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Power of Yesteryear club members shelling corn... visit them on the 2026 Ag-Venture tour.

Submitted by Wood County SWCD

In celebration of America 250-Ohio and to highlight Wood County's agricultural history and emergence from the Great Black Swamp, the Wood Soil & Water Conservation District is excited to host the 2026 Wood County Ag-Venture: A Self-Driving

Farm Tour.

This one-day event is held every four years with the goal of educating the public on local family farm operations and agricultural businesses, as well as the importance of water quality and soil health for food, fiber, and fuel.

The inaugural Ag-Ven-

ture tour in 2018 recorded over 1,000 visitors at six site stops throughout the county including:

- Black Swamp Ag
- Hirzel Canning
- Luckey Farmers Cooperative
- Moser Family Farms
- Pioneer Seed
- Vetter Family Farm.

In 2022, the site locations were focused in the southeastern part of Wood County.

Travelers wanted to have time to visit each location and spend more time with the site hosts.

Nearly 1,000 visitors registered at:

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FARMLAND NEWS
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July 22 -28

The Fourth Week of Deep Summer

The Canada thistles turned brown in the heat. The downy seeds blew loose from their flower heads and drifted across the old fields, a first emblem of the summer's inevitable passing. Small, warty seed pods appeared on some milkweed plants, while others were still in flower.

David Rains Wallace

The Phases of the Moon In July

June 29: The Firefly Moon is Full.
July 7: The Moon enters its final quarter.
July 14: The Katydid Moon is new.
July 21: The Moon enters its second quarter.
July 29: The Moon is full

The Sun

The Sun enters its Deep Summer sign of Leo on July 22. As the trees darken with age, the Sun slowly increases its apparent rate of its descent, falling a little more than one degree to a declination below 20 degrees by this date.

The Stars

In the late evenings of middle summer, the teapot-like star formation of Libra lies in the south, followed by Scorpius and its red center, Antares. Sagittarius, the Archer, follows the Scorpion in the southeast. Above the Archer, the Milky Way sweeps up toward Cassiopeia in the north.

Weather Trends

The coolest days this week are typically the 22nd and 23rd when mild 70s are recorded about a fourth of all the years. Full moon and perigee are likely to cause a break in the heat this year, too. And five years in ten, at least one afternoon in the 70s follows the late-July cool wave that often arrives around the 28th. Evening lows in the 50s, unusual only two weeks ago, often occur. And throughout the country, average high temperatures drop one degree on the 28th, their first drop since late January.

Sunshine remains the rule for this week of the month, with three out of four days bringing at least a partial break in the clouds. Rainfall typically tapers off as July comes to a close, the chance of precipitation declining from 35 percent on the 24th down to just 20 percent on the 30th and 31st.

Natural Calendar

Fruits of the Osage orange are two-thirds grown, heavy enough to drop in a storm. Woodlands and wetlands keep their avens, enchantment's nightshade, lopseed, leafcup, touch-me-not, wood nettle, Joe Pye weed, monkey flower, and tall bell flower.

Pastures, roadsides, and alleys are full of chicory, Queen Anne's lace, great mullein, wild petunia, milkweed, pokeweed, black-eyed Susan, butterfly weed, tall nettle, soapwort, St. John's wort, gray-headed coneflower, blue vervain,

white vervain, horseweed, oxeye, germander, teasel, fringed loosestrife, velvetleaf, wingstem, sundrops, small-flowered agrimony, bull thistle, tick trefoil, bush clover, burdock, showy and tall coneflower, jimson weed, pigweed, thin-leaved mountain mint, tick trefoil, downy false foxglove and three-seeded mercury.

Swallows migrate; they can often be seen congregating on the high wires. When the mornings are cool, fog hangs in the hollows before sunrise. A few Judas maples redden, betraying summer's green. Shiny spicebush, boxwood, greenbriar, and poison ivy berries have formed.

In the Field and Garden

The peach harvest peaks throughout the Lower Midwest and East. About half the field corn is silking. Almost half of the soybean crop is in bloom, and summer apples are around a third picked.

In a relatively dry summer, more than three-fourths of the winter wheat has been cut by today. Elderberries are turning purple, and the second cut of alfalfa is almost always half complete.

Aphid infestations increase markedly on the farm and in the garden.

Farmers are getting ready for August seeding of alfalfa, smooth brome grass, orchard grass, tall fescue, red clover and timothy.

Set out autumn collards, kale, cabbage and broccoli. Check gourds and squash for beetles and rot.

The 200th Day

The first hundred days of the year move the center of Ohio through the seasons of Deep Winter Late Winter

And finally, at the end of March, into Middle Spring.

By the 100th day, April 10th, the landscape has entered its most benign period, even in the coldest years. When the fields are dry enough, farmers plant the first corn. Pastures turn purple with henbit, gold with dandelions. Winter wheat is bright green. Robins sing at 5:00 a.m., cardinals at 5:25 (Eastern Daylight Time).

In the gardens, daffodils, grape hyacinths and early tulips reach full bloom, replacing the crocus, aconites and snowdrops of February. Mulberry, locust, tree of heaven and ginkgo send out their first leaves. Pear trees and serviceberries blossom. Crab apples open. In the woods, Virginia bluebells, hepatica, periwinkle, toad lily, cowslip, rue anemone and spring beauties are all in bloom.

Between the 100th day and the 200th day, the Lower Midwest completes Middle Spring, passes through Late Spring and Early Summer and then enters Deep Summer. By July 20th, the robins no longer sing before sunrise, and cardinals sleep late. Katydid and crickets fill the nights. Cicadas whine through the afternoons. The field corn is tall, the sweet corn and tomatoes are coming in, and the wheat harvest is complete.

Relatively few varieties of wildflowers bloom now under the dense canopy: leafcup, tall bellflower, wood nettle, touch-me-nots. The fields and fencerows show most of the color: bouncing bets, St. John's wort, teasel, milkweed, gray-headed coneflowers, white vervain, wild lettuce, oxeye, germander, skullcap, great Indian plan-

tain, blue vervain, wingstem, bull thistle, black-eyed Susans and small-flowered agrimony. In town, lilies and phlox have replaced daffodils and tulips; rose of Sharon flowers instead of pears and apples.

In another 100 days, on October 27th, most of the canopy will be gone. Middle and late summer, early fall and middle fall will have passed. The wildflower and garden seasons will be almost over. Witchhazel will be the only shrub in bloom. Farmers will have cut their soybeans and their corn for grain. The birds and the cicadas will be silent; only the crickets and katydids will remember July.

Journal: Counting Fingerlings

Sometimes I sit by the water garden in the early morning and count the tiny fish that live there. The fingerlings are the spawn of two great koi that were our pets for a decade before they were killed by a heron. A few of the young fish have now grown to be two or three inches in length; most are smaller.

The garden waterfall distracts me from other sounds out on the street, and I lose myself in watching fish. The bottom of the pond is laced with drifts of algae, webs of fragile hiding places where the young koi retreat when I approach. I sit and wait for them to reappear.

Many of the fingerlings are pale pink or gold and stand out against the dark bottom of the pond, but several are grey or black, and I am only able to count a few of them as the light strikes them. I will not be able to actually take inventory until they grow much bigger.

For now, there are so many small fish that there is no way I can keep track of them all. And they emerge and disappear and move so quickly from their hiding places! I have pretended to find almost fifty some mornings, but then each time I try to find fifty again, only thirty or forty appear, and I start over and count again and then again. The most important thing about my counting is the impossibility of ever knowing how many fish really inhabit the water garden. That impossibility completes the isolation created by the waterfall, is the entry to a pond outside of social limits. I abandon any idea of gain or control or knowledge. Suspending the rule of reason is everything that matters counting fingerlings.

