

How does the fair go 'round?

A behind-the-scenes look at the fair

The Wyandot County Fair has been an annual event in Upper Sandusky since 1851. Here's an inside look at how the fair works and who's responsible for the organization each year.

The fair board.

Law requires that each of the 13 townships in Wyandot County have a representative on the board.

Wyandot County Fair Board members are elected annually by anyone who holds a voting membership of the Agricultural Society. Officers are elected during the November meeting by



board members. This year's officers are Nick Derr, president, Ted Williams, vice president and Tom Needs, treasurer.

Members of the board include Lisa Barnes, Kyle Beamer, Ed Boutwell, Glen Chaffee, Steve Ekleberry, Logan Gagnon, Chad Gottfried, Phil Kin, Pat Kinley, Don Montgomery, Aaron Orians, Dennis Pagnard, Monte Seifert, Frank Vent, Ryan Vent, Jason Weatherholtz, Kodie Weaver and Jeff Wolf. Members ex-officio are Sommer Miller, secretary and Darlene Weaver, data entry.

There are 12 board meetings each year and directors can legally receive up to \$25 per meeting. They currently voted to receive no pay. Each director chairs several committees and is responsible for things like the midway, beef, horses, sheep, hogs, campers and trailers, demolition derby, advertising, entertainment, tractor pull, budget, finance and more.

Paid members of the fair staff are hired by the board and they include Miller, secretary and Darlene Weaver, Junior Fair data entries.

Miller is paid hourly and works

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three days a week, until the end of July when she is full-time. The fair office is currently open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Miller noted that this year the annual premium book was put together by fair personnel.

Directors who volunteer around the fair do most of the necessary repairs at the fair and work about 20-30 days a year (mostly around

fair time).

The fair board meets the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the secretary's office and is open to the public. The September meeting will be held at 1 p.m.

The finances.

The fair's financial report can be viewed by anyone who would like to see it. The fair board is audited every other year by the

Ohio Auditors Office. The board also publishes their financial report in the Daily Chief-Union each year. The fair staff is accountable for every gate ticket, track ticket, membership, season pass and youth pass.

You can find the fair on Facebook or go to www.thewyandotcountyfair.com for more information.

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Wyandot County Senior Fair Board members include above, left to right, front row, Ryan Vent, Chad Gottfried, Nick Derr, president; Pat Kinley and Alex Wolf. Middle row, Lisa Barnes, Dennis Pagnard, Ed Boutwell, Glenn "Sie" Chaffee, Kodie Weaver and Monte Seifert. Back row, Don Montgomery, Steve Ekleberry, Kyle Beamer, Phil Kin, Ted Williams, vice president; Frank Vent, Jason Weatherholtz, Sommer Miller, secretary; Tom Needs, treasurer; Jeff Wolf and Logan Gagnon. Added, Aaron Orians.

Wyandot County Junior Fair Board members include below, left to right, Rylee Goodman, Carson Seifert, Jordan Traxler, Rachael Herring, Jena Baum, Kaitie Shane, Stephen Letso, Hannah Ziegler, Colton Breidenbach, Katie Conley, Noah Fritz-Cheney, Jesse Ferst, Nick Nutter, Levi Myers, Ryan Nye, Cali Andres. Missing - Trent Baum, Taylor Frey, Justin Hartman, Mackenzie Lowery, Curtis Smith, Christian West, Caitlyn Risley, Grace Sayre and Alec Ogg.



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