—3pm. Free gate admission for kids 12 & under. Lots of activities, two bikes will be given away and lunch.

We are working on the Michigan Outdoor Life Experience for the front lawn. Anyone interested in getting involved or sponsoring this event should call the fair office at 989-732-3811.

Guitar Hero Contest will be returning this year.

Watch for the summer newsletter with the entire schedule of events.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

February:

9, Fair Board Meeting, 7pm
20, MSXRA Snow Cross

March:

9, Fair Board Meeting, 7pm

April:

13, Fair Board Meeting, 7pm

May:

1 & 2, Storage Out, 9am - noon
8 & 9, Storage Out, 9am - noon
11, Fair Board Meeting, 7pm
15 & 16, Northwestern Horse Show
22, 4-H Rabbit Achievement Day
22 & 23, Northwestern Horse Show

June:

5 & 6, Relay for Life
8, Fair Board Meeting, 7pm
11-13, Horse Clinic
24-26, Big Ticket Festival

July:

2-4, IBRA Barrel Racing
10 & 11, Donna McArthur Memorial Horse Show
13, Fair Board Meeting, 7pm

August:

10, Fair Board Meeting, 7pm
13-15, IBRA Barrel Racing
21, OCF Open Horse Show
21-28, **FAIR WEEK**

September:

11, High School Equestrian Meet
14, Fair Board Meeting, 7pm
18, High School Equestrian Meet

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

LIVESTOCK AUCTION

It is time to start thinking about the Youth Livestock Auction. Youth have raised these animals as a Fair project. Come bid on animals and help the youth of Otsego County. Watch for more details.



ULTIMATE AIR DOG SHOW

We are very excited to bring the Ultimate Air Dog Show to the Otsego County Fair on August 26-28. One of the premier dock jumping organizations in the country. Local dogs can participate in the show for a \$15 registration fee. Check them out on the web at www.ultimateairdogs.net

COMMERCIAL VENDOR BOOTHS

The Otsego County Fair is seeking businesses that are interested in having a vendor booth in the Commercial Building during Fair week. If interested, please call the Fair office at 732-3811 for an application.

ENTERTAINMENT STAGE

We apologize for any confusion with the name of the stage last year and to avoid any further confusion, we have renamed the Free Stage to the Entertainment Stage. August 21, Polish Night and August 22, the Queen's Pageant will be held on the Entertainment Stage under the huge tent. There will be a charge to enter this area on these two nights.

During the week we will have free entertainment on the stage. Free entertainment to include: Rondini the Magician, Doc Ron's Weird Science Show, Cirque Amongus, Nightly Local Talent and Gaylord's Got Talent.

POLKA NIGHT

Polka Night will be on Saturday, August 21 from 7-11pm under the huge tent on the Entertainment Stage. Pan Franek, Zosia & The Polka Towners will be performing. Food and refreshments will be available.

CHILI & RIB COOK-OFF

Attention Businesses and Individuals it is time to start thinking about putting a team together for the Otsego County Fair Chili & Rib Cook-off. The cook-off is sponsored by Gordon Food Service and will be held on Saturday, August 28. Pam Borowiak will chair this event. Watch for

more details or call 989-732-3811.