Almanack Classics

The Junk Man's Son

By Elizabeth Doren

When I was a child life was simpler. If you needed money, you earned it. No allowance, no handouts, but plenty of jobs. Some were routine, like doing dishes, making your bed, cleaning your room, feeding the chickens, gathering the eggs, pulling weeds in the garden, and a dozen others that you were given by virtue of being a member of the family.

But in addition to these routine chores there were special nuggets of opportunity, where you worked for real money, and seemingly the sky was the limit of what you might make.

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ALMANACK

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Back in those days a junk man came around every few months and paid real money for rusty nails and scrap metal of all sorts. Getting rid of rusty nails was a worthy end on a farm powered by horses.

I watched the procedure of taking care of a horse's foot injured by stepping on a nail, in the days before penicillin. My father made a solution of disinfectants and treated the foot twice a day for weeks, or so it seemed to me. He picked up the horse's foot, turned it bottom side up, cleaned it and bathed it with the pink strong-smelling disinfectant.

It worked, and the horse was soon back in harness, and we were paid a penny a pound by the junk man for all the rusty nails we collected around the farm. Some years later we heard that the junk man's son had gone to law school. Our rusty nails traveled far!

(Elisabeth Doren wrote, painted, gardened and tended to children and libraries during her long life. Its been many years since she passed away at the age of 94 and she is missed now more than ever.)

ALMANACK LITERATURE***An Indoor/Outdoor Two-Holer***
By Jeff Crawford

Jeff is a philosopher-golfer who often reminisces about his early life in "The Muck." In this story, he meditates on the basic distinctions between indoor and outdoor plumbing, and on the primal feelings often associated with doing one's business in the wild.

The Muck only lived up to its name when it rained a lot. We lived there one summer during a drought and wondered why people in and around Covert, Michigan called it that.

We found out the following year when we built a cabin and lived there year round. The Muck began where an un-maintained county road left off. It was a low brushy mix of silt and sand with a few gentle hills thrown in. We were less than two miles from town and we could hear expressway traffic on a still night, but we were far enough off the beaten path that hunters showed up one fall evening and at least acted like they were lost.

The sanitary facilities in the Muck consisted of a seasonal two-

holer. The warm weather hole was the conventional kind: a pit set off from the cabin with a house on top. The winter hole was indoors in a throne room bumped out of the cabin's back wall. You could sit inside, not far from the stove, with all the plumbing outside. All the plumbing was a galvanized tub in a box. The box had a hinged door on the back porch for easy emptying. And the Michigan winter kept things cold enough that the tub didn't need to be emptied every day.

Walking past the porch behind the cabin, no one would suspect the dangers that lurked nearby. Inside, if a visitor didn't look too closely, the throne room seemed just another good use of space, an extra 'sit down' in the 11 X 16 mansion.

The outdoor hole was on a gentle hillside looking out over the estate and it was a great place to gain perspective. Through the screen door you could see two large gardens to the right. Straight ahead were a smaller garden, the goat and chicken houses, and the people house. The outdoor hole was a perfect place to plan the next strategic move in bringing order to the chaos that was the Muck. "I've got it. Next

spring we'll move the chickens and plant corn and squash in the ground they've cleared."

Whatever our efforts, however, the Muck never belonged to us. It belonged to rabbits, deer, snapping turtles, and whippoorwills. It belonged to mosquitoes and nosee-ums. It belonged to the salmon that came up from Lake Michigan into old drainage ditches.

If you ask me, the Muck also belonged to something else. For one evening as I sat in the house on the hill I knew I was being watched from behind. And the power that watched was a menacing power, a power against which I had no strength. Yet, as long as I stayed in the outhouse, I felt I would be safe. What was I to do?

I will always be grateful that whatever watched let me finish my business, walk straight back to the cabin, and go inside without looking.

Follow the summer with Bill Felker's A Daybook for July in Yellow Springs, Ohio. These daybooks contain all the nature notes used to create Poor Will's Almanack. Order yours from Amazon. FN

When God Asks a Question

Words of Inspiration

By Pastor Steve Basselman

Our congregation is in the midst of a summer sermon series this season: The Questions God Asks. God asks questions pretty often.

The One who knows all things, sees all things, and understands all things still turns to human beings and says, "Where are you?" or "What do you want me to do for you?"

These questions are not traps.

They are not tests.

They are invitations.

They are openings into dialogue with the God who desires relationship, a God who loves.

From the very beginning, God's questions draw people out rather than shut them down.

In Eden, God asks Adam, "Where are you?" Not because God has lost track of him, but because Adam has lost track of himself.

The question is an invitation to step out of hiding and into honesty. God's questions help us locate our hearts.

Later, God asks Moses, "What is that in your hand?" Moses already knows it's a staff. God knows it's a staff.

But the question invites Moses to

see his ordinary object, and his ordinary life, as something God can use. The question becomes a doorway into calling.

Jesus continues this pattern throughout His ministry.

Jesus asks the disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" He asks the blind man, "What do you want me to do for you?"

He asks the crowds, "Why are you afraid?" Jesus' questions are never meant to shame.

They are meant to awaken. They help people articulate desire, con-

fess fear, name truth, and step toward transformation, change.

This is the heart of prayer. Not a ritual, not a performance, not a list of spiritual tasks—but a relationship shaped by conversation.

God's questions remind us that prayer is not only about speaking to God but responding to God.

Listening for God's voice, and drawing us deeper into God's presence.

When God asks a question, the invitation is to participate in our own healing.

God is inviting us to name what hurts, what we hope for, what we fear, what we long for.

God is inviting us to discover who we are and who God is.

These questions are always rooted in love.

So consider: What question might God be asking you today?

Maybe it's "Where are you?"—an invitation to step out of hiding or shame. Maybe it's "What do you want?"—an invitation to name your deepest desire. Maybe it's "Why are you afraid?"—an invitation to trust in the storms. Maybe it's "Do you love me?"—an invitation to return to the center of relationship.

God's questions are not judgments. They are openings.

They are the beginning of dialogue.

They are the shape of a prayer life that is alive, honest, and relational.

May you hear God's questions today not as accusations, but as invitations.

May your answers become the beginning of deeper communion with the God who still speaks, still listens, and still asks—not to expose you, but to draw you close. FN



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Blast From The Past...

AREA NEWS BRIEFS 1971

DEFIANCE - Early Wednesday morning a UFO was sighted by a resident on Holgate Ave.

Two police officers helped check out the report and thought it might possibly have been a weather balloon.

The object looked like a star but was much larger. The object was sighted in Paulding County and in the Van Wert area also.

EDGERTON - Measuring 26 inches from whisker to tail fin and weighing 8 lbs. was a blue channel catfish caught by Jimmy Allen in the St. Joseph River.

And that's no fish story.

HICKSVILLE - On May 9, Herbert "Junior" Tustison Rt. 1 Hicksville, was fishing at Hamilton Lake, Indiana.

After 30 minute struggle, with some help, Mr. Tustison brought in an 18 lb. 42 inch Northern Pike.

To show the non-believers, Mr. Tustison is having the fish mounted.

PANDORA - The mystery has been solved. While fishing in Riley Creek near the Bridenbaugh Bridge, Howard Buisick of Columbus Grove found a lifeless 2-1/2 foot long alligator.

An alligator like creature was seen last fall with rewards out for its capture. A wildlife official noted the alligator was the victim of cold water.

LAYETTE - On the far-off Mr. and Mrs. Lavoyd Eber-sole, a black bear and cub were seen in a plowed field April 4. The next day wild ducks were at their pond and also two deer. Later in the week six deer were seen.

POEM By Wayne Eicher 1984

Pa's Still Figuring It Out!

Ma woke up feeling poorly and decided to stay in bed.

Pa dialed the doctor, but he got the garage instead.

He kinda mumbled that Mother was feeling pretty low;

The mechanic thought he said that his car wouldn't go.

"If she's got plenty of gas, and she ain't low on oil,

And she'll turn over, it might be her points or coil,

If you can get her started, but she won't move at all,

It could be the rear end; that causes them to stall.

Tell you what, try once more.

Give her another spin.

If you can't get her going, I'll come and tow her in."

Pa hung up and Ma asked, "Well, what did old Doc have to say?"

"He said to take two aspirin and stay in bed all day."

TRANQUILIZING GEMS 1970

By: Dennis Roth

When we really understand ourself, it's a wonder we have friends.

You can't take it with you when you go is what makes certain relatives happy.

Usually men marry for looks, but not the kind they get when they forget her birthday.

Some people should have a season ticket for their reckless driving.

The fiddler is here to stay. Pay one off and you will hear another one tuning his up.

When you can separate the chaff by thinking, you can gain knowledge in reading.

Some do first, think second, and sorry ever after.

People who have no car, TV, radio, etc., have one thing, "money".

Be an astronaut and you can thank your lucky stars in person.

Try and get up each time you fall. Sometime it will be your last one.

Trash are things that you don't want until after you have thrown them away.

The families who are happiest, are those who gather around home plate.

When you don't do your share of work in this life, you force someone to carry and extra burden.



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Are We There Yet?

Thoughts Remembered...

by Faye Harris

Our two great-grandchildren, ages five and six, smothered us with hugs and kisses before climbing into their parent's car yesterday.

They were headed home to Kansas after a ten day visit in Ohio.

I was shocked when each of them claimed his own IPAD.

"What are you doing with those contraptions"? I asked.

"We play games on them in the car...look, we can watch movies too," they announced while showing me the small movie screen hinged from the ceiling of the car.

Their parents justified the over-load of technology saying, "It keeps them quiet on long car trips".

I grew nostalgic remembering the car trips we took when our kids were young...and reminiscing of the car games that made all of us laugh and sometimes argue.

The inside of our car was seldom quiet; I wonder what will be remembered about their trip back to Kansas.

Will it be how quiet it was in the car?

Will the children have a fond memory of winning 80 games against an IPAD?

To me, that is a sad thought.

So, I'm offering a few of our car games/activities as a challenge to young parents - eliminate technology on the next car trip with your kids.

Tell them, "We're Going Retro - We will actually talk to each other - It will be fun, I promise".

Graveyard Game

The teams are made up of the occupants on the right side and the left side of the car.

Each team designates someone to be the score keeper. ..then each player is

on the lookout for a church on their side of the road to earn points.

They are also watching for a graveyard on the opposing team's side of the road in order to wipe out all the points of the other team.

Then that team has to start collecting points all over again.

The game ends when the car pulls back into the driveway at home.

Our kids, (now in their 50s), still talk about the time their dad cheated at The Graveyard Game.

Learn The States Game

I gave each child a clipboard holding a drawing shaped like the United States with the states labeled... sometimes old coloring books had these and I would make copies of the pages.

Each child had his own "map".

When the child identified a state license plate on the trip he colored that state on his map.

Our kids especially liked searching license plates at Roadside Rest Stops because the cars weren't zooming by.

Litter Patrol and Windshield Wizard

The boys took turns with these chores.

Litter Patrol was in charge of removing trash from the vehicle at every gas stop; Windshield Wizard used the provided squeegee to wash the windshield.

These were paying jobs; earning them extra spending money that burnt a hole in their pocket.



They'd have it spent it on candy bars or novelty items before we left the gas station.

Scrapbooking

Back then, an inexpensive booklet bound with blank pages could be purchased at most Dime Stores.

Each child was given one at the beginning of the trip.

They were on the lookout for brochures of places we visited, entry fee stubs of museums, post cards, anything that could be pasted into the scrapbook at "unwind time" in the motel room.

What's Next?

This activity was also played at "unwind time".

Dad would announce as he spread out the Rand McNally, "Let's look at a map and see where we are going tomorrow."

Those paper maps, by the way, were great for teaching folding skills.

Billboard

Before the trip I wrote nouns on small pieces of paper and stored them in a little paper bag. During the trip a child selected a piece of paper from the bag.

He then had to search billboards for a picture of that particular noun.

A point was scored for each time a noun from the bag was spotted; this is where some arguments occurred in our car.

Big brother said he saw a giraffe on the billboard; little brother says, "No you

didn't".

Since the car was a mile away from the billboard by this time, there was no proof.

Dad emphatically said, "I can't be the judge...I can't drive and look at billboards at the same time!...so I became the judge by default and often wished I was driving.

I'm Going On A Picnic

In this game, the first player said, "I'm going on a picnic and in my picnic basket I am "_____ fill in the blank with a food that begins with the letter A.

The second player had to repeat what the first player said but his food choice had to start with the letter B.

Play continued through all of the alphabet or until someone forgot what was in the picnic basket on any particular letter. ..the letter x was skipped.

I'm Going On A Vacation

This game is similar to "I'm Going on a Picnic", except you're "Going on a Vacation to"... The vacation spot had to start with the next letter of the alphabet starting with the letter A.

The kids used those paper maps we had tucked away for "Where to Next", to find a town that started with that letter.

One kid found Peoria one time and could not stop laughing at PEE-oria.

Of course, every time a player got to the letter P during the game he had to repeat PEE-oria, and the laughter started all over again. I guess when you are 10 that sort of thing is hilarious!

Dad's Antics

Back to Dad's cheating at The Graveyard Game.

His side was behind in points and with only a few miles left until we reached our driveway, there was zero chance that his team would see enough churches to win.

So, he cheated by taking an indirect route home that passed a graveyard.

The detour wiped out all the points of the opposing team making Dad's team the winner.

"Ok, whatever Dad but you better be on the lookout - we'll beat you next time."

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"So remember..whether you go digital or old-school on your next car trip with children ... "You never know when you are making a memory, so make it a good one".

Ivy Lane is the pen name of a writer who lives in northwestern Ohio and wishes to remain anonymous. FN

Farmland News Note:

If anyone would like to share their memories of vacation games or special memories of vacation... send them in and in September we will publish the memories, (even some pictures if you want to).



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SUNDAY, AUGUST 2
Veterans and Active Duty Military/ and First Responders Day
Sponsored by Wood County Veterans Service Center
Free Admission for Veterans and Active Duty Military and First Responders
Midway Madness, Pony Rides, Train Rides, Roaming Entertainment Throughout the Day
No rides in Operation
 8:00 a.m.: Fair Opens
 8:00 a.m.: Baking Intake - Home & Garden Building
 9:00 a.m.: Junior Fair Market Goat Show
 9:00 a.m.: Open Class Horse & Pony Performance
 9:00 a.m.: Grange Coloring Contest Intake
 9:00 a.m.: Flower Show
 #1 Intake - Home and Garden Building
 12:00 Noon: **Harness Racing**
 12:30 p.m.: Baking Judging - Closed to Public
 1:00 p.m.: Kids Stick Horse Racing Check-in
 1:00 p.m.: Coloring Contest Judging
 5:00 p.m.: Baked Goods Auction
 5:30 p.m.: **Post Everlasting**
 6:00 p.m.: **Firefighter Years of Service**
 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.: Wood Workers Guild Demonstration
 7:00 p.m.: **Jr. Fair Parade / Opening Ceremony**

8:30 p.m.: **King and Queen Crowning** (Time may vary)
 11:00 p.m.: Fairground Closes

MONDAY, AUGUST 3
Midway Madness, Chainsaw Carver, Rides open at 3
Pony Rides, Roaming Entertainment
 8:00 a.m.: Fair Open
 8:30 a.m.: Junior Fair Swine Show
 11:00 a.m.: Junior Fair Horse Team Tournament
 2:00 p.m.: Story Time
 3:00 p.m.: Rides Open
 5:00 p.m.: **Harness Racing**
 6:00 p.m.: Junior Fair Horse-Stakes and Keyhole
 6:00 p.m.: Pee Wee Swine Show

6:00 p.m.: Midway Madness (Location Between Fine Arts and Liberty Civic Building)
 6:00-8:00 p.m.: Woodworkers Guild Demonstration
 8:30 p.m.: Weiner Dog Derby
 11:00 p.m.: Fairground Closes

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4
Senior Day, All Seniors 60+ get in Free
Daily Shows, Chainsaw Carver, Sea Lions, Birds of Prey, Pony Rides, Roaming Entertainment, Rides Open at 3
 8:00 a.m.: Fair Opens
 8:00 a.m.: State Fair Swine Released
 8:00 a.m.: Quilt Show Entries Accepted
 9:00 a.m.: Junior Fair Horse English Show - Horse Arena
 9:00 a.m.: Tractor Operator- Infield
 9:00 a.m.: Senior Day Musical Act - Free Tent
 9:30 a.m.: Dairy and Performance Goat Show
 10:00 a.m.: Senior Day Musical Act-Free Tent
 11:00 a.m.: Senior Day Musical Act -Free Tent
 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.: Quilt Show Open - Pavilion
 12:00 Noon: Junior Fair Rabbit Show - Sheep Show Arena
 12:00 Noon: Senior Luncheon
 12:45 p.m.: Senior Day Musical
 1:30 p.m.: Quilt Day Demonstration
 1:45 p.m.: Senior Day Musical Act
 2:00 p.m.: Story Time -

Fine Arts
 2:30 p.m.: Quilt Day Demonstration
 3:00 p.m.: Rides Open
 5:00 p.m.: Junior Fair Sheep Show and Showmanship- Pavilion Show Arena
 6:00 p.m.: Midway Madness
 6:00-8:00 p.m.: Woodworker's Guild Demonstration - Fine Arts Building
 7:00 p.m.: **Chris Michaels Concert** - Turn 2 of Infield
 8:00 p.m.: Quilt Pick-up
 11:00 p.m.: Fairground Closes

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5
Kids / Dare / Steam Day
Rides Open at Noon
Kids Ride Special 12-5 p.m.
Daily Shows: Chainsaw Carver, Midway Madness, Sea Lions, Birds of Prey, Pony Rides, Roaming Entertainment
 8:00 a.m.: Fair Opens
 8:30 a.m.: Junior Fair Poultry Judging - Poultry Barn
 9:00 a.m.: Junior Fair Ranch Show - Horse Arena
 10:00 a.m.: Junior Fair

Beef Showmanship, 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. - Penta STEAM Day Activities - Free Tent
 11:00 a.m.: Great Meal Make-Off- Home and Garden Building
 12:00 Noon: Rides Open
 2:00 p.m.: Story Time
 Fine Arts
 4:00 p.m -7 p.m.: 4H Day Crafts, Prizes & Games -Pavilion
 6:00 p.m.: Junior Fair Market Beef Show
 6:00 p.m.: **Cheerleading Competition** - Grandstand
 6:00-8:00 p.m.: Woodworker's Guild Demonstration - Fine Arts Building
 11:00 p.m.: Fairground Closes

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6
Let Your Abilities Shine Day
Sponsored by the Wood County Board of Developmental Disabilities
Daily Shows: Chainsaw Carver, Midway Madness, Sea Lions, Birds of Prey, Pony Rides, Roaming Entertainment
 8:00 a.m.: Fair Opens
 8:00 a.m.: Flower Show
 #2 Intake
 8:00 a.m.: Pee Wee Goat Show
 8:30 a.m. : Junior Fair Poultry Showmanship Judging
 9:00 a.m.: Junior Fair Horse Western Show
 9:00 a.m.: Woodlane Events
 10:00 a.m.: Open Goat Show-Grove
 12:00 Noon: Hippie Hoppers Hop-Off - Pavilion
 2:00 p.m.: Open Poultry- Show Judging
 2:00 p.m. : Story Time
 3:00 p.m.: Rides Open

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FAIR SCHEDULE

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5:00 p.m.: Ring of Dreams Show - Pavilion
 6:00 p.m.: Junior Fair Horse Poles and Barrels
 6:00 p.m.: Midway Madness Show
 6:00-8:00 p.m.: Woodworker's Guild Demonstration - Fine Arts
 8:00-10:00 p.m.: Junior Fair Dance - Pavilion South Parking Lot
 11:00 p.m.: Fairground Closes

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7**BGSU Day**

Daily Shows: Chainsaw Carver, Midway Madness, Sea Lions, Birds of Prey, Pony Rides, Roaming Entertainment

8:00 a.m.: Fair Opens
 9:00 a.m.: Junior Fair Horse Trail Show
 9:00 a.m.: Pee Wee Poultry Showmanship
 9:00 a.m.: County Born and Raised Show
 10:00 a.m.: Junior Fair and Open Class Dairy Show - Race Horse Tent
 12:00 Noon: Kids Floral Challenge - Free Tent
 2:00 p.m.: 4H Bake off Judging - Large Meeting Room Pavilion
 2:00 p.m.: Kids Rodeo Clinic with Rodeo Professionals-In front of the Grandstands
 2:00 p.m.: Story Time
 3:00 p.m.: Rides Open
 3:00 p.m.: Junior Fair Horse Versatility
 4:00 p.m.: Pedal Pull Sign Up-Sheep Show Arena
 5:30 p.m.: Pee Wee Beef Showmanship
 6:00 p.m.: Pedal Pull - Sheep Show Arena
 6:00 p.m.: Midway Madness
 6:30 p.m.: Bake Off Auction
 7:30 p.m.: **Rodeo**
 10:00 p.m.: **Fireworks** -

Campgrounds
 11:00 p.m.: Fairgrounds Closes

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8**Rides Open at noon**

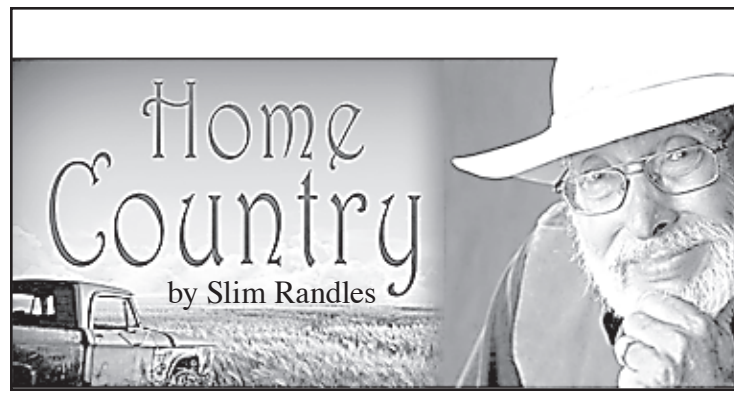
Daily Shows: Chainsaw Carver, Midway Madness, Sea Lions, Birds of Prey, Pony Rides, Roaming Entertainment

8:00 a.m.: Fair Opens
 8:00 a.m.: Junior Fair Breeding Sheep Show
 9:00 a.m.: Open Class ARBA Show - Race Horse Tent
 9:00 a.m.: Feeder Calf Auction
 10:00 a.m.: Pee Wee Sheep Showmanship
 10:00 a.m.: Antique / Farm Stock Tractor Pull
 10:00 a.m.: Princess Tea and Royalty Racing
 10:00 a.m.: Pee Wee and Horseless Horse
 11:00 a.m.: Open Class Breeding Sheep Show
 12:00 noon: Rides Open
 12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m.: Pie and Cheesecake Intake - Pavilion Conference Room
 2:00 p.m.: Wood Workers Guild Demo - Fine Arts
 3:30 p.m.: Open Class Horse Speed Show
 4:00 p.m.: 6:00 p.m.- Kids Tool Box Making - Fine Arts
 5:00 p.m.: Pie and Cheesecake Auction
 6:00 p.m.: Showmanship Sweepstakes
 6:00 p.m.: **Truck and Tractor Pull**
 6:00 p.m.: Midway Madness Show
 7:00 p.m.: **Babyland Auction**
 11:00 p.m.: Fairground Closes

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

Daily Shows: Chainsaw Carver, Midway Madness, Sea Lions, Birds of Prey, Pony Rides

8:00 a.m.: Fair Opens
 10:00 a.m.: Junior Fair



It's a rare treat to have old Jasper Blankenship come down from the diggins to stock up on supplies.

And he favored us with stories at the Mule Barn this bright morning over coffee, too.

"Well, Doc," Jasper said, "you're right.

I wasn't always a miner.

Back during The War I had a job in the city at one of the big war plants, you know.

I was a security guard and watched the gate.

In those days, there was this one carpenter who just gave me the fits.

He'd come out the gate at the end of the day with a wheelbarrow full of sawdust.

I always stopped him and poked around in the sawdust and never found anything, but I just knew he was stealing something."

Jasper took a sip of coffee.

"Well sir, four five years ago I was wetting my whistle up north a ways and this guy walked in and I knew him from somewhere so I struck up a conversation with him.

Turns out he was this same carpenter guy who

was wheeling that dang sawdust out the gate every afternoon.

I knew this was my chance, as so many years had gone by since we both worked there.

"I told him I always knew he was stealing from the plant but could never find it in all that sawdust.

I said it was a long time ago, so would he mind 'fessing up to it, just to satisfy my mind?

He just grinned at me.

So I got another round for us, and he seemed friendlier then.

So I tried again.

'Come on, pardner,' I said, 'I know you were stealing something there.

What was it?

Jasper grinned. "He smiled at me and said, 'Wheelbarrows.'"

Brought to you by "Dogsled, A True Tale of the North," my first book. Online at Amazon. FN

Horse FUN SHOW

12:00 noon: Livestock Showcase and Sale

12:00 noon: Rides Open

1:00 - 6:00 p.m.: Election of Directors

3:00 p.m.: **Chainsaw Auction**

5:00 p.m.: **Catch-a-Pig Contest**

5:00 p.m.: Grange Release

5:00 p.m.: **Derby Begins**

6:00 p.m.: Loadout Process begins- Information posted in Barns

6:00 p.m.: Junior Fair

Building Project Release

7:30 p.m.: Flower Show Release

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.: Fine Arts/Home and Garden Project Release FN

Homemade Fruit & Vegetable Wash

1-2 tablespoons baking soda

1 cup white vinegar

1 cup water

Mix ingredients together

**Mary Schroll
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Cranberry Salad

2 cups cranberries

1 cup sugar

1 cup grapes, halved

1/4 cup chopped walnuts

1/2 pint whipping cream

Chop cranberries; combine with sugar and let stand overnight.

Drain well.

Add remaining ingredients.

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Good Bye Sapphire

You know Sapphire, our old faithful horse who took us on many open wagon rides — she had some trouble to deal with this summer.

It was nothing we'd have chosen.

She ended up with a gash in her leg, resulting in her getting even more stiff.

At 23 years old, she had seemed to have an onset of arthritis.

We had someone come out to take a look at her.

The news we got wasn't what we had been hoping for.

"There is little hope to get her back to where she was, if she does pull through..."

Well, she was a part of Daniel, so to speak, and it didn't look like an easy thing.

I thanked the Lord for the years we had with her, wiped some tears, and wondered what would happen next.

I bade her farewell and thanked her for what she had done for us.

I decided against shopping for another horse for the time being.

Sometimes I would pause outside the buggy shed and look at the cruiser, thinking how the wagon rides would be a thing of the past for the next year or more until we got a new horse.

I didn't feel the urge to go horse shopping just yet.

Several weeks later, Father's Day rolled around.

That morning the children and I knelt to pray.

In a simple way we gave the day ahead to the Father above.

Without premeditating it, I asked God for something — just a token of this special day when the absence of a father figure in our home was keenly felt.

Honestly, I totally forgot we had even prayed that little prayer.

The following morning, I had a call from a family in the community.

They wanted to come see us and bring a horse they thought might be a match for our family. We all waited eagerly.

It was after supper when the truck and trailer pulled into our drive.

We rang the dinner bell to signal the boys, who had been fishing, to come at once.

We all stood around analyzing, talking, and asking questions.

Every time the conversation drifted to money or costs, there were only vague answers and the topic would be steered elsewhere.

After we took the five-year-old mare on a drive, there was little doubt whether or not we'd like to keep her.

She was as gentle and chill as could be while being harnessed and hitched, but could really move once she got on the road.

The boys were impressed to learn she had once been a racehorse, which meant she could do at least 30 mph at one point.

Our guests were ready to leave when I was told, "She is yours, no payment needed."

I stared, my voice gone.

What is a person to say in such a case, anyway?

"I don't have anything to say," I managed, knowing it would be taken as I meant it and there would be time for words later.

2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg

2 eggs
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup oil
1 teaspoon vanilla
1-1/2 cup grated zucchini

In a bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, and nutmeg.

In a separate bowl, beat eggs, sugar, oil, and vanilla until smooth.

Stir dry ingredients into the wet mixture.

Fold in grated zucchini.

Pour batter into a greased Bundt pan or baking dish.

Bake in a 350 degree oven for 45 to 50 minutes until toothpick comes out clean.

Cool before slicing. Add glaze if desired.

This Recipe of the Week is from Mary A. Schroll of McComb, Ohio

"That's okay," they assured us, and were off.

I turned toward the house.

Josh and his wife and daughters had come for the evening.

I told them what had been said about the horse.

"Happy Father's Day," Josh said simply.

I gasped — yes, we had asked God for "something" for Father's Day, we just didn't mean anything like this!

I told them what we had prayed the day before.

Surely there is a Father who is a father to one and all!

Now for a name — how can something that simple be that challenging?

Twice we thought we really had a good one, but both times it just hasn't quite seemed right after we used it for several days.

Okay, we'll wait; maybe it will click one of these times.

Sometimes while out on a drive, I'll suggest a name that is really no option at

all, just to hear the children protest and laugh.

The latest one I threw out there was Abundant Hope.

Oh my, we all laughed together.

I'll keep throwing out names and see where we end up.

This mare is calm enough for even the youngest children to lead her.

This week when Hosanna and Jesse decided to unhitch her by themselves, I looked out the window in time to see them at work.

When they discovered they had forgotten to unrein her, Hosanna popped up with a solution.

"I'll hold you up."

Though they are relatively the same size, she grabbed him around the waist and lifted him as far as she could while he reached for the rein.

The best memories are homemade, you know.

Though we all liked Sapphire, she did have her share of little quirks we had learned to work with — she never was a child's horse.

"Children, God never takes anything away from us without giving us something better in return," I reminded them.

I took a deep breath myself; sometimes it's just more real than others, isn't it?

Hosanna is planning to make these trail mix bars for us to take along on a

drive with the new horse.

As you bite into them, close your eyes and picture yourself going down a little country road, fresh air wisping around your hair, and the clip-clop ringing in your ears-welcome aboard!

Trail Mix Bars

6 cups Chex cereal
1-1/2 cups raisins
1/2 cup sunflower seeds
1/2 cup sugar*
1 cup honey
1 (16 oz.) can peanut butter
1 teaspoon vanilla

Combine cereal, raisins, and sunflower seeds in a large bowl.

Place sugar and honey in a saucepan and heat over medium heat for 3-5 minutes.

Add peanut butter and vanilla; stir until peanut butter is melted.

Pour over cereal mixture and mix well.

Press into a 10x15-inch pan.

When cool, cut into squares.

We like sprinkling M&Ms or chocolate chips on top.

*We use natural sweeteners like stevia instead.

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Harrison Farms

AG-VENTURE

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- Benschoter's Hay and Straw
- Buckeye Seafood
- Harrison Farm and Harrison's Truck and Body
- Wood County Museum
- Weber Ranch.

Visitors toured the Hirzel Canning facility in Northwood to see the production of Dei Fratelli tomatoes.

Moser Family Farms showcased the water quality monitoring station while the kids painted pumpkins and sat in the seats of tractors and Vetter Family Farm demonstrated a field tile installation.

A massive maze was created at Pioneer Seed with the seed boxes and Benschoter Hay and Straw used large square bales. Weber Ranch trolleyed guests around the farm to see the friendly herds.

One participant shared, "We've been on other farm tours but this one was the absolute best yet."

At every site we visited there were passionate, knowledgeable people to talk to that were more than willing to answer all our questions taking as much time as needed."

City Girl to Country Girl

At seven years old I was uprooted from a new two-story house in a new subdivision in Perrysburg, Ohio to a new brick ranch style house on an acre lot with a large ditch in the front yard in rural Wood County.

So, I grew up in the country... not on a farm.

Our family had a large garden where we froze

green beans and sweet corn and canned pickles; my grandpa and uncles grew corn, beans, and wheat.

Our house was surrounded by the farm fields – my sister and brother and I rode in the equipment and played in the dirt.

We crawled down the ditch banks to poke things with sticks and we would pick asparagus for dinner.

The markers for our bike rides were the telephone poles, we were allowed to ride down to a certain pole and then we had to turn around and go back home.

Our bikes had miles of round trips without really going anywhere.

Little did I know that those early childhood experiences would serve me well as I met and married a farmer, built our house and home in the same rural community, and ended up working at a soil and water conservation district.

This is where I realized the myths, misunderstandings, and mindlessness that the non-ag public has about farming.

Over 60% of Wood County land is farmland, with soybeans, and wheat being the primary crops grown.

Wood County ranks among the highest in the state in production and in overall agricultural sales.

Cities and villages are situated in the middle of the former Great Black Swamp and farm fields, and Wood County has more miles of ditches than roads.

Yet, many people are unaware of the story of what is growing in their backyards, where the water goes, and how the soil of farmland is



Morris Anderson holds a farm raised salt water shrimp

valued.

Wood County Products Stay Local and Go Global...

1) Grain can be transported a few miles down the road for the production of ethanol or loaded on a train to a freighter to be shipped across the oceans.

2) Local livestock is raised for the local meat market and restaurants.

3) Vegetables such as tomatoes and carrots are grown for the local canning facility.

4) Cucumbers are grown for the local pickle plant.

5) Sunflowers are grown for sunflower oil that is shipped states away.

The story is exciting and suspenseful depending on whether you are talking to a consumer or a producer.

We need to do a better job telling our stories.

When I asked the Wood SWCD Ag-Venture intern and her friends why we should host this event the responses were genuine.

They thought the general public needs to realize and understand that rural Wood County plays a large role in the local economy and the value of hard work.



Student decorated beehive boxes at Fox Shank Living Laboratory

The quality of the land is important for the quality of food production and the value of hard work in taking care of animals that they breed, raise from babies, and sell as a market animal.

They shared that a usual day starts at 7:00 AM to feed and water the animals and ends at about 10:00 PM sweeping and cleaning up the barn.

Several visits are made throughout the day to check on the animals and wash them down.

The seasons of the year and the weather play a big part in their care.

These young farmers, as young as elementary school, have a generational passion and love of the farm.

They might whine a little about the heat, the cold, and the early mornings, but it doesn't stop them from doing what they enjoy.

There's hope in continuing the Ohio Department of Agriculture Historic Family Farm designation.

On September 12, 2026, 10 AM-3PM, travelers should plan to spend an

adventurous day in northwest Wood County meeting friendly people, creating memories, experiencing new things, and enjoying good food.

Aaron & Stacey Creps Family Farm, Dusty Boots Equestrian, Bowling Green Water Treatment Plant, Otsego School Fox-Shank Living Laboratory, Luckey Farmers-Sugar Ridge Branch, Historical Construction Equipment Museum, and the Power of Yesteryear are graciously opening their doors and facilities for a unique day of experiences. Be sure to register at each site for a chance to win a Case IH or John Deere pedal tractor.

Welcome to Wood County, Ohio!

For details on each site stop follow Wood County Ag-Venture on Facebook and visit the website at www.woodswcd.com/ag-venture.

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It's a Fair that is deeply rooted in local agricultural and community history over the years, beginning in 1851 when a group of citizens from various townships in Wood County met on June 9 that year to form the "Wood County Agricultural Society".

They decided to have the first Fair October 15 and October 16 of that year in a grove of trees on Wooster Street near Church Street in Bowling Green.

For the next few years, the Fair's location would be moved around between various towns which included: Perrysburg, Portage, Tontogany, along with Bowling Green.

In 1852 it was held in Perrysburg, then back to Bowling Green in 1853, then in 1854 to 1855 it was held in Portage (which at that time was known as Portageville), however due to a cholera outbreak in 1854 that continued into 1855, the Fair attendance was quite small both years.

In 1856 the Fair once again returned to Bowling Green, but the folks in Portage were not happy about the Fair leaving their town,



Big Days at the Fair

Fair at that location thru 1885, however, that location for the County Fair did not sit well with the Bowling Green townspeople due to the location being inconvenient for many of them.

So on May 2, 1881, the Wood County Fair Company was organized and in November of 1881 they purchased land in the city of Bowling Green for a fairgrounds holding their first fair there in 1882. From 1882 thru 1885 Wood County actually hosted two simultaneous County Fairs - one conducted by the Wood County Agricultural Society in Tontogany and the other by the Wood County Fair Co. in Bowling Green.

Due to the success of the Bowling Green Fair the Agricultural Society abandoned Tontogany in 1885 and merged with the Wood County Fair Company.

Over the next few years the Fair had a successful run and at times it was considered to be the largest or second largest in the State of Ohio until the mid to late 1920's.

Due to:

- A weakening farm economy
- A few years of bad weather
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so in 1859 they started their own agricultural society and held the Fair in "Sargeant's Grove" that year.

1860 found the Fair moving back to Perrysburg and it remained there thru the Civil War years.

The Wood County Agricultural Society purchased land near Tontogany in 1866 and held a successful

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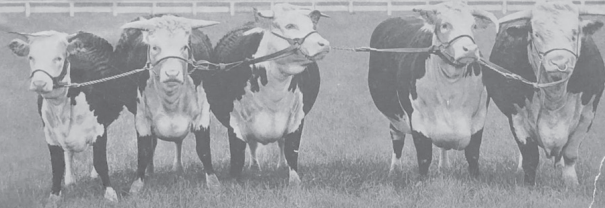
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Champions in 1913

175 YEARS

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to change the fair date due to the tomato harvest in the area and a shortage of workers to bottle ketchup as they wanted to attend the Fair.

After the 1926 Fair it was questioned if the Fair would even continue.

1927 brought a new year, and in May it was decided that they would hold a Fair

that year.

Unfortunately, the night before the Fair was to open a fire destroyed one of the largest buildings on the Fairgrounds - a huge horse barn located behind the grandstand.

The Fair did go on but it looked like this could be the end to another year of the Fair.

Sadness followed as after the Fair the Wood County

voters were asked to pass a levy to purchase the fairgrounds for \$25,000...it was defeated by 5 to 1.

In 1928 the land was offered to the City of Bowling Green, and the voters passed a \$25,000 bond issue to purchase the 63 acres for a city park.

Many of the fair buildings were sold to local farmers and dismantled, with only a few remaining intact.

For the next 23 years no County Fair was held, however, there were several tomato and other fair-type festivals held including a 1948 Wood County Harvest Festival.

In 1952 the Wood County Agricultural Society purchased 30 acres of land on the SE corner of Poe and Haskins roads, where a Fair was to be held, and in 1953 the Ag Society was able to purchase additional land for the Fairgrounds.

From 1954 to the present the Wood County Fair has been held at its present location, with additional property purchased and new buildings added over the years.

Unique Events

Over the years, the Fair has had some unique and interesting events including:

1) In 1883 the fairgoers could purchase a side ticket to watch the hanging of Carl Bach, a farmer who was convicted of murdering his wife with a corn knife.

The hanging was to take place during the Fair at the gallows constructed behind the Courthouse - this was



Prize Cattle Show, Wood Co. Fair, Bowling Green, Ohio

Cattle Show

not considered a fair activity but tickets for the event were sold at the Fair. (For more interesting information on this visit the Wood County Historical Society Museum.).

2) In 1919 the Jersey Calf Club was organized and evolved into the Duke's Mixture 4H Club which is the oldest 4H club in Wood County.

3) Back in 1920 the (Continued on Page 12)

Fair had a booth called the "Wife Saving Station" which featured the latest in home plumbing equipment.

4) Some unusual races over the years were "out-house races" and in 1962 "ostrich races" were held with the large birds pulling sulkies being ridden by local drivers who probably had no experience being

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Here they come...

175 YEARS

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pulled by ostriches.

5) In 1896 it was reported that "the hoochie-koochie dancers" in Fostoria might be a good drawing card for a future attraction at the County Fair much to the dismay of many.

It was reported these dancers were decidedly immoral and not only men visited them but also the young boys who had the necessary

dime to watch them — due to the outrage that was the last time something like that was suggested for future fairs.

6) In 1928 harness racing and live music drew large crowds to the Fair and many compared the Fair to the Ohio State Fair, with Wood County being the better Fair by far.

7) In the 1980's the Wood County Pork Producers and Mike & Jamie Belleville partnered together to create the famous "Pork-A-Lean"



Showing off some fine vintage vehicles.



A race to the finish.

sandwich - which is still served at the Fair, unfortunately the recipe is a closely guarded secret to this day.

8) In 1973 a major building program was undertaken when the Junior Fair Building and five new barns were built.

9) In 2002 the 4 H milkshake Barn was added.

10) In 2018 a new \$2.2 million exhibition building was built.

large crowds - often attracting some of the highest attendance numbers of any county Fair in Ohio.

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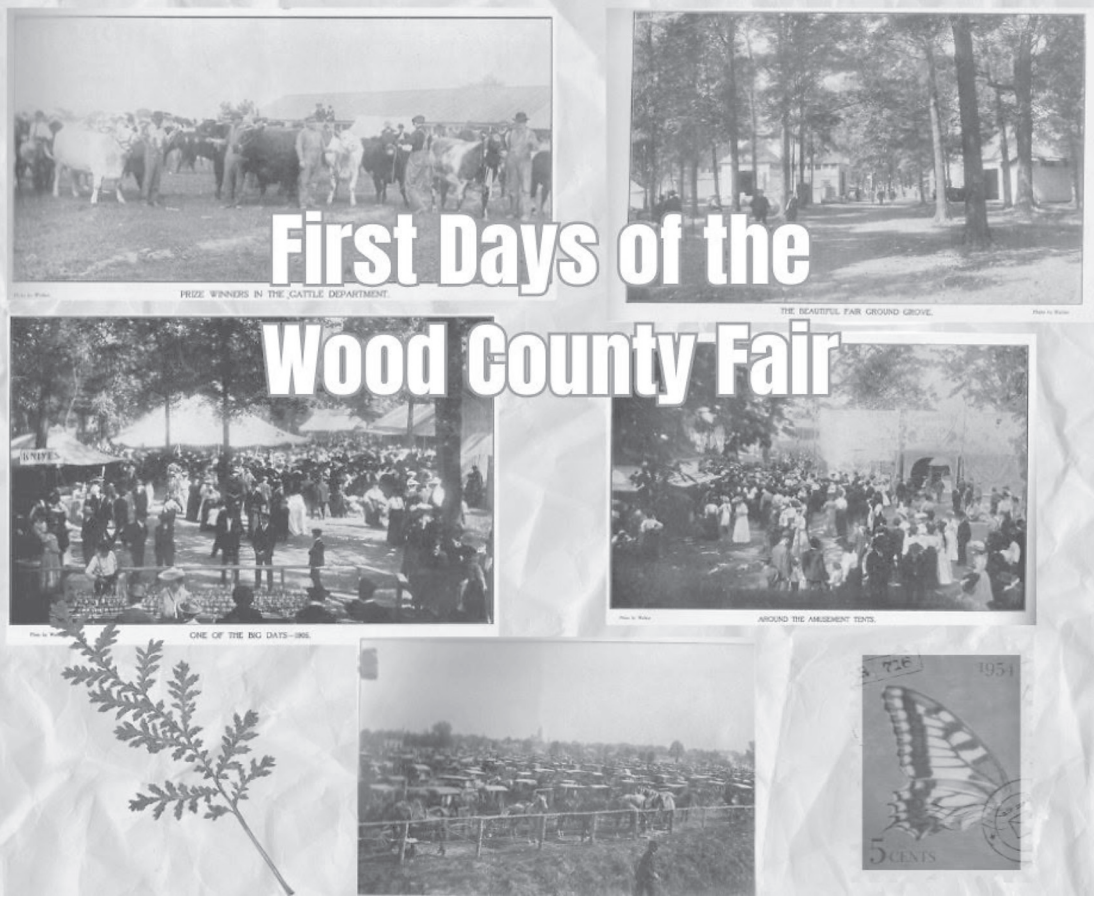
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First Days of the Wood County Fair

Early Wood County Fair Collage



Pee Wee Beef Show



Pee Wee Goat Show

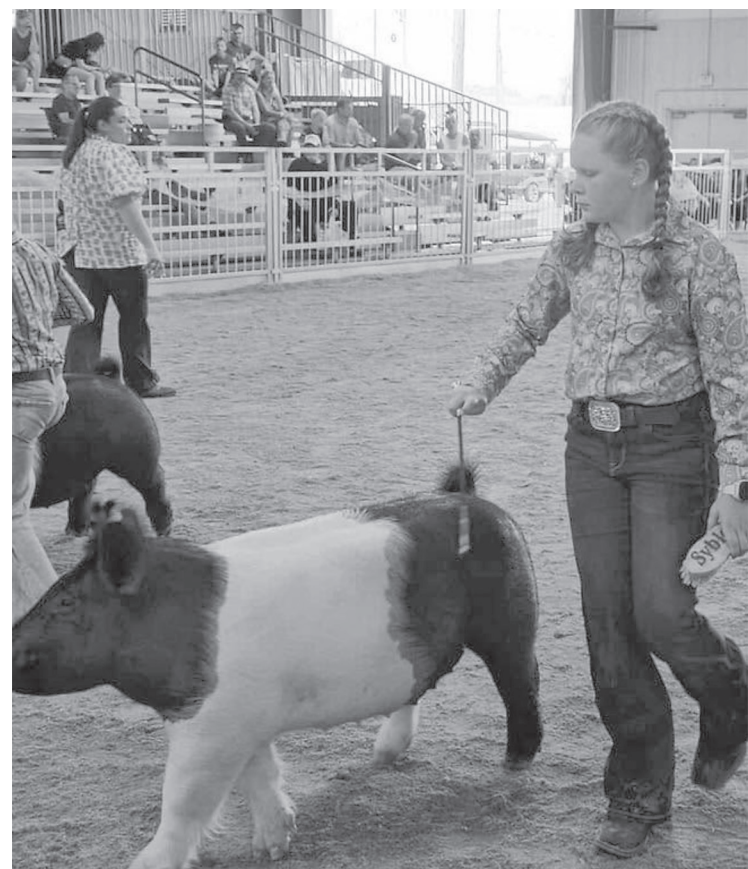
Wood County Fair Pictures Past & Present



Catch a Pig Contest



Pee Wee Swine Show

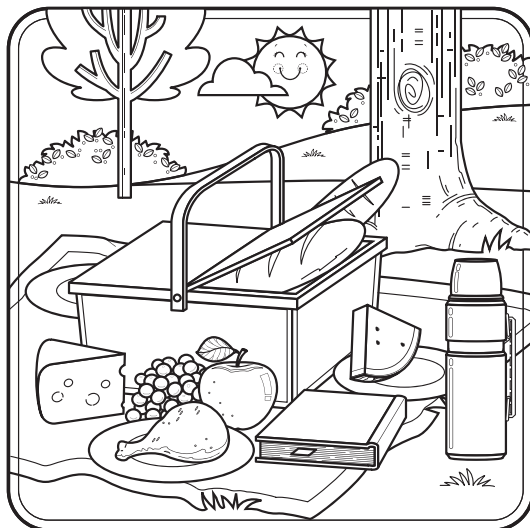


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THIS DAY IN HISTORY

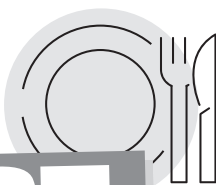


1212: A severe fire in London burns most of the city to the ground.

1850: Millard Fillmore is sworn in as U.S. President a day after Zachary Taylor's death.

1962: Telstar, the world's first communications satellite, is launched.

Food FACT:



These types of foods are easiest for picnics because you do not need utensils to eat them.

Answer: Finger foods

Double Word Puzzle

Unscramble the individual words to reveal letters for the phrase.

NKTEBAL

1 2 3

SFROK

4 5

KCIEOO

6 7

DNREIN

8

4 5 7 3 8 6 7 6 2 3 1

7 6 1 7 6

Answers: blanket, forks, cookie, dinner, fried chicken picnic

NEW WORD

COOLER

an insulated container that keeps food and drink cold

“How they say that in...”

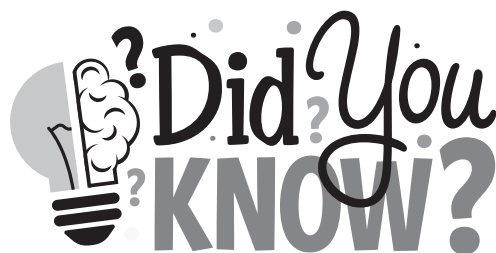
English: Picnic

Spanish: Picnic

Italian: Picnic

French: Pique-nique

German: Picknick



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Answer: Picnic basket

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FARM EQUIPMENT: Landoll VT Plus 7431-26, 26th working width, 14" dia. rolling basket, Rigid gangs, 22" blades, L.E.D. lights; **John Deere 7200 16 row planter conservation** - 30" rows, markers, Martin till row cleaners; **John Deere 512 ripper**, 22' 6" width, 24" blades w/ scrapers, 24" shanks w/dual spring reset; **Salford 450-25 field cultivator**, 25' width, S-tine w/4" sweeps, double line spring harrow, double 11" rolling basket; **Brent 420 grain cart**, 12" unload auger;

TILE & CONSTRUCTION: Case 850G long track dozer 9,017 hours, 6-way blade, starts & runs great!; **Terex 82-30 tile plow** shows 9,497 hours, GM-671 Detroit, runs, drives, operable, New under carriage!! New drives, track and shoe; **CAT 225 Excavator** shows 6711 hours, 2 1/2 to bucket + 6' ditching bucket; **1978 Speicher 7060 trencher**, Detroit diesel, 9'-wheel x 19" x 6' depth, runs, drives, operable; 12' **Laser buggy**; **Tile cart**, hydraulic tilt, uses tractor hydraulics;

TRUCKS, TRAILERS, DETACHABLES: 2005 International 8600, 390,574mi, ISM 10sp. Eaton, air ride suspension; 1999 Fontaine TP50NGB triaxle detach, 60,000 GVW, 24' well w/12' axle length, 101" wide w/12" outriggers, operable, requires wet kit; 1988 International 9370, Cummins, 548,223mi, wet kit, 13sp. Eaton Fuller; 1993 International 9400, 631,058mi, Detroit 60 series, Rockwell 9sp, air ride; 1973 GMC 9500, 489,156mi, 10sp, 671 GM Detroit, 18' bed; 1994 Chevy 30 Cub van, 192,113mi, 12' box; 1982 Chevy C-64 flatbed, 57,255mi, 4sp; 1987 International dump truck S-1900, 207,399mi, auto, tandem axle, 12' dump bed; 1988 GMC C-64 box truck, big block gas, 5sp. manual transmission; 1989 GMC Sierra SLE 4x4, 383 stroker that produce 500 HP!! Rebuilt transmission, regular cab long bed, 38.5 x 14.50 Super Swampers; **Kelly 41 3-point backhoe**, work off S.C.V. hydraulics; 2024 6'x8' Carry-on trailer; 1987 Merritt 40' hopper bottom grain hauler; 1978 Chamberlain grain hauler, 36'; 2007 Trail King TK-20 trailer, 19' + 5' w/8' width, tandem dual deck over w/elec. brakes, 5' flip up ramps, 25,950 G.V.W.; (2) 2019 40' Timpco Hopper Bottom Trailers; 2018 East Easton Car & Co. 40' frameless trailer;



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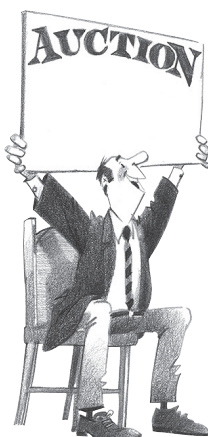
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